1. System Idea

We need a system that can take **SDS PDFs**, extract metadata, manage different versions, and make searching super fast and easy.

Goals:

- Fast uploads
- Quick search
- Version management without headaches
- Multi-tenant + role-based access

2. Components & How It Works

a. Upload API

- Upload PDFs up to 25MB
- Two ways:
 - o Presigned URL → client uploads directly to storage
 - Direct POST → API receives file and stores it
- AuthN: OIDC
- AuthZ: RBAC + tenant scope
- Validates (tenantId, supplier, SKU, docType, version)

b. Object Storage

- Stores raw PDFs
- Versioned by (tenantId, supplier, SKU, docType, version)
- Keeps last N versions, archives older ones

c. Event-Driven Pipeline

- Queue: triggered on upload
- Extractor: runs OCR/ML, generates metadata JSON
- Metadata DB: stores structured metadata
- Indexer: pushes data to search engine (Elastic/OpenSearch) for fast search

d. Search API

- Search by SKU, supplier, date ranges
- Supports latest-version only queries
- Reads from index for faster results

e. Observability

- Centralized logs and traces
- Dashboards for upload speed
- Alerts for failures

3. Trade-Offs

Requirement Our Choice Trade-Off

Fast search Elastic/OpenSearch Extra storage & indexing cost

High availability Queue + multiple extractors Slightly slower ingestion

Multi-tenant Tenant-aware metadata More complex access control

Retention Archive old versions Extra storage for backups

4. SLAs & Performance

• Upload: 95% ≤ 5s (excluding OCR)

• Search: 95% ≤ 200ms

• Search API availability ≥ 99.9%

• Extractors & indexers can scale horizontally

5. Security

- OIDC authN for all APIs
- RBAC + tenant-level authZ
- Secrets management for storage & ML API keys
- PII: redact sensitive fields if needed

6. Cost & Operability

- Cloud-managed object storage → low ops overhead
- Elastic/OpenSearch → scale nodes based on load
- Monitoring: dashboards + alerts
- On-call rotation for ingestion/indexer issues

7. Sequence Diagram

Sequence Diagram:

Client ->> API: Upload PDF

API ->> Storage: Save PDF

API ->> Queue: Trigger processing

Queue ->> Worker: Process file

Worker ->> DB: Save metadata

Worker ->> SearchEngine: Index metadata

Client ->> API: Search

API ->> SearchEngine: Query

SearchEngine -->> API: Return results

API -->> Client: Show results