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# Introduction

## Purpose

This document describes the system requirements specification for an IoT-based smart agriculture infrastructure service management system as a service on a cloud namely SmartAgCloud. The document describes in detail the requirements and high-level design of the application. The document includes the details on defining scope along with assumptions and dependencies. The IoT based application will be designed and implemented for ranch field farms.

The application supports a connected farm where soil and crop conditions across the ranch can be monitored by the farmer as per his needs. This is achieved by implementing a large-scale on-demand IoT-based agriculture system infrastructure services for farmers. Each farmer could select install and deploy one or more IoT agriculture networks for their ranch fields. The sensors used for monitoring the soil and crop conditions in the ranch communicate with the IoT system through a gateway. The IoT system processes the data and sends data to the farmer’s device in the form of notifications. The farmer can also see view the condition of his ranch using the designed dashboard. Using this data collected from the smart ranch could also help the farmer get intelligent agricultural solutions based on shared expert knowledge

## Intended Audience

This document is intended to be used by farmers, IoT Supports, IoT supporters, business stakeholders, developers, architect and testers. This document can also be helpful for individual looking for smart farming solutions in agriculture domain. The document includes high level application understanding including product scope and functionality. It is recommended to follow the sections in order as presented by document to get high level understanding followed by low level details.

## Application Scope

SmartAgCloud is a cloud service solution for smart agriculture which helps farmers to monitor farms which are remotely located; thereby saving time and cost involved. The SmartAgCloud application is expected to achieve goals of implementing the solution on cloud and leverage the cloud benefits of OnDemand resource allocation, run time scaling, reduced cost, improved coverage. Below are the key features in scope for the SmartAgCloud.

1. Smart farm to monitor below parameters,

* Temperature,
* Humidity,
* Wind Speed
* Wind Direction
* Rain
* Measures Soil Moisture

The parameters will be generated by simulated software. This software is expected to simulate below two real types of sensors,

* AcuRite
* Soil Moisture Meter Probe - 24 Inch

1. Allows farmers to configure smart ranch fields within farmlands.
2. Allows farmers to select their own desired ranches within farmland
3. Book the resources (different types of sensors) (sensor profile should include sensor type, name, value data type).
4. Dashboard on web and mobile facilitate real time monitoring
5. Receive notifications of monitored parameters on registered devices in real time.

**Out of Scope**

Real sensors are out of scope of this application including the connectivity and setup configuration. Only data feeds will be simulated by software.

# Overall Description

## User Classes and Characteristics

SmartAgCloud is expected to have three types of users,

1. **Farmers** – The primary user of this application. Farmers can access the system to check and

configure their own smart farms

1. **IoT Supports** – IoT support manager accesses the system to check the status of smart nodes and sensors.
2. **Infrastructure Managers** – People who setup, configure and manage smart nodes, cluster nodes,

and sensors, as well as their connectivity. In addition, they could monitor and track the status of

smart nodes with diverse sensors.

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Fig 1: Use case diagram of the SmartAgCloud system

## 2.3 Operating System

Linux: Open source OS which will be used to implement the backend of the SmartAgCloud system

Android: Android is the OS which will be used for mobile application.

## Design and Implementation Constraint

It is not possible to use real sensors in the ranch due to time and cost constraints. Simulation software will be used to get real time sensor data.

## Assumptions and Dependencies

* The SmartAgCloud is primarily using cloud service by AWS. The cloud provider AWS

is thus a dependency for the SmartAgCloud to function.

* The farmer should have internet connection in order to use the SmartAgCloud application

# Requirement Analysis

**SmartAgCloud application as a Cloud Service:**

The SmartAgCloud is an application expected to be a cloud service to smartly monitor agriculture and help farmers to take appropriate actions if needed. The application should be able to provide real time feeds from the built smart farms and also notify if any of the below listed parameters crosses the minimum/maximum threshold.

* Temperature
* Humidity
* Wind Speed
* Wind Direction
* Rain
* Measures Soil Moisture

**IoT device data service on Cloud:**

In order to serve this requirement, the SmartAgCloud should be able to handle large amount of data feeds across various smart farms containing multiple ranches with multiple sensors being monitored.

These large datasets from IoT devices will be stored on database which is the IoT database over the cloud to support dynamic scaling with increase in load. In order to minimize risk of IoT database failure on the application functioning, this DB would be hosted on separate server. By modularizing the functionality, application server failure will not impact the database and vice versa.

The interactions within components and end users would be done using API calls. High level communications via API calls are given below as request/response sequence,

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# Use Cases

## User Registration

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| **Use case:** User Registration | |
| **Users:** Farmer/IoT Support /Infrastructure Manager | |
| **Purpose: Register a user in SmartAgCloud Application** | |
| **Overview: Allows users to register in SmartAgCloud and assign respective roles to the users** | |
| **Type: Essential** | |
| **Preconditions**: NA | |
| **Postconditions:** The user must be able to register to the SmartAgCloud application via web or mobile  App and appropriate role must be assigned. | |
| **Special Requirements: NA** | |
| **Flow of Events** | |
| **Actor Action** | **System Response** |
| 1. This use case begins after the new user opens the SmartAgCloud site or mobile application and selects Register User option 2. Users fills in the registration form and registers to the system. | 1. System prompts the new user registration form.  2. The application will save the user details and assigns  appropriate roles (from Farmer/IoT Support /  Infrastructure Manager) to the user. |
| **Alternative Flow of Events** | |
| Line 1: If the user is already registered, the system should throw error and redirect to login page. | |

## User Login

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| **Use case:** User Login | |
| **Users:** Farmer/IoT Support /Infrastructure Manager | |
| **Purpose: Logins a user in SmartAgCloud Application** | |
| **Overview: Allows users to login in SmartAgCloud and use application as per assigned role** | |
| **Type: Essential** | |
| **Preconditions**: The user must be registered in the application | |
| **Postconditions:** The user must be able to login to the SmartAgCloud application via web or mobile  App and appropriate role must be assigned. | |
| **Special Requirements: NA** | |
| **Flow of Events** | |
| **Actor Action** | **System Response** |
| 1. This use case begins after the new user opens the SmartAgCloud site or mobile application and selects Login option 2. Users enters the username and password and logs in to the system. | 1. Application prompts the to enter username and password.  2. The application will authenticate the user details, and  Displays the home page. |
| **Alternative Flow of Events** | |
| Line 1: if username/password is invalid, return error message "Invalid username/password" to Output  and provide with forgot password option. | |

## Build Smart Farm

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| **Use case:** Build smart farm | |
| **Users:** Infrastructure Managers | |
| **Purpose:** Build smart farms to enable monitoring via sensors within selected farm areas | |
| **Overview: Allows *Infrastructure Managers* to build the one or more smart ranches within his**  **farm with farmers choice of sensors** | |
| **Type: Essential** | |
| **Preconditions**: The users are registered in SmartAgCloud application as an Infrastructure Managers | |
| **Postconditions:** The smart farm is setup by Infrastructure Managers by the choice of farmer is able to view  the selected farms in the dashboard | |
| **Special Requirements:**   1. ***Cluster node management*** – It allows Infrastructure Managers to add/update/delete/view cluster nodes for an agriculture IoT sensor network, and track cluster node status. 2. ***Smart node management –*** It allows Infrastructure Managers to add/update/delete/view smart nodes   controlled by a cluster, and track node status. | |
| **Flow of Events** | |
| **Actor Action** | **System Response** |
| 1. This use case begins after the Infrastructure Managers logins to the SmartAgCloud application with his username and password and selects Build Smart Farm option 2. Infrastructure Managers selects one ranch at a time from the provided farm map and then selects the smart sensors and required numbers of sensors 3. Infrastructure Managers may choose to build multiple unique ranches within this use case | 1. Verify the entered username and password   and allow user to login on authentication.   1. Triggers request to IoT Supports to deploy   and validate the connections of the sensors.  Display the selected smart ranch details and smart  sensors detail on farmers profile. |
| **Alternative Flow of Events** | |
| Line 1: if username/password is invalid, return error message "Invalid username/password" to Output  and provide with forgot password option. | |

## Sensor Data Management

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| **Use case:** Sensor Data Management | |
| **Users:** IoT Support | |
| **Purpose:** To allow IoT Support to manage the sensors data and connectivity. | |
| **Overview: Allows IoT Support to update sensors data reading, sensor’s profile and retrieve**  **sensors data for a specified time interval** | |
| **Type: Essential** | |
| **Preconditions**: The user is registered in SmartAgCloud application with IoT Support role | |
| **Postconditions:** The IoT Support is able to update sensors data reading, add/delete/  update the sensor’s profile and retrieve the sensor’s data. The updated sensor profile is available for  farmers to build the smart farm. | |
| **Special Requirements:** none | |
| **Flow of Events** | |
| **Actor Action** | **System Response** |
| 1. This use case begins after the IoT Support logins to the SmartAgCloud application with his username and password and selects Build Smart Farm option 2. IoT Support selects one ranch at a time from the provided farm map and then selects the smart sensors and required numbers of sensors 3. IoT Support may choose to build multiple unique ranches within this use case | 1. Verify the entered username and password and  allow user to login on authentication.   1. Display the selected smart ranch details and   smart sensors details on farmers profile. |
| **Alternative Flow of Events** | |
| Line 1: if username/password is invalid, return error message "Invalid username/password" to Output  and provide with forgot password option. | |

## View Ranch-based dashboard

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| **Use case: View ranch-based dashboard of the monitored smart farm** | |
| **Users:** Farmer/IoT Support | |
| **Purpose:** To allow farmers to view real time status of monitored smart field via dashboard on Mobile app  Or web interface | |
| **Overview: Allows farmers to view ranch-based dashboard via mobile app or online interface** | |
| **Type: Essential** | |
| **Preconditions**: The user is registered in SmartAgCloud application with farmer role | |
| **Postconditions:** The farmer is able to view ranch-based dashboard for all built smart farms. | |
| **Special Requirements:** none | |
| **Flow of Events** | |
| **Actor Action** | **System Response** |
| 1. This use case begins after the farmer logins to the SmartAgCloud application with his username and password  2. Farmer selects view dashboard option.  3. Farmer selects a ranch to monitor | 1. Verify the entered username and password and   allow user to login on authentication.   1. Displays the dashboard for logged in farmer’s   profile   1. Displays the farm stats for the set period of interval the selected |
| **Alternative Flow of Events** | |
| Line 1: if username/password is invalid, return error message "Invalid username/password" to Output  and provide with forgot password option.  Line 2: Farmer may edit the default the time duration for the dashboard; the system will display the stats  As per edited duration. | |

## View Cloud-based dashboard

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| **Use case: View Cloud-based dashboard of the monitored smart farm** | |
| **Users:** Infrastructure /IoT Support | |
| **Purpose:** To allow Infrastructure /IoT Support to view real time status of all monitored smart field via  dashboard on Mobile app Or web interface | |
| **Overview: Allows** Infrastructure /IoT Support **to view cloud-based dashboard via mobile app or**  **web interface** | |
| **Type: Essential** | |
| **Preconditions**: The user is registered in SmartAgCloud application with Infrastructure /IoT Support role | |
| **Postconditions:** The Infrastructure /IoT Support is able to view ranch-based dashboard for all  built smart farms and devices | |
| **Special Requirements:** none | |
| **Flow of Events** | |
| **Actor Action** | **System Response** |
| 1. This use case begins after the user logins to the SmartAgCloud application with his username and password  2. user selects view dashboard option.  3. user selects a ranch to monitor | 1. Verify the entered username and password and   allow user to login on authentication.   1. Displays the dashboard for logged in user   profile   1. Displays the farm stats for the set period of interval the selected |
| **Alternative Flow of Events** | |
| Line 1: if username/password is invalid, return error message "Invalid username/password" to Output  and provide with forgot password option.  Line 2: user may edit the default the time duration for the dashboard; the system will display the stats  As per edited duration. | |

## Receive Alerts

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| **Use case: Receive alerts on monitored** | |
| **Users:** Farmer /IoT Support/ Infrastructure | |
| **Purpose:** Notify Farmer/Infrastructure Managers of any action required  on all monitored smart field via dashboard on Mobile app or web interface | |
| **Overview: Allows Farmer /IoT Support/ Infrastructure to receive alerts on monitored smart farms in case**  **of emergency** | |
| **Type: Essential** | |
| **Preconditions**: The smart farm must be monitored, and users must be registered as farmers/IoT Support | |
| **Postconditions:** Farmers/IoT Supports are notified of any action required or monitored  parameter crossing minimum/maximum threshold | |
| **Special Requirements:** none | |
| **Flow of Events** | |
| **Actor Action** | **System Response** |
| 1. This use case begins after the user logins to the SmartAgCloud application with his username and password  2. user selects view dashboard option.  3. user selects a ranch to monitor | 1. Verify the entered username and password and    1. allow user to login on authentication. 2. Displays the dashboard for logged in user    1. profile 3. Displays the farm stats for the set period of interval the selected |
| **Alternative Flow of Events** | |
| Line 1: if username/password is invalid, return error message "Invalid username/password" to Output  and provide with forgot password option.  Line 2: user may edit the default the time duration for the dashboard; the system will display the stats  As per edited duration. | |

# Other Nonfunctional Requirements

## Performance Requirements

The SmartAgCloud application is expected to give real-time or near to real-time data feed from IoT devices – software sensors. The online transaction is expected to not exceed 10 secs. (standard performance for online transactions response time)

## Security Requirements

The SmartAgCloud application should strictly adhere to user privacy by implementing features specific to user roles. SmartAgCloud will use secure protocol HTTPS communication for communication over the internet. Registered users with secure login will be enabled to take appropriate actions.

## Software Quality Attributes

Usability: The SmartAgCloud interface should be easy to understand for the primary user – farmer. This will be achieved using simple and easy layout of UI.

Reliability/Availability: The application is expected to 99.99% available to the end user.

Scalability: The application should be able to sustain and dynamically handle the surge in traffic without affecting the application performance. The application should be able to scale in real time to serve any increase in traffic.

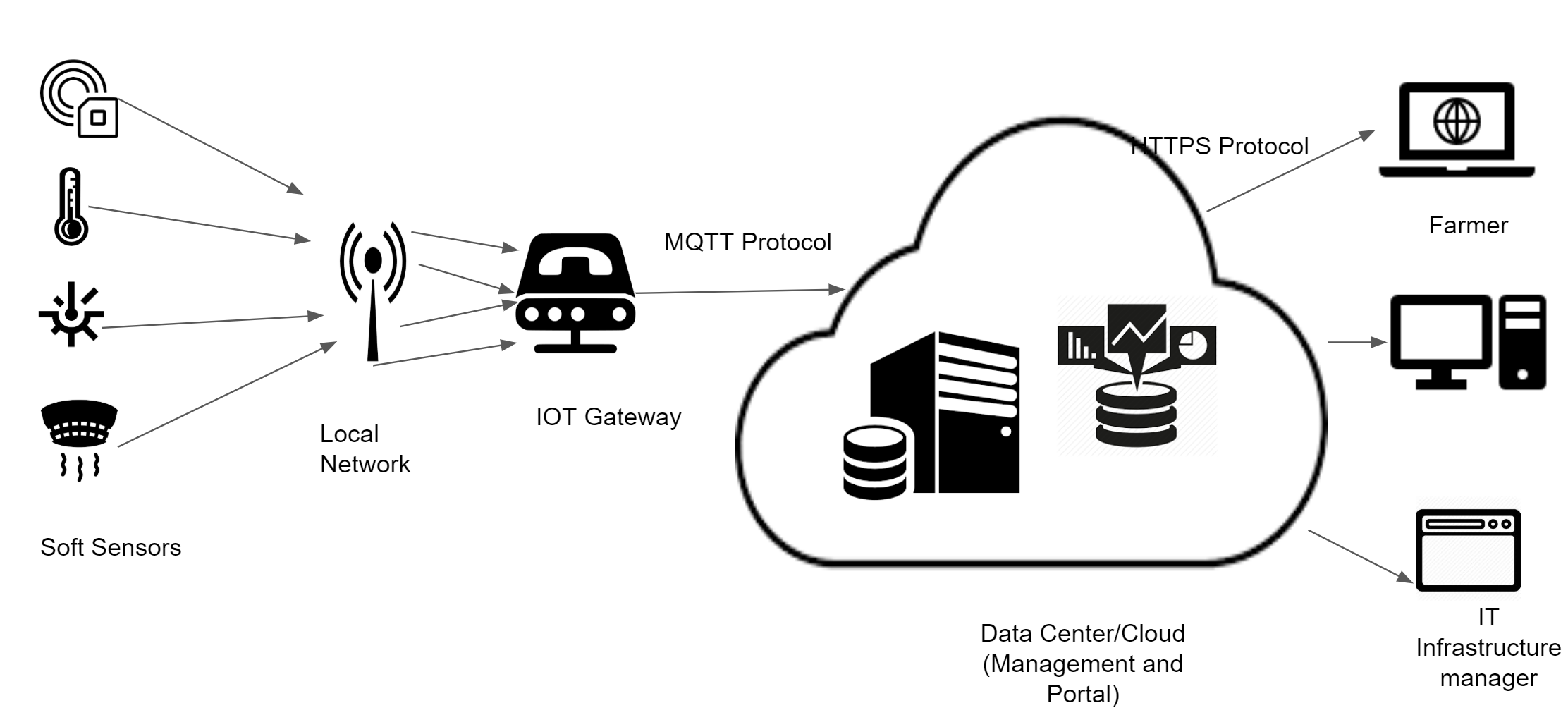
Extensibility: The application should be adaptive to the future changes with minimal changes within application design or interface.

# System infrastructure and architectures

The overview of our SmartAgCloud architecture consists of 2 components namely cloud infrastructure and users (farmers, IoT Support and Infrastructure Manager).

The application server and database servers on the cloud are expected to dynamically scale horizontally. This dynamic scaling can be done using application load balancer before each application and IoT databases.

The sensor software simulation will asynchronously transfer the data feeds to the application using MQTT protocol.



# System design and Component interaction design

The cloud infrastructure consists of components such as simulation software, application server, management server, portal server and a database.

1. Simulation software for Sensors: This software simulates the data generated by various sensors in the network at real time and passes it on to the cloud database
2. Databases: The database used here is the Cassandra DB which is a part of the AWS IoT infrastructure. The sensor data sent from the simulation software is handled by the application server which then stores it in the Database. Whenever there is a request from the entities or notification to be sent to the entities, the application server hits the database, retrieves the information and sends it across to the management server and portal server
3. Management server: The management server handles load balancing when there is increased demand for sensor data information, resource pooling and scalability (addition and deletion of sensors based on the farmer’s needs)
4. Portal Server: The portal server consists of the dashboard and user authentication. The farmer, IoT support or IoT Support can access the application through the dashboard and customize their dashboard as per their needs.

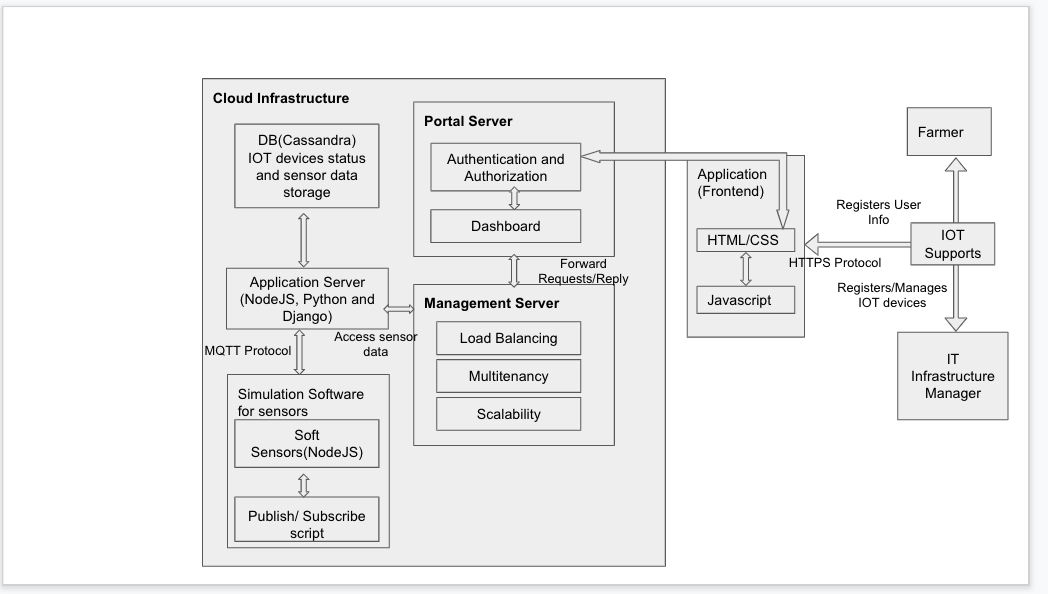


Fig : Black-box component design with API and functional description

## Database Design

High-level schemas and DB design is shared below. Two DB schemas are identified based on the type of data stored. Schema – Sensor is expected to get the data feeds from the soft sensors, while schema user is expected to contain the meta data to manage the smart agriculture application. These schemas should be on cloud infrastructure to support large scale sensors data feed demands. Additionally, database indexing will be implemented to support faster data retrieval.

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## Simulation Software Design

The agriculture sensors simulation would be designed using NodeJS backend. All the data communications thus would be in API calls (RESTful call /JSON format).

The simulation software is expected to contain below subcomponents:

1. Smart Sensors:
   * + Sensor data generator – This refers to the function that generates the simulated sensor’s data.

Sensor data collector – This will collect sensor data from different sensors based on a-predefined

schedule.

* + - Sensor data transfer – This refers to the function that transfer sensor data the back-end server on a

cloud.

* + - Smart node control – This refers to the basic control functions, such as node creation, update, deletion

as well as status change.

* + - Smart node configuration –This supports the configuration of a smart node, including

add/delete/update/set-up a list of sensors. For each sensor, it has the following status:

Turn-On, Active, Inactive, Turn-Off, and Maintenance

1. Smart Clusters:

A cluster node, which supports the controls and connectivity with other related nodes (required)

This controls and supports a number of smart nodes, and collect sensor data from them, and send sensor

data to the back-end server.

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# Plan and schedule

The below PERT chart describes the high-level planning and task breakdown overview that will be followed throughout the project lifecycle. The project will be delivered in phases in below order,

1. Initiation
2. Project Design and Analysis
3. Project Implementation
4. Final Submission

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# Technology Selection

The below section describes cloud technology selection, usage and validation environments

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| **Technology** | **Name** | **Remarks** |
| Language | NodeJS, Java, SQL, Python | Programming language |
| Communication Protocol | MQTT, HTTPS | To get data from devices |
| UI | HTML, CSS, JS | Web and mobile interface |
| DB | Cassandra | To store and retrieve sensor data |
| MQTT Broker | Mosquitto | Broker to support devices on MQTT Protocol |
| Cloud | AWS | To build cloud infrastructure |
| Sensor Simulation | NodeJS | Soft sensors to generate, collect and transfer sensor data to the SmartAgCloud cloud |
| Mobile App Development | Android Dev Studio | To build the android mobile app |
| Framework | NodeRed | Used for dashboard implementation |

## Cloud Provider

SmartAgCloud application is a solution on cloud, for which AWS (Amazon Web Service) compute service will be leveraged. AWS offers good range of instances. AWS will also provide the real time scaling of configured instances and backend with dynamic change in traffic using application load balancer.

## MQTT

The SmartAgCloud application is expected to give real-time or near to real-time data feed from IoT devices – software sensors. This requirement is expected to be fulfilled using the MQTT data bus transfer

MQTT offers below benefits,

1. MQTT has good integration with NodeJS (the backend logic)
2. MQTT is performance efficient where the monitored data is received with minimal connections

## Abbreviation

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Sr No** | **Acronyms** | **Description** |
| 1 | MQTT | Message Queuing Telemetry Transport |
| 2 | AWS | Amazon Web Services |
| 3 | GUI | Graphical User Interface |
| 4 | PERT | Program Evaluation Review Technique |
| 5 | IoT | Internet of Things |