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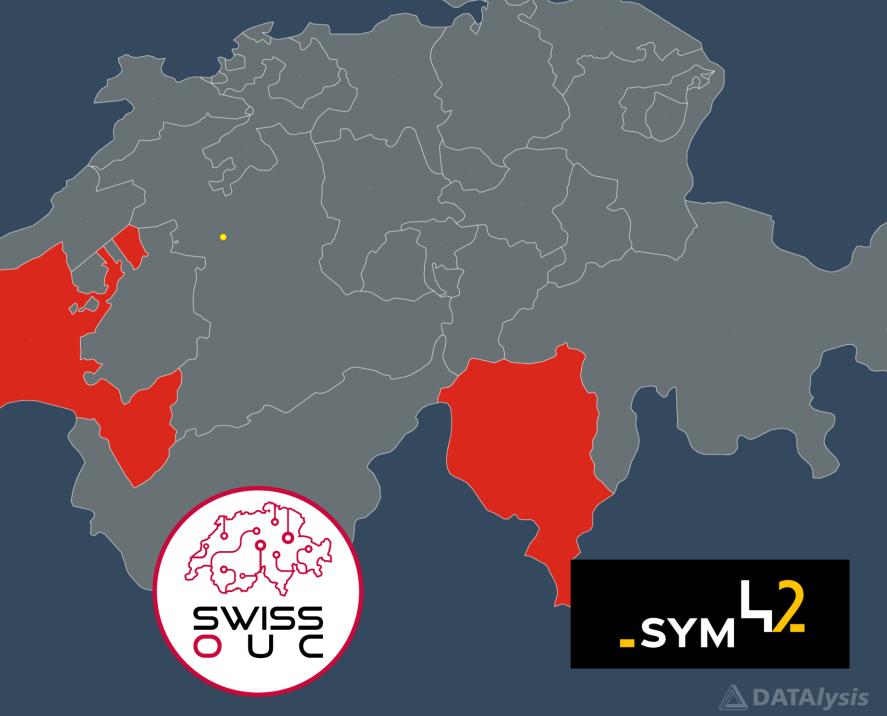
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This topic could easily take a few hours. Making it fit in 45 minutes requires choices on what to ignore.

Every week I try a different approach, the slides and the code were still changing earlier in the train.





Can the modern Frankenstein pass the Turing test?

Building your own custom Oracle Database ChatGPT-like solution



ChatGPT

ChatGPT is great for various tasks, you can ask it anything and it will (almost) never complain and will give you an answer.

How good is the answer?

Depends: how good was the question?

Just like you and me can make up a story, so can ChatGPT with hallucinations:

- False or misleading information presented as facts
- Analysts estimated that chatbots hallucinate as much as 27% of the time, with factual errors present in 46% of generated texts* (this was in 2023, things change quickly)







A chatbot powered by LLM based on facts you provide

Where to start to build an Oracle Database ChatGPT-like solution?

RAG: retrieval-augmented generation

A technique for enhancing the accuracy and reliability of generative AI models with facts fetched from external sources

RAG: one acronym, an almost infinite number of ways to achieve it...

- From the simplest retrieval fed to a LLM
- To more advanced processes with decisions made before and evaluation of the quality of the facts provided and the quality of the answer generated

Let's see some examples...







Some more details about RAG...



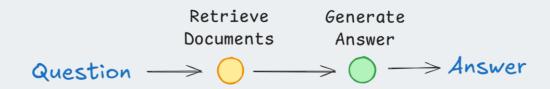




RAG, one acronym, many ways: the very simple one

The bare minimum for RAG:

- Retrieve Documents
 - Query the database, in Oracle Database 23ai using VECTOR_DISTANCE, to get the closest pieces of content by vector distance to the question asked. The question is embedded into a vector "on the fly".
- Generate Answer
 - Ask a LLM to generate an answer to the question using the provided documents.









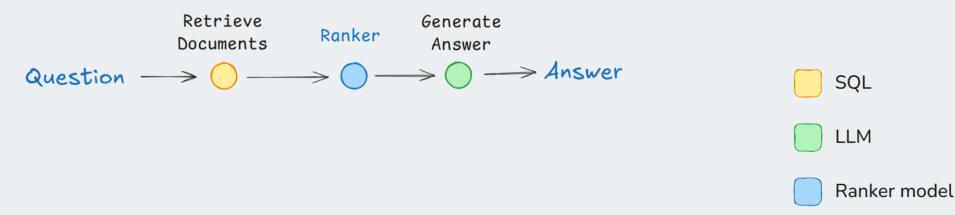




RAG, one acronym, many ways: the improved simple one

Adding an extra steps to the bare minimum to try to improve the result:

- Ranker
 - Retrieving documents is good, filtering the documents by the most relevant documents is better.
 - Retrieve more documents, rank them by relevance and take a shorter subset sorted by the relevance ranking (from most relevant to less relevant). For example retrieve 10 documents and take a TOP5 from the Ranker to pass to the LLM. Allows to remove "false positive" results of the retrieval step.



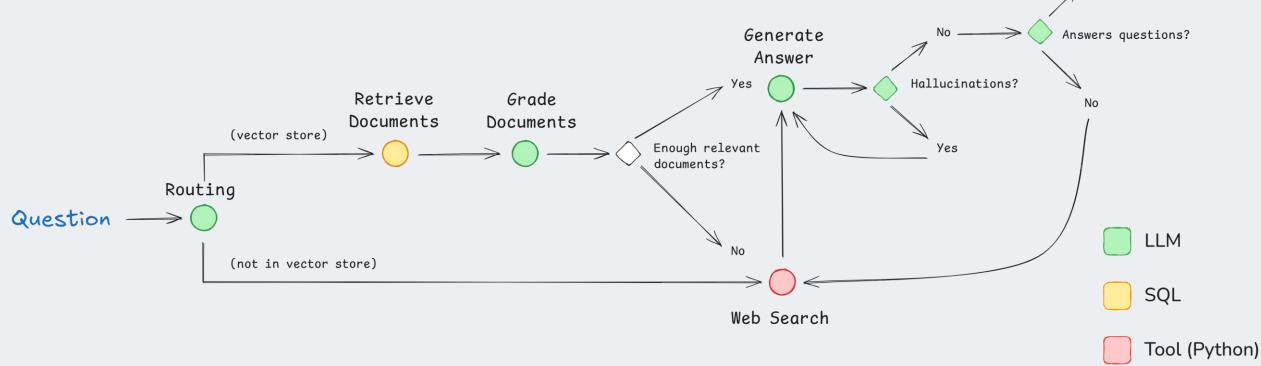




RAG, one acronym, many ways: the less simple but hopefully better

Your imagination is the limit:

- A LLM can do many things when instructed correctly
 - Can decide if the vector store is able to answer the question.
 - Can decide if documents are relevant for the question.
 - Can decide if the answer sounds plausible or not.
 - Can decide if the answer is good enough.









Back to the Oracle Database ChatGPT-like solution







Recipe for a ChatGPT-like chatbot for Oracle Database

Ingredients:

- Data, documents, some source content
- Oracle Database 23ai
- An embedding model
 - In the database
 - Or a service somewhere called by the database
 - OCI GenAI, Cohere, GoogleAI, HuggingFace, OpenAI or VertexAI
 - Or some solution outside the database (Python, etc.)
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- Some code glueing together the pieces







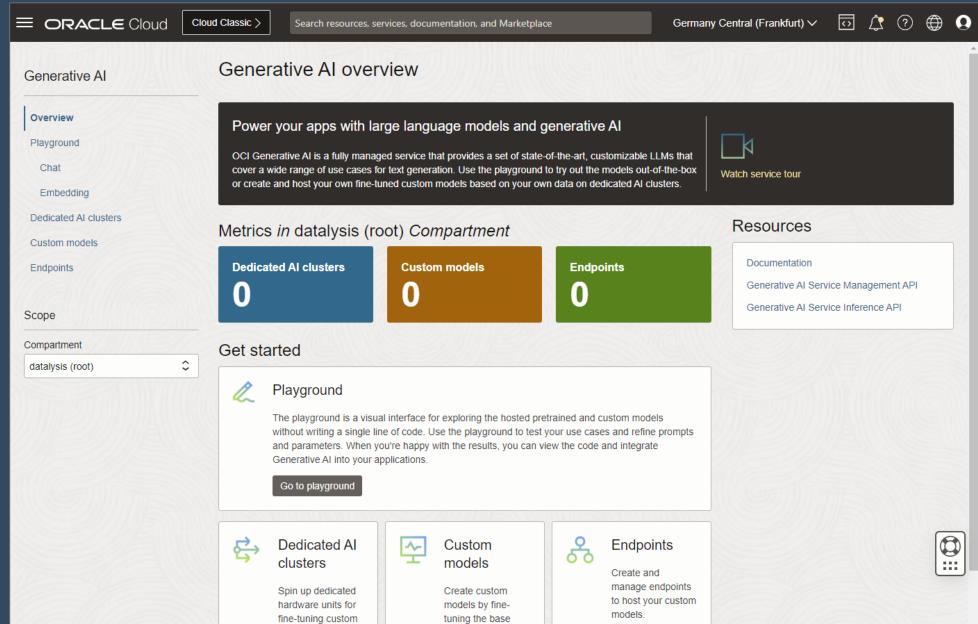
A quick look at Oracle OCI GenAl







OCI GenAl



models with your

models and hosting

OCI GenAl

OCI Generative AI combines various services into one in Oracle Cloud.

- On-demand, pre-trained, models for embedding and chat LLMs
- Dedicated AI clusters (\$\$\$)
- Custom models: from one of the available pre-trained model, fine-tune it with your own dataset

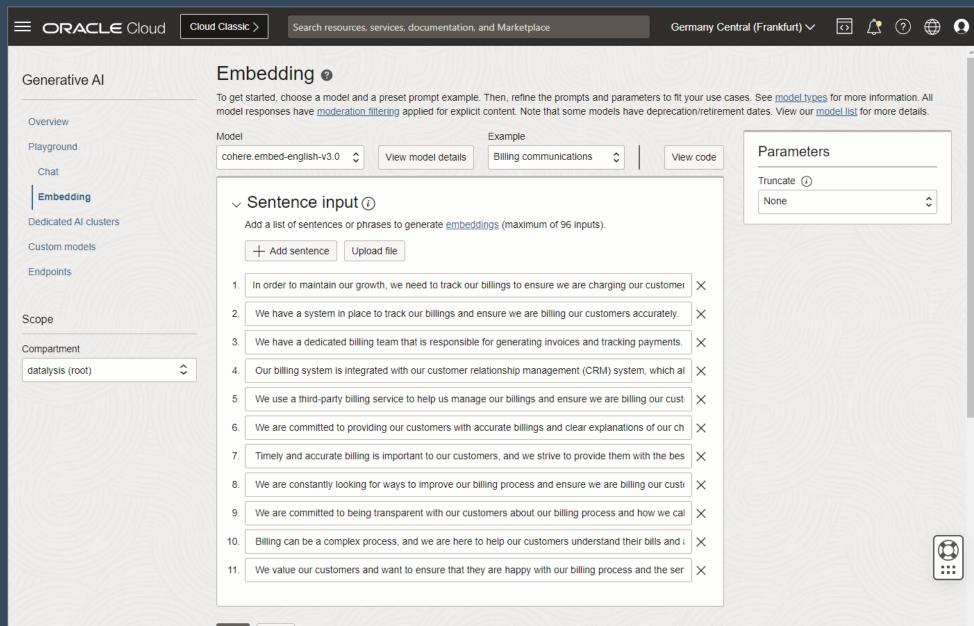
Available only in a limited number of regions, and not all models are available everywhere: https://docs.oracle.com/en-us/iaas/Content/generative-ai/pretrainedmodels.htm

Cheap and easily accessible for small tasks, calculate you potential costs for large activities (just to be aware of the cost involved).





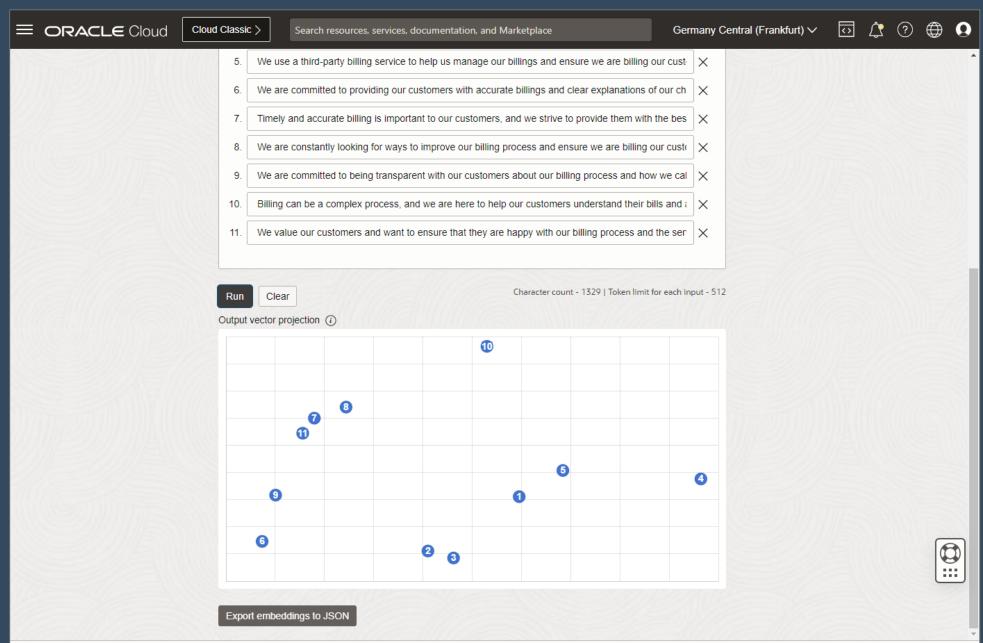
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Pretrained Foundational Models

> About the Chat Models

About the Generation Models

About the Summarization Models

About the Embedding Models

Getting Started

- Getting Access
- Using the Large Language Models (LLMs)
- Cluster Performance Benchmarks
- Managing Dedicated Al Clusters
- Fine-Tuning the Base Models
- Managing the Custom Models
- Managing an Endpoint
- Integrating the Models

Model Limitations

- Calculating Cost
 - Service Limits

Metrics

Retiring the Models

Embedding Models

Convert text to vector embeddings to use in applications for semantic searches, text classification, or text clustering.

Model	Available in These Regions	Key Features
cohere.embed-english-v3.0	 Brazil East (Sao Paulo) Germany Central (Frankfurt) UK South (London) US Midwest (Chicago) 	 English or multilingual ←. Model creates a 1024-dimensional vector for each embedding. Maximum 96 sentences per run. Maximum 512 tokens per embedding.
cohere.embed-multilingual-v3.0	 Brazil East (Sao Paulo) Germany Central (Frankfurt) UK South (London) US Midwest (Chicago) 	 English or multilingual :. Model creates a 1024-dimensional vector for each embedding. Maximum 96 sentences per run. Maximum 512 tokens per embedding.
cohere.embed-english-light-v3.0	• US Midwest (Chicago)	 Light models are smaller and faster than the original models. English or multilingual ←. Model creates a 384-dimensional vector for each embedding. Maximum 96 sentences per run. Maximum 512 tokens per embedding.

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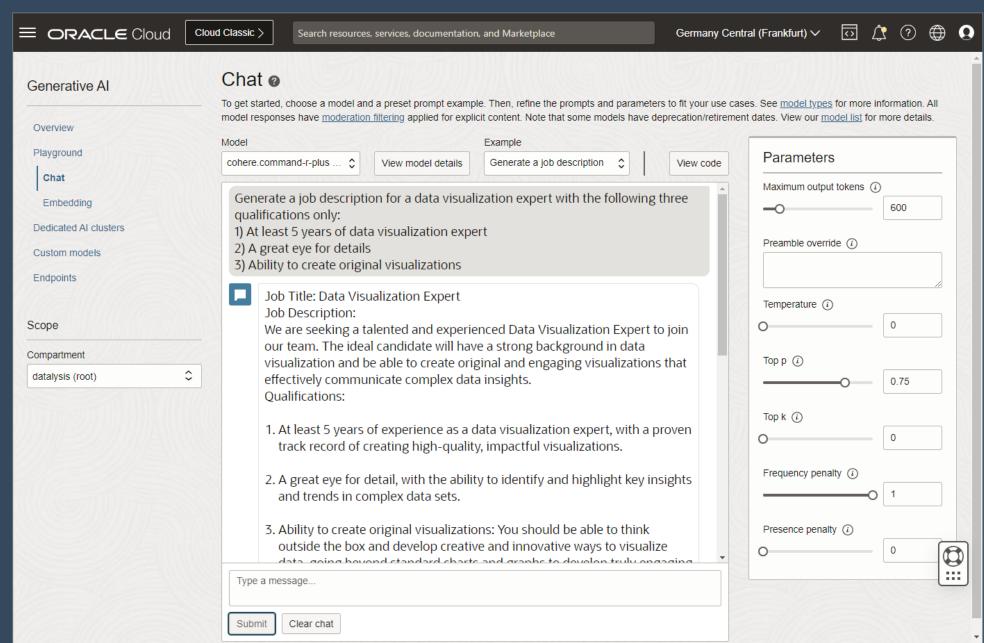
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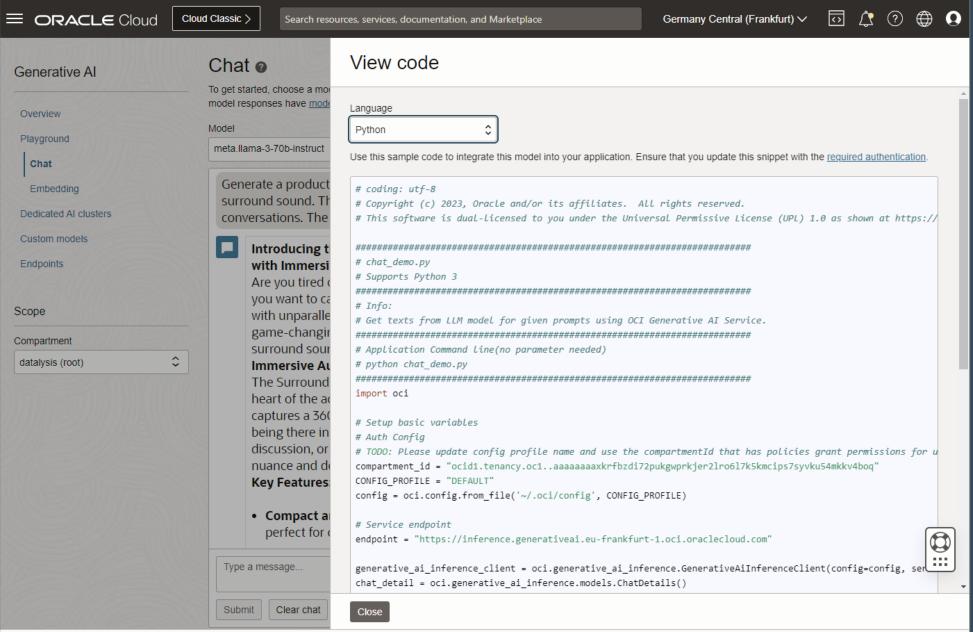
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Chat Models (New)

Ask questions and get conversational responses through an Al chatbot.

Model	Available in These Regions	Key Features
cohere.command-r-plus v1.2	 Brazil East (Sao Paulo) Germany Central (Frankfurt) UK South (London) US Midwest (Chicago) 	 User prompt can be up to 128,000 tokens, and response can be up to 4000 tokens for each run. Optimized for complex tasks, offers advanced language understanding, higher capacity, and more nuanced responses, and can maintain context from its long conversation history of 128,000 tokens. Also ideal for question-answering, sentiment analysis, and information retrieval.
cohere.command-r-16k v1.2	 Brazil East (Sao Paulo) Germany Central (Frankfurt) UK South (London) US Midwest (Chicago) 	 User prompt can be up to 16,000 tokens, and response can be up to 4000 tokens for each run. Optimized for conversational interaction and long context tasks. Ideal for text generation, summarization, translation, or text-based classification. You can fine-tune this model with your dataset.
meta.llama-3-70b-instruct v1.0	Brazil East (Sao Paulo) Germany Central	Model has 70 billion parameters. User prompt and response can be up to 8000 tokens for each run.

(Frankfurt)

UK South (London)

· You can fine-tune this model

with your dataset.

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Llama 3.1 is now available with a larger prompt.

outside of EU Llama 3.2 is also available.





Let's start!

Everything begins with data







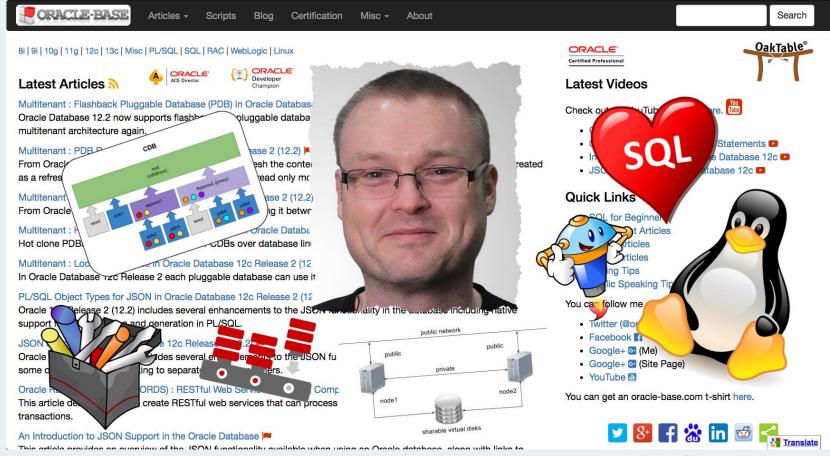
OracleBaseGPT

When googling something about the database, you often find oracle-base.com in the first results.

You maybe never met Tim Hall, but you know his website.

What happen if we take a chatbot powered by LLM and feed him with oracle-base.com articles?

Can we get a personal OracleBaseGPT?







But before...

Do not randomly steal content online from somebody's website without being allowed to do so: you can maybe navigate the website, but you don't own the content, you can't always do whatever you want with it.

Do not kill websites by sending tons of requests just because you are playing with some embedding exercise.

Be respectful, ask permission.

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Data: know your source

Any ML, AI, LLM usage will generally follow the same rule:

• "garbage in, garbage out"

You must know your source, its format, and type.





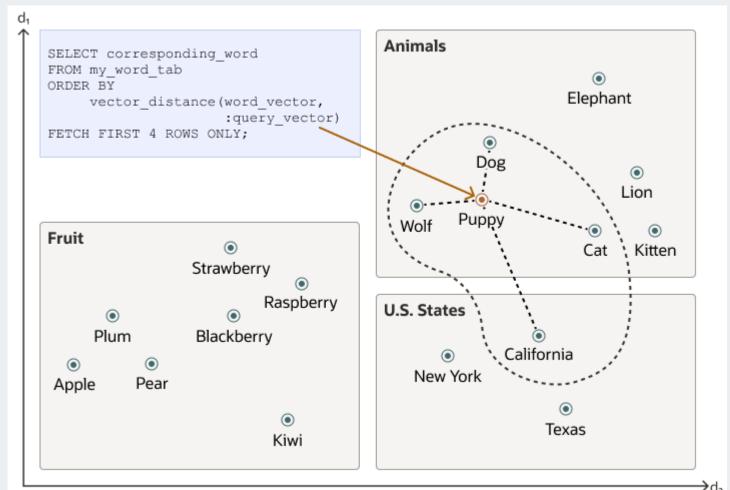
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This is even more important for RAG activities:

• Generate an embedding of garbage content and you will get a fairly pointless embedding.

Reality isn't as simple as the images in the Oracle Database documentation...

Fruit, Animals or U.S. States all nicely packed together is an illustration of an idealistic vision of how vectors looks like





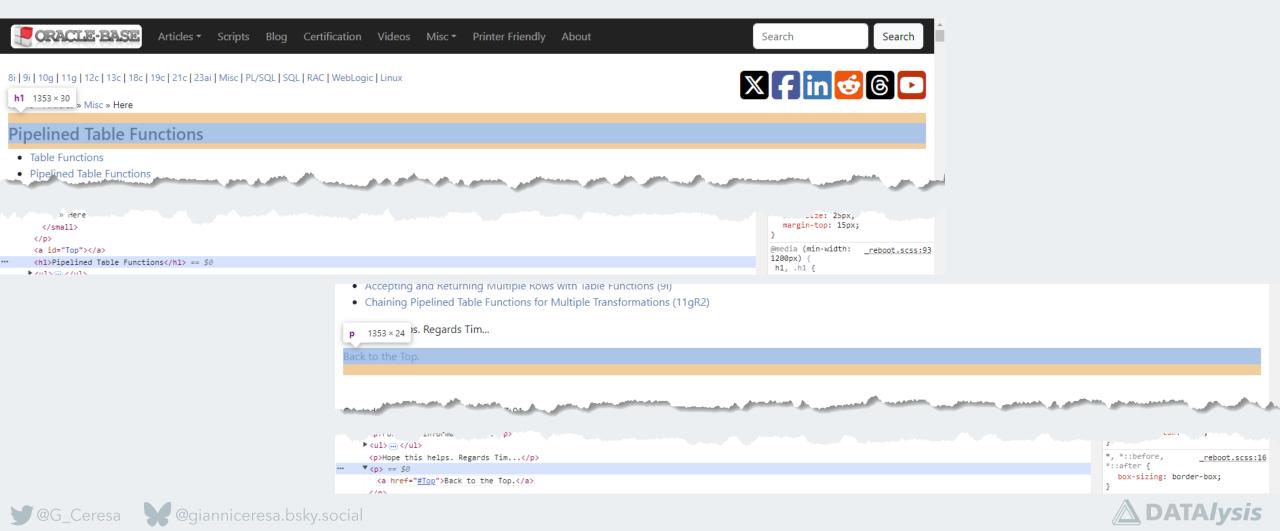




Data: know your source

Are header and footer useful? Not really...

Identify the real content and how to get rid of the "noise" around it.



Start by chunking







The embedding of your content will generate a single vector for each input you provide.

Should you provide a whole document as one piece?

You will get a single vector for it! How precisely could a single vector represent a whole document and every concept contained in it?

Should you provide each word as a single piece?

You will get a vector for each word, but no context at all because your words will be individual, separate, pieces.

Finding the best way to chunk your documents can be very challenging!

• Chunking: splitting your source document into smaller pieces







If you search online you will find about as many chunking strategies as people talking about it...

Just to name a few simple techniques:

- Fixed size chunking
- Recursive chunking
- Structure based chunking





Fixed size chunking is the easiest. Chunk your content into pieces of fixed size.

An example:

Chunk size: 100 characters

Overlap: 0 characters

Many words cut in half, sentences cut in half, can we safely assume the meaning is preserved? A tablescan would, of course, still be expensive and do far more work than needed. Ideally we need an

index to be able to find the rows that match all three equality predicates. However, we can see that

there are roughly 2 rows per value for item_key, so an index on just (item_key) might be good enough.

Averages, of course, can be very misleading: we might have one row for each of 3.5M values of

item key and one value of item key with 3.5M rows in our table, so we do need to know more about

the data distribution before we can make any solid suggestions.

https://jonathanlewis.wordpress.com/2024/08/07/indexing-4/







Recursive chunking is a bit smarter. The content is split based on a set of separators. If the obtained chunk is bigger than the expected size, another chunking loop is performed on that piece till the result is "small enough".

Separators can be "\n", ".", "," " etc.

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- Overlap: 0 characters

No word cut in half, sentences still cut in half, can we safely assume the meaning is preserved? A tablescan would, of course, still be expensive and do far more work than needed. Ideally we need an

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Structure based chunking works with the structure of the document. HTML has a structure, paragraphs, headings should be used (but you can abuse HTML massively and break and structured approach).

You can chunk by section of the HTML by headings tags: <h1>, <h2>, <h3> You can then chunk by paragraph, knowing to which section it belongs. Maybe even "enriching" the paragraph by adding the heading to it.

The issue is that nothing guarantee the size of a paragraph, it could still be very long.

Chunking methods can be combined: structure based first, recursive chunking after on the result of the structure chunking.





After chunking comes embedding, turning inputs into vectors







Embedding in the database

• Embedding in the database requires to first load a model able to perform embedding. Oracle provides some pre-trained models in the ONNX format that can be loaded.

```
begin
  dbms_vector.drop_onnx_model (
   model_name => 'ALL_MINILM_L12_V2',
   force => true);
  dbms_vector.load_onnx_model (
   directory => 'model_dir',
    file_name => 'all_MiniLM_L12_v2.onnx',
   model_name => 'ALL_MINILM_L12_V2');
end;
```

```
select
vector_embedding(all_minilm_l12_v2 using 'Quick test' as data) AS my_vector;
```







Embedding from the database using a webservice

The DBMS_VECTOR and DBMS_VECTOR_CHAIN packages can call external

webservice for embedding.

You first need to create a credential for the service with the required authentication details.

You also need to allow to call the external URL.

```
-- execute an embedding task for OCI GenAI
declare
  input clob;
 params clob;
  v vector;
begin
  dbms_output.put_line('Embedding task for OCI GenAI');
  input := 'Hello world';
  params := '
  "provider": "OCIGenAI",
  "credential_name": "CRED_OCI_GENAI",
  "url": "https://inference.generativeai.eu-frankfurt-1.oci...",
  "model": "cohere.embed-english-v3.0",
  "batch size": 1
 v := dbms_vector.utl_to_embedding(input, json(params));
  dbms_output.put_line(vector_serialize(v));
exception
 when OTHERS THEN
    DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE (SQLERRM);
    DBMS OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (SQLCODE);
end;
```



How I do chunking and embedding for OracleBaseGPT







Chunking outside the database

HTML splitter first, recursive splitter after.

Using LangChain and Hugging Face packages.

Trying to chunk based on token size using a tokenizer for the embedding model I'm going to use.

```
### Does still create chunks too big for the embedding model (512 tokens) from time to time...
from langchain text splitters import HTMLHeaderTextSplitter, RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter
from langchain core.documents import Document
from transformers import AutoTokenizer
# define a tokenizer for Cohere-embed-english-v3.0 to try to count up to 512 tokens per chunk
model id = "Cohere/Cohere-embed-english-v3.0"
tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from pretrained(model id)
# Recursive splitter based on chunk size counted in tokens
text_splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter.from_huggingface_tokenizer(
   tokenizer, chunk_size=400, chunk_overlap=10
# list of headers to split on
headers to split on = [
    ("h1", "Header 1"),
   ("h2", "Header 2"),
    ("h3", "Header 3"),
# HTML splitter to split by the structure of the web page
html_splitter = HTMLHeaderTextSplitter(headers_to_split_on=headers_to_split_on)
def chunk_html_content(id: int, url: str, content: str) -> list[Document]:
    # html split on headers
   html header splits = html splitter.split text(content)
    # split chunks
    chunks = text_splitter.split_documents(html_header_splits)
    # dirty add of metadata
    for idx, c in enumerate(chunks):
        chunks[idx].metadata = c.metadata | {'source': url, 'id': id}
    return chunks
```



Embedding outside the database

Embedding is done right after chunking, in Python. Using the cohere.embedenglish-v3.0 model of OCI GenAl.

A parameter is set to truncate inputs if too large (512 tokens max) and not stop with an error.

The result is a list of vectors.

```
import oci
# setup basic variables
compartment_id = "ocid1.compartment.oc1..aaaaaaaaryltzreesv2f4pa6vj4lnf52yemrtywqo5pcwse3pknps7rwk3fq"
oci_config = oci.config.from_file('~/.oci/config', "DEFAULT")
# service endpoint
endpoint = "https://inference.generativeai.eu-frankfurt-1.oci.oraclecloud.com"
# define the GenAI client to execute embedding calls
generative ai inference client = oci.generative ai inference.GenerativeAiInferenceClient(
    config=oci config,
    service endpoint=endpoint,
    retry strategy=oci.retry.NoneRetryStrategy(),
    timeout=(10,240)
def embed list of chunks(chunks: list) -> list:
    inputs = [chunk.page content for chunk in chunks]
    embed text detail = oci.generative ai inference.models.EmbedTextDetails()
    embed text detail.serving mode = oci.generative ai inference.models.OnDemandServingMode(model id="cohere.embed-english-
    embed text detail.inputs = inputs
    embed text detail.truncate = "END" # if the chunk is too big, truncate the end
    embed text detail.compartment id = compartment id
    embed text response = generative ai inference client.embed text(embed text detail)
    return embed text response.data.embeddings
```



Chunks and vectors are inserted in Oracle Database 23ai

An index can be added on the vector column to make queries faster.

The dataset is quite small: only 9'608 chunks (for the 1'327 articles of oraclebase.com).

The embeddings column is of type VECTOR(1024, FLOAT64)

1 select * from webpages chunks order by 1, 2; DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL OUERY RESULT SQL HISTORY Fetched 200 rows in 0.815 seconds ID WEBPAGE ID URL CONTENT **EMBEDDING** 31216 125 https://oracle-base.com/artic... Oracle Data Pump was introduced in Oracle 10g. This article provi... [-2.18505859E-002,-2.48260498E-002,-4.17480469E-002,-1.83105469E-002,-2.272 31217 https://oracle-base.com/artic... The COMPRESSION parameter allows you to decide what, if anything,... 125 [-2.0111084E-002,-2.35900879E-002,5.37872314E-003,-2.11334229E-002,-4.21752 31218 125 https://oracle-base.com/artic... Data pump encryption is an Enterprise Edition feature, so the par... [-4.01916504E-002,-7.07626343E-003,-2.66113281E-002,1.95922852E-002,-2.5924 31219 https://oracle-base.com/artic... 125 The use of encryption is controlled by a combination of the ENCRY... [-7.51113892E-003,-2.91595459E-002,1.11618042E-002,-1.16729736E-002,-5.0628 31220 125 https://oracle-base.com/artic... The ENCRYPTION ALGORITHM parameter specifies the encryption algor... [-4.67834473E-002,-1.3168335E-002,5.68771362E-003,5.30395508E-002,-7.049560 31221 https://oracle-base.com/artic... The ENCRYPTION MODE parameter specifies the type of security used... 125 [-2.13928223E-002,-3.49121094E-002,2.32849121E-002,-1.67236328E-002,-5.6030 https://oracle-base.com/artic... The TRANSPORTABLE parameter is similar to the TRANSPORT TABLESPAC... 31222 125 [6.23321533E-003,-2.16674805E-002,3.26538086E-002,-1.48391724E-003,-3.26538 31223 125 https://oracle-base.com/artic... The PARTITION OPTIONS parameter determines how partitions will be... [1.53808594E-002,-7.2555542E-003,2.14538574E-002,-3.96118164E-002,-4.306030 31224 125 https://oracle-base.com/artic... The REUSE DUMPFILES parameter can be used to prevent errors being... [4.22668457E-003,2.9296875E-003,4.97436523E-002,-2.38647461E-002,-4.8828125 31225 https://oracle-base.com/artic... This parameter allows a table to be renamed during the import ope... 10 125 [-1.8157959E-002,1.75323486E-002,-7.63702393E-003,-4.21905518E-003,-1.86309 11 31226 125 https://oracle-base.com/artic... During import operations using the external table acces method, s... [1.18865967E-002,-1.35269165E-002,-2.46734619E-002,-8.09326172E-002,1.00326 12 31227 125 https://oracle-base.com/artic... During an export, if XMLTYPE columns are currently stored as CLOB... [-1.30767822E-002,-5.0994873E-002,1.54571533E-002,-1.42288208E-002,-5.72509 13 31228 125 https://oracle-base.com/artic... During export and import operations, the REMAP DATA parameter all... [-2.4520874E-002,-1.00021362E-002,1.50909424E-002,-3.71360779E-003,-3.53393 14 31229 125 https://oracle-base.com/artic... Worker processes that have stopped due to certain errors will now... [1.63421631E-002,-3.43933105E-002,-2.39715576E-002,-5.00183105E-002,-1.9226 15 31230 https://oracle-base.com/artic... The Database Replay functionality of Oracle 11g allows you to cap... [-3.4942627E-003,-4.54711914E-002,-2.56652832E-002,-9.10644531E-002,-4.9438





Generate answers with a LLM

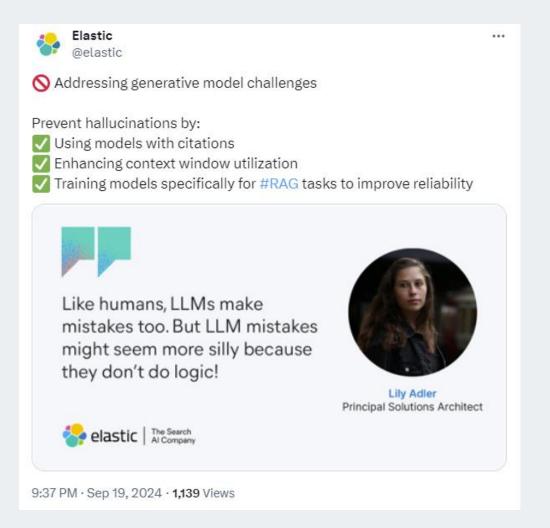






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The quality of the prompt is what will decide if the LLM will understand your request or not.

LLMs also don't really have any memory, the memory is provided as part of the prompt (the input message).

Current LLMs in GenAl are chat models, they do have roles for the messages:

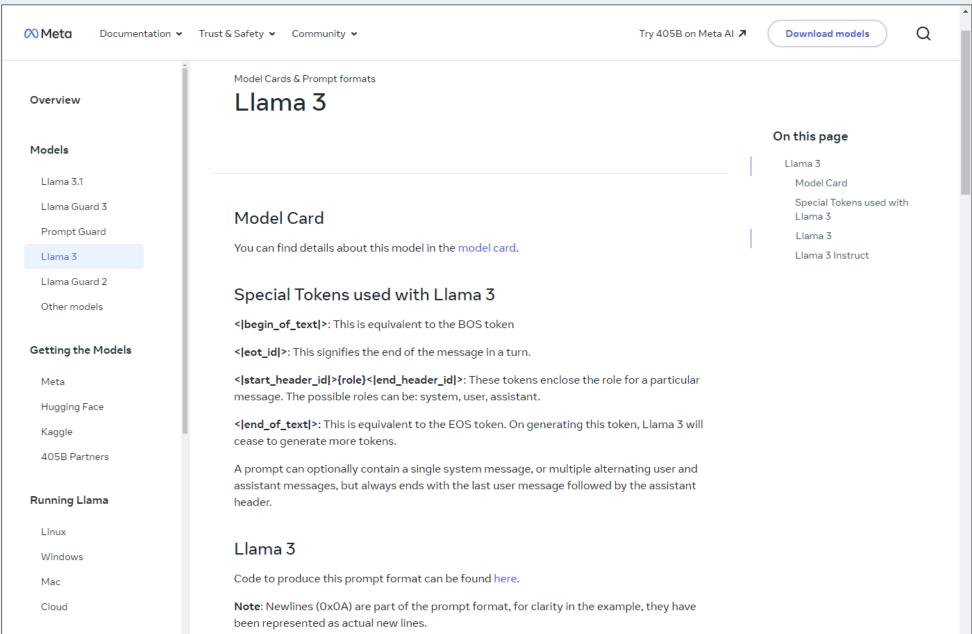
- System: provides general instructions to the model, how it should behave
- User: the messages from the users, the "questions"
- Chatbot / Assistant: the messages generated by the model as answer to the inputs received







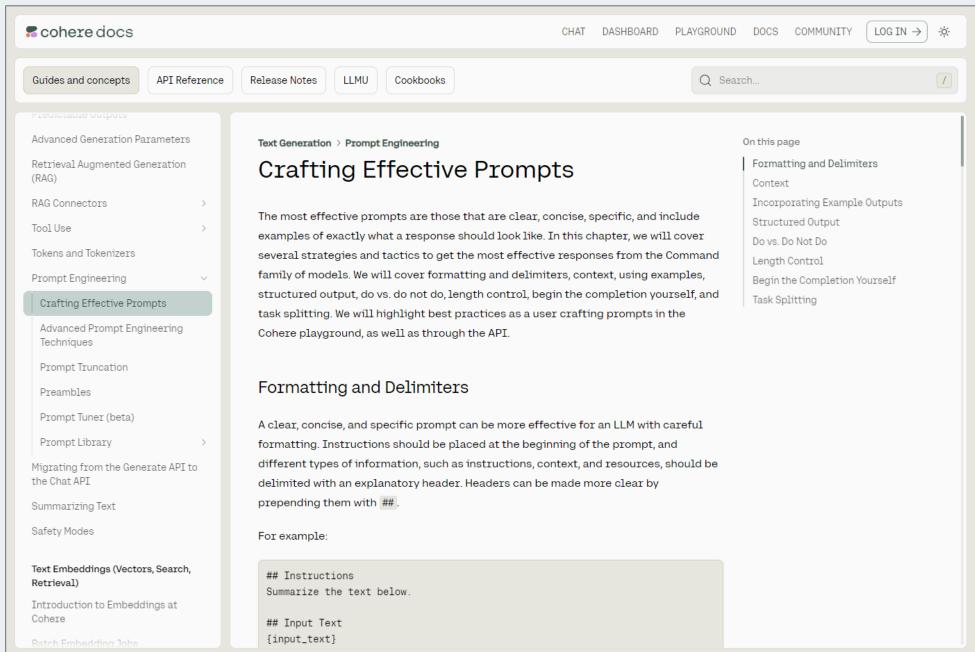
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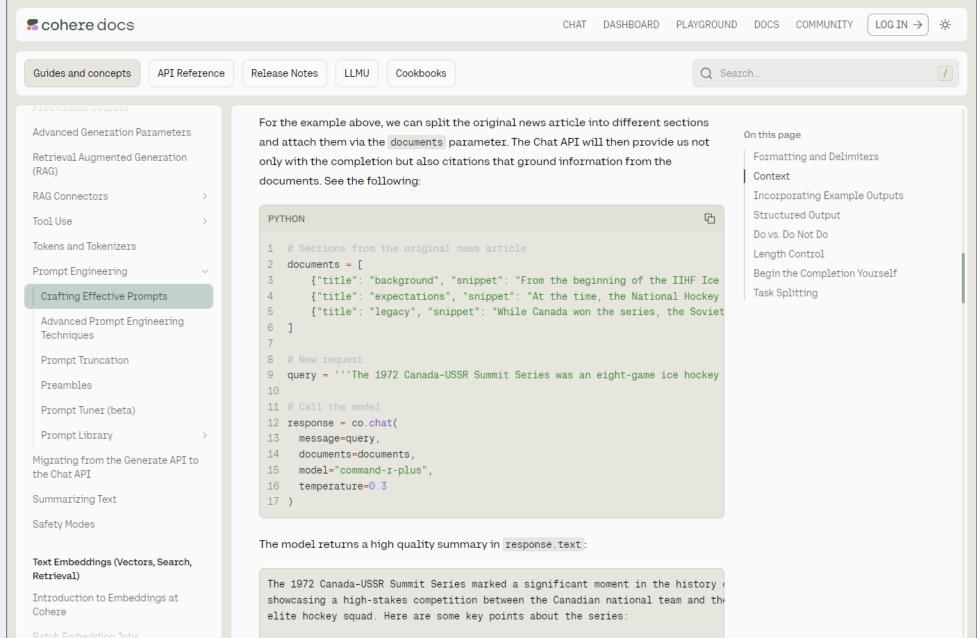
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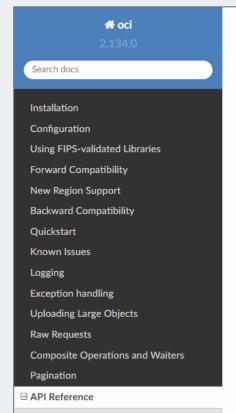
Models can have special features like "documents"







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Ai Document

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Ai Speech

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Apm Config

class oci	generative_ai_inference.models.CohereChatRequest(**kwargs)
Bases:	oci.generative_ai_inference.models.base_chat_request.BaseChatRequest
Details	for the chat request for Cohere models.

Attributes

API_FORMAT_COHERE	str(object=") -> str
API_FORMAT_GENERIC	str(object=") -> str
CITATION_QUALITY_ACCURATE	A constant which can be used with the citation_quality proper
CITATION_QUALITY_FAST	A constant which can be used with the citation_quality proper
PROMPT_TRUNCATION_AUTO_PRESERVE_ORDER	A constant which can be used with the prompt_truncation pro
PROMPT_TRUNCATION_OFF	A constant which can be used with the prompt_truncation pro
api_format	[Required] Gets the api_format of this BaseChatRequest.
chat_history	Gets the chat_history of this CohereChatRequest.
citation_quality	Gets the citation_quality of this CohereChatRequest.
documents	Gets the documents of this CohereChatRequest.
frequency_penalty	Gets the frequency_penalty of this CohereChatRequest.
is_echo	Gets the is_echo of this CohereChatRequest.
is_force_single_step	Gets the is_force_single_step of this CohereChatRequest.
is_raw_prompting	Gets the is_raw_prompting of this CohereChatRequest.
is_search_queries_only	Gets the is_search_queries_only of this CohereChatRequest.
is_search_queries_only is_stream	Gets the is_search_queries_only of this CohereChatRequest. Gets the is_stream of this CohereChatRequest.
is_stream	Gets the is_stream of this CohereChatRequest.

Read the documentation of the model creator.
Then read the oracle documentation and see if you find the same features.

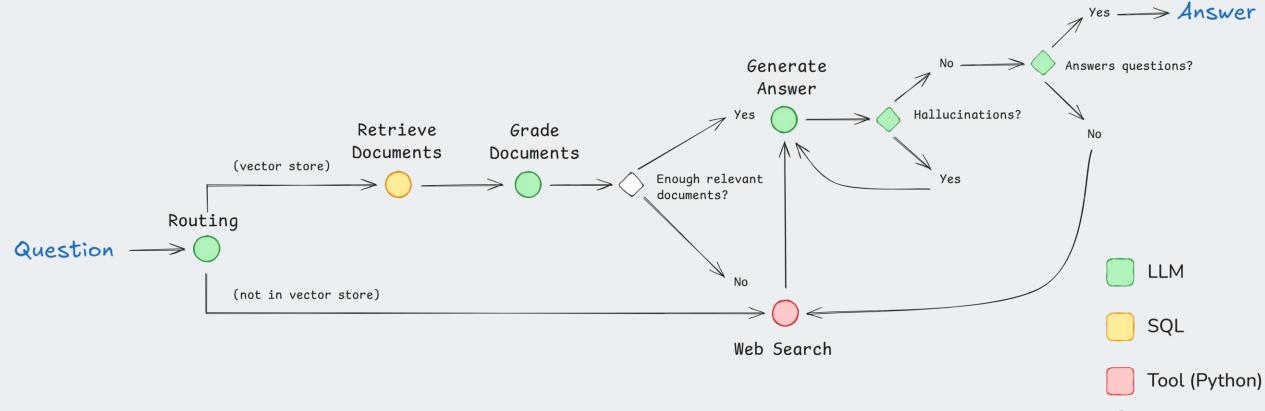




OracleBaseGPT uses LLM for various tasks

For OracleBaseGPT the model meta.llama-3.1-70b-instruct is being used for all the LLMs tasks.

The whole process, the flow of activities, is managed by LangGraph (a Phyton package designed for exactly that: define flows that involve cycles, essential for most agentic architectures).







OracleBaseGPT: some prompts examples

How to use a LLM to decide if the content of my Oracle Database 23ai table (the chunks and vectors) is going to be able to answer a question or it's better to directly perform a web search?

Being as explicit and precise as possible in the instruction given to the LLM on how it has to behave passing a "system" message.

```
<|begin_of_text|>
```

<|start_header_id|>system<|end_header_id|> You are an expert at routing a user question to a vectorstore or web search. Use the vectorstore for questions on Oracle, Oracle database, SQL, PL/SQL, query and performance tuning. You do not need to be stringent with the keywords in the question related to these topics. Otherwise, use web-search. Give a binary choice 'web_search' or 'vectorstore' based on the question. Return a JSON with a single key 'datasource' and no preamble or explanation.

Question to route: {question} <|eot_id|>

<|start_header_id|>assistant<|end_header_id|>

For Llama you can see how the last part of the input is always to give the hand back to the LLM to "speak" when using prompts with the proper tokens.





OracleBaseGPT: some prompts examples

Asking the LLM to generate an answer to the question, saying it is an Oracle Database assistant and its answer should be concise and 3 sentences maximum.

```
<|begin_of_text|>
<|start_header_id|>system<|end_header_id|> You are an Oracle Database assistant for question-answering
tasks.
Use the following pieces of retrieved context to answer the question. If you don't know the answer, just say that
you don't know.
Use three sentences maximum and keep the answer concise < |eot_id|>
<|start header id|>user<|end header id|>
Question: {question}
Context: {context}
Answer: < |eot_id|>
<|start_header_id|>assistant<|end_header_id|>
```





OracleBaseGPT: some prompts examples

Asking the LLM to evaluate if the answer another LLM call did generate is really based on the documents (the data) provided or not. And telling the LLM that the answer should be a JSON with a precise format, no freedom to say anything else.

```
<|begin_of_text|>
<|start_header_id|>system<|end_header_id|> You are a grader assessing whether
an answer is grounded in / supported by a set of facts. Give a binary 'yes' or 'no' score to indicate
whether the answer is grounded in / supported by a set of facts. Provide the binary score as a JSON with a
single key 'score' and no preamble or explanation. < eot_id >
<|start header id|>user<|end header id|> Here are the facts:
{documents}
Here is the answer: {generation} <|eot_id|>
<|start_header_id|>assistant<|end_header_id|>
```





A lot can be done in the database 23ai

No Python required. Can be enough for a number of requirements...







Cleaning, Chunking and Embedding in the database

In Oracle Database 23ai, most tasks related to RAG, vectors, embeddings etc. are packed in 2 packages:

- DBMS_VECTOR
- DBMS_VECTOR_CHAIN

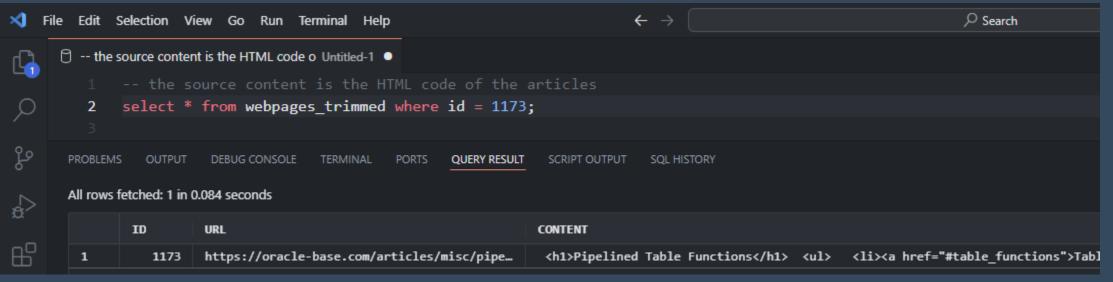
The documentation provides details on the available procedures and the various parameters. There are also some example provided. There seems to easily be mismatches between the documentation and what the current database does (because each release can change things and add new features), be ready for some debugging...

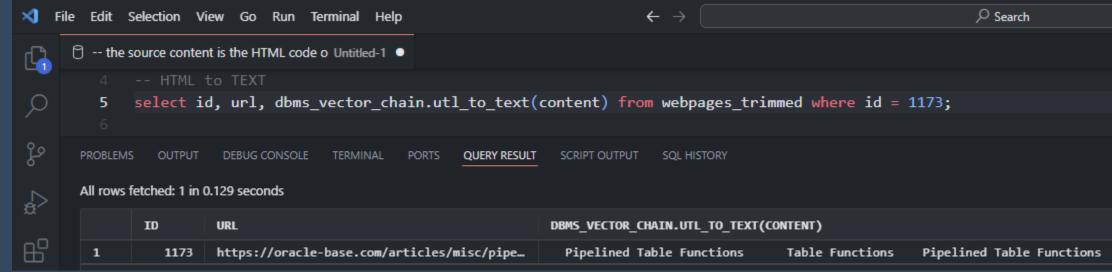
- https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/23/vecse/summarydbms_vector-subprograms-arpls.html
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HTML to text? Yes

Use DBMS_VECTOR_CHAIN.UTL_TO_TEXT









HTML to text? Yes

The result isn't the cleanest...

- No cleaning is done
- Lot of new lines added

But it's text, just text, without HTML tags



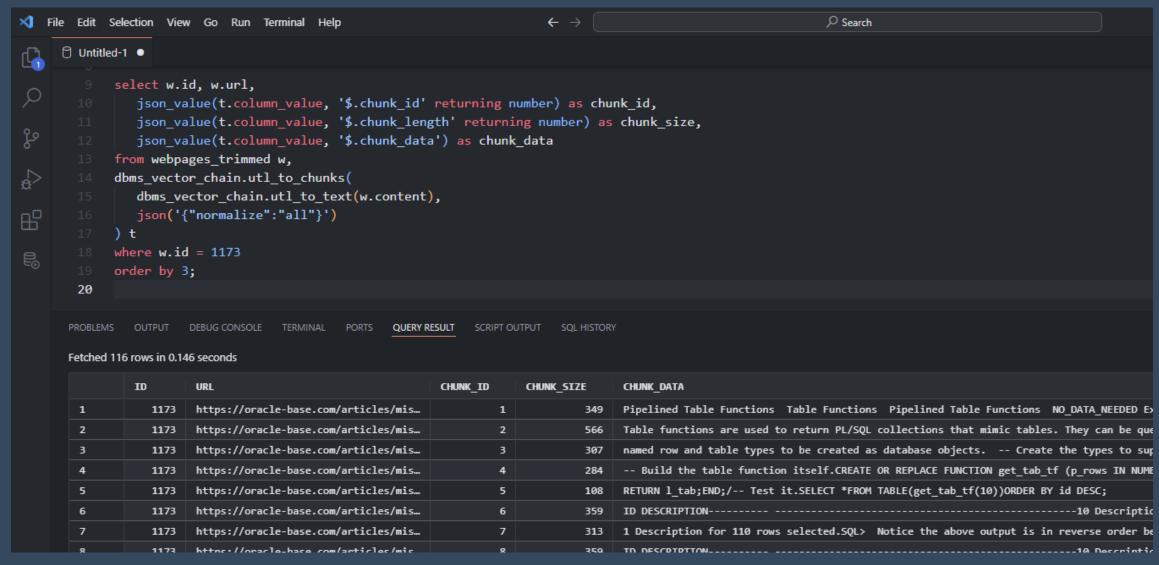






Chunking? Yes

Use DBMS_VECTOR_CHAIN.UTL_TO_CHUNKS







Chunking? Yes

DBMS_VECTOR_CHAIN.UTL_TO_CHUNKS has many parameters (all defined in a single JSON parameter).

In theory it can do everything you need.

In practice, does it do what you really want and need?

Partially yes, fully probably no...

```
PARAMS
Specify the input parameters in JSON format.
     "by"
                        mode,
                        max,
     "overlap"
                   : overlap,
               : split condition,
     "split"
     "custom_list" : [ split_chars1, ... ],
                   : vocabulary_name,
     "vocabulary"
     "language" : nls language,
     "normalize" : normalize mode,
     "norm options" : [ normalize option1, ... ],
     "extended"
                        boolean
```



Embedding? Yes

DBMS VECTOR CHAIN has you covered (again)

The "PARAMS" parameter allows you to say "what" does the embedding and how.

211.1.8 UTL_TO_EMBEDDING and UTL_TO_EMBEDDINGS

Use the dbms vector chain.utl to embedding and dbms vector chain.utl to embeddings chainable utility functions to convert plain text to one or more vector embeddings.

Purpose

To perform a text to embedding transformation by accessing:

- Oracle Database as the service provider: Calls the pretrained ONNX format embedding model that you have loaded into the database (default setting)
- Third-party embedding model: Makes a REST call to your chosen third-party service provider, such as Cohere, Google AI, Hugging Face, Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) Generative AI, OpenAl, or Vertex Al

Syntax

```
DBMS VECTOR CHAIN.UTL TO EMBEDDING (
                  IN CLOB,
                  IN JSON default NULL
    PARAMS
 return VECTOR;
DBMS_VECTOR_CHAIN.UTL_TO_EMBEDDINGS (
    DATA
                  IN VECTOR ARRAY T,
                  IN JSON default NULL
    PARAMS
) return VECTOR ARRAY T;
```

DATA

UTL_TO_EMBEDDING converts text (CLOB) to a single embedding (VECTOR).

UTL TO EMBEDDINGS convert an array of chunks (VECTOR ARRAY T) to an array of embeddings (VECTOR ARRAY T).





All together? Yes

All these steps can be chained together.

The result can be inserted in a table, giving you the chunks and the vectors in a single step.

```
\leftarrow \rightarrow

∠ Search

   File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help
     ☐ Untitled-1 ●
             select
                w.id, w.url, et.embed id chunk id, et.embed data chunk data,
                to vector(et.embed vector) chunk embedding
             from webpages trimmed w,
            dbms_vector_chain.utl_to_embeddings(
                dbms vector chain.utl to chunks(
                   dbms vector chain.utl_to_text(w.content),
                   json('{"normalize": "all"}')
),
                json('{"provider": "OCIGenAI", "credential name": "CRED OCI GENAI", "url": "https://inference.generativeai.e
            ) t.
            JSON TABLE(t.column value, '$[*]'
                COLUMNS (embed id NUMBER PATH '$.embed id',
                         embed data VARCHAR2(4000) PATH '$.embed_data',
                         embed vector CLOB PATH '$.embed vector')
             ) et
            where w.id = 1173;
```











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Ask Tim questions...

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✓ Connected to Oracle Database 23ai [v23.6.0.24.7]



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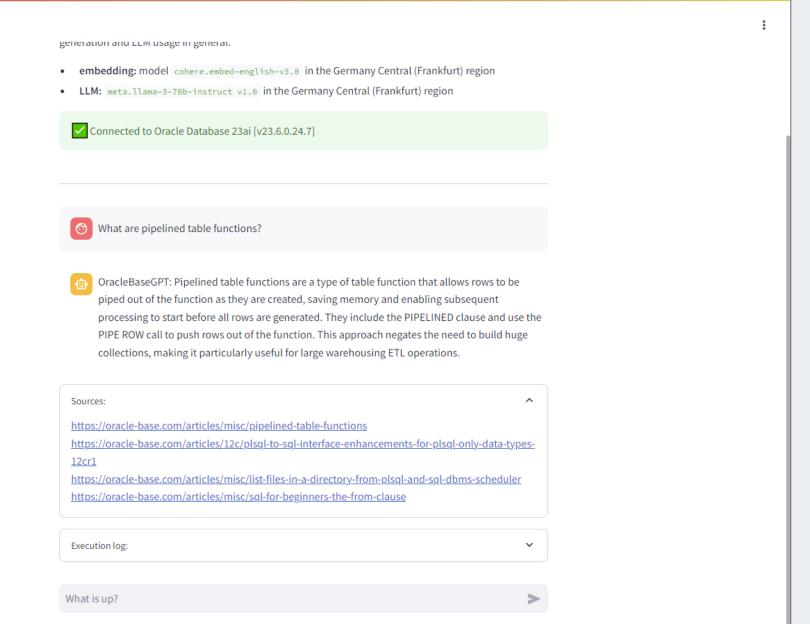
What are pipelined table functions?

OracleBaseGPT: Pipelined table functions are a type of table function that allows rows to be piped out of the function as they are created, saving memory and enabling subsequent processing to start before all rows are generated. They include the PIPELINED clause and use the PIPE ROW call to push rows out of the function. This approach negates the need to build huge collections, making it particularly useful for large warehousing ETL operations.

What is up?

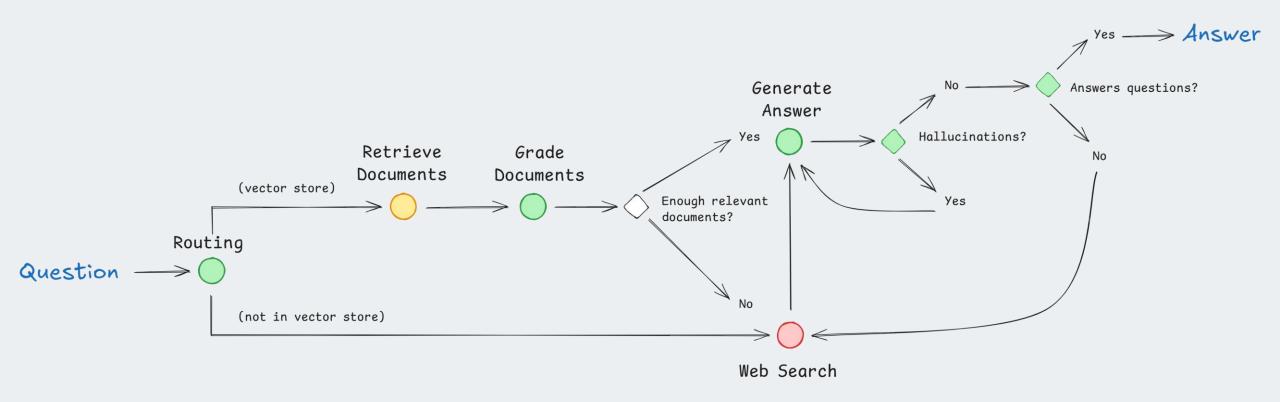
















```
\wedge
 Execution log:
  [ INFO
             ] Successfully connected to Oracle Database (23.6.0.24.7)
  [ DEBUG
            ] ---ROUTE QUESTION---
  [ DEBUG
            ] question: What are pipelined table functions?

    □ DEBUG

            ] route: vectorstore
  [ DEBUG
             ] ---ROUTE QUESTION TO RAG---
  [ DEBUG
             ] ---RETRIEVE---

    □ DEBUG

            ] Finished running: retrieve
  [ DEBUG
            ] ---CHECK DOCUMENT RELEVANCE TO QUESTION---
  DEBUG
            ] ---GRADE: DOCUMENT RELEVANT---
  DEBUG
             ] ---GRADE: DOCUMENT RELEVANT---
  [ DEBUG
             ] ---GRADE: DOCUMENT RELEVANT---
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  DEBUG
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    □ DEBUG

             ] ---GRADE: DOCUMENT RELEVANT---
  DEBUG
            ] ---GRADE: DOCUMENT NOT RELEVANT---
  DEBUG
            ] ---GRADE: DOCUMENT RELEVANT---
  [ DEBUG
             ] ---GRADE: DOCUMENT RELEVANT---
            ] ---DOCUMENT RELEVANCE: 9 of 10---

  □ DEBUG

            ] ---ASSESS GRADED DOCUMENTS---
  DEBUG
            ] ---DECISION: GENERATE---
  [ DEBUG
            | Finished running: grade_documents
  DEBUG
            ] ---GENERATE---
  [ DEBUG
            ] ---CHECK HALLUCINATIONS---
  [ DEBUG
            ] ---DECISION: GENERATION IS GROUNDED IN DOCUMENTS---
  [ DEBUG
             ] ---GRADE GENERATION vs QUESTION---
  DEBUG
            ] ---DECISION: GENERATION ADDRESSES QUESTION---
  [ DEBUG
            ] Finished running: generate
  [ DEBUG

  □ DEBUG

             ] answer:
            ] Pipelined table functions are a type of table function that allows
What is up?
```



Building a custom ChatGPT-like chatbot

Oracle Database 23ai provides mostly storage for vectors and distance queries. Depending on your workload, embedding is better executed outside (you maybe need your database resources for queries and not generating vectors).

To generate a text with a LLM you can't do it fully internally in the database for now.

OCI GenAl is very easy to use and doesn't require any commitment (reserving hardware or resources).

But keep in mind you don't own the models, and Oracle do release new ones from time to time, and then remove the old ones.

• You should always perform embeddings with the same model (except if the model explicitly says it is 1:1 compatible with another one, generally not the case)

Basic RAG doesn't bring much to the table, building more advances agents powered by LLM and retrievals has lot of potential.

LLMs starts being able to use tools and perform a step by step logical thinking.



