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# **1. Introduction**

## **1.1 Rationale**

Smart AgCloud is an IOT-based smart agriculture infrastructure service management system as a service on a cloud. It supports large-scale IOT-based agriculture system infrastructure services for farmers allowing them to have more control over their farm with less human effort and more promising results by predicting the future through real time data from sensors deployed in the field. Each farmer could select install and deploy one or more IOT agriculture networks for their greenhouses or ranch fields. To achieve that, an infrastructure at a unit level is required. This infrastructure should collect, store and process information at the most fundamental level of operation. The IOT-based smart agriculture infrastructure management system encapsulates this logical premise and provides an autonomous agriculture system.

## **1.2 Objectives**

A smart agriculture uses different types of electronic data collection sensors to supply information which is used to manage each part of the ranch efficiently, cultivate different crops in a regulated environment and predict the future through the data from different sensors. The purpose .The goal here is to create a system that gets various readings from sensors installed on fields for research like humidity prediction, moisture control, soil nutrition calculation, and used for various commercial level applications. The major objectives can be listed as:

* Sensor installation, registration and tracking
* Data collection from sensors, nodes and data management
* Data analysis and report generation
* Protected data access to different uses

## **1.3 System Overview**

This project is designed to develop, implement, and validate an IOT-based cloud infrastructure system as a SaaS for Smart Streets in a smart city. Each smart street is a smart node equipped with a set of sensors. Each smart node is in turn connected to a cluster which will be used to control the connected smart nodes and support the communications with the back-end server to send the collected sensor data for all nodes. Each smart node has wireless communication capability which supports node-to-cluster communications.

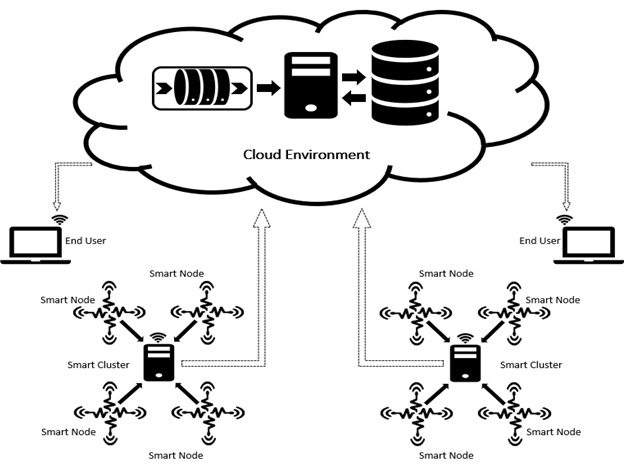


Figure : System Overview

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## **1.4 Product Scope and Actors**

The designed product would be able to implement a scalable distributed system which provides support to efficiently retrieve, maintain and update sensor data of the various (nodes) via a cluster node which is connected to a database server in a cloud-based simulation system.

The intended actors for the smart agriculture system are farmers since they are the primary owners of the field who cultivate different crops, IOT Supports because they check the sensor availability, and IOT Manager since he governs communication between several sensors, nodes and databases. The intended actors can be government agencies who would require information to enhance their countries income through detailed evaluation of the crop’s status. This system can also be provided as a service to commercial units such as pesticides agencies, local entrepreneurs and many more, who want a complete analysis of the area for better crop management. This system includes the following types of users:

* **Farmer** - Can access the system to check and configure their own IOT networks with smart nodes (with diverse sensors) online by accessing SmartAgCloud to check their IOT sensor status and statistic data – The persons who access the system to find out the status of smart nodes and sensors.
* **IOT Supports** – Can access the system to find out the status of smart nodes and sensors.
* **Infrastructure manager** – Can setup, configure, and manage smart nodes, cluster nodes, and sensors, as well as their connections.

## **1.5 Outcomes**

This system outcome generates profit not only farmers but also for the country as a whole. The system enables to reduce the human effort by representing the required data digitally from sensors. The output of this system provides farmers with the information of different aspects of the field like moisture, sunlight, soil nutrition level to have full control of their field so as to configure the requirements as per the type of the crop cultivated.

This system gives the flexibility to add more sensors or nodes if required. IOT Support has the responsibility of the sensor’s health. They can check the sensors availability through heart beats and take required actions immediately. The data flow is governed by Infrastructure manager. Hence the whole system is well developed with shared responsibilities. Irrespective of the experience of the farmer and human effort each one can grow the crops with little knowledge on farming.  The IoT generates massive amounts of data, and cloud computing provides a pathway for that data to travel to its destination. It eliminates the cost of maintenance for data bases, servers.

**2. System Requirement And Analysis**

**2.1 Proposed System Overview**

The proposed system is an IOT-based smart agriculture infrastructure service management system. It has been named **SmartAgCloud.** The system will be hosted as a service on a cloud-based architecture and will support large scale on-demand IOT-based services for farmers.

Three users are targeted for the application and all the 3 users will be able to perform different tasks based on their roles. Our application would need a setup on a ranch and the network will consist of smart nodes. Each smart node is installed and equipped with a set of agricultural sensors for moisture, humidity, temperature etc and will have wireless communication capability which supports node to cluster communications.

Each node individually should be capable of data collection and transfer. Depending on the type of user, different functions can be executed.

**2.2 System Functional Requirements and Analysis**

Continuous real time data monitoring is a very important requirement for this system. The basic purpose of this application is to make monitoring their fields easier and more efficient for the farmers by providing the convenience of an application and the statistics and status of the field and crops.

The greatest selling point of the application would be an easy to use Graphical User Interface with the assumption that the user has next to null knowledge about web-based applications.

Based on the user, the different functions are listed below:

2.2.1 Farmers

* **Sign up:** This feature will allow the farmers to register themselves in the capacity of farmers to use the application. It will be in the form of an application where the farmer will be prompted to enter their location and then will be guided to configure the sensors.
* **Login:** This is the login functionality for the farmers. In this way, the farmers won’t be restricted to just one device and will be able to access their account through any device and from anywhere.
* **List of sensors:** By clicking on this link, a farmer will be able to view the listing and type of sensors in his area(glasshouse/ranch). Clicking on the sensor will redirect the farmer to view the stats of that particular sensor.
* **Add sensor request:** If a farmer wants to add another sensor, he will need to make a request to the IOT support who would be responsible for the installation and configuration. Through this link, he will send a request to the IOT support group with the details of the kind of sensor he needs. Once approved and configured by the IOT support, the sensor would be visible to the farmer on his listings.
* **Remove sensor request:** If a farmer wants to remove a sensor, he will need to make a request to the IOT support who would be responsible for the uninstallation. Through this link, he will send a request to the IOT support group with the details of the sensor he needs to remove. Once approved and removed by the IOT support, the sensor would not be visible to the farmer on his listings.
* **View sensor stats:** This component will just be a page displaying the present stats of the sensors installed for a particular farmer. The stats would show the status of the sensor and the data collected through the sensor.
* **Map:** This is the most interesting feature provided to the farmers. On clicking the link for a map, the farmer would be redirected to their ranch map, showing the location of all the sensors in their ranch. Clicking on any of the sensors would lead the farmer to the page displaying the stats of that sensor.

2.2.2 IOT Support : An IOT support group will be responsible for receiving the requests from the farmer for adding or updating a sensor.

* **Sign up:** This is the registration option for an IOT support group member. Based on the clearance level (a code would be provided by the infrastructure manager), the member can register himself as an IOT support group member and will gain access rights for all the farmers listed under him.
* **Login:** After successful registration as an IOT support member, he can login into his account and view the list of farmers under him, requests for adding or removing sensors and viewing the status of the sensors.
* **List of farmers:** This link will display the list of farmers under the member of the IOT support group and the sensors used by the farmer.
* **Pending requests:** This section will show the IOT support member with all the requests for either adding or removing a sensor from a farmer’s list of sensors.
* **Add a sensor:** If there is a request from a farmer to add a sensor, the IOT support group will be responsible for installing and configuring the sensor. Since, this is just a simulation software for the IOT sensors, the configuration details would need to be fed manually but in case of a real time scenario, picking the sensor from a list of sensors would fill in the configuration details by reading the sensor. ***Configuration of a sensor is mostly the job of an infrastructure manager where in he can configure the sensor within a node using a floorplan.***
* **Delete Sensor:** Similarly, if an IOT support group member receives a request for removing a sensor from a farmer’s network, he can do so by simply selecting the sensor and clicking delete. The sensor and the sensor data would be removed from the farmer’s dashboard and account. Since this is a simulation software, the sensor would only be removed from the database. However, in real time situations, manual uninstallation will also be required.
* **View Sensor data:** After selecting the farmer, the IOT support group member will be able to view the stats and status of the sensors listed under the farmer. This would open up the same page as the one that opens when a farmer looks to monitor his sensor stats.
* **Node connectivity status:** This component is simply to show if all the nodes are connected and are in sync. Since this is a simulation software, real life data will have to be used to replace the hard-coded data used for the prototype.

2.2.3 Infrastructure Manager: The infrastructure manager is responsible for the setup, configuration and management of the smart nodes and the smart sensors.

* **List of users and roles:** This module will display the list of users registered with the app and their corresponding roles as a farmer or an IOT support member.
* **Manage Cluster Node:** As the IOT support group approves a sensor addition request or deletion request, the infrastructure manager gets a notification about it and he is responsible for attaching the IOT sensor to a node.
* **View Nodes:** This component will simply give an overview of the nodes and the sensors that belong to each node.

**2.3 Non Functional Requirements**

Non-functional requirements include features and criteria that define the operation of an application or a software instead of the functions. It covers the features describing the scalability, speed and maintainability of the application and helps in determining the appropriate infrastructure to be used and the quality that can be expected of the application. For the **SmartAgCloud,** the non-functional requirements are stated.

2.3.1 Software Quality User Interface

The quality of the software will be decided by the ease of use for the user. Since the target group of customers is mostly farmers, it is important to ensure that the user interface is structured and designed in such a way that it becomes easier for the farmers to navigate through the application and perform the required tasks.

2.3.2 Scalability

The application needs to be highly scalable. It is important for the application to handle multiple user requests and maintain a safe point for data collection. Therefore, to ensure this, we will be distributing the server using load balancers and host the application on AWS thereby implementing the concept of Infrastructure as a Service.

2.3.3 Performance

One of the major concerns with a distributed system architecture is the performance so that heavy load of requests on the servers do not slow it down. This application is a monitoring application therefore, it has to be up and running at all times. Performance will be greatly impacted by the use of concepts like redis and express.

2.3.4 Availability

As an application to help the famers with their everyday chores, it is important that the application is highly available and accessible to the farmers for their use. They must be aware of the existence of this application and the sources from which it can be accessed. One of the major setbacks with the application would be a lack of availability of internet connection and therefore, it becomes important to ensure that no loss in data takes place and the dependency on internet is significantly less. Hence, we focus on building this application with a mesh node architecture.

2.3.5 Security

Since there is data involved with the application, security of the data also becomes an important factor for consideration. Actor accounts would be password protected and any password that is stored in the database would be parsed through hashing algorithms.

2.3.6 Maintainability

The major areas of concern for maintainability include physical maintenance of the sensors as the sensors would be exposed to the environment and have more likelihood of getting corroded or damaged. Apart from the that, in terms of software, always upgrading the quality of sensors and the features in the application would also play an important role.