



Product Requirements & Specification Document

Project Name

GridInsightPro - Smart Energy Demand Forecaster

Overview

GridInsightPro is a web application enabling energy providers to forecast demand using big data and AI. The platform allows users to upload consumption data, visualize regional trends, and receive predictive insights for grid management. Key features include real-time analytics, anomaly detection, and collaborative planning tools.

1. Objectives

Objective	Description
Accurate Demand Forecasting	Provide AI-driven, high-accuracy demand forecasts for energy providers.
Real-Time Analytics	Enable live monitoring and analysis of energy consumption data.
Anomaly Detection	Identify and alert on unusual consumption patterns.
Collaborative Planning	Facilitate team-based scenario planning and decision-making.

2. Target Users

User Type	Description
Grid Operators	Monitor, forecast, and manage grid demand.
Data Analysts	Analyze trends and anomalies in consumption.
Planners/Managers	Collaborate on grid management strategies.

3. Core Features

Feature	Description
Data Upload	Secure upload of CSV/Excel consumption data.
Data Visualization	Interactive dashboards for regional and temporal trends.
Predictive Insights	AI/ML-based demand forecasts (short/long-term).
Real-Time Analytics	Live data streaming and instant metric updates.
Anomaly Detection	Automated detection and alerting of outliers.
Collaborative Tools	Shared workspaces, comments, and scenario planning.



User Management	Role-based access control and audit logs.
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4. Functional Requirements

ID	Requirement
FR1	Users can upload and validate large datasets (up to 10GB) in CSV/Excel formats.
FR2	System processes and stores data using distributed Spark jobs on GCP.
FR3	Users can view interactive charts (line, bar, heatmap) of consumption by region/time.
FR4	AI/ML models (Python) generate demand forecasts; results are visualized and downloadable.
FR5	Real-time analytics dashboard updates with live data streams.
FR6	Anomaly detection flags and notifies users of irregular patterns.
FR7	Users can create, share, and comment on planning scenarios.
FR8	Role-based permissions: Admin, Analyst, Viewer.
FR9	Audit logs track data uploads, changes, and user actions.

5. Non-Functional Requirements

ID	Requirement
NFR1	System uptime $\geq 99.5\%$.
NFR2	Data upload and processing latency < 2 minutes for 10GB files.
NFR3	Forecast accuracy $\geq 95\%$ (measured by MAPE on test data).
NFR4	Secure data storage and encrypted transmission (TLS 1.2+).
NFR5	Scalable to 100 concurrent users and 1TB data.
NFR6	Responsive UI (load time $< 2s$ on modern browsers).

6. Technical Architecture

Layer	Technology/Tooling
Frontend	Next.js, React, D3.js/Chart.js
Backend API	Python (FastAPI/Flask), REST
Data Processing	Apache Spark (GCP Dataproc)
ML/AI	Python (scikit-learn, TensorFlow)
Storage	GCP BigQuery, Cloud Storage
Auth/Security	GCP IAM, OAuth2
Deployment	GCP Cloud Run, CI/CD (GitHub Actions)



7. User Flows

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    A[Login] --> B[Upload Data]
    B --> C[Data Validation]
    C --> D[Processing & Storage]
    D --> E[Visualization Dashboard]
    E --> F[Forecast & Anomaly Detection]
    F --> G[Collaborative Planning]
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8. API Endpoints (Sample)

Endpoint	Method	Description
/api/upload	POST	Upload consumption data
/api/forecast	GET	Retrieve demand forecasts
/api/anomalies	GET	Get detected anomalies
/api/scenarios	POST	Create new planning scenario
/api/users	GET	List users and roles

9. UI/UX Guidelines

- **Theme:** Futuristic, clean, and intuitive.
- **Navigation:** Sidebar with quick access to core modules.
- **Visualization:** Interactive, real-time, and exportable.
- **Accessibility:** WCAG 2.1 AA compliance.

10. Milestones & Timeline

Milestone	Target Date
Requirements Finalized	Week 1
MVP Development Start	Week 2
Core Features Complete	Week 8
Internal Testing	Week 10
Beta Release	Week 12
Production Launch	Week 16

11. Risks & Mitigations



Risk	Mitigation
Data privacy breaches	End-to-end encryption, strict IAM policies
Model accuracy shortfall	Continuous retraining, model monitoring
Scalability bottlenecks	Use of GCP managed services, auto-scaling

12. Success Metrics

Metric	Target Value
Forecast Accuracy	≥ 95% MAPE
User Adoption (3 months)	≥ 50 active users
System Uptime	≥ 99.5%
Data Processing Latency	< 2 minutes

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