

Energenius: Technical Report

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Domain Name

[Energenius.me](https://energenius.me)

The domain name “energenius.me” was registered on February 26th, 2019 through namecheap.com. The website is using the Google Cloud Platform service. More specifically, the PaaS, app-engine is our main service on GCP. After we created the project, we customized the domain name to the “energenius.me” by adding the record file in the DNS setting. The SSL certificate is managed by Google when we finish customizing the domain name. Lastly, we install the Google Cloud SDK to handle our project locally and deployment. After we initialize the configuration of the project, the only thing is to develop the front-end web page and deploy.

Motivation

The energy decision for each resident is critical to the environment, economics and even security for the whole society. Nowadays with relatively abundant energy resource, the public rarely realizes the impact of excessive use of specific energy might have on the future.

Our website aims to provide clean data to help each person to make a better decision on their energy consumptions. We will quantify the environmental impact of most new and traditional energies, and advise the public on using and saving energy for different purposes. With the educational mission, the website will provide insights into the development of future energy to inspire more civic engagement and achieve energy reform.

The future quality of life is dependent on today’s energy use. Improving public awareness of energy reform is essential for building a better future. We hope to increase people’s concepts of power by developing this web application to impact our world in a good way.

Restful API Description

Here is the link to our Postman:

<https://energenius.postman.co/collections/6823871-f861f647-7c80-4128-8258-faa3ed671086?workspace=713c3c38-4079-4833-8a1d-2dd4e35429d0>

Energy Category

The Energy Category model introduces the different types of energy that are heavily utilized or under development during human history, for example, electricity, nuclear fusion, etc. The energy forms are divided into two major categories: renewable or nonrenewable. For each type of energy, the analysis was performed on current major utilization mean and the consumption ranking compared to other energy types. Map or picture was used to display the geo-distribution of the energy within the US. Each energy is related to the country that has the largest production and the major usage of that type of energy.

The attributes of each energy are:

- Energy name
- Type (Renewable/ Non-renewable)
- Major Production/ Usage Methods
- Energy Consumption Ranking in the US
- Electricity Generation Ranking
- Top Energy Generation Country
- Description of Energy Utilization History

Production and Usage

The Production and Usage model introduces the general way of industrial energy production and social usage of different energy. Each method of production or usage is related to a type of energy and has a type attribute of either Production or Usage. Each activity has a certain value of carbon dioxide emission and a year of invention.

The attributes of each production and usage are:

- Production/ Usage Name
- Type (Production/ Usage)
- Related Energy
- CO2 Emission
- Year of Invention
- Usage Field Involved
- Description of the Energy Activity

Country

The Country model introduces the essential information about the energy of the most country in the world. Towards each country, the consumption and production of electricity were analyzed. The total electricity production and consumption for each country are listed. The issue of energy shortage of some countries is shown by the number of electricity outage days. The country is related to an individual energy type by its top producing energy type.

The attributes of each country are:

- Country Name
- Total Electricity Production Amount
- Total Electricity Consumption Amount
- Electricity Outage days per year
- Renewable Energy Development Ranking
- Region
- Population

Data Source

At the current stage, we mostly used the Wikipedia and google image API to get our source data. However, we project to implement more diverse data extraction in the future. Through our understanding of the energy models and research on available data sources, we identified the following API that we can harvest on:

- For energy consumption data, utilizing the data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, The World Bank website.
- From the National Renewable Energy Lab(NREL), we can obtain greenhouse gas emission data for different cities and countries.
- From OpenEI, we could harvest the general information and introduction regarding each energy type.

Here is the link of the example of the API and sample data we have used for the current website.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gwxoz9N8zbH_LdgsMPt7g1Dpue2qR1MXgvCGW26cb4/edit?usp=sharing

Tools

ReactJS

ReactJS is the frontend framework we utilized to build up the dynamic website. By using ReactJS, we were able to construct the website to increase the efficiency of building new pages and change the existing frames. We also utilized the ReactJS to extract the data from restful API directly on the frontend.

Material-UI

The Material User interface is an open source react library that contains useful components for our website. Combined with React-Bootstrap, we were able to stylize our website, add pagination, grid, and card features.

Google Platform App Engine

Google App Engine is the main service we used for the website's backend environment. The PaaS and app-engine provide the standard OS environment including many libraries. As long as we declared the library name, app.yaml, and package.json, it will fetch those libraries and packages for our front-end and back-end buildup.

Postman

Postman was used to displaying our API function and testing the API calls. We added the description regarding each API call through Postman.

React-Bootstrap

We use React-Bootstrap as the CSS framework for our React application. It's crucial for a responsive and mobile-first appearance while keeping the website light-weight.

Selenium

The main tool for GUI test, provide acceptance test on website features, use browser chrome driver.

Mocha

Provide unit test, help to test Javascript function in details.

Database Description

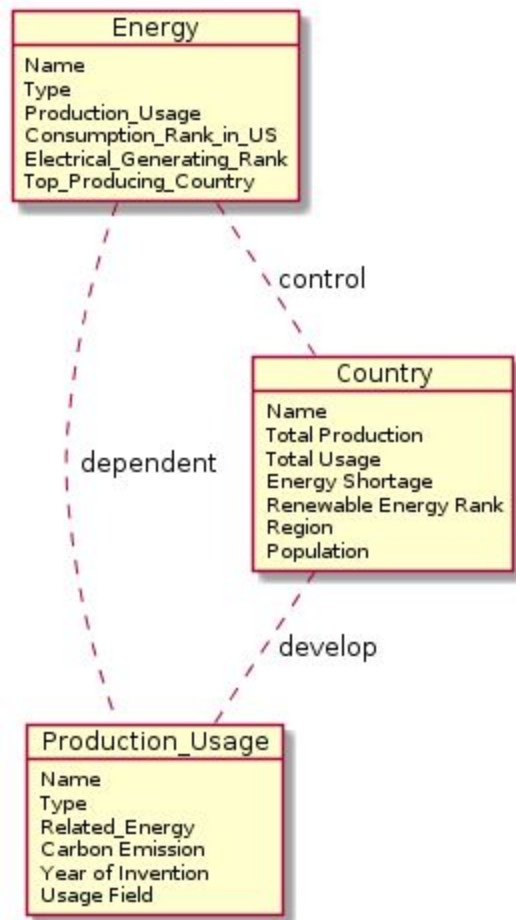


Figure1. The UML Diagram

We use the NDB (NoSQL database) stored in the Google Cloud Platform data store. To design the database structure, we first identified each attribute for three major models. Then we spent a lot of time to search for the target data and then finalized the attributes for each model. We also included the attribute to buildup the data relation between each model. For example, for each energy, we added the top producing country. Then we built up and tested the database framework using python and python unit test.

Pagination

We implement pagination with the ReactJs component `react-js-pagination`. Each Model page stores all information of instances in a list. Once the index of the pagination component changes, the `handlePageChange` function will take a slice of the list according to the index it changes to. One drop back of this solution is that it's not adaptive enough, which largely depends on our handling function. We will look for a neater solution for the next phase.

User Stories

To our Developer

Our group is the customer of the website: perfectfitfor.me. After careful reviewing of their purpose and social engagement factors, we created five user stories as follows:

1. The Job Model Description

In each job page, there is only a few information such as location, update time and job type. As a customer, I hope to see some more information to describe this job. Also, if you could make one more instance, the company will make more sense. So how many companies in this city. The transportation between companies or something like that.

2. Mobile Version has not been compatible yet

Images are presented in strange size. The menu and dropdown list on the mobile failed to load in the correct format. As a mobile user, I would like to have the mobile version of the website working so that I can access the data more flexible.

3. Ununified Block Sizes in About Page

The block such as "about our site," "about our data," and the toolbox block are in different sizes. The uniform block size on the same page will be visually pleasing to the users. As a user, I would like to see a simple and straightforward website so that I can obtain as much information from the page.

4. The transportation page formatting

The transportation page should have a better image format. As a customer, I want to make it in excellent order and organized so that I can proudly recommend this website to other groups.

5. Dropdown button leads to error

As a user, I would like to see more options on your home page. Maybe implement this dropdown feature to each of the three model buttons. And the dropdown could display some attributes?

6. Potential Multimedia Presentation

As a user, I would like more multimedia presentations on your website, so that I am more likely to be attracted by the city. For example, a short intro video about the city and famous tourists sites' photos will help a lot.

7. The description of City's Stats

As a user, I would like to know the description of how you determine the rate of City Stats so that I can have more insights about how to consider these statistics on my own. For example, explain what does 10% of Education and 82% of Housing mean for San Jose.

8. More Connectivity in A Page

As a user, I would like more connectivity within a webpage, so that I can browse the website more flexible. For example, in each city's page, you may add links to its transportation and job review.

9. A Description on Transportation Ratings

As a user, I would like to know how you rated the transportation quality between different cities so that I could feel more confident in relying on these statistics. A simple formula or reference may help users to understand.

10. More Content in the Job Model

As a job finder, I would like to see the business development trend in a city, so that I can determine if the city suit my career ambition in the long run. The opening jobs in a town may not help me to achieve that. A business development analysis, for example, the GDP percentage of tech companies in the city, will give readers more insight.

From our Customer

Our website received several suggestions from group 15. We have solved all the issues at this time. The suggested user stories and our comments are as follows:

1. Search button doesn't work yet

Developer Comment: We will implement the search function as soon as we are transparent with our data managing. We estimate the search will take about two days to be implemented.

Update:

Now we have migrated our website to ReactJs, the actual implementation will require additional work, and we will get it implemented in the next phase.

2. Some pages on mobile require side scrolling to view

For example, the residential page has a pie chart that can be more easily viewed if compressed to proper screen size.

Developer Comment: We will probably replace the static pie chart with a dynamic pie chart that will update according to the fetched data. We also haven't adjusted our website for the mobile browser; as our development progressing, the website will be more refined and compatible.

Update:

We use to React and Bootstrap to accomplish the Mobile Version adaptation.

3. Images in the Auto-scrolling needs improvement

Since the images in the home page are only for aesthetics, there is no particular need for a user to click through. Auto-scrolling the images would look nice. Also, the front page is too monotonous to attract visitors.

Developer Comment: I believe our website is using auto-scrolling. The issue is the auto-scrolling process is taking too long. We will decrement the time to auto-scroll the images in our front-end. We might add additional features on the auto-scrolling slides.

Update:

Once our backend database is up, we will import summary of each category on the front page. Also, the auto-scrolling feature might change totally, we will keep this issue in mind.

4. Tab name "Production and Usage" is switched in sublinks: "Usage and Production"

For example, <https://www.energenius.me/country/china.html>

The top bar says "Production and Usage", but the sidebar says "Usage and Production," though they are meant (I assume) to refer to the same category.

Developer Comment: The inconsistency in our category bar is annoying. We have already fixed the difference along with some typos and grammar issues. Thank you for the advice.

Update:

We have fixed this issue in our ReactJs framework.

5. Home button leads to a 404

Developer Comment: We have noticed this issue and have already fixed this bug from our backend side. Thank you for letting us know.

Update:

It now leads to the home page correctly.

6. Getting a 404 Not Found error when clicking on Energy Category

Developer Comment: We are fixing the backend database as well as the frontend javascript, it should be fixed by now.

7. Buttons on Navbar not working

Developer Comment: We were adapting to the ReactJs earlier. Because the routing to subpages under each model requires the support of Javascript, we had to temporarily disable it. It works now and we look for more update on the Navigation Bar in the future.

8. Little information about site provided on the Home page

Developer Comment: This issue will be our priority on the next phase, the frontend members are cooperating with the backend team for displaying instances. We will add additional features like interactive element to present an interesting summary of the website.

9. Learn more button results in 404 error

Developer Comment: We have fixed this issue. The API of Gitlab only return back the commit by page each time. We are still trying to fix this bug. Our commit and unit tests number is slightly off

10. Parts of the Instance Pages aren't implemented

Developer Comment: We are trying to use several API from different websites at the same time. Some instances pages implementation are still in progress. We also realize that both appearance and content are poorly designed and bored. These issues will be our main focus on the next phase.

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