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# Content Search

Datensilos verbinden mittels  
Multi-Agenten-Systemen

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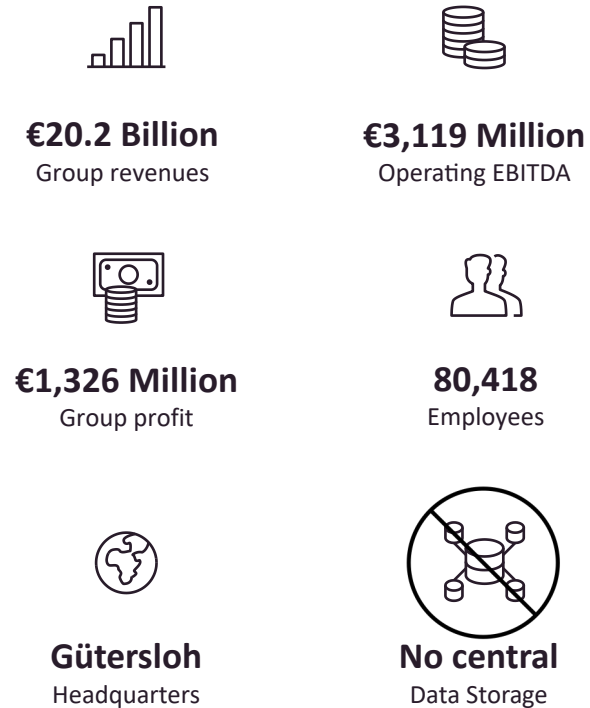
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# Why classical RAG was not an option...



# At our starting-point, it was not yet clear, that LLMs can work with Knowledge-Graphs (very well)

## Initial Situation:

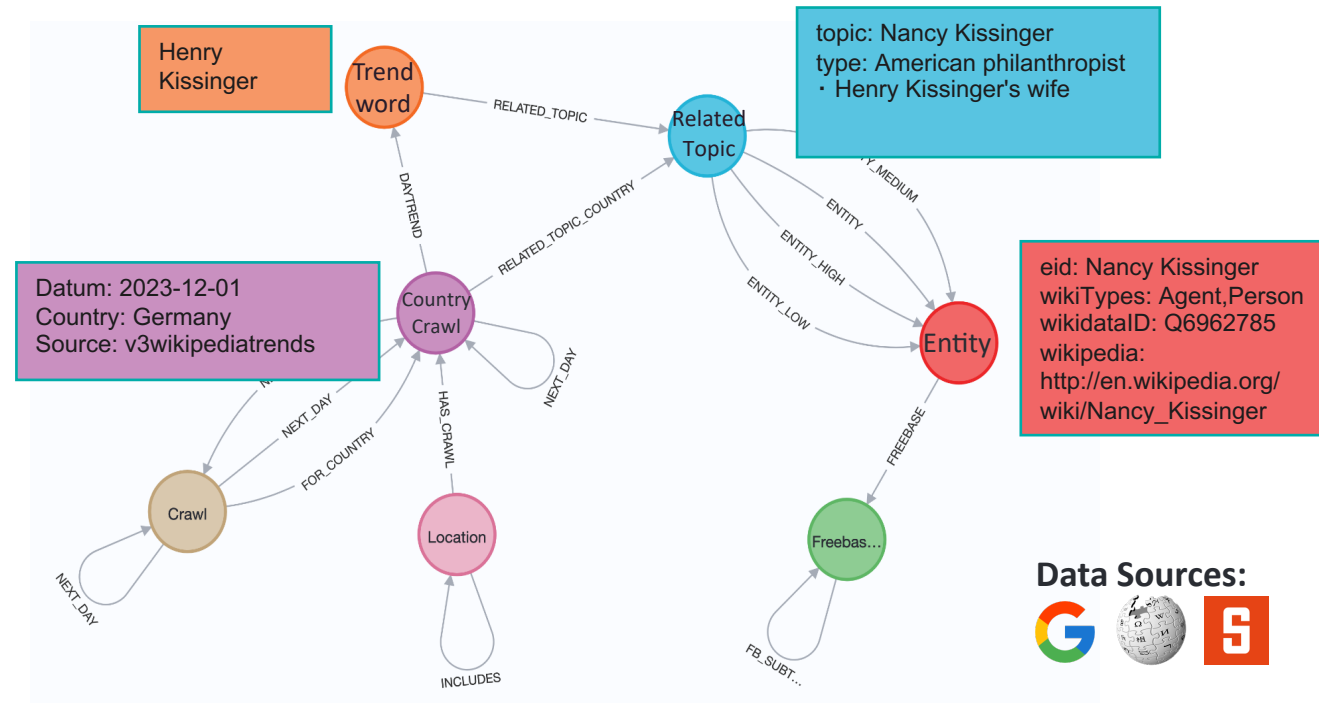
- Existing knowledge graph from predecessor project in Neo4J

## Research-Question:

- Can natural questions be answered by an LLM and a Knowledge-Graph?

## Learnings:

- GPT4 can write decent cypher queries when prompted with schema and some examples
- Simple-intuitive schemas work better than complex-formal
- We want to have a natural-language answer





## Agents give LLMs the ability to interact with the world by executing programs

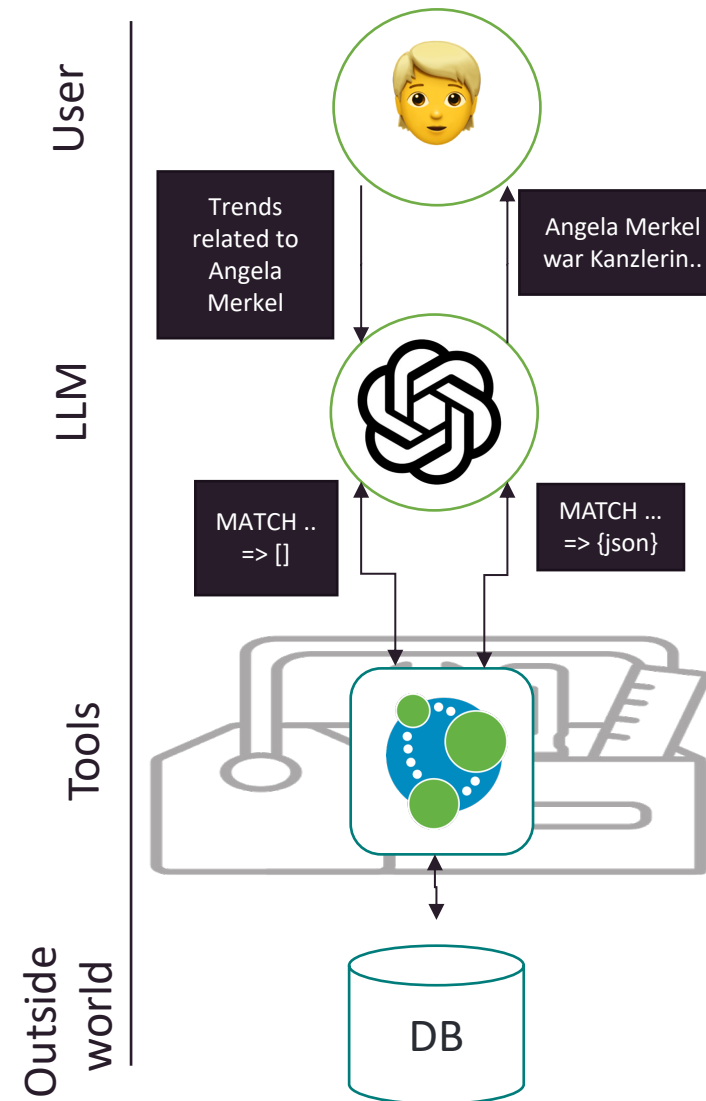
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- The diagram illustrates the LLM-based tool architecture across four layers:
- User:** A user (represented by an emoji) interacts with the system. A box labeled "Trends related to Angela Merkel" is shown, with an arrow pointing down to the LLM layer.
  - LLM:** The Large Language Model (represented by the OpenAI logo) processes the input. It generates a response, "Angela Merkel related to the trends...", which is shown in a box with an arrow pointing up to the User layer.
  - Tools:** The LLM interacts with a tool (represented by a box with a globe icon). A box labeled "MATCH .. => {}" is shown, with an arrow pointing down to the Tool layer.
  - Outside world:** The tool interacts with a database (DB, represented by a cylinder icon). A double-headed arrow connects the tool and the DB, indicating bidirectional communication.

User	Welche Trends stehen in Bezug zu Angela Merkel?
LLM	<p>Trigger function: execute_cypher</p> <p>With cypher="MATCH (c:CountryCrawl) - [d:DAYTREND] - &gt; (t:Trendword) WHERE t.trend= 'Angela Merkel'</p>
Tool	
LLM	<p>[{year: 2015, topic: Flüchtlingskrise}, {year: 2020, topic: Corona Pandemie}]</p> <p>Relevante Trends in Bezug auf Angela Merkel und ihre Kanzlerschaft waren:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Flüchtlingskrise: 2015 traf Merkel die kontroverse Entscheidung, Deutschlands Grenzen für Flüchtlinge offen zu halten.</li><li>* Corona-Pandemie: In ihrer letzten Amtszeit war die Bewältigung der COVID-19-Pandemie(2020)</li></ul>

# Agents enable LLMs to do real work

**Agents give LLMs the ability to interact with the world by executing programs**

- Minimal version: Simple function-call with one parameter
- Complex version: Browsing or writing and testing own source code



User
Welche Trends waren besonders relevant für die Kanzlerschaft von Merkel?
LLM
Trigger function: <code>execute_cypher</code> With <code>cypher="MATCH ... WHERE t.trend= 'Kanzlerschaft Merkel'"</code>
Tool
[]
LLM
Trigger function: <code>execute_cypher</code> With <code>cypher="MATCH ... WHERE t.trend= 'Kanzler'"</code>
Tool
[{topic: Angela Merkel}, {topic: Olaf Scholz}]
LLM
Angela Merkel war Kanzlerin der Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Olaf Scholz ist ihr Nachfolger.

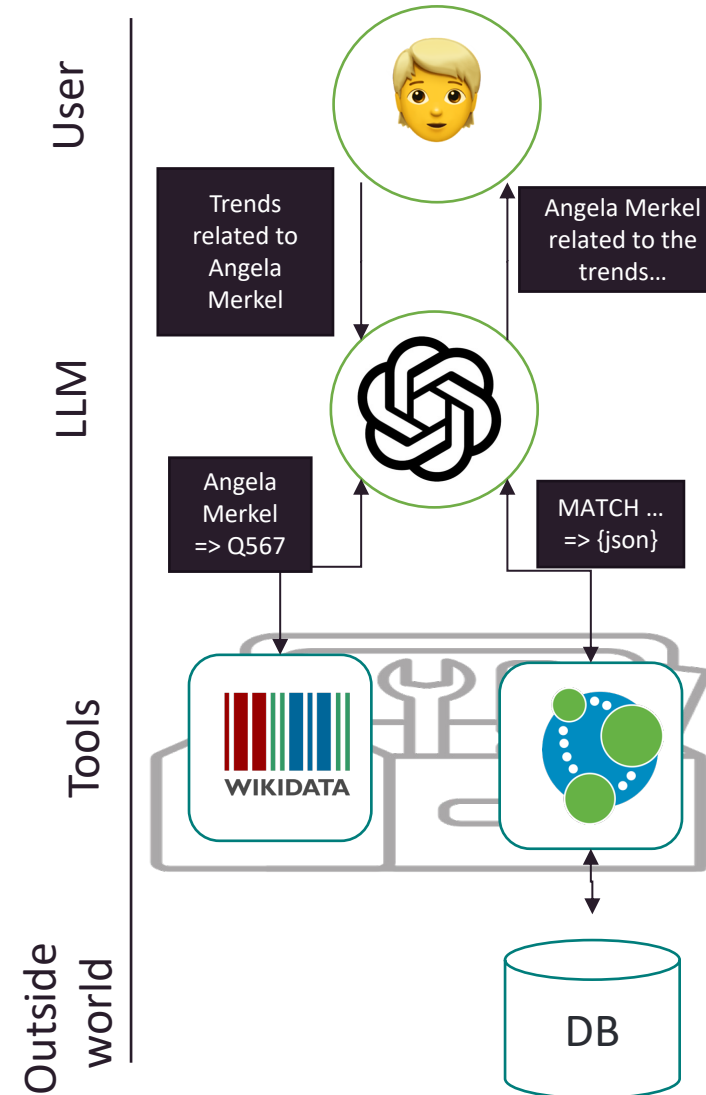
# Agents enable LLMs to do real work

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- Complex version: Browsing or writing and testing own source code

## Learnings:

- Agents are much more powerful than simple LLMs
- Important to keep the focus of an agent



User
Welche Trends waren besonders relevant für die Kanzlerschaft von Merkel?
LLM
Trigger function: lookup_wikidata_id With name="Angela Merkel"
Tool
Q567
LLM
Trigger function: execute_cypher With cypher="MATCH (c:CountryCrawl) - [d:DAYTREND] -> (t:Trendword) WHERE t.wikidata_id = 'Q567'"
Tool
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# Agents are similar to humans: Specialization and Collaboration increases the scope of possibilities – and the complexity

## Using multiple agents increases flexibility of the system

- Use different LLMs for different tasks
- Have clear and focused system-prompts
- Control the length of the chat-history
- Gain more

## But they also increase the complexity

- Requires communication accross agents
- General technical complexity increases



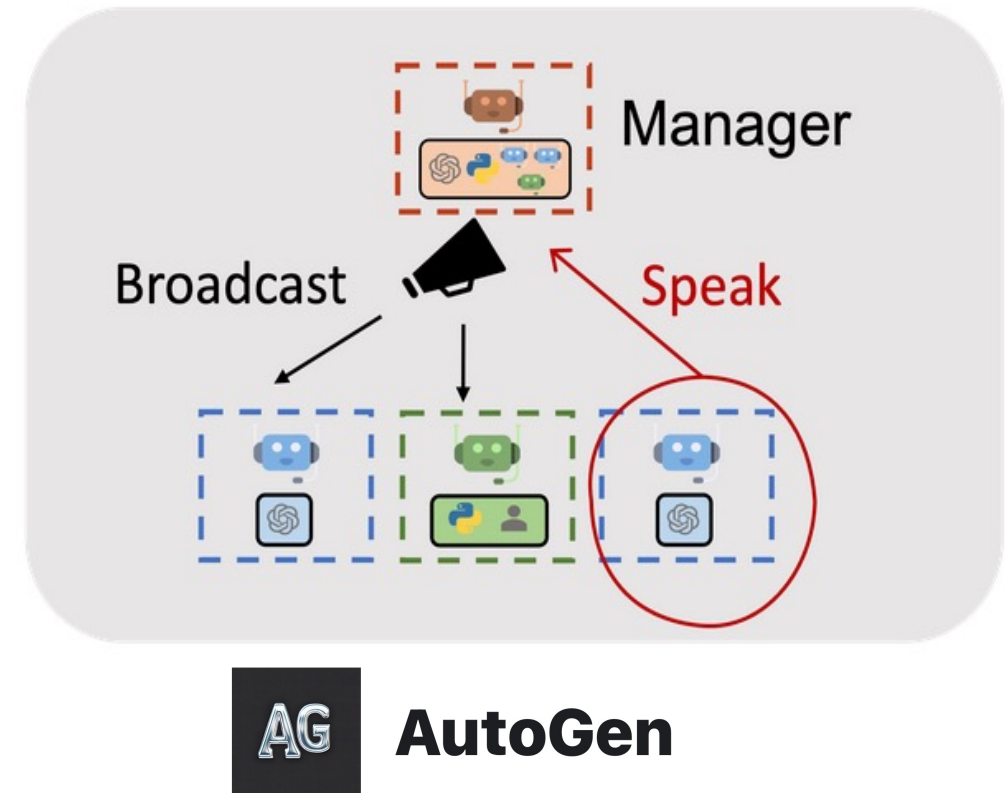
# AutoGen uses an open-discussion-style communication

## AutoGen in a nutshell:

- AutoGen was the first project that specifically targeted cooperation among multiple agents to solve tasks
- Message flow looks like an open discussion between agents
- Has dedicated agents for user, that is also responsible for tool execution

## Learnings:

- Open message flow limits system reliability
- No support for parallel execution of agents
- Customization requires deep interventions in code



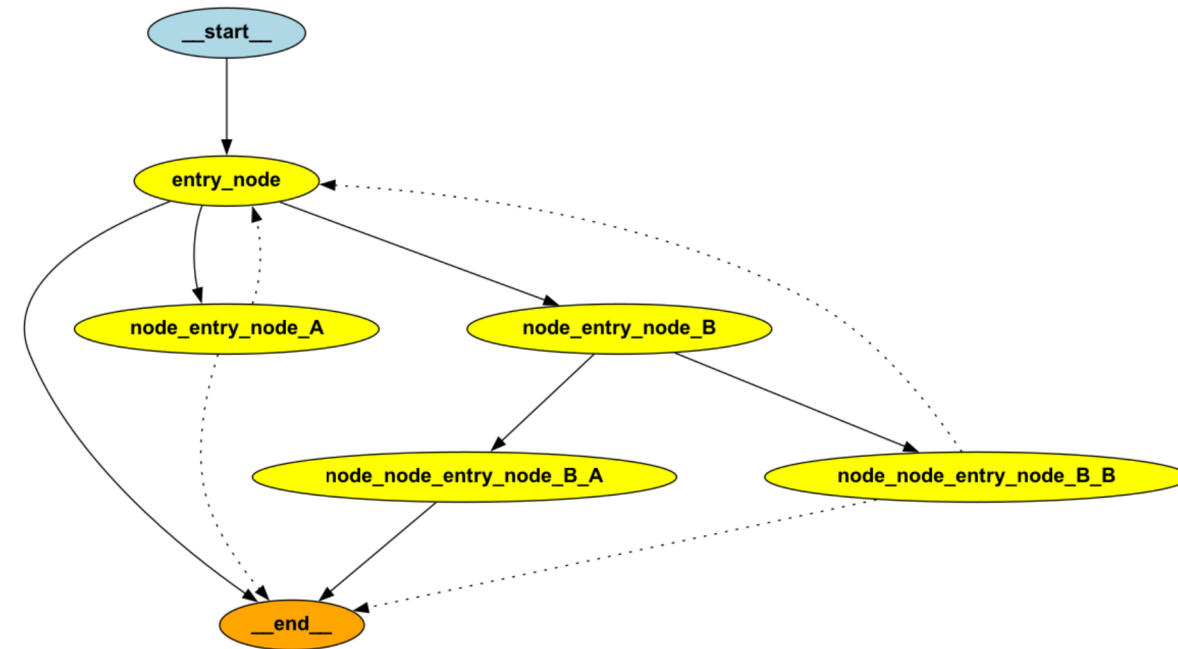
# LangGraph uses a graph to design the message flow

## LangGraph in a nutshell:

- Released with LangChain v0.1
- Graph design inspired by networkx
- Provides a nice way to realize very complex message flows in a deterministic way
- LangChain ecosystem brings great tool support
- Much better than early LangChain versions, but still not always intuitive

## Learnings:

- Graph-Design suits much better to our use-case
- LangChain ecosystem seems more production-ready





# Each division has so much individual knowledge!

## But it's sometimes hard to make sense of it

What music  
do we have  
the rights to?

### Content Intelligence

BMG

RTL

Penguin  
Random  
House

What video  
material do we  
have about the  
elections?



Who is  
watching dating  
shows on RTL+?

### Audience Intelligence

RTL

dpv  
Deutscher  
Pressevertrieb

AdAlliance

FIVERTY

What age is  
the average  
viewer of a  
show?

What books do  
we have about  
football?

### Trend Intelligence

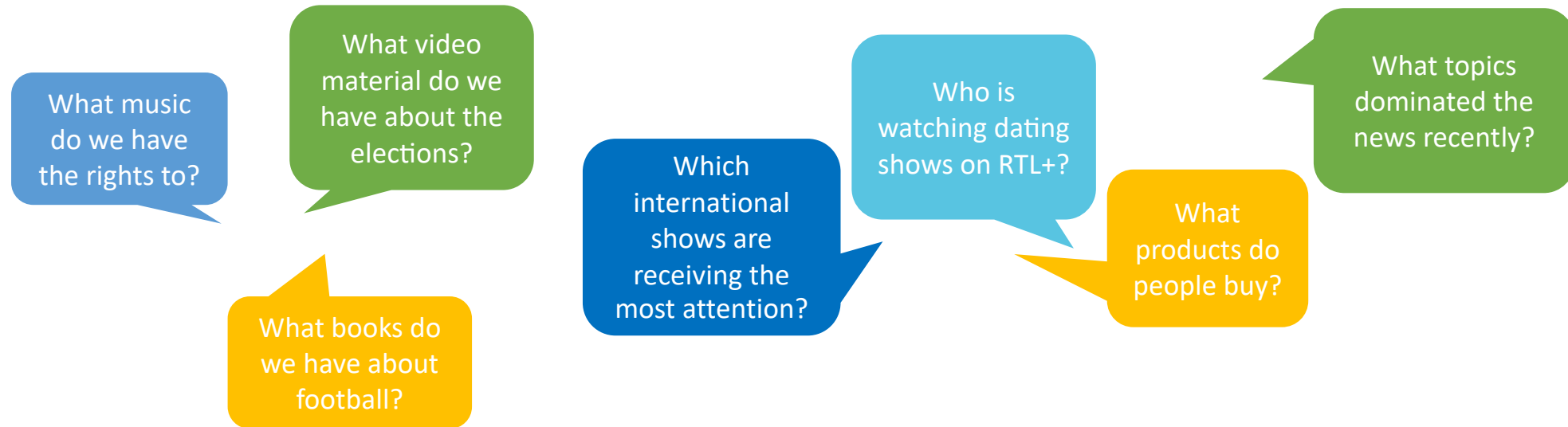
BeTrend

RTL

Which  
international  
shows are  
receiving the  
most attention?

What topics  
dominated the  
news recently?

# How can we query this data?



Just use a public LLM



Fine-Tune your own LLM



RAG System



CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

At this, Winky howled even harder, her squashed-nose of a nose dribbling all down her front, though she made no effort to stem the flow.

"Dobby has traveled the country for two whole years, sir, trying to find work!" Dobby squeaked. "But Dobby hasn't found work, sir, because Dobby wants paying now!"

The house-elves all around the kitchen, who had been listening and watching with interest, all looked away at these words, as though Dobby had said something rude and embarrassing. Hermione, however, said, "Good for you, Dobby!"

"Thank you, miss!" said Dobby, grinning toothily at her. "But most wizards doesn't want a house-elf who wants paying, miss. That's not the point of a house-elf," they says, and they slammed the door in Dobby's face! Dobby likes work, but he wants to wear clothes and he wants to be paid. Harry Potter . . . Dobby likes being free!"

The Hogwarts house-elves had now started edging away from Dobby, as though he were carrying something contagious. Winky, however, remained where she was, though there was a definite increase in the volume of her crying.

"And then, Harry Potter, Dobby goes to visit Winky, and finds out Winky has been freed too, sir!" said Dobby delightedly.

At this, Winky flung herself forward off her stool and lay face-down on the flagged stone floor, beating her tiny fists upon it and positively screaming with misery. Hermione hastily dropped down to her knees beside her and tried to comfort her, but nothing she said made the slightest difference. Dobby continued with his shouting shrilly over Winky's screeches.

"And then Dobby had the idea, Harry Potter, sir! 'Why doesn't

THE HOUSE-ELVES  
LIBERATION FRONT

Dobby and Winky find work together!" Dobby says. "Where is there enough work for two house-elves?" says Winky. And Dobby thinks, and it comes to him, sir! *Hogwarts!* So Dobby and Winky came to see Professor Dumbledore, sir, and Professor Dumbledore took us on!"

Dobby beamed very brightly, and happy tears welled in his eyes again.

"And Professor Dumbledore says he will pay Dobby, sir, if Dobby wants paying! And so Dobby is a free elf, sir, and Dobby gets a Galleon a week and one day off a month!"

"That's not very much!" Hermione shouted indignantly from the floor, over Winky's continued screaming and fist-beating. "Professor Dumbledore offered Dobby ten Galleons a week, and weekends off," said Dobby, suddenly giving a little shiver, as though the prospect of so much leisure and riches were frightening. "but Dobby bear him down, miss. . . . Dobby likes freedom, miss, but he isn't wanting too much, miss, he likes work better."

"And how much is Professor Dumbledore paying you, Winky?" Hermione asked kindly.

If she had thought this would cheer up Winky, she was wildly mistaken. Winky did stop crying, but when she sat up she was glaring at Hermione through her massive brown eyes, her whole face sopping wet and suddenly furious.

"Winky is a disgraced elf, but Winky is not yet getting paid!" she squeaked. "Winky is not sunk so low as that! Winky is properly ashamed of being freed!"

"Ashamed?" said Hermione blankly. "But — Winky, come on! It's Mr. Crouch who should be ashamed, not you! You didn't do anything wrong, he was really horrible to you —"



## Directions



1<sup>st</sup> Floor:

**BMG**



3<sup>rd</sup> Floor:

Penguin  
Random  
House



2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:














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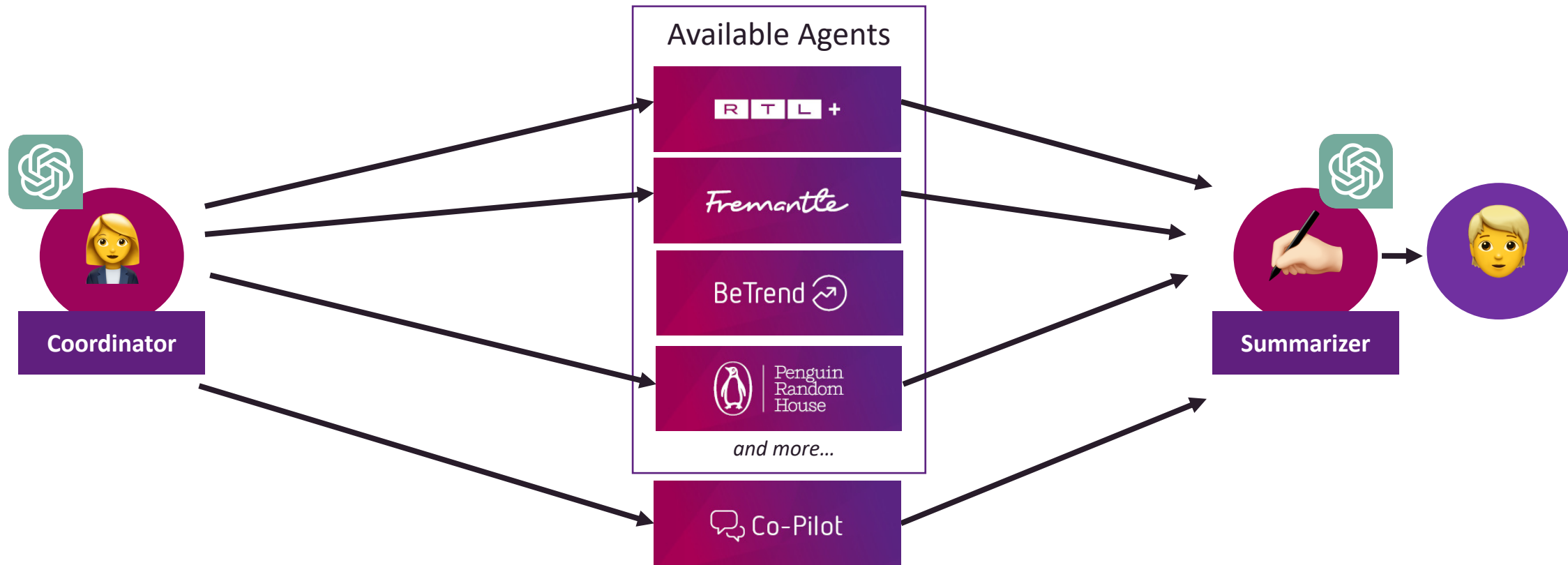
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**BeTrend**

# Different agent-categories are used to access different types of data

  	<p><b>Agents using vector search:</b> Similar to classical RAG, but with the possibility to add filters and to use tools multiple times</p> <p>Tools: </p>	  	<p><b>API-based Agents</b> Using tools that wrap the relevant parts of the specific APIs</p> <p><i>Only custom Tools</i></p>
	<p><b>Graph-Based Agents:</b> Executes dynamically filled Cypher-Template-Queries</p> <p>Tools:   WIKIPEDIA</p>	 	<p><b>Other Agents:</b> Perform web-search and add relevancy information for the selected agents</p> <p>Tools: </p>

Based on the user request the relevant agents get triggered to combine them in a single answer





# It's demo time!



Welche PRH Autoren kommen aus Berlin?



What TV Series are there about climate change?



Recommend me a good action movie starring Denzel ...



What were the highest trending topics in the US in the I...



Currently we offer access to the following sources:

IPRNOW



Penguin  
Random  
House

BeTrend

RTL +

Penguin  
Random House  
Verlagsgruppe

BENET

More to come soon...

# The LangChain Ecosystem Offers Much

## Most Popular High-Level LLM Building Framework

★ 92k Github, Python + JS,

### Getting (a bit) more production ready

- (Mostly) Backwards compatible with major versions now
- v0.3 now with Pydantic 2 support
- \$10M Seed funding

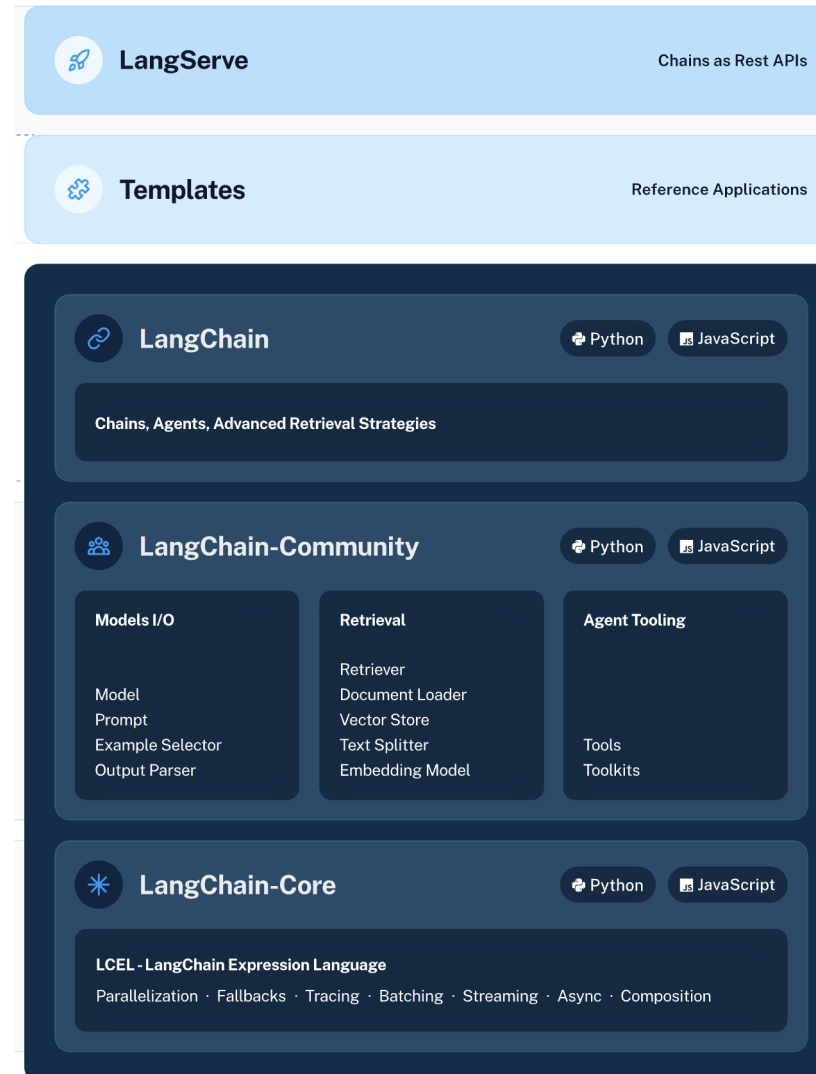
### Chains as Core Concept

- Chain = Input + Prompt + LLM
- Plus, optional components



# LangChain

# LangChain Overview – the core package to create LLM chains



# The LangChain Ecosystem goes beyond the LangChain package



## LangChain

Build individual components  
by combining LLM, storage  
and prompts



## LangGraph

Orchestrate complex  
flows through one or  
more components

## LangServe

Wrap LangChain chains  
available as FastAPI  
endpoints



## Langfuse

Monitor and  
continuously evaluate  
applications



# LangFuse is the LLMOps jack-of-all-traits – Tracking and Tracing

The screenshot displays the LangFuse web interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Dashboard, Tracing (selected), Traces, Sessions, Generations, Scores, Models, Users, Prompts, and Datasets. Below these are Settings, Docs, Support, and Feedback. The main content area is titled 'Trace Detail' and shows a specific trace for 'Backend\_BCCP'. It includes session and user IDs, token counts (2,503 → 1,050), and a total cost of \$0.001. The trace is divided into 'Input' and 'Output' sections. The 'Input' section shows a JSON object with sources, summary, question, and relevant\_agents. The 'Output' section shows a JSON object with sources, ipr, and a list of TV show formats. On the right side of the interface, a 'Tree' view shows a timeline of executed steps, including 'SPAN /backend\_bccp', 'SPAN \_\_start\_\_', 'SPAN mailman', 'SPAN RunnableSequence', 'SPAN RunnableParallel', 'SPAN RunnableLambda', 'SPAN ChatPromptTemplate', 'GENERATION AzureChatOpenAI', 'SPAN PydanticOutputParser', and 'SPAN ChannelWrite'. A teal arrow labeled 'Details' points to the 'Trace Detail' section, and another teal arrow labeled 'Overview of executed steps' points to the 'Tree' view.

Langfuse v2.75.2

Dashboard

Tracing

Traces

Sessions

Generations

Scores

Models

Users

Prompts

Datasets

Settings

Docs

Support

Feedback

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Trace Detail

Session: 5c22d88d45087a32caa0b248e150eefa User ID: ba706621-e066-4dba-beb1-889837cf7d0 2,503 → 1,050 (€ 3,553) Total cost: \$0.001

Tags

Tree Timeline

TRACE Backend\_BCCP

11.9.2024, 13:27:48

40.11s 2,503 → 1,050 (€ 3,553) Release: 1 Version: 1

Input

```
{
  "sources": {
    "ipr": "Here are some TV show formats about sailing from various countries:"
  },
  "summary": "I'm looking for TV show formats about sailing.",
  "question": "I'm looking for TV show formats about sailing.",
  "relevant_agents": [
    "ipr"
  ]
}
```

Output

```
{
  "sources": {
    "ipr": "Here are some TV show formats about sailing from various countries:"
  },
  "ipr": "Here are some TV show formats about sailing from various countries:",
  "1. **Into the Amazon with Robson Green** (UK)
    - **Channel***: Channel5
    - **Premiere Date***: May 21, 2024
    - **Summary***: A travelogue where Robson Green explores the Amazon rainforest, sailing down the Rio Negro to meet indigenous tribes and conservationists.
    - [More Info](https://ipr.rtl-service.de/ipr/dist/#/formatdetail/449282)
    - !Image[https://ipr.rtl-service.de/material/images/articles/Article16x9/33/74601.jpg]

    ...expand (1620 more characters)
  "betrend": "I currently don't have access to specific databases or resources that list TV show formats. However, I can suggest some popular sailing-related TV shows that you might find interesting:

  1. **Below Deck** - A reality series that follows the crew of a luxury yacht as they cater to wealthy guests while dealing with their own interpersonal issues.

  2. **Sailing La Vagabonde** - A YouTube series that documents the adventures of a couple sailing around the world on their catamaran.
```

Overview of executed steps

TRACE Backend\_BCCP

40.11s

SPAN /backend\_bccp

40.11s

SPAN \_\_start\_\_

0.00s

SPAN mailman

1.01s

SPAN RunnableSequence

0.99s

SPAN RunnableParallel<format\_instructions,agents\_desc,user\_question>

0.09s

SPAN RunnableLambda

0.01s

SPAN RunnableLambda

0.01s

SPAN RunnableLambda

0.01s

SPAN ChatPromptTemplate

0.00s

GENERATION AzureChatOpenAI

0.80s 462 → 35 (€ 497)

SPAN PydanticOutputParser

0.08s

SPAN ChannelWrite<mailman,sources,question,summary,relevant\_agents>

0.00s

# LangFuse is the LLMOps jack-of-all-traits – Evaluation (Scoring)

All Scores (API or  
LangFuse UI)

Trace Detail

Session: 2295c0c140975da59c5a54f49207cdaa User ID: ba706621-e066-4dba-beb1-889837c7f7d0 1,183 → 421 (€ 1,604) Total cost: \$0.0004

Tags

TRACE BACKEND\_BCCP

11.9.2024, 13:26:52 19.11s 1,183 → 421 (€ 1,604) Release: 1 Version: 1

24 hours (7/8)

Trace	Observation	Timestamp	Source	Name	Data Type	Value	Comment
be51f4f0-...		11.9.2024, 13:27:33	API	Reaction	CATEGORICAL	positive	

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Annotate

Select @ mailman-invoked-correct-agents

mailman-invoked-correct-agents True (1) False (0)

Manual  
annotation

# LangFuse is the LLMOps jack-of-all-traits – Evaluation (Annotation & datasets)

The screenshot displays the LangFuse web interface for a dataset item. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options: Dashboard, Models, Users, Prompts, Datasets, Settings, Docs, Support, and Feedback. The main content area shows a 'Dataset Item' with the following sections:

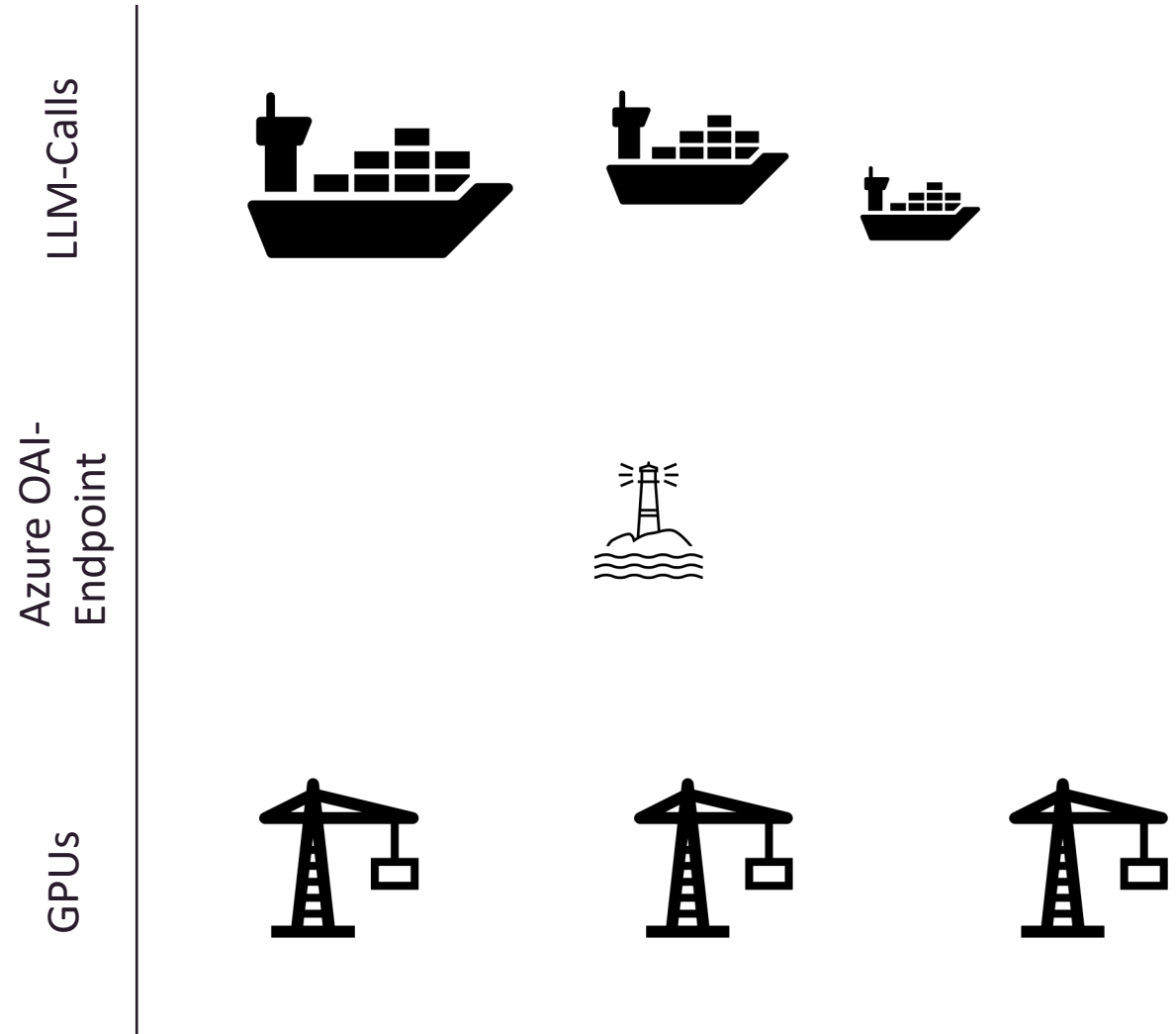
- Input:** A JSON object containing sources, summary, question, and relevant\_agents.
- Expected output:** A JSON object containing relevant\_agents with copilot and prh\_de.
- Metadata:** A table with one row.
- Runs:** A table with columns: Run At, Dataset Item, Trace, Latency, Cost, Reaction (api), Feedback (api), mailman-invoked..., Feedback (api), Input, Output, and Expected Output. The table is currently empty, showing 'No results.'

Two teal arrows highlight the 'Input' and 'Expected output' sections, labeled 'User input' and 'Desired system output' respectively.

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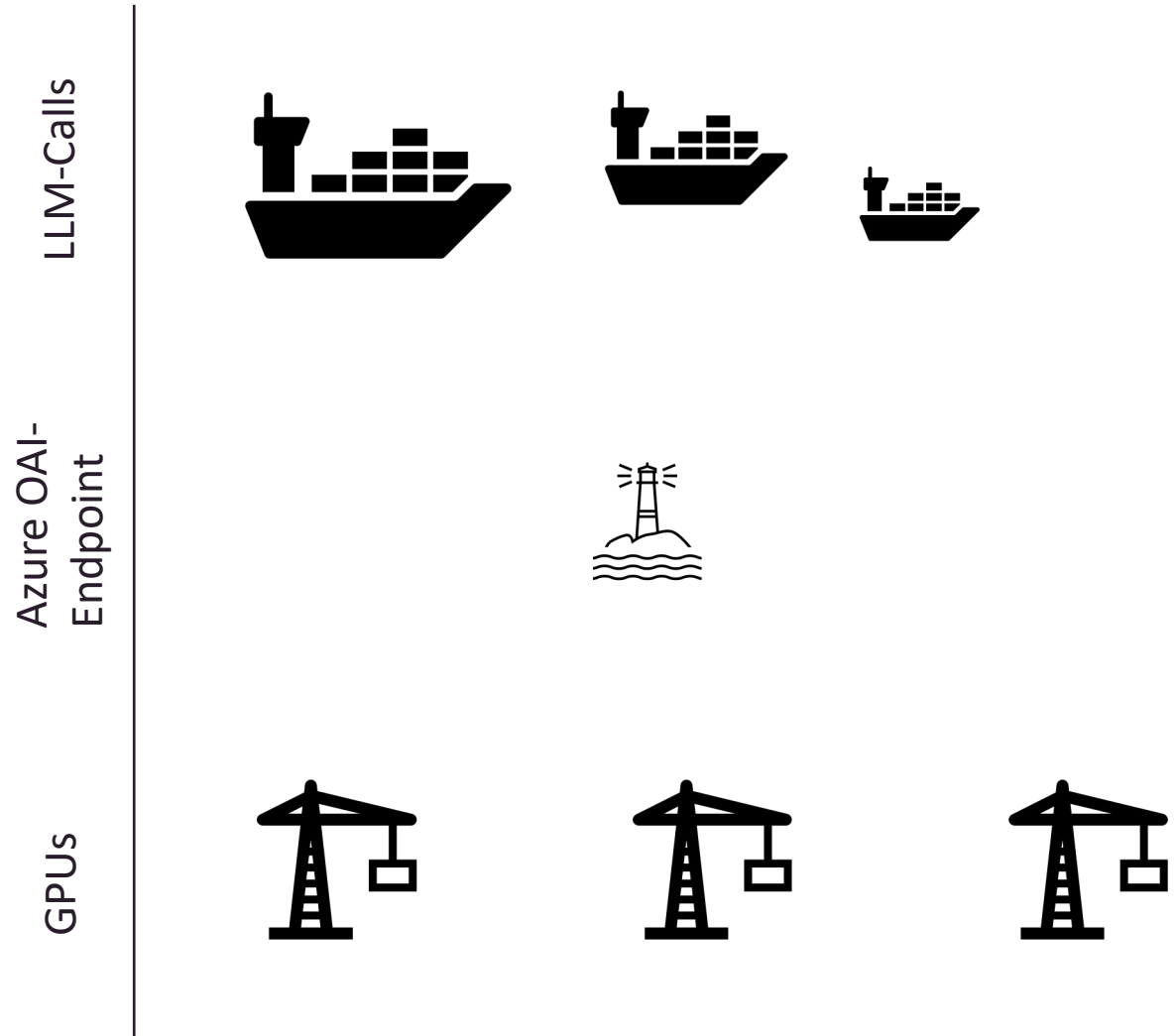
# Azure OpenAI Latency – What we expected

- LLM-Calls are send to the Azure Open-AI Endpoint, which routes those to the next free GPU.
- Execution time depends on the Input, the Model and the regional system load
- Region of the Azure OAI Endpoint matters, but not the subscription or model



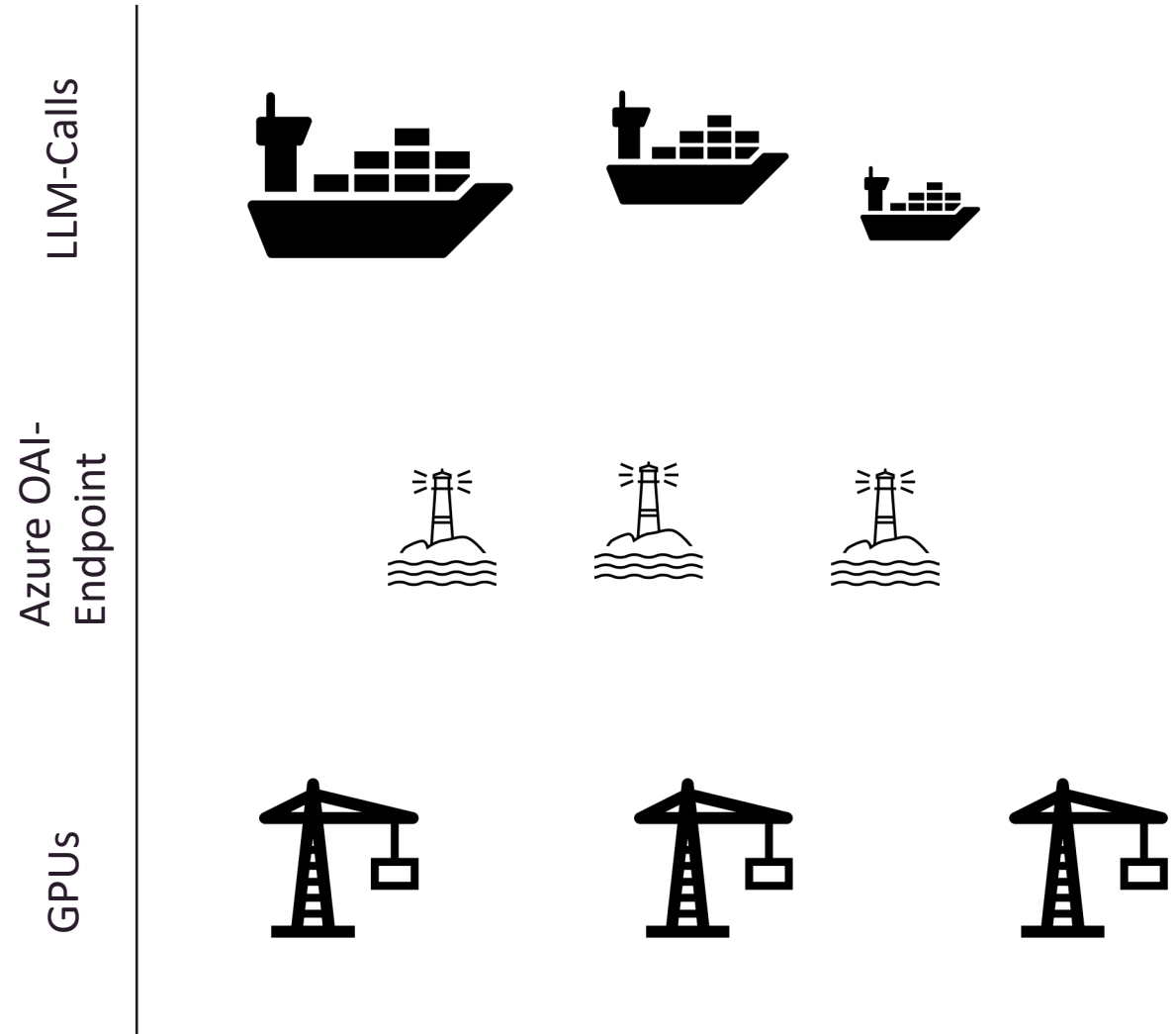
# Azure OpenAI Latency – What we got

- LLM-Calls are send to the Azure Open-AI Endpoint, that routes all to the same GPU
- The GPU does not handle requests in FIFO-order but splits its token generation capacity to all requests equally
- Execution time scales linearly with the number of concurrent requests



# Azure OpenAI Latency – How we dealt with it

- We deployed dedicated Azure Open-AI Endpoints per Agent (all serving the same model). Those endpoints route to different GPUs.
- Different agents don't affect the execution time of others.
- Multiple requests to the same agent still scale linearly.



# Fast technology exploration and productive software development require different skillsets and workflows

## Technology Exploration

## Software Development

Goal



Quick-Insights



Reliable Software

Team



A few creative  
allrounders



Interdisciplinary team  
including frontend & infrastructure

Collaboration

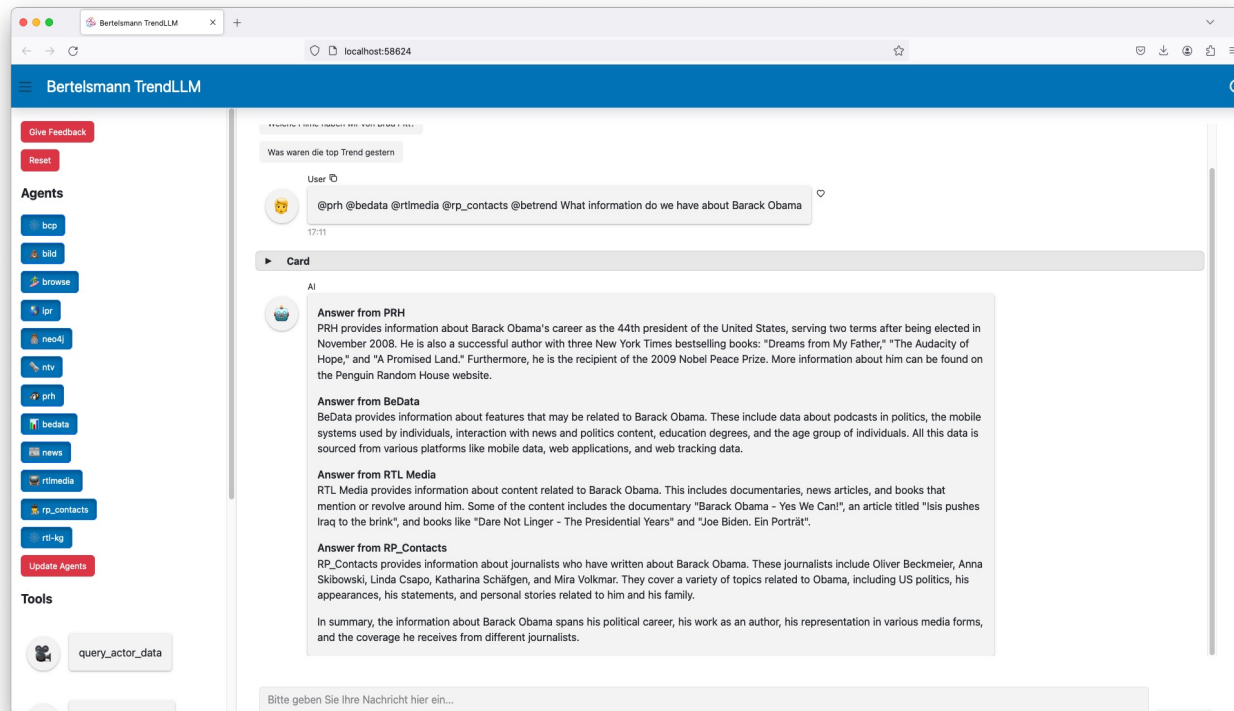


Quick-Direct Communication,  
Great personal Freedom  
to test and play

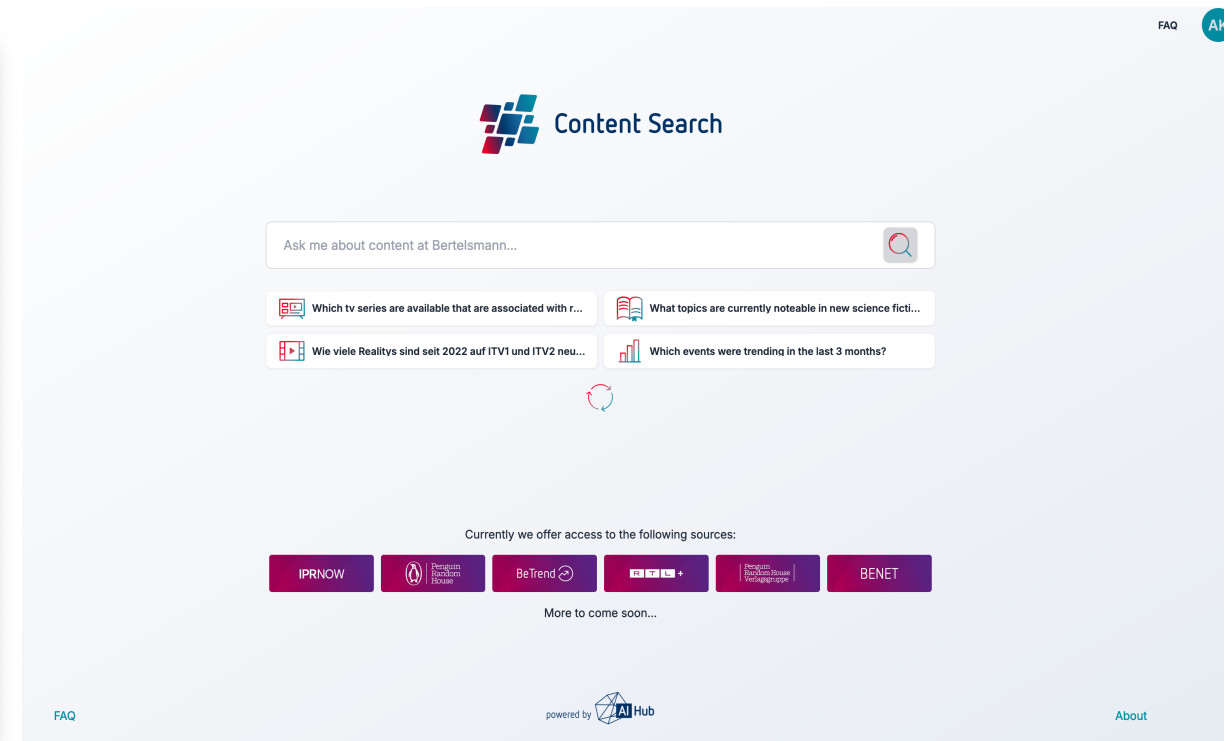


Kanban/ Scrum with Dailies  
Clear responsibilities

# Show, don't tell! Building prototypes is helpful...



**UI Explorative Phase:**  
Focus on Usability (Panel / Python)



**Final UI:**  
Focus on User-Experience (React)



# Also the technical components required grow in complexity

## Technology Exploration

A LLM app that handles most cases

Single dump of data

A simple frontend

Deployment on localhost



## Software Development

A LLM app that handles all cases

Scheduled ETL pipelines incl. update logic

A sophisticated user interface

Deployment in cloud environment

IT security

Load balancing and scaling

Logging, monitoring & alerting

Identity and access management (IAM)

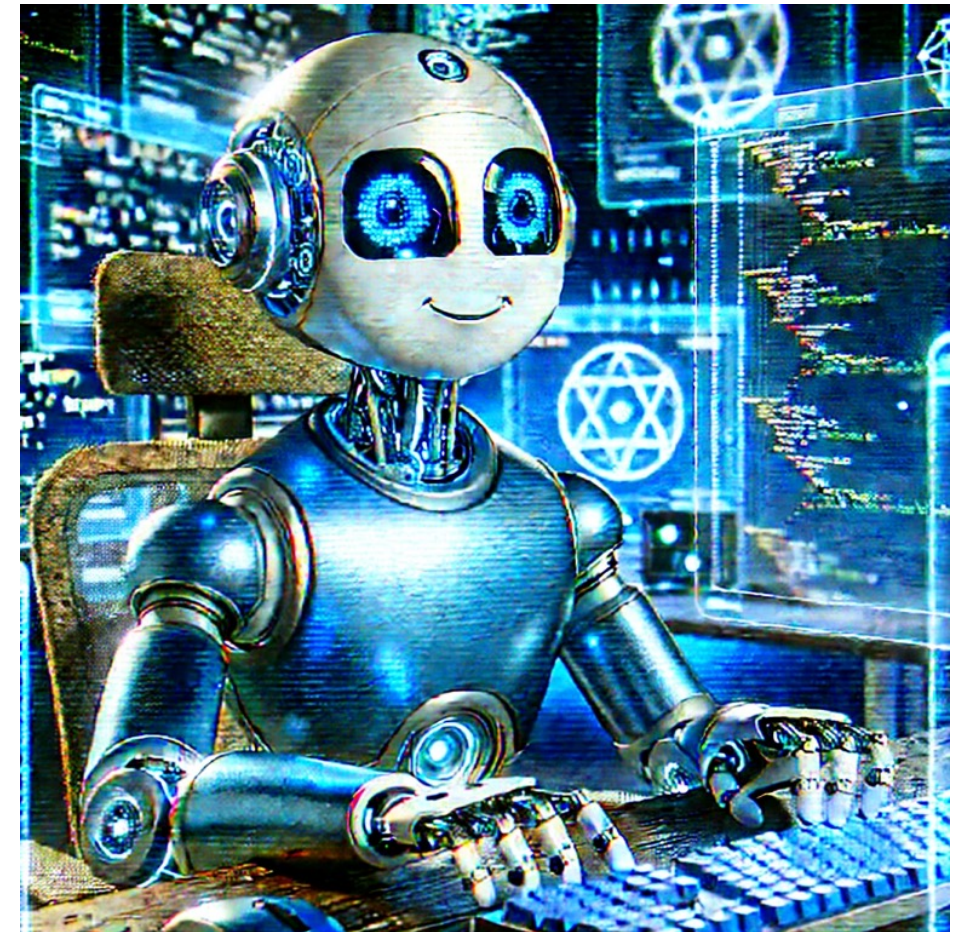
# Best-Practices from classical software development stay relevant in the LLM-Era

Transforming PoCs into **stable** and **reliable software is costly**, due to security, stability and UX/UI claims.

**Tracing** and **Monitoring** are crucial, to understand the system and its limitations

Multi-Agent-Systems are the **Microservice-Design** of LLMs. It increases maintainability, makes side-effects controllable and overall predictability

**Unix-Rules** apply: Make each program do one thing. Tools and LLMs shall have a clear purpose, don't expect magic.



# Feedback und Evaluation

## Evaluation is hard and requires expert knowledge

- Working with users and data source owners is important
- Confirmation bias stemming from confident LLM responses

## Integrating Feedback buttons early helps

- With gaining an intuition for the system performance
- Curating test sets for automated test & evaluation runs

## UX of the feedback button matters

- Position the button centrally, in case of doubt add a second one
- Carefully consider lickart scale ratings vs. binary feedback

## Logging user traces is valuable but can be legally challenging

- Valuable as it allows to adapt system for user requirements
- Remember it has GDPR implications, pseudonymisation helps





# Next Steps

## Improve quality and range of feedback data

- Automate scoring of traces to fill feedback gaps
- Gain holistic impression of system performance

## Balance System improvements vs. extensions

- Onboard new data sources
- Improve existing Agents e.g. through advanced RAG design patterns





# Q&A



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