

Smart Way Traffic - Software Design & Lifecycle Document (SDLC)

1. Project Overview

Smart Way Traffic is an intelligent traffic management system designed to analyze traffic flow, detect congestion, and identify emergency situations using AI-powered video analysis. The system provides real-time visualization and detailed reporting to optimize urban traffic control.

2. Technology Stack

A. Frontend (User Interface)

- Framework:** [React](#) (v18+) with [Vite](#) for fast build tooling.
- Styling:** [Tailwind CSS](#) for utility-first responsive design.
- State Management:** React Hooks (`useState`, `useEffect`, `useRef`) for local state and stream handling.
- Icons:** `react-icons` (Feather Icons).
- Communication:** Fetch API for REST endpoints, `EventSource` for Real-time SSE (Server-Sent Events).

B. Backend (API & Orchestration)

- Runtime:** [Node.js](#) with [Express](#).
- Database:** [Supabase](#) (PostgreSQL) for relational data storage `uuid`, `jsonb` support.
- Authentication:** Supabase Auth (Google OAuth / Email).
- AI Integration:** `openai` npm package configured for **OpenRouter** (GPT-4o) for high-level scene analysis.
- File Handling:** `multer` for video upload management.

C. AI Engine (Computer Vision Core)

- Language:** [Python](#) (3.11+).
- Framework:** [FastAPI](#) for high-performance async API.
- Vision Model:** [Ultralytics YOLOv8](#) (Nano model) for object detection.
- Tracking:** `YOLOv8 model.track` for persistent object tracking (ID assignment).
- Image Processing:** [OpenCV](#) (`cv2` headless) for frame manipulation and drawing.
- Concurrency:** `asyncio` and `sse_starlette` for streaming analysis data to frontend.

3. System Architecture

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graph TD
    User[User / Admin] -->|Interacts| FE[React Frontend]

    subgraph "Application Layer"
        FE -->|REST API (Upload/Save)| BE[Node.js Backend]
        FE -->|SSE Stream (Visualize)| AI[Python AI Engine]
    end

    subgraph "Data Layer"
        BE -->|Read/Write| DB[(Supabase PostgreSQL)]
        BE -->|Uploads| FS[Local File System / Storage]
    end

    subgraph "Intelligence Layer"
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AI -->|Load Model| YOLO[YOLOv8 Model]
BE -->|Analyze Snapshot| GPT[OpenRouter / GPT-4o]
end

AI -. ->|Snapshot| FS
BE -. ->|Read Snapshot| FS
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4. Functional Workflows

4.1. Video Upload & Processing

1. User selects a traffic video file on the **Dashboard/Simulation Page**.
2. Frontend uploads file to Backend `POST /api/videos`.
3. Backend saves file to `uploads/` and creates a record in `videos` table in Supabase.
4. Video becomes available in the selection dropdown.

4.2. Simulation & Visualization (Real-Time)

1. User selects a video and clicks **"Visualize"**.
2. Frontend opens an `EventSource` connection to AI Engine: `GET /api/live-detect-sse/?file=...`

AI Engine:

- Reads video frame-by-frame using OpenCV.
- Runs **YOLOv8 Tracking** on each frame to detect vehicles (Car, Bus, Truck, Motorcycle) and Signal Lights.
- Assigns unique IDs to track total volume.
- Encodes processing frame to Base64.
- Streams JSON data (Frame + Counts + Status) back to Frontend.

Frontend:

- Renders Base64 frame to ``.
- Updates Live Metrics (Vehicle Count, Congestion Status).

User Controls:

- **Pause:** Freezes the UI updates while maintaining state.
- **Stop:** Ends the simulation and prepares data for saving.

4.3. Detailed Analysis & Reporting

1. On completion (or Stop), AI Engine captures a **Snapshot** of the busiest frame.
2. Frontend sends aggregated stats to Backend: `PUT /api/videos/:id/analysis`.

Backend:

- Reads the Snapshot image.
- Sends Snapshot + Stats to **OpenRouter (GPT-4o)** via visual prompt.
- **Prompt:** "Analyze for accidents, infrastructure (lanes), and signal compliance."

4. **OpenRouter** returns a natural language report.
5. Backend saves the report and stats into `traffic_logs` table.
6. Frontend displays the "AI Analysis Popup" immediately.

5. Database Schema

Table: videos

- `id` (UUID): Primary Key
- `filename` (Text): Original name

- `filepath` (Text): Storage path
- `status` (Text): processing / processed
- `analysis_summary` (JSONB): Basic counts

Table: traffic_logs

- `id` (UUID): Primary Key
- `video_id` (UUID): FK to videos
- `vehicle_count` (Int): Total traffic volume
- `detailed_analysis` (JSONB): Contains full `ai_report` text, congestion level, and breakdown.
- `emergency_detected` (Boolean): True if Ambulance/Firetruck/Accident found.
- `created_at` (Timestamp): Log time.

6. Directory Structure

```
smartway-traffic/
├── ai_engine/                # Python Service
│   ├── detector.py          # YOLO Logic & Tracking
│   ├── main.py              # FastAPI Routes
│   └── requirements.txt
├── backend/                 # Node.js Service
│   ├── index.js             # Express Server & OpenRouter integration
│   ├── schema.sql           # Database definitions
│   └── uploads/             # Video storage
└── smarttraffic-frontend/   # React App
    ├── src/
    │   ├── pages/           # Dashboard, Simulation, Profile
    │   ├── components/      # Reusable UI
    │   ├── App.jsx          # Routing
    └── vite.config.js
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