

MVP Specification: Scope 3 Emissions Estimation Platform Overview: This document provides a detailed technical specification for building a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) that extracts data from supplier invoices and estimates Scope 3 emissions using simple emission factors. The goal is to enable automated ingestion, parsing, categorization, emissions calculation, and visualization.

Pipeline Components:

1. File Upload & OCR - Input: PDF or image invoices. - Use Tesseract or EasyOCR. - Output: Raw text string extracted from invoice.
2. Rule-Based Parsing - Extract supplier name, item description, quantity (kg or tons), amount (USD), transport mode, and distance if present. - Use regex patterns and string matching.
3. Categorization Module - Map item descriptions to categories (steel, transport, packaging, other). - Use simple keyword-based mapping.
4. Emission Factor Table (Hardcoded) Example emission factors:
steel_per_kg = 2.0 kg CO2e/kg - packaging_per_kg = 1.5 kg CO2e/kg - transport_per_tkm = 0.06 kg CO2e/ton-km - other_per_usd = 0.4 kg CO2e/USD
5. Emissions Calculation Logic Use formula based on available fields:
- Steel: $qty_kg \times steel_per_kg$
- Packaging: $qty_kg \times packaging_per_kg$
- Transport: $(tons \times km) \times transport_per_tkm$
- Fallback: $amount_usd \times other_per_usd$
6. Aggregation - Total emissions per invoice.
- Aggregate emissions by supplier.
- Aggregate emissions by category.
- Compute supplier carbon intensity score (normalized 0–100).
7. Dashboard / UI Requirements - Upload input box.
- Display total emissions (kg CO2e).
- Bar chart: emissions by supplier.
- Bar chart or pie chart: emissions by category.
- Table with supplier, emissions, score, comments.
- Auto-generated recommendation: identify worst supplier and output a hint.
8. File/Folder Structure (Suggested)
src/
ocr.py
parser.py
categorize.py
factors.py
emissions.py
aggregate.py
app.py
(Streamlit or Flask)
data/
sample_invoices/
emission_factors.json
output/
parsed_data.json
9. Example Output JSON [{
"supplier": "SteelCo", "description": "Hot rolled steel", "qty_kg": 5000, "amount_usd": 10000, "category": "steel", "emissions_kg": 10000 }, { "supplier": "ShipFast", "description": "Road freight", "weight_tons": 20, "distance_km": 1000, "category": "transport", "emissions_kg": 1200 }]
10. Recommendation Logic
Worst supplier = max emissions. Output message: "Focus decarbonization efforts on to reduce Scope 3 emissions."

This document is ready to be fed into Claude Code or any code generator to scaffold the entire MVP.