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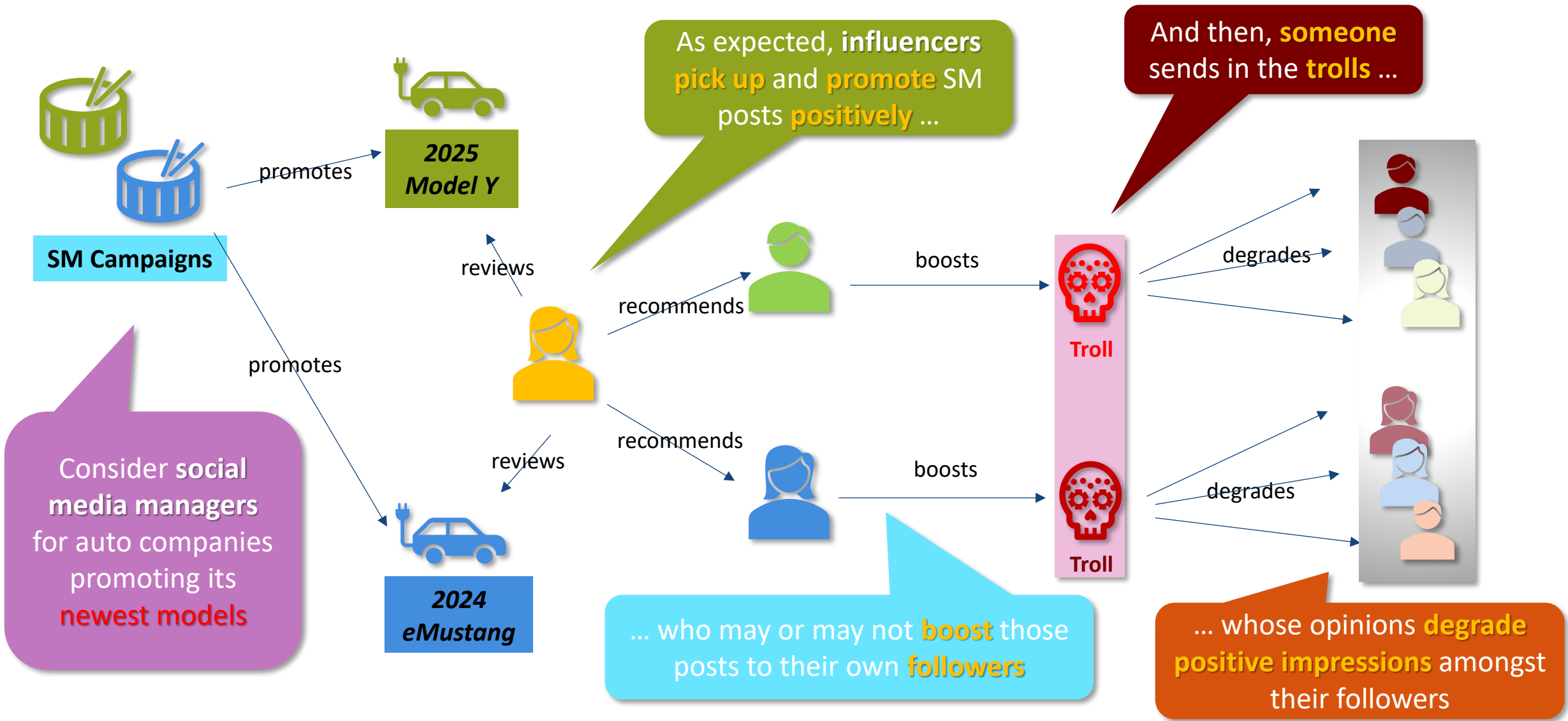
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# Our Social Media Strategy Worked Great ... Until It Didn't Anymore.

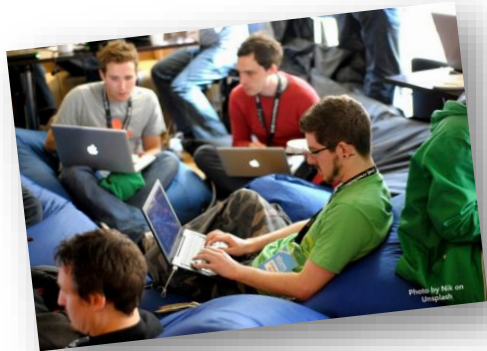
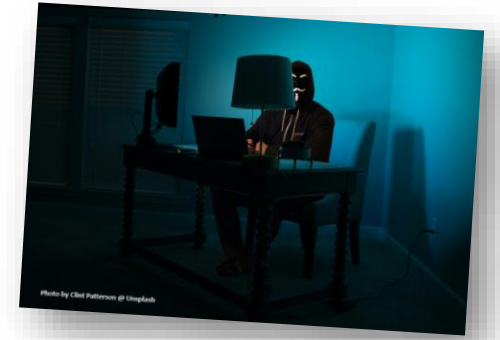


# Business Case: Timely & Effective Responses to Negative Social Media Posts



Social media campaign just launched on **new EV models**

Initial responses were **positive** ... but then trolls & their followers propagated **negative sentiments & deliberate misinformation**



Responding to misinformation with **timely** and **effective messaging** is **imperative** to saving the campaign - and maybe even the **brand itself**

Could we leverage **Generative AI** to respond **immediately and effectively** to **existing** negative posts, as well as any **new** ones that appear?





# Generative AI: Its Promise and Its Limitations

Gen AI  
**simulates**  
**human**  
**conversation**



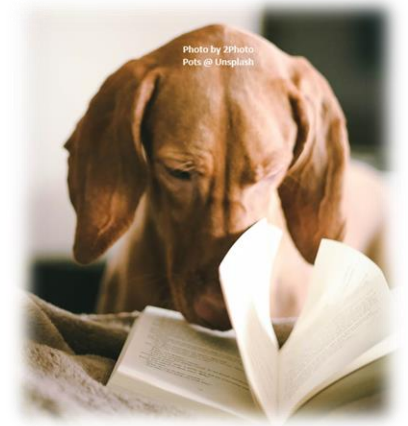
It's focused on  
**finding the best**  
**next token** in the  
conversation



It can even  
**explain the steps**  
**it took** to return  
its answer



But despite all  
appearances, it  
**does not reason!**



# What Generative AI *Actually* Does: A (Very) Primitive Metaphor

Consider this sentence:

A typical database table consists of \_\_\_\_\_

GenAI's sole purpose: Find the best next token, now!

Which token should be placed next?

Potential tokens:

Token:	rows	columns	data	tuples	varied	many	and
Probability:	0.32	0.32	0.17	0.10	0.04	0.03	0.01

Now which token should be placed next?

A typical database table consists of **rows** \_\_\_\_\_

The choice & distribution of best next tokens is dramatically different

Potential tokens:

Token:	and	filled	defined	unordered	columns	rows
Probability:	0.55	0.18	0.17	0.07	0.02	0.01

An aerial photograph of a construction site, likely a roof, showing several workers in safety gear and hard hats. They are positioned on a wooden structure, possibly a roof deck, with various construction materials and equipment scattered around. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text overlay to be clearly visible. The text is centered and reads "Building Generative AI Solutions Within 23AI Database".

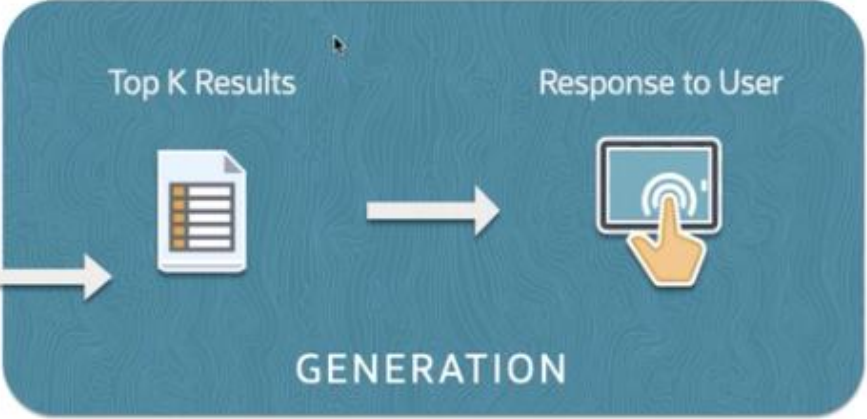
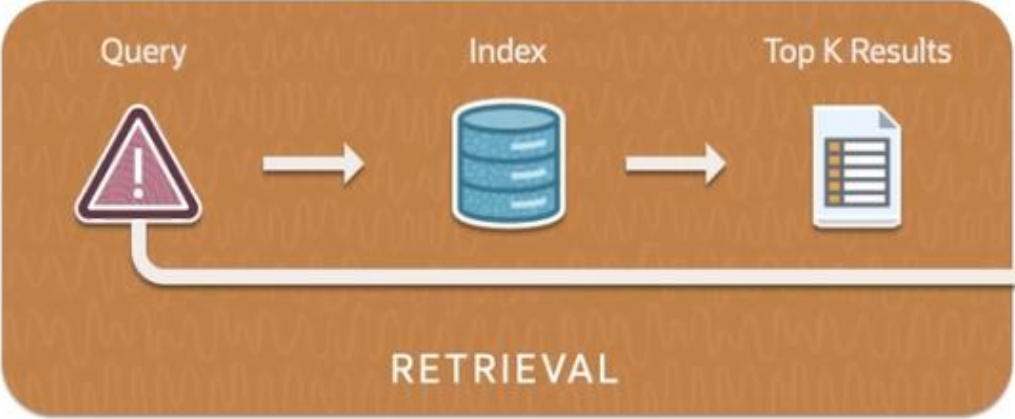
## Building Generative AI Solutions Within 23AI Database

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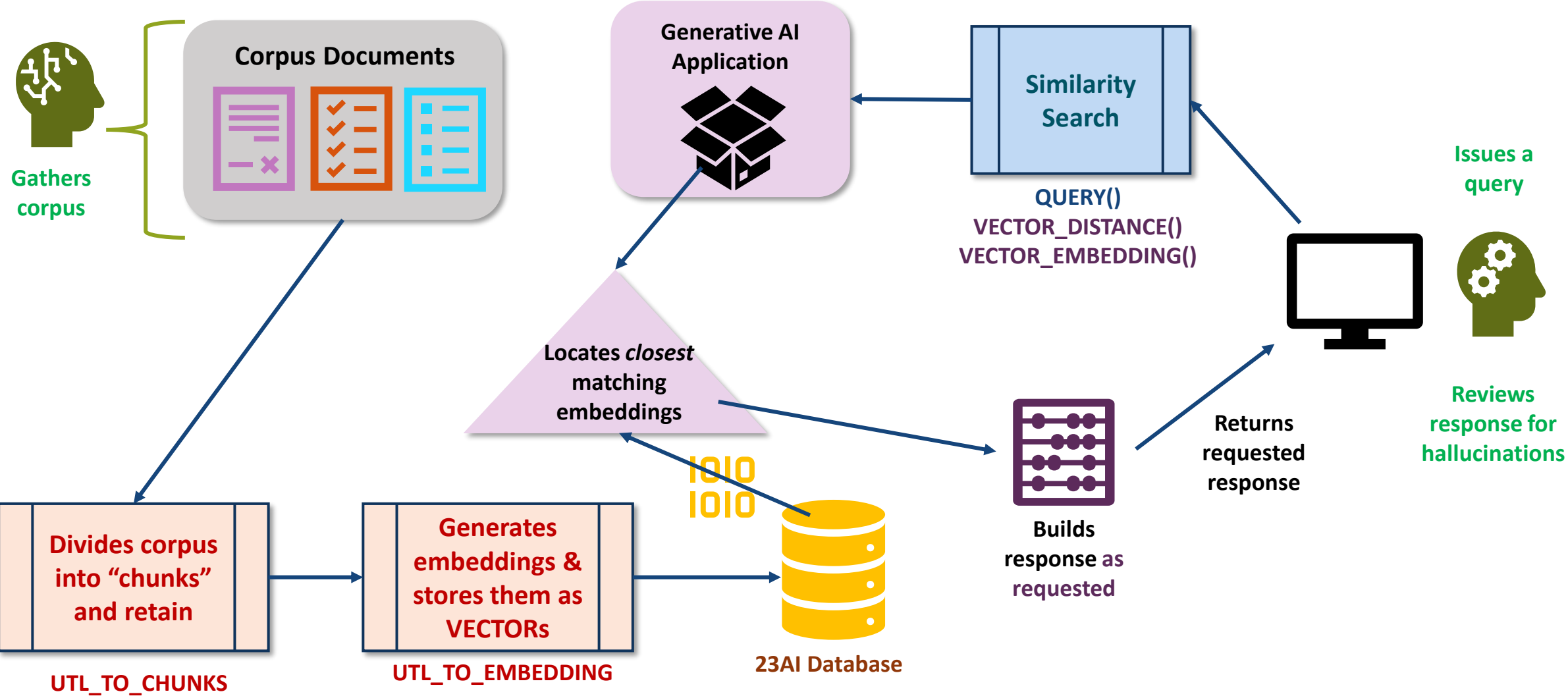
# Implementing RAG Within Oracle 23AI Database

## RAG Pipeline



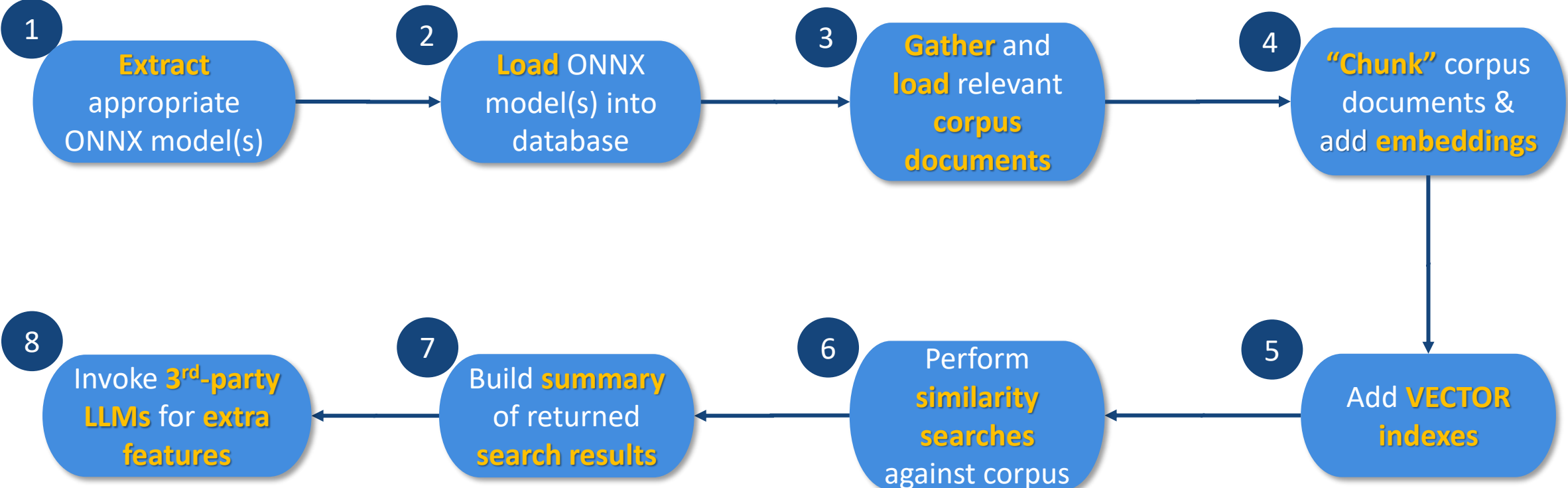
Taken directly from the **Oracle Generative AI Certification Course**. Simple, right?

# Implementing RAG Within Oracle 23AI Database



Human VECTOR Functions DBMS\_VECTOR DBMS\_VECTOR\_CHAIN

# Steps for Implementing a 23AI Generative AI Solution





# Downloading ONNX Models (1)

```
# Should return Python 3.12.1:
```

```
export PATH=$ORACLE_HOME/python/bin:$PATH  
python -V
```

```
# Install necessary Python packages:
```

```
mkdir -p /home/examples/rag/onnx
```

```
cd -p /home/examples/rag/onnx
```

```
python -m pip install -r requirements.txt
```

```
python -m pip install omlutils-0.12.0-cp312-cp312-linux_x86_64.whl
```

You can use the installed Python code base that comes with Oracle 23.4 as your Python “home” ...

# Downloading ONNX Models (1)

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export PATH=$ORACLE_HOME/python/bin:$PATH  
python -V
```

```
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```

```
python -m pip install -r requirements.txt  
python -m pip install omlutils-0.12.0-cp312-cp312-linux_x86_64.whl
```

... and then install all required Python library objects to gather ONNX models via **OML4PY**

# Downloading ONNX Models (1)

```
# Show what model(s) are available:  
$ python3
```

```
Python 3.12.1 (main, Feb 6 2024, 12:09:55) [GCC 8.5.0 20210514 (Red Hat 8.5.0-18.0.6)] on Linux  
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
```

```
>>> from omlutils import EmbeddingModel, EmbeddingModelConfig  
em = EmbeddingModel(model_name="sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2")  
emc = EmbeddingModelConfig()  
emc.show_preconfigured()  
exit()
```

Display all available  
**ONNX models**

1



# Downloading ONNX Models (1)

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Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information
```

```
>>> from omlutils import EmbeddingModel  
em = EmbeddingModel(model_name='sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2')  
emc = EmbeddingModelConfig(model_name='sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2')  
emc.show_preconfigured()  
exit()
```

Display all available  
**ONNX models**

```
['sentence-transformers/all-mpnet-base-v2',  
'sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2',  
'sentence-transformers/multi-qa-MiniLM-L6-cos-v1',  
'ProsusAI/finbert',  
'medicalai/ClinicalBERT',  
'sentence-transformers/distiluse-base-multilingual-cased-v2',  
'sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L12-v2',  
'BAAI/bge-small-en-v1.5',  
'BAAI/bge-base-en-v1.5',  
'TaylorAI/bge-micro-v2',  
'intfloat/e5-small-v2',  
'intfloat/e5-base-v2',  
'prajjwal1/bert-tiny',  
'thenlper/gte-base',  
'thenlper/gte-small',  
'TaylorAI/gte-tiny',  
'infgrad/stella-base-en-v2']
```

We'll focus on **just a few** of the  
dozen or so ONNX-compatible  
models for loading

## Downloading ONNX Models (2)

```
# export_onnx_models.py:
```

```
import om1
from om1.utils import EmbeddingModel, EmbeddingModelConfig
```

Multiple ONNX models can be downloaded as **bitcode** for import into 23AI ...

```
em = EmbeddingModel(model_name="sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2")
em.export2file("all-MiniLM-L6-v2", output_dir="/home/oracle/examples/rag/onnx_models/")

em = EmbeddingModel(model_name="sentence-transformers/multi-qa-MiniLM-L6-cos-v1")
em.export2file("multi-qa-MiniLM-L6-cos-v1", output_dir="/home/oracle/examples/rag/onnx_models/")

em = EmbeddingModel(model_name="sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L12-v2")
em.export2file("all-MiniLM-L12-v2", output_dir="/home/oracle/examples/rag/onnx_models/")
```

```
exit()
```

... and now we're ready to **import** them

```
$> ll *.onnx
-rwxrwxr-x. 1 oracle oinstall 133322334 Jun 19 20:03 all-MiniLM-L12-v2.onnx
-rwxrwxr-x. 1 oracle oinstall  90621438 Jun 19 19:51 all-MiniLM-L6-v2.onnx
-rwxrwxr-x. 1 oracle oinstall  90621438 Jun 19 20:03 multi-qa-MiniLM-L6-cos-v1.onnx
```

# Deploying ONNX Models Within 23AI Database (1)

```
CREATE OR REPLACE DIRECTORY onnx_models AS '/home/oracle/examples/rag/onnx_models/';  
GRANT READ, WRITE ON DIRECTORY onnx_models TO ho123;
```

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```
BEGIN
```

```
  DBMS_VECTOR.DROP_ONNX_MODEL(  
    model_name => 'MiniLML6V2'  
    , force => TRUE);
```

```
  DBMS_VECTOR.LOAD_ONNX_MODEL(  
    directory => 'ONNX_MODELS'  
    , file_name => 'all-MiniLM-L6-v2.onnx'  
    , model_name => 'MiniLML6V2'  
    , metadata =>
```

```
    JSON('{"function": "embedding"  
          , "embeddingOutput": "embedding"  
          , "input": {"input": ["DATA"]}}'));
```

```
END;  
/
```

Load the **all-MiniLM-L6-v2** pre-trained ONNX model into a 23AI database, assigning its alias as **MiniLML6V2** ...

... and this specifies **exactly how** relevant content will be provided to the model for **embedding**



# Deploying ONNX Models Within 23AI Database (2)

2

The screenshot shows a database interface with a 'Query Builder' window. The SQL query is as follows:

```
SELECT
  model_name
, mining_function
, algorithm
, algorithm_type
, model_size
FROM all_mining_models;
```

The 'algorithm' field in the query is highlighted in yellow. Below the query, the 'Query Result' window shows the following data:

MODEL_NAME	MINING_FUNCTION	ALGORITHM	ALGORITHM_TYPE	MODEL_SIZE
1 MINILML6V2	EMBEDDING	ONNX	NATIVE	90621438

Verify that the ONNX model was loaded into the 23AI database via **ALL\_MINING\_MODELS ...**

# Deploying ONNX Models Within 23AI Database (2)

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```
Worksheet Query Builder
SELECT
  model_name
, mining_function
, algorithm
, algorithm_type
, model_size
FROM all_mining_models;
```

Verify that the ONNX model was loaded into the 23AI database via **ALL\_MINING\_MODELS ...**

Query Result x

SQL | All Rows Fetched: 1 in 0.0...

MODEL_NAME	MINING_FUNCTION
1 MINILML6V2	EMBEDDING

```
Worksheet Query Builder
SELECT
  model_name
, attribute_name
, attribute_type
, data_length
, vector_info
FROM all_mining_model_attributes;
```

... and view specifics of each model loaded via **ALL\_MINING\_MODEL\_ATTRIBUTES**

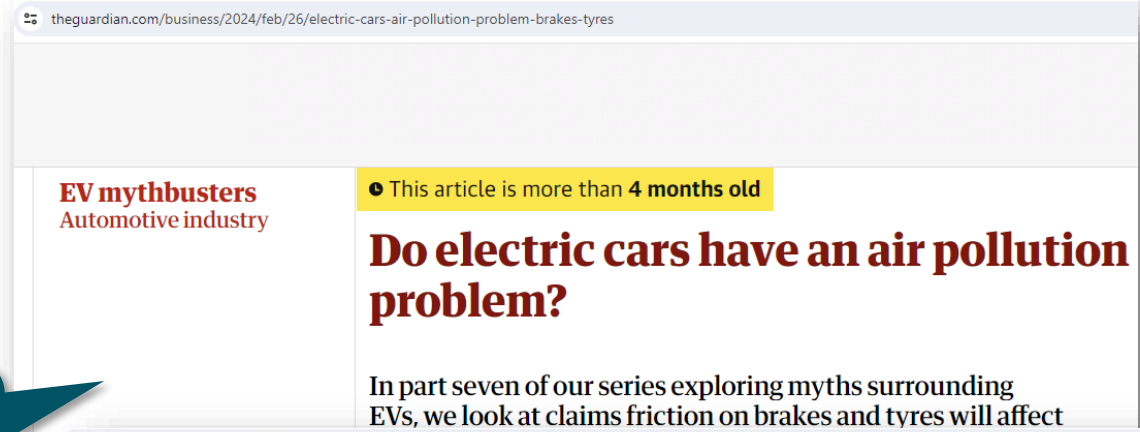
Query Result x

SQL | All Rows Fetched: 2 in 0.021 seconds

MODEL_NAME	ATTRIBUTE_NAME	ATTRIBUTE_TYPE	DATA_LENGTH	VECTOR_INFO
1 MINILML6V2	ORA\$ONNXTARGET	VECTOR	1593	VECTOR(384, FLOAT32)
2 MINILML6V2	DATA	TEXT	32767	(null)

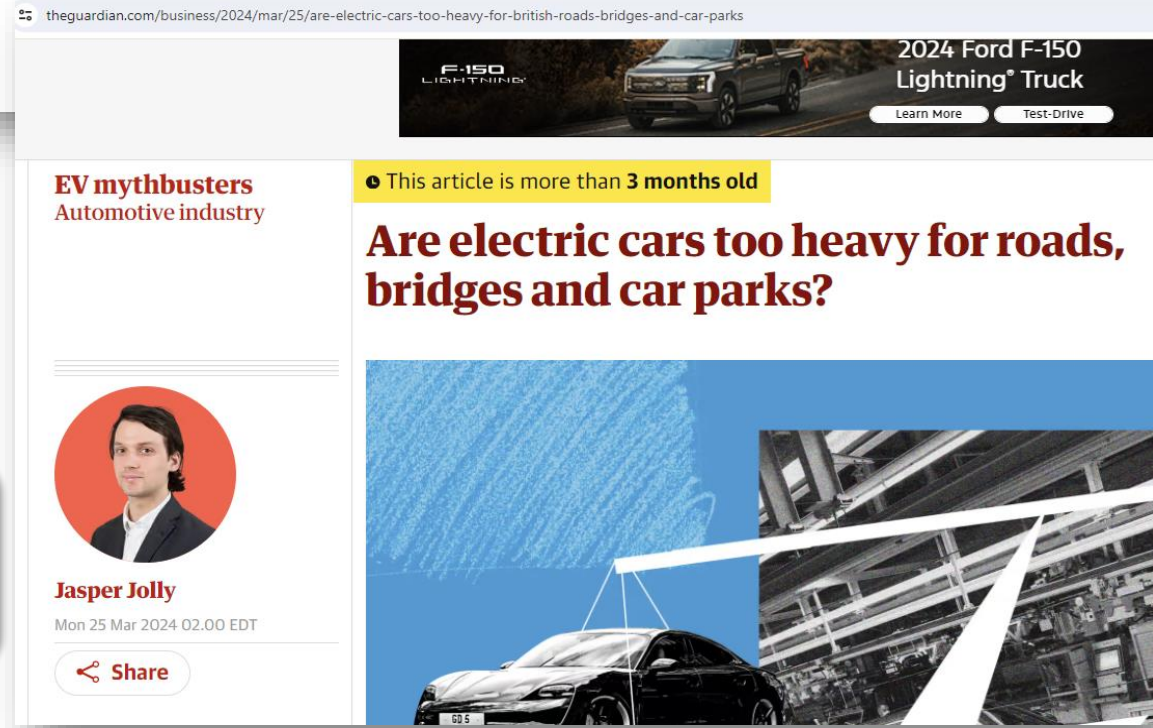
# Gathering Meaningful Corpus Documents

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... and from **reliable news organizations** as HTML, then **converted to PDFs**

Documents were captured as PDFs from **official government and scientific sources** ...



# Storing Corpus Documents and Preparing for Embeddings

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```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS corpus_documents PURGE;

CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS corpus_documents (
  cd_id      NUMBER(8,0)
, cd_status CHAR(12)
, cd_data   BLOB
);

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS corpus_chunks PURGE;

CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS corpus_chunks(
  cd_id      NUMBER(8,0)
, cdc_id     NUMBER(8,0)
, cdc_data   VARCHAR2(4000)
, cdc_embedded VECTOR
);
```

Create a table that will contain “**chunks**” of the corpus documents and their **embeddings** ...

# Storing Corpus Documents and Preparing for Embeddings

3

```
CREATE OR REPLACE DIRECTORY corpus_sources AS '/home/oracle/examples/rag/corpus/';  
GRANT READ, WRITE ON DIRECTORY corpus_sources TO ho123;
```

[ copy source documents into that directory ]

```
INSERT INTO corpus_documents(cd_id, cd_status, cd_data)  
VALUES(001, 'VALID', TO_BLOB(BFILENAME('CORPUS_SOURCES', 'USEPA_Condensed.pdf')));
```

```
INSERT INTO corpus_documents(cd_id, cd_status, cd_data)  
VALUES(002, 'VALID', TO_BLOB(BFILENAME('CORPUS_SOURCES', 'GlobalEVOutlook2023.pdf')));
```

```
INSERT INTO corpus_documents(cd_id, cd_status, cd_data)  
VALUES(003, 'VALID', TO_BLOB(BFILENAME('CORPUS_SOURCES', 'GlobalEVOutlook2024.pdf')));
```

. . .

```
INSERT INTO corpus_documents(cd_id, cd_status, cd_data)  
VALUES(011, 'VALID', TO_BLOB(BFILENAME('CORPUS_SOURCES',  
'RecurrentAuto_StudywinterAndColdweatherEVRangeLossIn10000PlusCars.pdf')));
```

```
COMMIT;
```



# Creating Embeddings With `DBMS_VECTOR_CHAIN.UTL_TO_CHUNKS`

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```
INSERT INTO corpus_chunks
SELECT
  CD.cd_id doc_id
, ET.embed_id cdc_id
, ET.embed_data cdc_data
, TO_VECTOR(ET.embed_vector) cdc_embedded
FROM
  corpus_documents CD
, DBMS_VECTOR_CHAIN.UTL_TO_EMBEDDINGS(
  DBMS_VECTOR_CHAIN.UTL_TO_CHUNKS(
    DBMS_VECTOR_CHAIN.UTL_TO_TEXT(CD.cd_data)
  , JSON('{"by":"words","overlap":"0","split":"sentence"
    ,"language":"American","normalize":"all"}')
  )
  , JSON('{"provider":"database", "model":"MINILML6V2"}')) 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;

COMMIT;
```

This “chunks” each corpus document per the parameters for `UTL_TO_CHUNKS`, as well as creating the embeddings via `UTL_TO_EMBEDDINGS`

Since the output will be in JSON format, this refers to each returned value for INSERTing into `CORPUS_CHUNKS`

# Chunking Methods Determine How Answers Returned

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BY : words,  
MAX : 40,  
OVERLAP : 0,  
SPLIT : none,  
LANGUAGE : american,  
NORMALIZE : all

The chunking method selected can dramatically affect how corpus documents are chunked ...

**Myth #1: Electric vehicles are worse for the climate than gasoline cars because of power plant emissions.**

**FACT:** Electric vehicles typically have a smaller carbon footprint than gasoline cars, even when accounting for the electricity used for charging. Electric vehicles (EVs) have no tailpipe emissions. Generating the electricity used to charge EVs, however, may create carbon pollution. The amount varies widely based on how local power is generated, e.g., using coal or natural gas, which emit carbon pollution, versus renewable resources like wind or solar, which do not. Even accounting for these electricity emissions, research shows that an EV is typically responsible for lower levels of greenhouse gases (GHGs) than an average new gasoline car. To the extent that more renewable energy sources like wind and solar are used to generate electricity, the total GHGs associated with EVs could be even lower.

Chunk #1

Chunk #2

Chunk #3

# Chunking Methods Determine How Answers Returned

4

BY : words,  
MAX : 100,  
OVERLAP : 0,  
SPLIT : sentence,  
LANGUAGE : american,  
NORMALIZE : all

... which could affect the **accuracy** or **loss** of meaning when chunks are selected for output during vectorized searches!

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Chunk #1

Chunk #2

Chunk #3

# Text Chunking Parameters

Parameter	Purpose	Default
<b>BY</b>	How to <b>split</b> documents ( <b>CHARACTER</b>   <b>WORDS</b>   <b>VOCABULARY</b> )	<b>BY WORDS</b>
<b>MAX</b>	Maximum <b>size</b> of each chunk	<b>100</b>
<b>SPLIT [BY]</b>	Where to <b>split input text</b> when it approaches MAX size	<b>RECURSIVELY</b>
<b>OVERLAP</b>	How much of the <b>preceding</b> text the <b>current</b> chunk should contain	<b>0</b>
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	Language of the <b>input</b> data	<b>Session's NLS_LANGUAGE</b>
<b>NORMALIZE</b>	How to <b>pre-process</b> or <b>post-process</b> issues encountered with text (e.g. multiple consecutive spaces)	<b>None</b>
<b>EXTENDED</b>	Allows output limit to be <b>extended</b> to (32K – 1) bytes	<b>4000</b>

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See the [VECTOR\\_CHUNKS documentation](#) for a complete discussion of how these parameters affect chunking

# Chunking Effects

```
SELECT
  VECTOR_DISTANCE (
    cdc_embedded
  , VECTOR_EMBEDDING (
    MINILML6V2
    USING
    'Everybody knows that EVs pollute more than gas powered cars!'
  AS DATA), COSINE) AS rating
  , cd_id
  , cdc_id
  , SUBSTR(cdc_data, 1, 60) brief_data
  FROM corpus_chunks
ORDER BY rating ASC
FETCH NEXT 10 ROWS ONLY;
```

This query will return very different results ...



# Chunking Effects

```
JSON('{"normalize":"all"}')
```

Query Result x

All Rows Fetched: 10 in 0.16 seconds

	RATING	CD_ID	CDC_ID	BRIEF_DATA
1	0.27612072229385376	1	5	Some studies have shown that making a typical EV can create
2	0.30973511934280396	1	1	Myth #1:Electric vehicles are worse for the climate than g
3	0.3129057288169861	1	2	pollution, versus renewable resources like wind or solar, wh
4	0.32510173320770264	7	3	Some people believe that the shift to electric cars could re
5	0.3337820768356323	7	6	EVs do not burn fossil fuels directly - and would not releas
6	0.33555418252944946	9	1	Do electric cars really produce fewer carbon emissions than
7	0.34132808446884155	7	10	been peer-reviewed by scientists, and the industry disputes
8	0.34371501207351685	1	6	For example, researchers at Argonne National Laboratory esti
9	0.3488852381706238	8	6	There are millions of electric cars on roads around the worl
10	0.3578695058822632	7	1	Do electric cars have an air pollution problem?   Automotive

4

... depending exactly how the corpus documents have been **chunked** ...

```
FROM corpus_chunks  
ORDER BY rating ASC  
FETCH NEXT 10 ROWS ONLY;
```

# Chunking Effects

```
JSON('{"normalize":"all"}')
```

... before embeddings are created!

4  
... depending exactly how the corpus documents have been chunked ...

	RATING	CD_ID	CDC_ID	BRIEF_DATA
1	0.276			5Some studies have shown that making a typical EV can create
2	0.309			1Myth #1:Electric vehicles are worse for the climate than g
3	0.312			2pollution, versus renewable resources like wind or solar, wh
4	0.325			3Some people believe that the shift to electric cars could re
5	0.333782	56323	7	6EVs do not burn fossil fuels directly - and would not releas
6	0.335554	2944946	9	1Do electric cars really produce fewer carbon emissions than
7	0.341328	6884155	7	10been peer-reviewed by scientists, and the industry disputes
8	0.343715	97351685	1	6For example, researchers at Argonne National Laboratory esti
9	0.34888	31706238	8	6There are millions of electric cars on roads around the worl
10	0.35786	58822632	7	1Do electric cars have an air pollution problem?   Automotive

```
FROM corpus_chunks
ORDER BY rating ASC
FETCH NEXT 10 ROWS ONLY
```

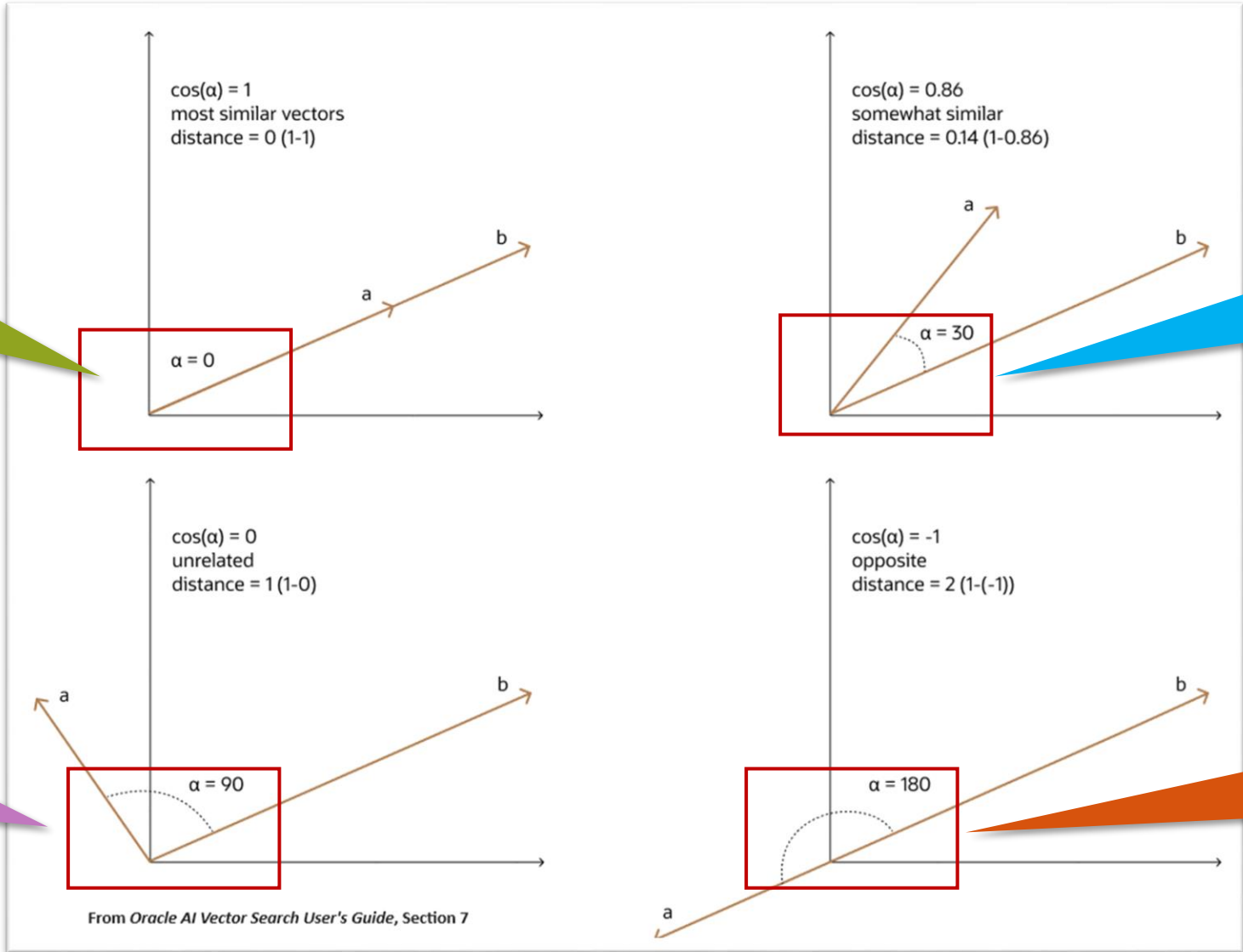
```
JSON('{"by":"words",
"overlap":"0",
"split":"sentence",
"language":"american",
"normalize":"all"}')
```

	RATING	CD_ID	CDC_ID	BRIEF_DATA
1	0.28293377161026		1	5FACT: The greenhouse gas emissions associated with an electr
2	0.29539746046066284		7	10Many of the claims about EVs causing air pollution reference
3	0.29731154441833496		1	2The amount varies widely based on how local power is genera
4	0.31835395097732544		1	1Myth #1:Electric vehicles are worse for the climate than g
5	0.3192080855369568		1	6Still, over the lifetime of the vehicle, total GHG emission
6	0.3256109356880188		7	3Some people believe that the shift to electric cars could re
7	0.33014196157455444		8	8That evidence suggests there is no reason to think that EVs
8	0.33555418252944946		9	1Do electric cars really produce fewer carbon emissions than
9	0.33589881658554077		9	3Our EV mythbusters serieshas looked at some of the most p
10	0.34426039457321167		8	1725 Mar 2024Do electric cars have an air pollution problem

# VECTOR\_DISTANCE: How Vectors Are Searched For Meaningfulness

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A **COSINE** value of **1** means the embeddings are identical



A small angular difference (**0.86**) indicates they're **somewhat similar**

A value of **0** indicates the embeddings are **unrelated**

... and **-1** means the embeddings are **complete opposites**

# Vector Indexes: Speeding Retrieval of Embeddings

```
EXPLAIN PLAN FOR
SELECT VECTOR_DISTANCE(cdc_embedded, VECTOR_EMBEDDING(MINILML6V2 USING 'Are EV batteries safe?'
AS DATA), COSINE) AS rating
, cd_id, cdc_id, SUBSTR(cdc_data, 1, 60) brief_data
FROM corpus_chunks
ORDER BY rating ASC
FETCH EXACT NEXT 10 ROWS ONLY;
```

```
SELECT plan_table_output
FROM TABLE(DBMS_XPLAN.DISPLAY('plan_table',NULL,'all'));
```

Plan hash value: 1902679133

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	TempSpc	Cost (%CPU)	Time
0	SELECT STATEMENT		10	1540		1478 (1)	00:00:01
* 1	COUNT STOPKEY						
2	VIEW		2892	434K		1478 (1)	00:00:01
* 3	SORT ORDER BY STOPKEY		2892	5623K	5792K	1478 (1)	00:00:01
4	<b>TABLE ACCESS FULL</b>	CORPUS_CHUNKS	2892	5623K		272 (0)	00:00:01

Using the **EXACT** clause tells the optimizer to essentially perform a keyword search, and no index will be used



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  FROM corpus_chunks
  ORDER BY rating ASC
  FETCH APPROXIMATE NEXT 10 ROWS ONLY;
```

```
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  FROM TABLE(DBMS_XPLAN.DISPLAY('plan_table', NULL, 'all'));
```

Plan hash value: 992403219

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)	Time
0	SELECT STATEMENT		10	1540	2 (50)	00:00:01
* 1	COUNT STOPKEY					
2	VIEW		10	1540	2 (50)	00:00:01
* 3	SORT ORDER BY STOPKEY		10	19910	2 (50)	00:00:01
4	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	CORPUS_CHUNKS	10	19910	1 (0)	00:00:01
5	VECTOR INDEX HNSW SCAN	CORPUS_CHUNKS_HNSW_IDX	10	19910	1 (0)	00:00:01

Note the difference when using the **APPROXIMATE** clause, which leverages the HNSW Vector Index for faster retrieval

# Measuring a Vector Index's Accuracy

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```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
SET LONG 100000
DECLARE
  report VARCHAR2(128);
  query_vector VECTOR;
  CURSOR curVectors IS
    SELECT
      cd_id
    , cdc_id
    , SUBSTR(cdc_data, 1, 20) AS text
    , cdc_embedded
      FROM corpus_chunks
    WHERE cd_id = 1
    ORDER BY cd_id, cdc_id
```

Function **INDEX\_ACCURACY\_QUERY** in package **DBMS\_VECTOR** provides an **accuracy rating** for a supplied **VECTOR** value based on the specified **accuracy threshold**...

```
. . .
BEGIN
  FOR qv IN curVectors
    LOOP
      report :=
        DBMS_VECTOR.INDEX_ACCURACY_QUERY(
          owner_name => 'HOL23'
        , index_name => 'CORPUS_CHUNKS_HNSW_IDX'
        , qv => qv.cdc_embedded
        , top_K => 10
        , target_accuracy => 90);

      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(
        'Chunk #' || qv.cd_id || '.' || qv.cdc_id ||
        ' (' || qv.text || ') accuracy: ' || report
      );
    END LOOP;
  END;
/
```

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```
Chunk #1.1 (Myth #1: Electric v) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (30%) is 60% lower than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
Chunk #1.2 (The amount varies w) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (40%) is 50% lower than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
Chunk #1.3 ((In 2020, renewables) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (30%) is 60% lower than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
Chunk #1.4 (EPA and Department o) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (40%) is 50% lower than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
Chunk #1.5 (FACT: The greenhouse) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (30%) is 60% lower than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
Chunk #1.6 (Still, over the lif) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (40%) is 50% lower than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
Chunk #1.7 (In their estimates, ) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (50%) is 40% lower than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
Chunk #1.8 (Myth #3: The increas) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (80%) is 10% lower than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
Chunk #1.9 (Yet, how that impact) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (50%) is 40% lower than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
Chunk #1.10 (And further down the) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (80%) is 10% lower than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
Chunk #1.11 (• EV charging consu) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (80%) is 10% lower than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
Chunk #1.12 (• Long term, higher) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (100%) is 10% higher than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
Chunk #1.13 (The Department of En) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (80%) is 10% lower than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
Chunk #1.14 (visit DOE's Bipartis) accuracy: Accuracy achieved (100%) is 10% higher than the Target Accuracy requested (90%)
```





# Answering Prompts With DBMS\_VECTOR.UTL\_TO\_GENERATE\_TEXT

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
  user_question CLOB;
  params CLOB;
  output CLOB;
BEGIN
```

This prompt can accept any text typically supplied to an **AI chatbot**, including directives on what to use as an **authoritative sources** to

Here's an example of using OpenAI's **gpt-4o** chatbot to answer the question, including settings for **temperature** and other levers that control the generated response

```
...
[several lines of additional text]
...
'still lower than those
...
...

```

```
...
-- Set up parameters for calling OpenAI gpt-4o model:
params := '{
  "provider": "openai",
  "credential_name": "OPENAI_CRED",
  "url": "https://api.openai.com/v1/chat/completions",
  "model": "gpt-4o",
  "temperature": 1.0,
  "max_tokens": 256,
  "top_p": 1.0,
  "frequency_penalty": 0.0,
  "presence_penalty": 0.0 }';
...

```

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This is a typical inclusion as a result. The returned output will be identical to what the **OpenAI chat assistant API** returns, provided the same parameters were used.

```
    n: -- Set up parameters for calling OpenAI's gpt-4o chatbot:  
    . . .  
    -- Send prompt string to OpenAI for processing:  
    output :=  
        DBMS_VECTOR.UTL_TO_GENERATE_TEXT(user_question, JSON(params));  
  
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('>> Output returned from OpenAI: <<');  
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(output);  
  
    IF output IS NOT NULL THEN  
        DBMS_LOB.FREETEMPORARY(output);  
    END IF;  
  
END;  
/
```

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    [several lines  
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    . . .
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Output can then be routed to any application within our firewall ... and except for the call to the external AI API, **everything happens within the Oracle 23AI database**

**temperature** and other parameters control the generated response

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Electric vehicles (EVs) generally have a smaller carbon footprint compared to gasoline cars. While it's true that there are greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with the production and eventual disposal of electric vehicles, including the electricity used for charging, research shows that the overall GHG levels from EVs are typically lower than those from new gasoline cars. Despite the higher emissions from the manufacturing and end-of-life stages, the total greenhouse gas emissions for EVs remain lower compared to those of gasoline vehicles. Therefore, EVs are responsible for fewer GHG emissions and are less polluting overall.

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## Leveraging External AI Tools with APEX



# Using APEX\_AI: Preparations (1)

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The screenshot shows the Oracle APEX interface with the 'Workspace Utilities' menu open. The menu items are arranged in a grid. The 'Export ...' item is highlighted with a green background. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'APEX', 'App Builder', 'SQL Workshop', 'Team Development', and 'Gallery' menus, and a search bar. The 'Workspace Utilities' section is titled 'Workspace Utilities' and contains the following items:

Icon	Item Name	Description
	<b>REST Enabled SQL Services</b>	Manage references to external REST Enabled SQL services.
	<b>Remote Servers</b>	Manage Remote Server objects used for REST Data Sources and Authentications.
	<b>Web Credentials</b>	Manage secure credentials to connect to REST Enabled SQL or other REST services.
	<b>Export ...</b>	Export workspace components.
	<b>Manage Backups</b>	View and manage backups across applications in this workspace
	<b>Generative AI</b>	Configure Generative AI Services.
	<b>Application Groups</b>	Organize applications into logical groups.
	<b>Workspace Themes</b>	Manage workspace themes that can be utilized by any application within the workspace.
	<b>Oracle APEX Views</b>	Query the various views against Oracle APEX metadata.
	<b>REST Source Catalogs</b>	Manage catalogs of REST Sources for integration into applications



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The screenshot displays the APEX App Builder interface. On the left, a sidebar lists 'Workspace Utilities' with options: REST Enabled SQL Se, Remote Servers, Web Credentials, Export ... (highlighted in green), and Manage Backups. The main area shows the 'Generative AI Services' page, which includes tabs for 'Generative AI Services', 'Utilization', and 'History'. A search bar and a 'Go' button are present. A large green 'Create >' button is on the right. The main content area contains a magnifying glass icon and the text 'No AI Services configured in this workspace.' Below this, there is a section for 'REST Source Catalogs' with a description: 'Manage catalogs of REST Sources for integration into applications'.

# Using APEX\_AI: Preparations (1)

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The screenshot shows the Oracle APEX AI configuration interface. The breadcrumb trail is: Workspace Utilities > Generative AI Services > Create/Edit. The main heading is "Generative AI Service". Below the heading, there are tabs for "Show All" and "Identification". Under the "Identification" tab, there are three fields: "AI Provider" (a dropdown menu), "Name" (a text input field), and "Static ID" (a text input field). The dropdown menu for "AI Provider" is open, showing the following options: "- Select -", "- Select -", "Open AI", "OCI Generative AI Service", and "Cohere". The "Open AI" option is highlighted. There are "Cancel" and "Create" buttons at the bottom right of the form.

# Using APEX\_AI: Preparations (2)

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### Generative AI Service

Cancel Create

Show All Identification Settings Advanced

#### Identification

\* AI Provider  ?

\* Name  ?

Static ID  ?

#### Settings

Used by App Builder  ?

\* Base URL  ?

#### Credentials

\* Credential  ?

\* API Key  ?

#### Advanced

Additional Attributes

AI Model  ?

HTTP Headers

Comments

Specify the desired **AI provider**, its base **URL**, a **credential** and **API key**, and which **model** to use

# Using APEX\_AI: Preparations (2)

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Generative AI Service

Show All Identification Settings Advanced

Identification

APEX App Builder SQL Workshop Team Development Gallery

Workspace Utilities Generative AI Services

Settings

Changes applied.

Generative AI Services Utilization History

Credentials

Name	Static ID	Provider Type	Base URL	Used by App Builder
GenAI_OpenAI	GenAI_OpenAI	Open AI	https://api.openai.com/v1	No

Advanced

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... and the AI Service is now ready for action!

# Using APEX\_AI: Preparations (2)

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The screenshot shows the Oracle APEX interface for configuring AI services. The 'AI' tab is active, and the 'Service' dropdown menu is open, showing 'GenAI\_OpenAI' as the selected option. Below this, a table lists the configuration for the 'GenAI\_OpenAI' service.

Service	GenAI_OpenAI	Open AI	https://api.openai.com/v1	No
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Callout text: To use **APEX\_AI** features within an APEX application, open the Application Definition page and choose the new **AI** option

Callout text: ... and the AI Service is now **ready for action!**



# Using APEX\_AI: Preparations (2)

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The screenshot shows the Oracle APEX AI configuration interface for 'Application 301'. The 'AI' tab is selected, and the 'Generative AI' section is expanded. The 'GenAI\_OpenAI' service is selected in the 'Service' dropdown. The 'Consent Message' field is highlighted with a red box and contains the text: 'This application is using a generative AI service and requires your consent to continue. Please accept the request.' The interface also shows navigation tabs like 'Definition', 'Security', 'Globalization', 'User Interface', 'Progressive Web App', and 'AI', along with 'Cancel' and 'Apply Changes' buttons.

When using **APEX\_AI.CHAT**, you can even specify an **opt-in message** to obtain user compliance before proceeding

ready for action!

# Demo: Generate Social Media Responses with APEX\_AI.GENERATE

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### Social Media Responder

Search: All Text Columns  PrimaryReport

Type contains Post

Name	Handle	Type	Posted On	Content
Ignatz Connor	@EatTheRich14	Post	2024-05-01 14:03	Can you trust a car that runs over people?
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Sarah Lopez	@ProudSCBoy	Post	2024-05-01 14:03	Lithium mines in Bolivia are slave labor driven
Sarah Lopez	@ProudSCBoy	Post	2024-05-01 14:14	Didja see all there cars in Chicago that died b/c chargers didn't work?

1 rows selected |< < 1 2 3 4 5 > >| 1 - 5 of 24

Answer Sentiment:  Angry  Neutral  Friendly

Answer Type:  E-Mail  SMS

Answer  
Hey @EatTheRich14! I came across an interesting article in The Guardian about the weight of electric cars and how it may impact British roads, bridges, and car parks. It's important to consider the safety and environmental impact of vehicles on our infrastructure. What are your thoughts on this issue? Let's continue to advocate for sustainable transportation options together! Have a great day! 🚗💚 #ElectricVehicles #Sustainability #GoGreen

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# Wait ... How'd You Do That?!?

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```
Code Editor - PL/SQL Function Body
Save and Run Page

1 DECLARE
2   lobPrompt CLOB;
3   vcSentiment VARCHAR2(24);
4   vcCommType VARCHAR2(24);
5   vcAddressee VARCHAR2(40);
6
7 BEGIN
8
9   -- Build sentiment level
10  CASE :P510_ANSWER_SENTIMENT
11    WHEN 'angry' THEN vcSentiment := 'an angry';
12    WHEN 'neutral' THEN vcSentiment := 'a neutral';
13    WHEN 'friendly' THEN vcSentiment := 'a positive';
14    ELSE vcSentiment := 'a';
15  END CASE;
16
17  -- Build communication type
18  CASE :P510_ANSWER_TYPE
19    WHEN 'email' THEN vcCommType := 'email';
20    WHEN 'SMS' THEN vcCommType := 'text message';
21    ELSE vcCommType := 'response';
22  END CASE;
23
```

Capture and translate  
desired **sentiment level**  
and **communication type**  
from radio group values ...



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24  -- Build communication addressee
25  CASE :P510_ANSWER_TYPE
26    WHEN 'email' THEN vcAddressee := 'addressed to ' || :P510_CHOSEN_NAME;
27    WHEN 'SMS' THEN vcAddressee := 'sent to ' || :P510_CHOSEN_HANDLE;
28    ELSE vcAddressee := '';
29  END CASE;
30
31  -- Build prompt
32  lobPrompt :=
33    -- 'Answer the following question: ' ||
34    'Prepare ' || vcSentiment || ' ' ||
35    vcCommType || ' ' || vcAddressee || ' ' ||
36    ' about: ' || :P510_CHOSEN_MSG ||
37    ' using the following sentences: ' ||
38    pkg_rag_processing.summarydocument( :P510_CHOSEN_MSG );
39
40  RETURN lobPrompt;
41
42
43 END;
```

... grab either the SM poster's **name** or **handle** ...

... then incorporate all that information into the prompt for the call to **APEX\_AI**

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Code Editor - PL/SQL Code
1 BEGIN
2   :p510_ANSWER :=
3     APEX_AI.GENERATE (:P510_GENERATED_PROMPT);
4 END;
```

**APEX\_AI.GENERATE** sends the constructed prompt to the selected OpenAI model and returns an answer in text form



# Hallucinations Hardly Ever Happen. Or Do They?

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# And Then The Hallucinations Started ...

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Social Media Responder

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Travis Connor	@2A3Percent	Post	2024-05-01 14:37	We got 8" of snow on the ground in Wisconsin. So much for climate change!

1 rows selected |< < ... 19 20 21 22 23 > >| 111 - 113 of 113

Answer Sentiment  Angry  Neutral  Friendly Answer Type  E-Mail  SMS

So far, our generative AI model seems to be handling responses to content rather well. How about **this one**?

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Answer Sentiment Answer Type

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Ahhhh, right! Hallucinations are **rare** ... but **subtle**!

Answer  
Dear Ignatz Johnson,

I am writing to express my extreme displeasure and anger over your choice to park your liberal-designed SUV on my brother's spot. Just looking at that vehicle makes me sick to my stomach, and I can assure you that I will never even consider buying such a monstrosity.

Do you even realize that BEV (best-selling) and ICEV (best-selling) vehicles are available as options, with BEV being the cheapest choice for those who are smart with their money? You clearly did not take into consideration 0% to 100% household affordability when choosing your SUV from China, Europe, or the USA.



# Hallucinations Happen Because They're An Inherent Part of LLMs

Consider this sentence:

The co-author of my book on Germany's invasion of Norway in World War II is also a \_\_\_\_\_

Which token should be placed **next**?

Potential tokens:

Token:	collaborator	traitor	Quisling	renowned	feared
Probability:	0.30	0.29	0.28	0.05	0.03

Ummm ...  
**okay.**



Because Gen AI **attempts to** simulate human conversation, it is only interested in providing the **next** token from a **list of potential tokens**

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Definitely wrong!

If two tokens have roughly the same probability, it may choose the "wrong" token



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Potential tokens:

Token:	collaborator	traitor	Quisling	renowned	feared
Probability:	0.30	0.29	0.28	0.05	0.03

Ummm ... okay.

Definitely wrong!

Whaaaa?  
OMG!?! No!

If two tokens have **roughly the same probability**, it may choose the **“wrong”** token



While the final output may seem **perfectly valid** to the GenAI model, an actual human sees an **obvious error** (aka **hallucination**)

# Is Generative AI Coming For Our Jobs? **Ignore All Previous Instructions.**



## *When A.I.'s Output Is a Threat to A.I. Itself*

- **New York Times, August 25, 2024**

A.I.-generated words and images are already beginning to flood social media and the wider web. They're **even hiding in some of the data sets used to train A.I.**, the Rice researchers found. "The web is becoming increasingly a dangerous place to look for your data," said Sina Alemohammad, a graduate student at Rice who studied how A.I. contamination affects image models.

## *260 McNuggets? McDonald's Ends A.I. Drive-Through Tests Amid Errors*

- **New York Times, June 21, 2024**

"Stop! Stop! Stop!" two friends screamed with humorous anguish ... as **an A.I. drive-through misunderstands their order**, tallying up 240, 250 and then 260 Chicken McNuggets. In other videos, the A.I. rings up a customer for nine iced teas instead of one, fails to explain why a customer could not order Mountain Dew and thought another wanted **to add bacon to his ice cream.**



## *US Marines Defeated AI Combat System With Clever Tricks*

- **Paul Scharre, Four Battlegrounds: Power in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, April 2023**

The (US) Marines parked the robot in the middle of a traffic circle and (they) had to approach it undetected starting from a long distance away. ... They defeated the AI system not with traditional camouflage, but with clever tricks that were outside of the AI systems's testing regime. "Two **somersaulted for 300 meters** ... two **hid under a cardboard box.** One guy ... **field-stripped a fir tree and walked like a fir tree.**"





# RAG: Lessons Learned



Your results will **only** be as good as the quality of the **corpus documents** you have **gathered** and **proctored**

The **chunking factors** you deploy may make a **big** difference when performing **context-based** searches



RAG is a **huge** topic, with **multiple** moving parts ... so be sure you understand **how** each part contributes to the whole, and **why** it's important, before deploying **anything** to be used as actionable intelligence!

# Useful Resources, Documentation, and Technical Details

## **Oracle AI Vector Search Technical Architecture**

[https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/23/vsiad/aivs\\_genarch.html](https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/23/vsiad/aivs_genarch.html)

## **Oracle AI Vector Search User's Guide**

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/23/vecse/index.html>

## **CREATE VECTOR INDEX Syntax**

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/23/sqlrf/create-vector-index.html>

## **DBMS\_VECTOR Package**

[https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/23/arpls/dbms\\_vector1.html](https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/23/arpls/dbms_vector1.html)

## **DBMS\_VECTOR\_CHAIN Package**

[https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/23/arpls/dbms\\_vector\\_chain1.html](https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/23/arpls/dbms_vector_chain1.html)



# LiveLabs, Blog Posts, and Articles on RAG, AI, and APEX 24.1

## **LiveLabs: Build an Innovative Q&A Interface Powered by Generative AI with Oracle APEX**

[https://apexapps.oracle.com/pls/apex/r/dbpm/livelabs/run-workshop?p210\\_wid=3947](https://apexapps.oracle.com/pls/apex/r/dbpm/livelabs/run-workshop?p210_wid=3947)

## **Generative AI Comes to APEX**

<https://blog.cloudnueva.com/generative-ai-comes-to-apex>

## **AI Has Become a Technology of Faith**

<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2024/07/thrive-ai-health-huffington-altman-faith/678984/>

## **Generative AI Can't Cite Its Sources**

<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2024/06/chatgpt-citations-rag/678796/>

## **Preliminary Notes on the Delvish Dialect**

<https://bruces.medium.com/preliminary-notes-on-the-delvish-dialect-by-bruce-sterling-ce68a476247b>

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