# Star Milvus for good energy!







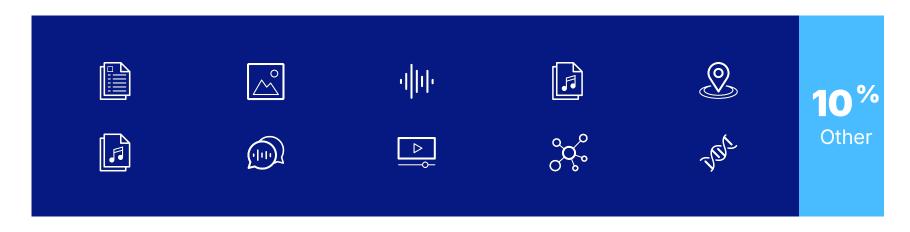


#### The world is much more than just text and keywords



of newly generated data in 2025 will be unstructured data







#### Mission:

## Helping organizations make sense of unstructured data.



**2017** Founded



\$113M Raised



140+ Employees



Redwood City, CA Headquarters



### Building a Research Agent to Extract Insight from Internal Data



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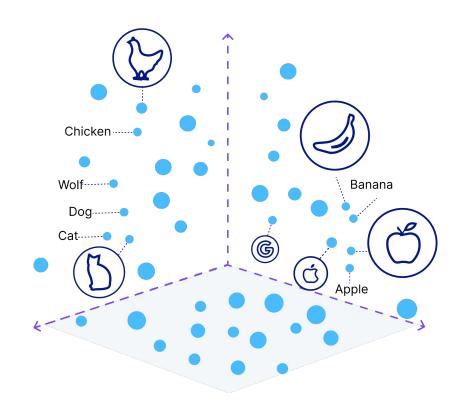


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Why Milvus?

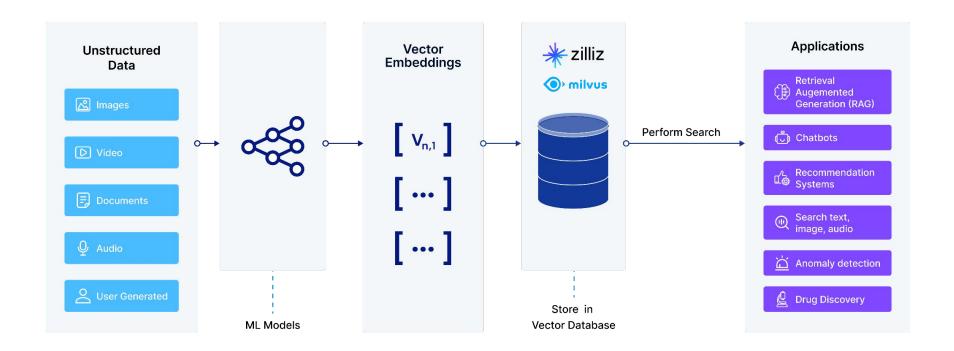


## Vector search is the new standard





### A New tool emerged. The Vector Database





### Milvus: The most widely-adopted vector database

Milvus is an **Open-Source Vector Database** to **store**, **index**, **manage**, and **use** the massive number of **embedding vectors** generated by deep neural networks and LLMs.















## Built by database & Al experts





Zilliz was built by a top-tier team of algorithm and database engineers with a strong pedigree in developing high-performance, scalable, and highly available distributed systems, uniquely tailored for vector search.

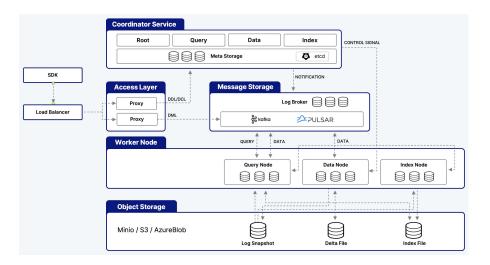


## Milvus **Architecture**

#### **Design Principles**

- Separation of storage and compute
- Fully depend on mature storage systems
- Microservice scale by functionality
- Separate streaming and historical data
- Pluggable engine, storage and index
- Log as data

#### Fully distributed, designed for scalability





## Rich functionality



Dynamic Schema



Float, Binary, & Sparse Vector



Tag+Vector Optimized Filtering



Hybrid Search Dense & Sparse



RBAC, TLS, Encryption



Million+ level tenant support



Disk Based Index



Tiered Storage



**Bulk Import** 



GPU, Intel & ARM CPU support

#### Industry leaders already use vector search in their apps

Use Case: Data Search

Vectors: 2 Billion

Req'ts: 200 ms, Cost mgmt

**Index:** DiskANN for cost savings

**Use Case**: Drug Discovery

Vectors: 12 Billion

Req'ts: High Recall

Index: BIN FLAT

Use Case: Image Search

Vectors: 20 Billion

Req'ts: High Insertion, Cost

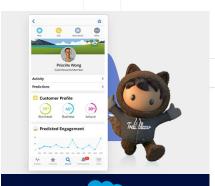
Index: Disk Based Index

**Use Case:** Recommender System

Vectors: 20 Billion

**Req'ts**: 5,000 QPS

Index: HNSW & CAGRA











#### Milvus Users























Inflection































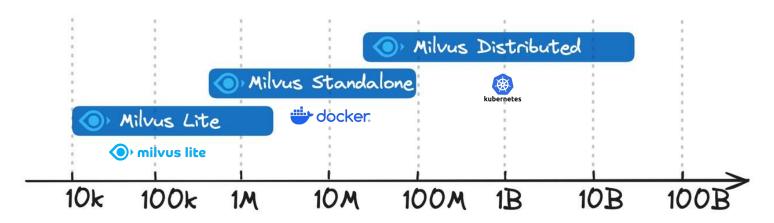








#### Flexible Deployment Options for Milvus



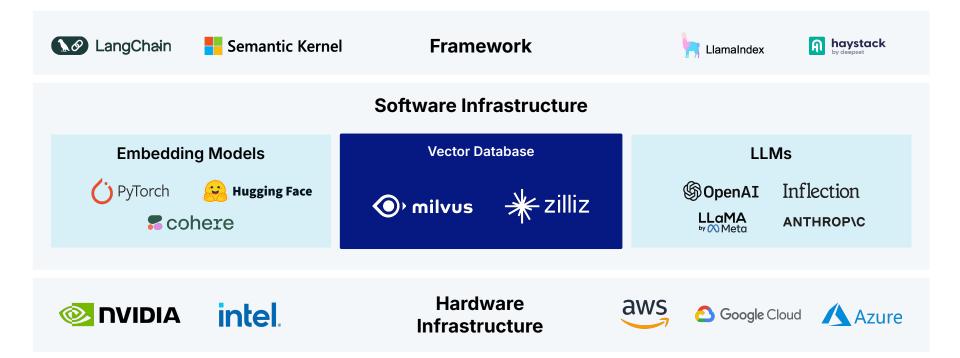
How many vectors you need to put into your vector database



Set up Once: Common API across all products regardless of architecture



#### Al Stack





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## DeepSearcher demo



## Research Agents



#### **Iteration**

- "...learned to plan and execute a multi-step trajectory..."
- "...backtracking and reacting to real-time information..."
- "...pivoting as needed in reaction to information it encounters..."



#### Search

- "...trained using end-to-end reinforcement learning on hard browsing and reasoning tasks across a range of domains..."
- "...optimized for web browsing and data analysis..."



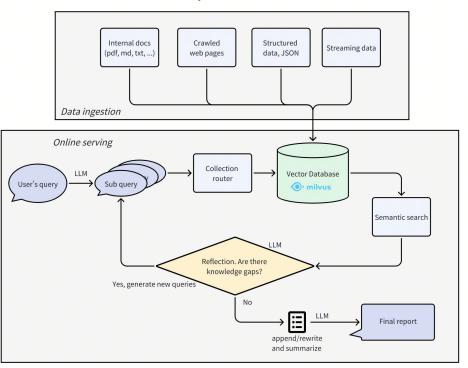
#### Reasoning

- "...fine-tuned on the upcoming OpenAl o3 reasoning model..."
- ""...leverages reasoning to search, interpret, and analyze massive amounts of text...""



## DeepSearcher from Zilliz

#### DeepSearcher





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## search 1st subquery, 1st source



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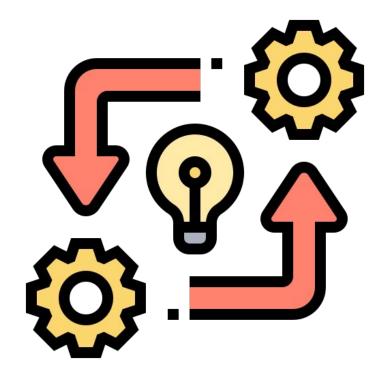
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FINAL ANSWER

### Report: Comparison of Milvus with Other Vector Databases

\*\*Introduction to Milvus:\*\*

Milvus is a high-performance, scalable vector database designed for managing unstructured data like images, text s, and audio by converting them into numerical vectors. It is open-source and available as a cloud service, supp orting various deployment options: Milvus Lite, Standalone, and Distributed. These variants cater to different s cales, from local testing environments to large Kubernetes deployments capable of handling tens of billions of v ectors.

\*\*Key Features of Milvus:\*\*

- 1. \*\*High Performance\*\*: Milvus is optimized for speed and efficiency. It employs advanced data access patterns and hardware-aware optimizations, achieving a performance boost of 30%-70% over popular implementations like FAI SS and HNSWLib.
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\*\*Conclusion:\*\*

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Where to from here?



#### Where to from here?



#### Data

- Open-source
- High-quality
- Reasoning traces



#### Cost

- Specialized hardware
- Algorithmic improvements



#### Scaling

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