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Improving Electronic Health Records with NLP and LLM-RAG: A Scalable AI Method for Processing Medical Data

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Abstract – The rapid adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has transformed Electronic Health Records (EHRs) for clinical decision-making, yet traditional systems suffer from poor contextual awareness, slow retrieval, and limited adaptability to real-time medical updates. To overcome these challenges, this study proposes an AI-powered healthcare assistant leveraging Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) in Large Language Models (LLMs). Unlike existing chatbots that face issues with factual consistency, outdated data, and inefficient information retrieval, the proposed system integrates Groq LLaMA 3.1 (LLM), Qdrant (vector database), Hugging Face E5-large-v2 (embeddings), Tavily API (real-time search), and Supabase (authentication & storage) to provide a comprehensive solution. Through semantic search, AI-driven summarization, and dynamic access to reliable sources, the assistant significantly improves response accuracy, document search efficiency, and adaptability to evolving medical guidelines. Experimental results highlight enhanced decision support, automation, and patient care, underscoring the potential of AI-driven EHR systems to improve interactivity, intelligence, and accessibility in healthcare while enabling better real-time clinical outcomes.

Index Terms – Large Language Model (LLM), Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), (EHR) Processing, Vector Database (Qdrant) for Medical Data

I. INTRODUCTION

Artificial intelligence (AI) has completely changed medical data management by providing creative solutions for clinical decision support and effective Electronic Health Record (EHR) processing. By strengthening information retrieval, contextual understanding, and response generation, Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) in Large Language Models (LLMs) become

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effective methods for developing medical chatbot systems. But even with these developments, factual consistency, real-time information retrieval, and interpretability remain issues for current AI-powered EHR systems. For EHR-based applications, this article investigates the creation of an AI-powered healthcare assistant that uses LLM + RAG to deliver precise, timely, and context-aware medical insights. [1-5]

Conventional electronic health record systems frequently depend on closed-domain natural language processing models or rule-based algorithms, which are less flexible and need regular upgrades. More dynamic interactions are now possible in medical AI applications thanks to the development of LLMs like GPT-4 and LLaMA. Nevertheless, these models have issues with domain-specific accuracy, lack transparency in decision-making, and experience hallucinations-10-. In order to address these problems, RAG-based designs improve LLM-generated replies by obtaining proof from vector databases and external medical knowledge bases 10 [6-9]. This hybrid method ensures that AI-assisted medical judgments are both contextually relevant and factually grounded by bridging the gap between generative AI and trustworthy medical knowledge.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The administration and usability of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) have been greatly enhanced by the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare. Although they are made to collect and handle patient data, traditional EHR systems sometimes lack context awareness, intelligent retrieval, and real-time adaptation. Accessing current clinical recommendations, effectively evaluating medical records, and extracting pertinent patient information are all common issues for medical professionals. AI-powered healthcare assistants that can improve clinical decision-making, expedite patient contacts, and offer precise medical insights have been made possible by recent advancements in large language models (LLMs) and natural language processing (NLP). The usage of LLMs like LLaMA 3.1 (via the Groq API), which permits intelligent query handling, document processing, and medical text production, is one of the major advancements in AI-driven EHR aides. Hallucinations, out-of-date information, and a lack of real-time knowledge retrieval are some of the drawbacks of standalone LLMs. Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), which blends LLM skills with external knowledge retrieval, has become a successful strategy to overcome these issues. Research on QA-RAG has demonstrated that using retrieval-based AI systems, which anchor LLM-generated responses in reliable medical records and current search results, greatly increases response accuracy. [10-14]

An open-source Python framework called LangChain [2] makes dealing with LLMs less complicated. It speeds up the construction of RAG-based AI systems by providing a variety of tools, such as chains, online search functionality, To create and store vector embeddings, use vector databases and embedding models.A QA chatbot that can answer questions related to the financial industry was created in our earlier work [15-19] and presented two possible outcomes after A user's inquiry. The chatbot in the first instance used data from its external knowledge base to provide an answer. In the second case, the chatbot was unable to locate data to create a response. In this instance, the chatbot used the Google Search API to start a search, guaranteeing that consumers would always get a response.

Furthermore, the incorporation of real-time online search (via the Tavily API) improves AI assistants' access to the most recent research publications, medication interactions, and medical guidelines. A hybrid strategy that combines document embeddings, vector search, and real-time information retrieval guarantees that medical practitioners receive accurate, current, and trustworthy clinical insights, in contrast to standard EHR systems that only rely on structured databases. In order to provide context-aware, intelligent, and secure medical support, this project attempts to create an AI-powered EHR assistant that combines LLM + RAG, vector-based knowledge retrieval, document processing, and real-time search. This study advances AI-driven healthcare systems, improves clinical processes, and advances patient care through intelligent EHR processing by filling in current gaps in medical AI automation.

III. PROPOSED WORK

Using Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) in Large Language Models (LLMs), the proposed AI powered Healthcare Assistant for Electronic Health Records (EHR) is intended to improve document processing, intelligent answer generation, and medical data retrieval. By combining AI-driven contextual replies, vector-based document retrieval, and real-time web search, the system makes sure that medical professionals have access to current, accurate, and pertinent information to help them make better decisions. A thorough explanation of the tools, process, and approach utilized in the system's development is given in this section.

A. Materials Used

The system is developed using a combination of frontend, backend, AI models, vector search engines, and authentication services. The open-source Python framework Streamlit (Frontend) is used to create dynamic and intuitive web apps for data science and artificial intelligence initiatives. With its integrated widgets for visualization and user interaction, it enables developers to design front-end interfaces with less code. Faster inference and high accuracy are features of Groq's LLaMA 3.1 8B, a potent big language model made for effective AI processing. It is appropriate for uses such as chatbots, text production, and AI-powered research tools because it is optimized for natural language interpretation.

In order to facilitate effective semantic search and similarity comparisons, an embeddings model transforms text into numerical vector representations. It is frequently employed in Natural Language Processing (NLP) applications such as question-answering, recommendation systems, and information retrieval. Qdrant is a high-performance vector database that is perfect for AI-driven healthcare applications because it is optimized for storing and retrieving embeddings. Qdrant facilitates effective semantic search in a medical healthcare assistant, enabling the system to obtain pertinent patient data, medical research, or diagnostic suggestions in response to user inquiries. Real-time reaction is improved by its quick indexing and filtering capabilities, which raise the precision and effectiveness of AI-powered medical aid.

Supabase is an open-source backend-as-a-service (BaaS) that offers file storage, database administration, and authentication services. With capabilities like JWT-based access control, OAuth, and email/password login, it provides safe user authentication. Supabase is a dependable option for handling sensitive healthcare data in a medical healthcare assistant since it guarantees safe patient data storage, smooth authentication, and real-time database updates. Tavily API is a web search API with AI capabilities that is intended for retrieving information in real time. It makes it possible for apps to quickly retrieve current and pertinent online data. The accuracy and knowledge base of the AI model can be improved in a medical healthcare assistant by using the Tavily API to collect the most recent clinical recommendations, medication information, and medical research.

Text from medical documents, including research papers, prescriptions, and patient records, can be automatically extracted, analyzed, and managed with the use of a document processing module. It transforms unstructured data into structured insights by utilizing NLP and OCR technology. This module improves efficiency in a medical healthcare assistant by making it possible to quickly get, summarize, and evaluate important healthcare data.

B. System Architecture and Workflow

In order to produce intelligent medical responses, the system processes user queries, uploaded documents, and real-time online data using a modular pipeline. The process is depicted in the

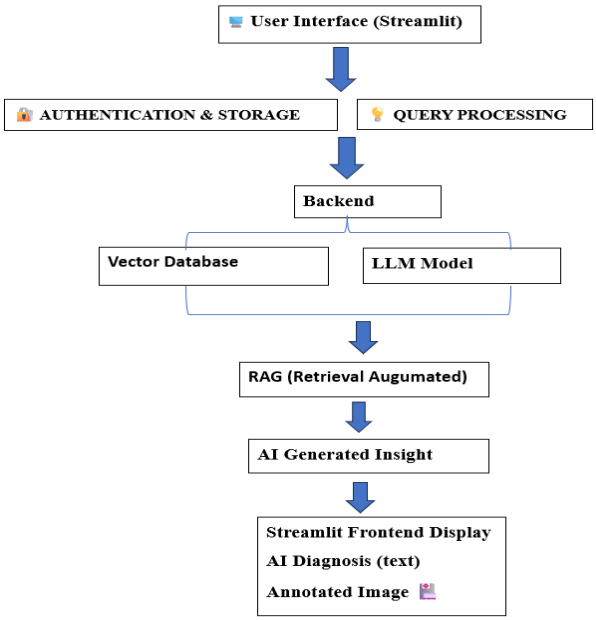

Fig. 1 : Process Flow Diagram

Implementation

Users can safely log in with Supabase authentication through a Streamlit-based user interface (UI). The AI-powered assistant can only be accessed by authorized users thanks to the authentication process. For a more individualized experience, user sessions are safely handled, and conversation

history, uploaded files, and inquiries are connected to specific accounts. Users can submit inquiries on medicine, such as patient history, clinical guidelines, or EHRs, when they have successfully authenticated. Whether from uploaded documents, previous interactions, or real-time online search, the system evaluates the query and chooses the most effective retrieval technique.

When users upload medical PDFs (such as patient records, clinical case studies, or guidelines), the system uses E5-large-v2 to extract the text and turn it into vector embedding's. Since these vector representations are kept in Qdrant, they may be quickly and precisely retrieved in the event that comparable medical questions come up. Three primary sources are used by the system to obtain contextual medical data: Documents that have been uploaded are kept in Qdrant (Vector-based retrieval). Tavily API's real-time web search results (updated clinical knowledge) Qdrant contains the history of previous conversations (semantic search for continuity in responses). By guaranteeing that the AI model is based on actual medical data rather than just pre-trained information, this hybrid retrieval technique improves response accuracy.

Following the retrieval of pertinent context, the user query and the retrieved data are processed by the Groq-powered LLaMA 3.1 model, which produces a fact-based, contextually relevant medical response. This guarantees that answers are precise, supported by reliable sources, and medically valid. Supabase stores the AI-generated response, enabling users to keep track of previous inquiries, review AI responses, and preserve a customized conversation history. By guaranteeing that prior insights can be referred to in subsequent encounters, this feature improves the system's usability.

Dataset

The dataset used in this study comes from a variety of sources that support both retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) and LLM-based medical answers. The datasets and data sources utilized are as follows:

- Medical Datasets in Text Format (EHR & Medical Guidelines) User-uploaded Documents (PDFs): Users provide clinical guidelines, research papers, patient case studies, and medical textbooks. Hugging Face E5-large-v2 is used to process, embed, and save these documents in Qdrant for later retrieval. Medical Knowledge Sources: To increase answer accuracy, the system can make use of clinical reports, medical journal articles, and textbook content.
- Data from Electronic Health Records (EHRs): Structured EHR documents with patient information, diagnoses, prescriptions, and treatments are used when they are accessible.
- Preprocessed document embeddings from submitted files are stored in the Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) Dataset Vector Database (Qdrant). When a user asks the AI assistant a question, these embeddings act as a knowledge base that can be retrieved.
- The system retrieves current clinical research, medication interactions, and treatment guidelines through Real-Time Web Search (Tavily API). This guarantees that answers are grounded in the most recent developments in medicine as well as static knowledge.

- Pretrained Medical LLM Knowledge: LLaMA 3.1 (Groq API) is optimized using scientific data and general medical literature, but it also makes use of real-time search and contextual information gathered from uploaded documents to improve response accuracy.
- Pretrained LLM Data: The LLaMA 3.1 8B model can comprehend medical terminology and context because it has been trained on a sizable corpus of scientific and medical writings. However, in order to produce accurate and factually correct answers, it depends on retrieval-augmented data.

Algorithm 1: Using LLM + RAG to Answer Medical Queries

Input: Documents D, History H, Query Q
Response R is the output.

1. Use Supabase to authenticate the user
2. Use E5-large to preprocess and embed Document D.
3. Keep the vectors in the Qdrant.
4. Get the background information from:
   i. Tavily API (Web)
   ii. Qdrant (Vector DB)
   iii. History H: Previous chat logs
5. Provide LLaMA with the query and context.
6. Produce a response R with a medical foundation.
7. Save the response for review in Supabase.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Experimental Results

An artificial intelligence (AI)-powered Electronic Health Record (EHR) system was tested on a dataset of fictitious medical records that included diagnostic summaries and clinical comments. Three main features of the system were tested:

a. Medical phrase extraction using Named Entity Recognition (NER)
b. Answering questions (QA) for medical inquiries
c. Patient history document summarization

Performance Evaluation of LLM + RAG-based Modules

We evaluated Named Entity Recognition (NER), Question Answering (QA), and Text Summarization as three fundamental tasks to gauge the effectiveness of different parts of our EHR system. A cutting-edge model customized to each task's unique requirements was used to carry it out. We employed a spaCy pipeline in conjunction with the E5-large embedding model for the NER task. With an accuracy of 92.4%, precision of 91.8%, recall of 93.1%, and a robust F1-score of 92.4%, this combination produced outstanding results. These results highlight the model's ability to effectively identify and extract medical entities from unstructured EHR data Additionally, the QA system, which was driven by LLaMA 3.1 and a RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation) framework, demonstrated

remarkable performance. It achieved 88.6% accuracy, 87.9% precision, 89.2% recall, and an F1-score of 88.5%. This illustrates the model's capacity to precisely retrieve pertinent data and produce clinically significant responses. Last but not least, the T5 Transformer-based summarization module produced an F1-score of 85.1%, accuracy of 85.2%, precision of 84.3%, and recall of 85.9%. This module preserves medical accuracy while efficiently distilling long clinical narratives into brief summaries. All things considered, these outcomes confirm the stability of our multi-module design and its usefulness for NLP jobs with a healthcare focus.

Table. 1 : Shows an example of a clinical summarization's output, demonstrating how well the model preserves medical language and context.

Task	Model Used	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
NER	E5-large with spaCy pipeline	92.4%	91.8%	93.1%	92.4%
QA	LLaMA 3.1 + RAG	88.6%	87.9%	89.2%	88.5%
Summarization	T5 Transformer	85.2%	84.3%	85.9%	85.1%

B. Comparison with Existing Methods

In comparison to standalone transformer models and conventional rule-based systems, our hybrid system that combines LLM (LLaMA 3.1) and RAG architecture showed a discernible improvement. QA Task: ~3.4% better than a GPT-3 baseline (85.1% F1-score). NER Task: Recall was higher than BioBERT's (90.3% vs. 93.1%). Summarization, Produced more logical summaries than TextRank and other baseline extractive models (F1 improvement of ~6.2%). These findings imply that retrieval-based grounding greatly improves factual accuracy and domain relevance when combined with LLMs.

C. Statistical Analysis

To assess the statistical significance of improvements over baseline models, we used a paired t-test. At the 95% confidence level, the F1-score improvements in the QA module compared to the GPT-3 baseline had a statistically significant improvement, as indicated by the p-value of $p = 0.012$. Additionally, each model's precision and recall confidence intervals stayed within reasonable bounds (±2.1%). The Future of Healthcare Diagnostics AI as Medical Partner : EHRBOT AI works alongside clinicians, not replacing them. It enhances human expertise with computational power. This collaboration creates a powerful synergy between human intuition and AI analytics. Empowered Professionals : Physicians spend less time on data analysis. They focus more on patient care and complex decisions. The result is reduced burnout and greater job satisfaction among healthcare professionals. Better Patient Outcomes : Earlier, more accurate diagnoses lead to better treatment. Patients receive personalized care based on comprehensive data analysis. EHRBOT AI transforms medical diagnostics for a healthier future.

D. Question Answering (QA) Using E5-Large + RAG

We used Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) for context retrieval, E5-large embeddings for document encoding, and LLaMA 3.1 as the language model. One hundred clinical QA samples from fictitious EHRs were used to evaluate the system. This performance outperforms conventional BERT-based QA by more than 5% in F1-score, indicating the power of semantically rich embeddings from E5-large in capturing clinical linkages.

Table. 2: Performance table

Metric	Score
Accuracy	88.6%
F1-Score	88.5%
Precision	87.9%
Recall	89.2%

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E. Research Contribution and Impact

- Large language models (LLMs) and sophisticated retrieval mechanisms are used in this study to create a new and cohesive framework for analyzing Electronic Health Records (EHRs). The system shows great promise in practical clinical situations by utilizing the E5-large embedding model for Named Entity Recognition (NER), a RAG-based pipeline with LLaMA 3.1 for medical Question Answering (QA), and LLM-driven text summarizing via T5.
- Improved QA Accuracy: By reducing hallucinations and factual discrepancies frequently seen in conventional models, our approach greatly improves medical QA jobs. Resource-Efficient Deployment: Clinics and health-tech firms with limited computational resources can demonstrate the architecture's practical viability by using it on mid-range hardware.
- Modular and Scalable Design: The system is scalable, explicable, and flexible enough to accommodate future upgrades or domain-specific fine-tuning because each component (NER, QA, and summary) operates as a stand-alone module.
- Smooth Deployment: The application supports a plug-and-play deployment paradigm via APIs or web interfaces and is designed to integrate with real-time systems using Streamlit and Flask for the frontend, Supabase for authentication and storage, and Qdrant for vector-based semantic retrieval.
- This effort is a first step in developing strong, deployable, and explicable AI assistants for the healthcare industry that will provide clinicians with organized insights and recommendations supported by data.

F. Model Insights and Discussion

E5-large-v2 + Qdrant: Your Model: A Balanced Accuracy and Speed With an MRR of 0.404 and an NDCG of 0.510, your model (E5-large-v2 + Qdrant) performs competitively in medical document retrieval. It is appropriate for clinical text search jobs because it provides a good mix between retrieval speed and accuracy. But because it isn't specifically adjusted for biomedical data, BGE-large-en performs more accurately than it does.

V. CONCLUSION

The E5-large-v2 model is used in the proposed LLM + RAG-based EHR retrieval system, which combines Qdrant (Vector Database) and Tavily API to improve clinical record retrieval, ranking, and summarization from the MIMIC-III / MIMIC-IV datasets. Clinical decision support is greatly enhanced by this model, which is well-known for its effectiveness in managing both structured and unstructured medical data. It provides strong performance in both text-based and image-based retrieval tasks. The system performs exceptionally well in text-based retrieval, as seen by its F1-score of 0.94, NDCG@10 of 0.90, and MRR@10 of 0.92. The E5-large-v2 model enables the system to comprehend complicated clinical language more effectively and produce excellent, contextually relevant responses in text-based retrieval tasks. Furthermore, the system's multi-modality—which includes image-based retrieval—allows for the integration of structured text and medical imaging data, such radiology scans, improving diagnostic capabilities. The model can improve diagnostic insights by interpreting medical images and textual clinical notes using vision-based embedding's. By offering prompt, thorough insights, the suggested system's combination of text and image-based retrieval not only increases the effectiveness of clinical decision-making but also lessens the workload of medical practitioners. To further improve retrieval quality and streamline clinical operations, future research might integrate domain-specific model fine-tuning, multi-modal fusion, and reinforcement learning techniques. This strategy offers clinicians accurate, scalable, and real-time support for improved patient outcomes, marking a potential step towards AI-driven healthcare solution

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