



GRAND UNIFIED FILE INDEX (GUFI)

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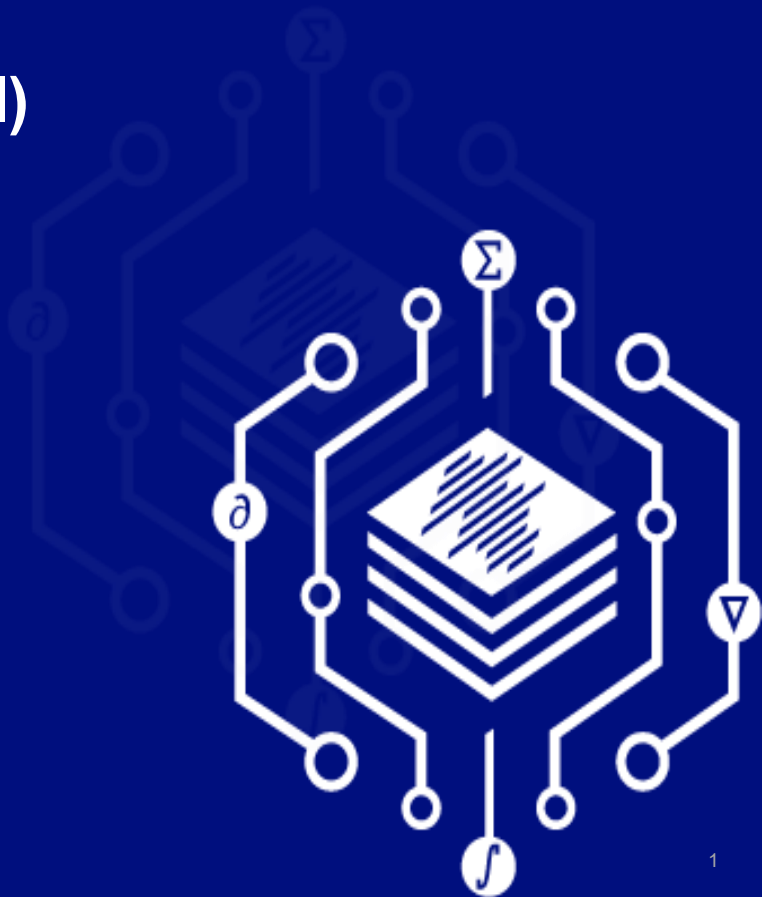
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Extremely Scalable

10-100 Billion items; Over billions of folders

Index Nearly Any Storage System

NFS; localFS; Lustre; HPSS; S3; cloud; win shares;

Crazy Fast Query

Single seconds for users; Single minutes for admins

Access Control Derived from Existing Permissions

Reuse of what already exists; ACL/MLS; POSIX

Multi-Site Access/Deployment

Multiple Different FS; Query between multiple locations

Support Many Access Methods via SQL

SQL → Python; C/C++, ruby, web, MCP, cmd, beyond...

Open Source; Commercial; No Need to Move Data; Award Winning

Available on Git; Embedded in 7 Products; 2 Patents; R&D100 Awarded



HAMMERSPACE

HPE



BeeGFS®



Domino



GUFI – Current Deployment



Base GUFI –

- Enable search over file metadata one has access to.
- Ability to sort/limit by metadata feature
 - Size, location, type, etc.
- Full index currently updated **WEEKLY**

Currently deployed and available to users on: *NFS, Lustre, HPSS, Campaign*



GUFU – Current Development



Text & Feature Extraction –

- Enables search over files metadata **AND** FILE CONTENT one has access to.
- PDF; Microsoft Products; Images(jpg,png); txt/data; code(.py, .c, .cpp) and more.
- Image content is described
 - "A man standing in front of a building"
- Base index is indexed **NIGHTLY**

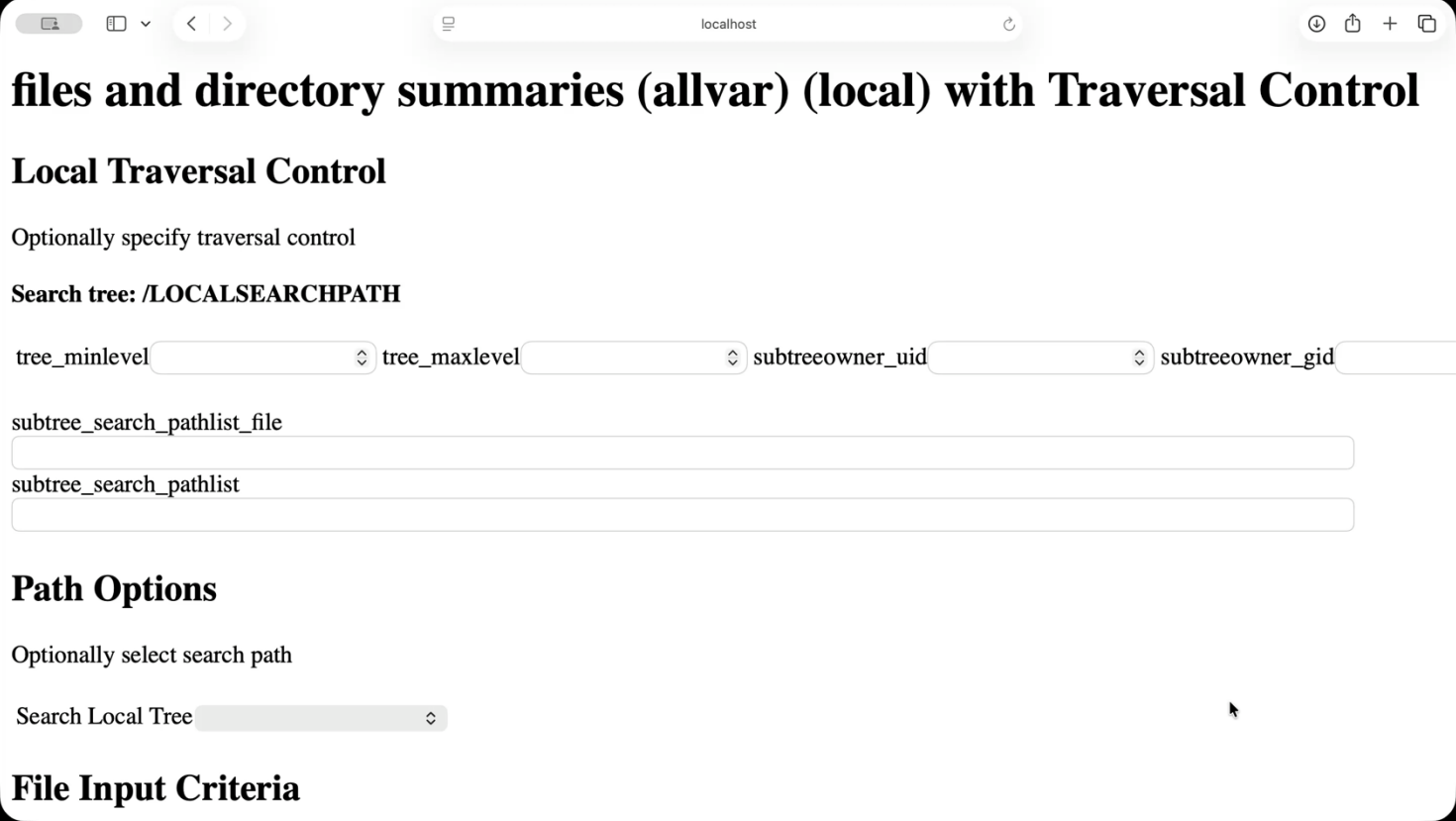
Vector –

- Creating vectors of file metadata and file contents
- Ultimately enabling data for more than human consumption

DEMOS →



Base + Text & Feature Extraction (All Options)



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar set to 'localhost'. The page title is 'files and directory summaries (allvar) (local) with Traversal Control'. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Local Traversal Control', 'Path Options', and 'File Input Criteria'. The 'Local Traversal Control' section includes a description 'Optionally specify traversal control', a label 'Search tree: /LOCALSEARCHPATH', and four dropdown menus for 'tree_minlevel', 'tree_maxlevel', 'subtreeowner_uid', and 'subtreeowner_gid'. Below these are two text input fields for 'subtree_search_pathlist_file' and 'subtree_search_pathlist'. The 'Path Options' section includes the description 'Optionally select search path' and a dropdown menu for 'Search Local Tree'. The 'File Input Criteria' section is currently empty.

files and directory summaries (allvar) (local) with Traversal Control

Local Traversal Control

Optionally specify traversal control

Search tree: /LOCALSEARCHPATH

tree_minlevel tree_maxlevel subtreeowner_uid subtreeowner_gid

subtree_search_pathlist_file

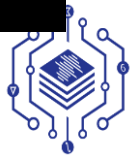
subtree_search_pathlist

Path Options

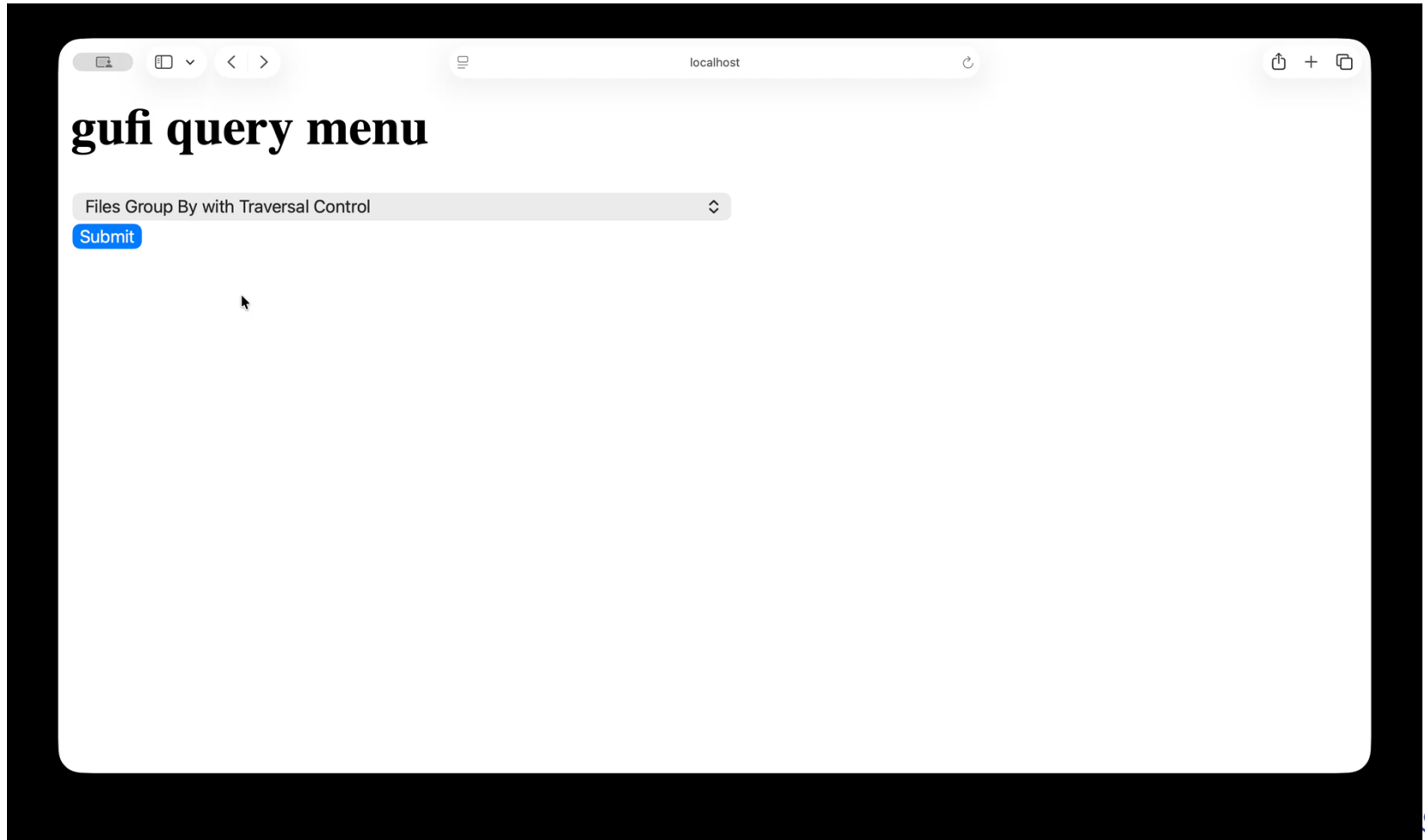
Optionally select search path

Search Local Tree

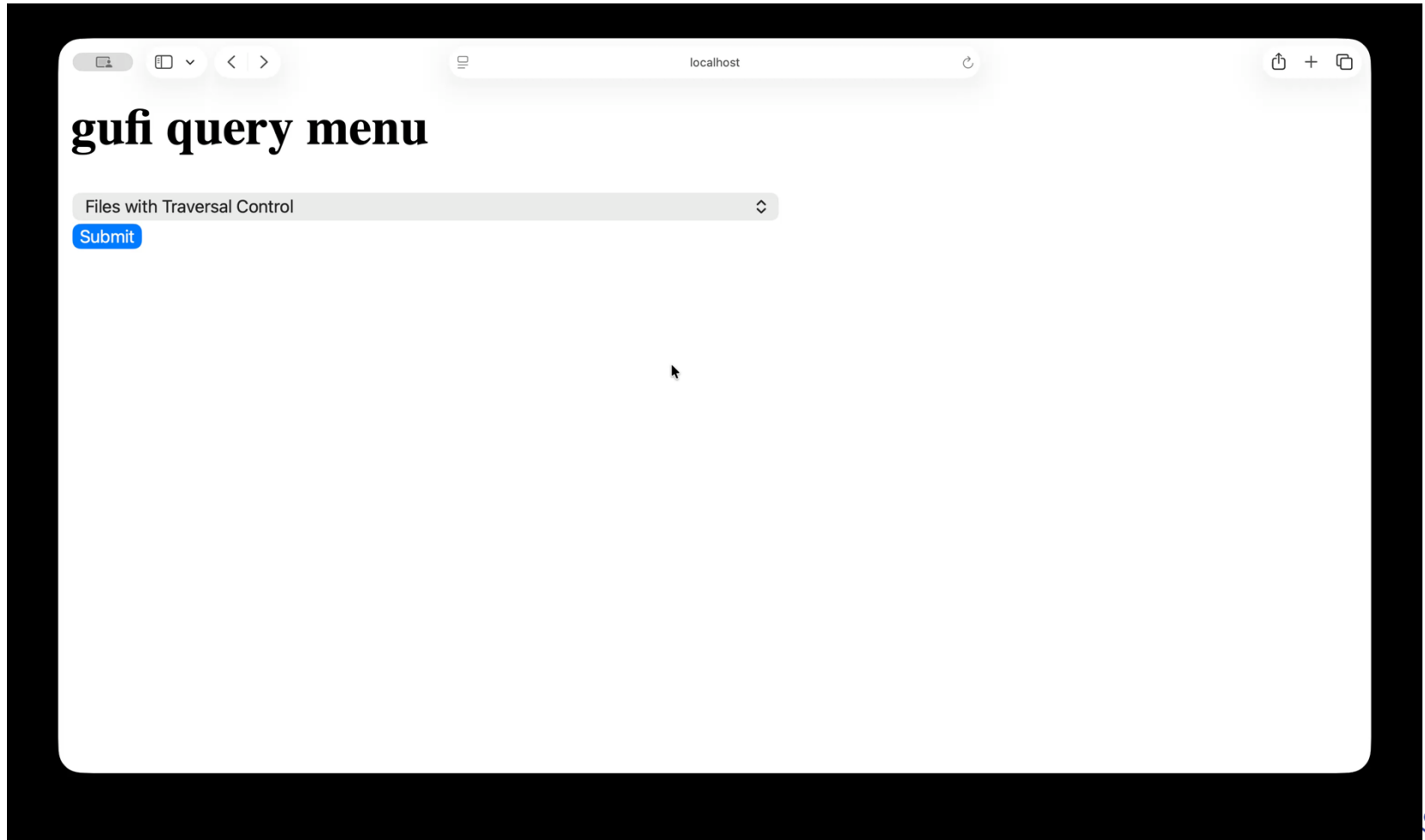
File Input Criteria



GUFi Query By Group



GUFi Query Over Two Sites



Base + Text & Feature Extractin (Search Demo)

Please enter at least one

File Name File Size

File Mod Time wordf

Select Fields to retrieve

Please check at least one

☒ Pathname ☒ hostname ☒ File Size ☐ File Mod Time ☒ Words ☒ Rank

Order by

Optionally Order by by

First Order By

Second Order By

verbose_level



Base + Text & Feature Extraction (Closer Look)

Test System with 70k Files; 7k Directories

File Name

like

File Size

>

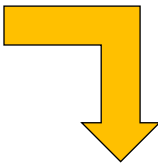
File Mod Time

>

date input

wordf

match



pathname	hostname	size	wordf	rank
/search/historyidx/Z-GaryGriderHistory/older-presentations/106273ppt/CCN-9/ISTI/Cluster-Network-Summer-School-FY16/ISTI-Cluster-Network-Summer-SchoolHPC Overview-2016.pptx	regufi.lanl.gov	21639992	...isti summer school director -->amanda<-- -- >bonnie<-- nmc management administration andree...	-0.794096830488506
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total rows 2



Base + Text & Feature Extraction (more)

Looking at the database content we list:

File Name, Asset Type, Extracted File Metadata and Text

Note the “derived” and having one or more records for a given file

```
Roadrunner System Overview (LA-UR-08-2087).ppt|derived|0|{"title":  
"Roadrunner Project Preview", "author": "ESD Registered User",  
"last_modified_b|  
|Document Metadata for Roadrunner System Overview (LA-UR-08-  
2087).ppt Title: Roadrunner Project Previ  
Roadrunner System Overview (LA-UR-08-2087).ppt|derived|1|{"title":  
"Roadrunner Project Preview", "author": "ESD Registered User",  
"last_modified_b|
```



Base + Text & Feature Extraction (more)

Notice how it pulled specific Microsoft metadata from the file

```
ggrider_hpcwire.pptx|derived|0|{"title": "Godfather or Parallel  
File Systems", "author": "Grider, Gary", "keywords": "hpc|  
|Document Metadata for ggrider_hpcwire.pptx Title: Godfather or  
Parallel File Systems Author: Grider,
```

This was a picture with no text or the model didn't have anything to say about it (the actual image was a small logo)

```
ggrider_hpcwire.pptx|derived|1|{"title": "Godfather or Parallel  
File Systems", "author": "Grider, Gary", "keywords": "hpc|  
|Image /page/1/Picture/0
```



Base + Text & Feature Extraction (more)

It found a picture on page 2 and performed OCR on it

```
ggrider_hpcwire.pptx|derived|2|{"title": "Godfather or Parallel  
File Systems", "author": "Grider, Gary", "keywords": "hpc|  
|35 HPC Legends Gary Grider Gary Grider Godfather of Parallel  
File Systems Image /page/2/Picture/3
```

This is just extracted text

```
ggrider_hpcwire.pptx|derived|3|{"title": "Godfather or Parallel  
File Systems", "author": "Grider, Gary", "keywords": "hpc|  
|Gary Grider is Senior Director for Computing Technologies at  
Los Alamos National Laboratory where he
```



Base + Text & Feature Extraction (more)

- It is not JUST text files; it is scraping text from all different types of files
 - All Microsoft file types; PDF; txt; image types (.jpg, .png); most code types (.c, .cpp, .py); archives (.tar, .zip); and many more
- All files are torn into parts and chunks and extracted
- On images, it will OCR and ask a model to summarize what is in the picture
 - EX: “Picture of two people standing a podium...”
- Archives, like zip, are unzipped and each file analyzed (even a zip inside a zip!)
- All metadata is traceable back to the source file
- Very extensible so anything that can produce text
 - Image analysis, models, hdf5dumps...
- Even working on array distribution characterizing and changes in array distribution over time



+ Vector (Timing a RAG Query)

[illegible]

+ Vector (RAG Query Closer Look)

```
ggrider@pn2201328 GUFi-MAC-Indexer %  
ggrider@pn2201328 GUFi-MAC-Indexer % time ./run_history_vec_conf 'andy white' 'andy AND white' 'who was andy white' '' 2>/dev/null ]
```

**** text from gufi using input keyword (full text search) and vector search nearest neighbor to question provided ****

***** top N files *****

```
file: /Users/ggrider/vaultiq/historyidx/Z-GaryGriderHistory/pictures/evenmorepics/_MG_4025.JPG  
snippet: roadrunner -->andy<-- -->white<-- anastasio scc pete dominici pp p  
file: /Users/ggrider/vaultiq/historyidx/Z-GaryGriderHistory/pictures/evenmorepics/_MG_4023.JPG  
snippet: pete dominici -->andy<-- -->white<-- roadrunner scc fastest earmark anastasio pp...  
file: /Users/ggrider/vaultiq/historyidx/Z-GaryGriderHistory/older-presentations/106273ppt/HPC-DO/lanl_computing.pptx  
snippet: ...role -->andy<-- -->white<-- marie lead lufd kurt soo -->andy<-- duncan...
```

**** context *****

```
roadrunner andy white anastasio scc pete dominici pp p  
pete dominici andy white roadrunner scc fastest earmark anastasio pp p  
computing lanl vision future april goal computing recognized leader high performance computing especially national security scienc  
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acquisition best class ability explore novel architectures test beds data intensive virtual clusters including partners xoff site  
strategic allocation resources tie winning proposals transparent reliable service users responsive trends bi
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question: who was andy white  
NO CONTEXT
```

WITH GUFi RAG CONTEXT

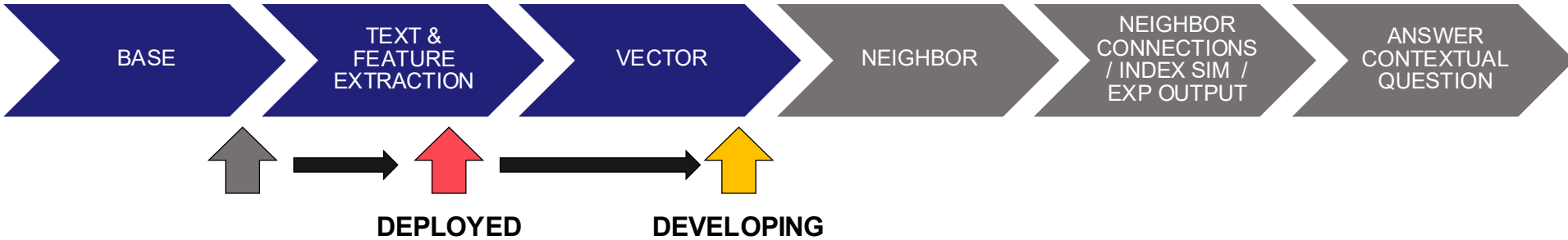
and what was his role in the development of the fastest computer in the world?

Answer: andy white was the chief scientist of the supercomputer center (scc) at the national laboratory (lanl) in new mexico. He was responsible for the design and development of the world's fastest computer, which was christened the roadrunner. The roadrunner was a 100-petaflop supercomputer that was built in 1998. It was the first supercomputer to achieve a petaflop performance, which is a thousand trillion floating-point operations per second. White was also the director of the supercomputing center at the llnl.

```
./run_history_vec_conf 'andy white' 'andy AND white' 'who was andy white' '' 8.29s user 1.97s system 115% cpu 8.865 total  
ggrider@pn2201328 GUFi-MAC-Indexer %
```



GUFI - Future

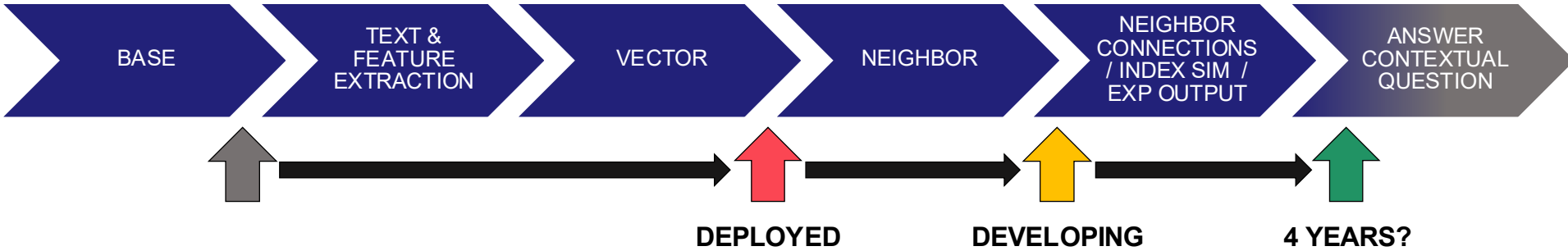


Continued Development with Upgrades Along the Way

- Base Extraction
 - Weekly (now) → Nightly (6-9 months) → On Demand (12-14 months)
- Text & Feature Extraction
 - Specific File Types (6-9 months) → Specific Users/Projects (12 months)
 - More Feature Types: movies, audio, etc. (10-12 months)
- Vector
 - Basic RAG (9-12 months) → Model Context Protocol (MCP) (12-16 months)



GUFi – Beyond...

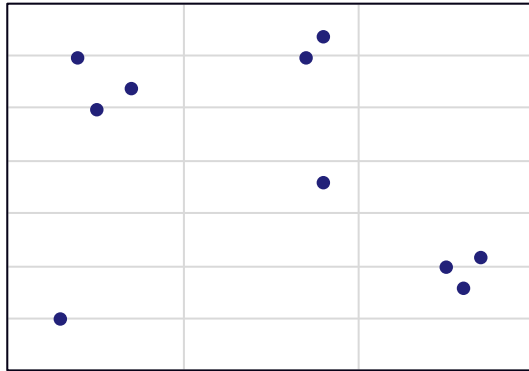


Our first Major Target is to have production deployment with vectors to provide data for more than human consumption.

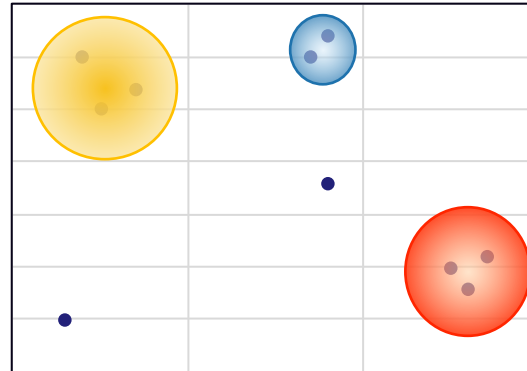
But can we have more? Can we answer contextual questions with GUFi?



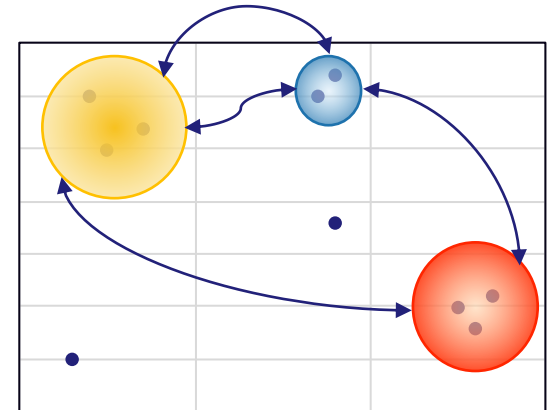
GUFi – Next Steps



GET VECTORS

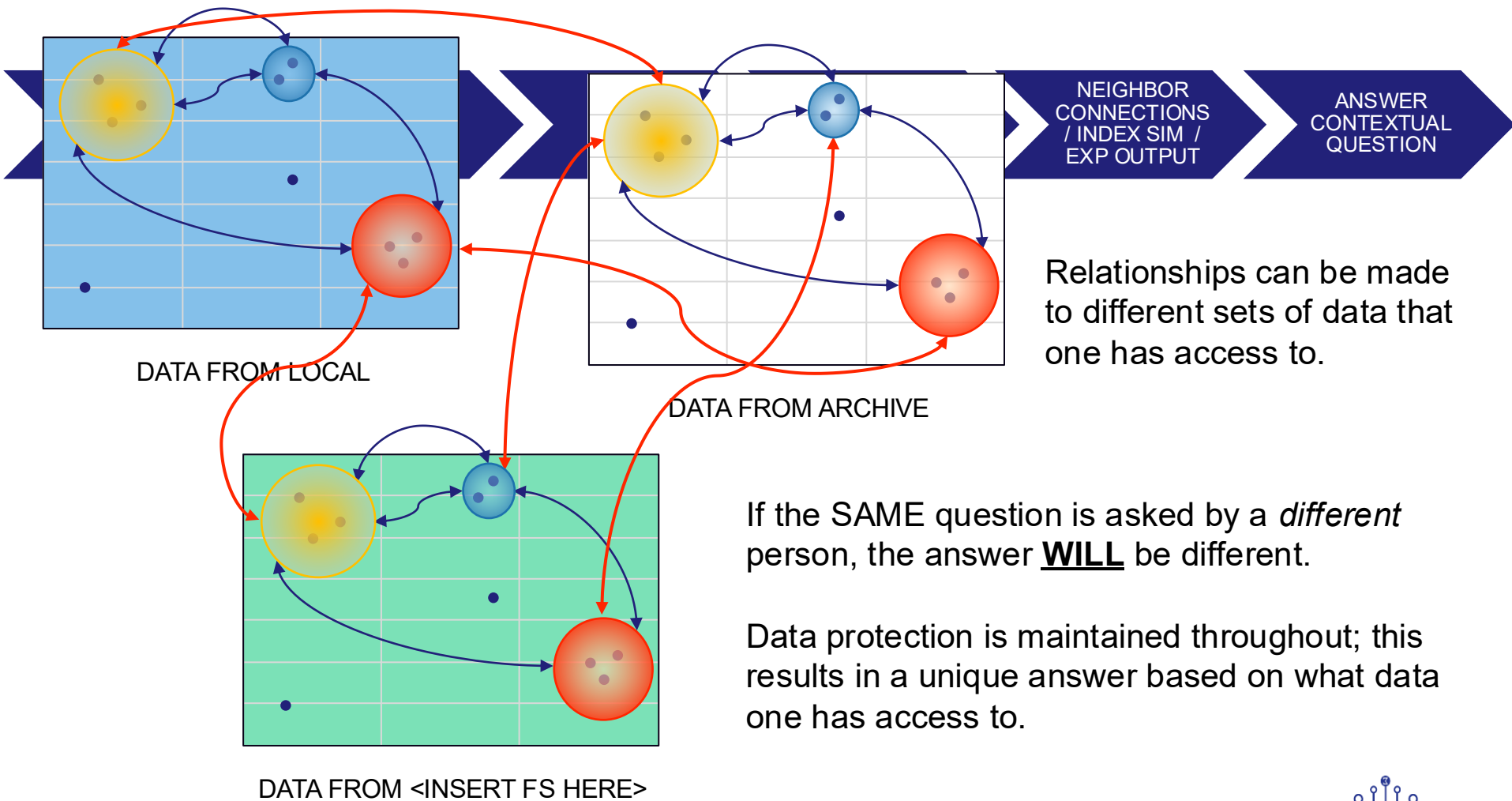


FIND NEAREST NEIGHBORS
& CLASSIFY NEIGHBORS

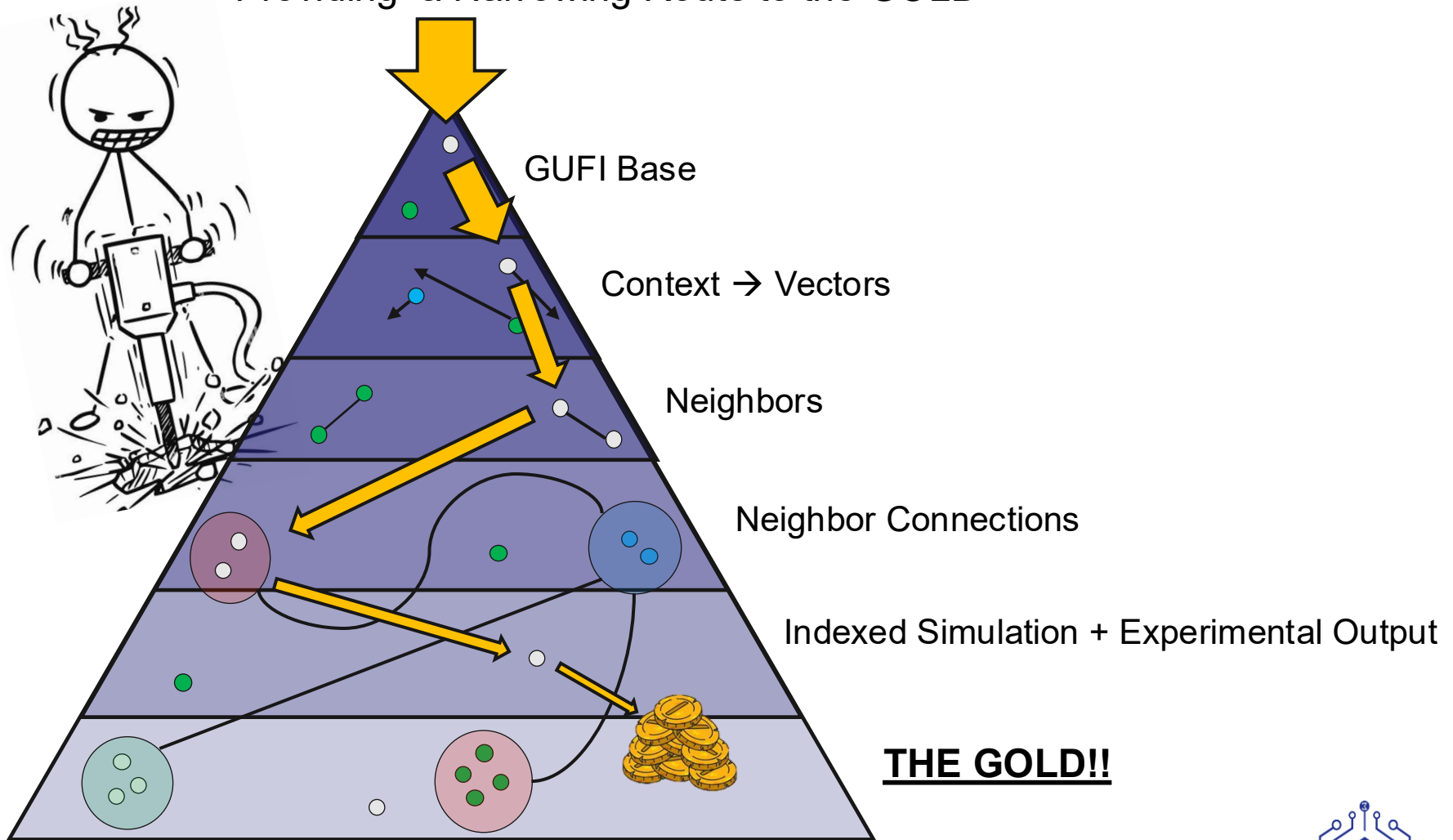


FIND NEIGHBOR CONNECTIONS





Providing a Narrowing Route to the GOLD



Q&A + Additional Demos

- Query by Group
- Query Over Two Sites
- Simple Access Control
- Base + Full Text Query
- Domino AI Demo



GUFi Base + Full Text

localhost

Please enter at least one

File Name

like

%summer%school%

File Size

>

File Mod Time

>

date input

04/15/2026, 12:30 PM

wordf

match

Amanda AND bonnie

Select Fields to retrieve

Please check at least one

☒ Pathname ☒ hostname ☒ File Size ☐ File Mod Time ☒ Words ☒ Rank

Order by

Optionally Order by by

First Order By

Content Rank.BM25_rank.int64

asc

Second Order By

asc

verbose_level

Submit



Domino AI Demo

