LangChain Tutorial for Beginners

LangChain is a framework that helps developers build applications using **large language models (LLMs)** such as GPT, Claude, etc. It provides tools for chaining prompts, adding memory, using external data, and connecting to agents.

This tutorial uses **Python**, but the concepts apply to JS too.

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1 Install LangChain

```
pip install langchain langchain-openai langchain-community
```

You also need an LLM provider key (OpenAI, Anthropic, Groq, etc.):

```
export OPENAI_API_KEY="your_api_key"
```

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2 Your First LLM Call

```
from langchain_openai import ChatOpenAI

llm = ChatOpenAI(model="gpt-4o-mini")

response = llm.invoke("Explain LangChain in one sentence.")
print(response.content)
```

What you did:

- Created an LLM client
- Sent a prompt
- Got a response

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3 Using Prompt Templates

LangChain separates **prompt structure from data**.

```
from langchain.prompts import PromptTemplate

template = PromptTemplate(
    input_variables=["topic"],
    template="Explain {topic} in simple terms."
)

prompt = template.format(topic="machine learning")
print(prompt)
```

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4 Chaining Prompts + LLM = Simple Chain

```
from langchain.chains import LLMChain

chain = LLMChain(llm=llm, prompt=template)

result = chain.invoke({"topic": "neural networks"})
print(result["text"])
```

Why this matters:
All complex LangChain workflows are built from chains.

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5 Adding Memory (Chatbots)

```
from langchain.memory import ConversationBufferMemory
from langchain.chains import ConversationChain

memory = ConversationBufferMemory()

chatbot = ConversationChain(
    llm=llm,
    memory=memory
)

print(chatbot.invoke("Hi, my name is Alex!")["response"])
print(chatbot.invoke("What's my name?")["response"])
```

Now the chatbot "remembers" earlier messages.

6️⃣ Loading External Documents

Example with PDF:

```
from langchain_community.document_loaders import PyPDFLoader

loader = PyPDFLoader("example.pdf")
docs = loader.load()
print(len(docs), "pages loaded.")
```

7️⃣ Splitting Documents into Chunks

```
from langchain.text_splitter import RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter

splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(chunk_size=500, chunk_overlap=100)
chunks = splitter.split_documents(docs)
```

8️⃣ Adding a Vector Store (Retrieval)

Using FAISS:

```
from langchain_community.vectorstores import FAISS
from langchain_openai import OpenAIEmbeddings

embeddings = OpenAIEmbeddings(model="text-embedding-3-small")
vectorstore = FAISS.from_documents(chunks, embeddings)
```

9️⃣ Create a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) Chain

```
from langchain.chains import RetrievalQA

qa = RetrievalQA.from_chain_type(
    llm=llm,
    retriever=vectorstore.as_retriever()
)

result = qa.invoke({"query": "What does the PDF say about climate policy?"})
print(result["result"])
```

Now your LLM can answer questions using real documents.

□ Building an Agent (Optional)

Agents can use tools (search engines, calculators, files).

```
from langchain.agents import initialize_agent, Tool

tools = [
    Tool(
        name="Calculator",
        func=lambda x: eval(x),
        description="Evaluates math expressions."
    )
]

agent = initialize_agent(tools, llm, agent="zero-shot-react-description")

print(agent.invoke("What is 14 * 32?"))
```

□ Summary: What You Can Now Do with LangChain

You've learned:

✔ Basic LLM calls
✔ Prompt templates
✔ Simple chains
✔ Conversation memory
✔ Load & split documents
✔ Vector search
✔ RAG question answering
✔ Simple agents

This is the foundation for building:

- Chatbots
- Document assistants
- AI automation tools

- Knowledge-base Q&A
- Agents with tools

LangChain Tutorial for Beginners (Ollama + LLaMA3 Edition)

Install the needed packages:

```
pip install langchain langchain-community langchain-ollama
```

Make sure you have **Ollama installed** and have pulled LLaMA3:

```
ollama pull llama3
```

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1 Initialize LLaMA3 with LangChain

```
from langchain_ollama.llms import OllamaLLM

llm = OllamaLLM(model="llama3", temperature=0.7)
```

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2 First LLM Call

```
response = llm.invoke("Explain LangChain in one sentence.")
print(response)
```

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3 Prompt Templates

```
from langchain.prompts import PromptTemplate

template = PromptTemplate(
    input_variables=["topic"],
    template="Explain {topic} in simple terms."
)

prompt = template.format(topic="machine learning")
print(prompt)
```

4️⃣ Create an LLM Chain (prompt + LLaMA3)

```
from langchain.chains import LLMChain

chain = LLMChain(llm=llm, prompt=template)

result = chain.invoke({"topic": "neural networks"})
print(result["text"])
```

5️⃣ Add Memory (Chatbot)

```
from langchain.memory import ConversationBufferMemory
from langchain.chains import ConversationChain

memory = ConversationBufferMemory()

chatbot = ConversationChain(
    llm=llm,
    memory=memory
)

print(chatbot.invoke("Hi, my name is Alex!")["response"])
print(chatbot.invoke("What's my name?")["response"])
```

6️⃣ Load External Documents

Example: PDF loader

```
from langchain_community.document_loaders import PyPDFLoader

loader = PyPDFLoader("example.pdf")
docs = loader.load()
print(len(docs), "pages loaded.")
```

7️⃣ Split Documents

```
from langchain.text_splitter import RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter

splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(chunk_size=500, chunk_overlap=100)
chunks = splitter.split_documents(docs)
```

8️⃣ Create a Vector Store (FAISS + local embeddings)

Ollama can also embed locally (e.g., `"nomic-embed-text"`):

```
ollama pull nomic-embed-text
from langchain_ollama.embeddings import OllamaEmbeddings
from langchain_community.vectorstores import FAISS

embeddings = OllamaEmbeddings(model="nomic-embed-text")

vectorstore = FAISS.from_documents(chunks, embeddings)
```

9️⃣ Build a RAG (Retrieval Augmented Generation) Pipeline

```
from langchain.chains import RetrievalQA

qa = RetrievalQA.from_chain_type(
    llm=llm,
    retriever=vectorstore.as_retriever()
)

answer = qa.invoke({"query": "What does this PDF say about climate policy?"})
print(answer["result"])
```

Now you have a **fully local** RAG system using LLaMA3.

🧠 Simple Agent (Optional)

Agents also work with Ollama LLMs:

```
from langchain.agents import initialize_agent, Tool

tools = [
    Tool(
        name="Calculator",
        func=lambda x: eval(x),
        description="Evaluates math expressions."
    )
]

agent = initialize_agent(
```

```
    tools=tools,
    llm=llm,
    agent="zero-shot-react-description"
)

print(agent.invoke("What is 15 * 32?"))
```

□ Summary

You now know how to use LangChain with Ollama + LLaMA3:

✔ Prompt templates
✔ Basic chains
✔ Chat with memory
✔ Load & chunk documents
✔ Build a vector search index
✔ Full RAG question answering
✔ A simple agent with tools

All **offline**, using only local models.

Here is a **complete LangChain + Ollama + LLaMA3 + Gradio app** that lets you:

 Upload a PDF
 Automatically chunk, embed, and index it
 Ask questions in a chat UI
 Get answers using **local RAG (LLaMA3 + vector store)**

This is a **fully working, end-to-end Gradio PDF Q&A app**.

Complete Gradio RAG App (Ollama + LangChain + LLaMA3)

1 Install Required Packages

```
pip install langchain langchain-community langchain-ollama gradio faiss-cpu pypdf
```

Pull the needed Ollama models:

```
ollama pull llama3
ollama pull nomic-embed-text
```

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2 Full Python Code (copy-paste and run!)

```
import gradio as gr
from langchain_ollama.llms import OllamaLLM
from langchain_ollama.embeddings import OllamaEmbeddings
from langchain_community.document_loaders import PyPDFLoader
from langchain.text_splitter import RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter
from langchain_community.vectorstores import FAISS
from langchain.chains import RetrievalQA

# ------------------------------ #
# GLOBAL VARIABLES
# ------------------------------ #
vectorstore = None
qa_chain = None

# Initialize LLaMA3 (Ollama)
llm = OllamaLLM(model="llama3", temperature=0.2)
```

```
# Initialize Embedding Model (Ollama)
embeddings = OllamaEmbeddings(model="nomic-embed-text")


# ----------------------------- #
# PDF PROCESSING PIPELINE
# ----------------------------- #
def process_pdf(pdf_file):
    global vectorstore, qa_chain

    if pdf_file is None:
        return "Please upload a PDF."

    loader = PyPDFLoader(pdf_file.name)
    docs = loader.load()

    splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(chunk_size=500,
chunk_overlap=100)
    chunks = splitter.split_documents(docs)

    vectorstore = FAISS.from_documents(chunks, embeddings)

    # Build retrieval QA
    qa_chain = RetrievalQA.from_chain_type(
        llm=llm,
        retriever=vectorstore.as_retriever(),
        return_source_documents=False
    )

    return "PDF uploaded and indexed successfully! You can now chat with it."


# ----------------------------- #
# CHAT FUNCTION
# ----------------------------- #
def chat_with_pdf(question, chat_history):
    if qa_chain is None:
        return "Please upload a PDF first.", chat_history

    answer = qa_chain.invoke({"query": question})["result"]
    chat_history.append((question, answer))
    return answer, chat_history


# ----------------------------- #
# GRADIO UI
# ----------------------------- #
with gr.Blocks() as app:
    gr.Markdown("# □ PDF Q&A Chatbot (Ollama + LangChain + LLaMA3)")
    gr.Markdown("Upload a PDF and ask questions about it — 100% local.")

    with gr.Row():
        pdf_file = gr.File(label="Upload your PDF")

    upload_button = gr.Button("Process PDF")
    upload_output = gr.Textbox(label="Status")
```

```
    chatbot = gr.Chatbot()
    question = gr.Textbox(label="Ask a question")
    ask_button = gr.Button("Send")

    upload_button.click(process_pdf, inputs=pdf_file, outputs=upload_output)
    ask_button.click(chat_with_pdf, inputs=[question, chatbot],
outputs=[question, chatbot])


# Run the app
app.launch()
```

□ What This App Does

✔ Upload PDF

Automatically loads & reads the file.

✔ Split into chunks

Prepares content for embedding.

✔ Create vector database (FAISS)

For fast retrieval.

✔ Embed using Ollama local embeddings

Model: `"nomic-embed-text"`

✔ Answer questions using LLaMA3

Model: `"llama3"`

✔ Gradio chat interface

Simple and user-friendly.

□ How to Run

Save the script as:

app.py

Run:

```
python app.py
```

Gradio will open at:

```
http://127.0.0.1:7860
```

I'll guide you using exactly the imports you provided, and give you a complete working Gradio + LangChain + Ollama + HuggingFace embeddings RAG app using:-

- `PyPDFLoader`
- `RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter`
- **HuggingFaceEmbeddings** (instead of Ollama embeddings)
- `FAISS`
- `OllamaLLM`
- `RetrievalQA`
- `Gradio`

□ 1. Install Required Packages

```
pip install gradio langchain langchain-community langchain-ollama langchain-huggingface faiss-cpu pypdf
```

□ Because you're using **HuggingFaceEmbeddings**, you must install a sentence-transformer model:

```
pip install sentence-transformers
```

□ 2. Pull a model for Ollama

Example: LLaMA3 8B

```
ollama pull llama3
```

□ 3. FULL WORKING APP (Copy–Paste and Run)

Includes PDF upload → chunk → embed → vector store → RAG → chat UI.

```
import gradio as gr
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from langchain_huggingface import HuggingFaceEmbeddings
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from langchain_ollama import OllamaLLM
from langchain.chains import RetrievalQA

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# -------------------------
# Initialize the LLM (Ollama)
# -------------------------
llm = OllamaLLM(model="llama3", temperature=0.2)

# -------------------------
# HuggingFace Embeddings
# -------------------------
embeddings = HuggingFaceEmbeddings(model_name="sentence-transformers/all-
MiniLM-L6-v2")

# -------------------------
# PDF PROCESSING
# -------------------------
def process_pdf(pdf_file):
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    if pdf_file is None:
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    # Load PDF
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    docs = loader.load()

    # Split text
    splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(chunk_size=500,
chunk_overlap=100)
    chunks = splitter.split_documents(docs)

    # Create FAISS vectorstore
    vectorstore = FAISS.from_documents(chunks, embeddings)

    # Create RetrievalQA Chain
    qa_chain = RetrievalQA.from_chain_type(
        llm=llm,
        retriever=vectorstore.as_retriever(),
        return_source_documents=False
    )
```

```
    return "PDF uploaded and indexed successfully! You can now ask
questions."


# -------------------------
# CHAT FUNCTION
# -------------------------
def chat_with_pdf(question, chat_history):
    if qa_chain is None:
        return "Please upload and process a PDF first.", chat_history

    answer = qa_chain.invoke({"query": question})["result"]
    chat_history.append((question, answer))
    return answer, chat_history


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    ask_btn.click(chat_with_pdf, inputs=[question, chatbot],
outputs=[question, chatbot])


app.launch()
```

□ 4. What This Version Does

✔ Uses HuggingFace Embeddings

Preferred for lightweight local embedding.
Model: `"sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2"`

✔ Uses Ollama for the LLM

Model: `"llama3"`

✔ Handles:

- PDF upload
- PDF to text extraction
- Chunking
- Embedding
- Vector store creation
- Retrieval
- Chat with memory

✔ Works fully offline

No API keys needed.