1. For the text below, summarise the problem and suggest a software system architecture solution. The main stakeholders in this case are: - Software system architects Problem, context, and related work Throughout the last couple of years, the research in the field of artificial intelligence (AI) evolved rapidly. That happens thanks to machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL), which are sub-categories of AI, and concrete applications of AI. In ML, the target is, instead of programming with if-conditions, loops, and instructions as it is done in traditional programming approaches, to let the system learn how to behave. For this purpose, a tremendous amount of data is necessary for training similar to how we, as humans, are learning. Before a newborn is able to recognize a car and distinguish all different kinds of brands and forms, it needs to see hundreds of vehicles repetitively, getting explained by its parents that this is a car. That is why engineers try to apply the way the human brain is working to the software. This approach is referred to as deep learning, where the main idea is to create neural networks with the target to identify specific criteria of a given input in order to recognize it accordingly. The considerable benefit of this approach is its flexibility. Let us consider an example of distinguishing cars according to their brand. The creation of a system with a traditional software engineering approach that is able to identify different brands with its various models, shapes, and colors in any weather and lighting condition is almost impossible. But with AI, this is a solvable task. By feeding the neural network with immense data of all kinds of vehicles in any situation, it is possible to create a system that able to recognize these. Hence, tasks that could not be solved in the past might be solvable with the help of AI. And this is applicable for every primary industry – the consumer market, healthcare, automotive, transportation, retail, logistics, education, agriculture, and more. Some companies are already applying AI to their products and business philosophy to create added values that are enabling them to come up with new business models and new customer target groups. Although there is a significant level of mistrust in AI, particularly from the perspective of losing jobs, existing experiences prove the development of technology does not necessarily lead to higher unemployment. “The countries with the highest robot density – which is Germany, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore - all of them have more than 300 robots per 10,000 workers and have among the lowest unemployment rates. So what we need to learn is, technology and humans combined in the right way will drive prosperity and growth, will drive employment, will drive affordability of products, and will drive demand. And that means, altogether, that if we embrace technology in a responsible way, we can really get there.” - Ulrich Spiesshofer, President, and CEO, ABB Ltd. Nowadays, the majority of companies still do not use AI for their products and services. Although these companies consider AI and are excited about its possibilities (both realistic and unrealistic), they are still failing to adopt AI because of a lack of understanding about the technology itself or due to missing experience with its implementation. Furthermore, the existing architecting approaches so far have ignored or not appropriately dealt with the important question of the adequacy of AI for the existing software systems and for those systems that are to be developed. The entry point of any technology for companies is a system architecture of their software systems. The purpose of the thesis is to compensate for the shortcomings of the state of the art. We aim to address companies and decision-makers with less experience in the field of AI and present an approach that supports them, on an architectural level, in designing an AI powered system while taking the most relevant AI-specific properties under consideration. AI is a disrupting technology with the potential to solve problems that traditional software engineering cannot manage. It is not anymore a simple framework or a plugin. It requires a complete reorganization of the system and introduces too many changes (development, process, system, and software and hardware components). Therefore, it cannot only be adopted by development teams. Still, its effects (benefits and drawbacks, perspectives, and shortcomings) must be discussed on a higher level – hence system and software architecture. Actual integration and deployment of AI for small- and medium-sized

embedded systems companies is still a widely unestablished process. The main reasons for this are: 1. The lack of the understanding of the AI technology itself, which leads to the lack of understanding about 2. potential application areas, and 3. the uncertainty if a migration towards an AI-based solution will be of benefit. The main problem in applying AI in the industry is a lack of a systematic approach for mapping the concerns of stakeholders to potential AI-enabled solutions, which, from the architectural point of view, also discusses consequences in terms of benefits and drawbacks. The domain of AI is very complex and exists in several variations and implementations. It addresses various vertical markets such as medical, consumer, automotive, and the industrial market. Also, its realization can be cloud, fog, or edge-based. Because of the lag of experience of industrial companies that mainly develop embedded hard- and software and due to my personal, professional background, the scope of the thesis will mainly cover AI on the edge and its hardware/software architecture. The problem for companies that are mainly operating in the industrial and embedded domain is a missing basis for decision-making when it comes to the implementation of an AI-approach to their products. For them, the question "Is AI suitable for the existing or new system?" is just barely, if not impossible, to answer confidently. That is where the thesis will provide its contribution. The objective is to support the decision-making process for embedded system companies when adopting AI. This challenge includes getting a profound impression and an increased awareness about technical and business-relevant aspects that need to be under consideration during an AI-implementation. Therefore, engineering techniques are required to get an understanding of the possible impact of implementing AI. Although the SWOT analysis seems to be one of the most common and widely used methods for strategic planning, it has its disadvantages when it comes to addressing particular domain related questions. Its advantage leys in its flexible applicability in different domains and its straightforward usability. But in our case, where we want to evaluate a specific technology, it does not provide any kind of support structure that allows us to incorporate an extension to overcome domain-specific deficiencies. This disadvantage is reflected in the fact that SWOT only describes a vague process of procuring information that is, most of the time, based on subjective impressions (Ashish B. Sasankar and Dr Vinay Chavan. Swot analysis of software development process models.) (Hanieh Kashfi. Adopting cloud computing for enterprise architecture: Swot analysis. International Journal of Advanced Research in Computer Science and Electronics Engineering (IJARCSEE), 6(5), 2017.) In contrast, the Solution Adequacy Check is a research area that can be applied to many different use cases. Fraunhofer RATE, and especially the adequacy check, already provides a solid base when it comes to architecture evaluation. It describes a detailed process of how to acquire data necessary to get a rating for the underlying architecture and thereby enhance the awareness of possible pros, cons, and shortcomings of the architecture. The downside here is that it is not designed for specific domains and technologies that require a more detailed or domain related check as the implantation of AI would do. Therefore it is the aim of the thesis to enhance the adequacy check in such a way that it addresses AI-domain-related circumstances, and that allows evaluating AI-based architectures. Requirements for the solution Requirement Artifacts • A01: Support Decision Makers who want to adopt AI • A02: Getting an overview of the state of the art ML implementation in edge computing • A03: Identify AI-specific architectural properties • A04: Identify engineering techniques to evaluate the existing system concerning the applicability of AI • A05: Provide a design decision process based on adequacy check or SWOT analysis that maps requirements to potential solutions • A06: Enable a discussion about benefits, constraints, and risks of adopting AI towards technical and business-relevant concerns Requirements • R01: Support companies with existing traditional embedded systems to evaluate the adoption of AI into their current portfolio • R02: Getting an overview of the state of the art ML implementation in edge computing • R03: Identify AI-specific architectural properties that influence business, system, and hardware architectures. •

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Problem: Many companies are failing to adopt AI due to a lack of understanding about the technology and its implementation. The existing architecting approaches have ignored the important question of the adequacy of AI for existing and new software systems.

Solution: A software system architecture solution that supports decision-makers in designing AI-powered systems while considering relevant AI-specific properties. The objective is to enhance the adequacy check to address AI-domain-related circumstances and evaluate AI-based architectures. The solution should enable a discussion about the benefits, constraints, and risks of adopting AI towards technical and business-relevant concerns.

Requirements:

- Support companies with existing traditional embedded systems to evaluate the adoption of AI into their current portfolio
- Get an overview of the state of the art ML implementation in edge computing
- Identify AI-specific architectural properties that influence business, system, and hardware architectures
- Identify engineering techniques to evaluate the existing system concerning the applicability of AI
- Provide a design decision process based on the Solution Adequacy Check or SWOT analysis that maps requirements to potential solutions
- Enable a discussion (analysis and evaluation) about technical and business relevant concerns, such as added-values, benefits, constraints, and risks of adopting AI.

2. Suggest architecture of a conceptual solution for this problem. We need a C4 system context diagram (https://c4model.com/#SystemContextDiagram). Please use text (arrows, dots, different shapes, and different colours) to visualise the solution. Consider the following: - Identify relevant external systems (if any) and add them to the diagram. - Identify relevant external stakeholders (if any) and add them to the diagram. - Identify high level abstract data types transferred between components and stakeholders. - Summarise data types transmitted between components. Add this information to the connections and interfaces between components.

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The system context diagram for the proposed solution would include the following:

1. External Systems:
- Traditional embedded software systems (existing systems)
- Artificial intelligence (AI) frameworks and tools
- Edge computing devices
2. External Stakeholders:
- Decision-makers in embedded systems companies

- End-users of the products that will be AI-powered
- Third-party AI service providers

3. High-level Abstract Data Types:

- Training data sets
- Trained AI models
- Hardware specifications (for edge computing devices)
- System and software architecture design documents
- Decision-making criteria and parameters
- Risk assessment reports

4. Summarized Data Types Transmitted:

- Training data sets are inputted into the AI framework for training of the AI models
- Trained AI models are outputted from the AI framework and transferred to the edge computing devices for deployment
- Hardware specifications are used as inputs to design the architecture of the system
- System and software architecture design documents are outputted and reviewed by decision-makers to evaluate the adequacy of the proposed AI-based solution
- Decision-making criteria and parameters are inputted by decision-makers to determine the suitability of AI adoption
- Risk assessment reports are outputted and reviewed to identify and mitigate potential risks associated with the adoption of AI in the existing embedded systems.

Overall, the proposed solution involves the integration of AI frameworks and tools into the existing traditional embedded software systems through the deployment of trained AI models on edge computing devices. The architecture design process considers AI-specific properties and involves a decision-making process based on the adequacy check or SWOT analysis to map requirements to potential solutions while enabling a discussion about the benefits, constraints, and risks of adopting AI towards technical and business-relevant concerns.

3. Suggest architectural components that we need to solve this problem. We need a C4 container solution diagram (https://c4model.com/#ContainerDiagram). Please use text (arrows, dots, different shapes, and different colours) to visualise the solution. Consider the following: - Define how the main stakeholder will use the solution. Add it to the diagram.. - Which quality properties are important? Suggest adequate architectural solutions to address them (architectural style, design patterns, design tactics, components and their relationships). Structure the components according to it. - Define data types transferred between components. - Summarise data types transmitted between components. Add this information to the connections and interfaces between components. - Define interfaces between components. Add information about required and provided interfaces to the components, along with the data types. - Document which anti-patterns we need to avoid when implementing this solution.

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1. Main Stakeholder Use: The main stakeholder, decision-makers in embedded systems companies, will use the solution to evaluate the adoption of AI into their current portfolio. They will input the hardware specifications and system architecture design documents into the system, which will generate an evaluation report based on the proposed AI-based solution. The report will highlight the benefits, constraints, and risks

of adopting AI towards technical and business-relevant concerns, enabling the stakeholders to make informed decisions.

2. Important Quality Properties and Adequate Architectural Solutions: a. Maintainability: Adopting a modular architecture with loosely coupled components, allowing for easy replacement and upgrade of components. Utilize design patterns such as Dependency Injection and Inversion of Control to reduce coupling between components. b. Scalability: Utilize a microservices architecture, which allows for easy scalability and addition of new services. Use containerization with Docker to enable horizontal scaling of services. c. Availability: Use a distributed architecture with load balancing and redundancy to ensure high availability of the system. Implement a disaster recovery plan to mitigate the impact of system failures. d. Security: Implement security measures such as data encryption, access control, and secure communication protocols. Utilize a security-first design approach to ensure security is considered throughout the development lifecycle.
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5. Interfaces between Components: a. User Interface Component: Provides a user interface for decision-makers to input hardware specifications and system architecture design documents and view the evaluation report. b. Evaluation Engine Component: Evaluates the proposed AI-based solution based on the inputted data and generates an evaluation report highlighting the benefits, constraints, and risks of adopting AI towards technical and business-relevant concerns. c. Data Management Component: Stores and manages the inputted data, including hardware specifications and system architecture design documents. d. Reporting Component: Generates and delivers the evaluation report to decision-makers. e. Security Component: Implements security measures such as data encryption, access control, and secure communication protocols.
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5. Please suggest a toolchain to implement the solution. Consider which tools we can reuse. For the components we need to develop, please suggest a programming language. Please use text (arrows and dots) to visualise the solution. Define data types transferred between components. Summarise data types transmitted between components. Add this information to the connections and interfaces between components.

To implement the proposed solution, we can use a variety of tools and technologies. We can reuse some of the tools and components from existing software systems, such as data storage and management tools, while other components will need to be developed from scratch.

1. Toolchain: a. User Interface: ReactJS, HTML/CSS b. Backend: NodeJS, ExpressJS c. Database: MongoDB, Redis d. Machine Learning Framework: TensorFlow, PyTorch e. Containerization: Docker f. Load Balancer: NGINX g. Deployment: Kubernetes h. Security: OpenSSL, JWT
2. Programming Languages: a. User Interface: JavaScript b. Backend: JavaScript c. Machine Learning Framework: Python
3. Data Types Transferred:

- Hardware specifications: JSON format
- System and software architecture design documents: XML or JSON format
- Decision-making criteria and parameters: JSON format
- Risk assessment reports: JSON format

4. Summarized Data Types Transmitted:

- Hardware specifications in JSON format are transferred from the User Interface component to the Data Management component.
- System and software architecture design documents in XML or JSON format are transferred from the User Interface component to the Evaluation Engine component.
- Decision-making criteria and parameters in JSON format are transferred from the User Interface component to the Reporting component.
- Risk assessment reports in JSON format are transferred from the Evaluation Engine component to the Reporting component.

5. Interfaces between Components: a. User Interface Component: Communicates with the Backend component through REST API calls. Transfers hardware specifications and system and software architecture design documents to the Evaluation Engine component and decision-making criteria and parameters to the Reporting component. b. Backend Component: Handles REST API calls from the User Interface component and communicates with the Data Management component and Evaluation Engine component

to retrieve data and generate an evaluation report. c. Data Management Component: Stores and manages inputted hardware specifications and system and software architecture design documents in the MongoDB database. d. Evaluation Engine Component: Evaluates the proposed AI-based solution based on the inputted data and generates an evaluation report. Communicates with the Backend component to retrieve inputted data. e. Reporting Component: Generates and delivers the evaluation report to the User Interface component. Communicates with the Backend component to retrieve inputted data.

In summary, the proposed solution requires a toolchain consisting of ReactJS, NodeJS, MongoDB, Redis, TensorFlow/PyTorch, Docker, NGINX, Kubernetes, OpenSSL, and JWT. The programming languages used are JavaScript and Python. The data types transferred are hardware specifications, system and software architecture design documents, decision-making criteria and parameters, and risk assessment reports, all in JSON or XML format. The interfaces between components are REST API calls between the User Interface, Backend, Evaluation Engine, and Reporting components, with data transferred between the components based on their respective roles.