

Vector Similarity Search

in Spring with Redis Stack



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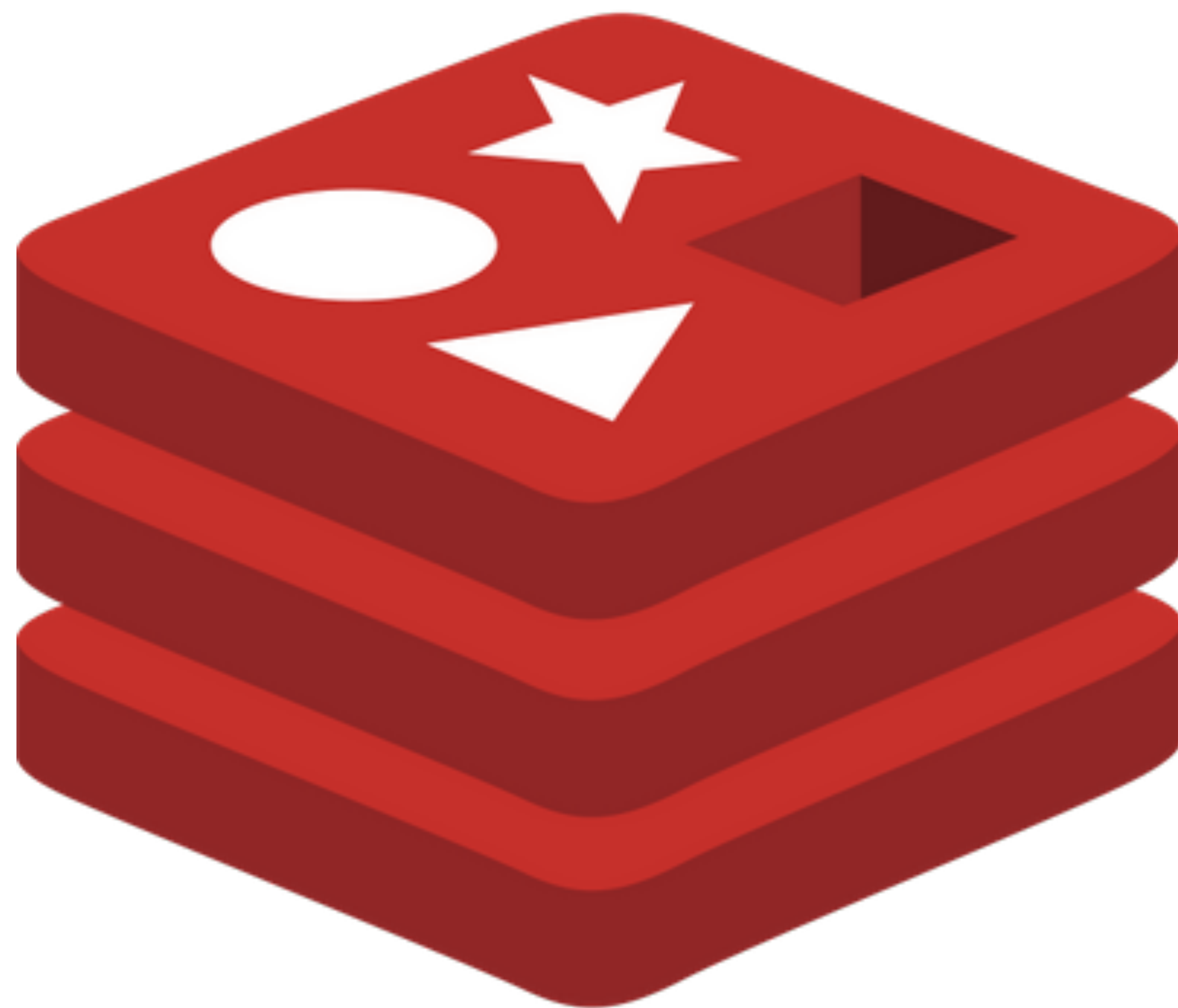
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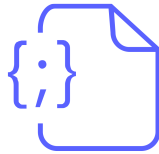


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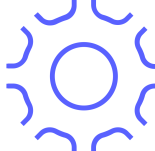
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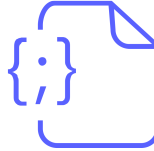
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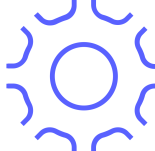
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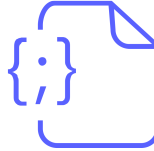
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A Quick Tour of Redis



The Data Balance

Structured vs. Unstructured

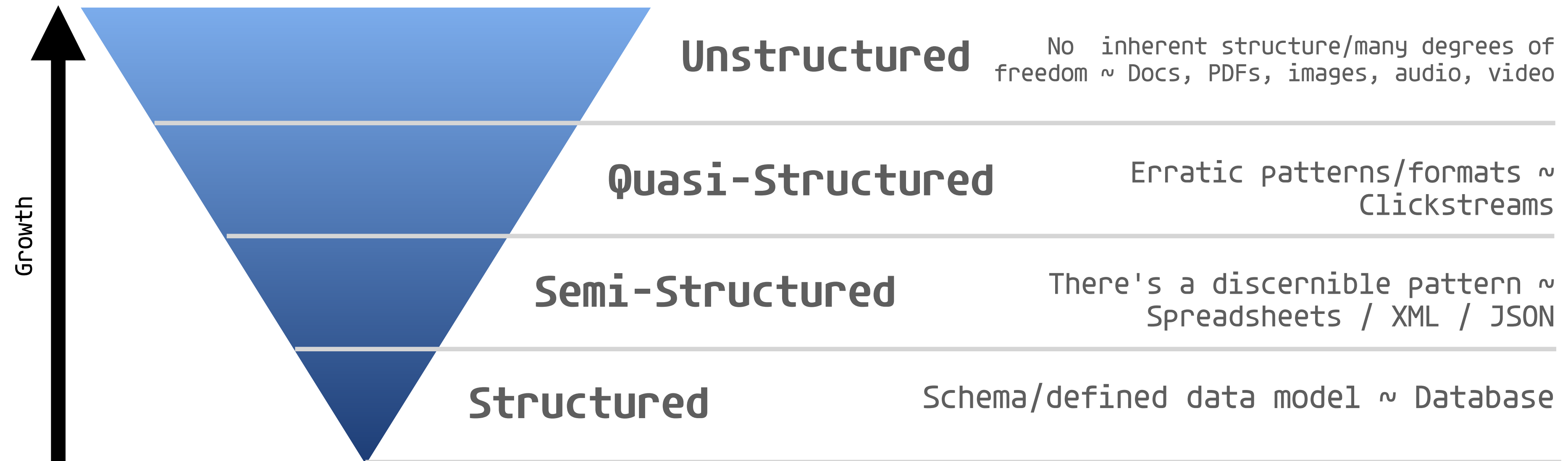
The balanced of data has **changed** radically...

~**80%** of the data generated by organizations is Unstructured

IDC report, 2020

... and this percentage is estimated to keep growing

with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 36.5% between 2020 and 2025



How to deal with **unstructured** data?

Common approaches were **labeling** and **tagging**

These are labor intensive, subjective, and error-prone

Embeddings

Machine Learning Embeddings

Machine Learning/Deep Learning has leaped forward in last decade

ML models **outperform** humans in many tasks nowadays

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Shut up, Josh!

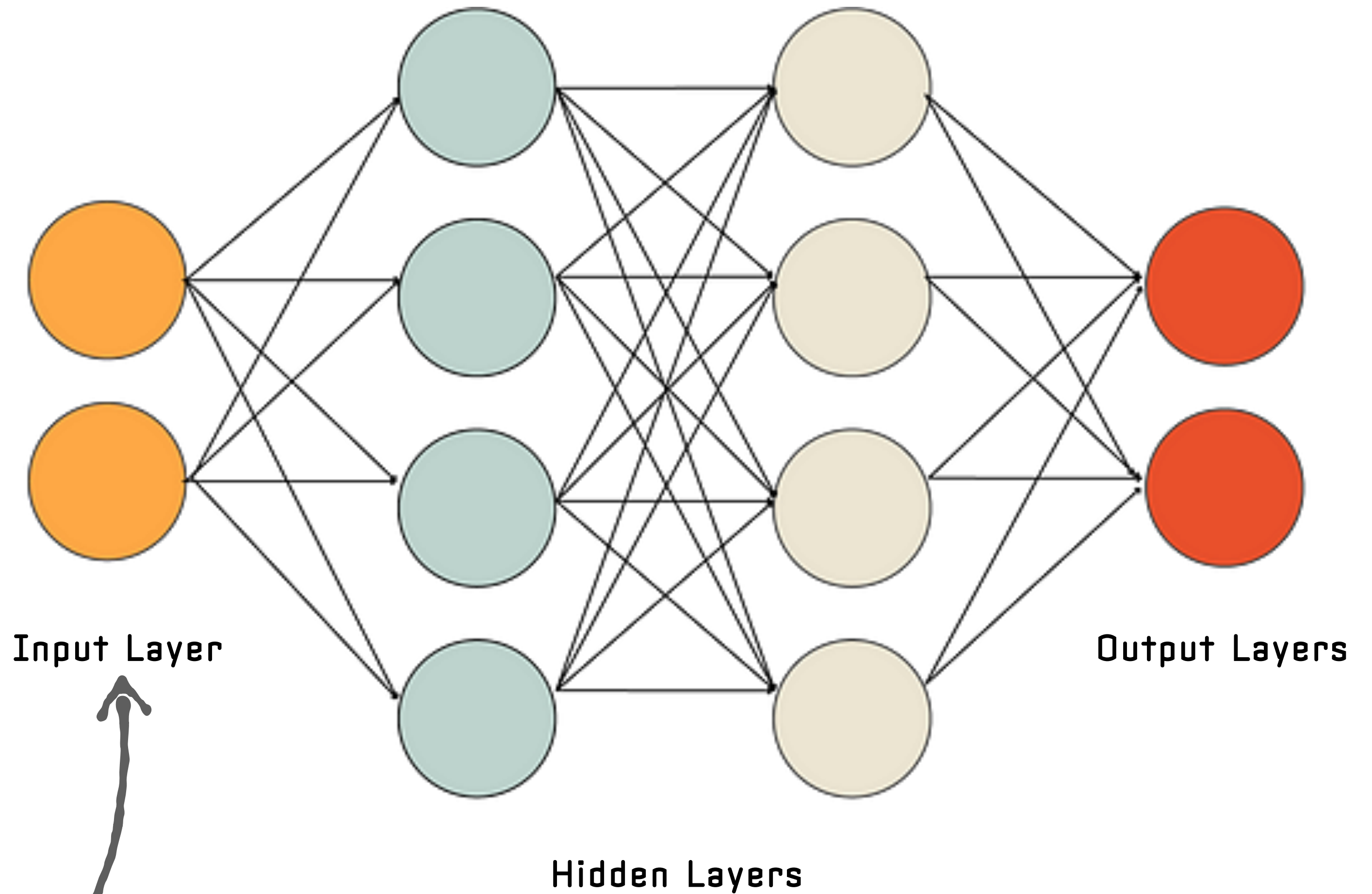
Feature Engineering

Raw Data

Feature	Value
Price	150
Category	Shirt

Scaled and 1-Hot Encoded

Feature	Value
Price	0.45
Category Shirt	1
Category Pants	0
Category Coats	0
Category Shoes	0





Shirt

Jacket

Automated Feature Engineering

ML models extract **latent** features

ML models embeddings catch the **gray** areas between features

The process of generating the embeddings is **vectorizing**

Vectorizing

Generating Vector Embedding for your Data

Vectorizing

Steps to Vectorizing

- 1 Choose an **Embedding Method**
- 2 **Clean** and **preprocess** the **data** as needed
- 3 **Train** the embedding model
- 4 Generate **Embeddings**

Vectorizing

Better Models, better Vectors

Embeddings can capture the **semantics** of complex data

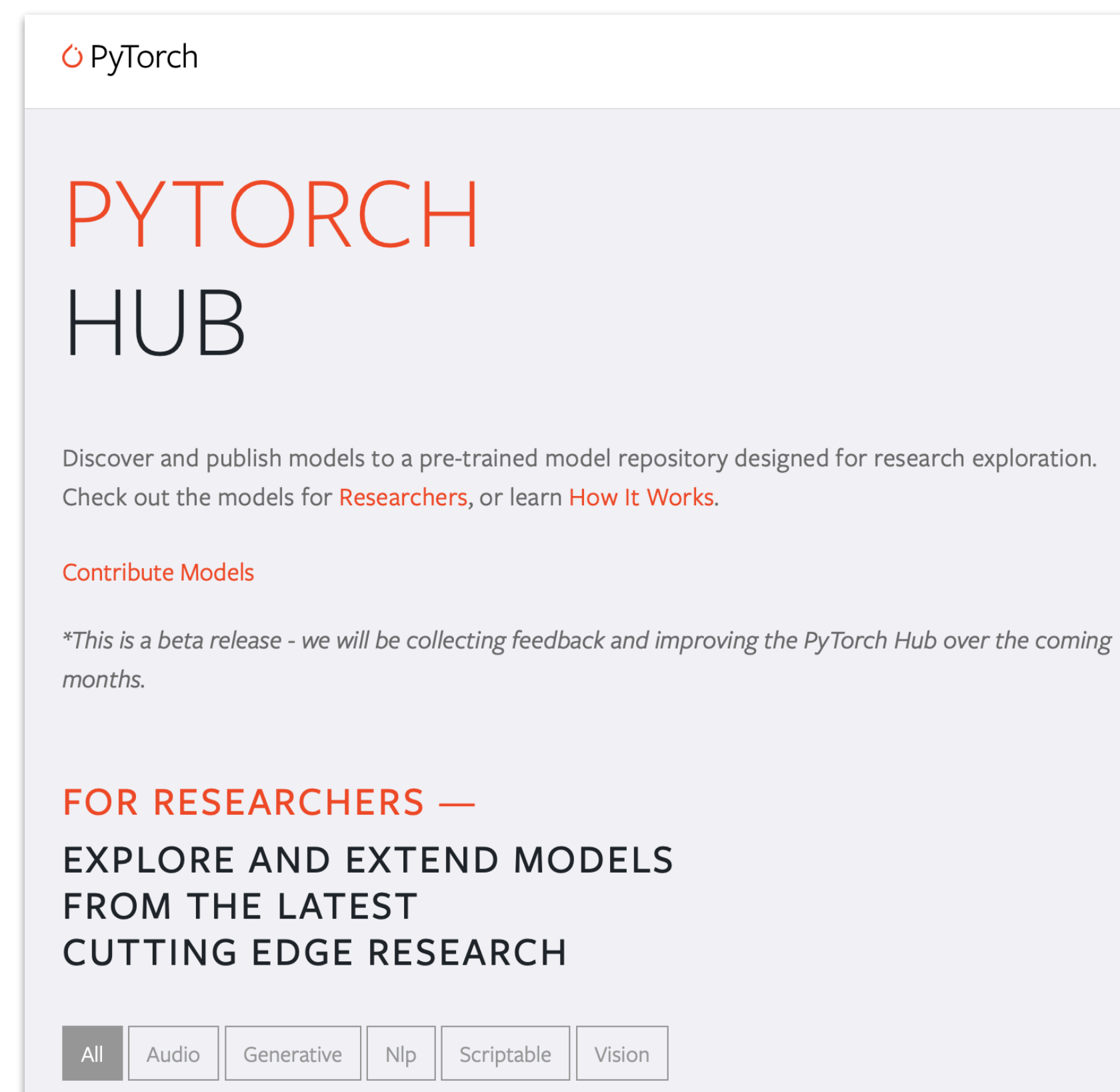
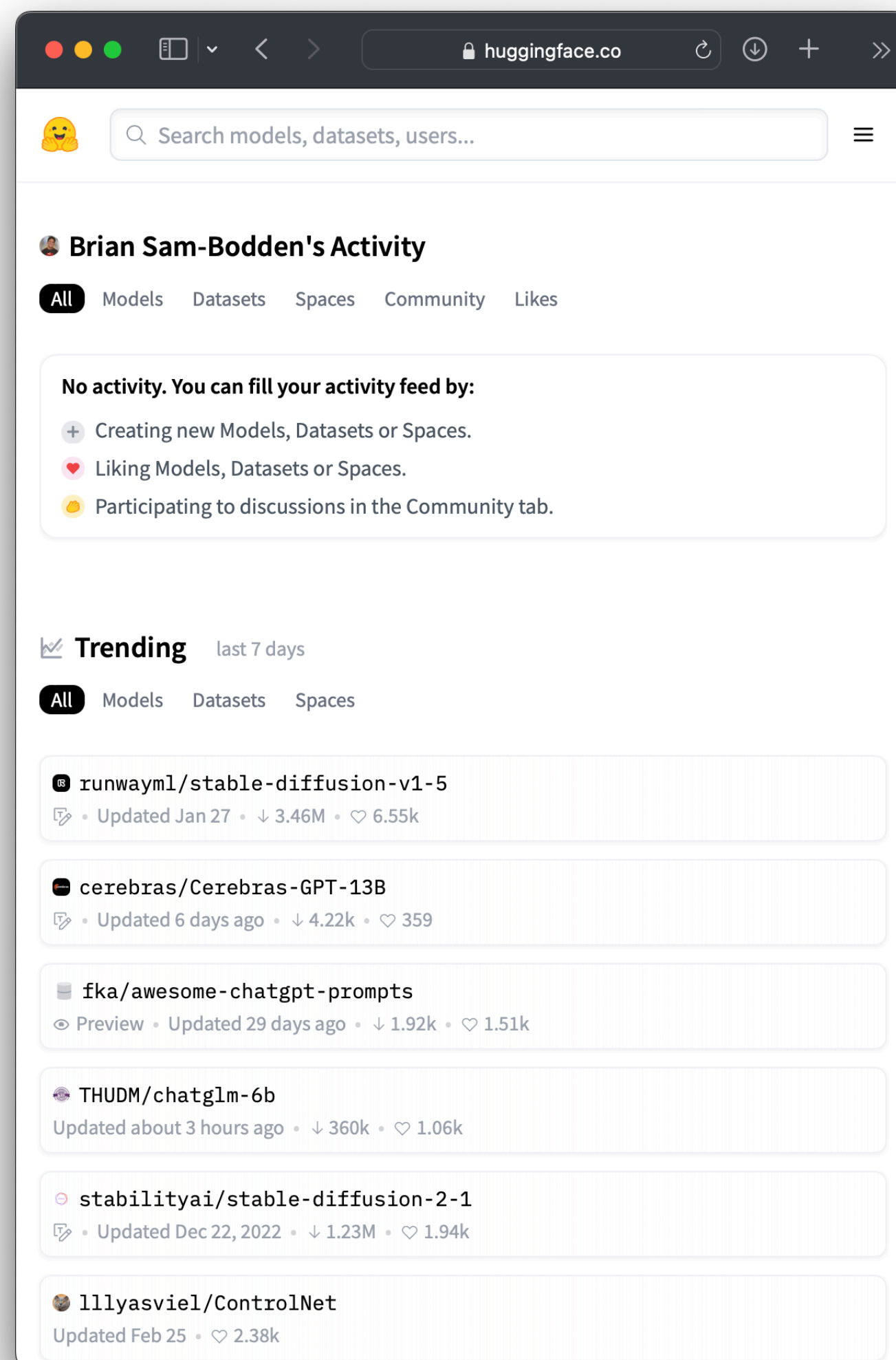
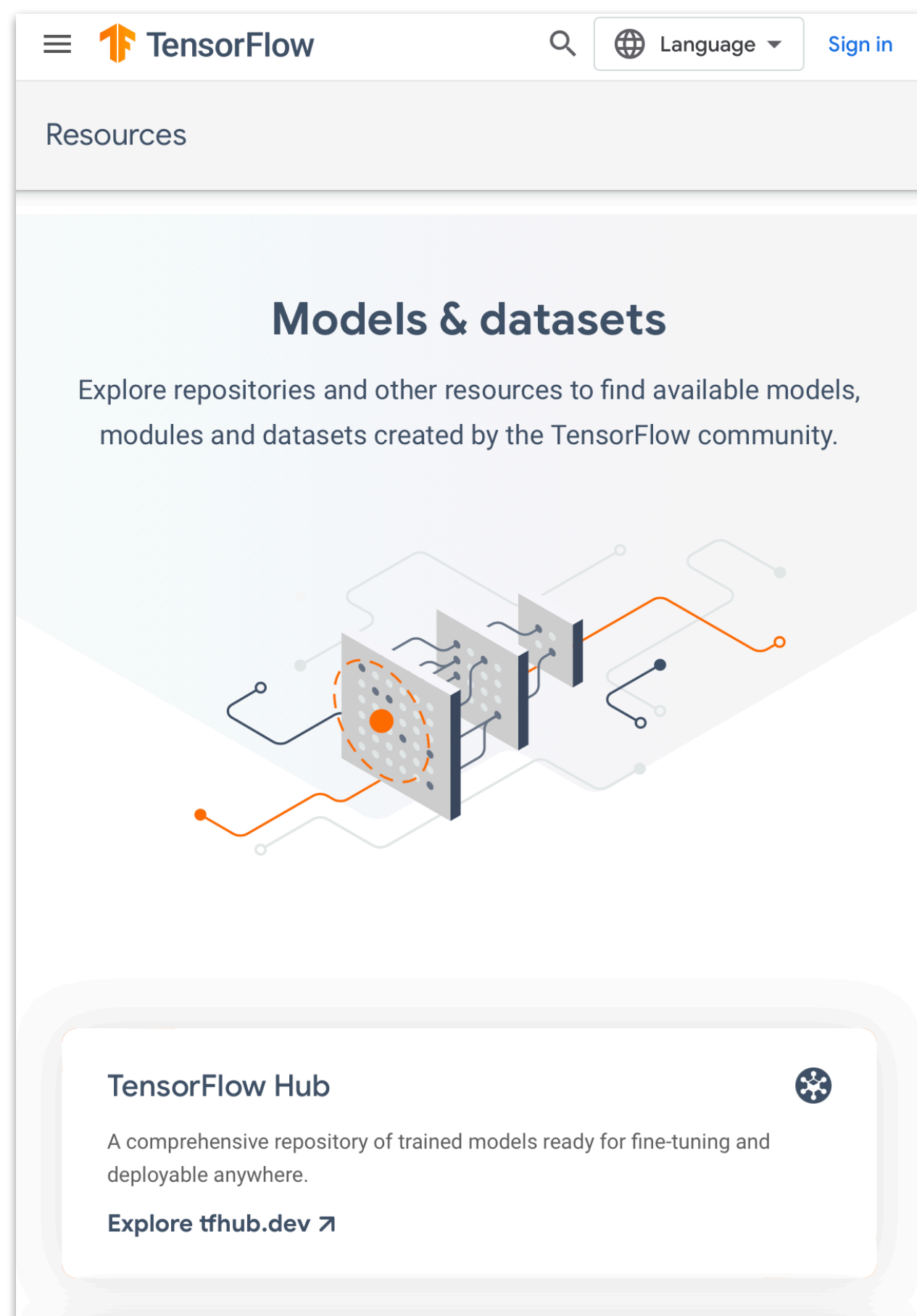
Option #1: Use a **pre-trained** model

Option #2: **train** your models with **custom** data

Vector similarity is a downline tool to **analyze embeddings**

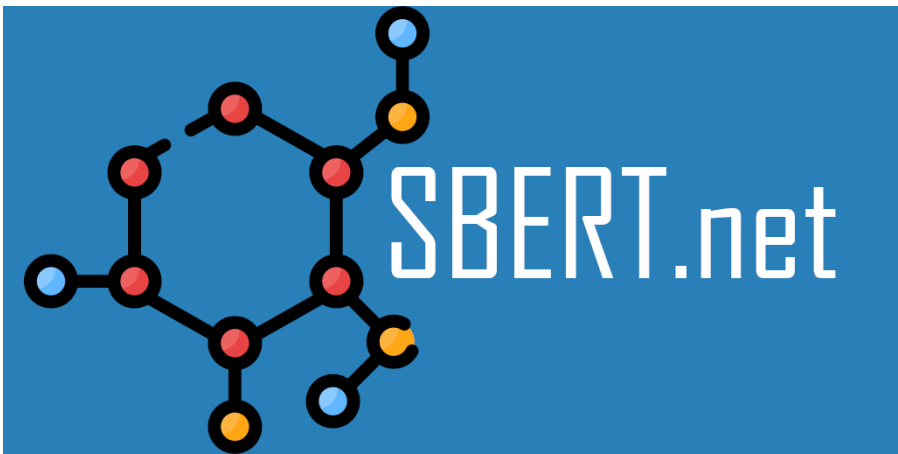
Vectorizing

Ever growing collection of pre-trained, trainable and scriptable models



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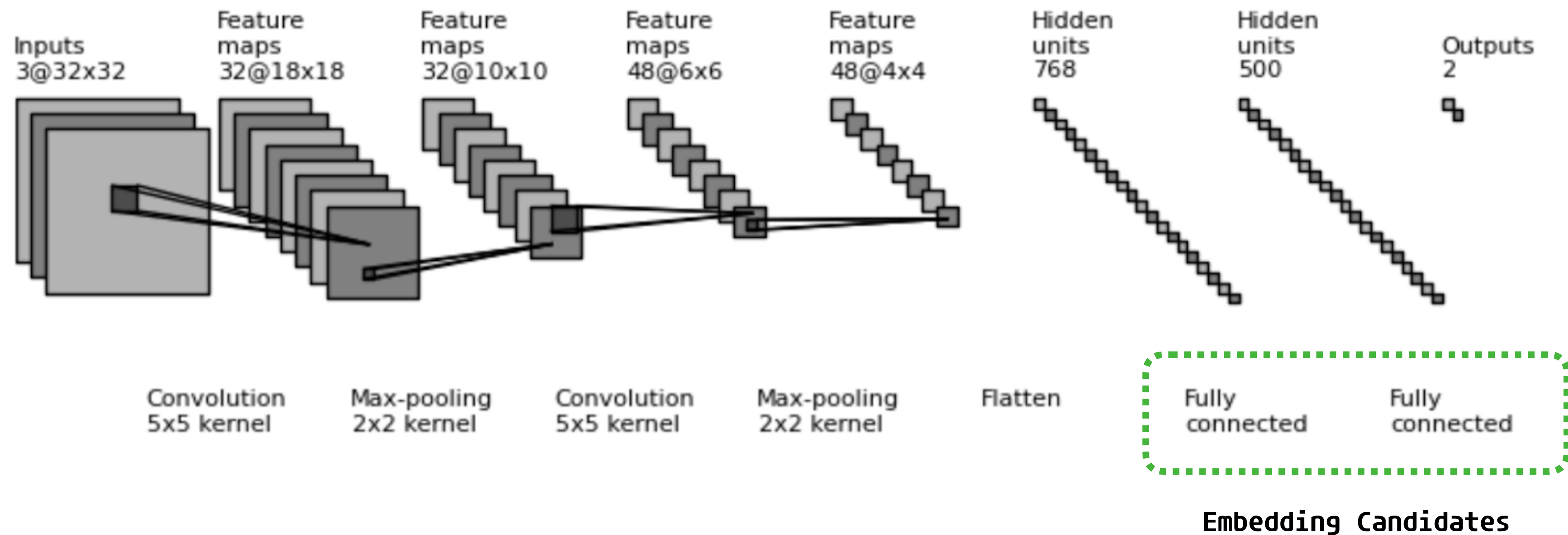
For sentences, SBERT.net provides a variety of pre-trained models:



Model Name	Performance Sentence Embeddings (14 Datasets) i	Performance Semantic Search (6 Datasets) i	⚙ Avg.	Speed i	Model Size i
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all-mpnet-base-v2 i	69.57	57.02	63.30	2800	420 MB
multi-qa-mpnet-base-dot-v1 i	66.76	57.60	62.18	2800	420 MB
all-distilroberta-v1 i	68.73	50.94	59.84	4000	290 MB
all-MiniLM-L12-v2 i	68.70	50.82	59.76	7500	120 MB
multi-qa-distilbert-cos-v1 i	65.98	52.83	59.41	4000	250 MB
all-MiniLM-L6-v2 i	68.06	49.54	58.80	14200	80 MB
multi-qa-MiniLM-L6-cos-v1 i	64.33	51.83	58.08	14200	80 MB
paraphrase-multilingual-mpnet-base-v2 i	65.83	41.68	53.75	2500	970 MB
paraphrase-albert-small-v2 i	64.46	40.04	52.25	5000	43 MB
paraphrase-multilingual-MiniLM-L12-v2 i	64.25	39.19	51.72	7500	420 MB
paraphrase-MiniLM-L3-v2 i	62.29	39.19	50.74	19000	61 MB
distiluse-base-multilingual-cased-v1 i	61.30	29.87	45.59	4000	480 MB
distiluse-base-multilingual-cased-v2 i	60.18	27.35	43.77	4000	480 MB

Vectorizing

Extracted a 1-dimensional layer that's **densely** packed with information about present features



Vectors

Storing and creating Vectors

Vectors

What's is a Vector?

Numeric representation of something in N-dimensional space

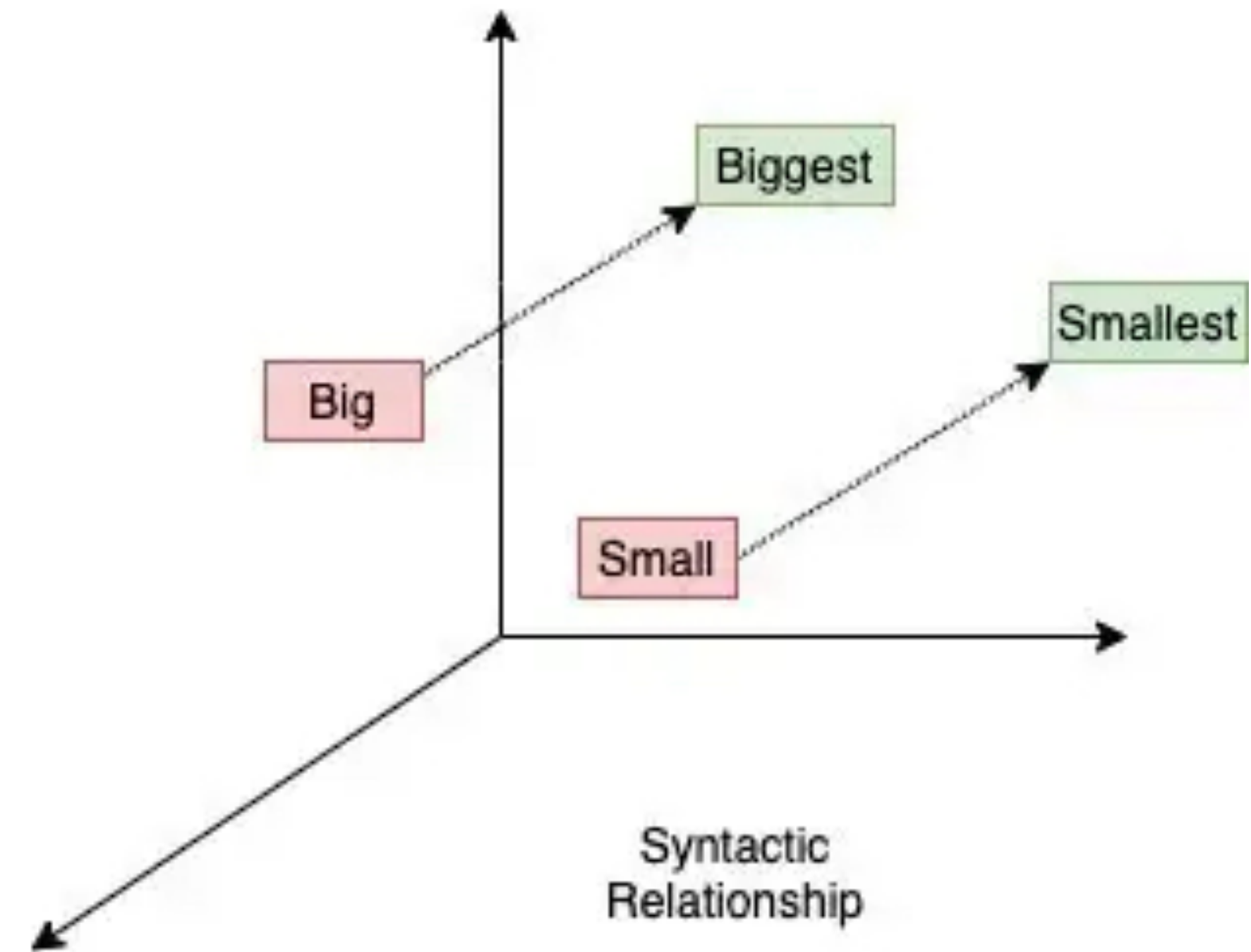
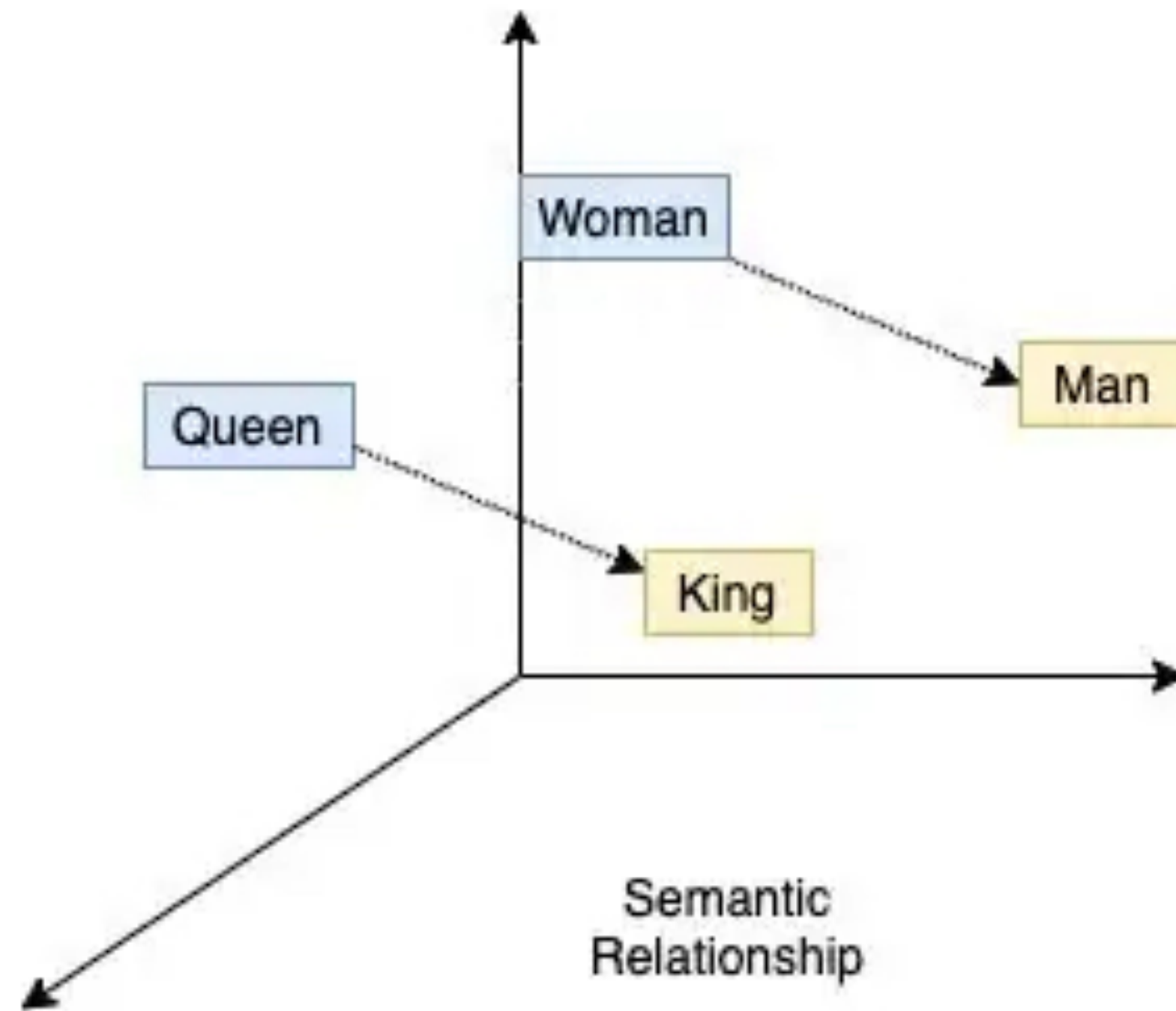
Can represent anything... entire documents, images, video, audio

Quantifies features or characteristics of the item

More importantly... they are comparable

Vectors

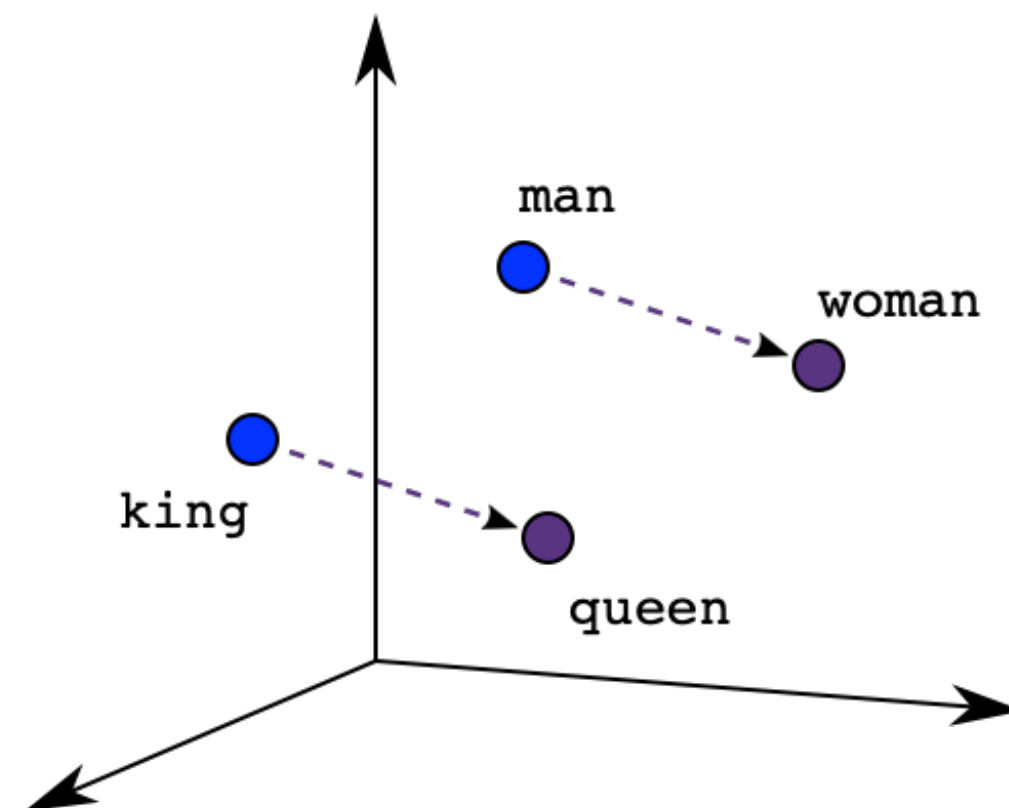
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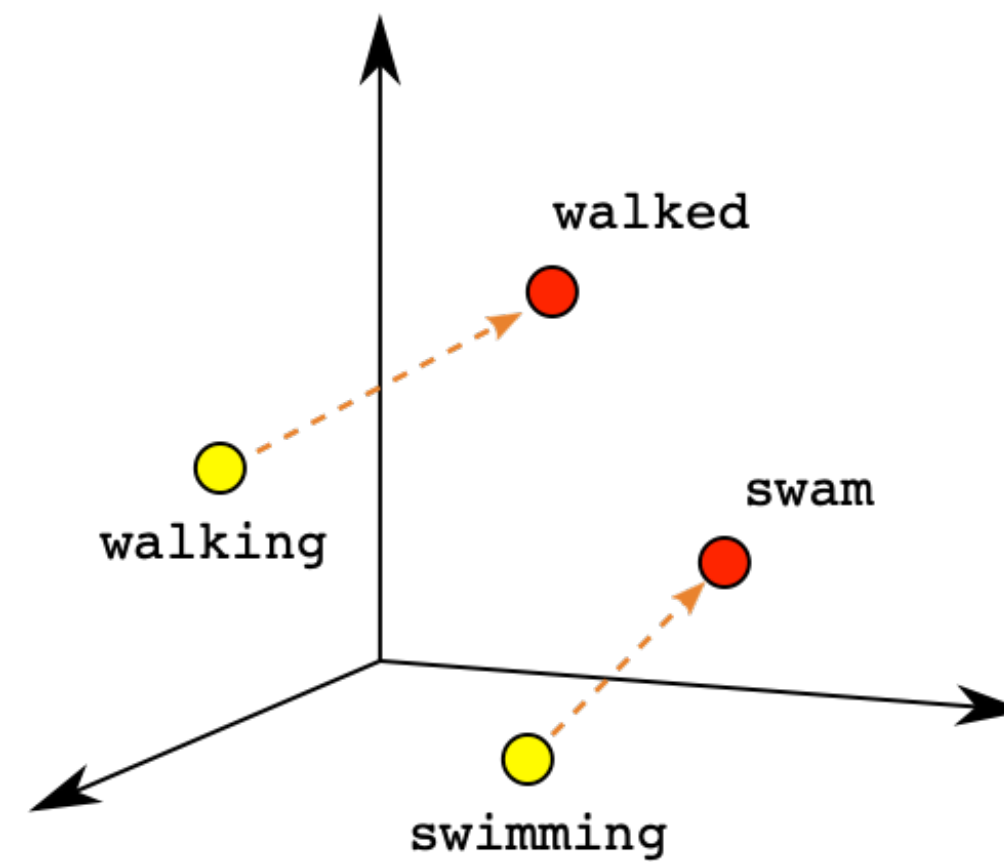
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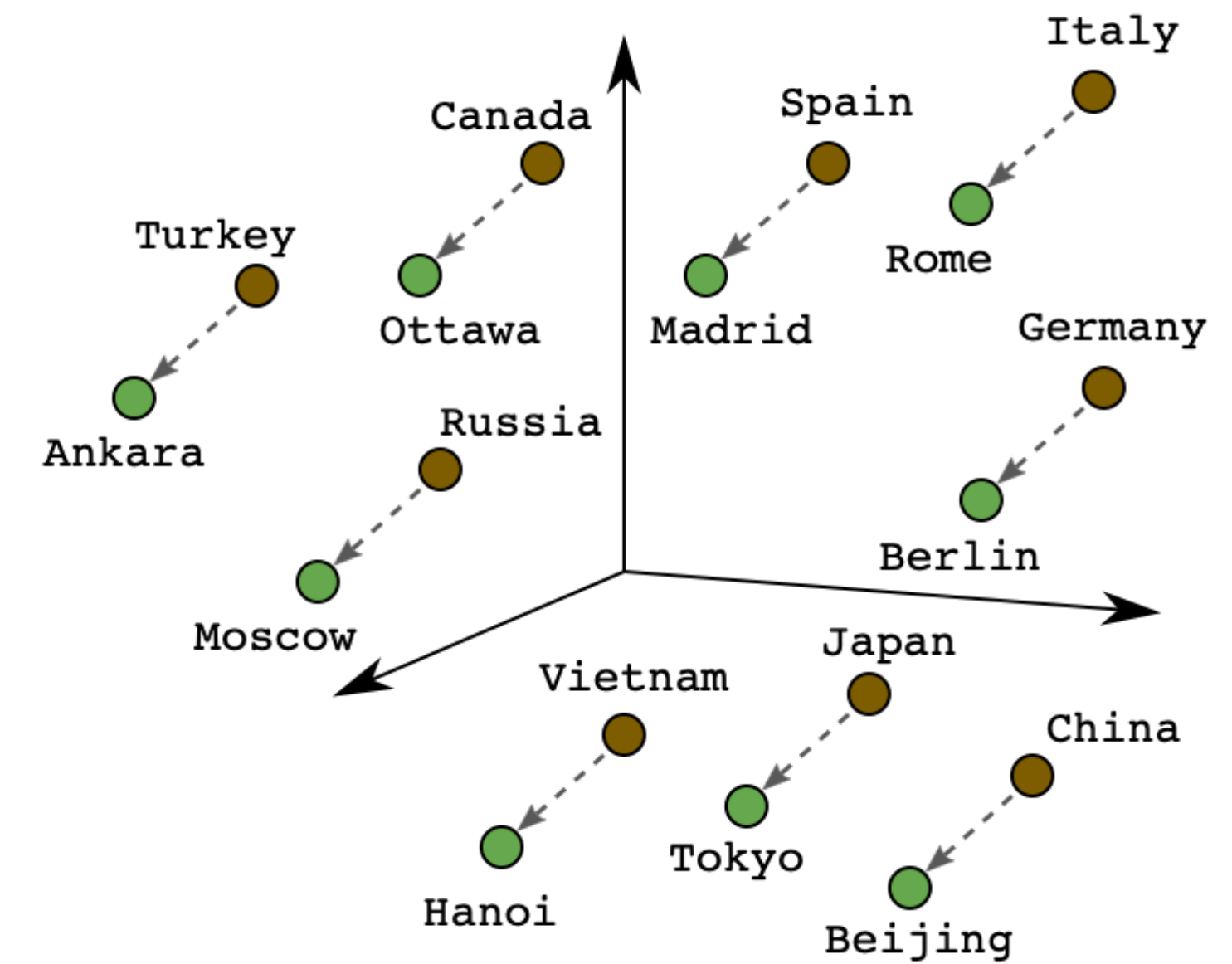
Male-Female



Verb Tense



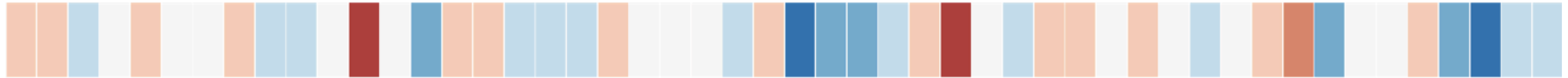
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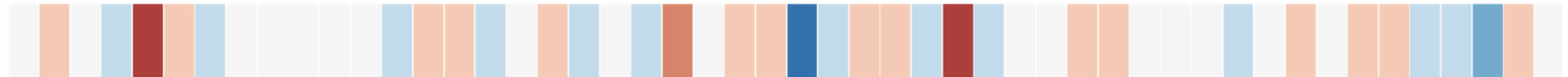
Vectors

Visually

“king”



“Man”



“Woman”



Let's make some Vectors...





Machine Learning in Java

with DJL - <https://djl.ai>

A **Java** Framework for Machine Learning

Build, train, deploy ML and DL models

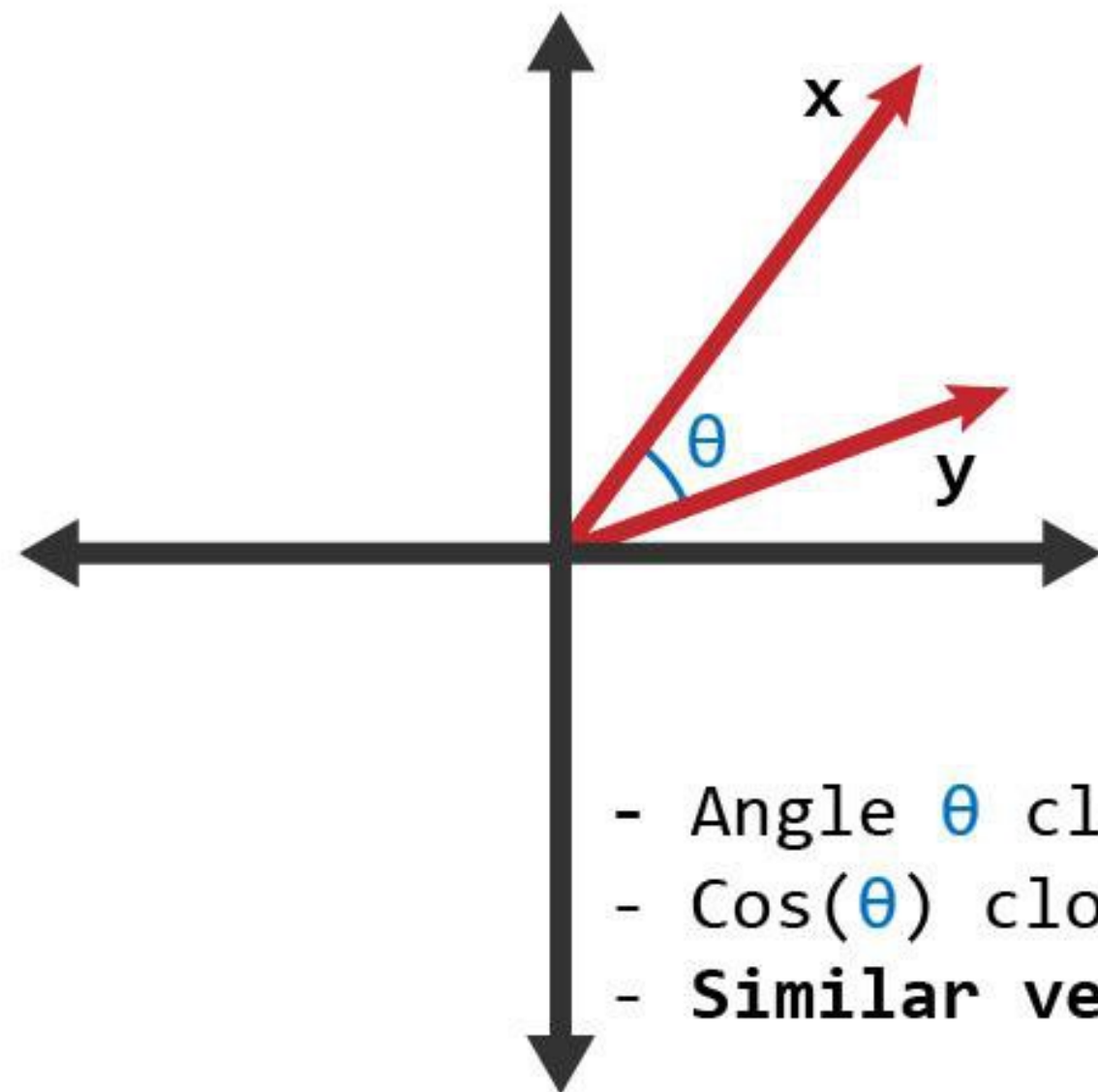
Abstracts **PyTorch**, Apache **MXNet**, **TensorFlow** and **ONNX**

Opens the world of "**Model Zoos**" to the Java Community

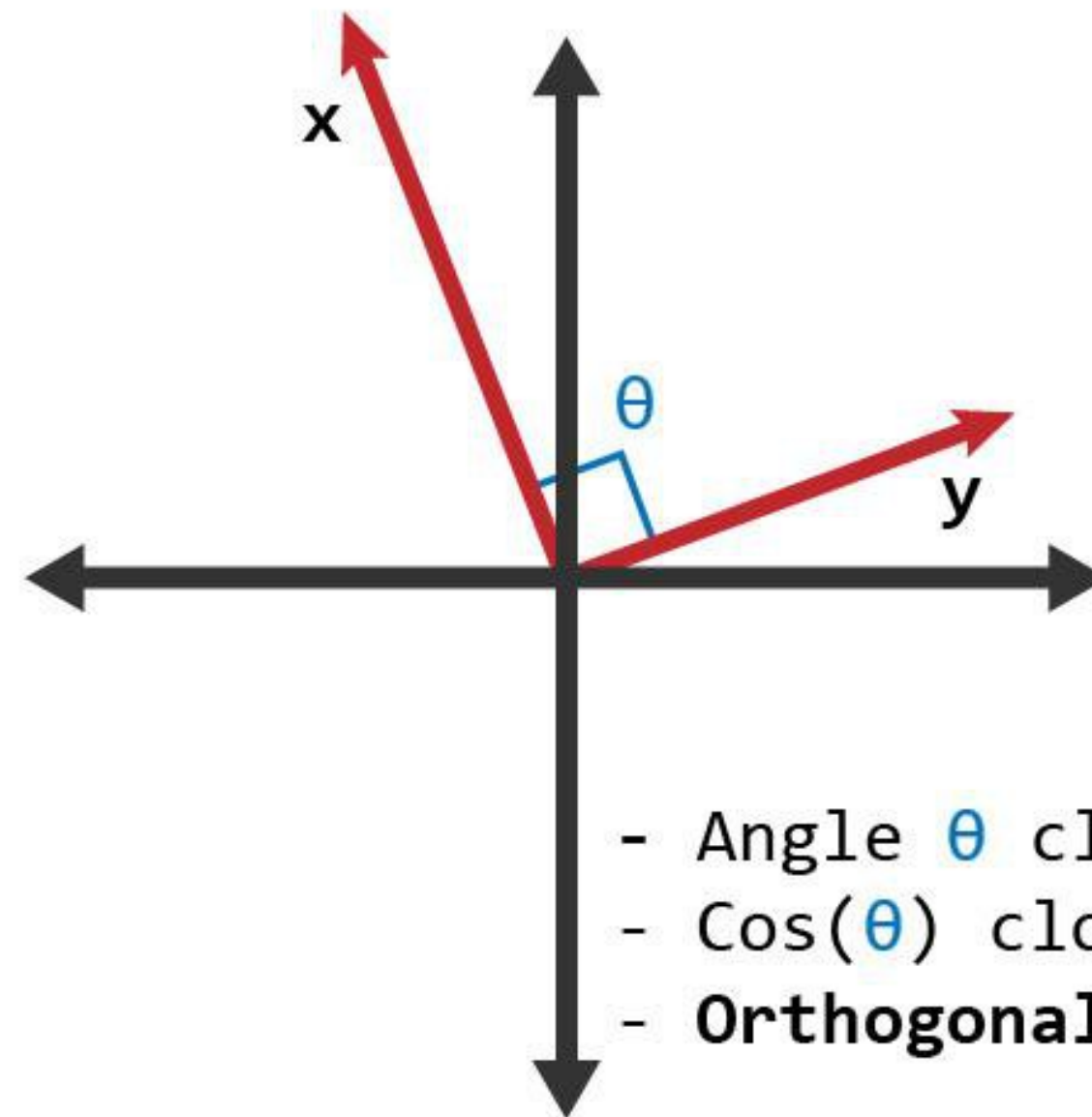
Similarity

Finding similar vectors

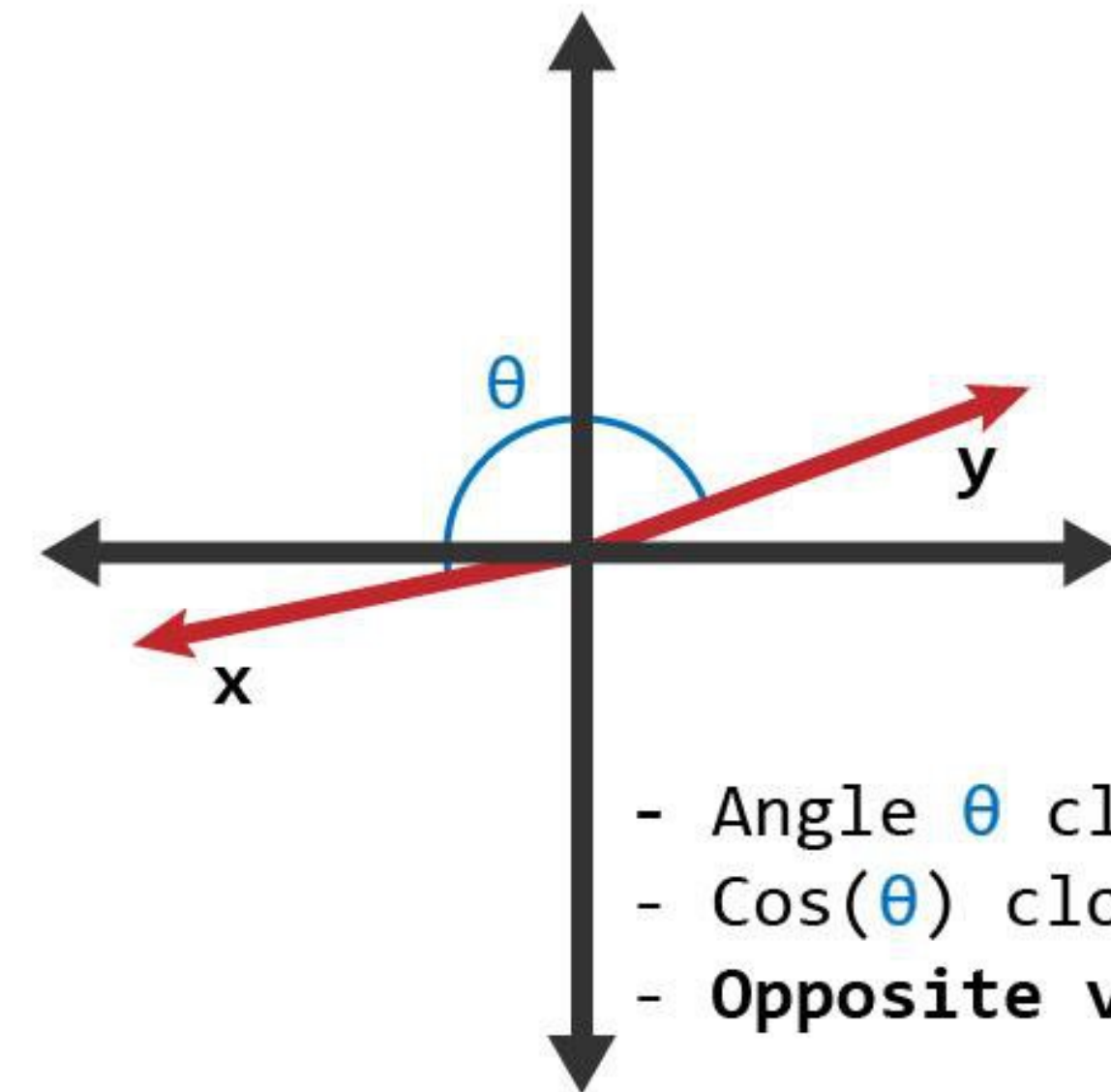
Measuring Similarity with Cosines



- Angle θ close to 0
- $\cos(\theta)$ close to 1
- **Similar vectors**

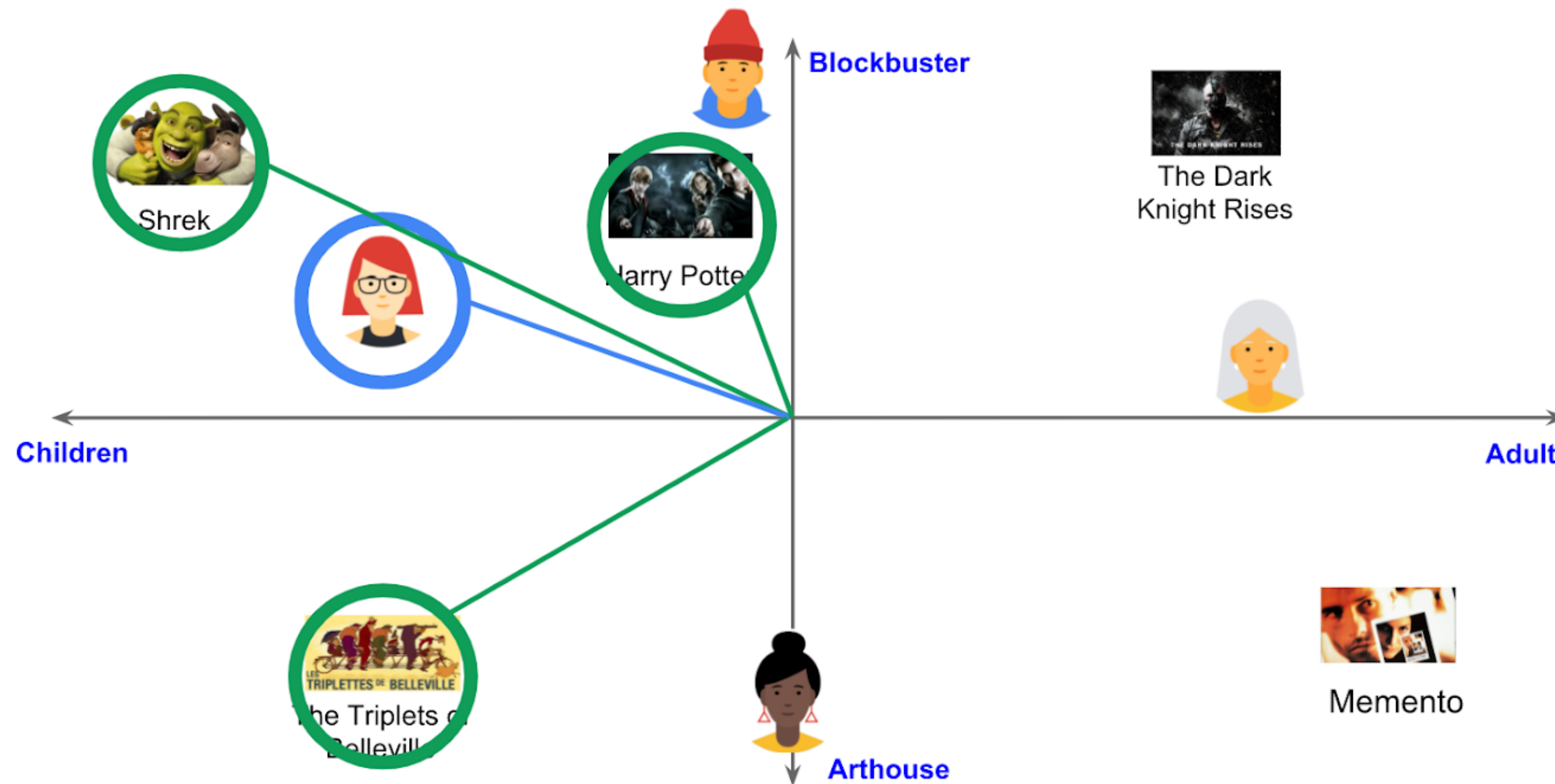


- Angle θ close to 90
- $\cos(\theta)$ close to 0
- **Orthogonal vectors**



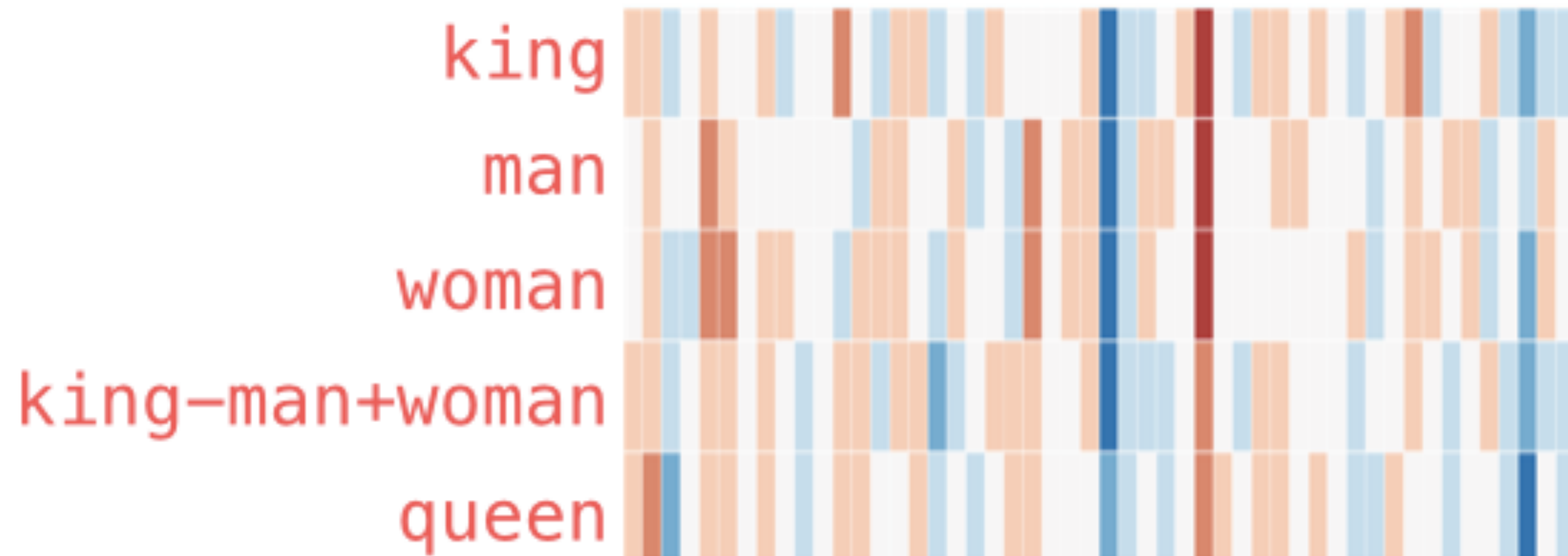
- Angle θ close to 180
- $\cos(\theta)$ close to -1
- **Opposite vectors**

An example of a 2D embedding space for Movies

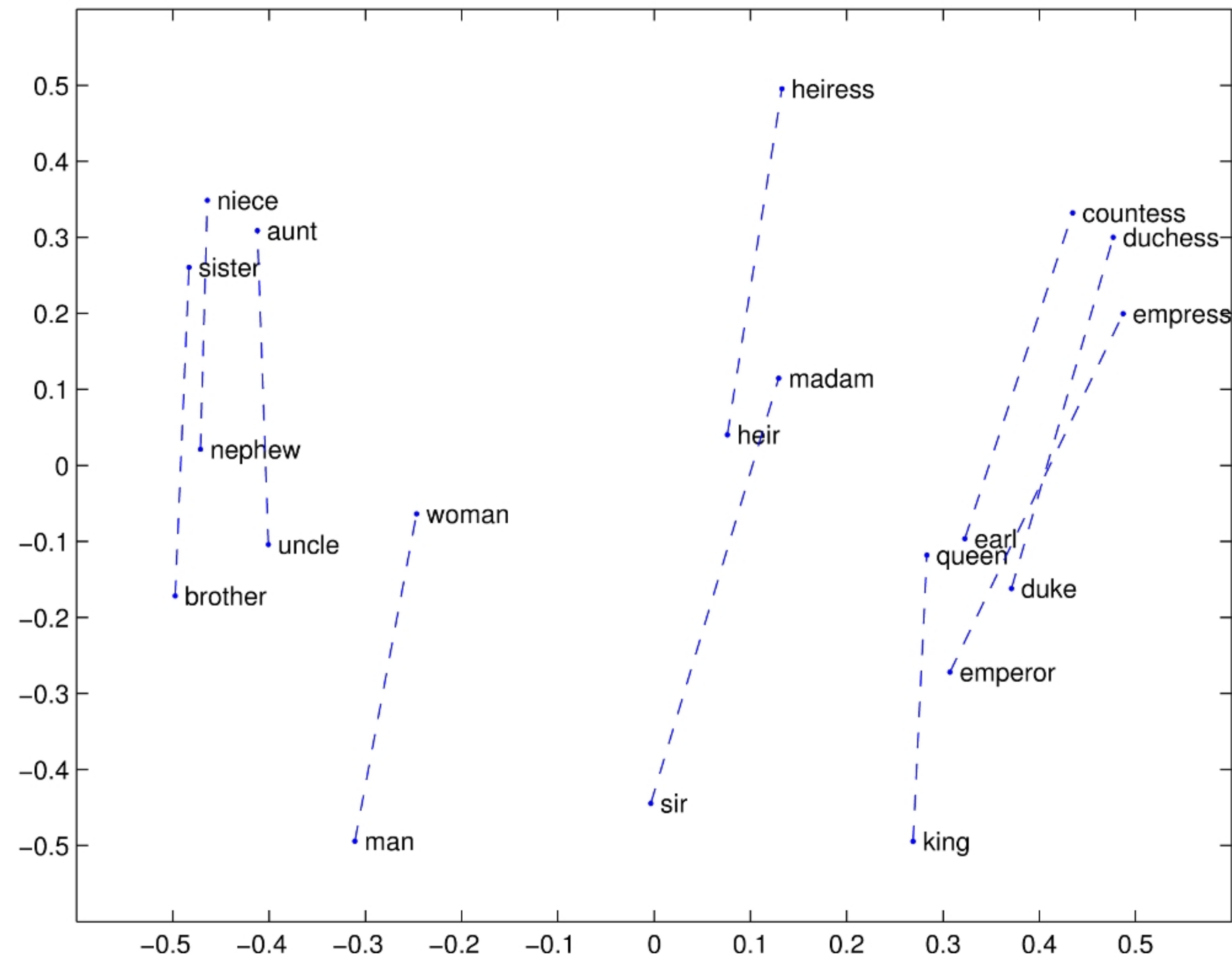


Vectors can be operated upon

king - man + woman $\approx$ queen

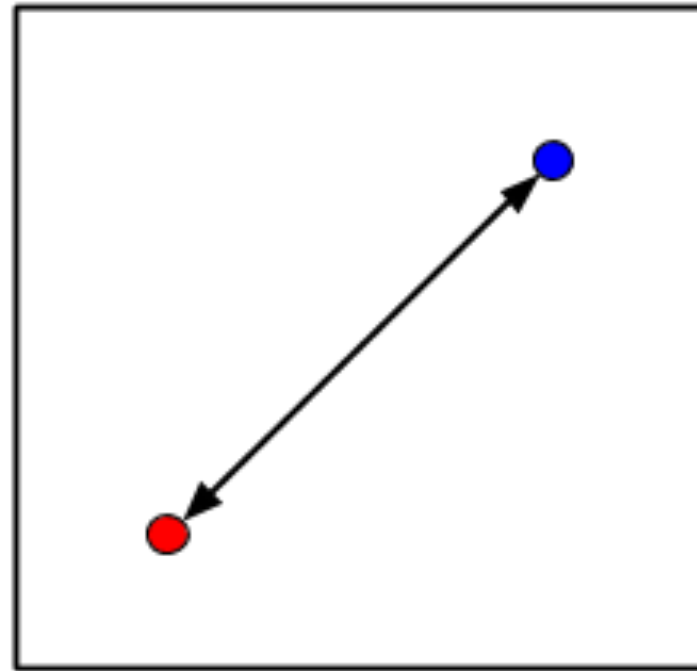


Vector Difference between Pairs of Word Vectors

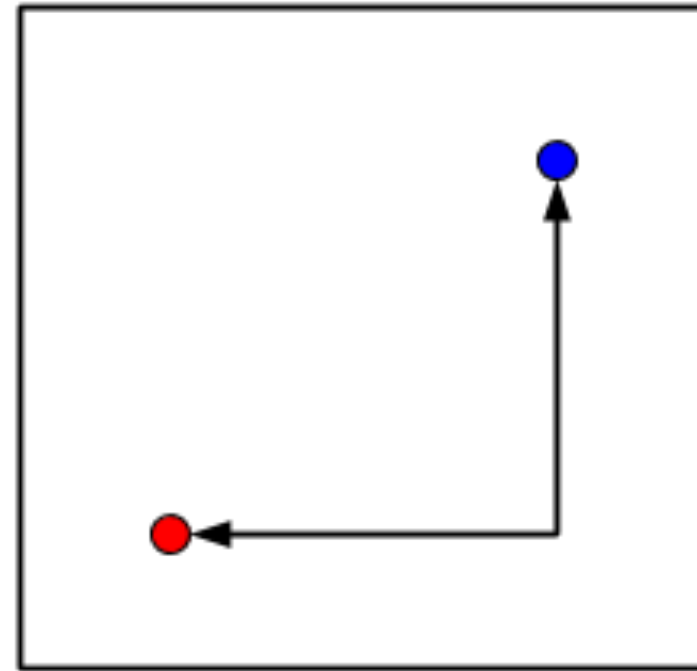


A few of the many Distance Metrics

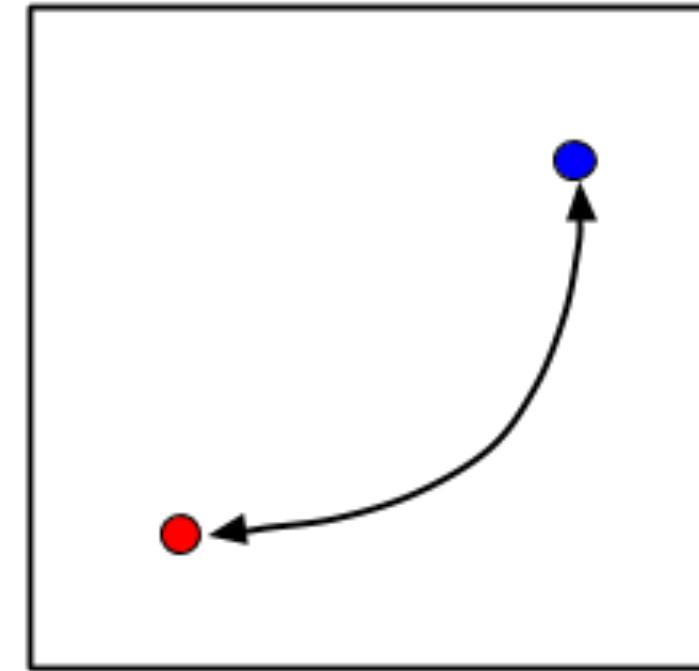
Euclidean



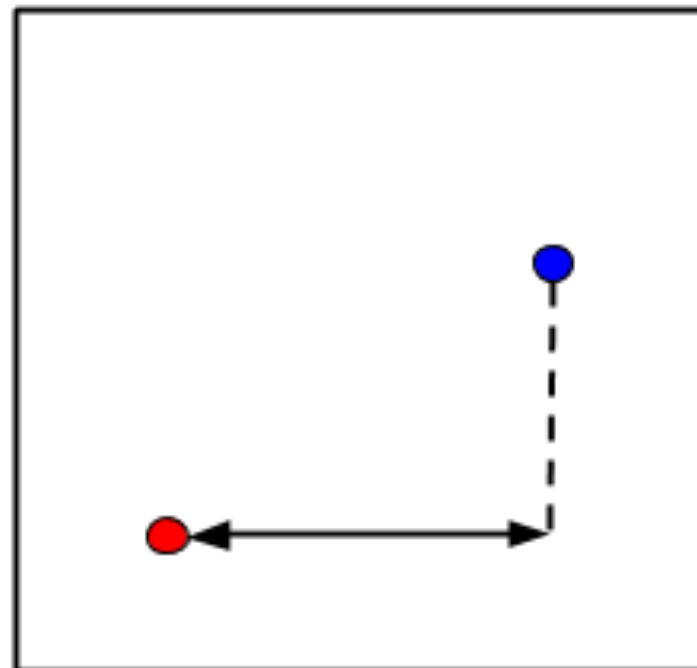
Manhattan



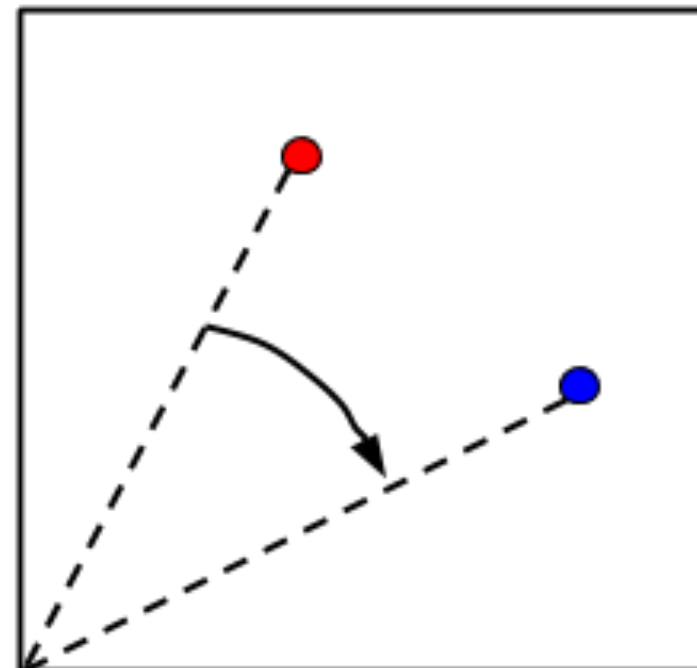
Minkowski



Chebychev



Cosine Similarity



Hamming



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Extending Spring Data Redis

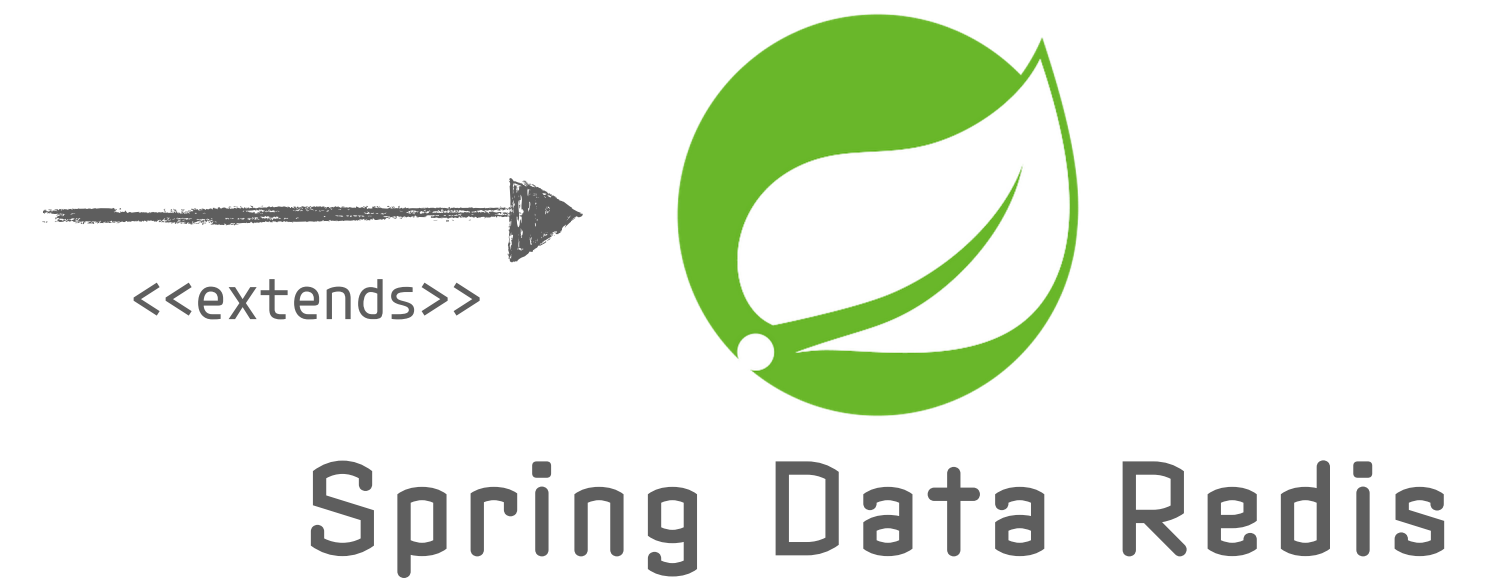
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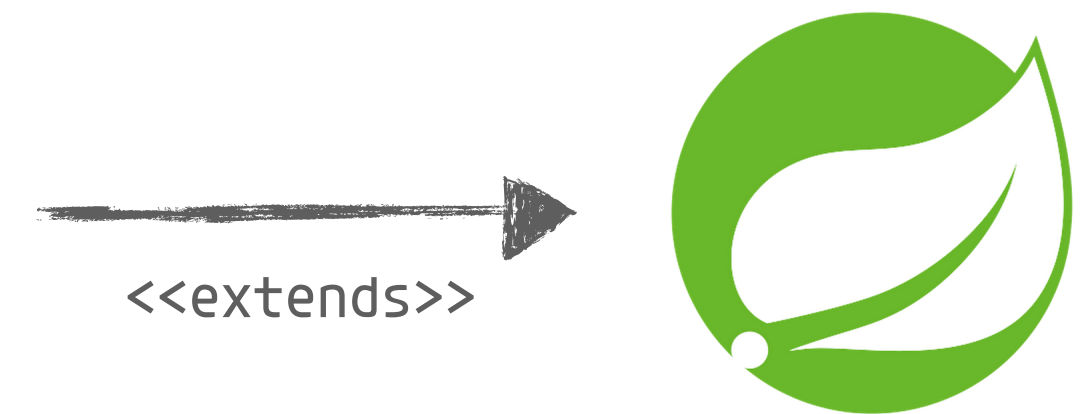
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Model -> Redis Hash

@RedisHash Annotation

```
@Data
@Builder
@RedisHash
public class Role {
    @Id
    private String id;

    private String name;
}
```

HASH

com.redis.stack.demo.models.hashes.Role:01GF0T8VD4FRNW87BCS7JN8JA3

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name	editor 🗑



Spring Data Repositories

From Spring Data Redis

```
@Repository
public interface RoleRepository
    extends CrudRepository<Role, String> {
}
```

Method and Description

count()

Returns the number of entities available.

delete(T entity)

Deletes a given entity.

deleteAll()

Deletes all entities managed by the repository.

deleteAll(Iterable<? extends T> entities)

Deletes the given entities.

deleteAllById(Iterable<? extends ID> ids)

Deletes all instances of the type T with the given IDs.

deleteById(ID id)

Deletes the entity with the given id.

existsById(ID id)

Returns whether an entity with the given id exists.

findAll()

Returns all instances of the type.

findAllById(Iterable<ID> ids)

Returns all instances of the type T with the given IDs.

findById(ID id)

Retrieves an entity by its id.

save(S entity)

Saves a given entity.

saveAll(Iterable<S> entities)

Saves all given entities.



Search Index Generation

@Indexed Annotation

```
@Data
@Builder
@RedisHash
public class Role {
    @Id
    private String id;

    @Indexed
    private String name;
}
```

```
@Repository
public interface RoleRepository
    extends CrudRepository<Role, String> {

    Optional<Role> findFirstByName(String name);
}
```


More Complex & Searchable Models

@Searchable / @Indexed / @Bloom Annotation

```
@Data
@RedisHash
public class User {
    @Id private String id;

    @Searchable private String name;

    @Bloom(name = "bf_company_email", capacity = 100000, errorRate = 0.001)
    @Indexed
    private String email;
    private String password;

    @Transient private String passwordConfirm;
    @Reference private Set<Role> roles;

    // audit fields
    @CreatedDate private Date createdAt;
    @LastModifiedDate private Date lastModifiedDate;
}
```

More Complex & Searchable Models

@Searchable / @Indexed / @Bloom Annotation

```
@Repository
public interface UserRepository extends CrudRepository<User, String> {
    Iterable<User> findByNameStartingWith(String prefix);

    Optional<User> findFirstByEmail(String email);

    boolean existsByEmail(String email);
}
```

Model -> Redis JSON

@Document Annotation

```
@Document
public class FictionalCharacter {
    @Id
    @Indexed private String id;

    // Indexed for exact text matching
    @Indexed private String actorFirstName;
    @Indexed private String actorLastName;

    // Indexed for numeric matches
    @Indexed private Integer actorAge;

    // Indexed for Full Text matches
    @Searchable private String quote;

    // Indexed for Geo Filtering
    @Indexed private Point actorLocation;

    // Nest indexed object
    @Indexed private Address actorAddress;

    @Indexed private Set<String> skills;
}
```

JSON com.redis.stack.demo.models.json.FictionalCharacter:01GF0T90HQTCTSSD772B26N885

Key Size: 554 B Length: 8 TTL: No limit <1 min

```
{
  "id": "01GF0T90HQTCTSSD772B26N885"
  "actorFirstName": "Zoe"
  "actorLastName": "Saldana"
  "actorAge": 43
  "quote": "I Am Going To Die Surrounded By The Biggest Idiots In The Galaxy."
  "actorLocation": "-118.399968,34.073087"
  "actorAddress": {
    "houseNumber": "107"
    "street": "S Beverly Glen Blvd"
    "city": "Los Angeles"
    "state": "CA"
    "postalCode": "90024"
    "country": "US"
  } +
  "skills": [
    "0": "martial_arts"
    "1": "skills"
  ] +
}
```


More Repository Superpowers w/ JSON

@Searchable / @Indexed

```
public interface FictionalCharacterRepository extends RedisDocumentRepository<FictionalCharacter, String> {  
    // Find people by age range  
    Iterable<FictionalCharacter> findByActorAgeBetween(int minAge, int maxAge);  
  
    // Find people by their first and last name  
    Iterable<FictionalCharacter> findByActorFirstNameAndActorLastName(String firstName, String lastName);  
  
    // Draws a circular geofilter around a spot and returns all people in that  
    // radius  
    Iterable<FictionalCharacter> findByActorLocationNear(Point point, Distance distance);  
  
    // Performs full text search on a characters quote  
    Iterable<FictionalCharacter> searchByQuote(String text);  
  
    // Performing a tag search on city  
    Iterable<FictionalCharacter> findByActorAddress_City(String city);  
  
    // Search Characters that have one of multiple skills (OR condition)  
    Iterable<FictionalCharacter> findBySkills(Set<String> skills);  
  
    // Search Characters that have all of the skills (AND condition):  
    Iterable<FictionalCharacter> findBySkillsContainingAll(Set<String> skills);  
}
```


Auto-Complete Out of the Box

@AutoComplete / @AutoCompletePayload

```
@Document
public class CharacterEntry {
    @Id private String id;

    @AutoComplete @NonNull private String name;
    @AutoCompletePayload("name") private String type;

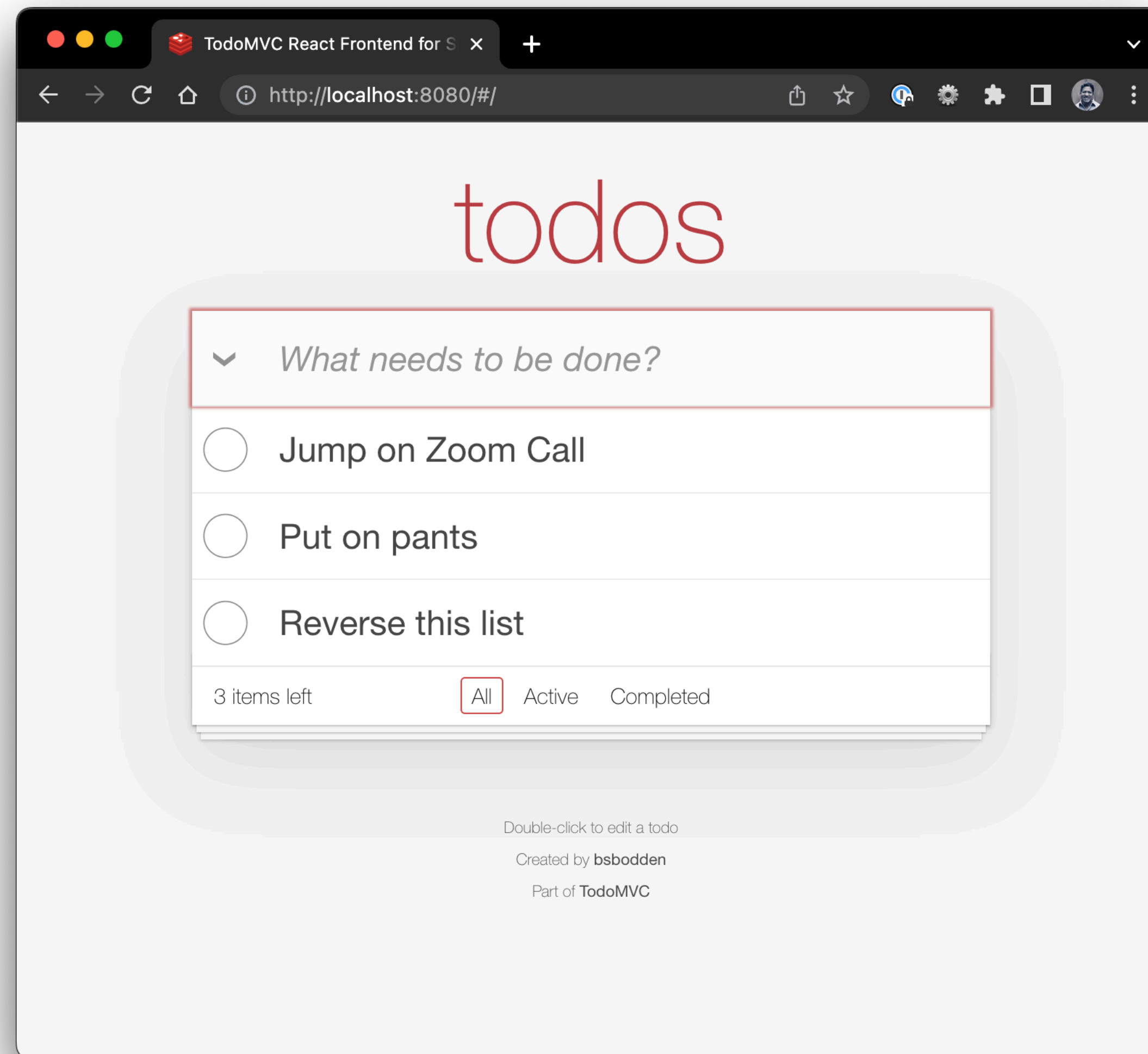
    @SerializedName("first appearance")
    @AutoCompletePayload("name") private String firstAppearance;
    @AutoCompletePayload("name") private Integer appearances;
}
```

```
public interface CharacterEntryRepository
    extends RedisDocumentRepository<CharacterEntry, String> {

    List<Suggestion> autoCompleteName(String query);
    List<Suggestion> autoCompleteName(String query, AutoCompleteOptions options);
}
```


Redis OM Todos

A Basic Redis OM Example



Searching...

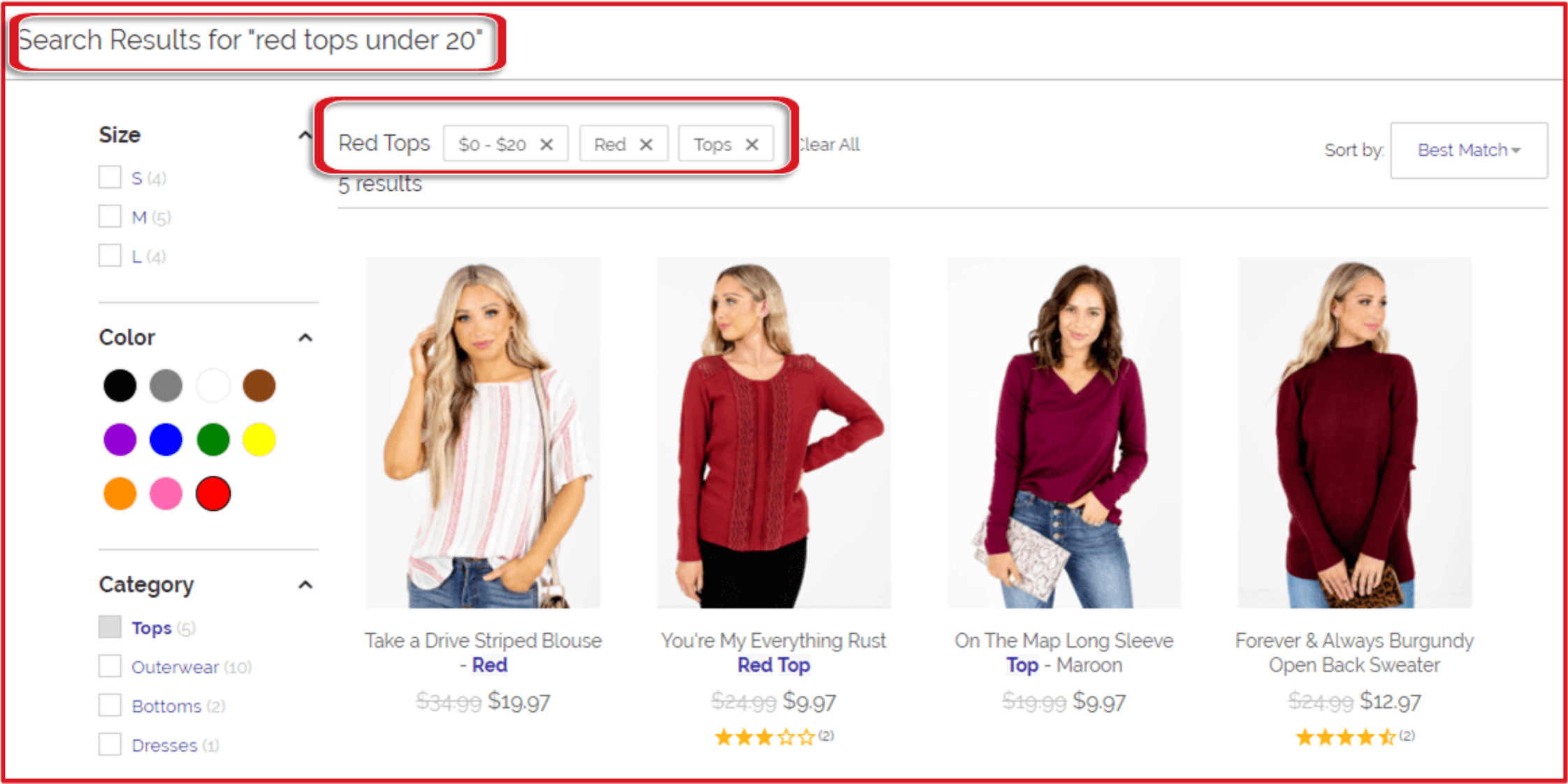
High Expectations

There's a growing expectation for effective search functionality

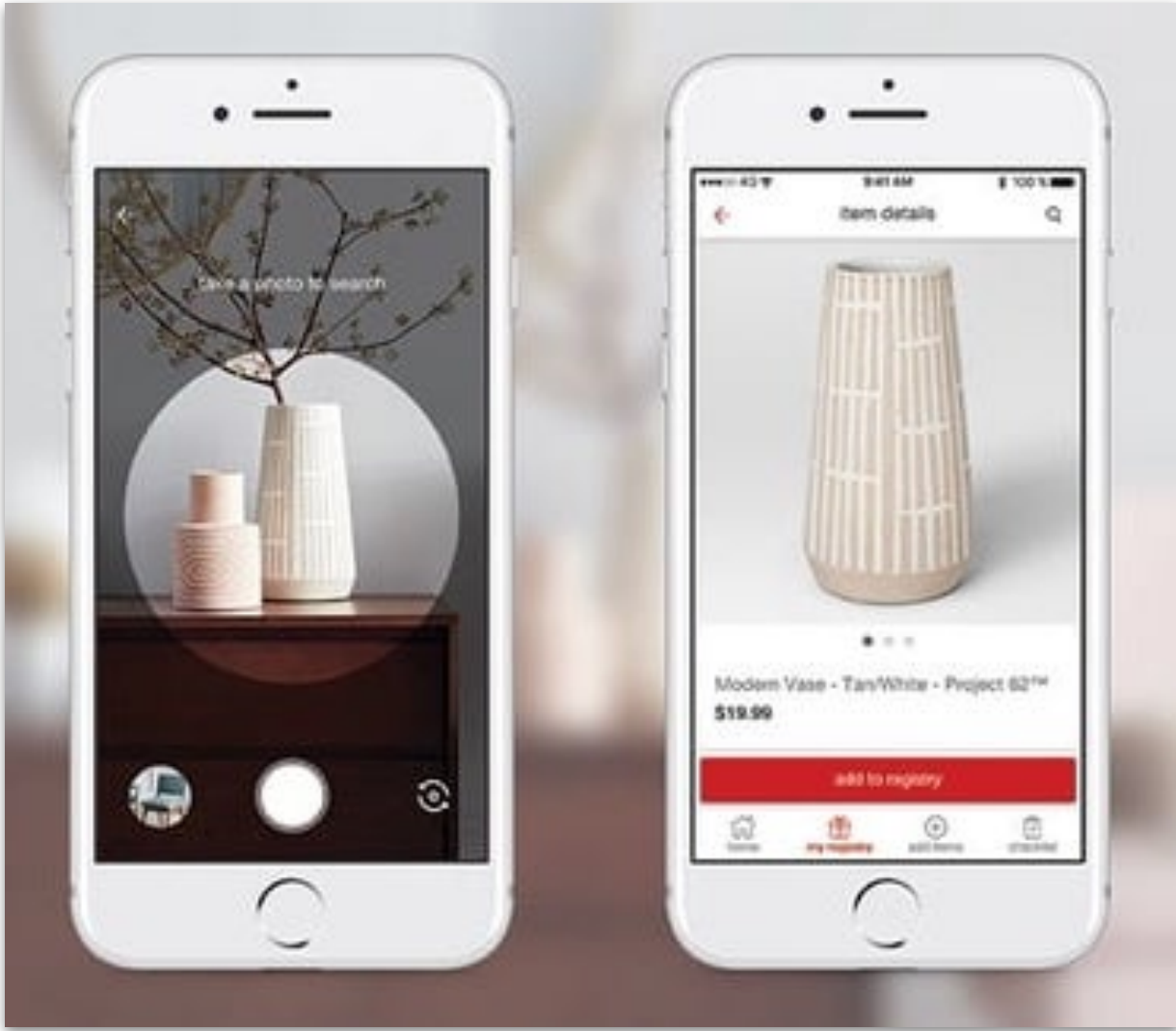
Unstructured Data is "high-dimensional"

Needs to capture "meaning and context" in unstructured data

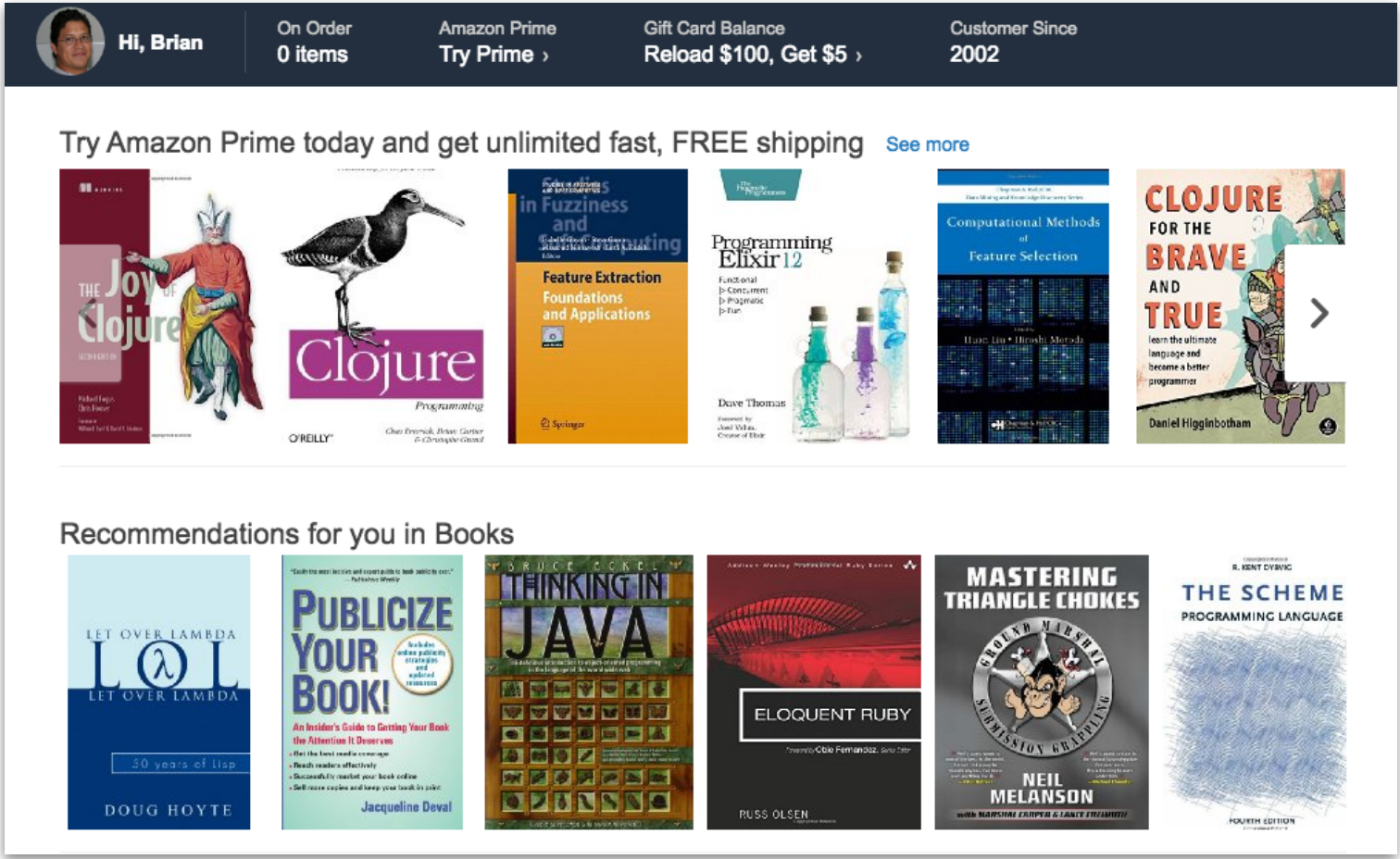
Encompasses Recommendation Engines and Similarity Search



Natural Language Search



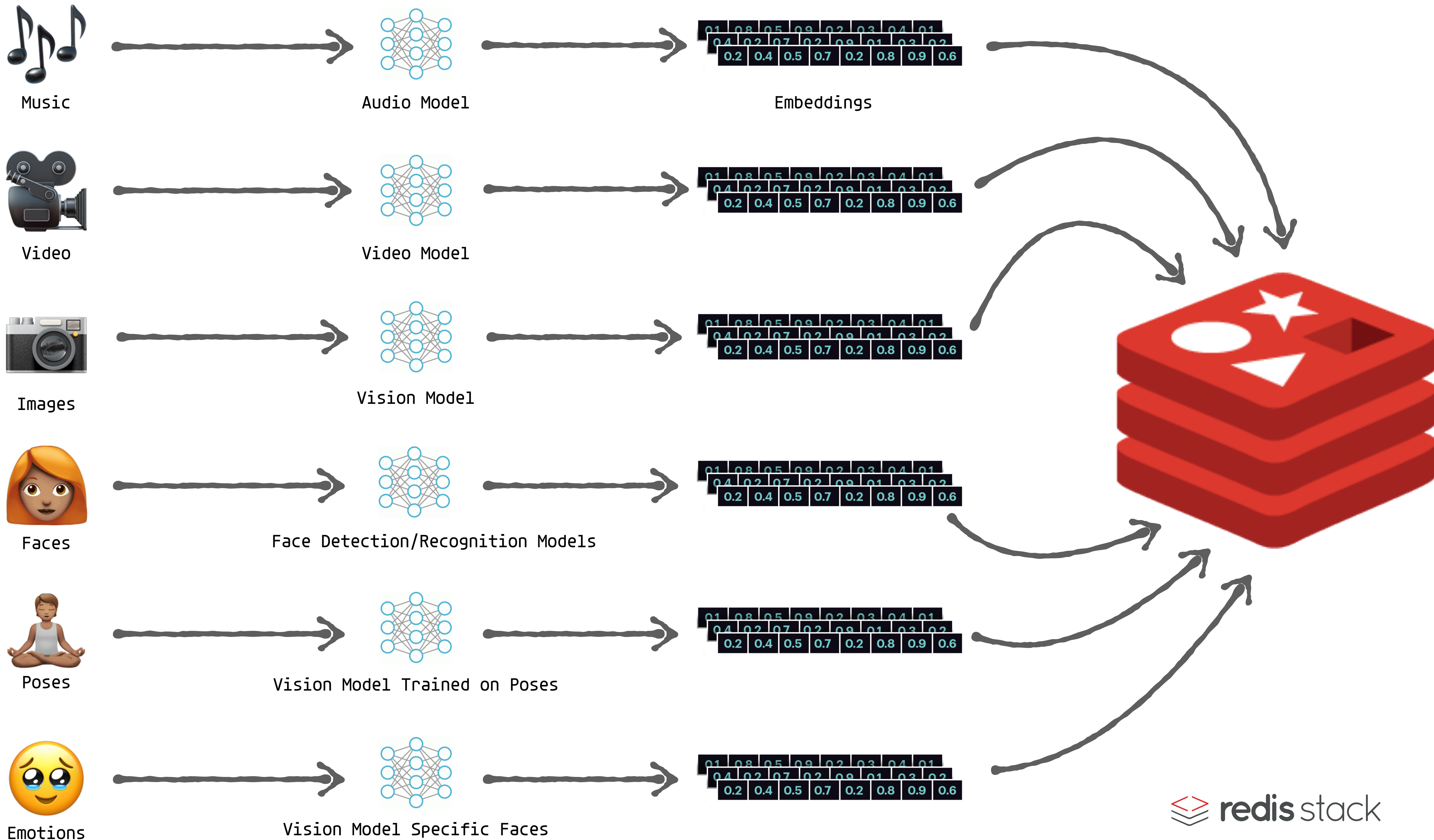
Visual Search



Recommenders

Vector Similarity in Redis

Redis as Vector Database



Vector Similarity in Redis

Index and query vector data stored as **BLOBs** in Redis **Hashes/JSON**

3 distance metrics: Euclidean, Internal Product and Cosine

2 indexing methods: HNSW and Flat

Hybrid queries combined with GEO, TAG, TEXT or NUMERIC

Celebrity Match Demo

Facial Similarity Search

Face Detection/Extraction

A peek under the hood



Let's look at the code to detect and extract faces...

Celebrity Match Demo

Breakdown

- 1 A **Celebrity** domain mapped to **Redis Hashes**
- 2 Spring Data **Repositories** powered by **RedisSearch**
- 3 **@Indexed** annotated field for image embeddings
- 4 **@Vectorize** annotated field to generate embeddings
- 5 Upload image, detect/extract faces, gen. input embedding
- 6 Entity **Streams** to query for K nearest neighbors
- 7 Display **results**

@Indexed and @Vectorize

TLDR

The source of the embeddings and how to generate them

```
@Vectorize(  
    destination = "imageEmbedding",  
    embeddingType = EmbeddingType.FACE  
)  
@NonNull  
private String imageResource;
```

How to generate the Vector search schema field

```
@Indexed(  
    schemaFieldType = SchemaFieldType.VECTOR, //  
    algorithm = VectorAlgo.HNSW, //  
    type = VectorType.FLOAT32, //  
    dimension = 512, //  
    distanceMetric = DistanceMetric.L2, //  
    initialCapacity = 10  
)  
private byte[] imageEmbedding;
```

Redis VSS Celebrities Demo

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Redis VSS Celebs

Celebrity Match Demo

A Vector Similarity Search Example powered by Redis Stack.

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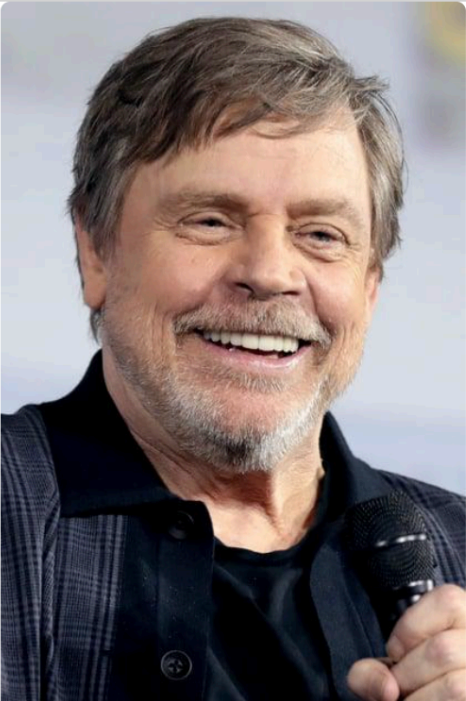
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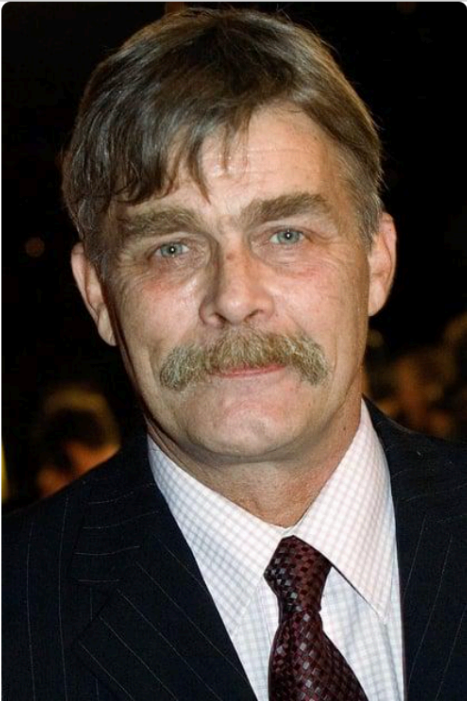
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Mark Hamill

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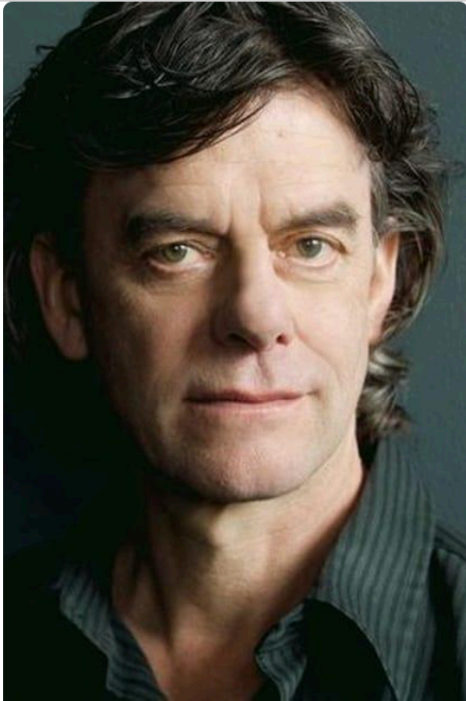
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Nicholas Campbell

View

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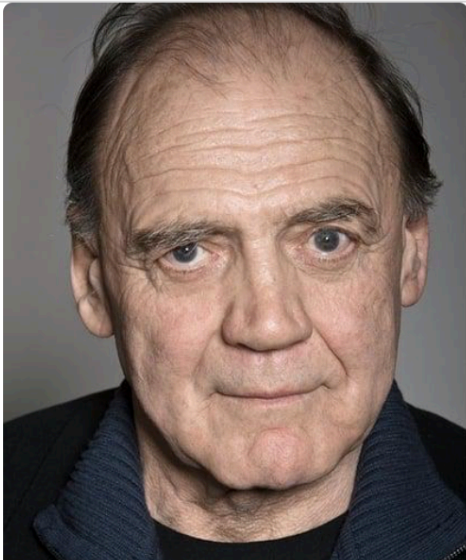
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Fashion Product Finder

Image & Text - Hybrid Similarity Search

Fashion Product Finder

This demo uses the built-in Vector Search capabilities of Redis Stack to show how unstructured data, such as images and text, can be used to create powerful search engines.

Apply Filters

[Load More Products](#)

3000 searchable products



Rocky S Women White Handbag

View Similar:

By Text By Image



Rocky S Women Blue
Handbag

View Similar:

By Text By Image



Rocky S Women Brown Handbag

View Similar:

By Text | By Image



Rocky S Women Red Clutch

View Similar:

By Text By Image



Puma Unisex White Cap

View Similar:

By Text By Image



The tools and techniques to
unlock the value in
Unstructured Data have
evolved greatly...

Databases like **Redis** and
frameworks like

Redis OM Spring can help!

<https://github.com/bsbodden/roms-vss-celebs>

<https://github.com/redis/redis-om-spring>

<https://redis.io/docs/stack/get-started/tutorials/stack-spring/>

<https://redis.com/blog/rediscover-redis-for-vector-similarity-search/>

<https://github.com/redis/jedis>

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Create a database →



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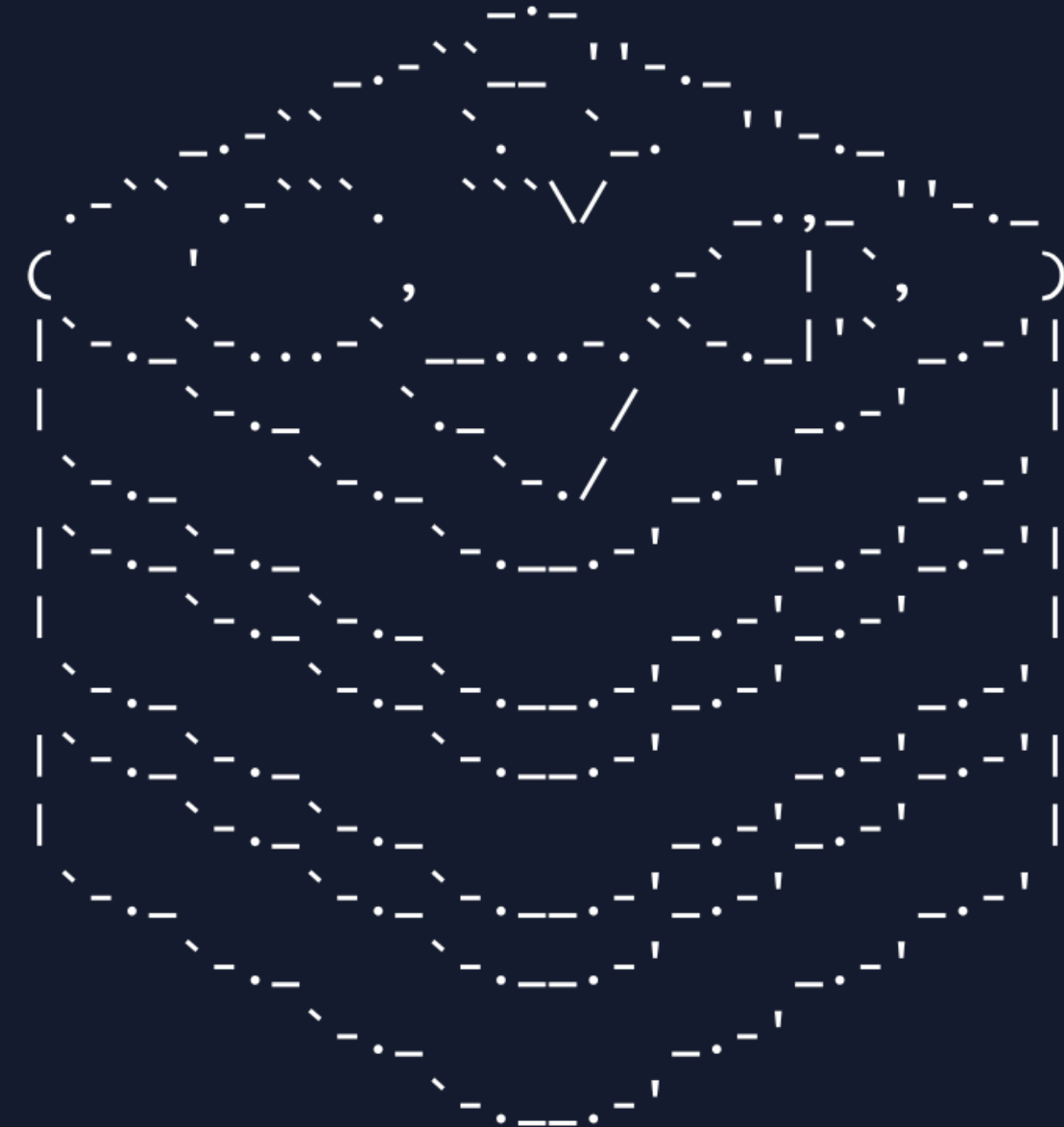
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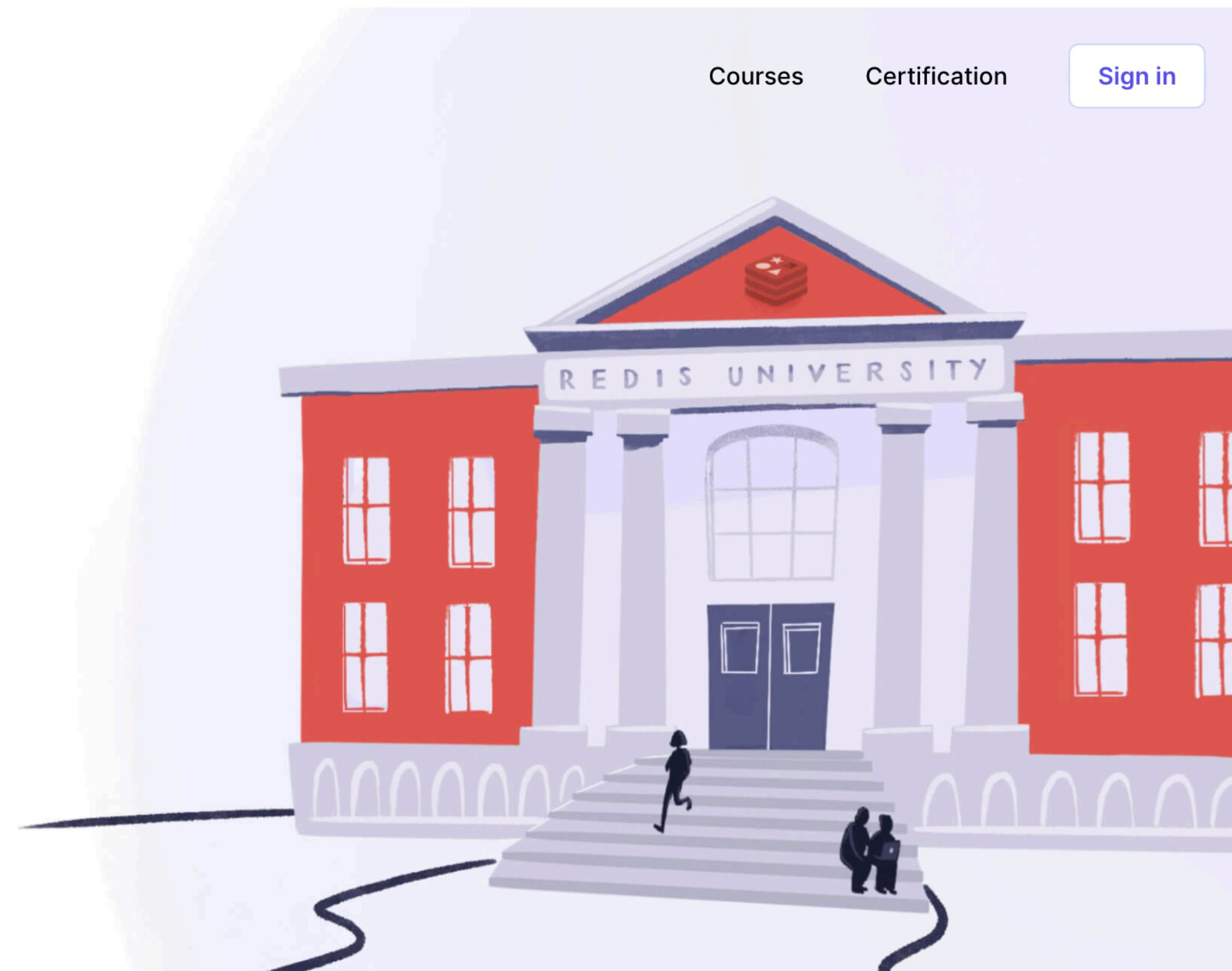
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