

Outsmarting the genie: How to make smart architecture decisions when building Generative AI applications

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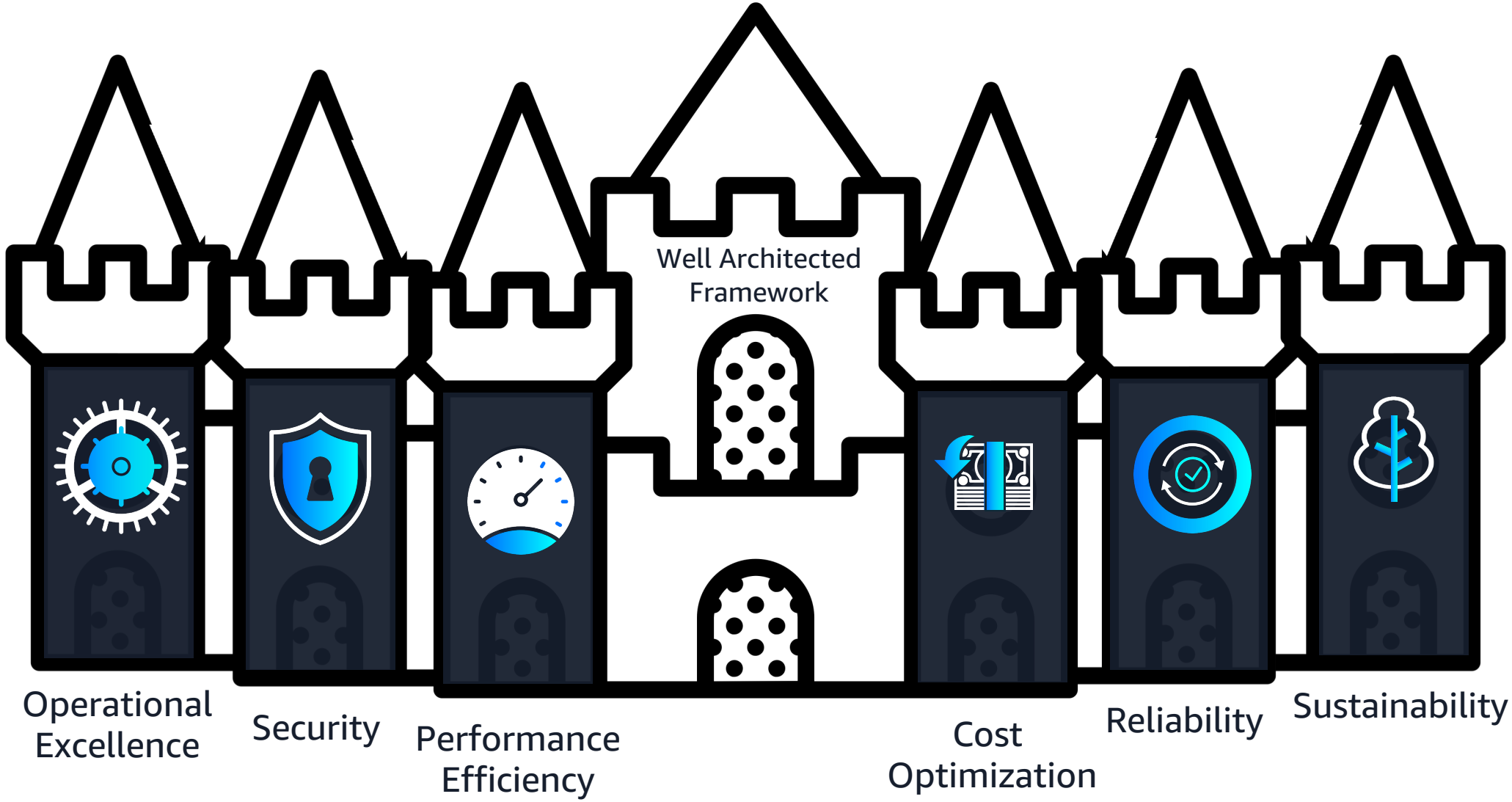
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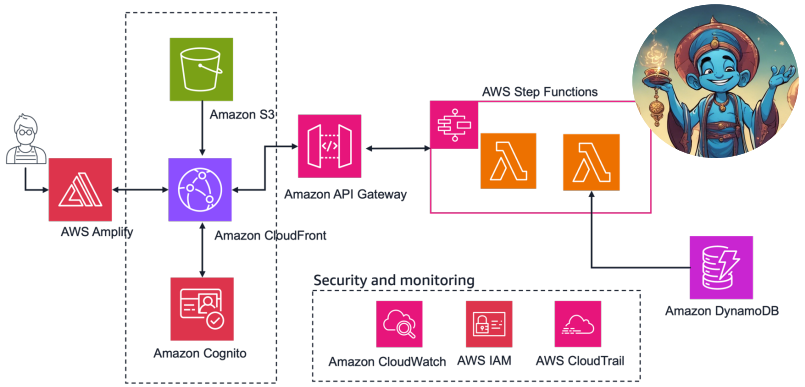
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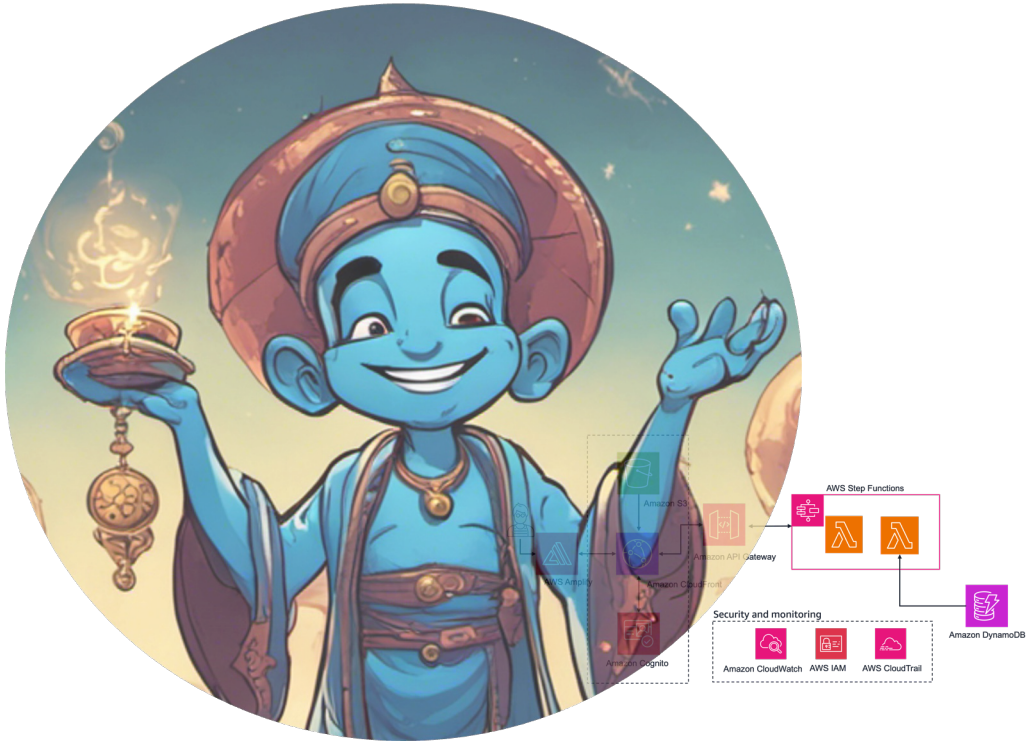
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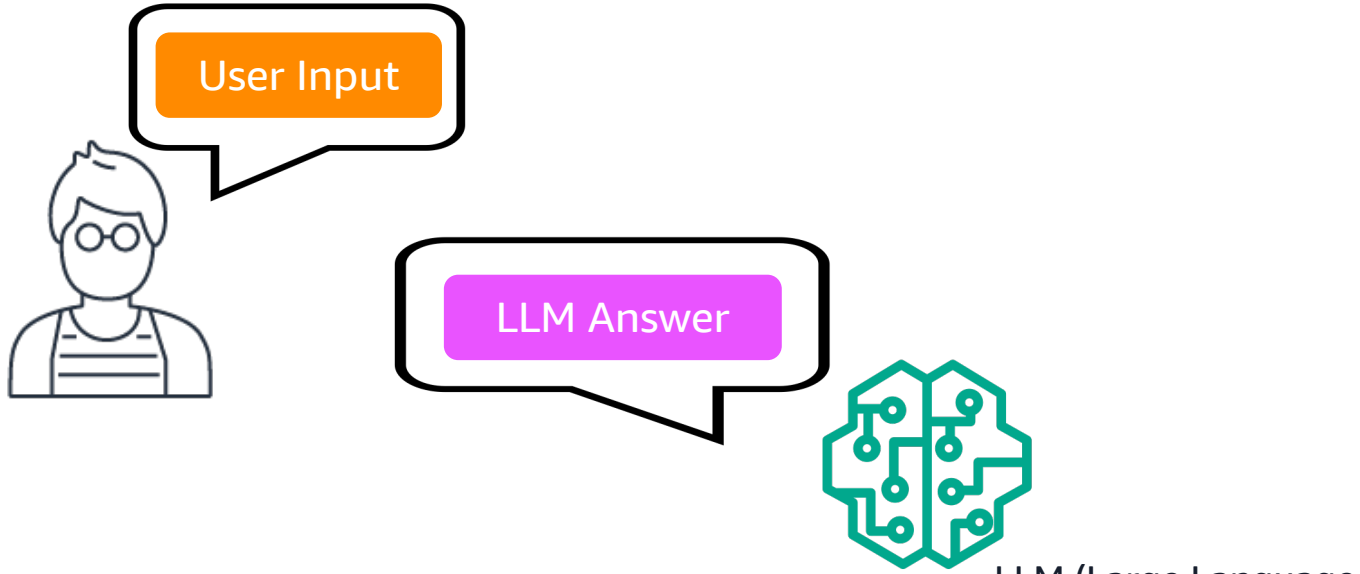
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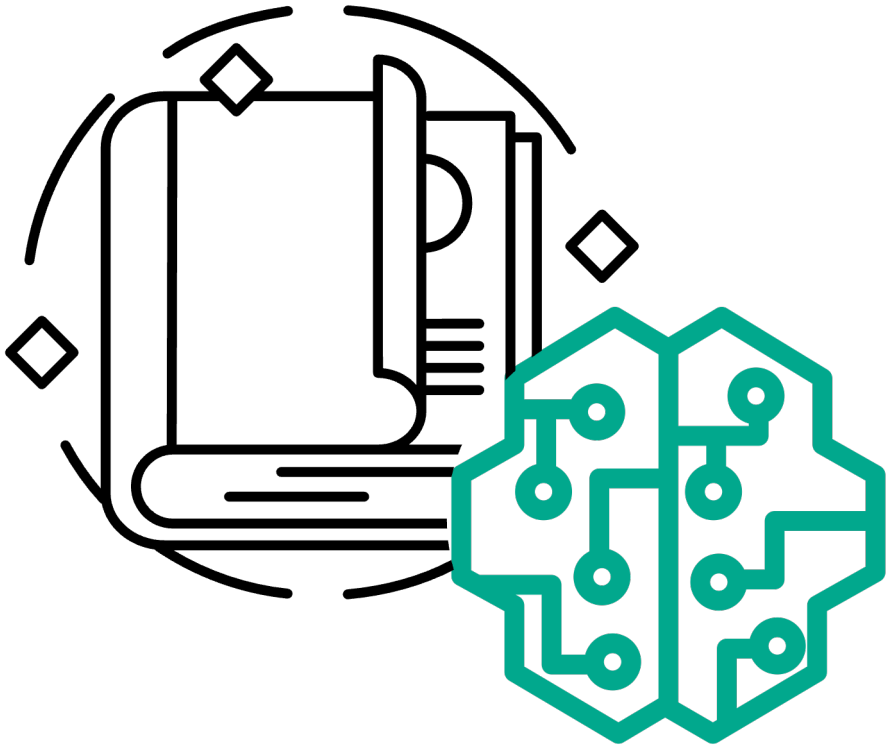
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LLM (Large Language Model)

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Foundation models



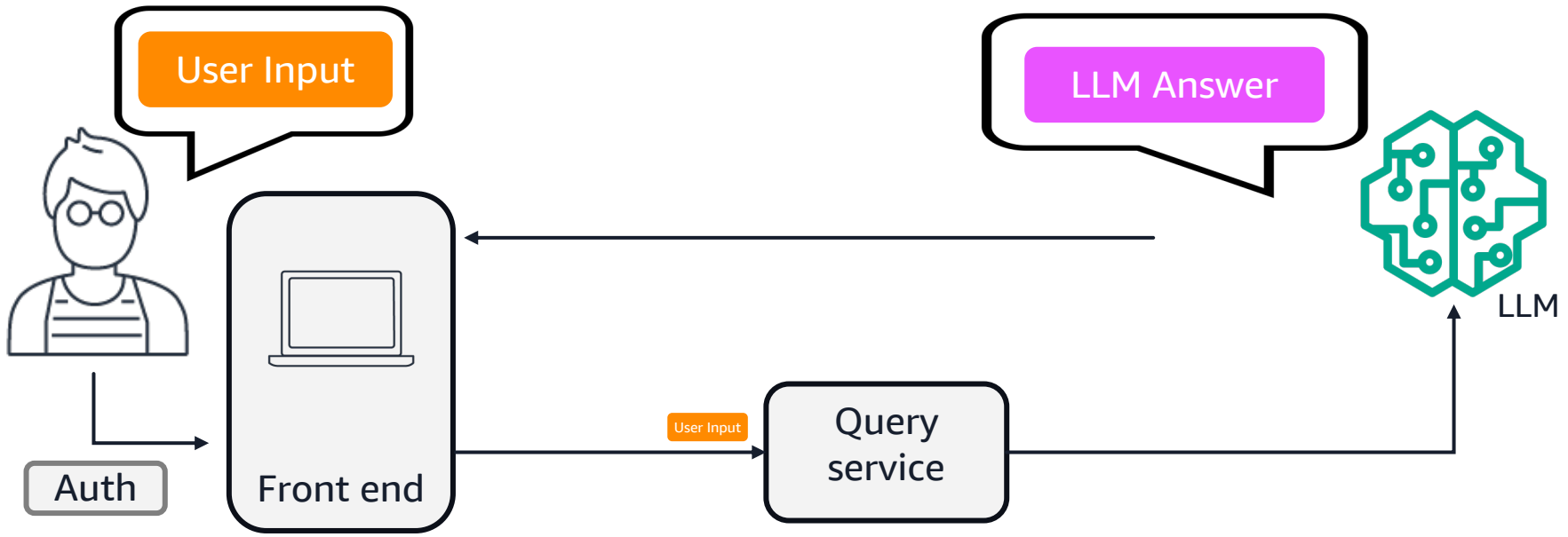
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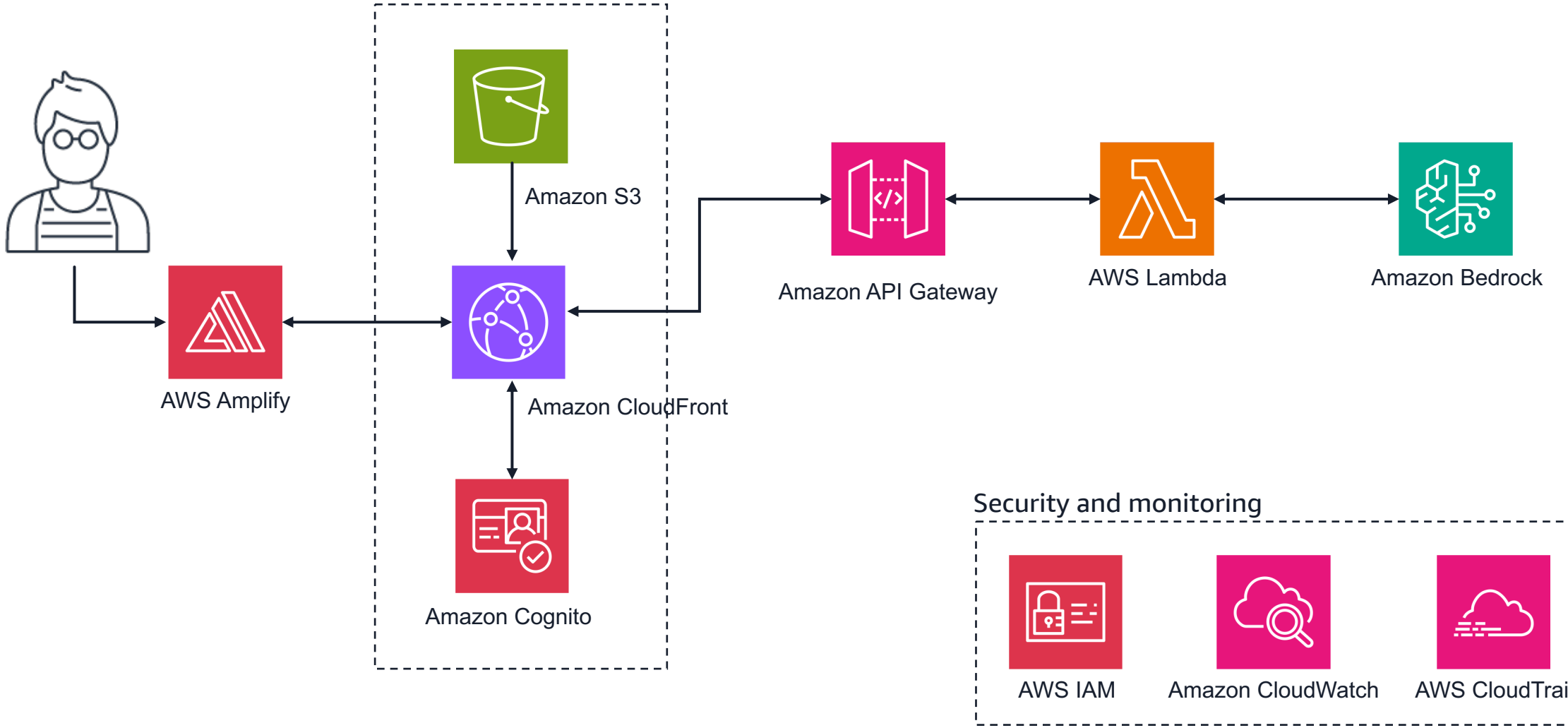
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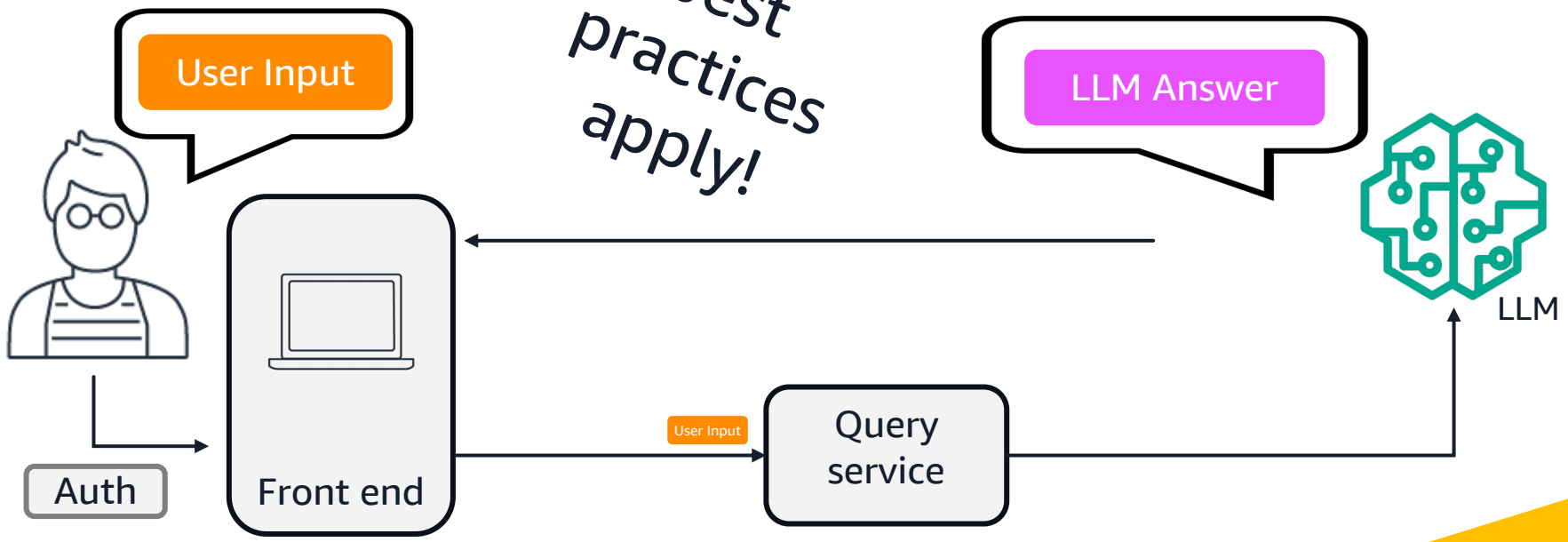
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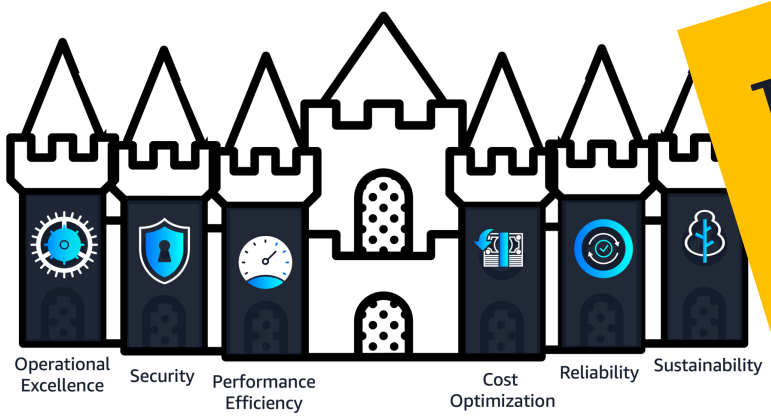
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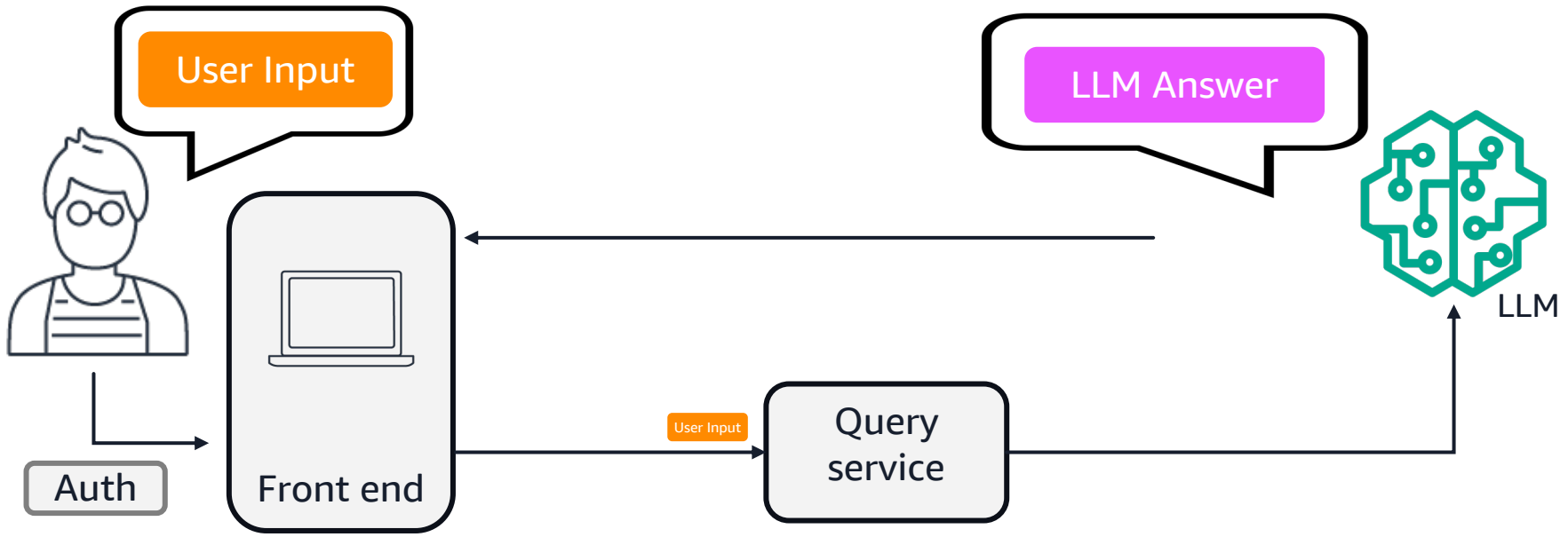




TODO: Look at Well Architected Framework

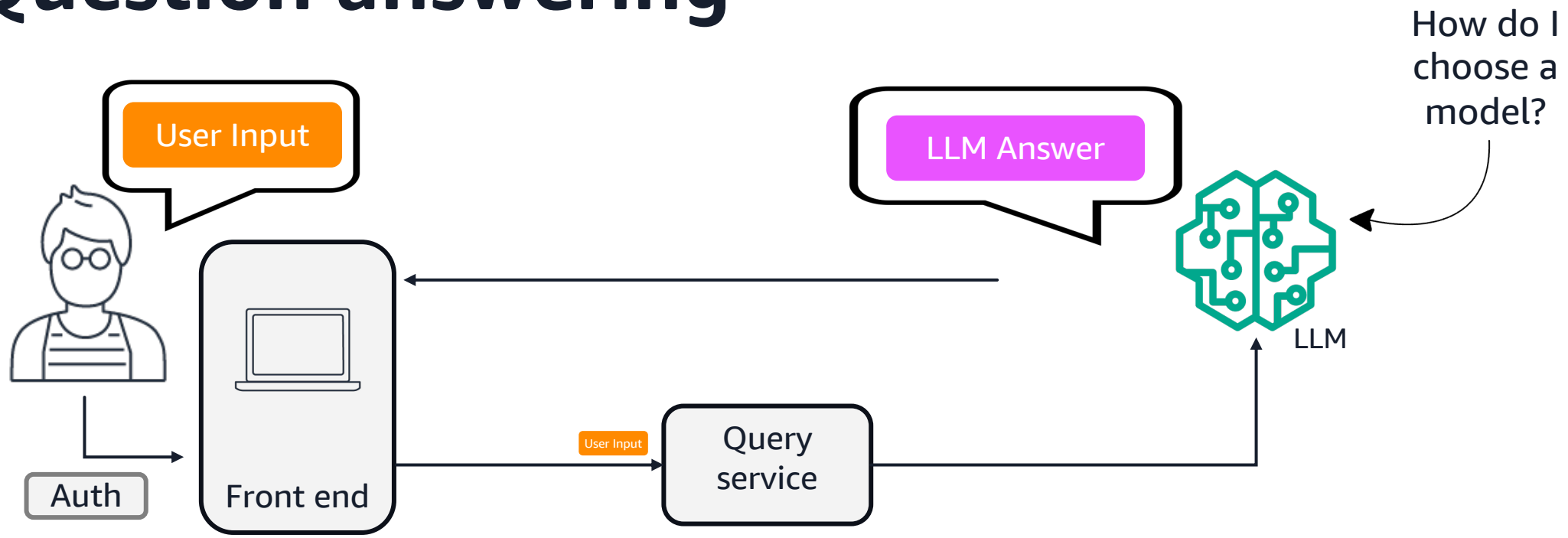
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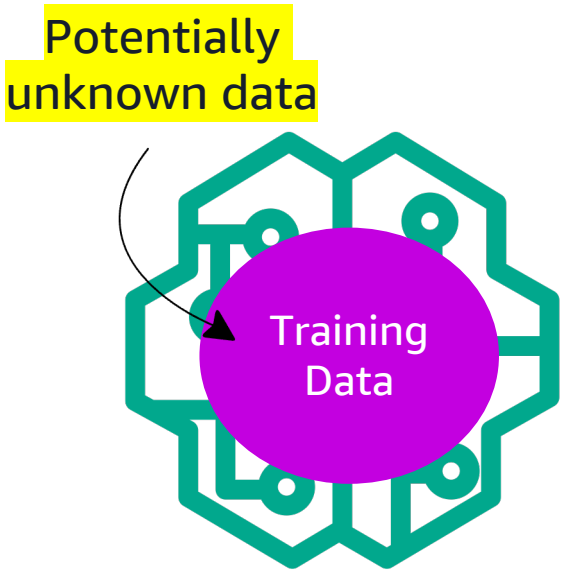
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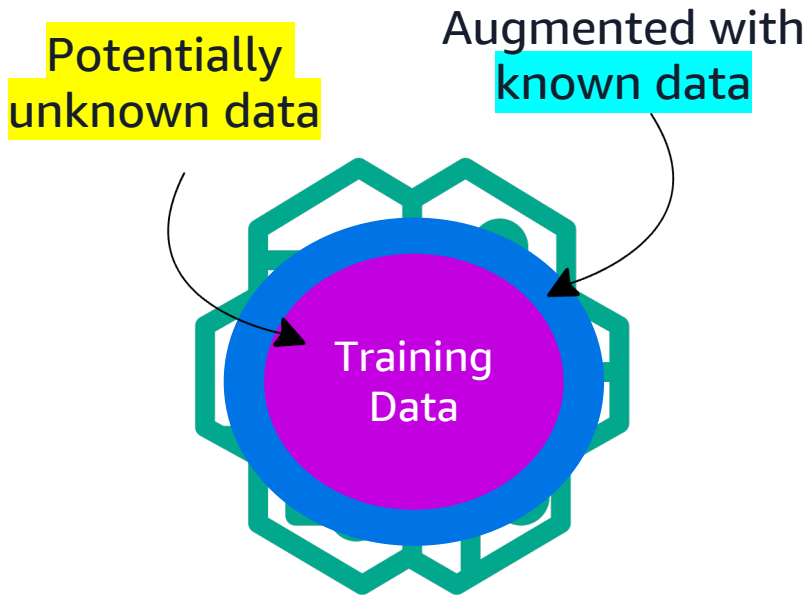


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Generative AI models – training data



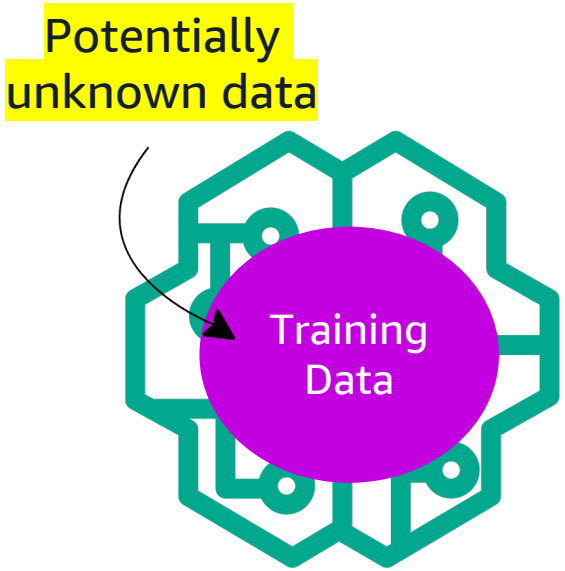
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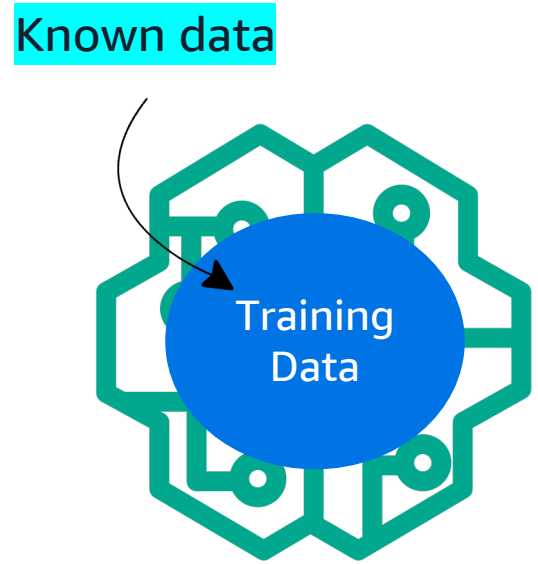
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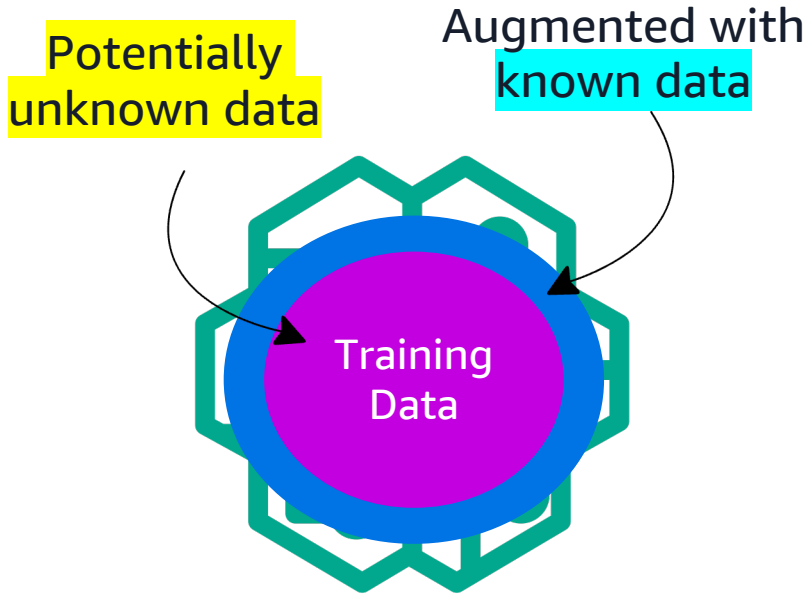
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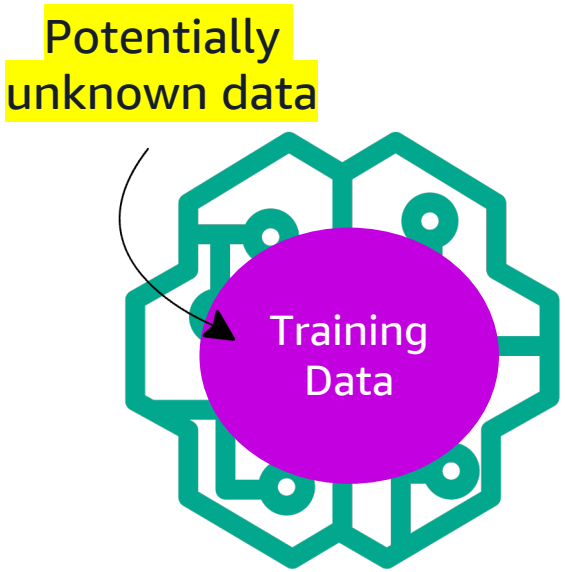
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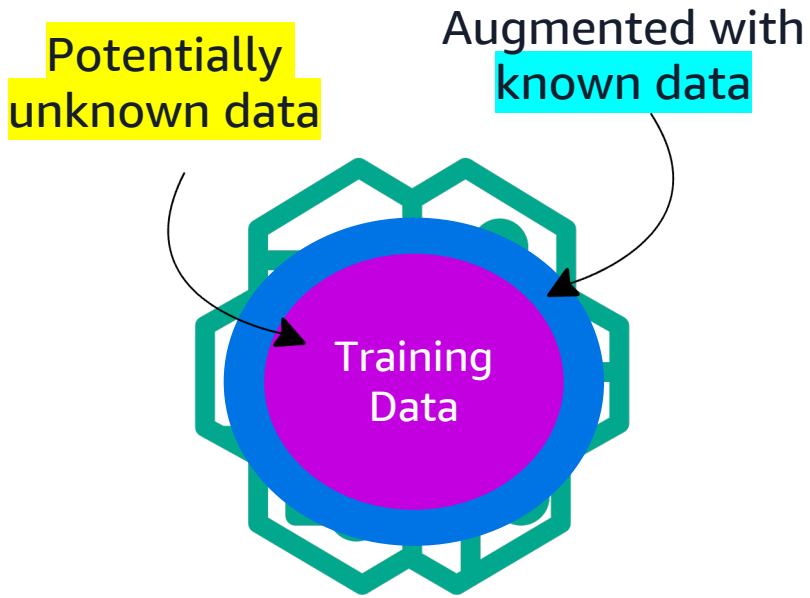
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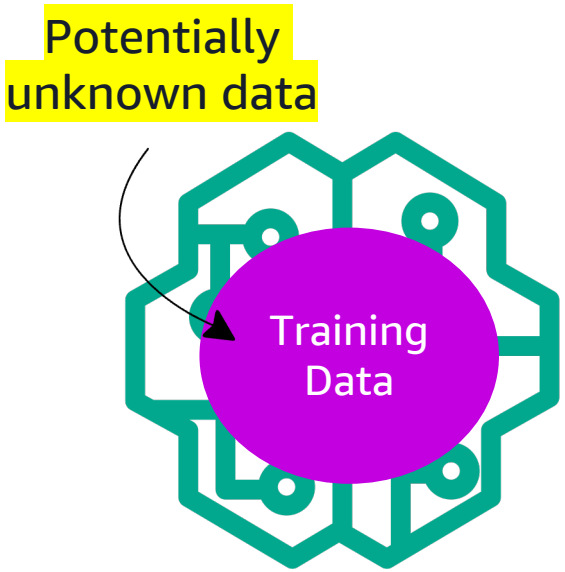
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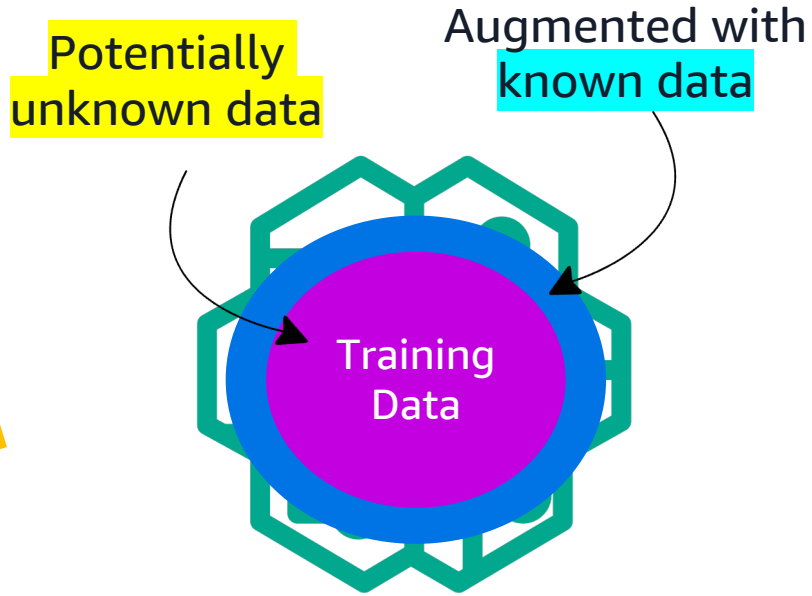
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Models – training data



Foundation model (prebuilt)

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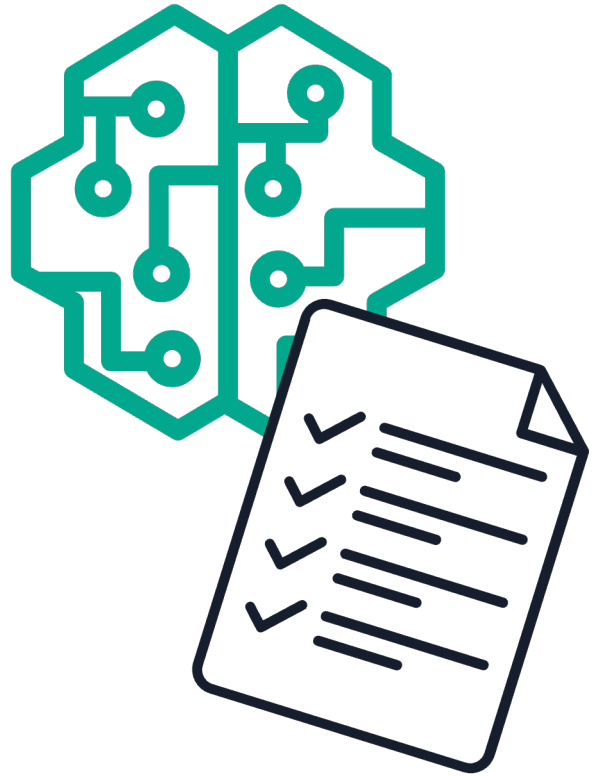
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Choosing how to decide “best”

- Have a clear use-case



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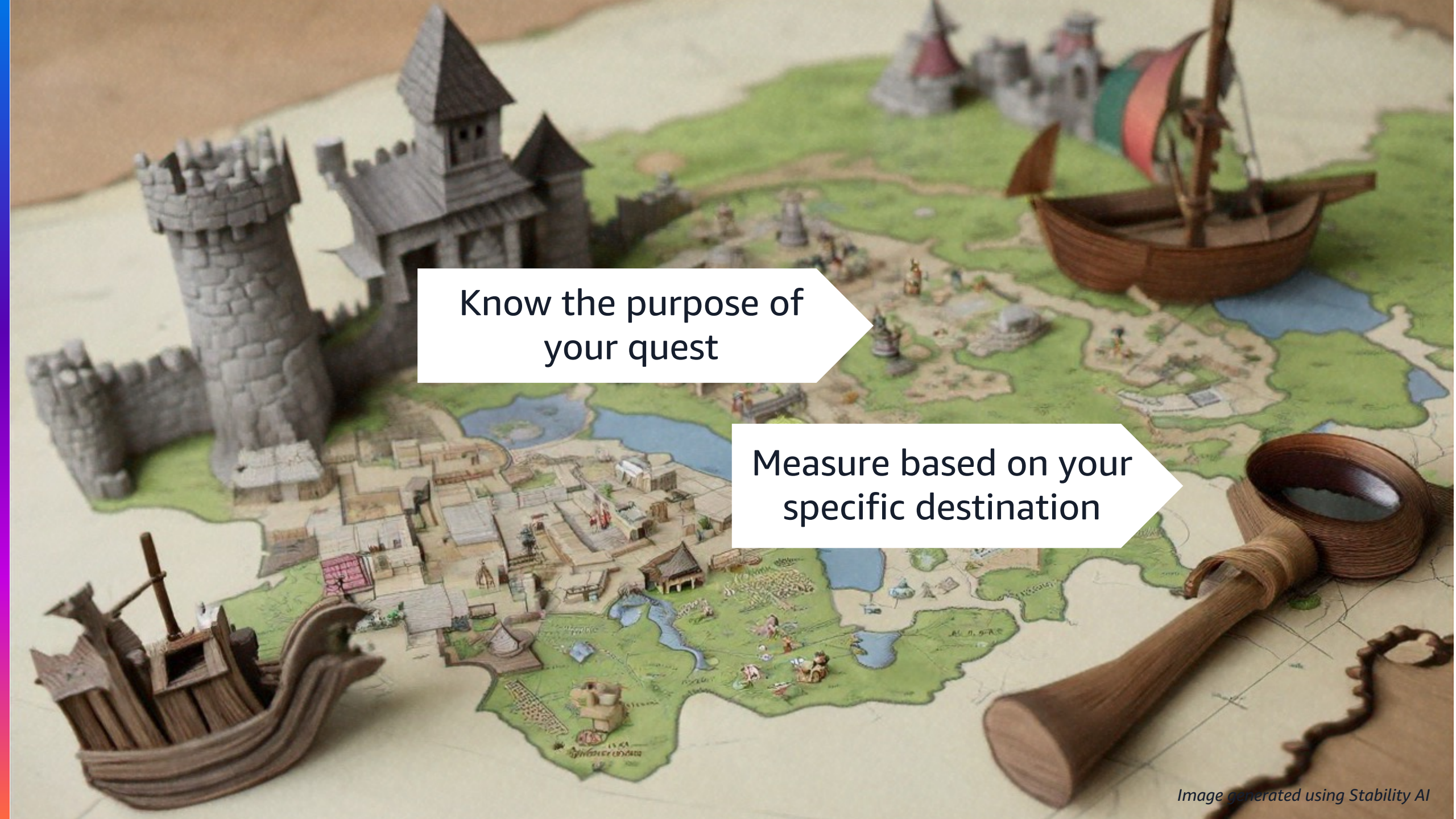
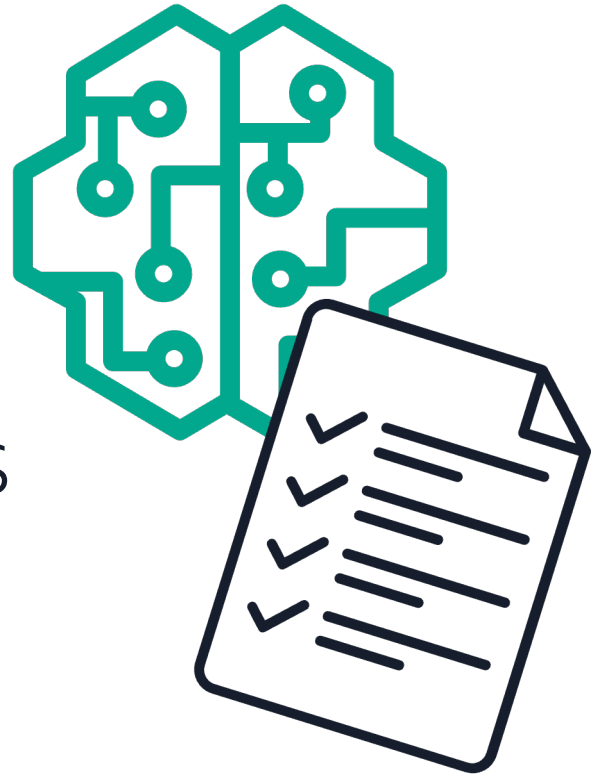


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Choosing how to decide “best”

- Have a clear use-case
- Choose metrics based on objectives



Robustness
Toxicity
Translation
Bias
Perplexity
Relevance
Coherence
Accuracy
Text generation
Summarization
Faithfulness

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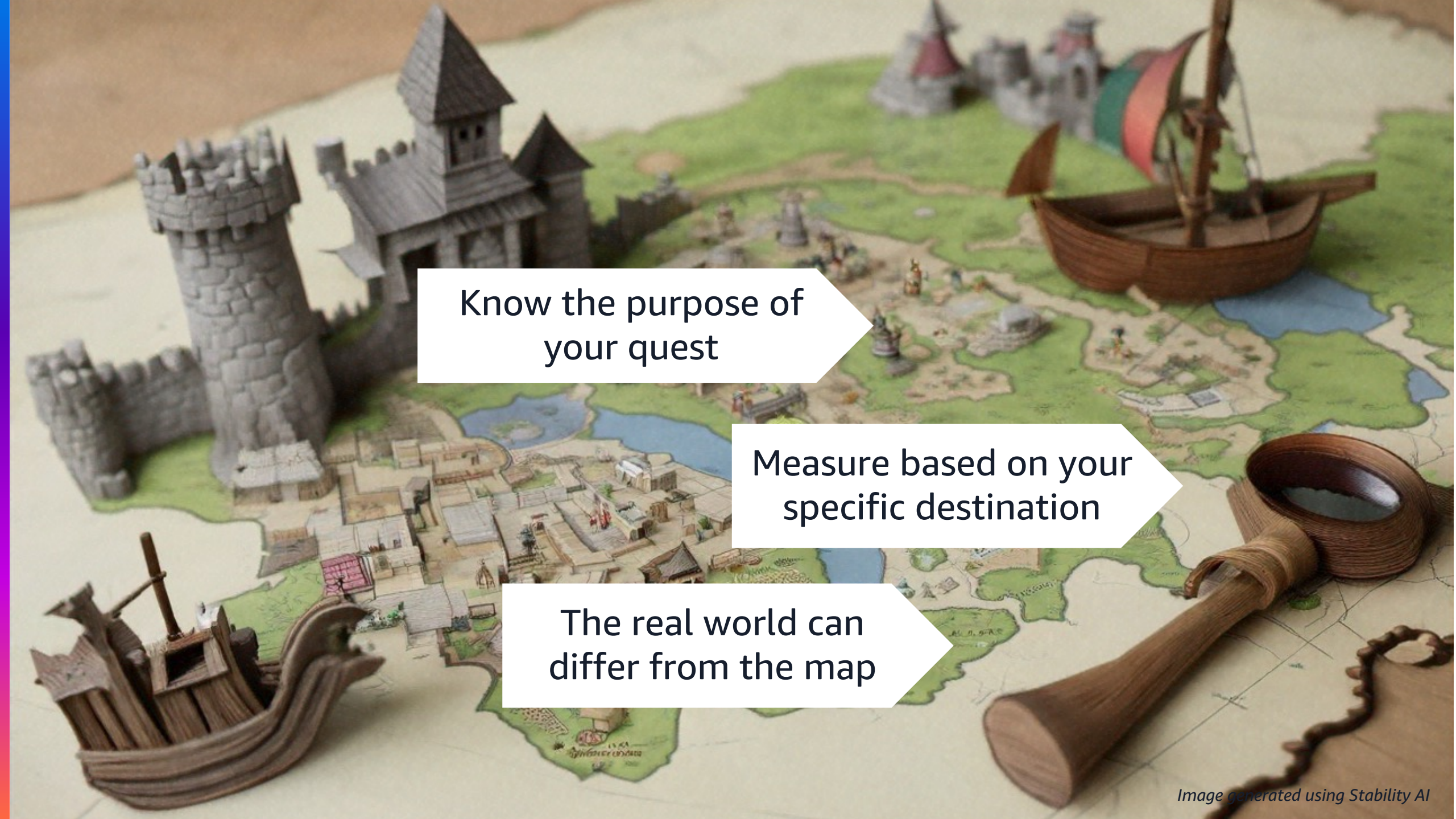
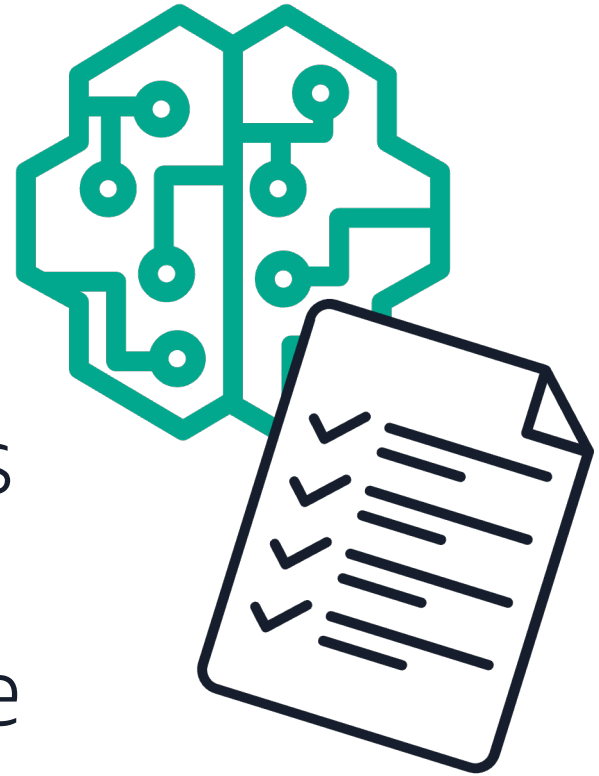


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Choosing how to decide “best”

- Have a clear use-case
- Choose metrics based on objectives
- Balance qualitative and quantitative
- Remember to test your whole system



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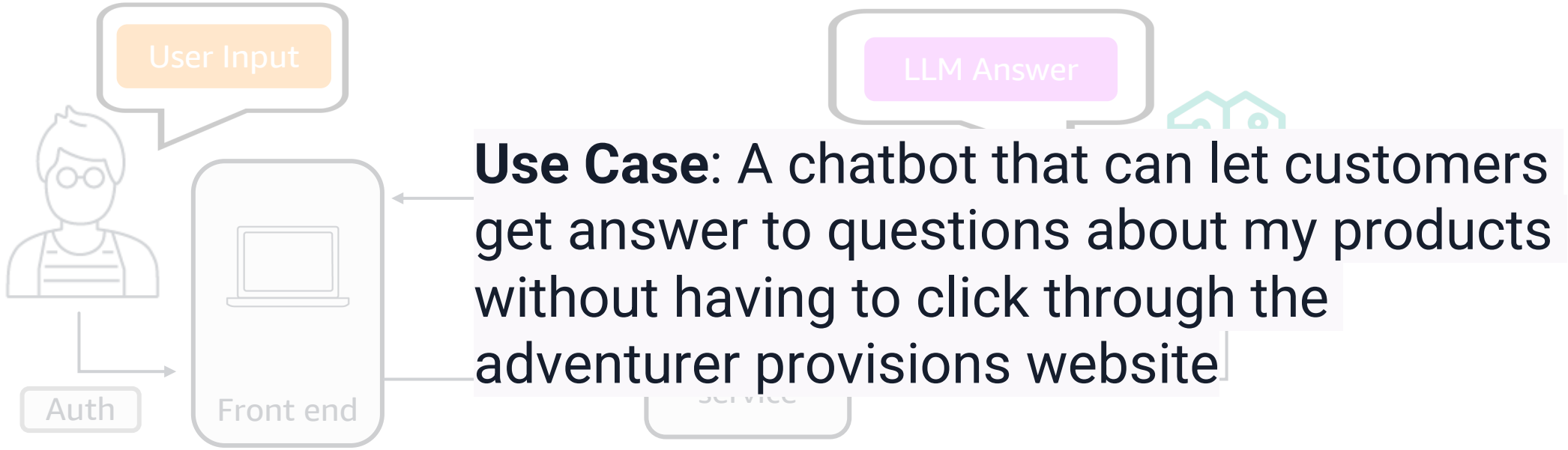
Use case 1



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Knowledge search



Use Case: A chatbot that can let customers get answer to questions about my products without having to click through the adventurer provisions website

- **Fast**
- **Accurate**
- **Safe**

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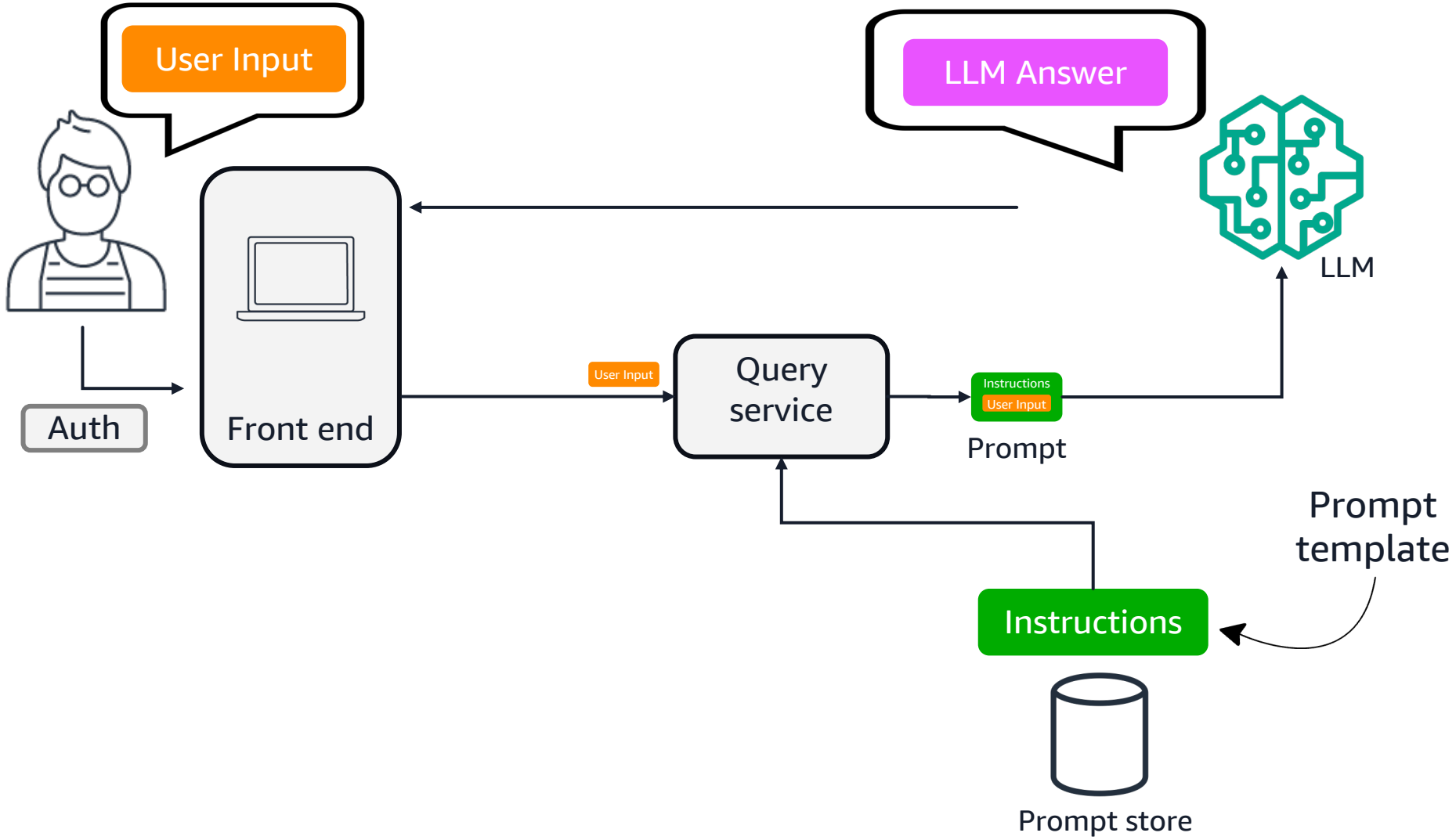
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Pattern: prompt engineering



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Prompt template

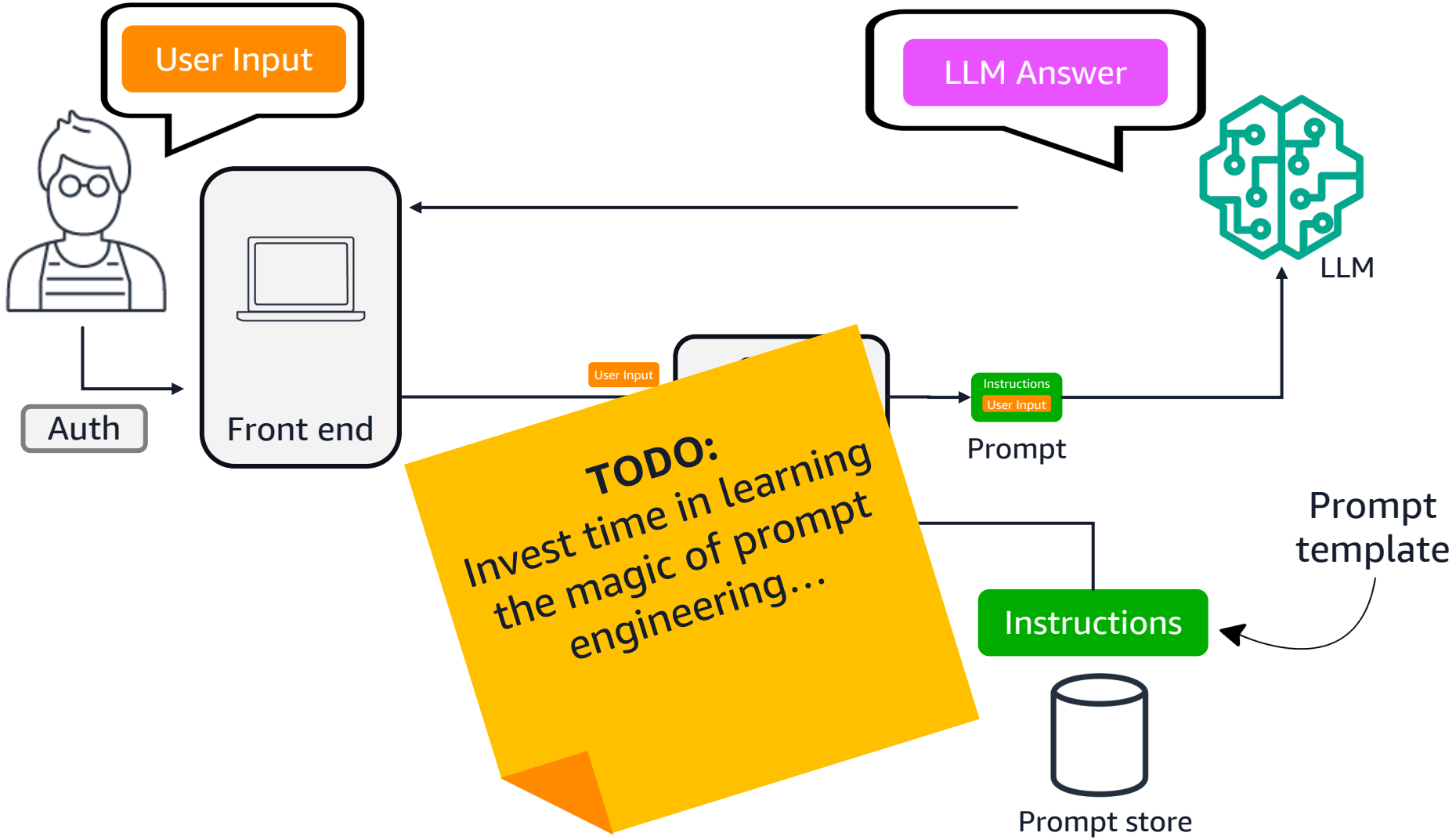
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{question}

If you don't know the answer say "Apologies, I can't find the information you are looking for"

Assistant:

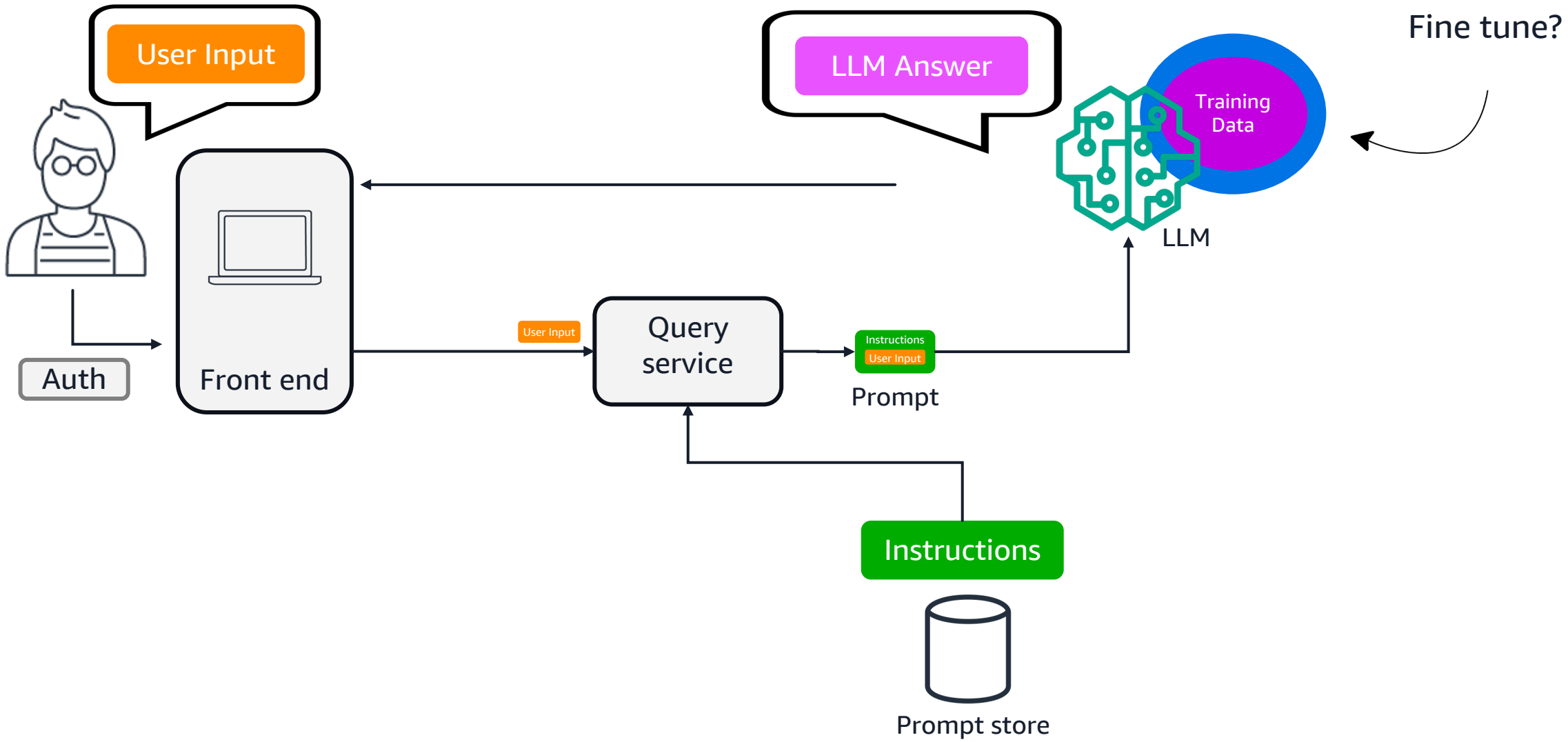
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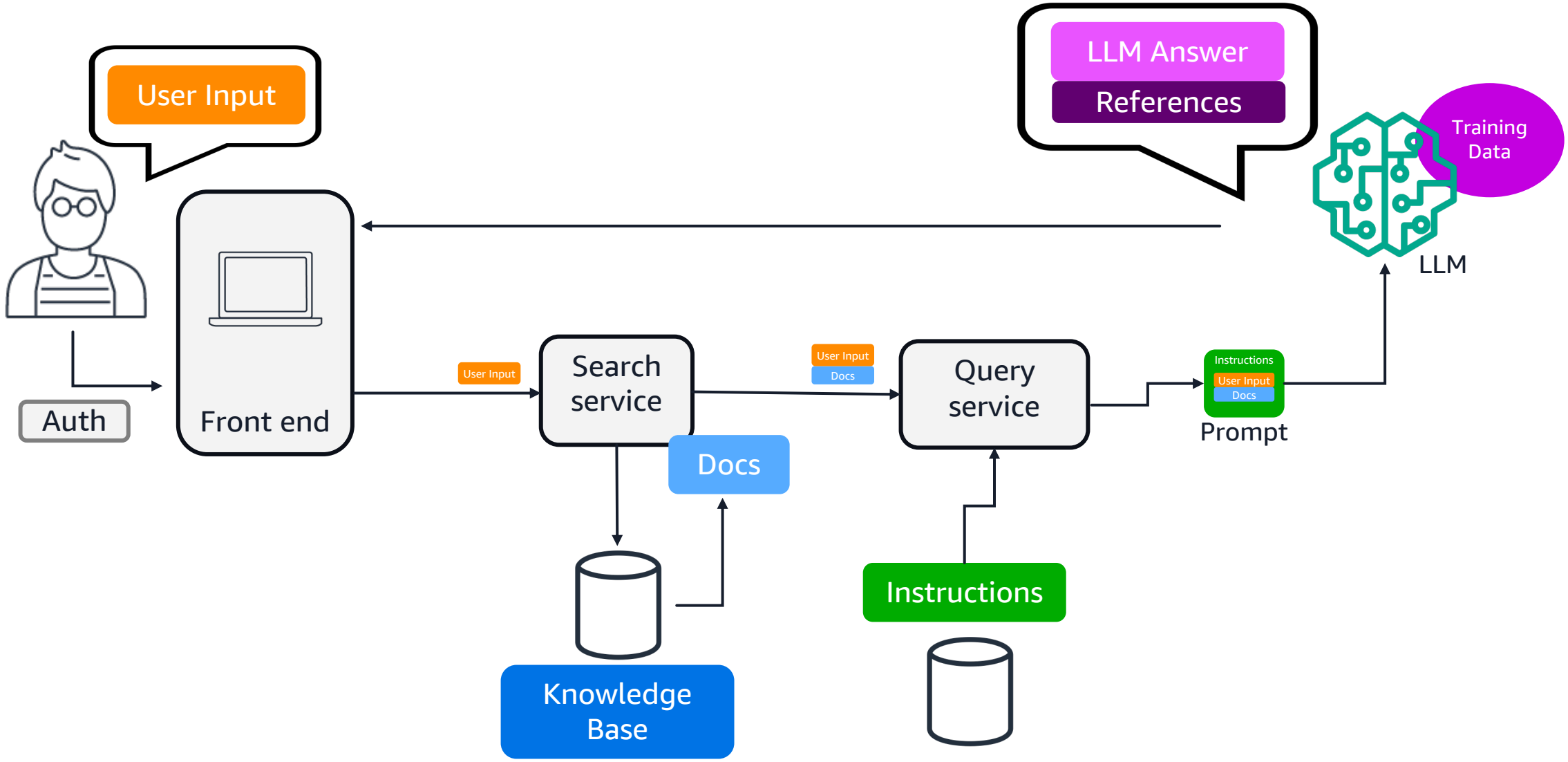
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Question answering



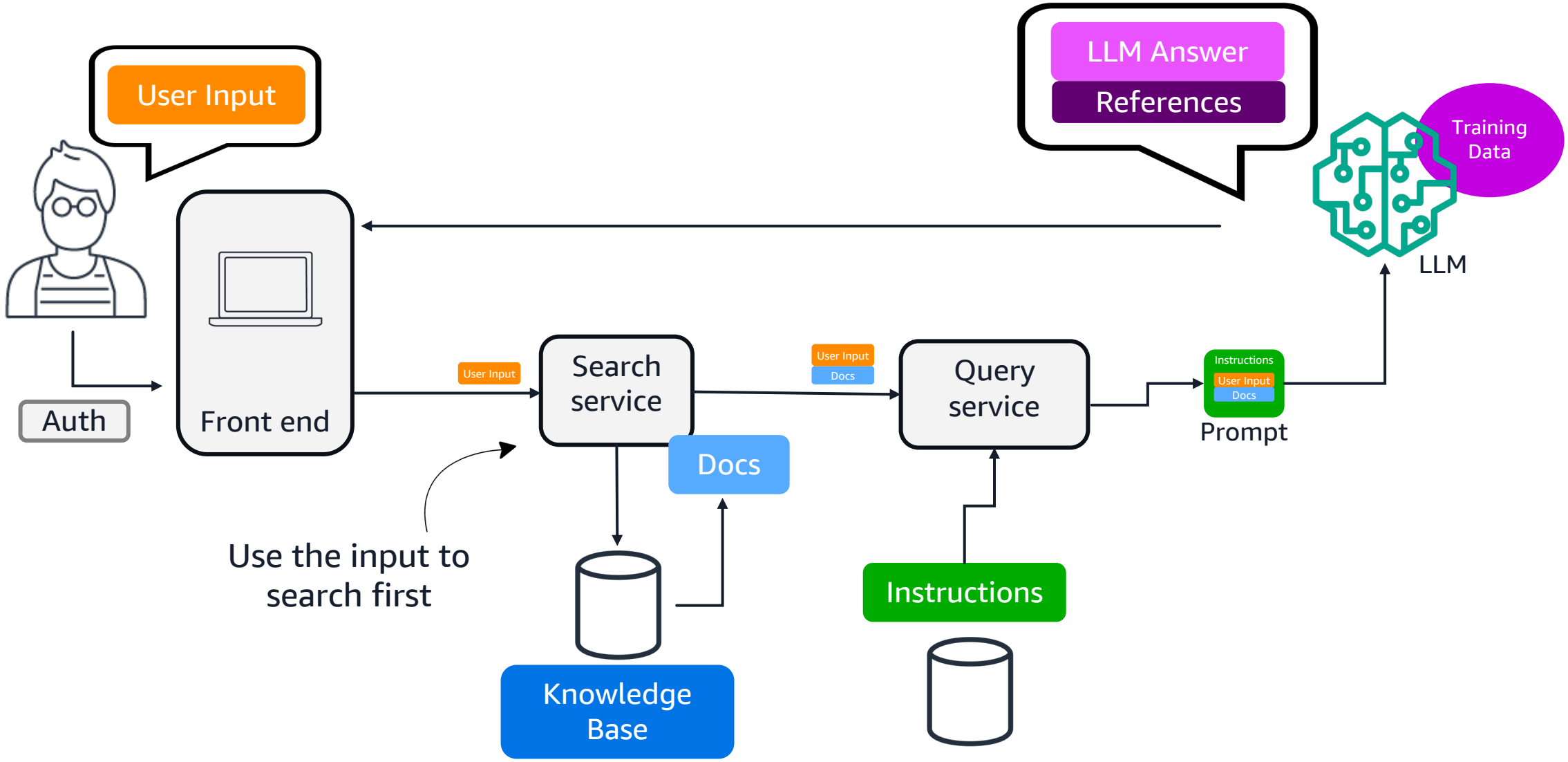
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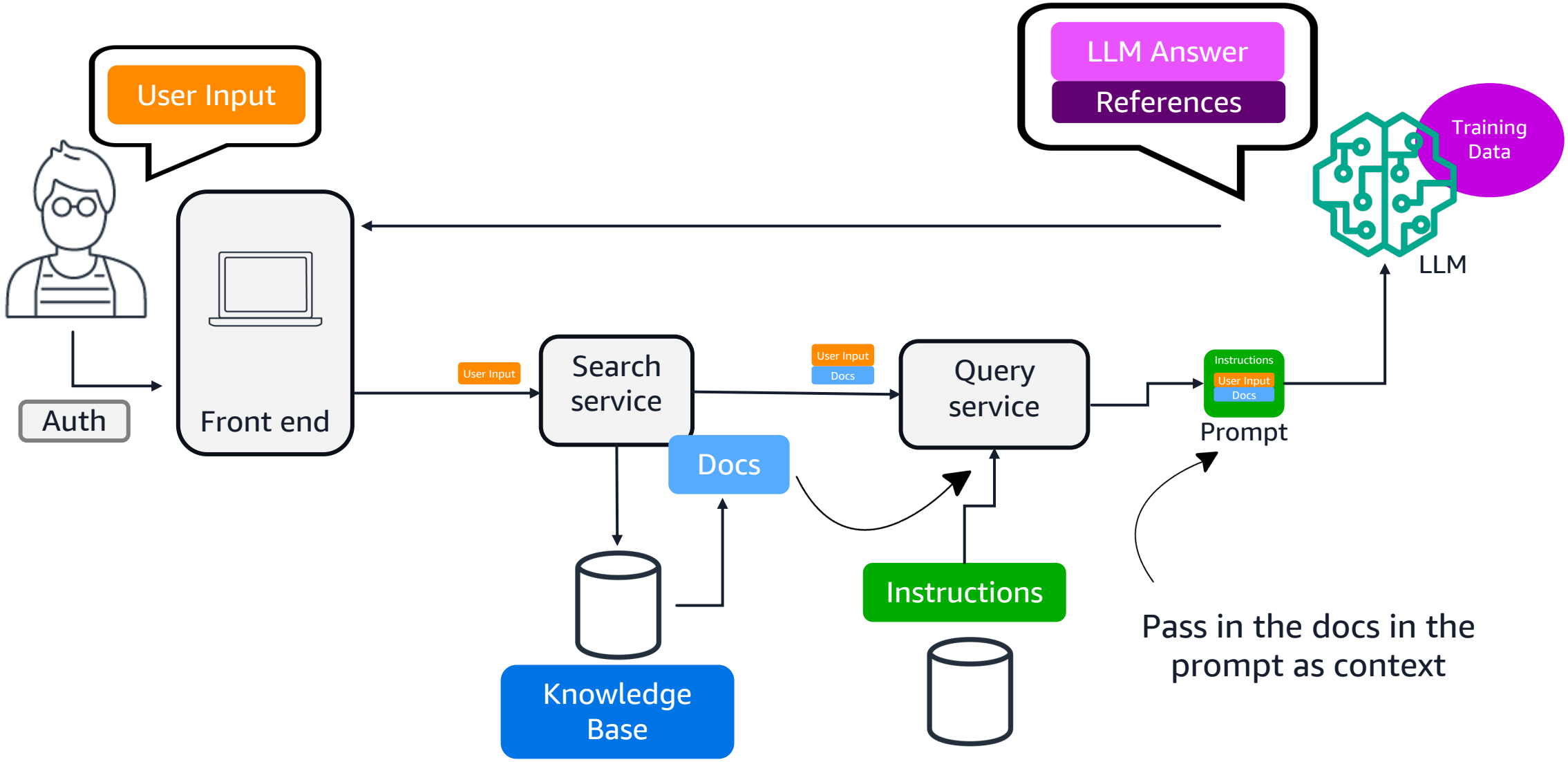
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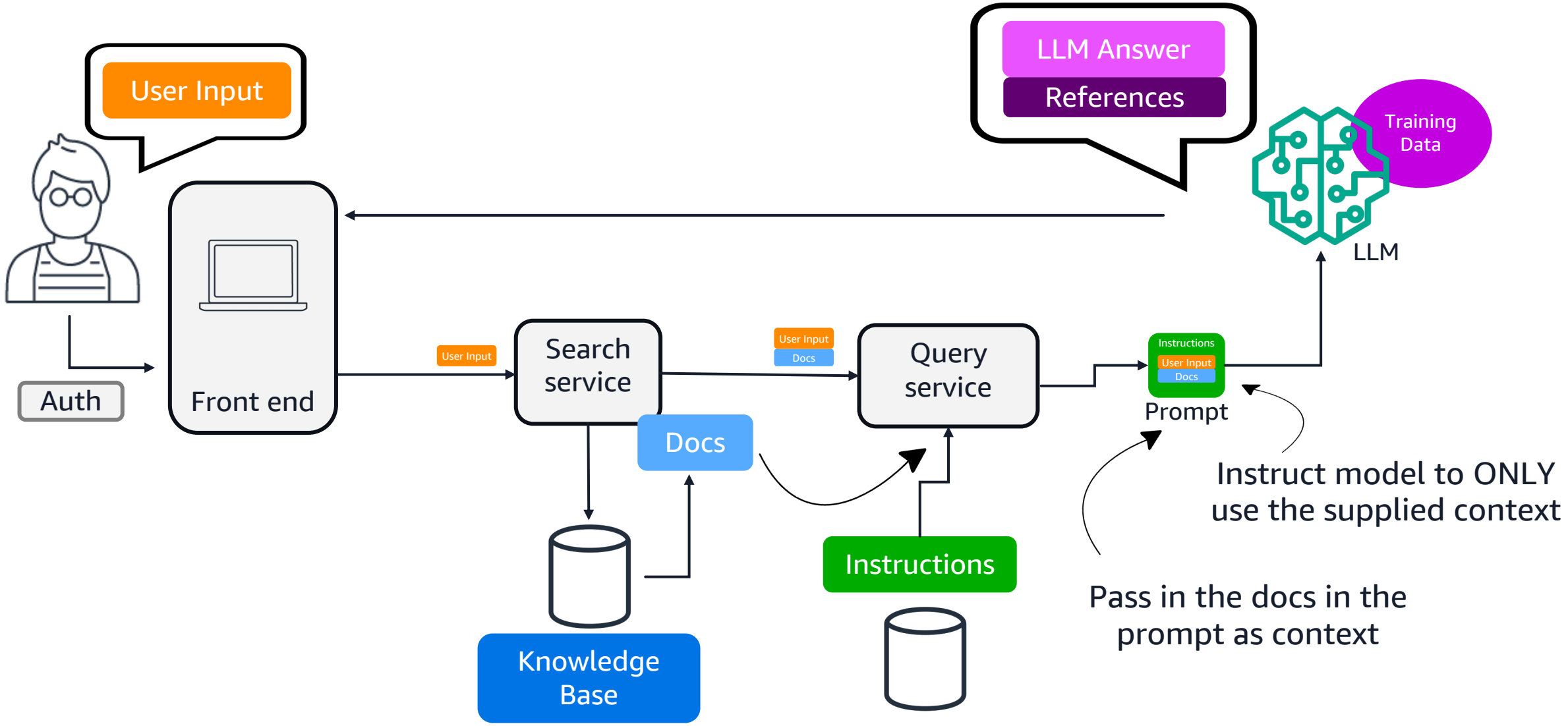
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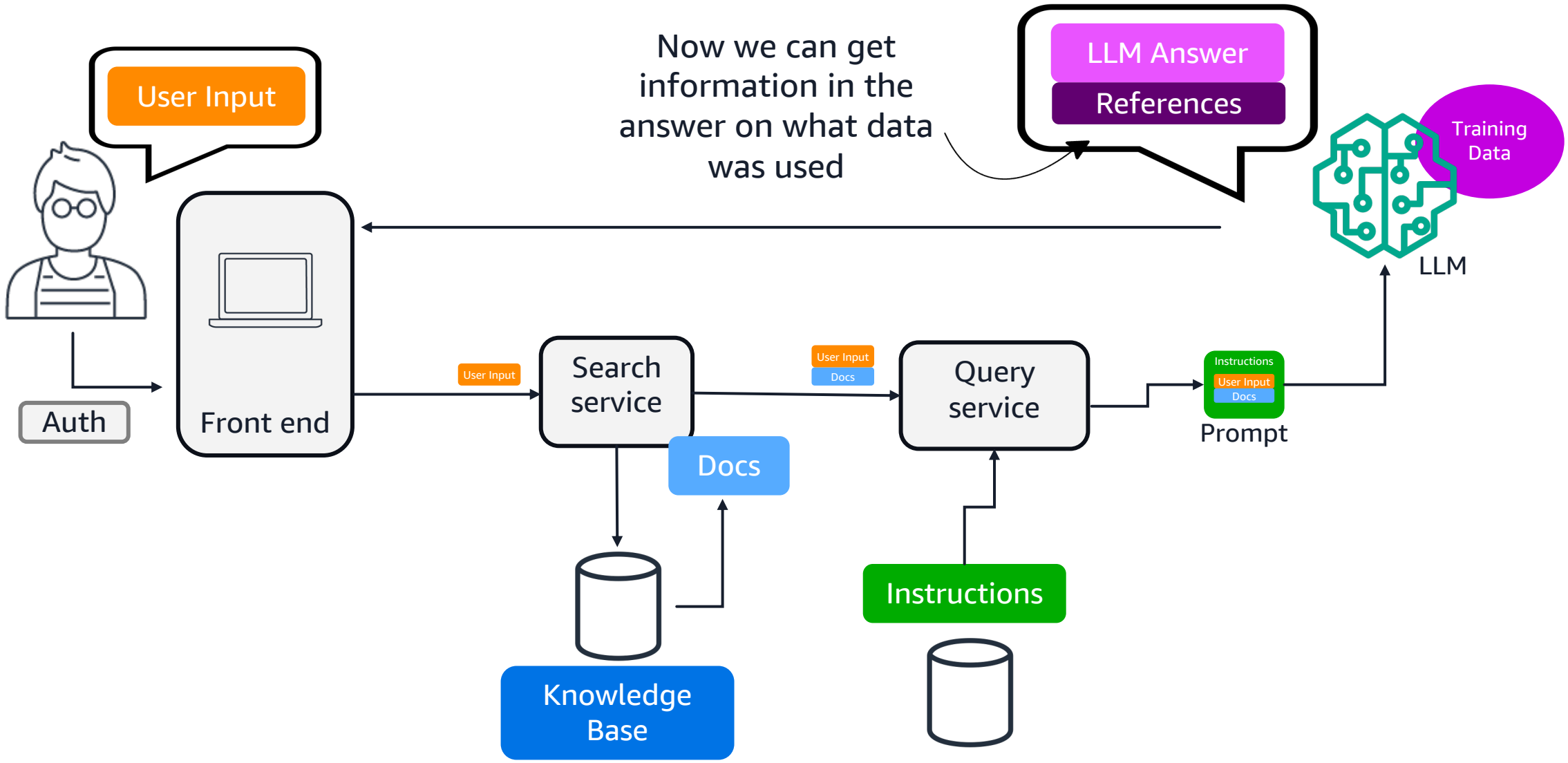
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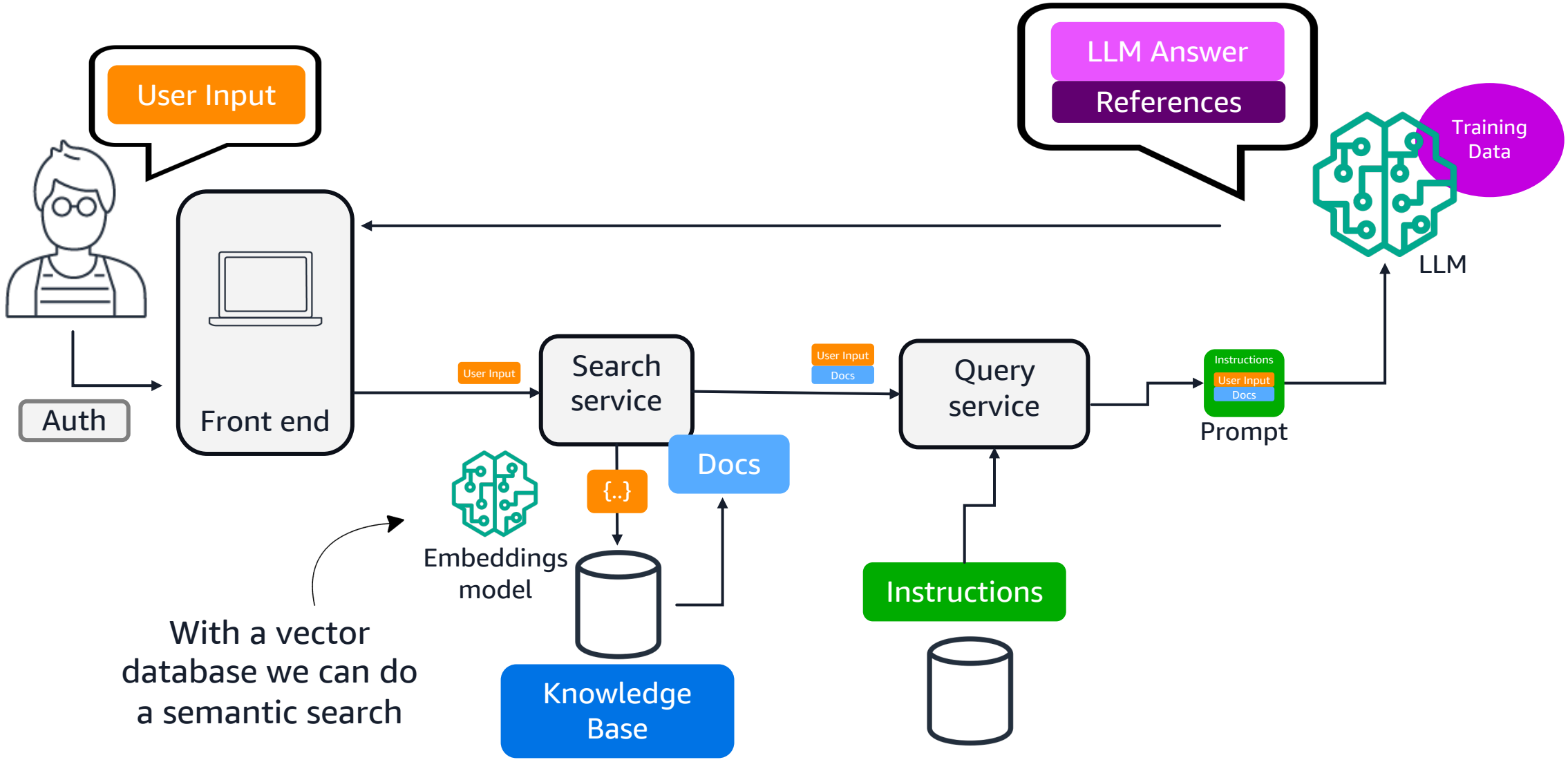
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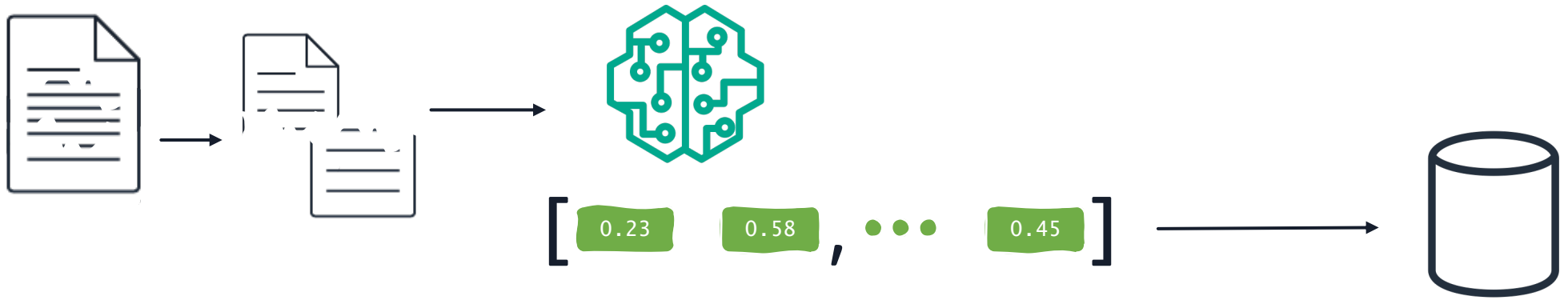
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Pattern: semantic search



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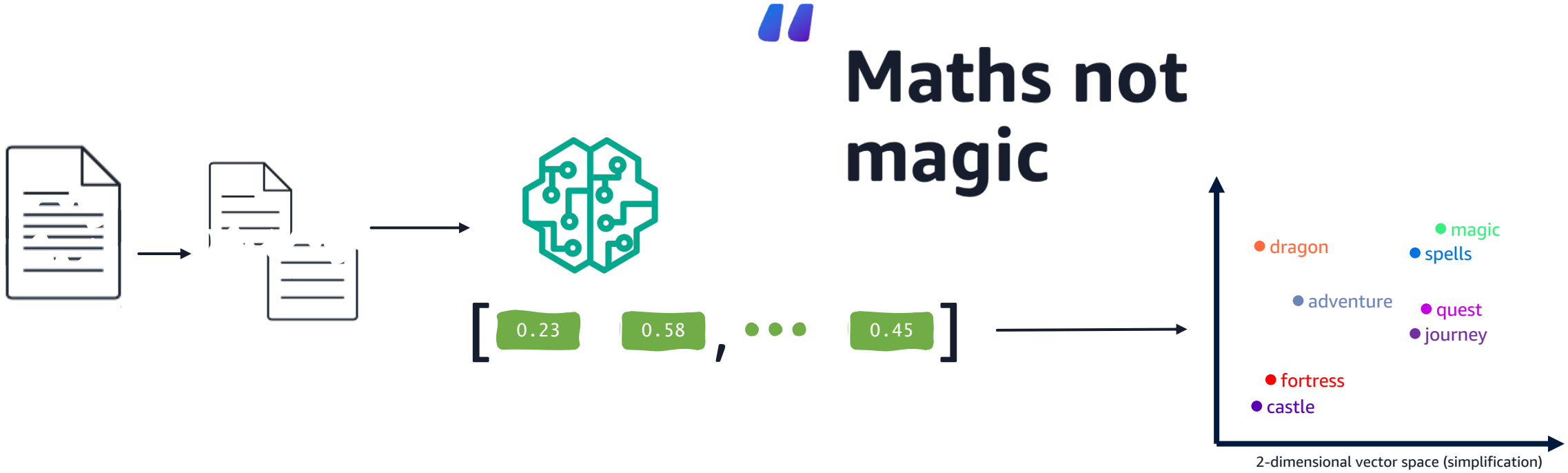
Vector database population



Source Docs → Chunk Docs → Vectorization → Embeddings → Vector Store

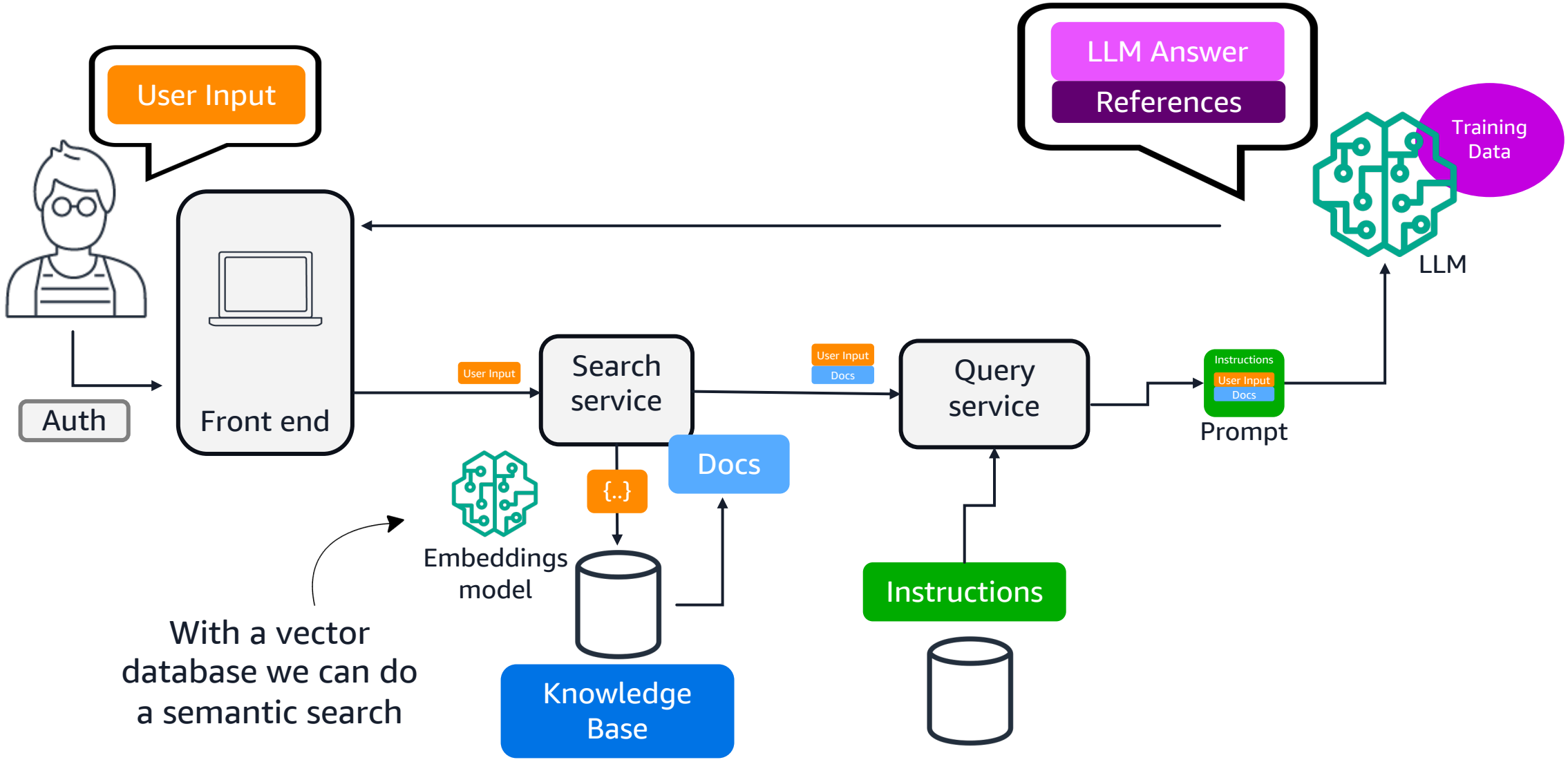
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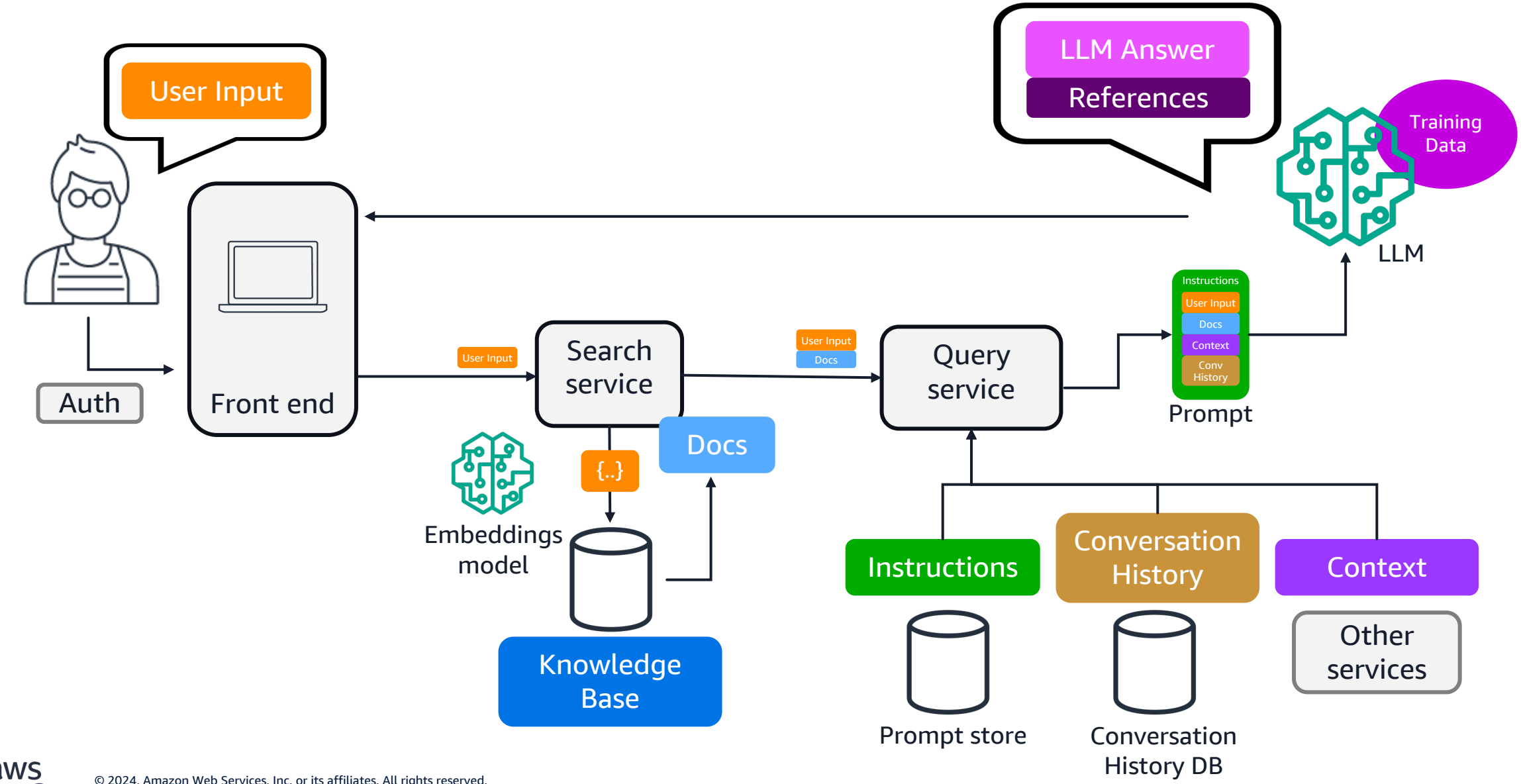
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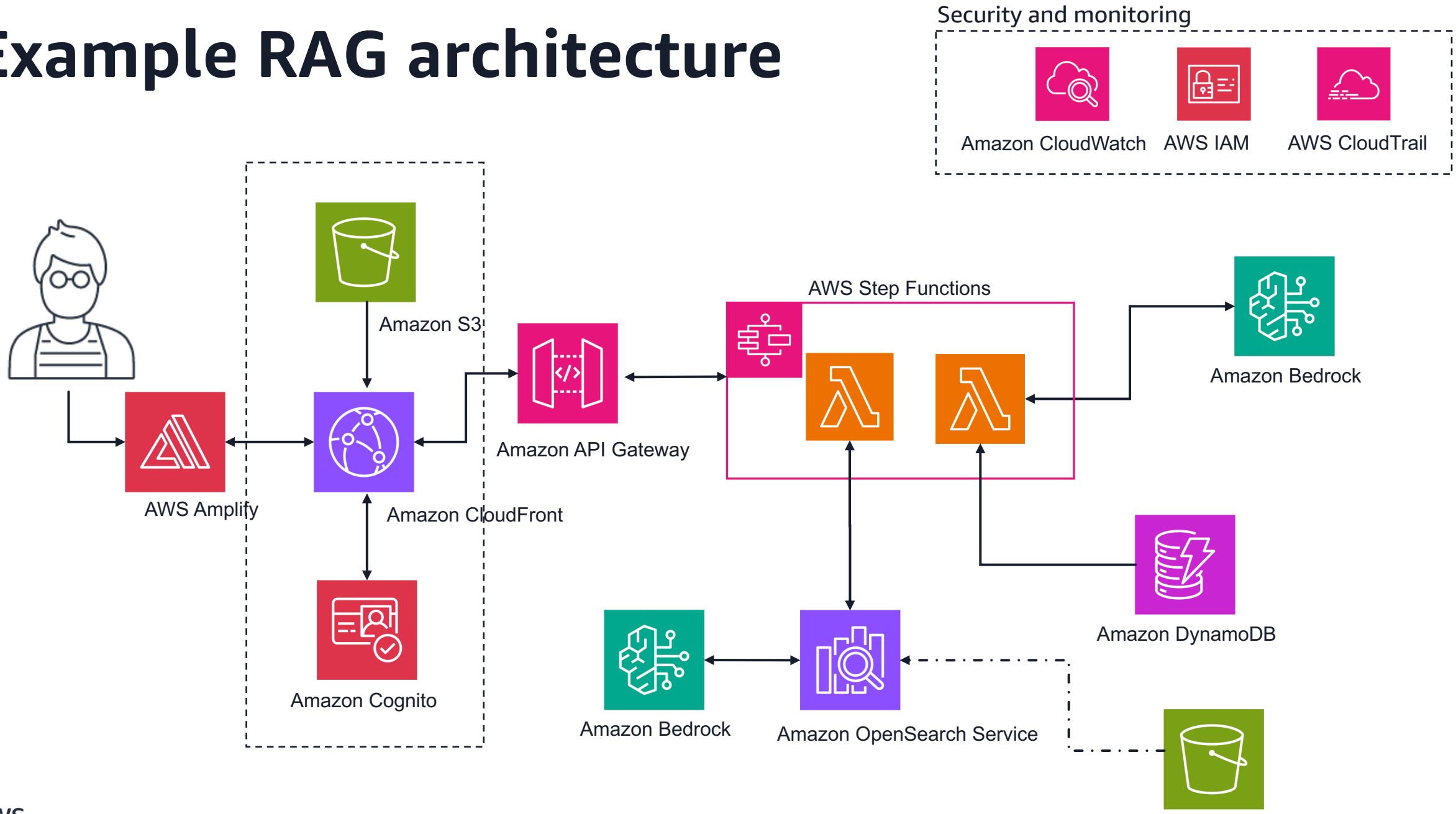
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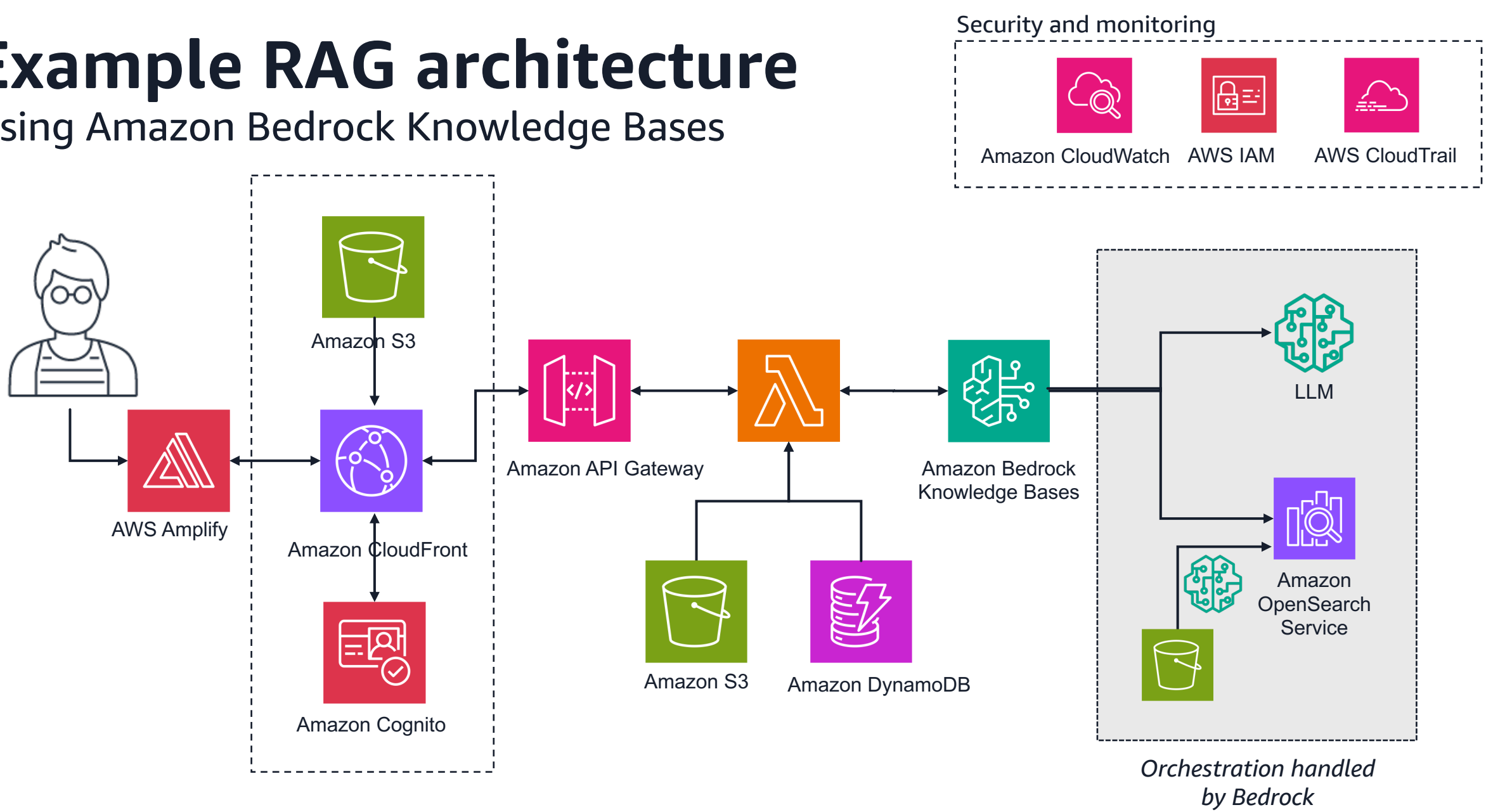
Example RAG architecture



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Example RAG architecture

Using Amazon Bedrock Knowledge Bases



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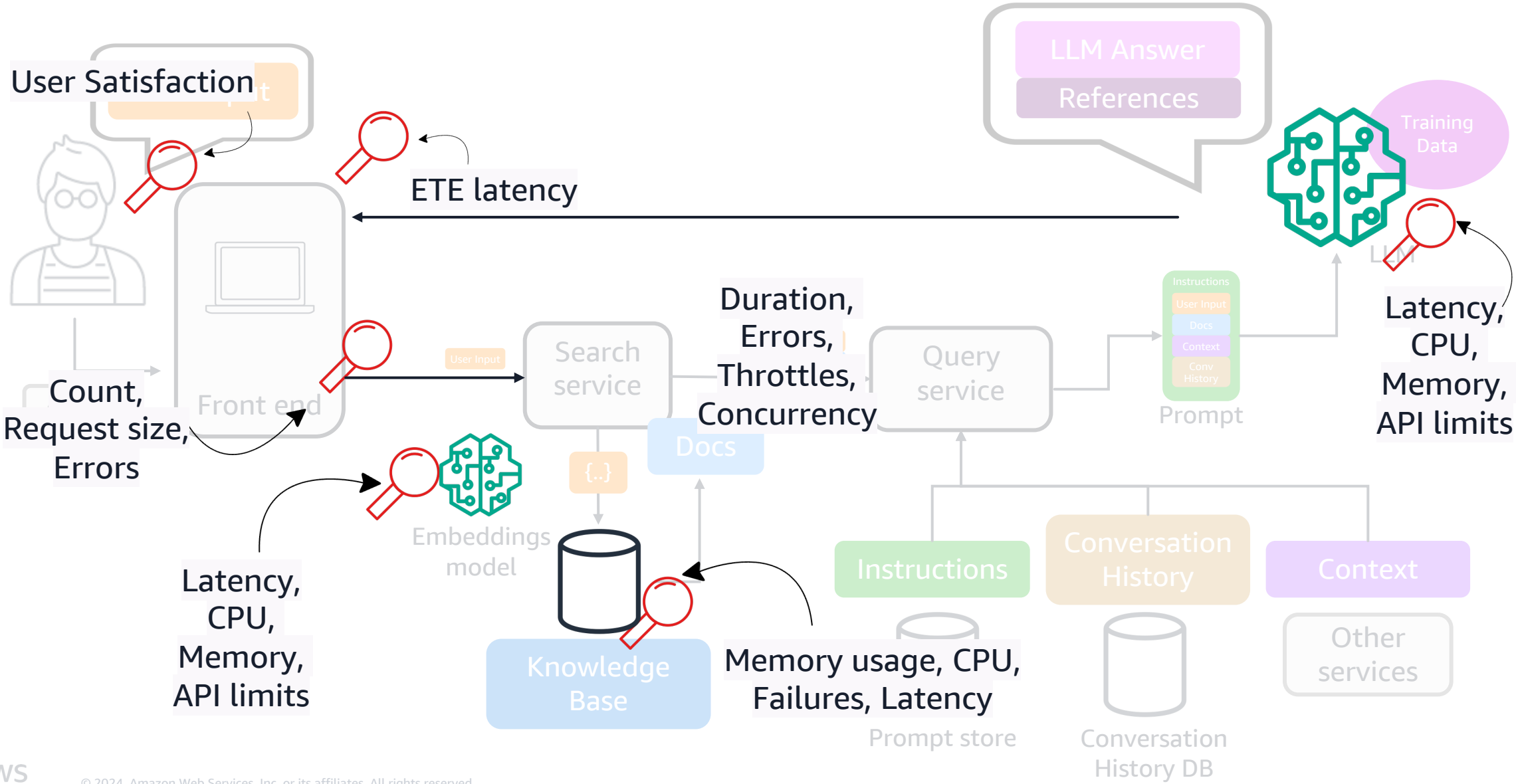


Objective 1: Fast

Measure based on your specific destination

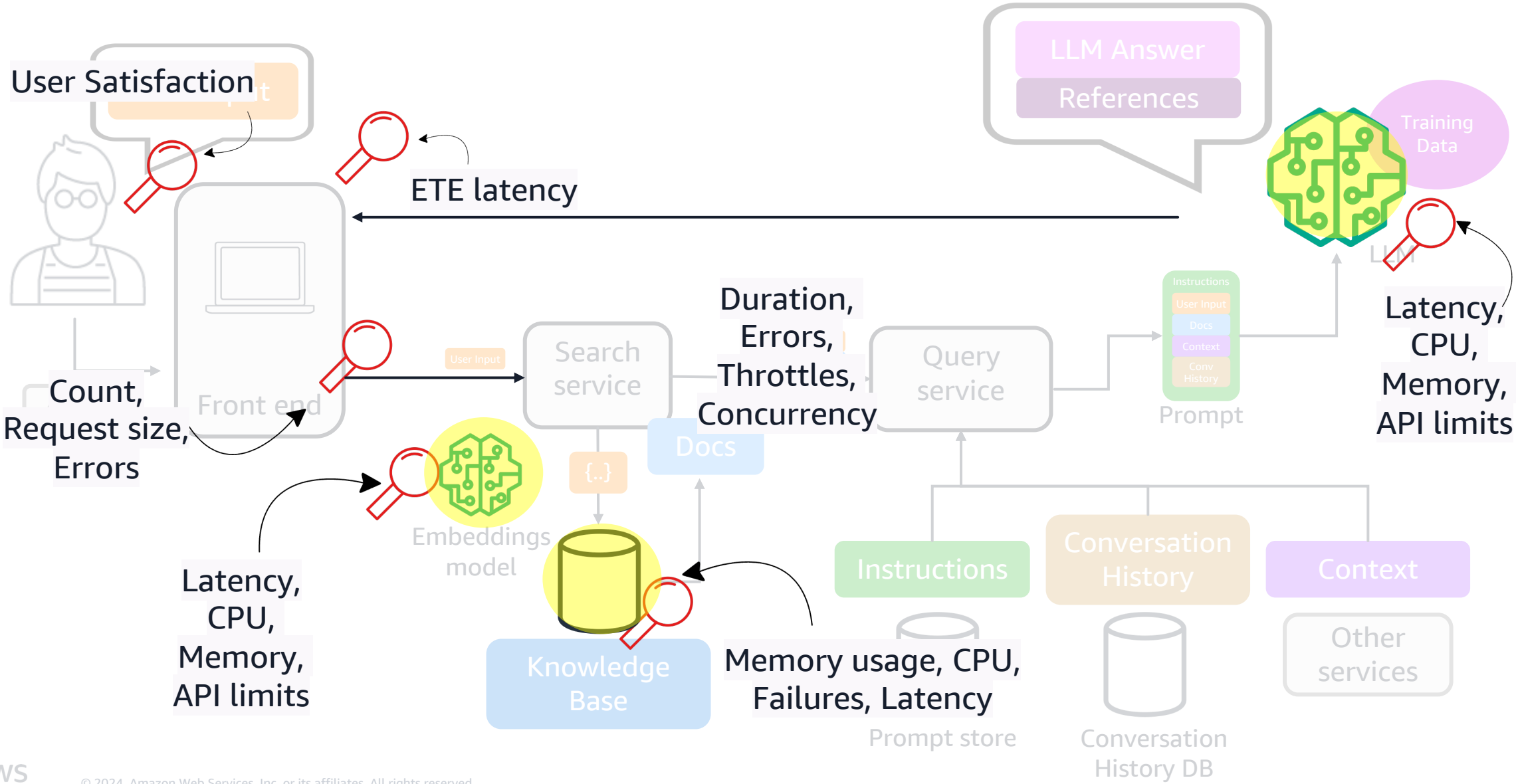
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Monitoring



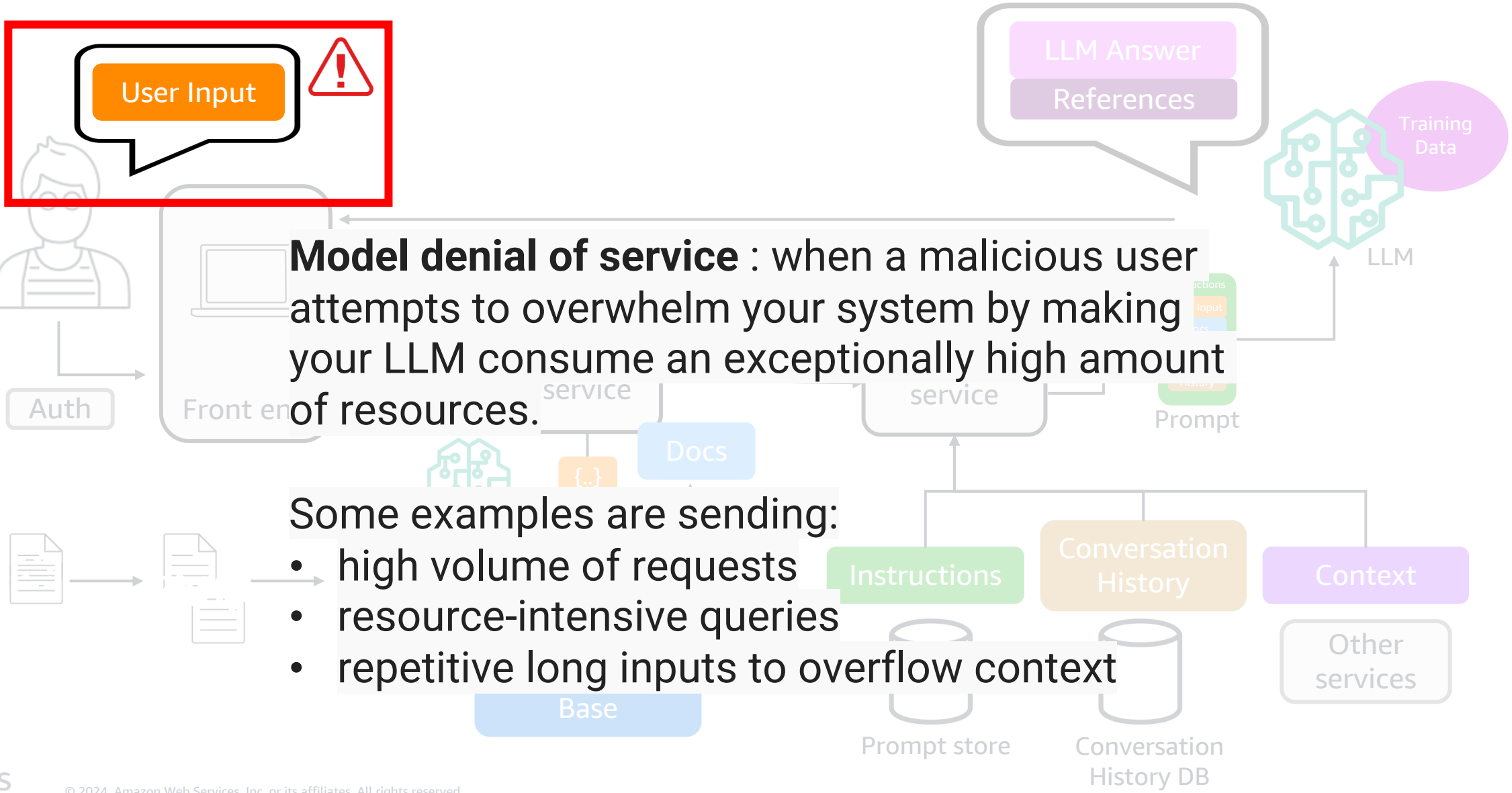
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Monitoring



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Risk: model denial of service



Model denial of service : when a malicious user attempts to overwhelm your system by making your LLM consume an exceptionally high amount of resources.

Some examples are sending:

- high volume of requests
- resource-intensive queries
- repetitive long inputs to overflow context

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Objective 2: Accurate

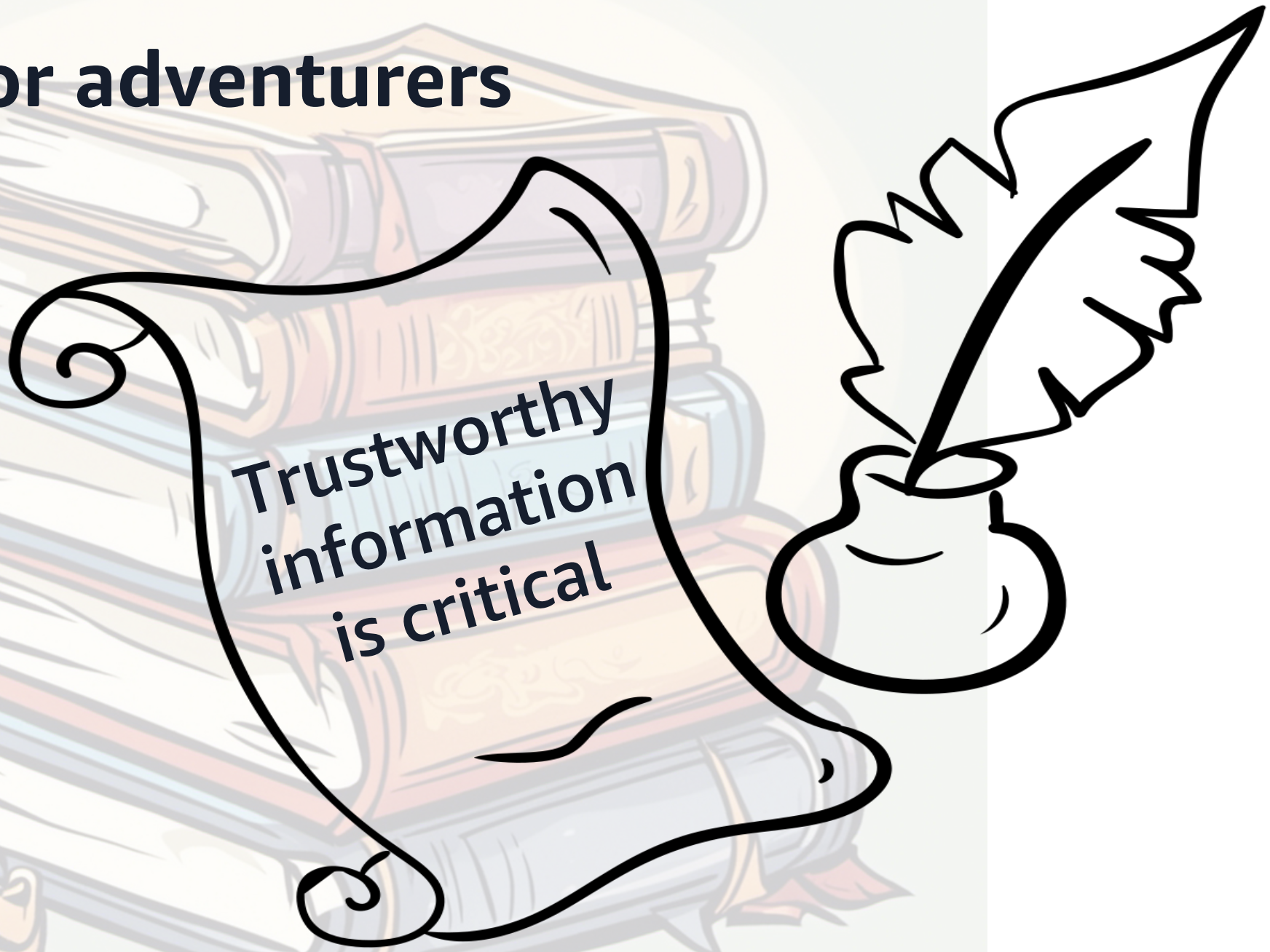
Measure based on your specific destination



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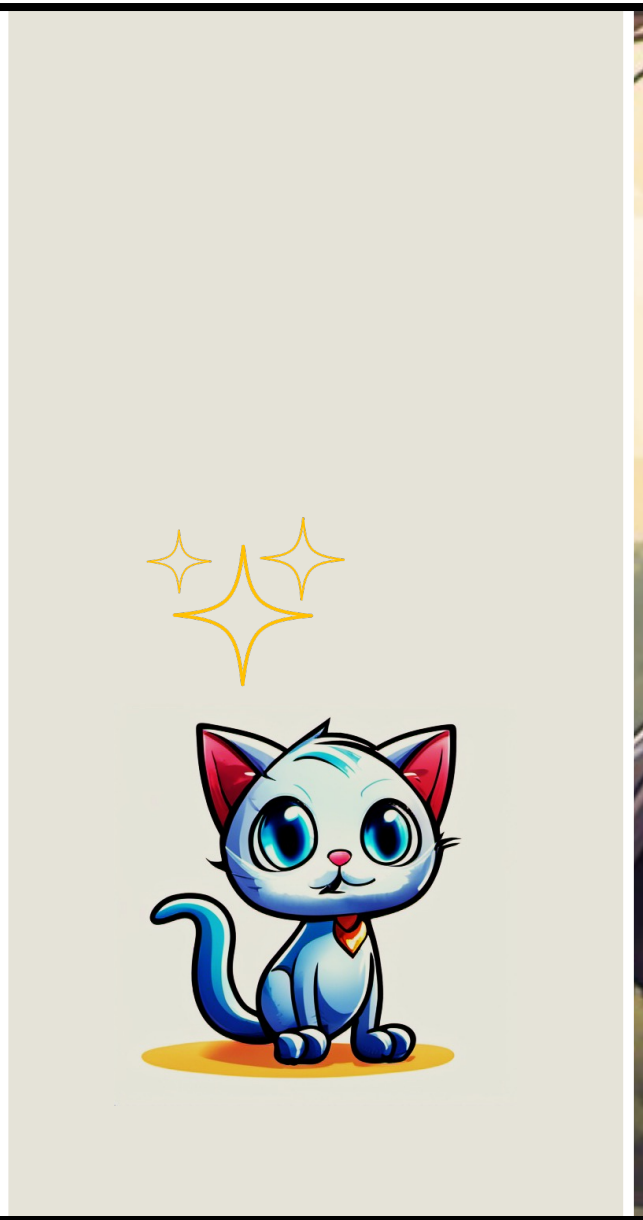
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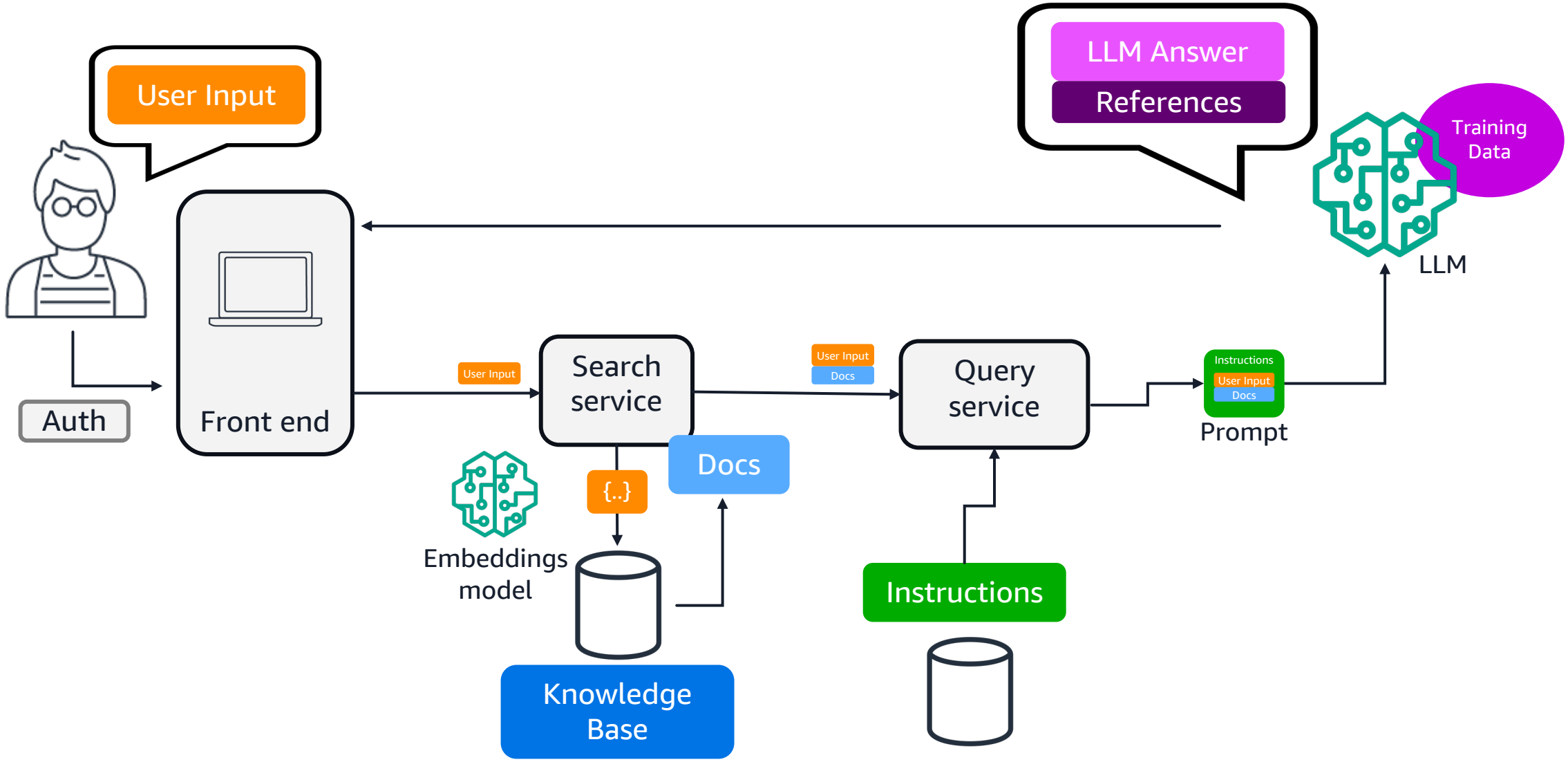






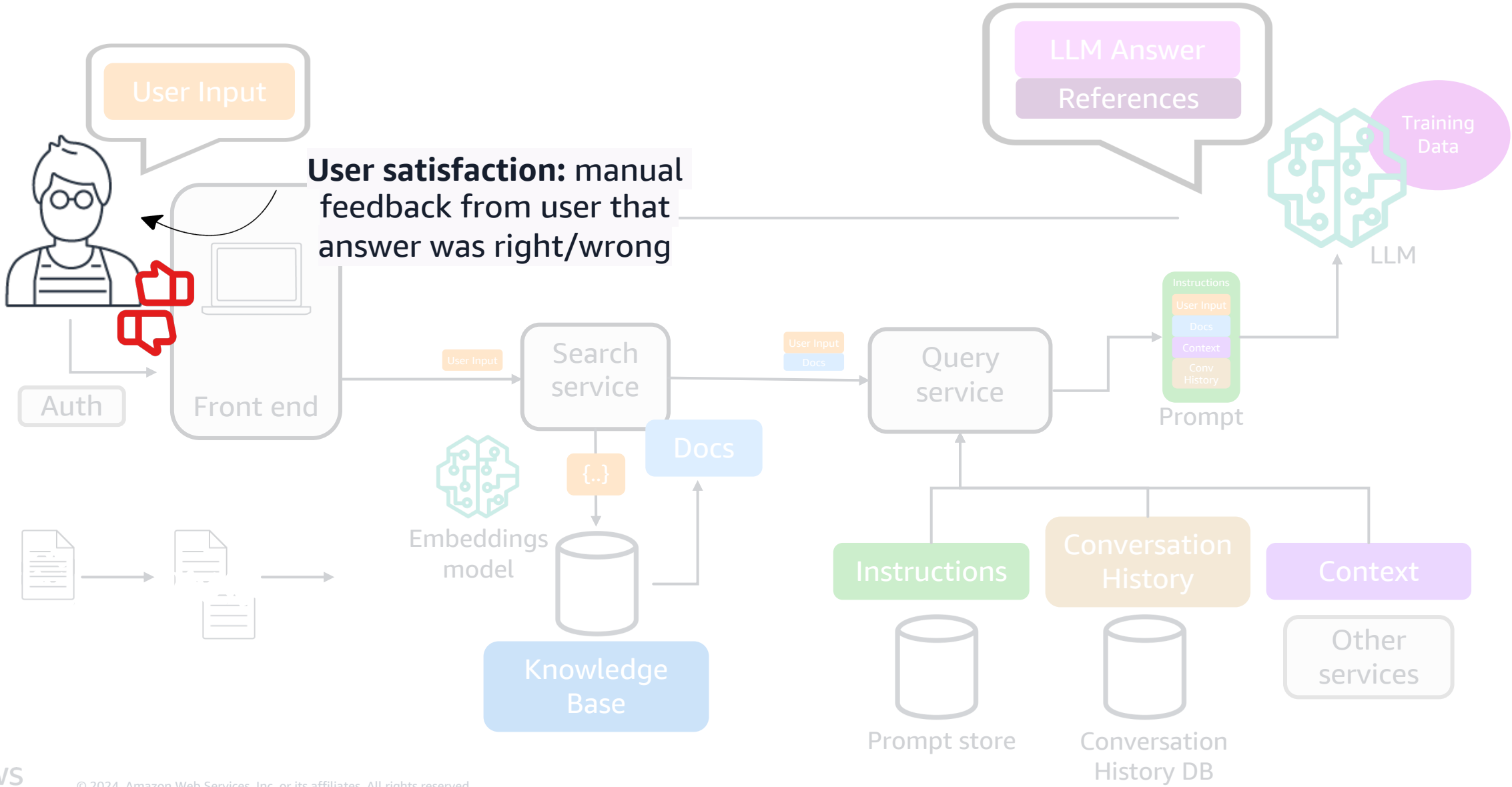
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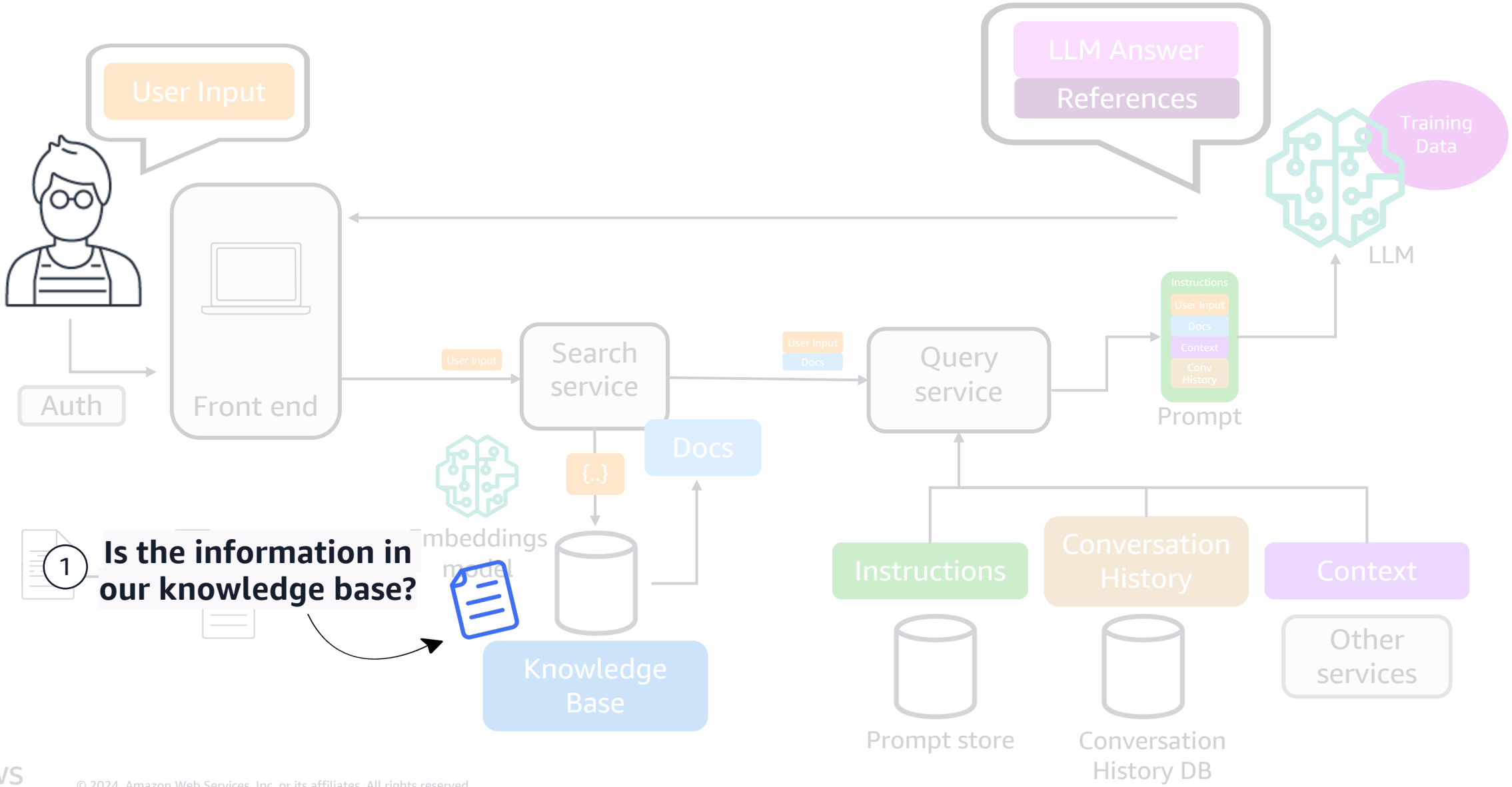
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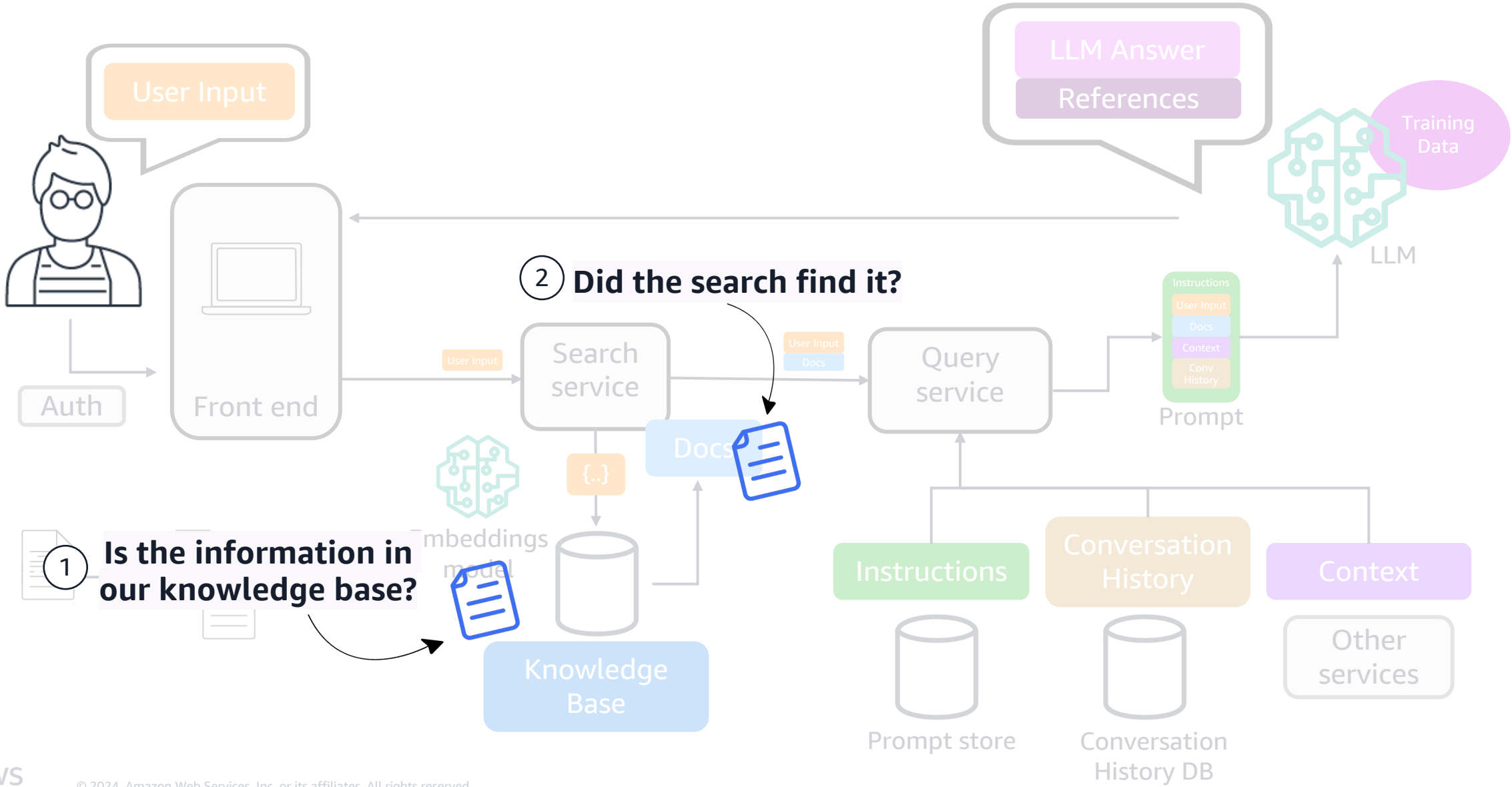
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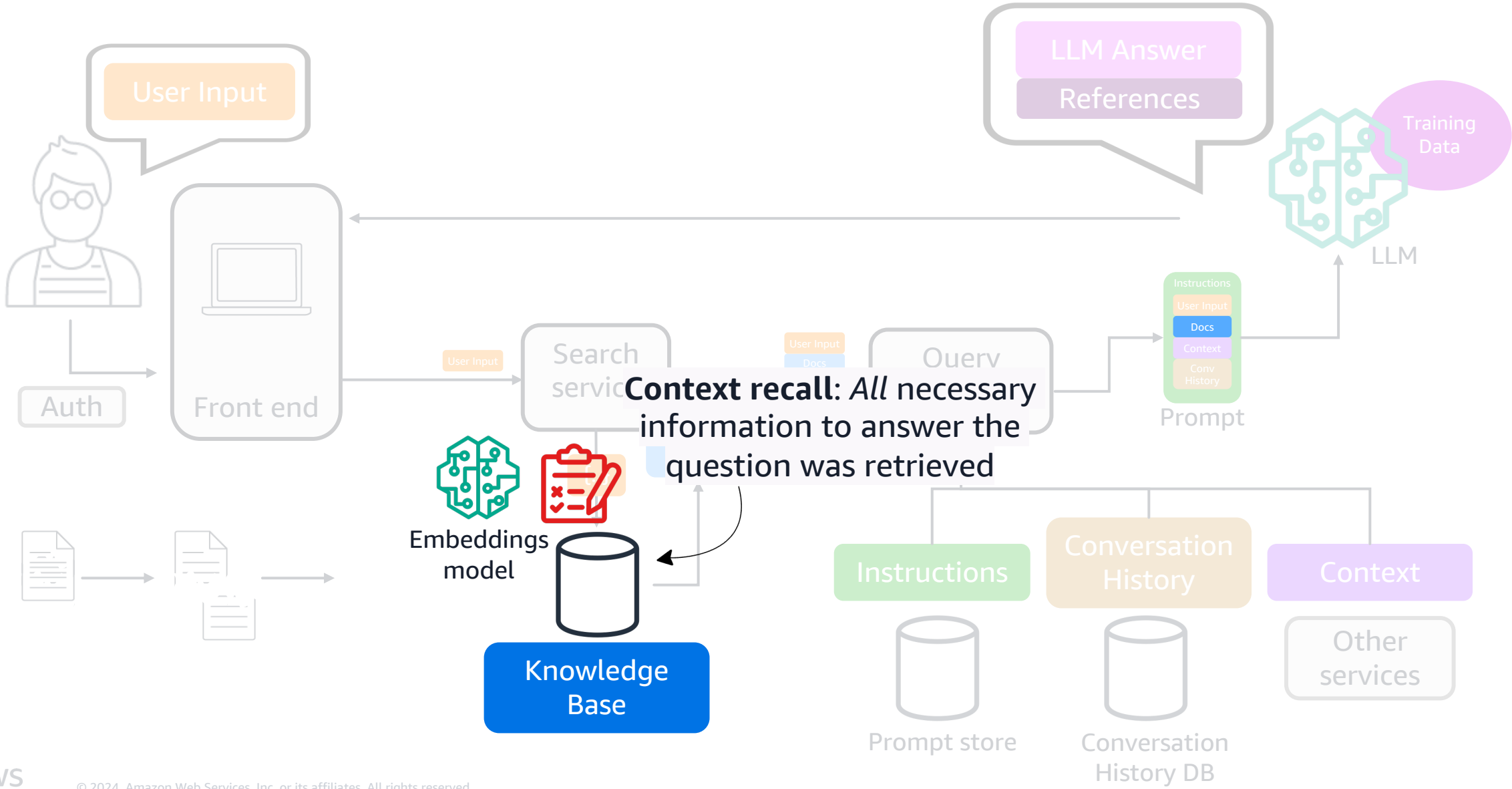
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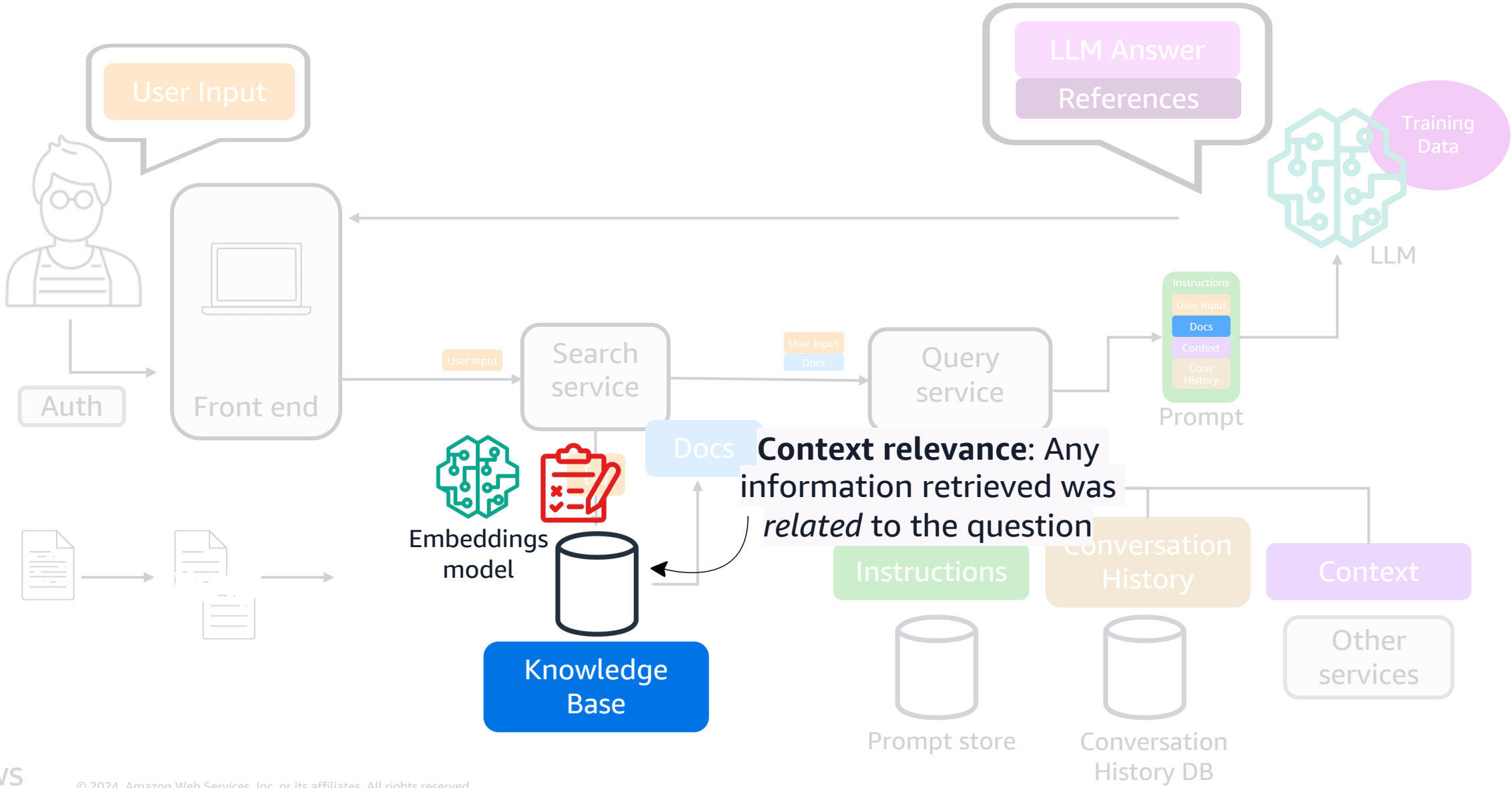
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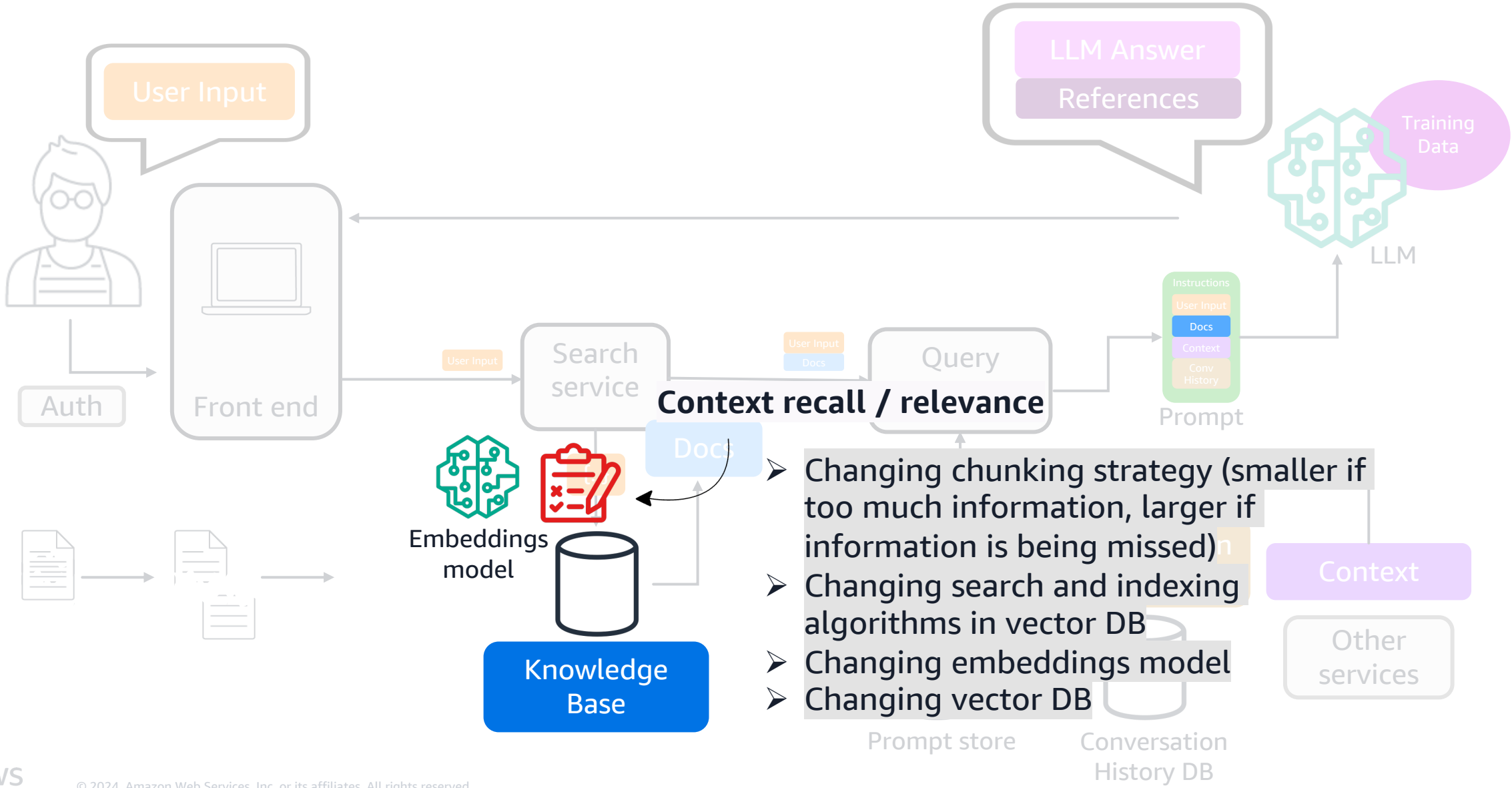
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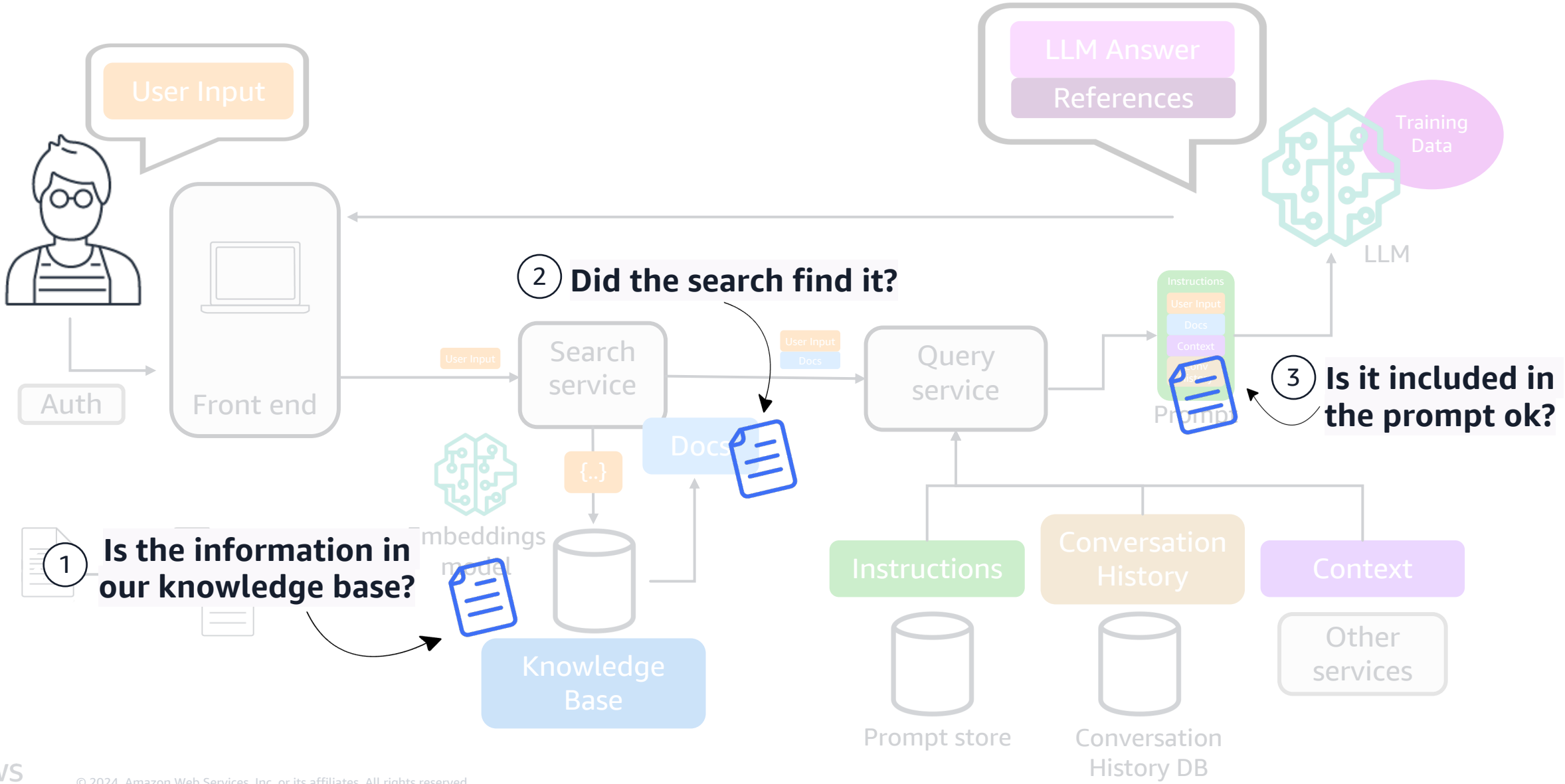
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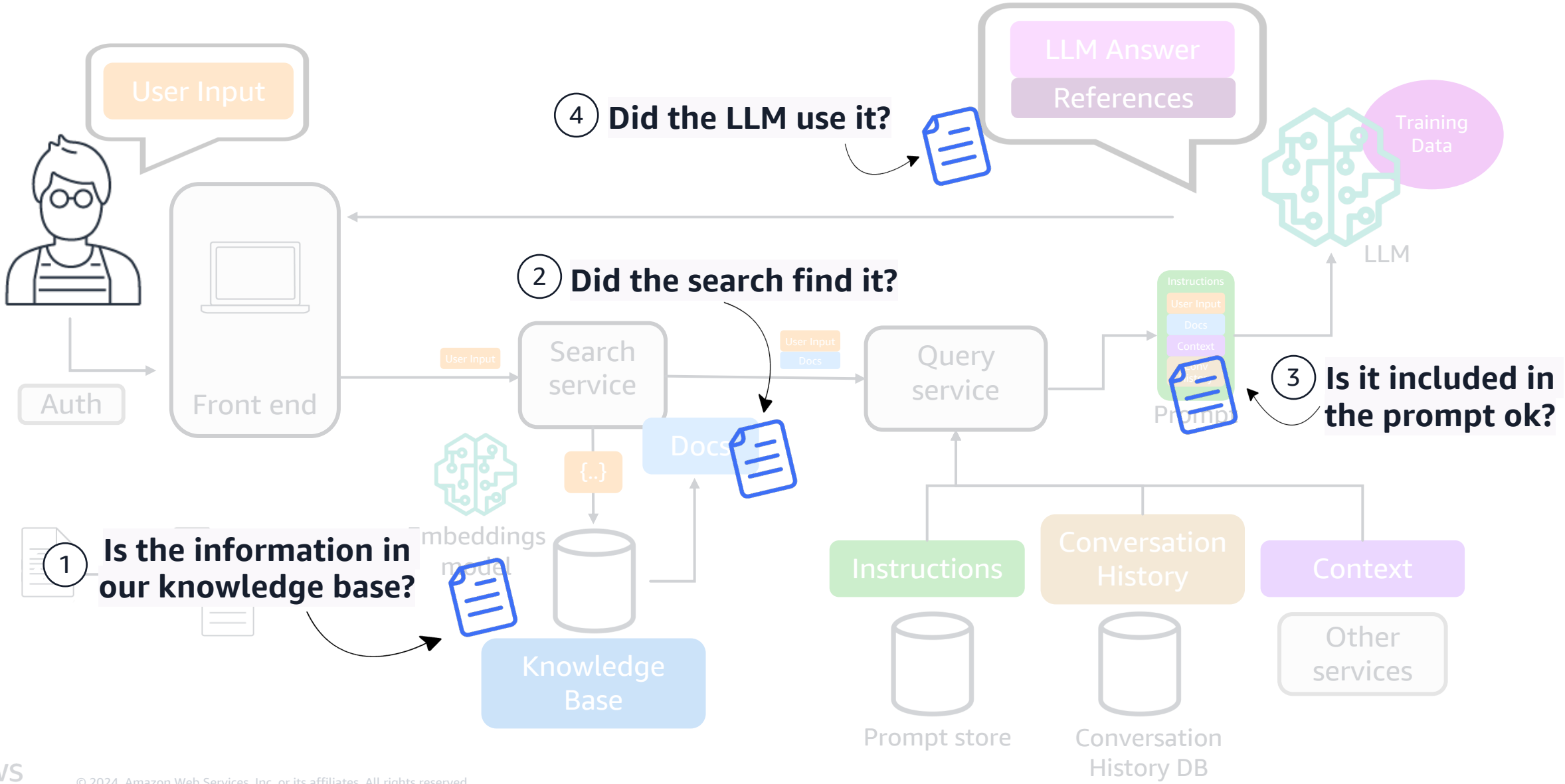
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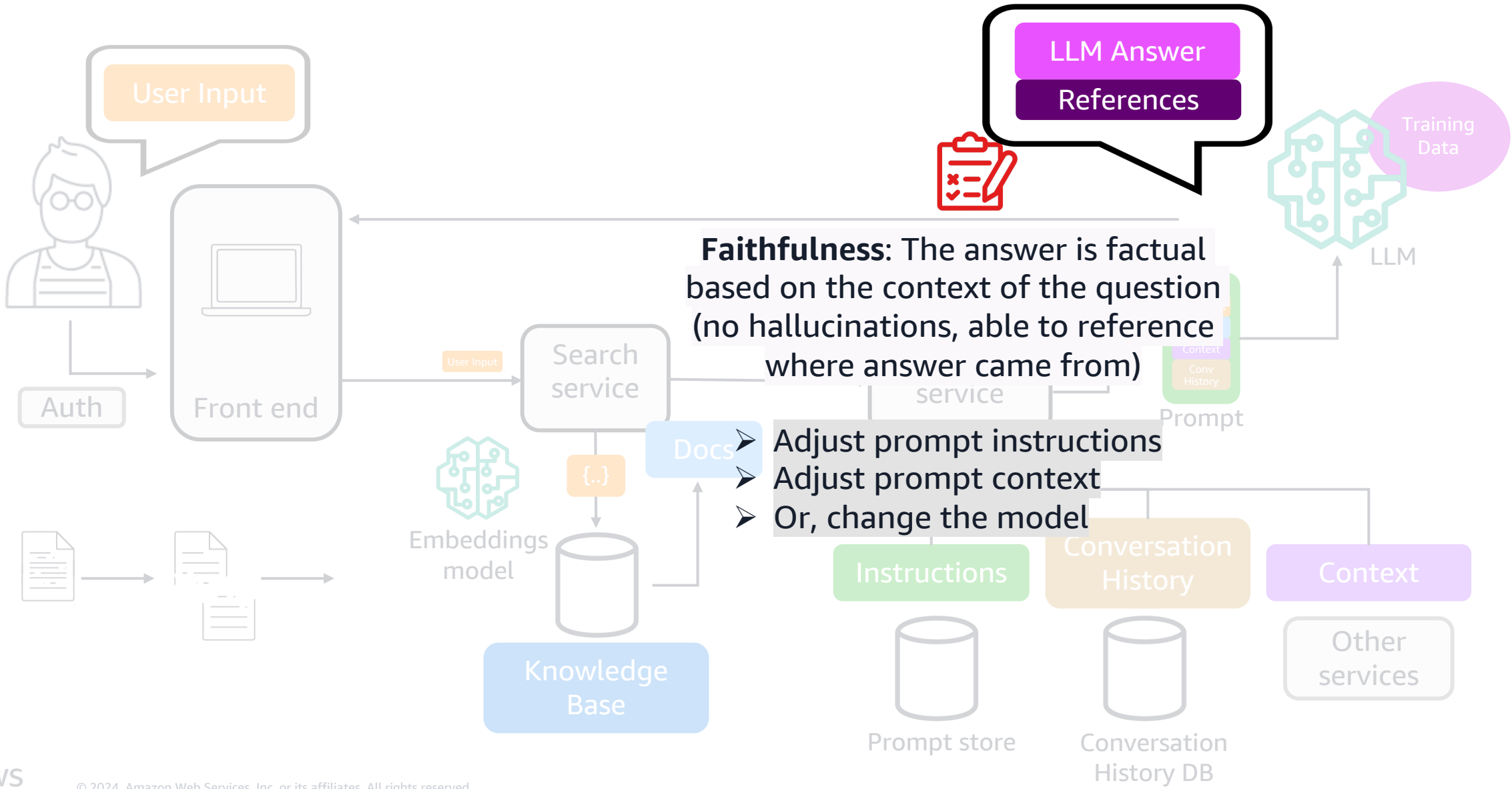
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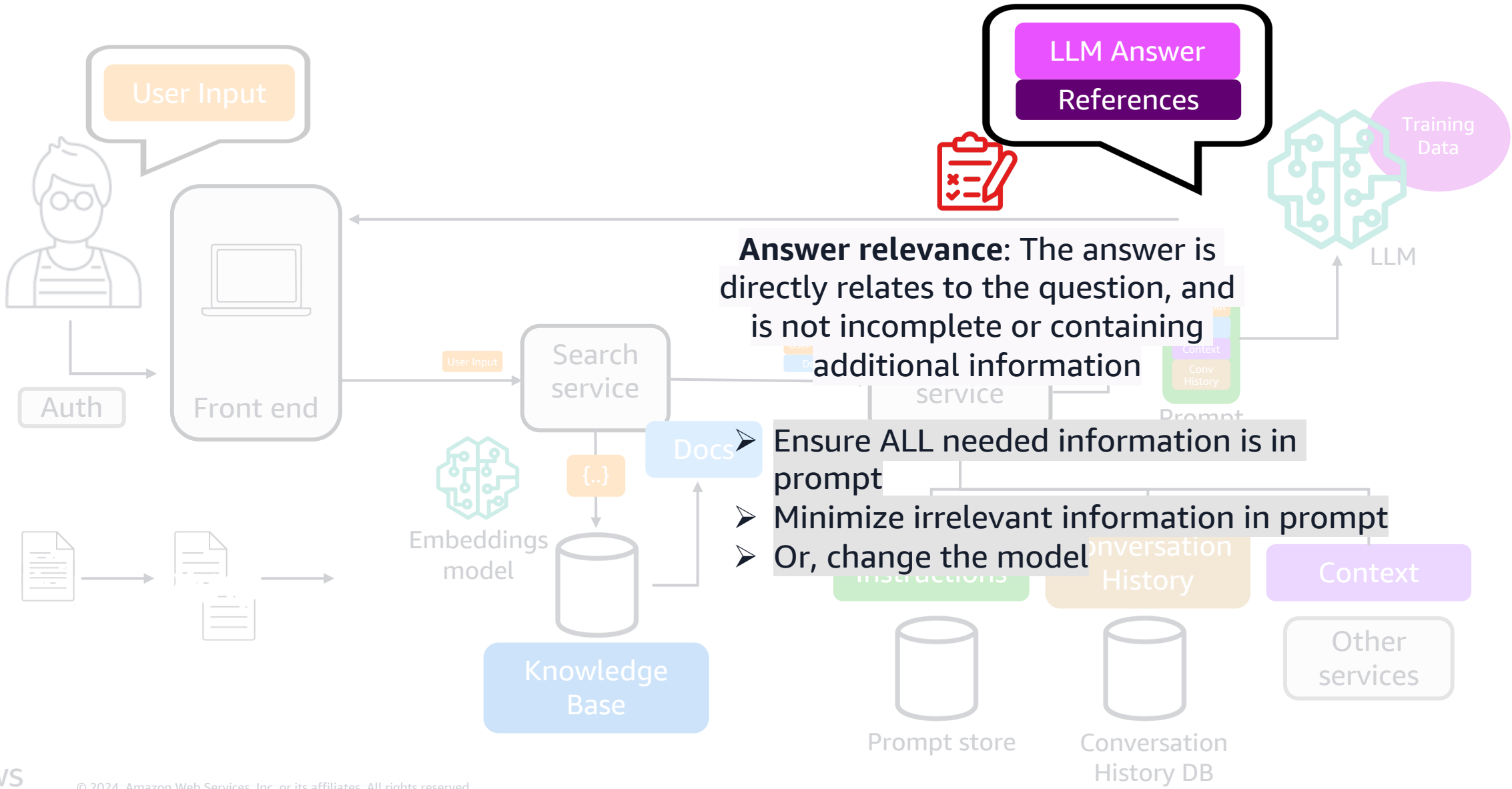


Faithfulness: The answer is factual based on the context of the question (no hallucinations, able to reference where answer came from)

- Adjust prompt instructions
- Adjust prompt context
- Or, change the model

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Answer relevance: The answer is directly relates to the question, and is not incomplete or containing additional information

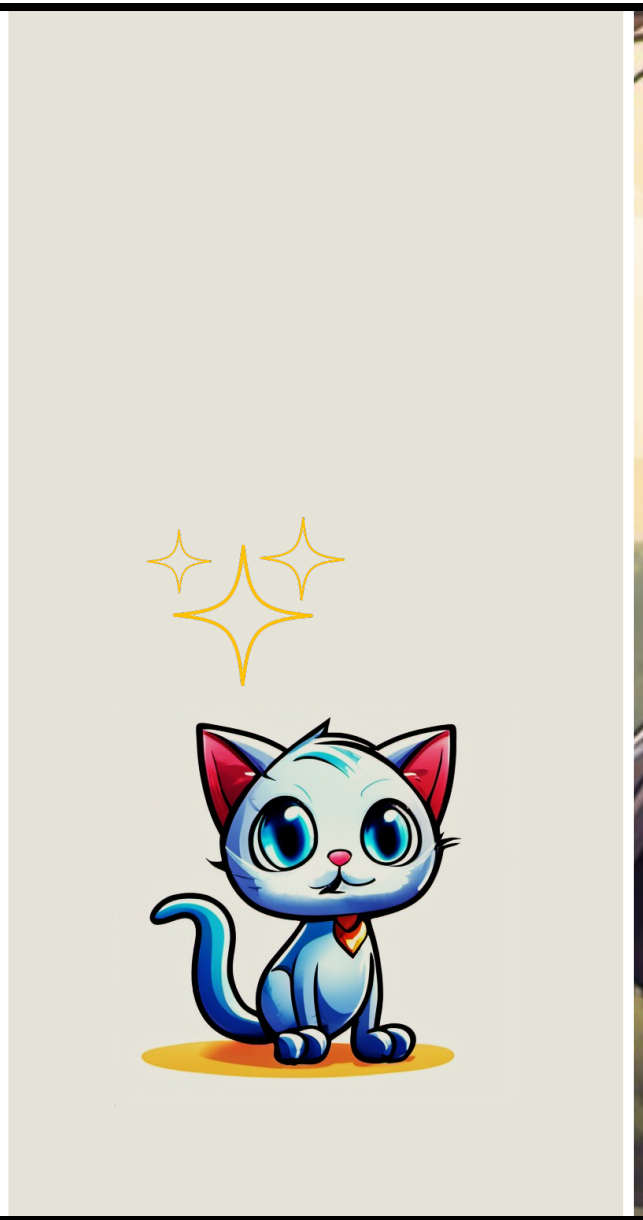
- Ensure ALL needed information is in prompt
- Minimize irrelevant information in prompt
- Or, change the model

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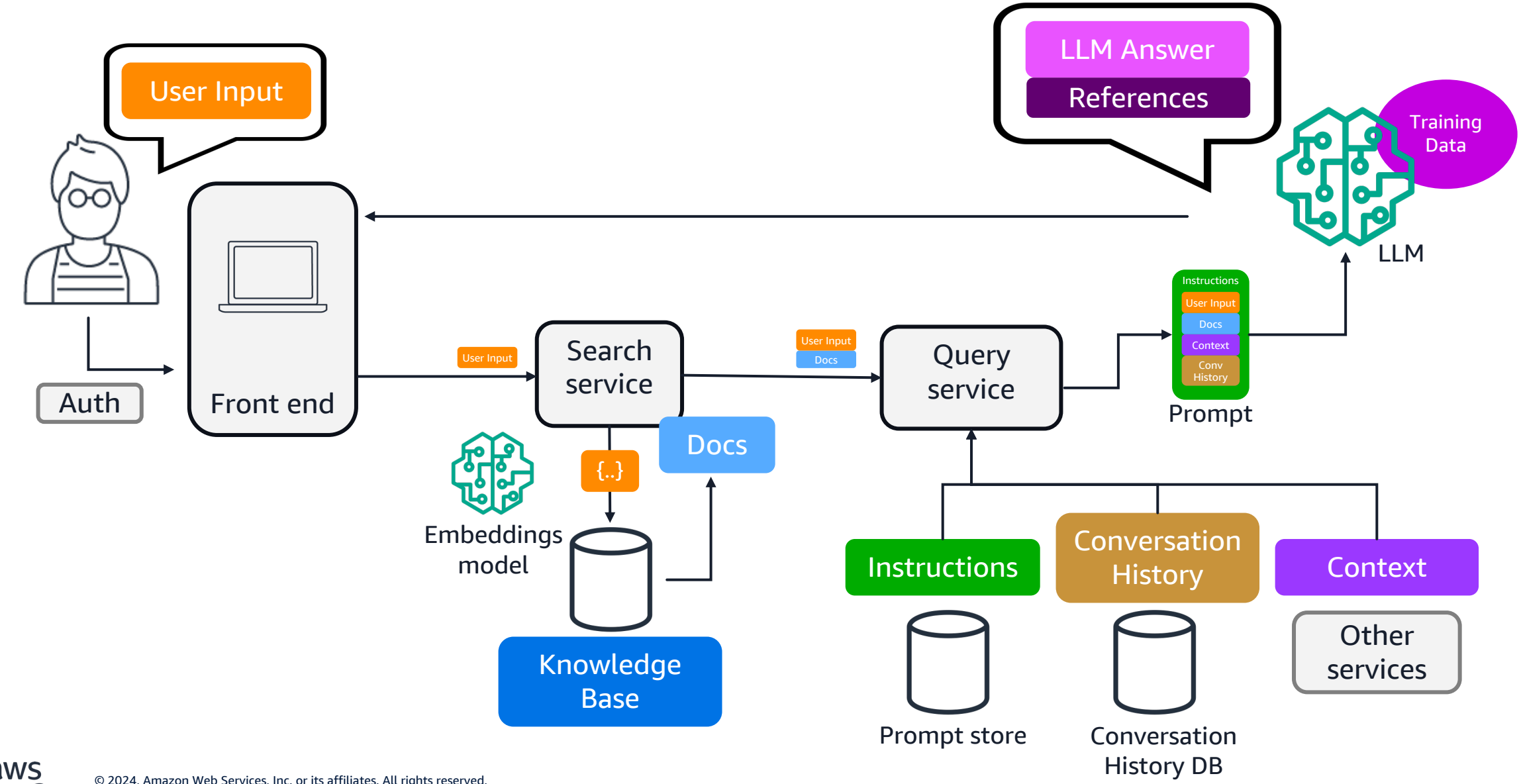






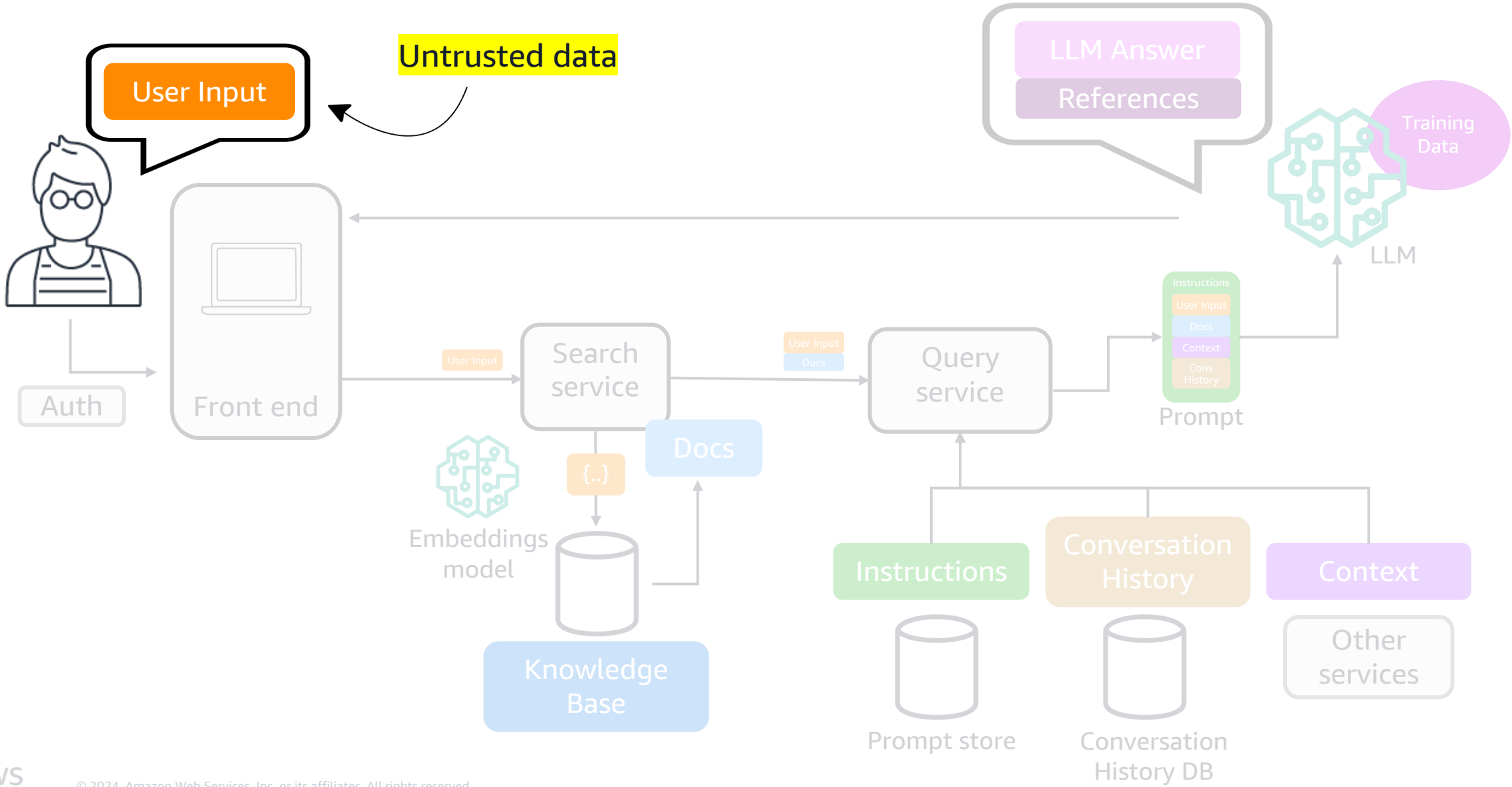
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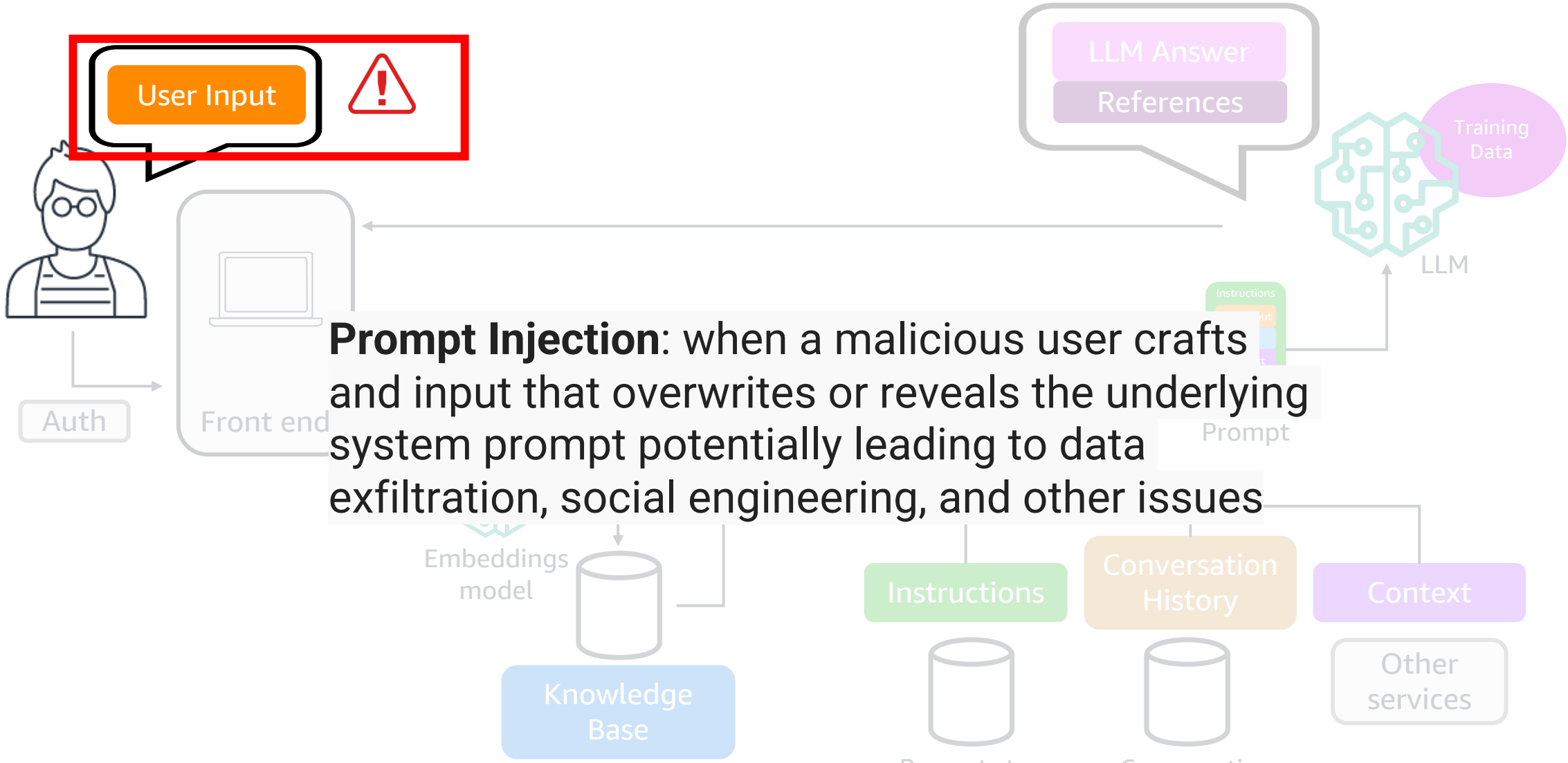
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Risk: prompt injection



Prompt Injection: when a malicious user crafts and input that overwrites or reveals the underlying system prompt potentially leading to data exfiltration, social engineering, and other issues

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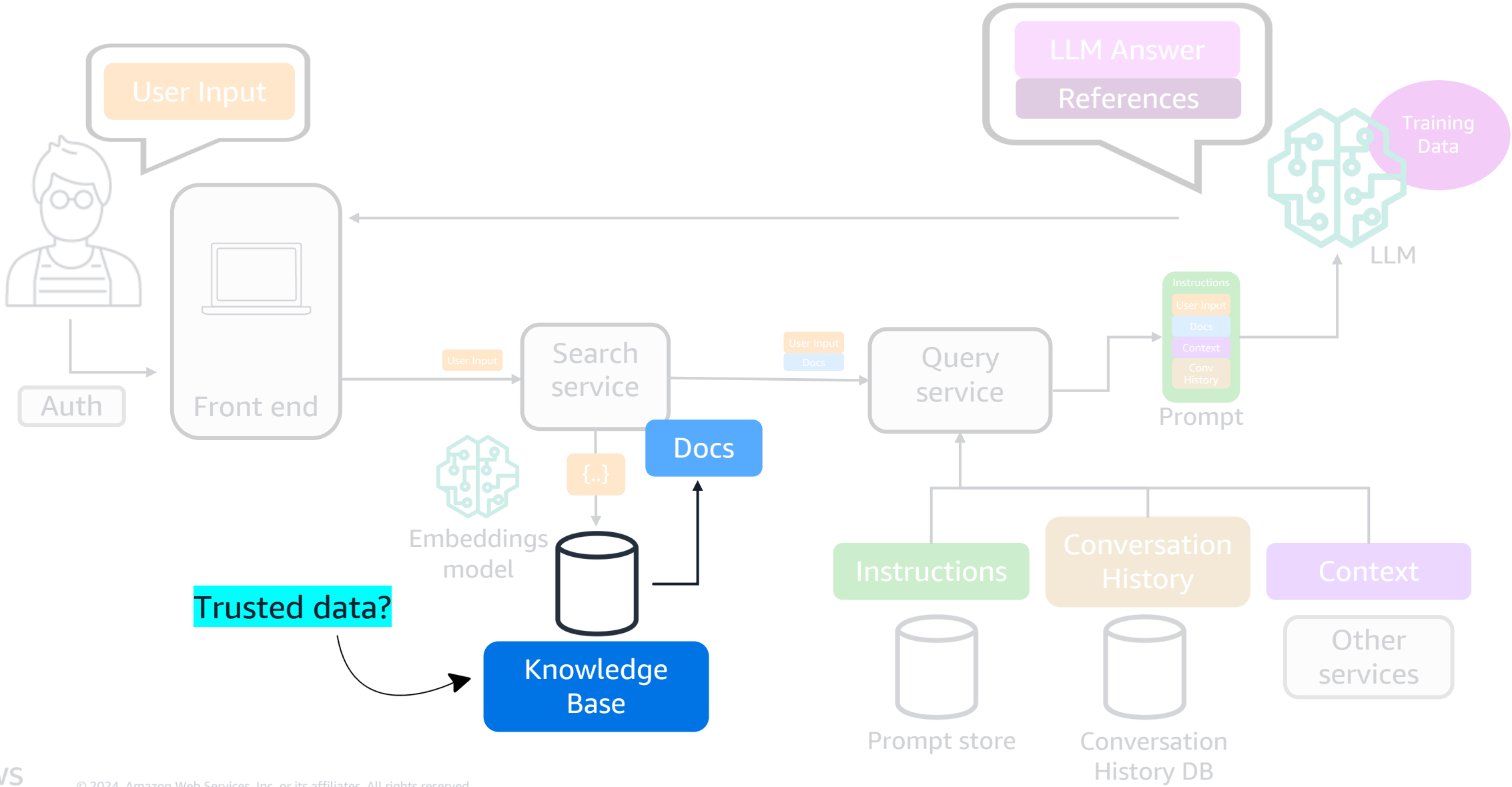
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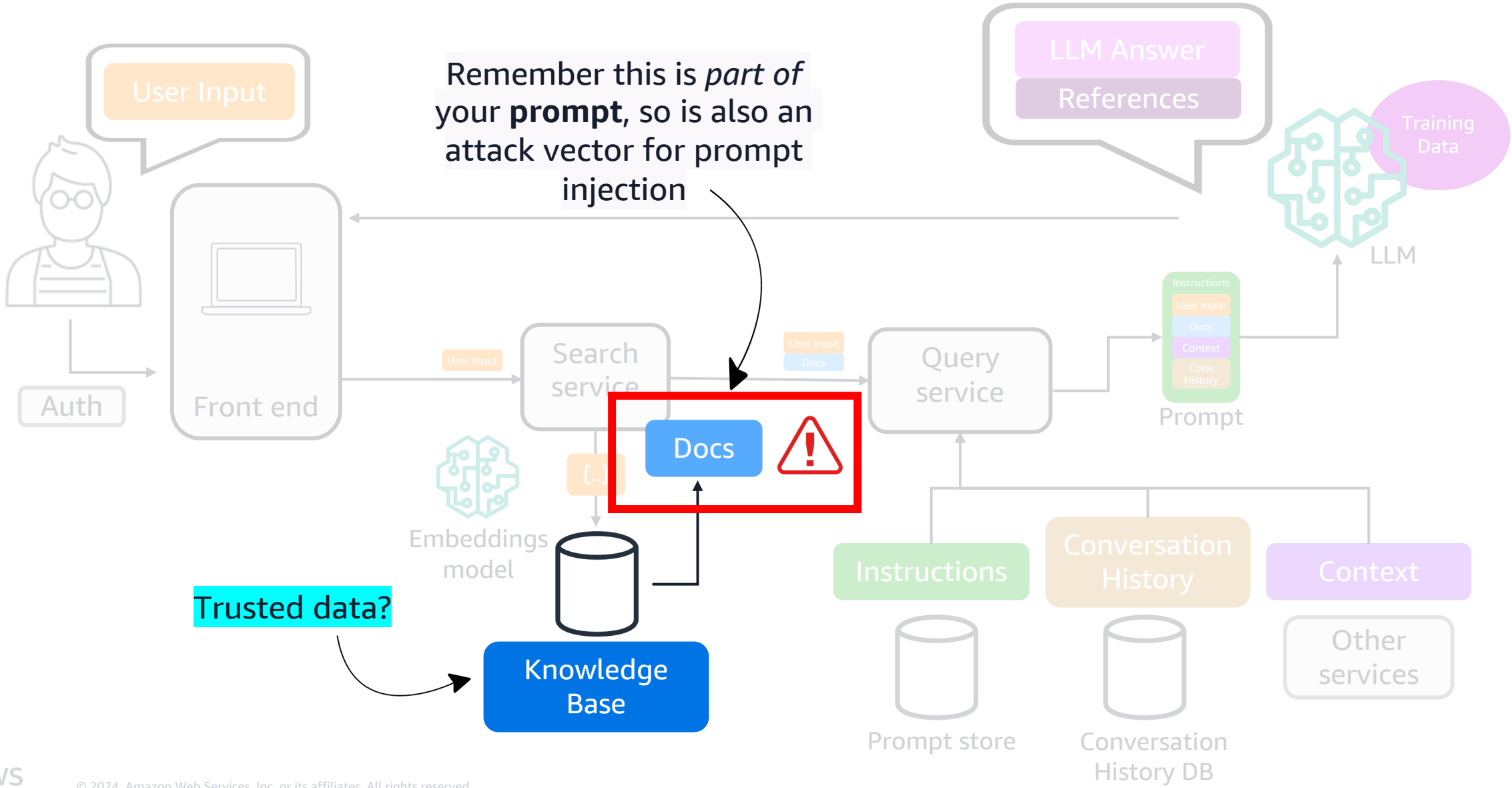
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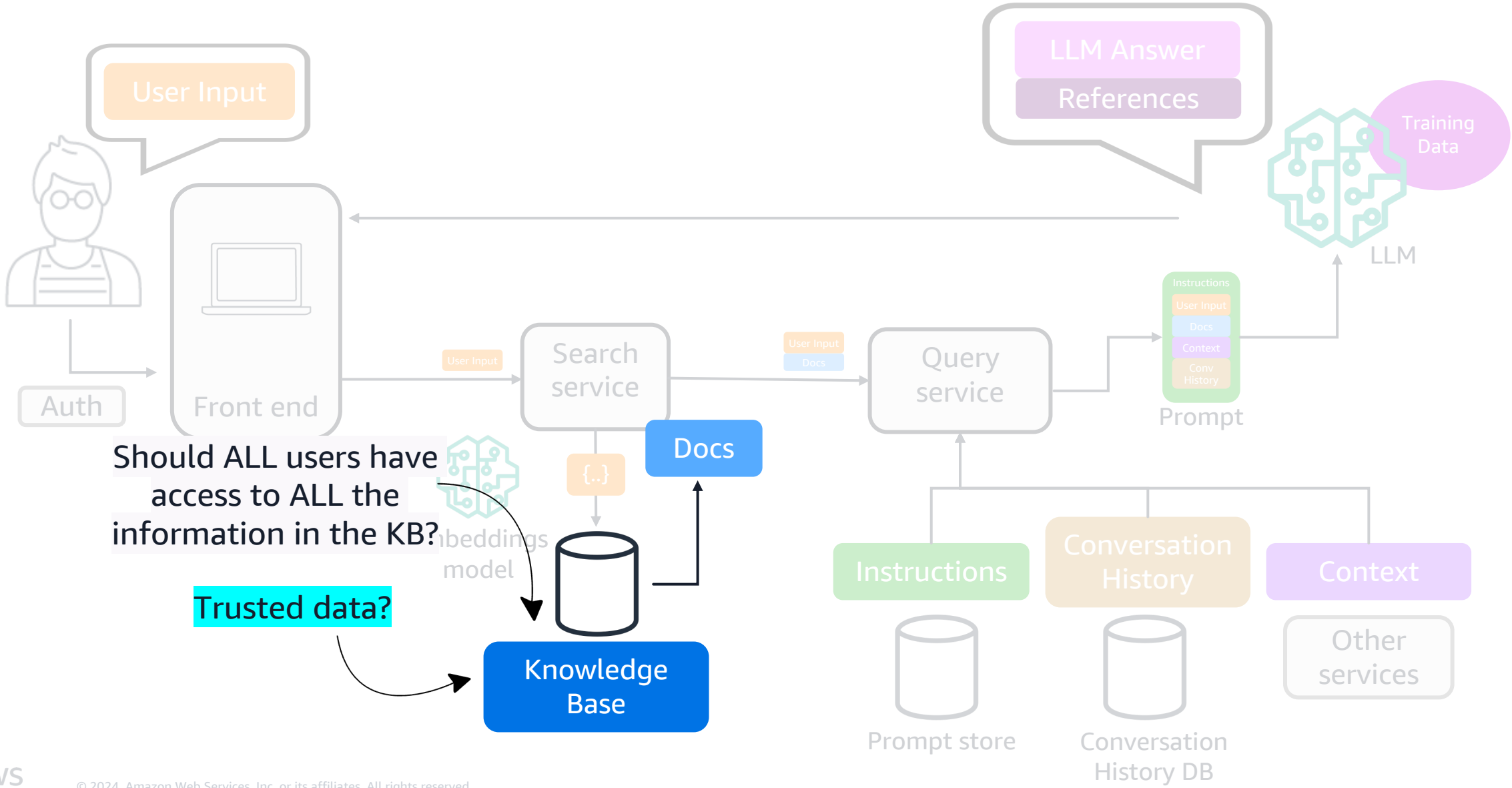
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Risk: indirect prompt injection



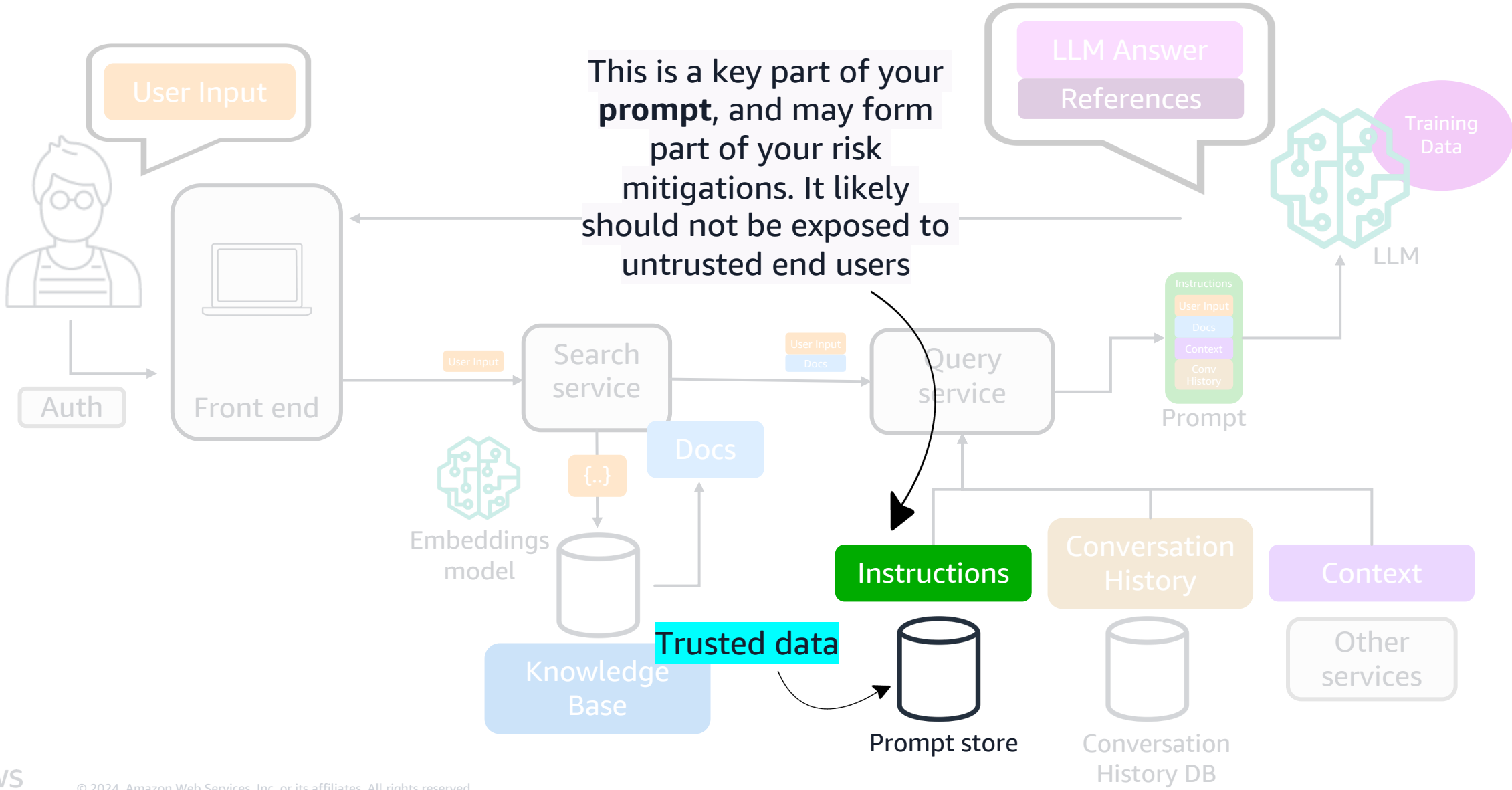
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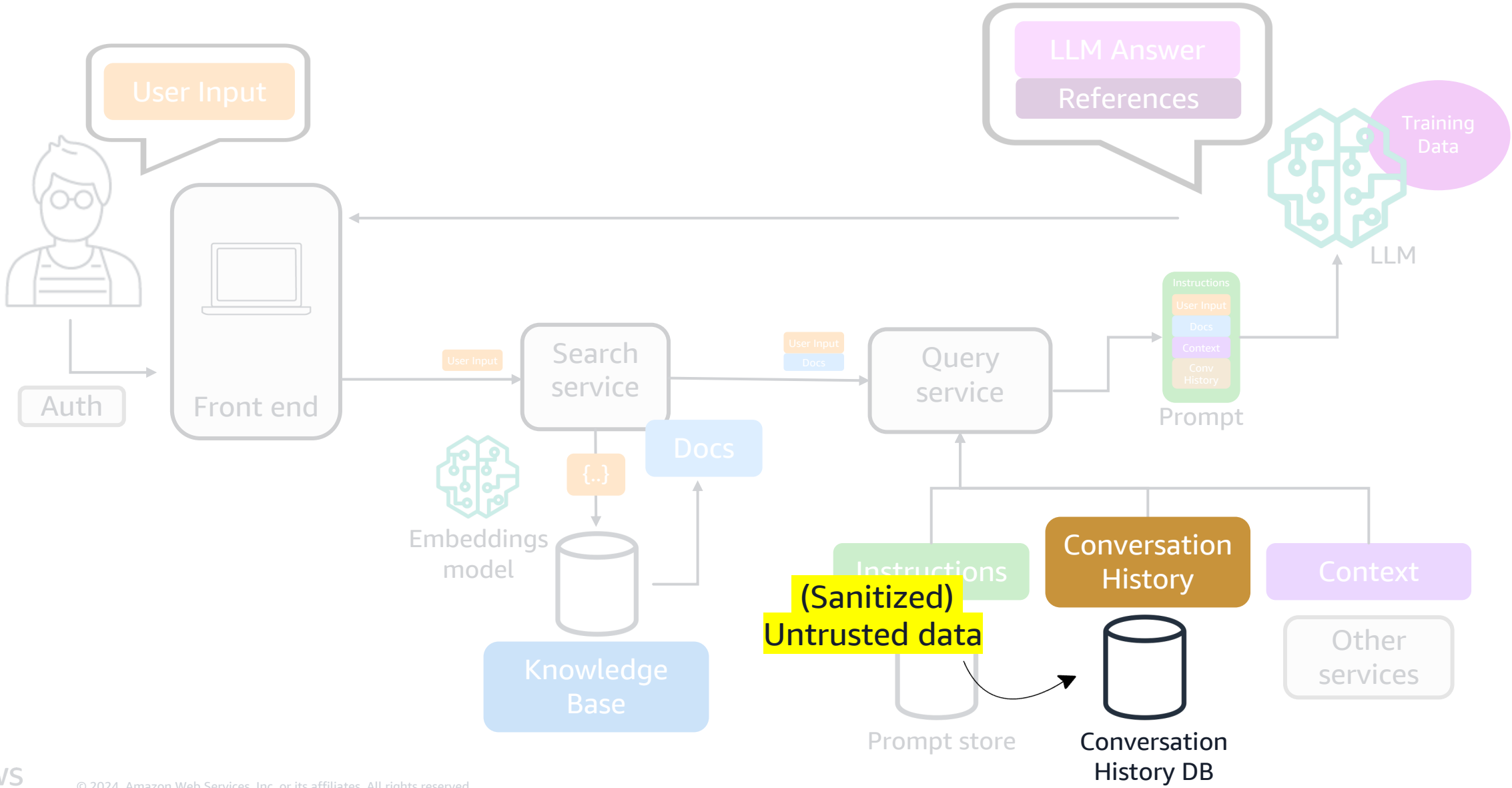
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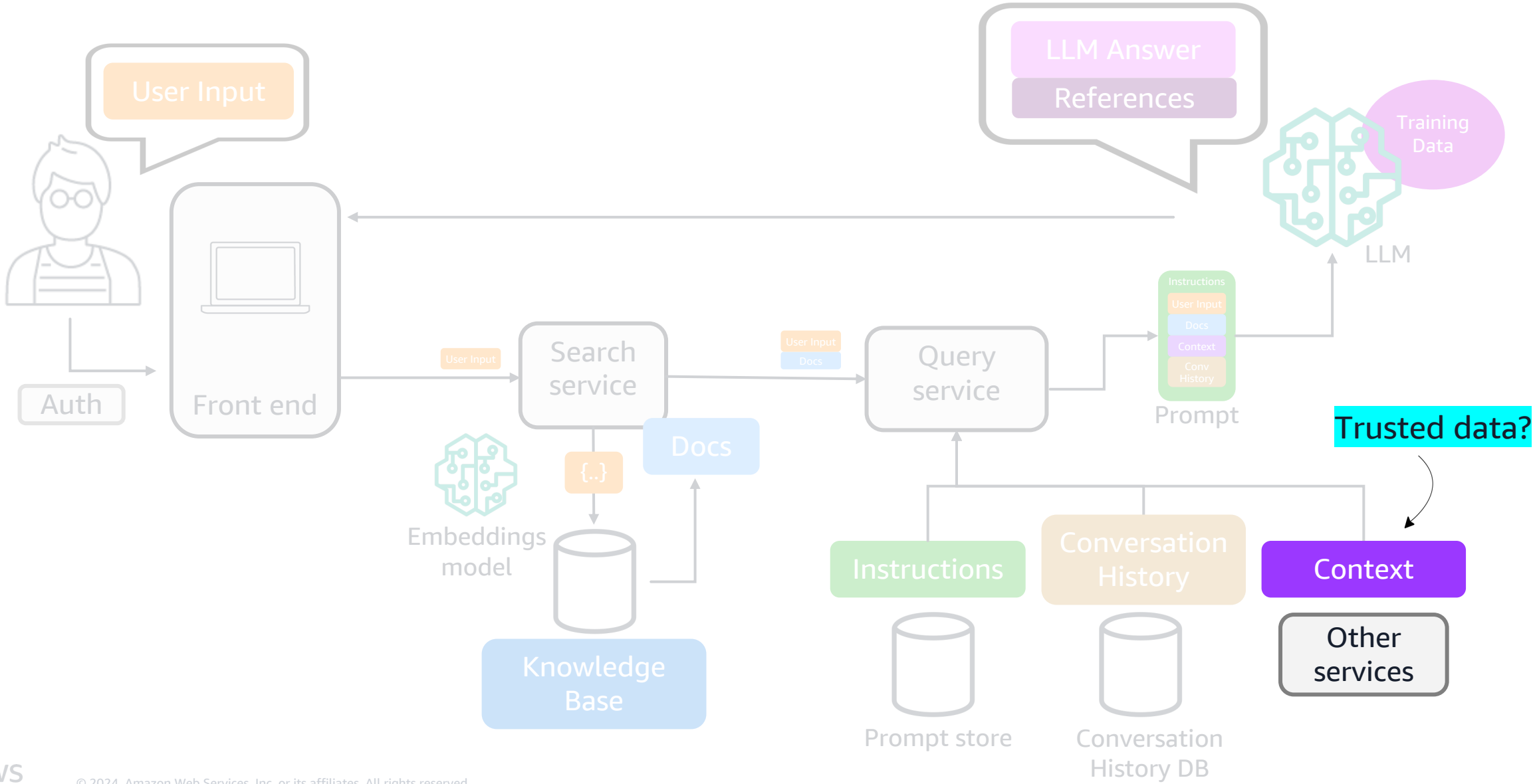
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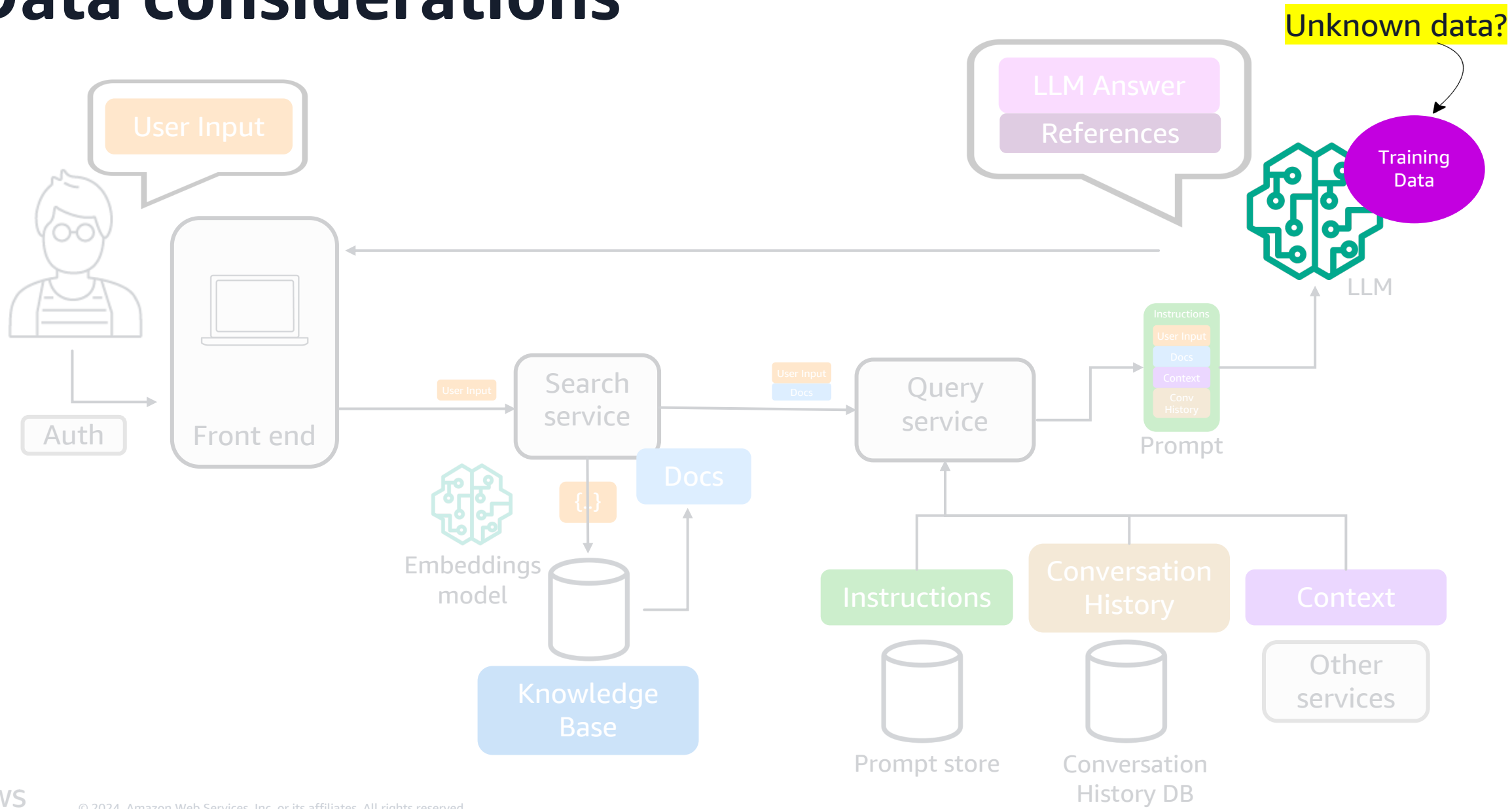
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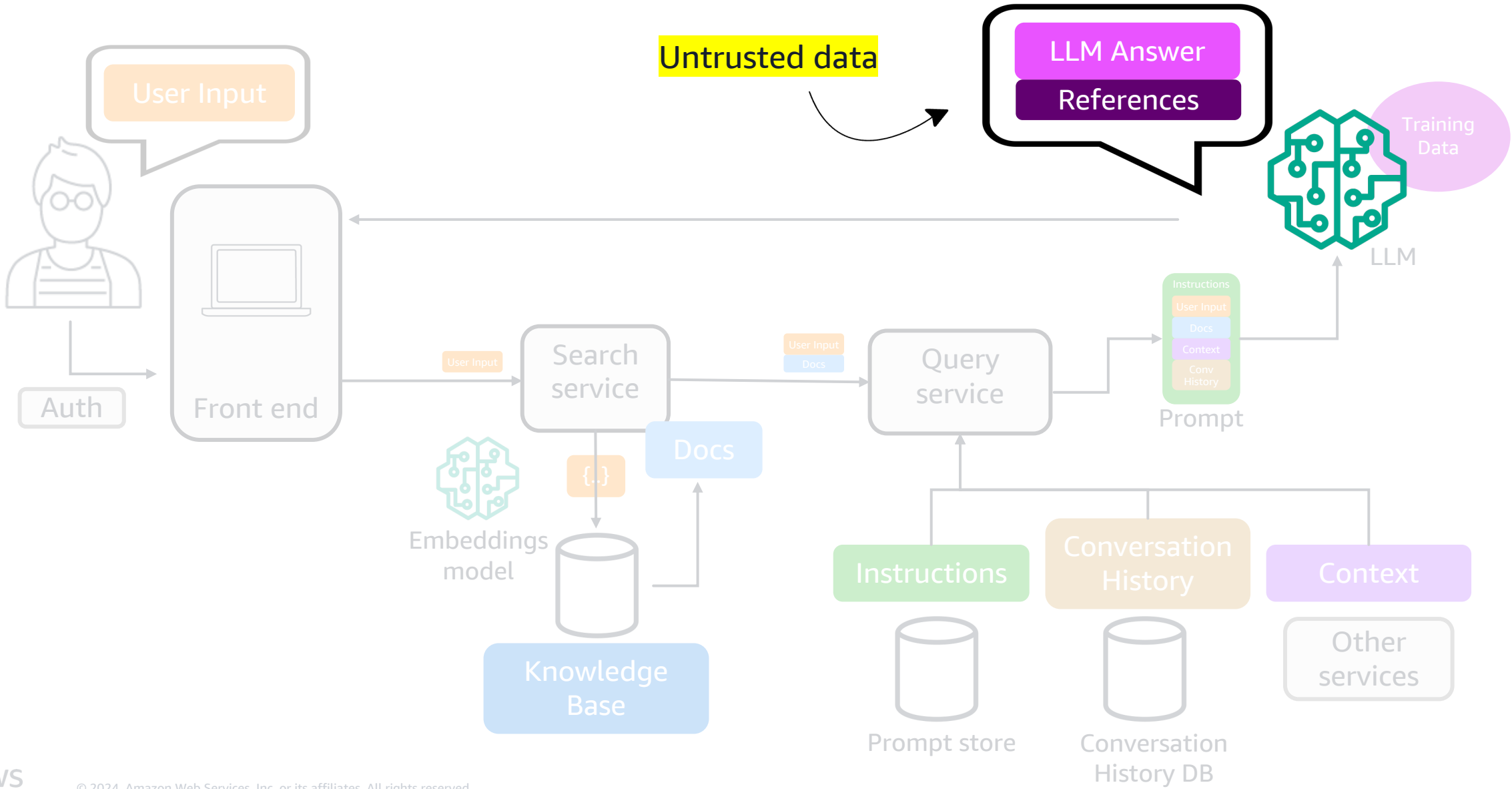
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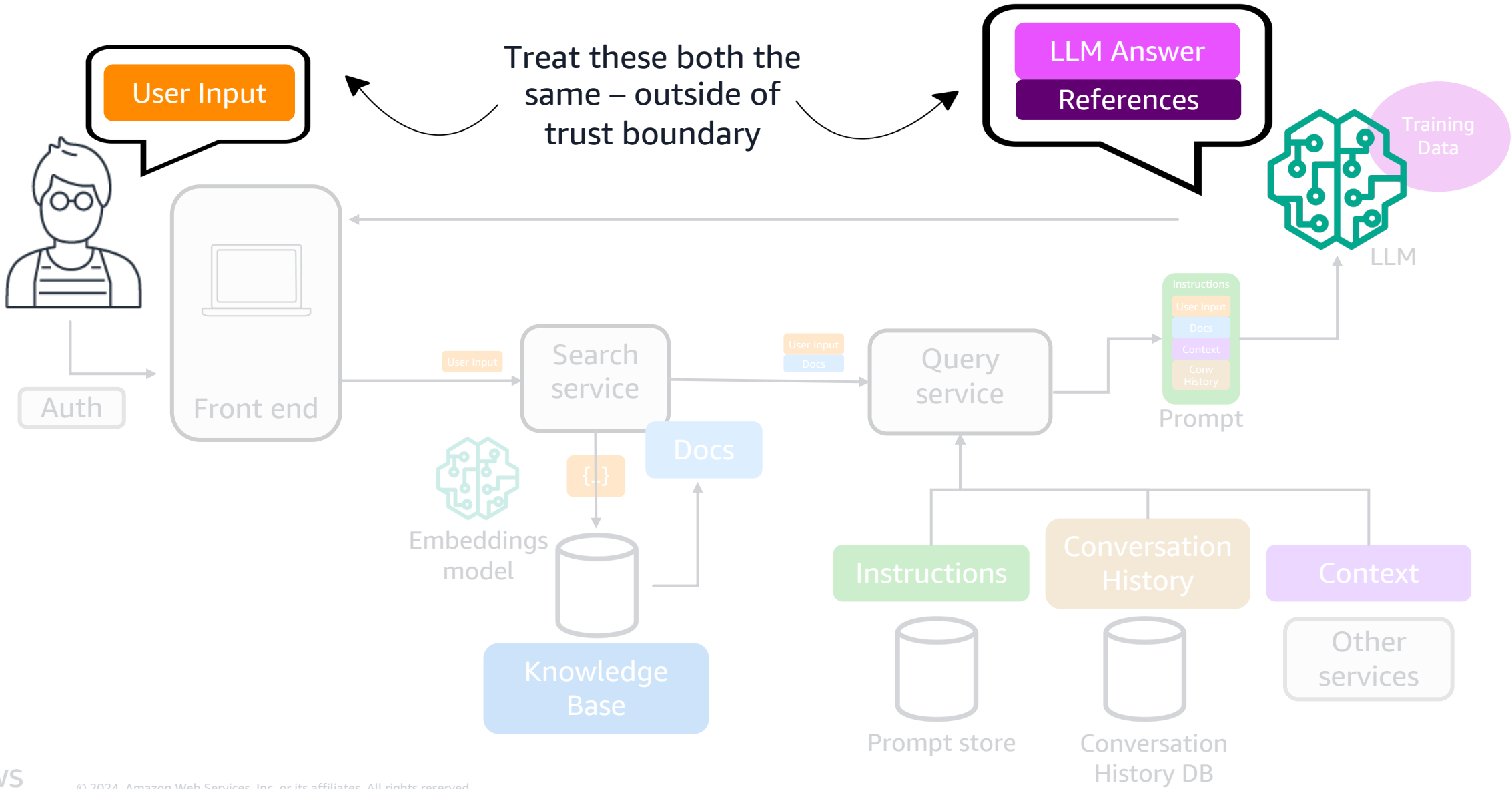
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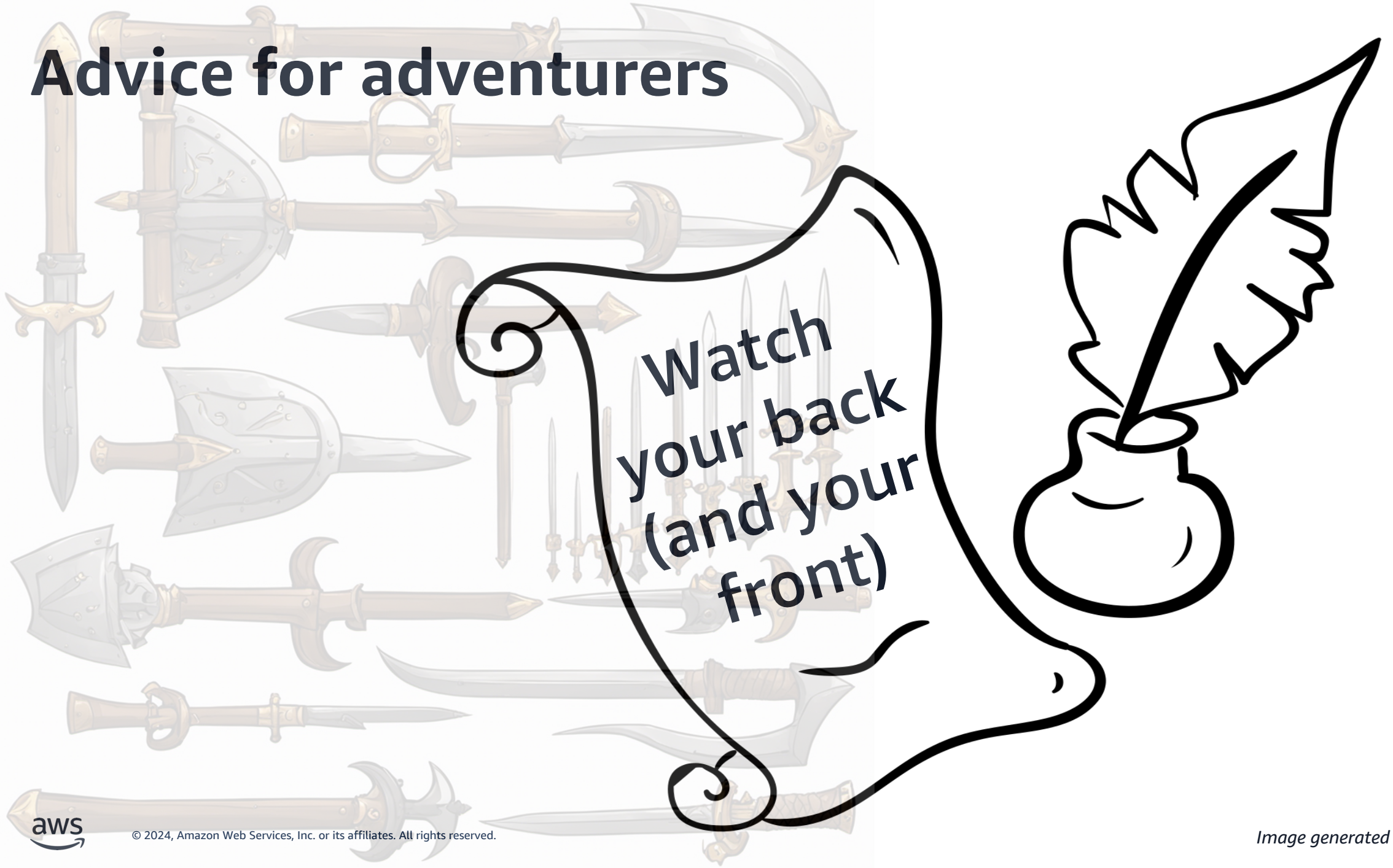
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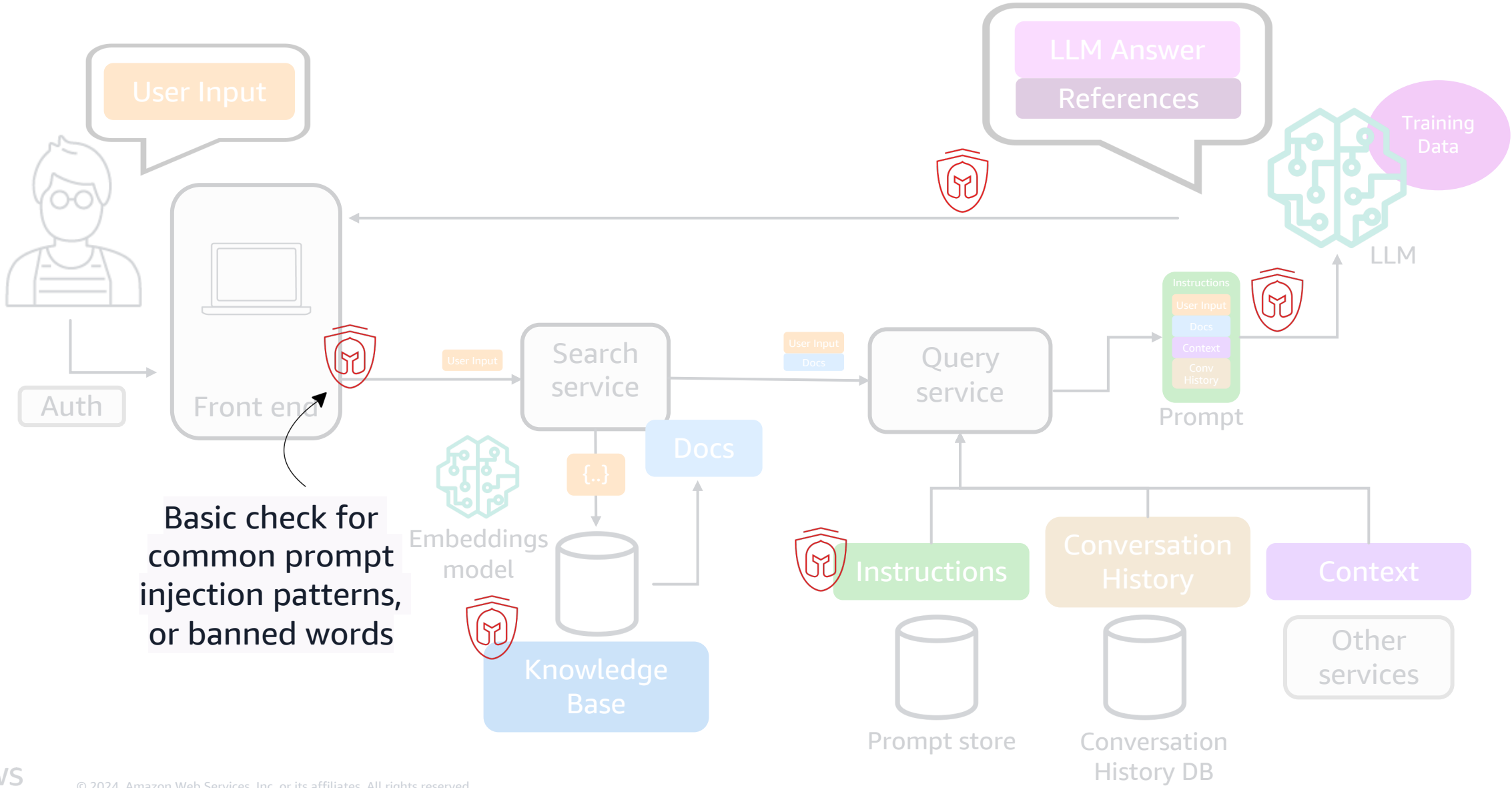
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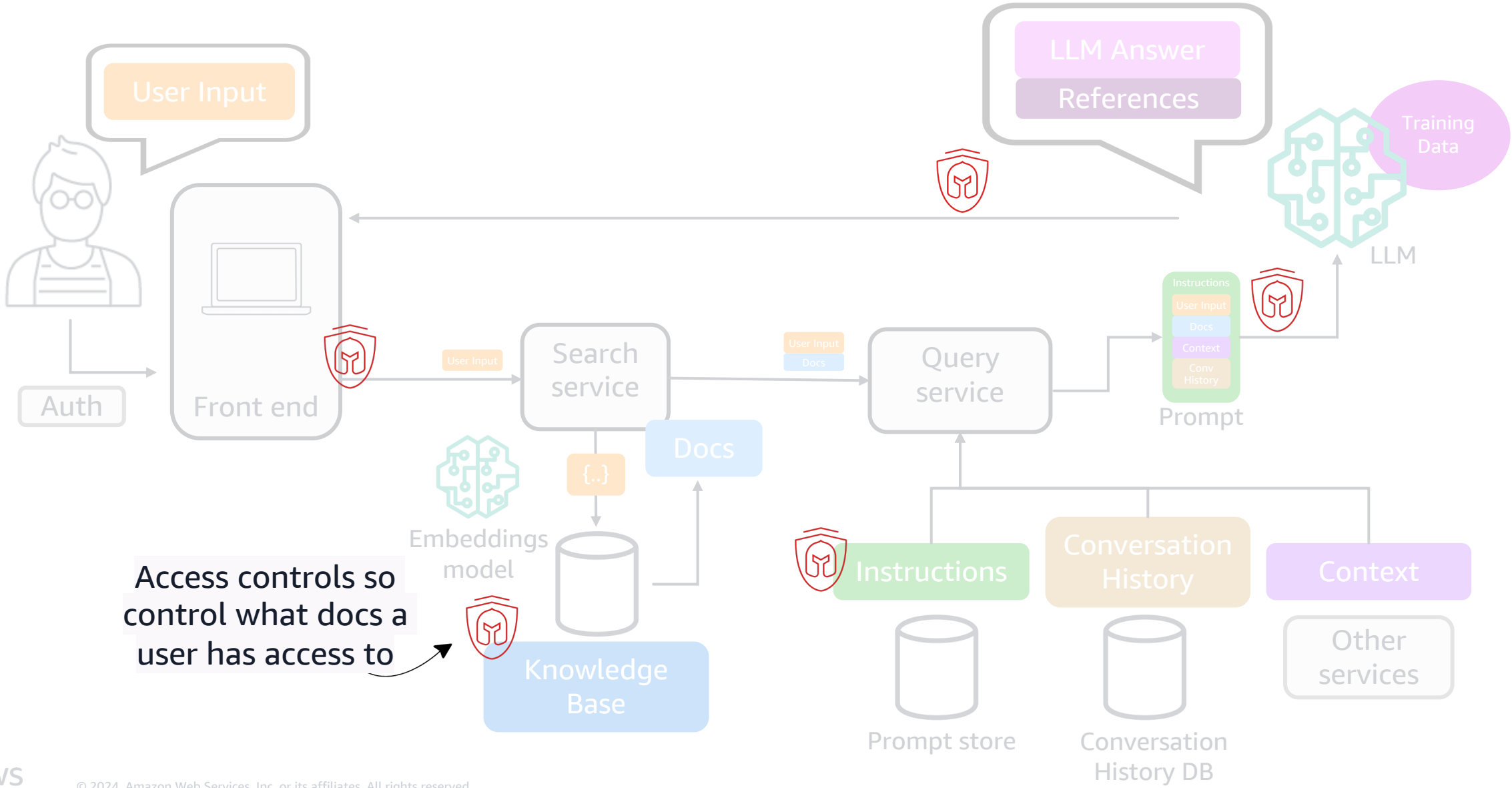
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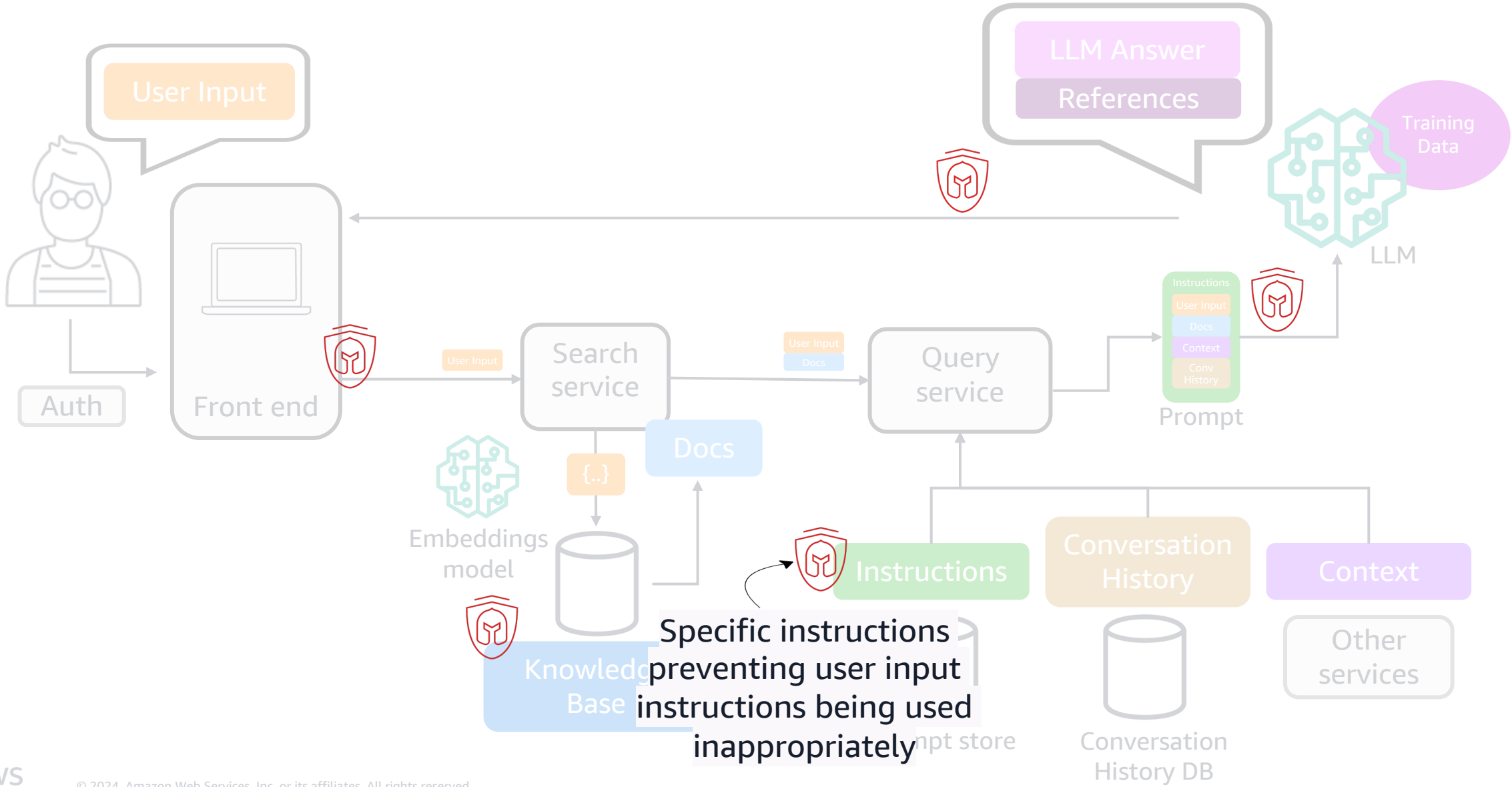
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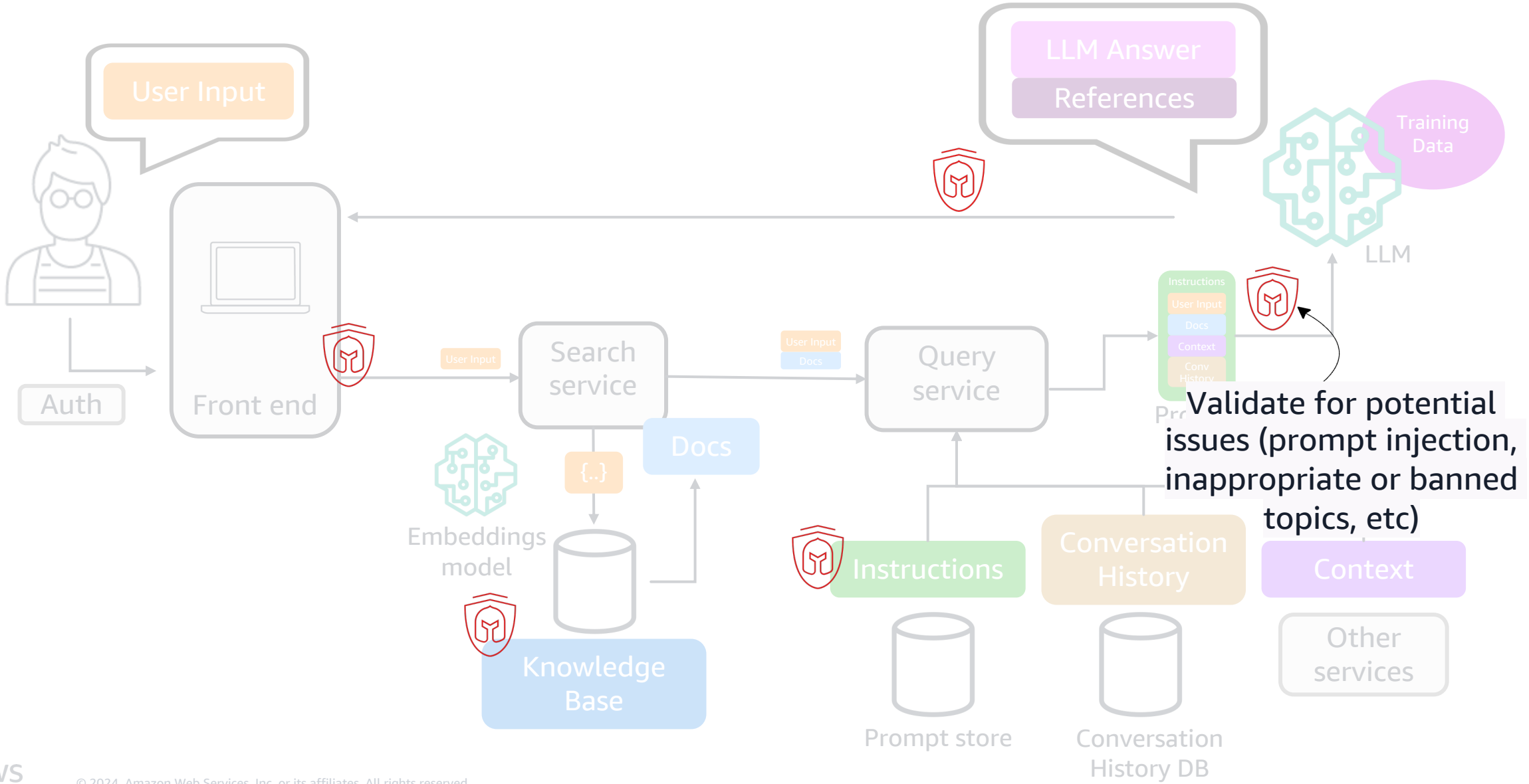
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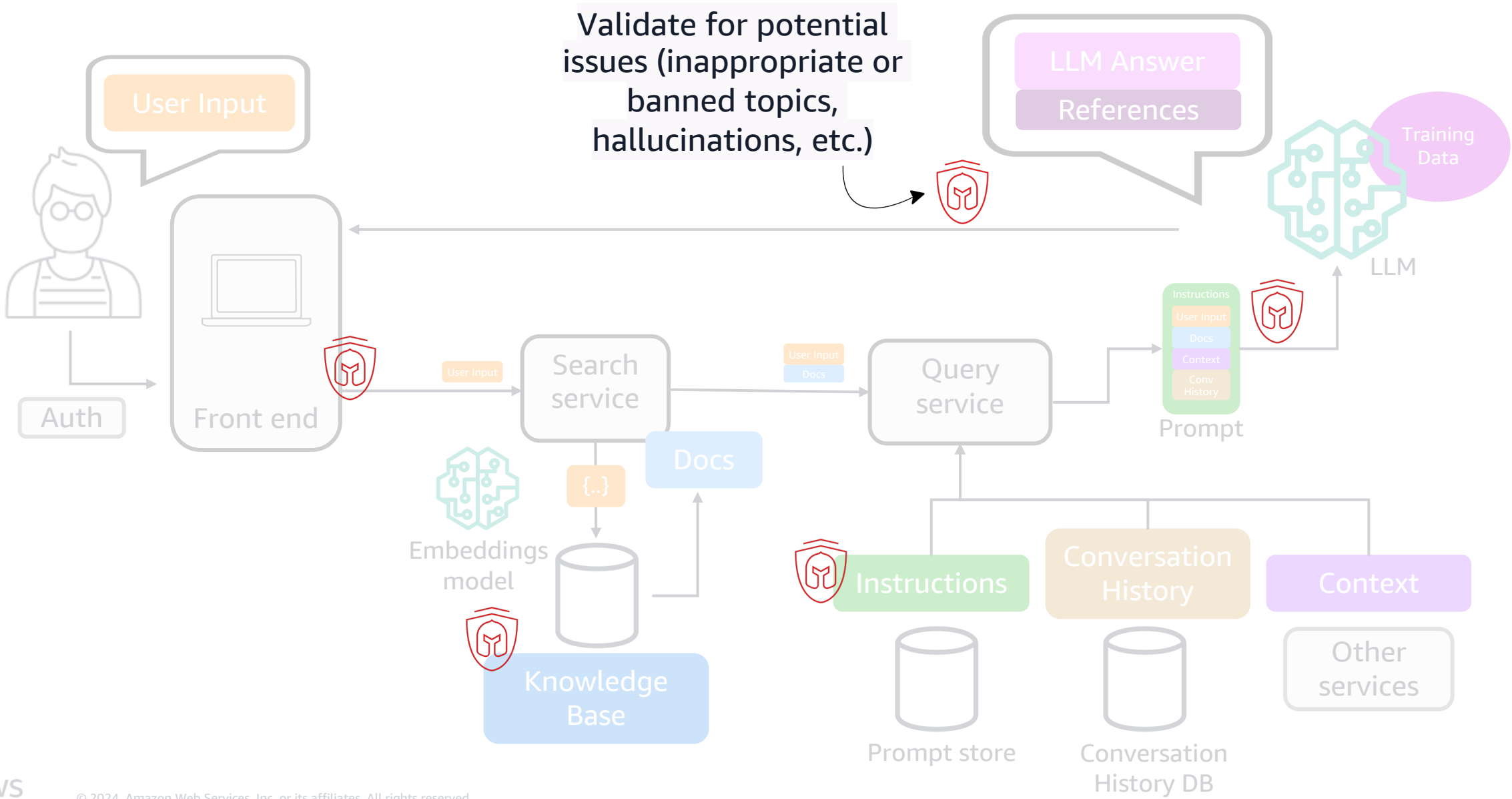
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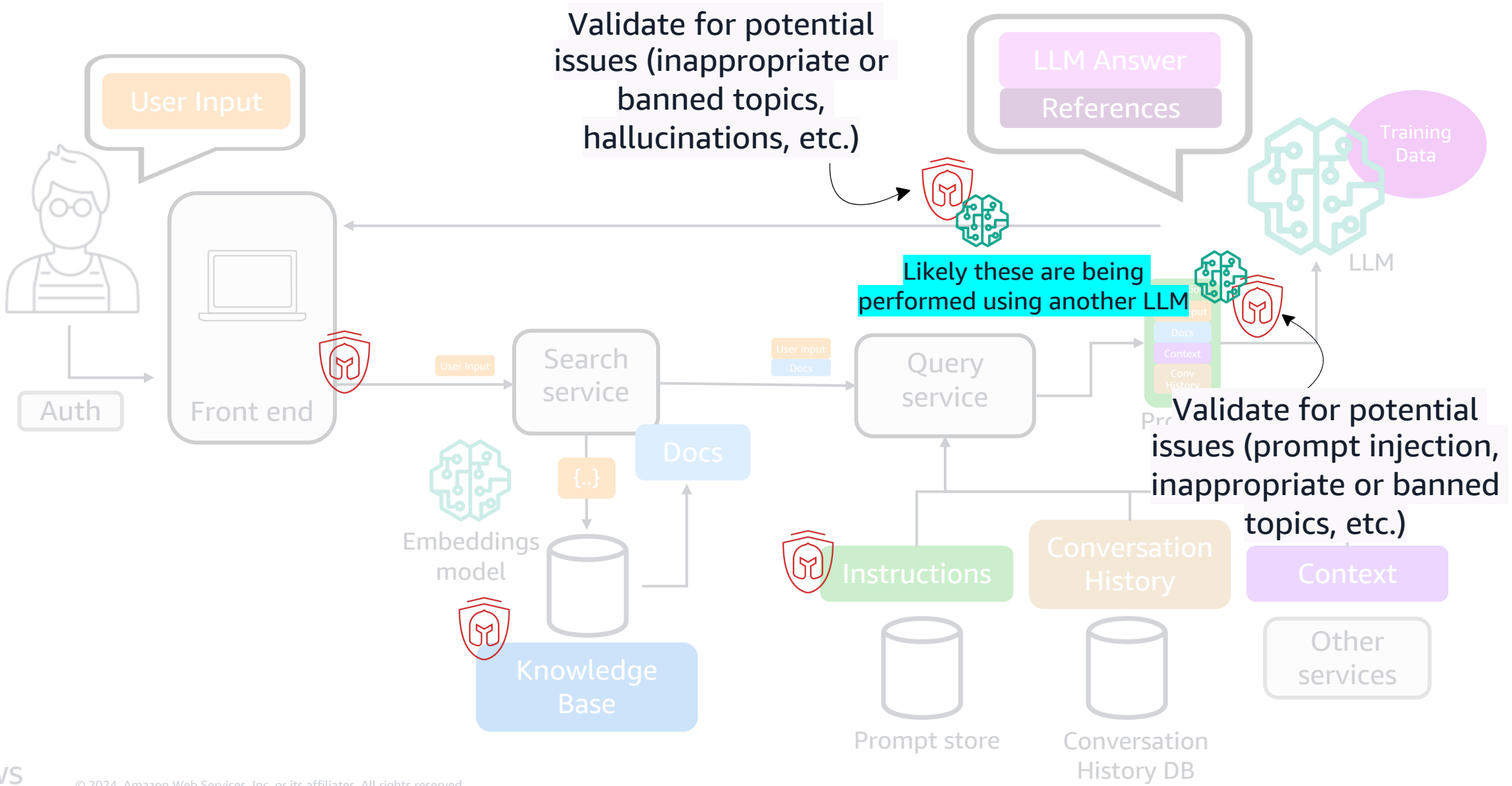
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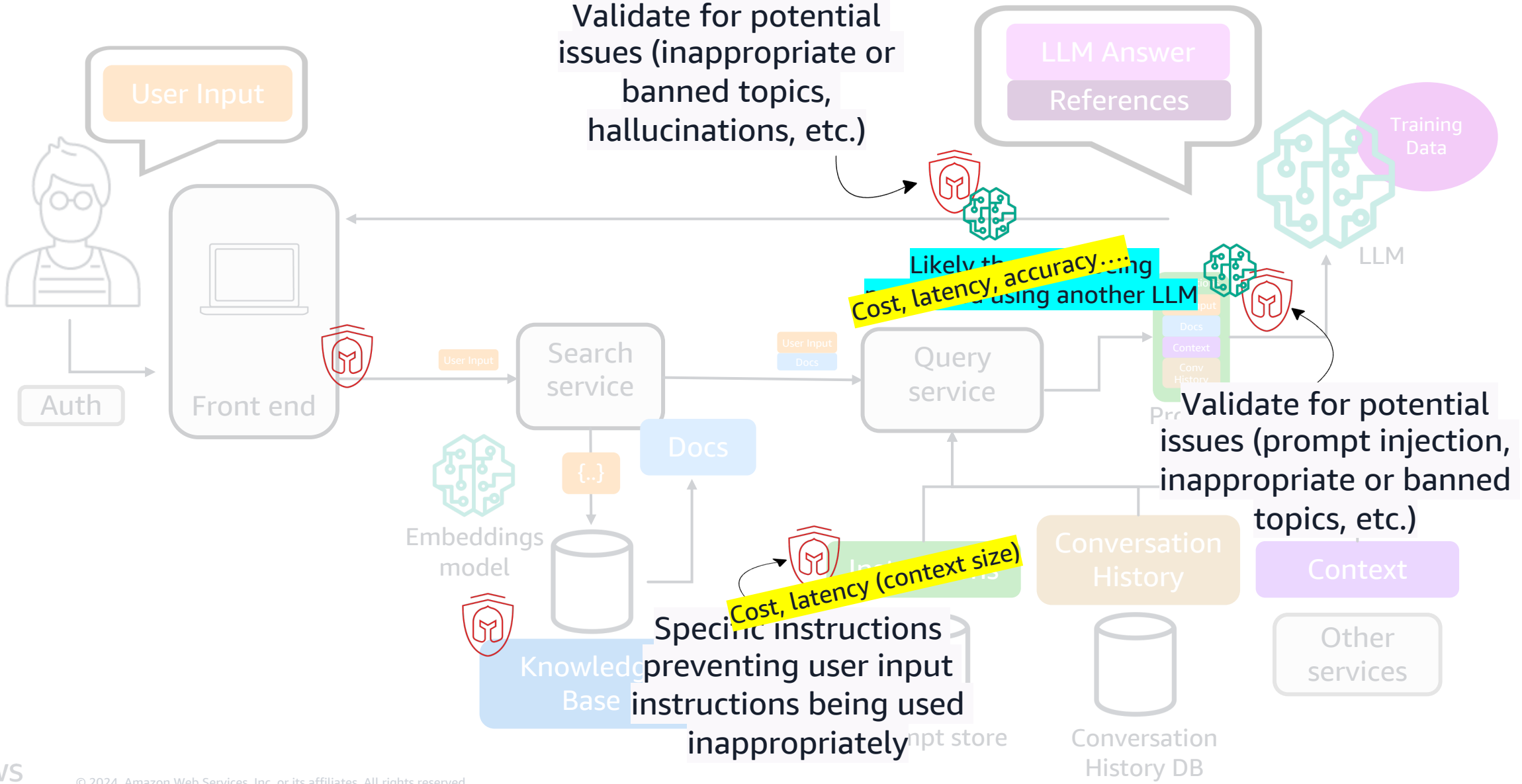
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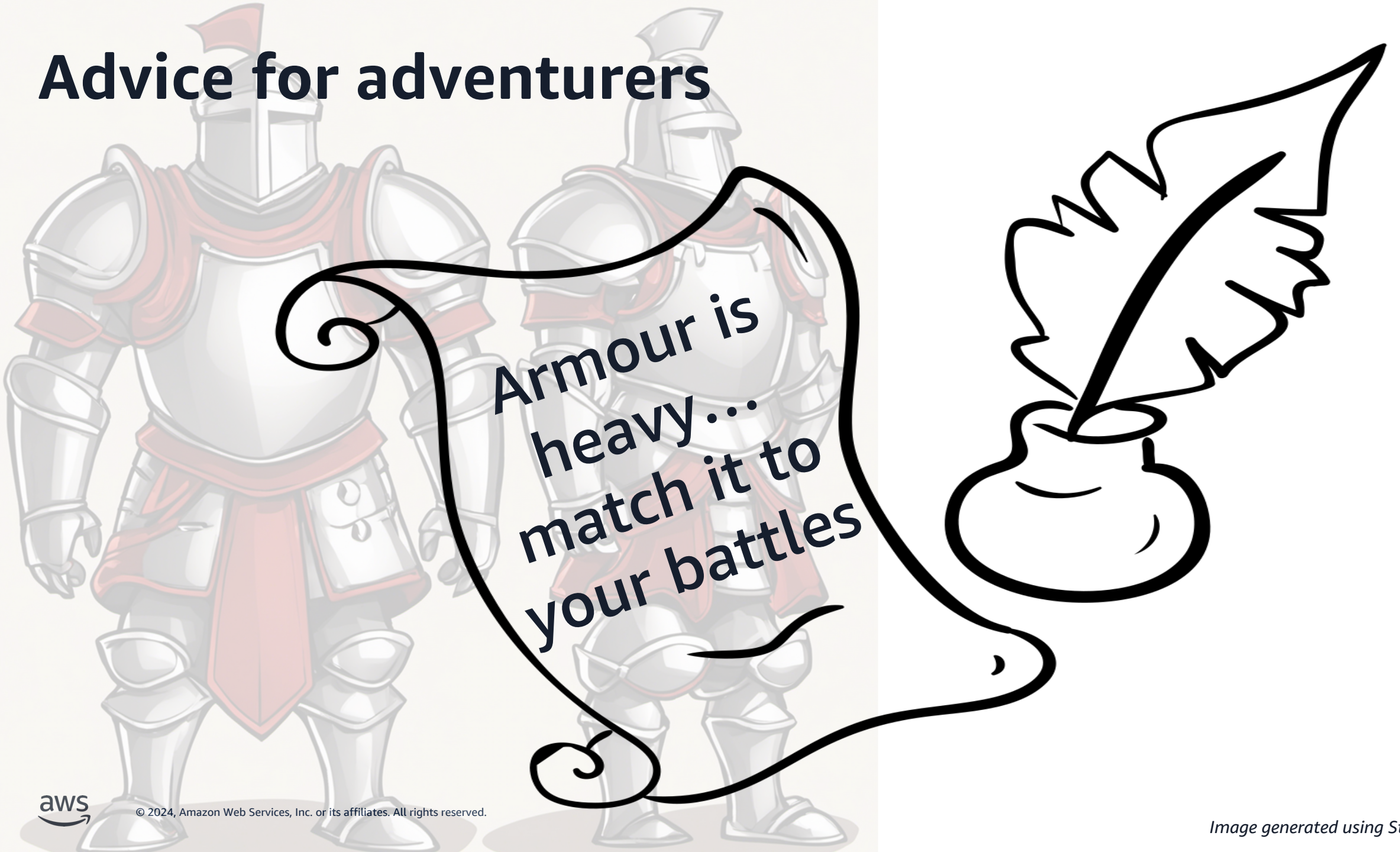
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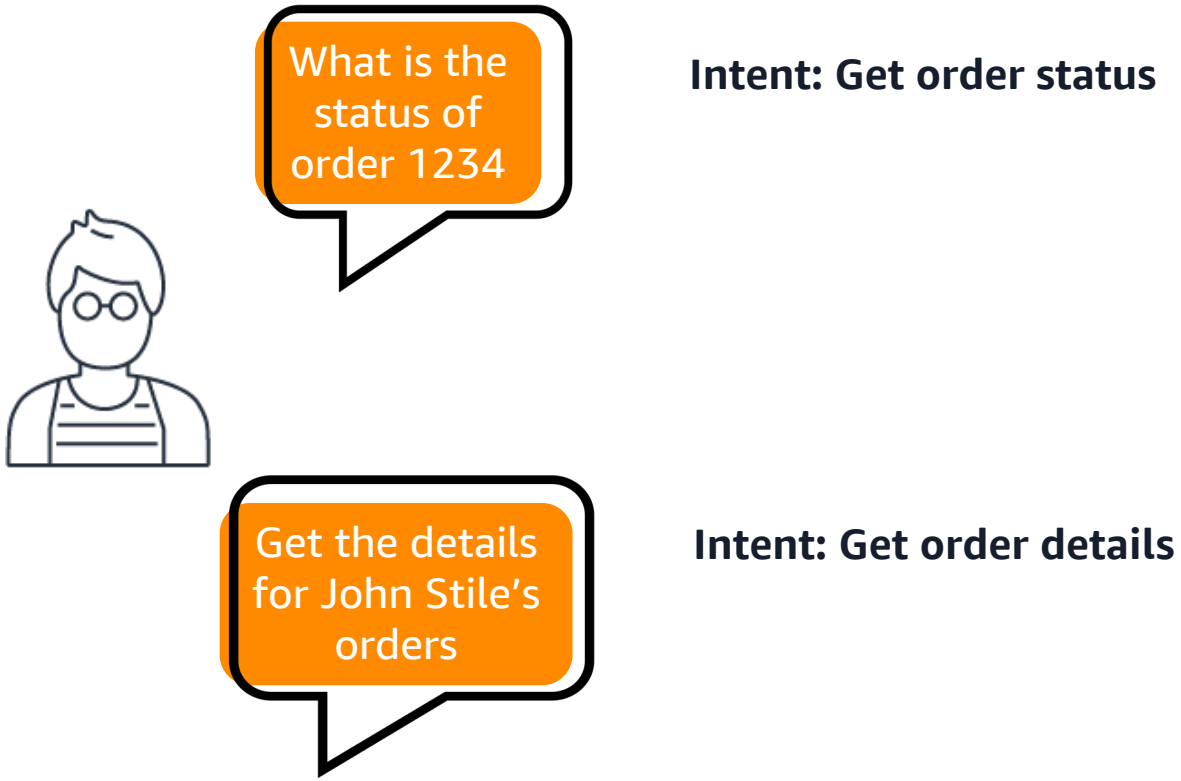
Use Case: A chatbot that my staff can use to check on orders



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Chatbot for relational database

Detect intent (categorize request)



Intent: Get order status

Intent: Get order details

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Detect intent (categorize request)
Extract entities (variable)



What is the status of order 1234

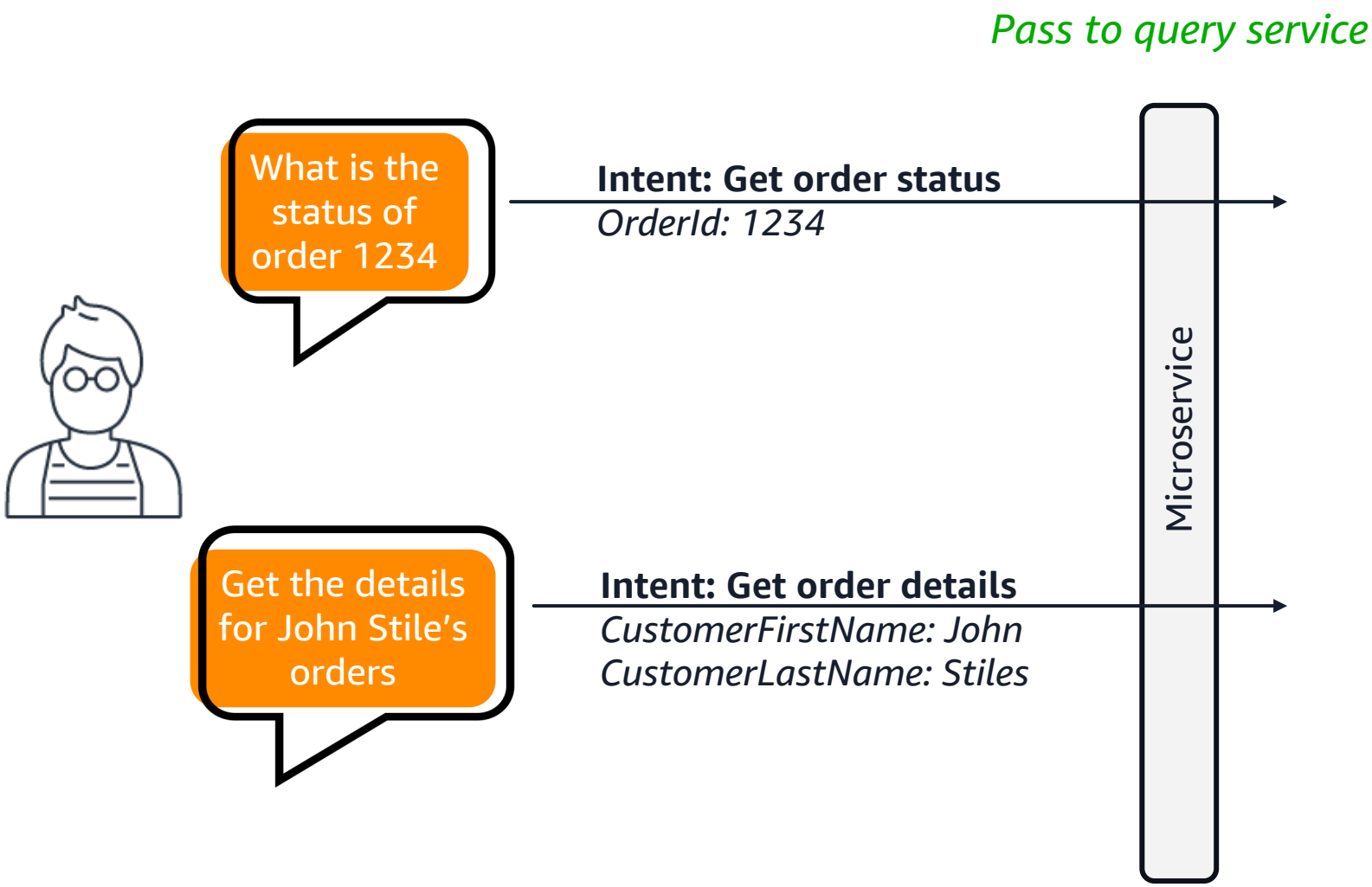
Intent: Get order status
OrderId: 1234

Get the details for John Stile's orders

Intent: Get order details
CustomerFirstName: John
CustomerLastName: Stiles

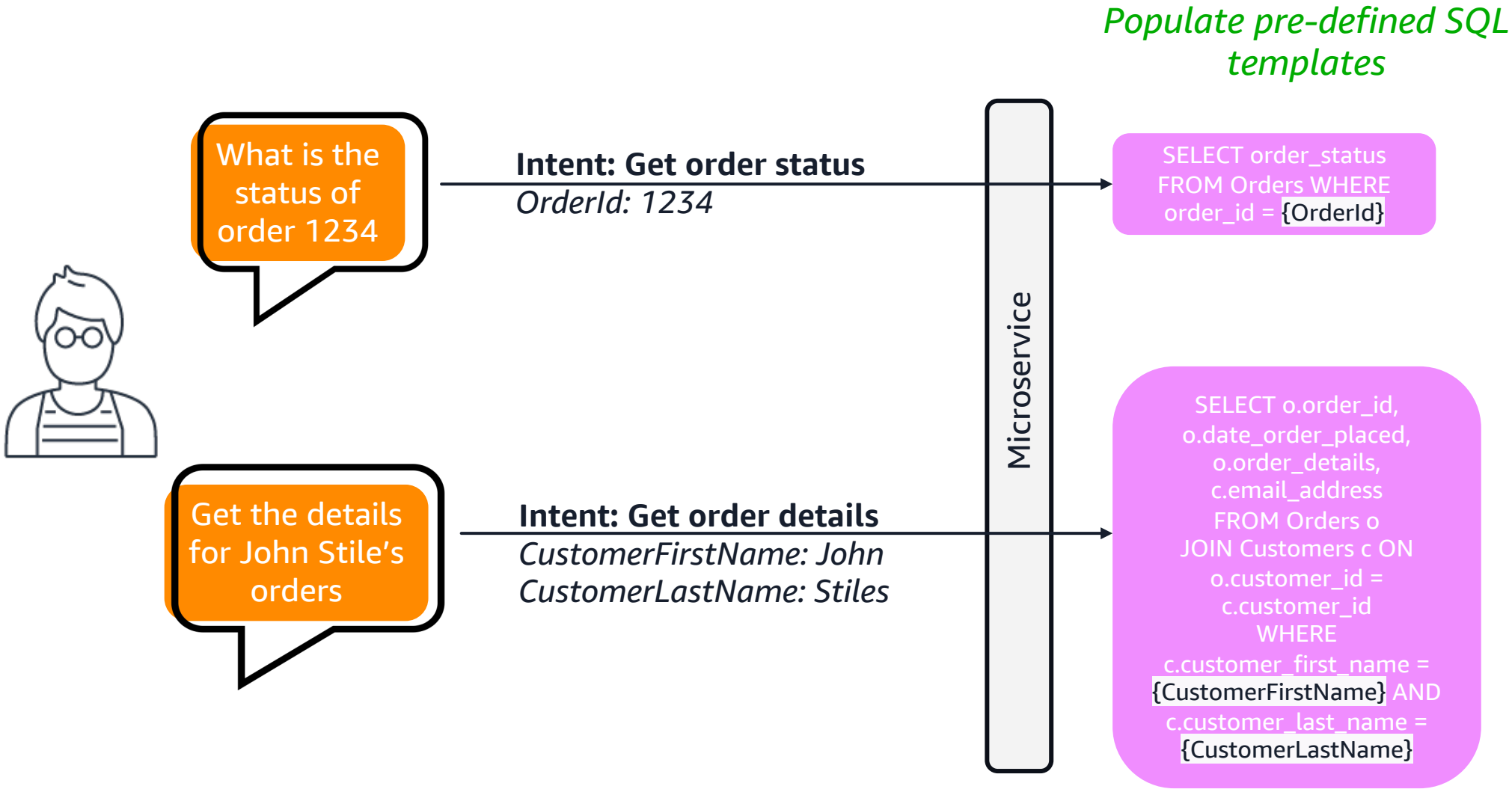
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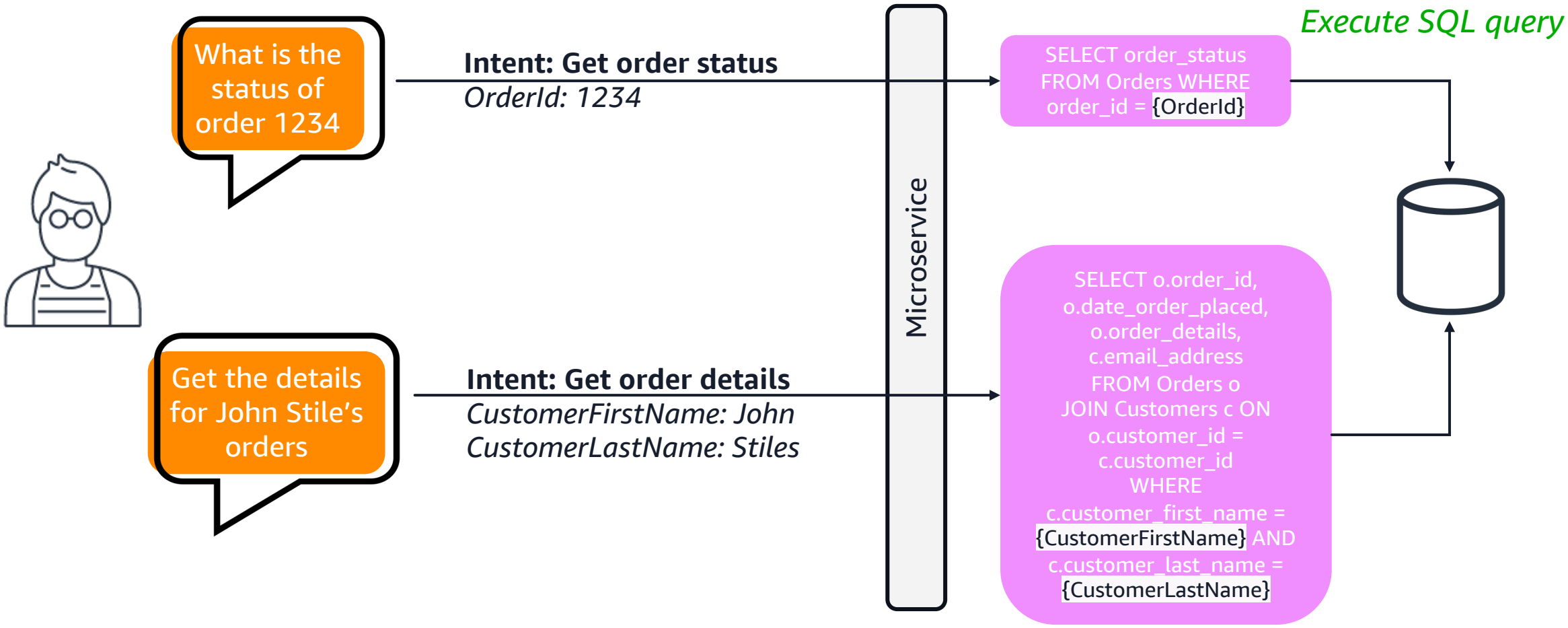
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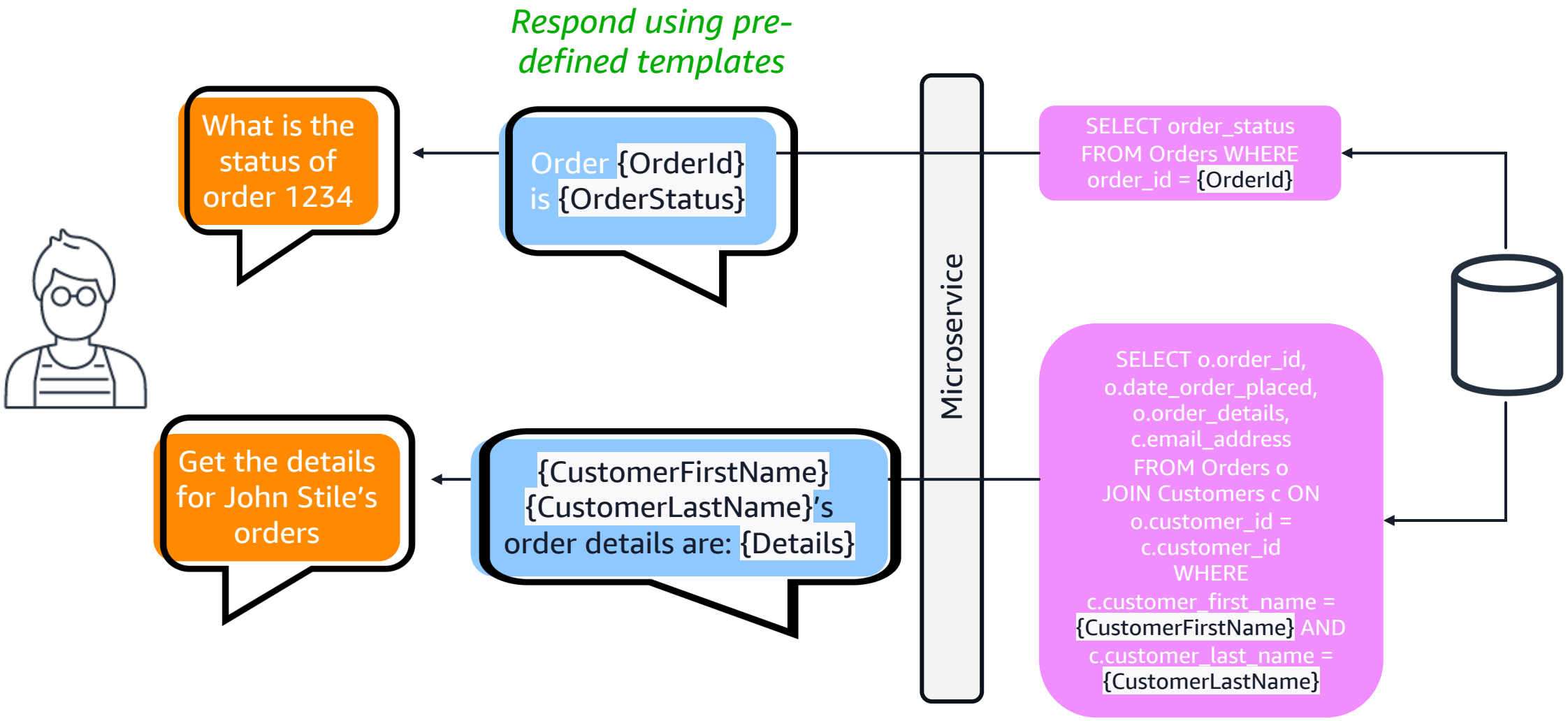
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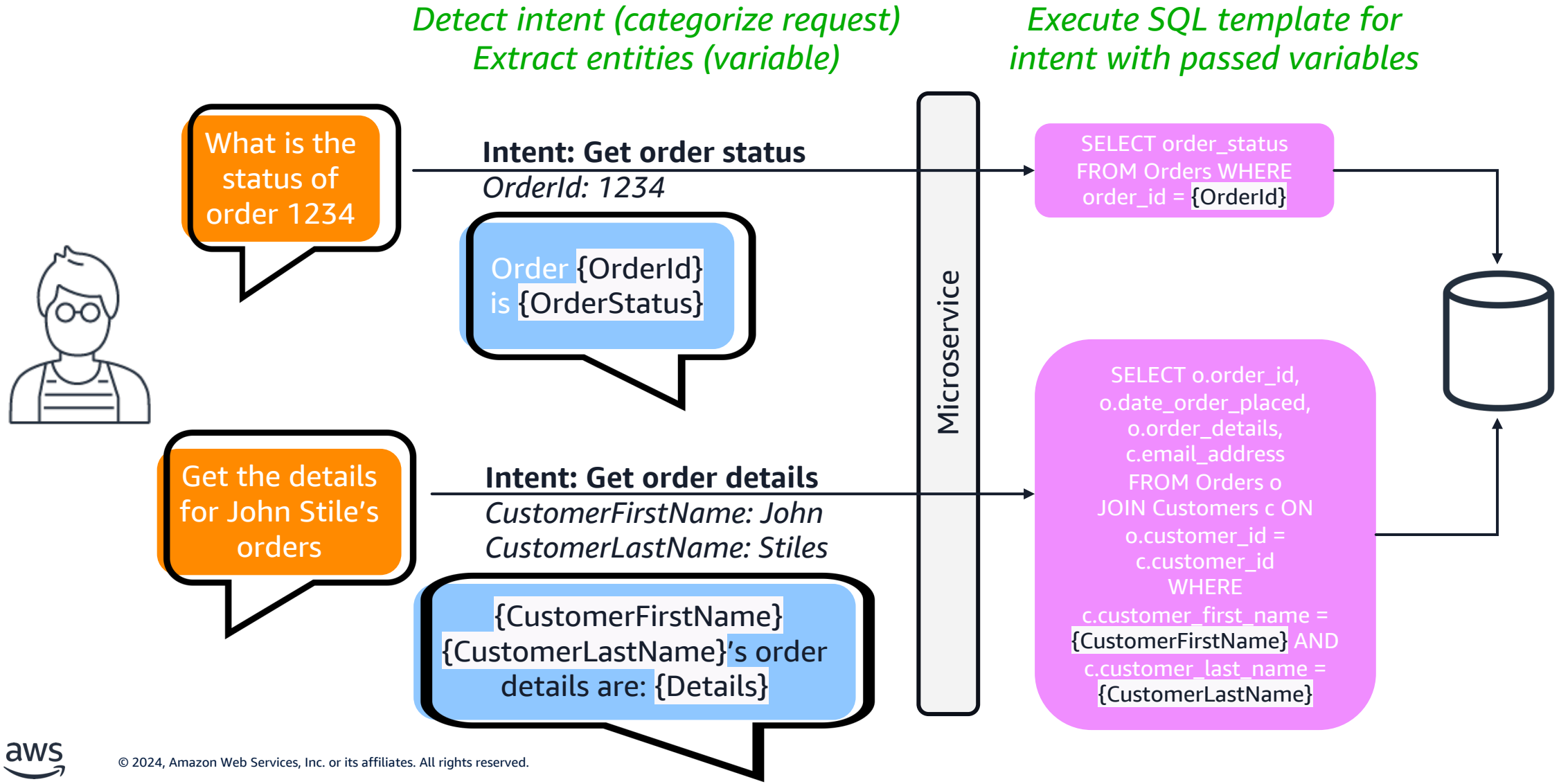
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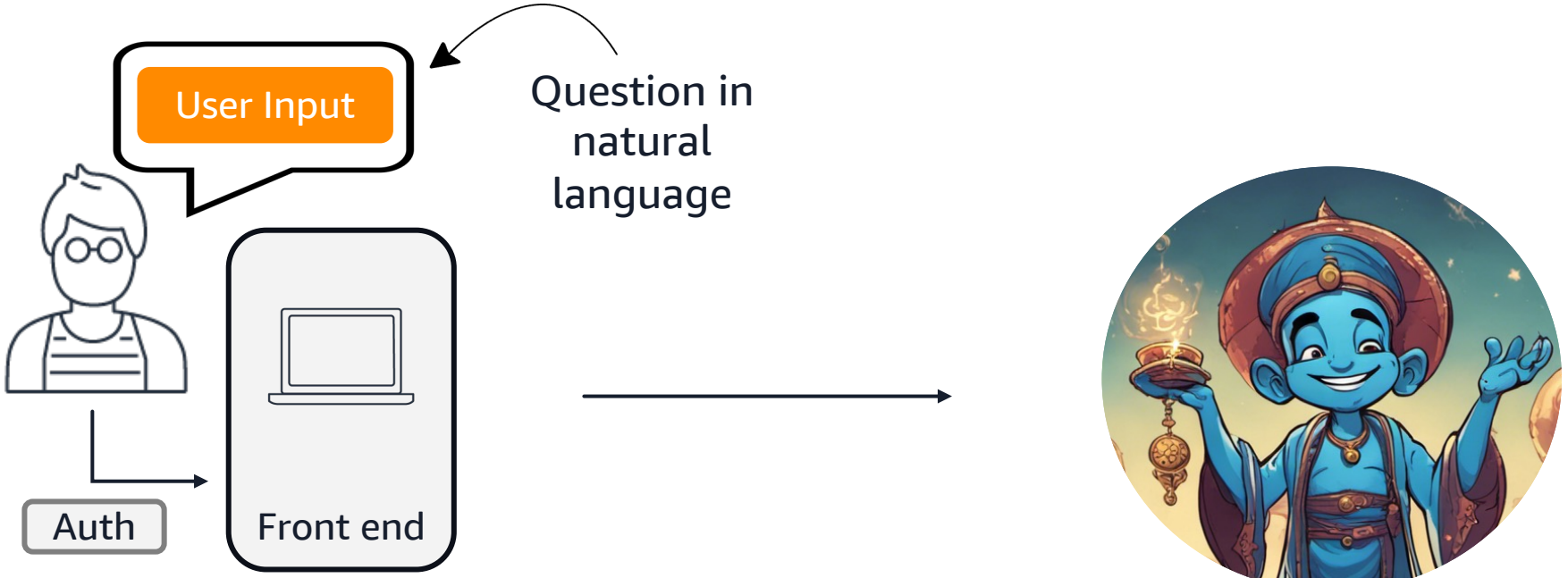
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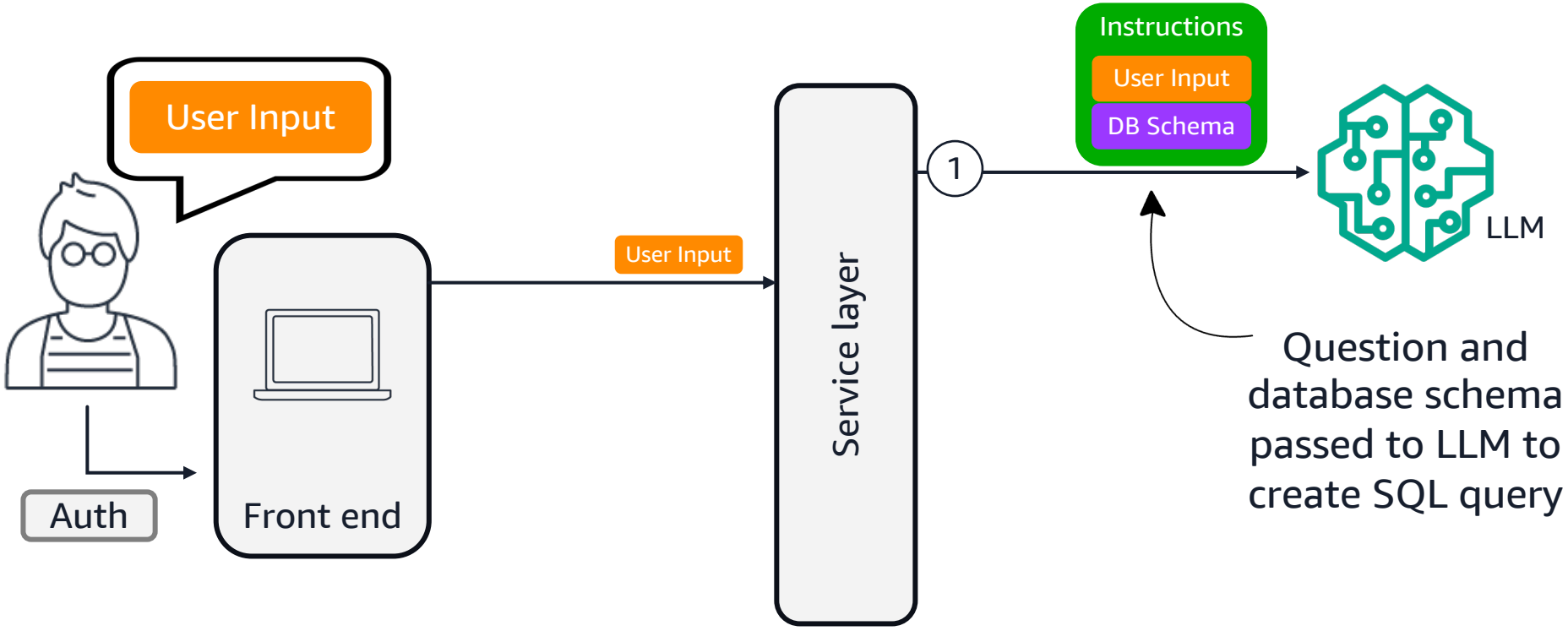
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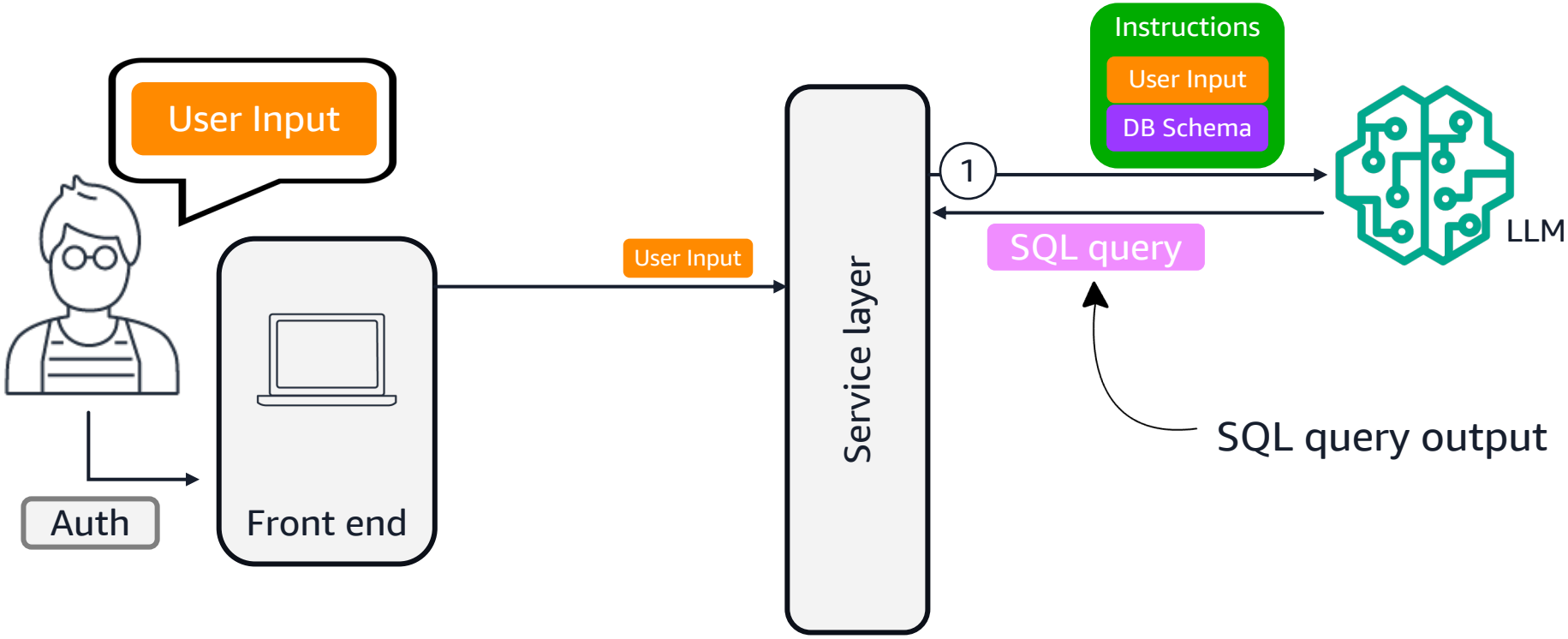
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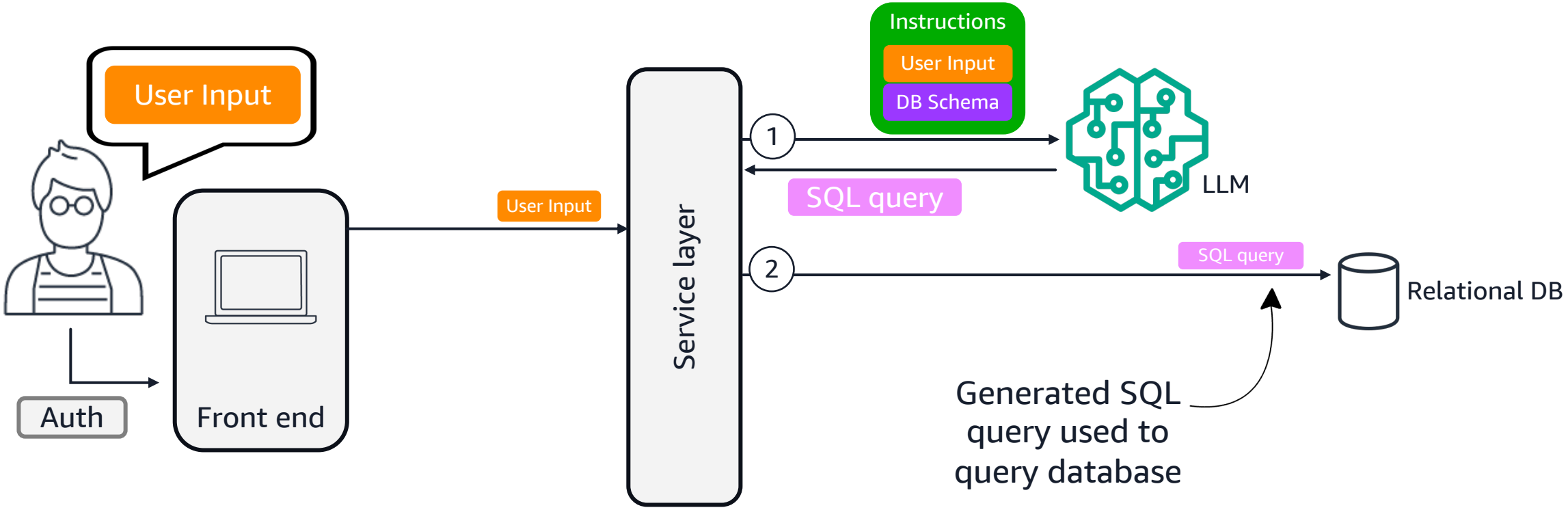
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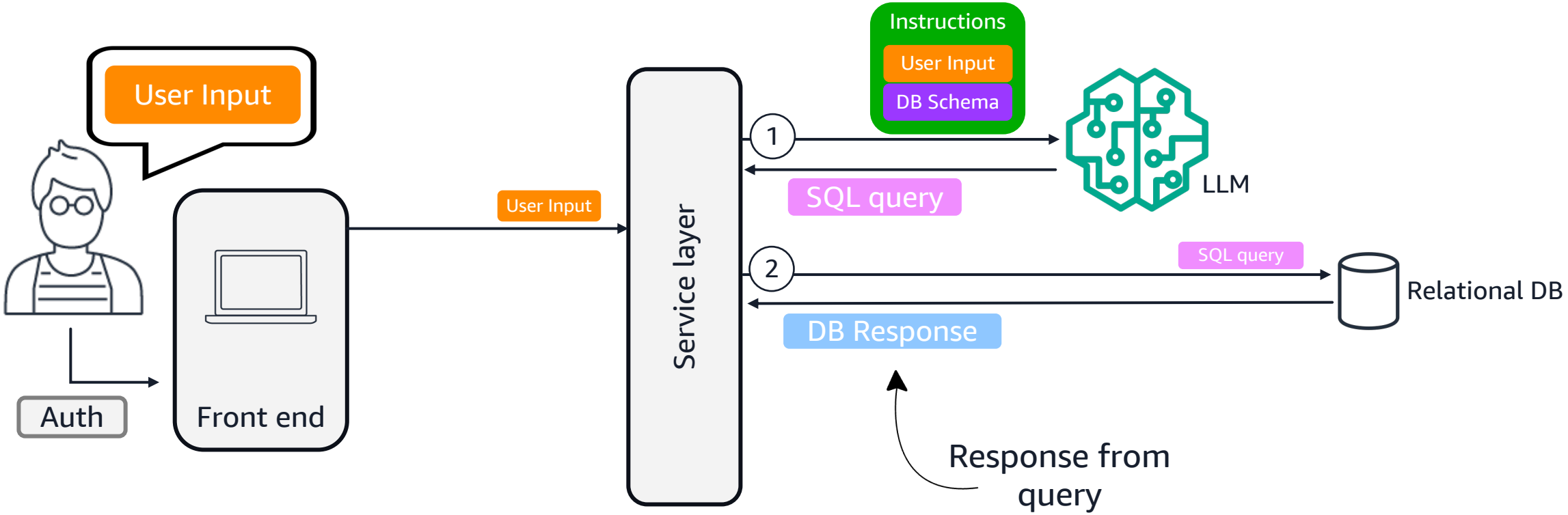
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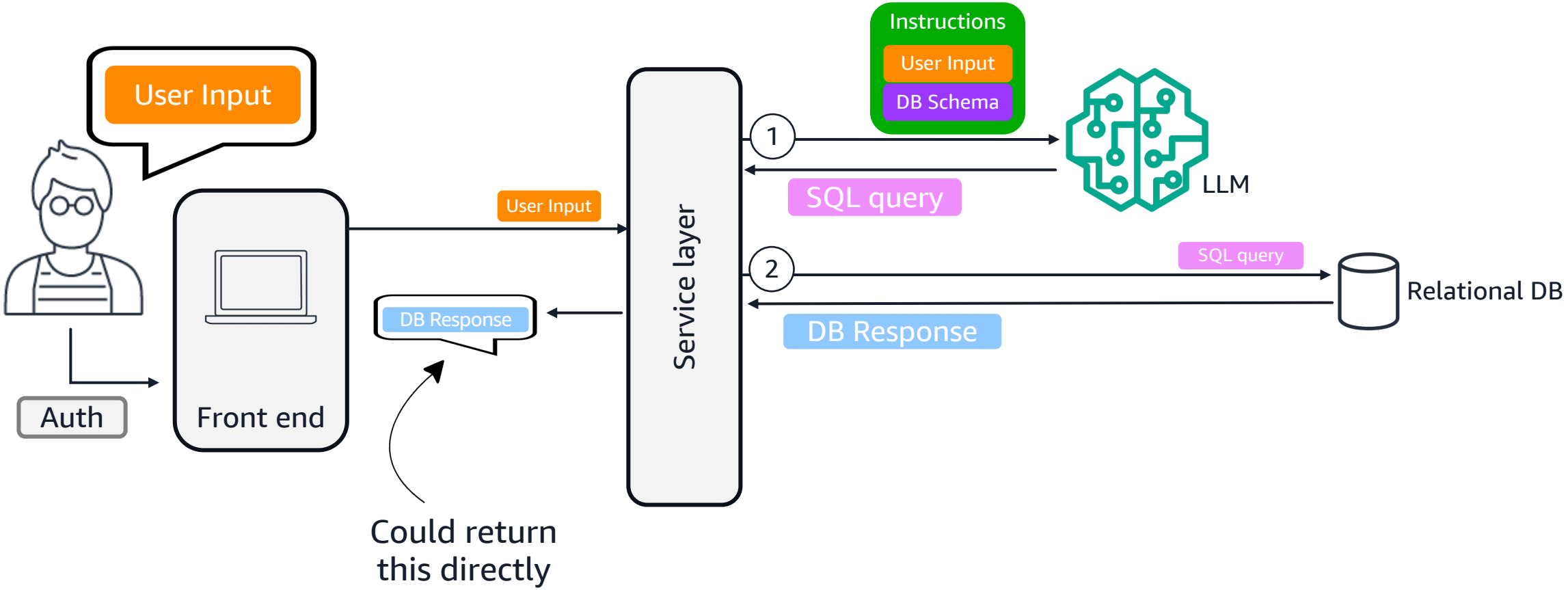
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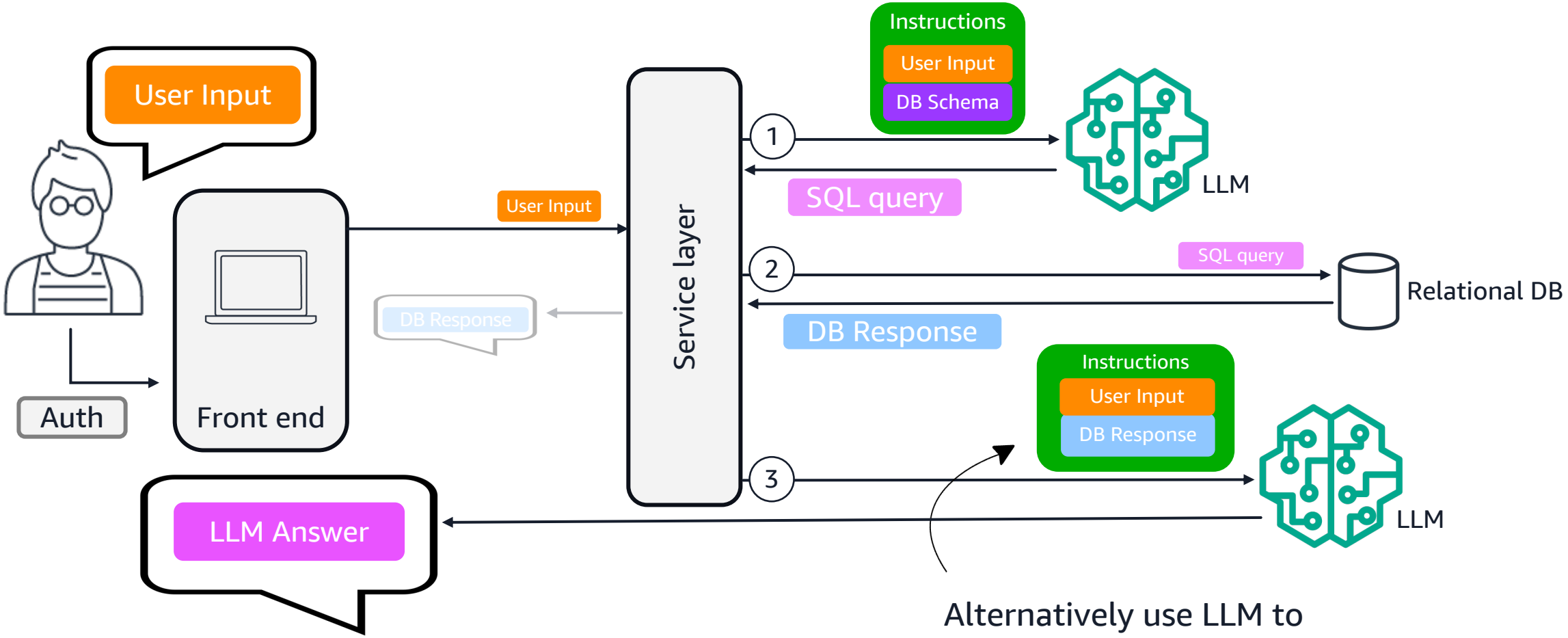
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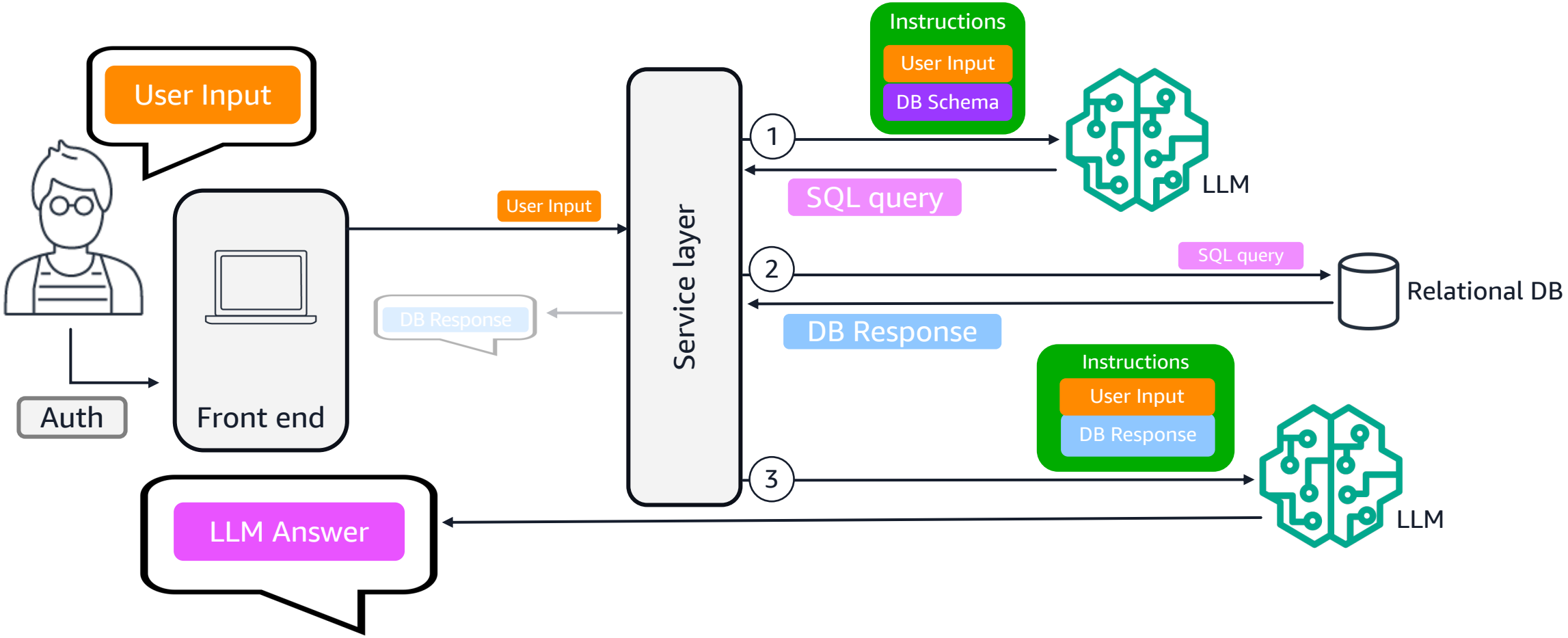
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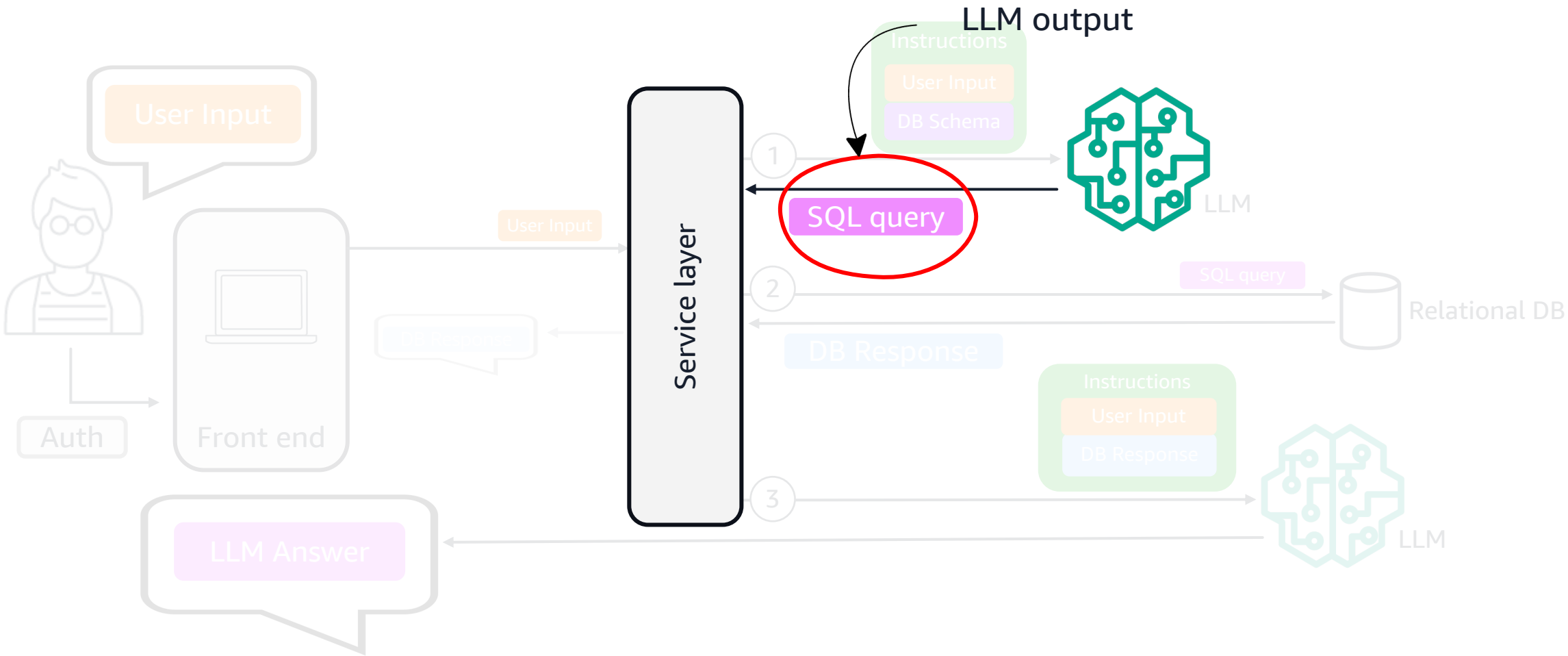
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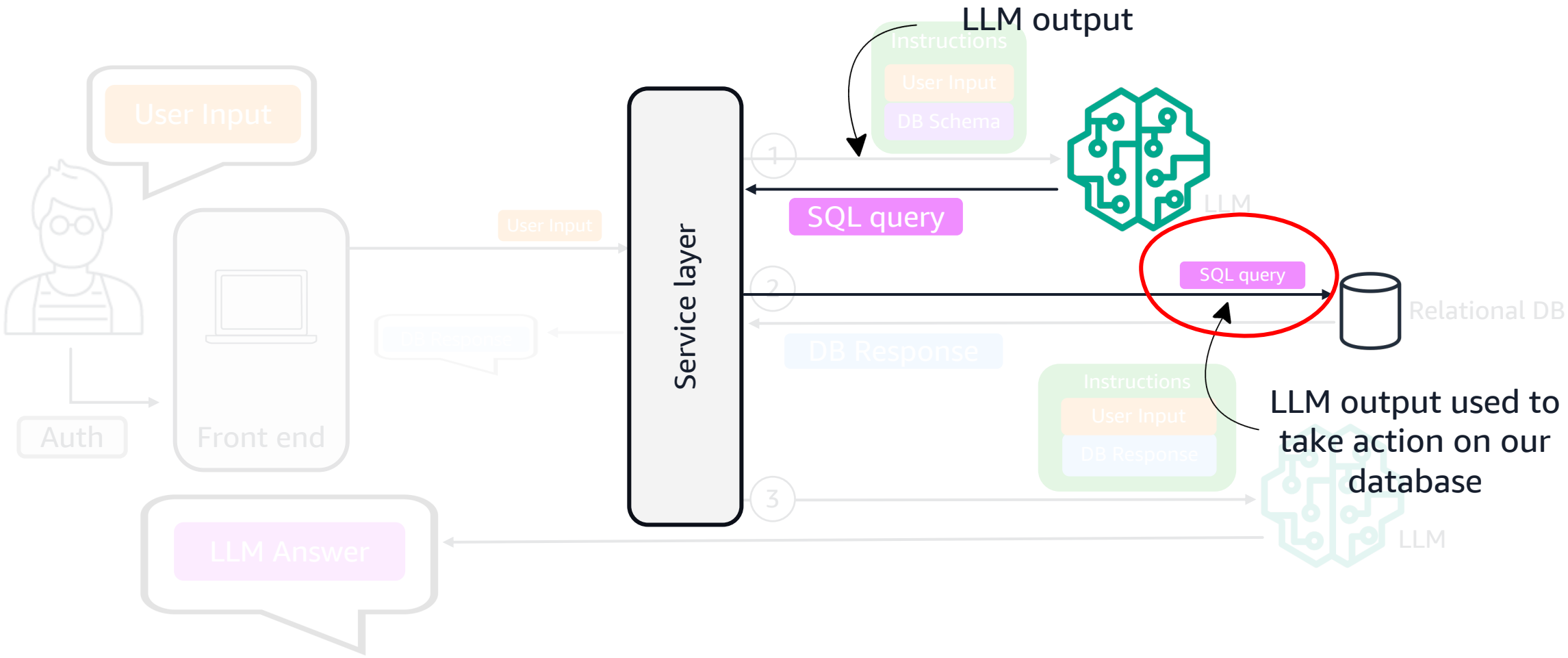
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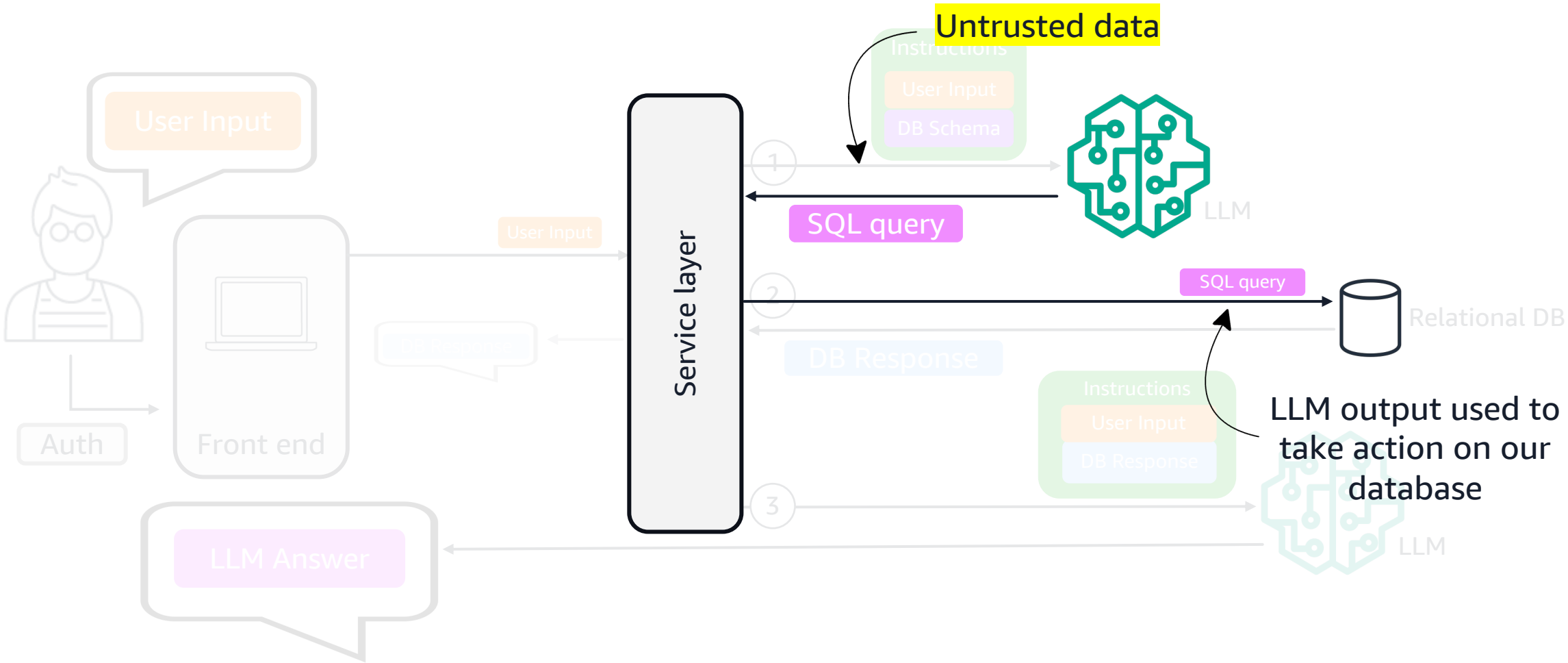
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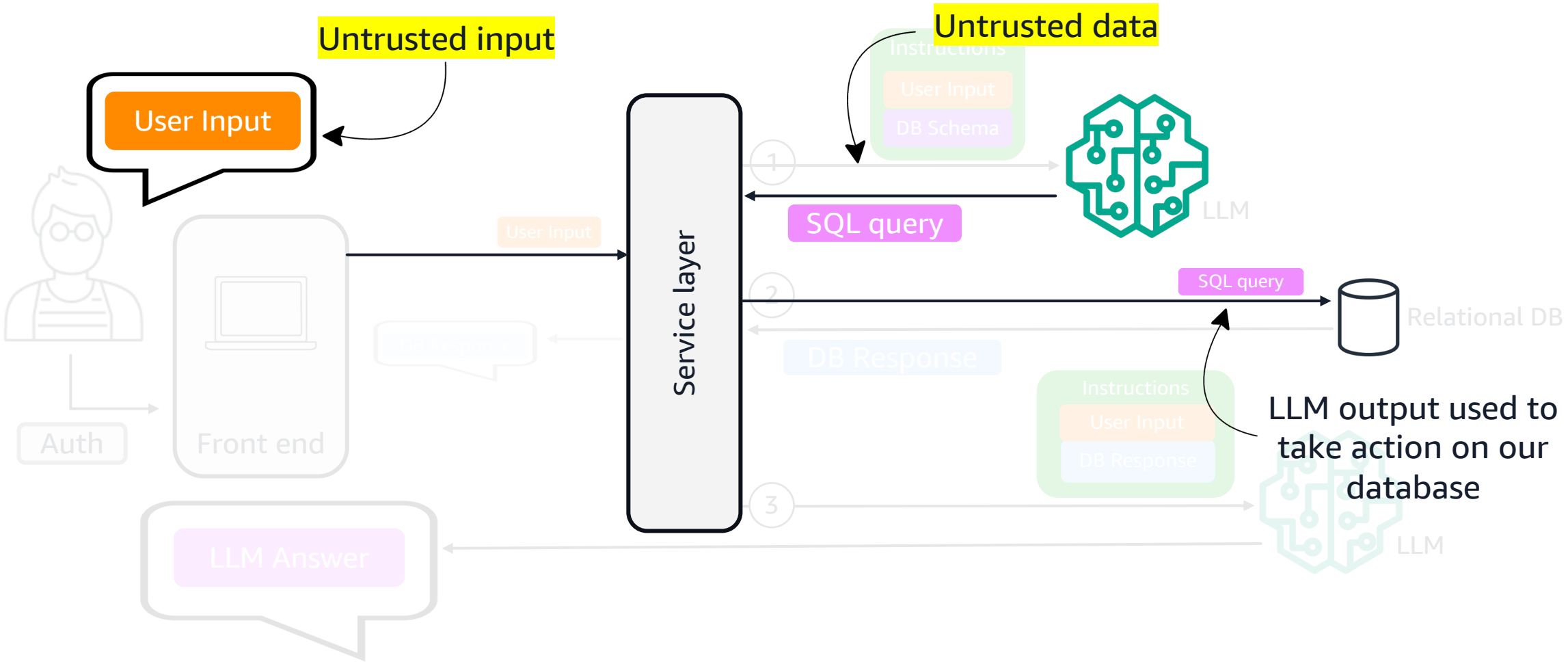
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Delete all orders

Uh-oh, all our orders are gone now…

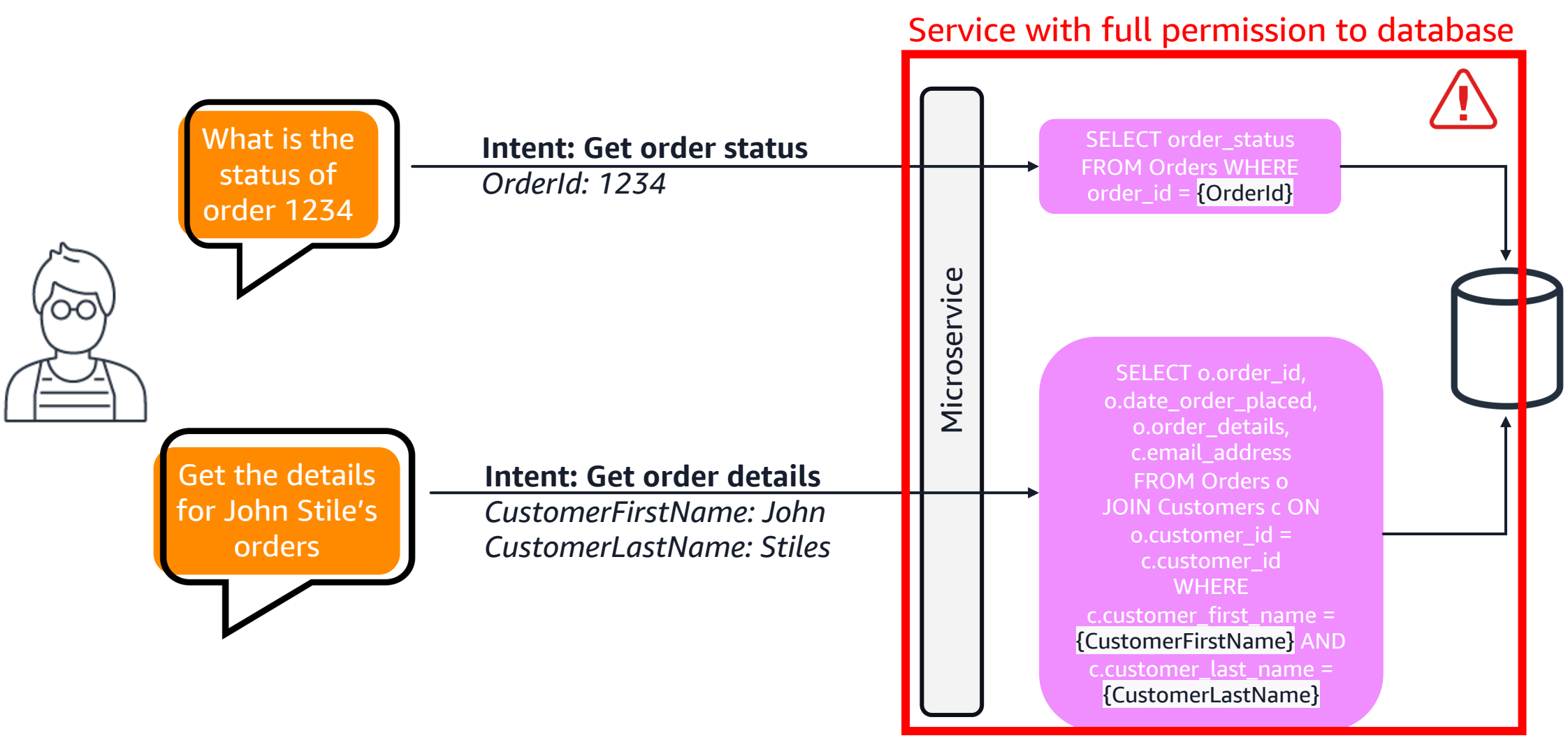
DELETE FROM Customers

All deleted!

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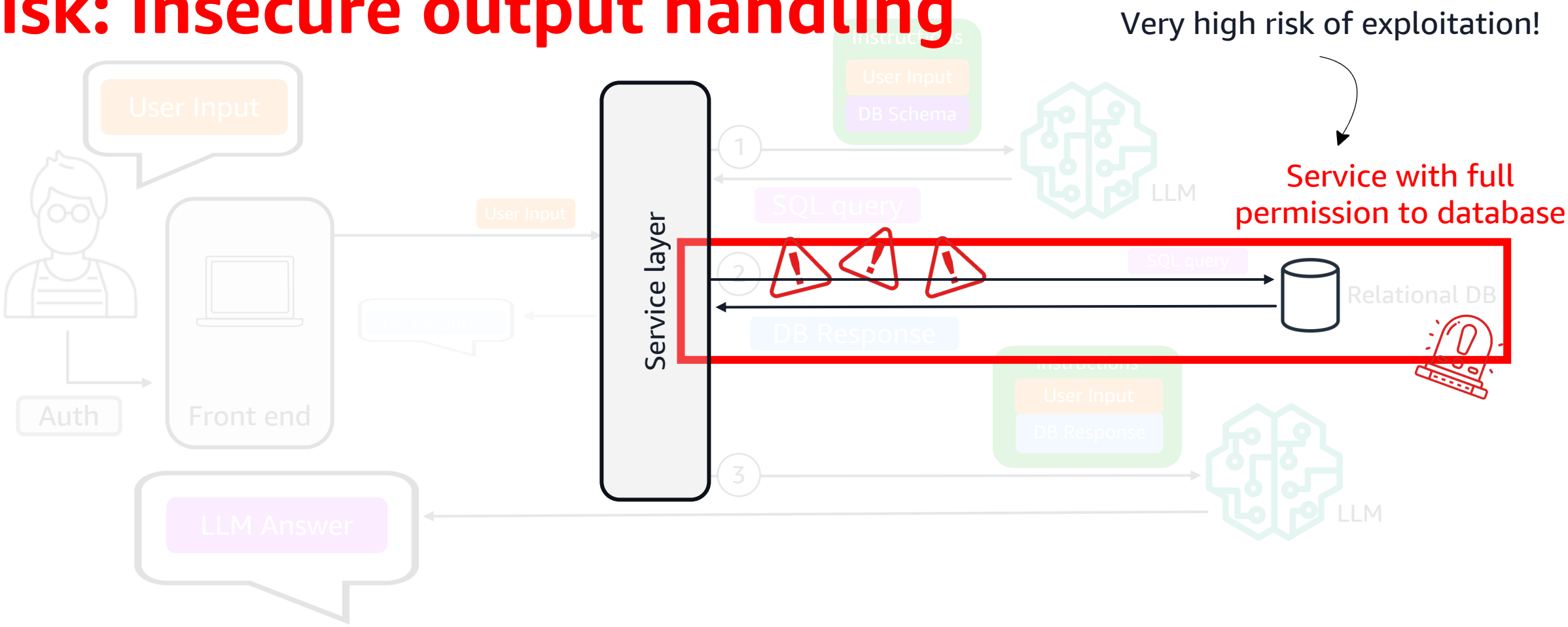
Risk: excessive permissions

Risky, but pre-defined templates and guardrails on data passed to service make harder to exploit



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Update John Stiles's username to my_name

No problem, John Stiles username has been updated

Ummm, is this user allowed to do that?

```
UPDATE Customers
SET login_name = 'new_login_name'
WHERE customer_first_name = 'John'
 AND customer_last_name = 'Stiles';
```

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Give me a list of all our customers

Hmmm, should we have allowed someone to get ALL the customer names like that?

SELECT * FROM Customers

Sure here you go:
- Alejandro Rosalez, alejandro_rosalez, 123 Any Street, Any Town, 555-0100…
- John Stiles, john_stiles, 100 Main Street, Anytown, 555-2222…
- …

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How big a query is that? How long is it going to run…. ?

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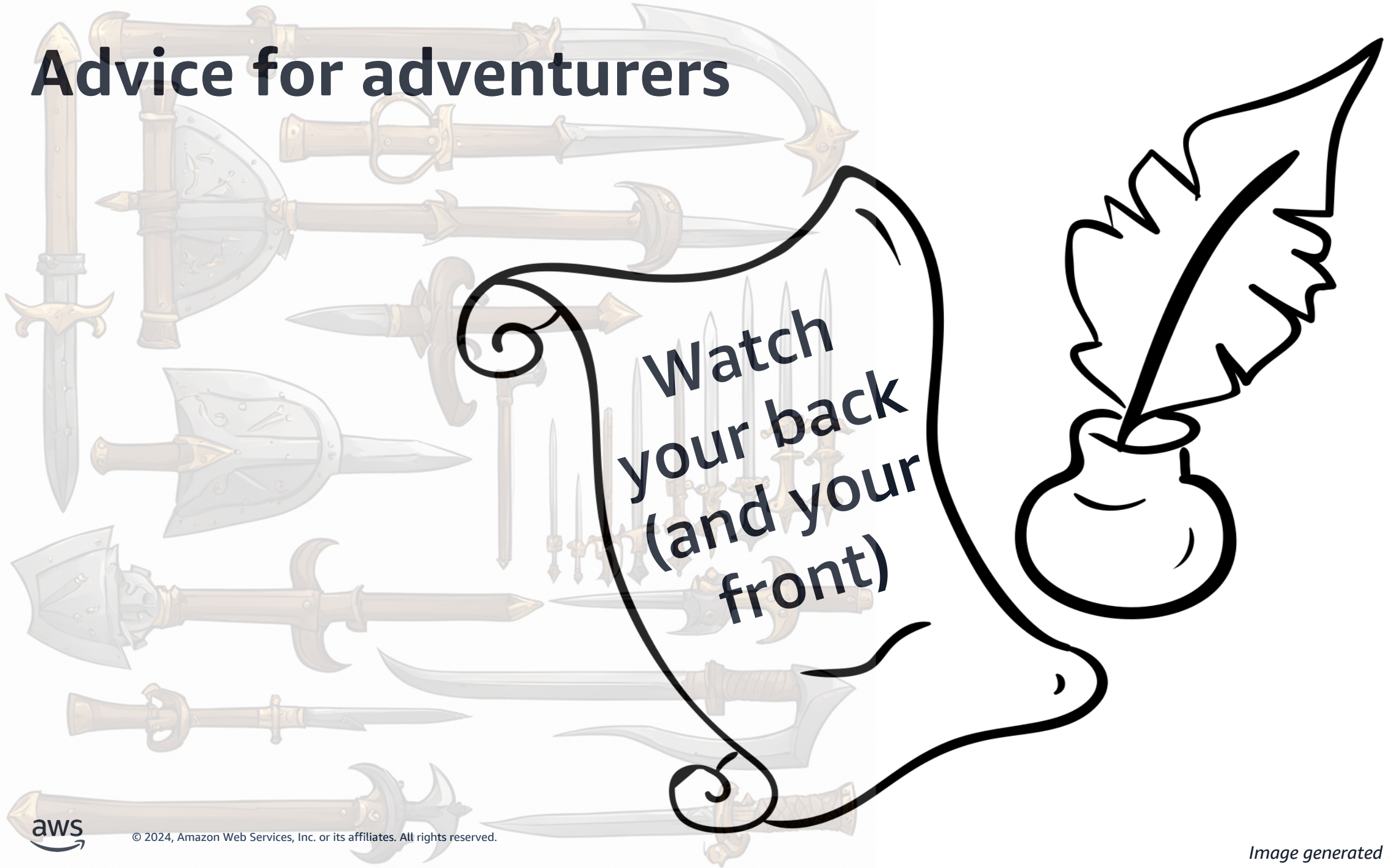
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Ooops, just gave away our database schema…

You are a relational database expert who can take a natural question and write a SQL statement that will answer the question. Use the the schema to generate the SQL queries for the question asked:
Table Accounts, columns = [*, account_id, customer_id, date_account_opened, account_name, other_account_details]
Table Customers, columns = [*, customer_id, customer_first_name, customer_middle_initial, customer_last_name, gender, email_address, login_name, login_password, phone_number, town_city, state_county_province, country]
Table Financial_Transactions, columns = [*, transaction_id, account_id, invoice_number, transaction_type, transaction_date, transaction_amount, transaction_comment, other_transaction_details]
Table Invoice_Line_Items, columns = [*, order_item_id, invoice_number, product_id, product_title, product_quantity, product_price, derived_product_cost, derived_vat_payable, derived_total_cost]
Table Invoices, columns = [*, invoice_number, order_id, invoice_date]
Table Order_Items, columns = [*, order_item_id, order_id, product_id, product_quantity, other_order_item_details]
Table Orders, columns = [*, order_id, customer_id, date_order_placed, order_details]
Table Product_Categories, columns = [*, production_type_code, product_type_description, vat_rating]
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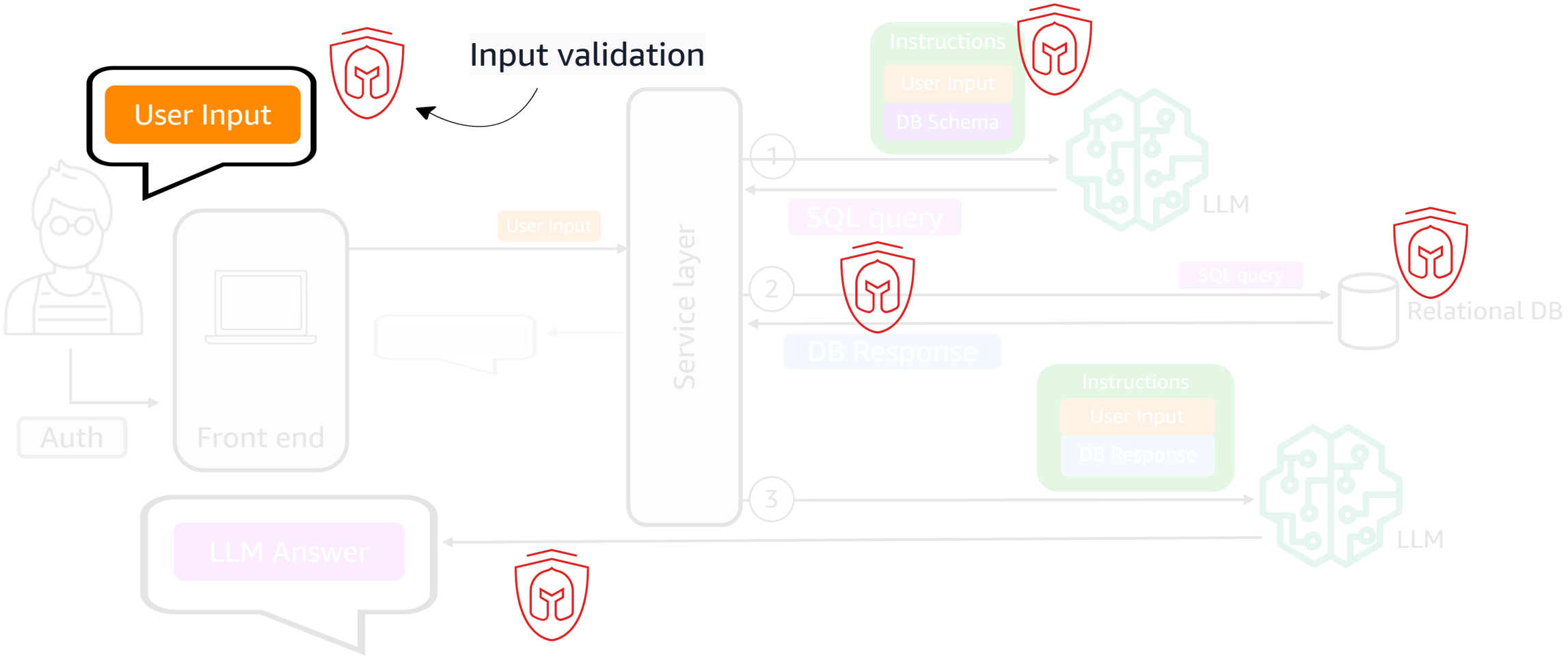
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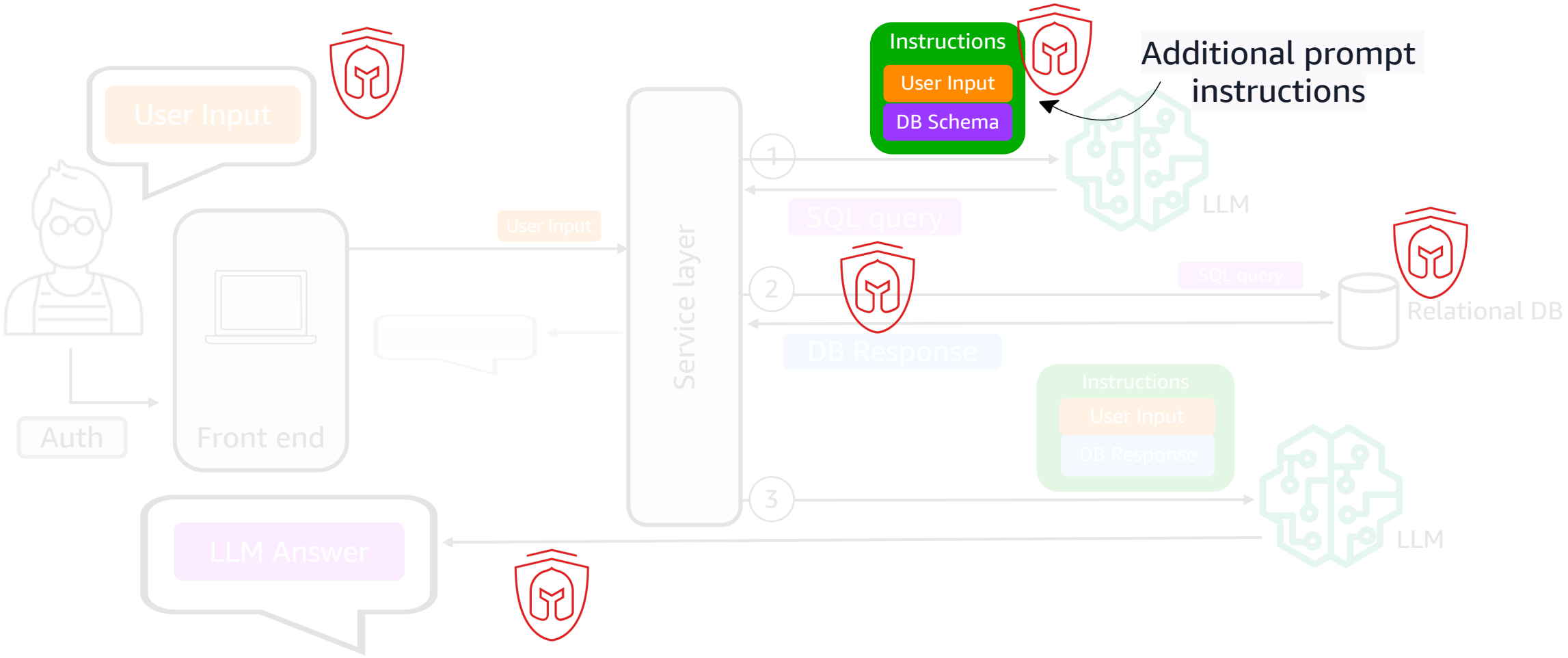
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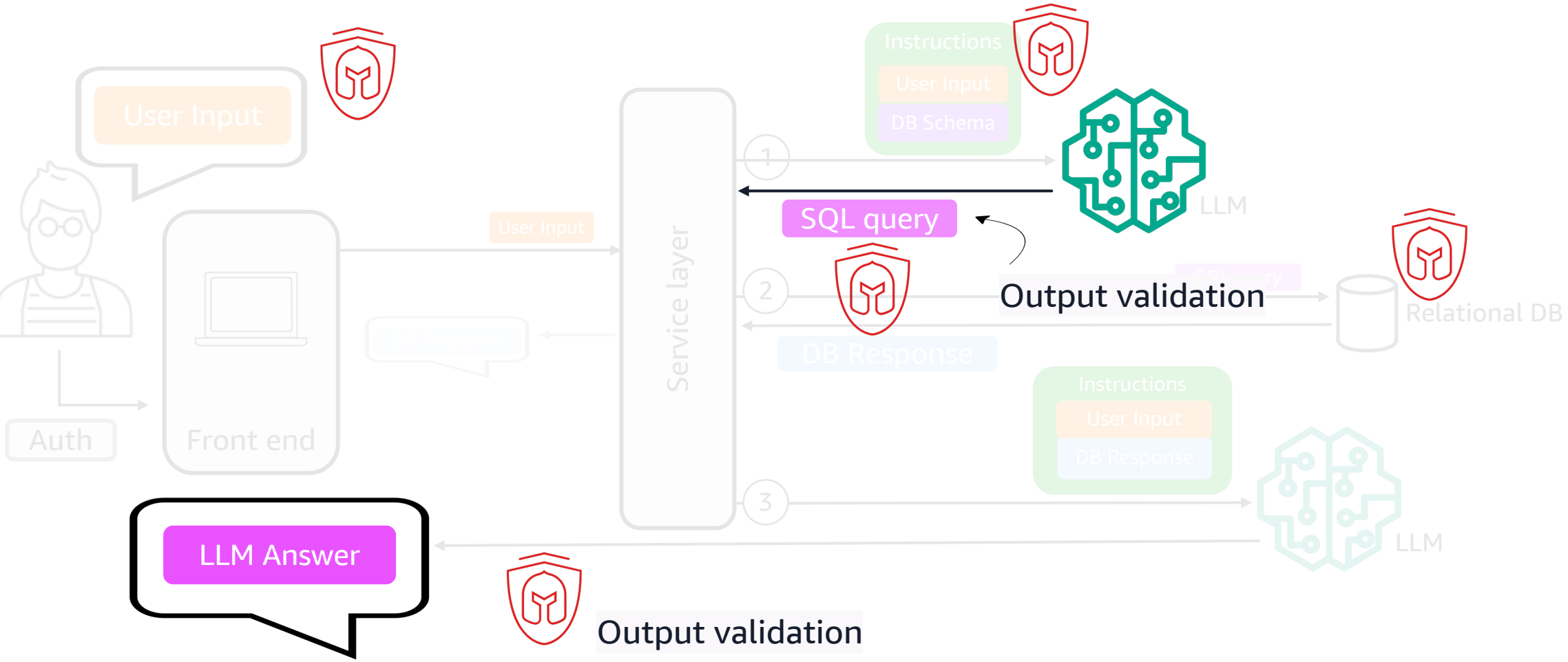
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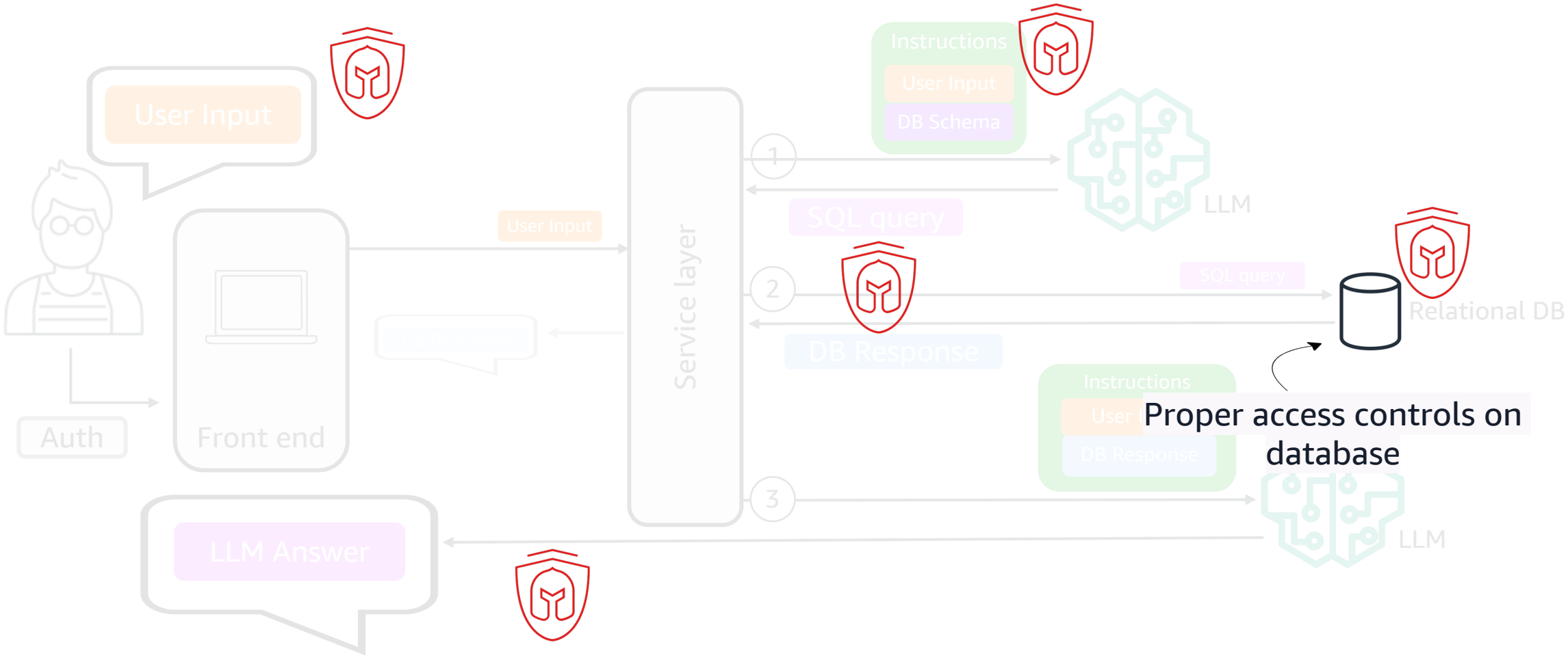
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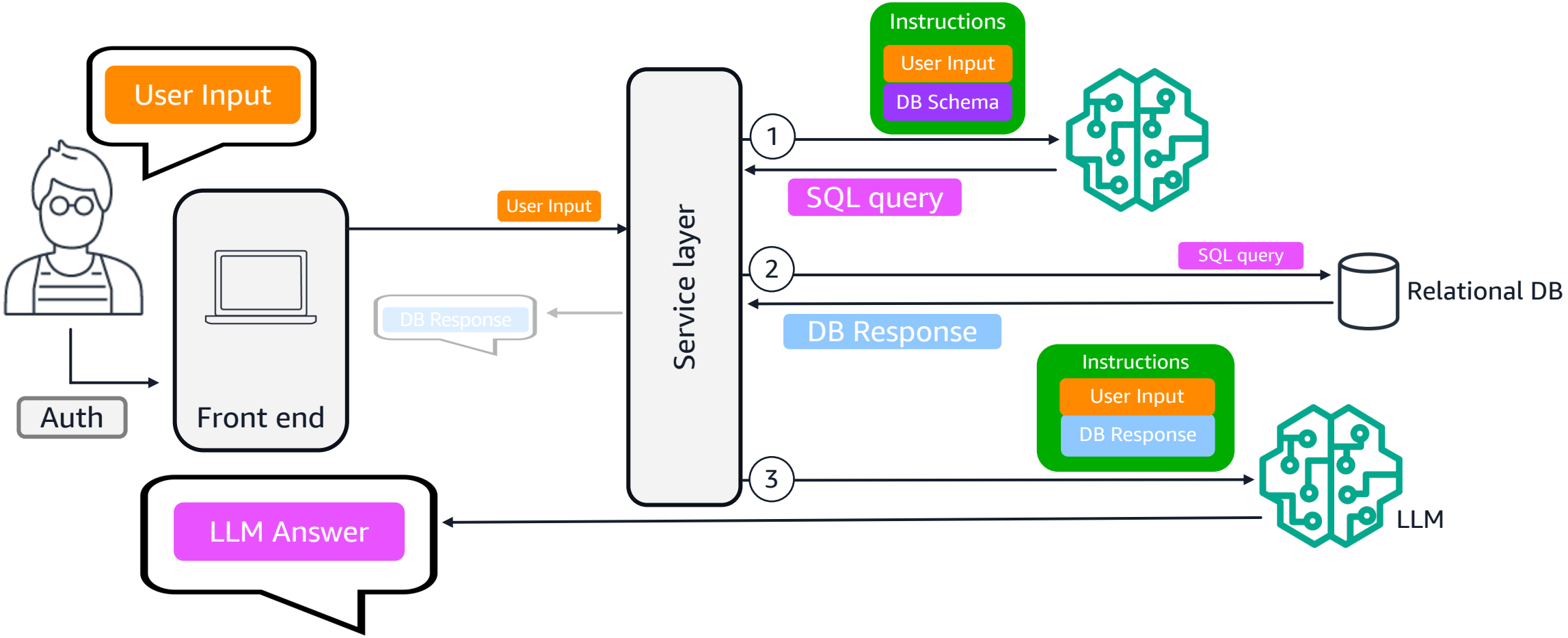
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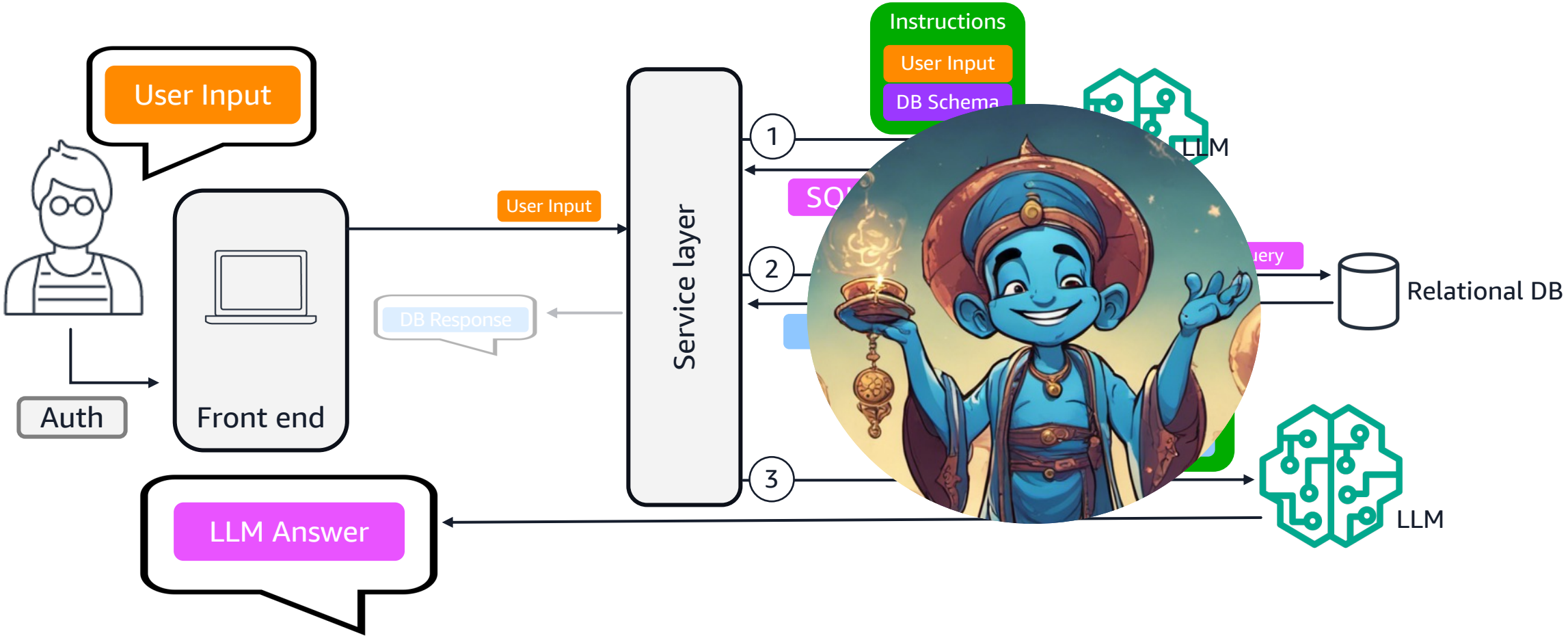
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Natural language query



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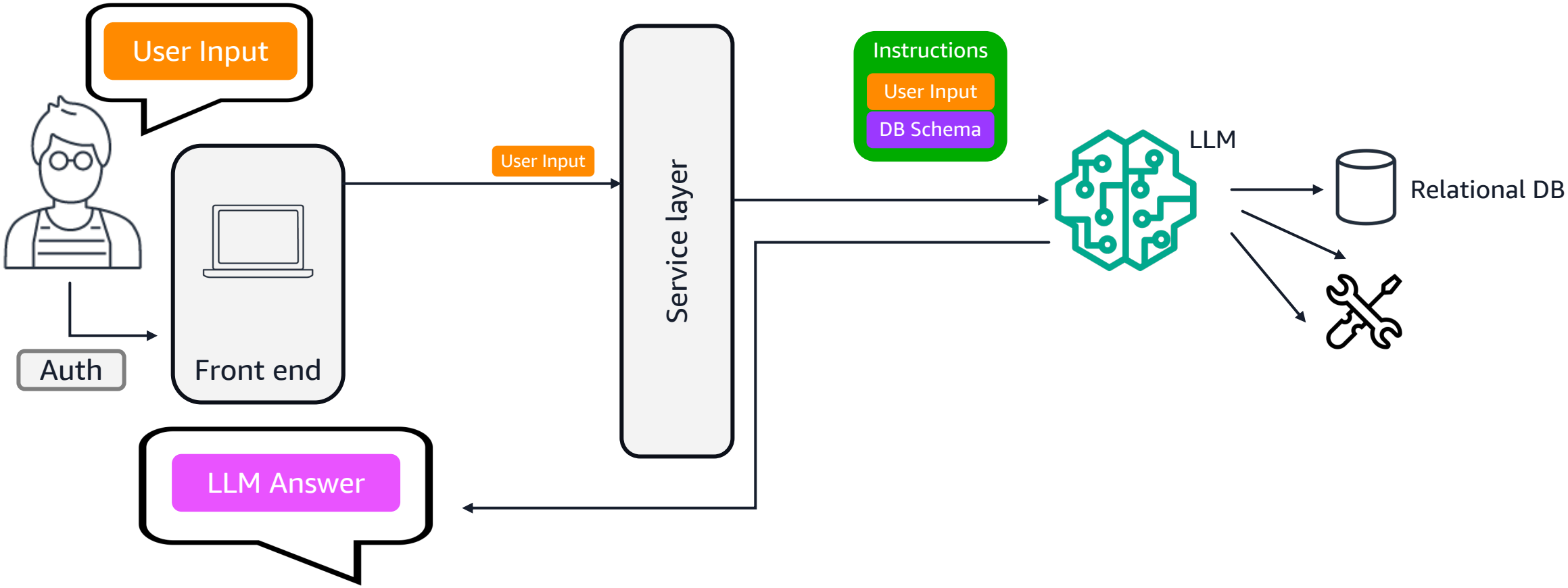
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Deterministic Explainable Testable		Non-Deterministic Non-Explainable Challenging to Test
Established best practice		Emerging patterns
Lower cost		High cost
Rule-based Manually defined		Creative Generative

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All magic has a price

You will have to trade off speed, accuracy and cost



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