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Overview

TradeWatch is a comprehensive Global Trade Intelligence Platform that provides real-time monitoring, AI-powered analytics, and predictive insights for maritime trade operations.

System Architecture

Frontend Layer (React/JavaScript)

- React Dashboard: Main application interface with real-time data visualization
- Global Map Component: Interactive Leaflet.js map showing vessels, ports, disruptions
- Vessel Tracking: Dedicated page for monitoring 5000+ maritime vessels
- Disruption Timeline: Real-time display of maritime incidents and forecasts
- AI Projections Widget: Machine learning predictions and analytics
- Mobile Responsive Design: Optimized for all device types

API Gateway (FastAPI/Python)

- FastAPI Server: High-performance API server on port 8001
- CORS Middleware: Cross-origin resource sharing for web clients
- Rate Limiting: API throttling and abuse prevention
- Data Validation: Input sanitization and error handling
- Real-time Endpoints: Live data streaming capabilities

Data Processing Layer

Real-time Data Fetcher

- RSS Feed Parser: Processes maritime news from 15+ sources
- Maritime API Aggregator: Integrates official trade and weather APIs
- AIS Integration Service: Vessel positioning and tracking data
- Quality Filtering: Confidence scoring and data validation

Coordinate Validation System

- Land Detection Engine: Prevents vessel positioning over landmasses
- Maritime Route Engine: Realistic shipping lane positioning
- Geospatial Validation: Coordinate accuracy verification

AI Prediction Service

- TensorFlow Models: Machine learning for trade predictions
- Historical Data Analyzer: Trend analysis and pattern recognition
- Risk Assessment: Automated threat and impact evaluation

Database Layer (PostgreSQL)

- Vessel Data Table: 5000+ vessel records with real-time positions
- Disruption Events Table: 122+ maritime incidents and forecasts
- Tariff Policies Table: 500+ international trade policies
- Port Information Table: 200+ major global ports
- AI Training Data Table: Historical data for model training

External Data Sources

Maritime Information

- RSS Feeds: gCaptain, Splash247, FreightWaves, Seatrade Maritime
- Official APIs: IMO, port authorities, shipping companies
- Weather Services: NOAA, Weather Channel marine forecasts

Trade Intelligence

- Government APIs: WTO, USTR, EU Commission trade data
- Economic Indicators: Baltic Dry Index, trade statistics
- News Services: BBC World, Reuters international coverage

AI/ML Pipeline

- 1. Data Ingestion: Automated collection from multiple sources
- 2. Feature Engineering: Data transformation and preparation
- 3. Model Training: TensorFlow-based prediction models
- 4. **Prediction Generation**: Real-time forecasting and analytics
- 5. Confidence Scoring: Reliability assessment for predictions
- 6. Risk Assessment: Automated threat level evaluation

Key Features

Real-time Data Processing

- 122+ Live Disruptions: Maritime incidents from authoritative sources
- 5000+ Vessel Tracking: Real-time AIS data integration

- 500+ Trade Policies: Current tariff and regulation monitoring
- 200+ Port Status: Global port operations and congestion data

AI-Powered Analytics

- Predictive Models: Vessel delay and route disruption forecasting
- Impact Analysis: Economic and operational effect assessment
- Pattern Recognition: Historical trend analysis and anomaly detection
- Risk Scoring: Automated threat level evaluation

Professional UI/UX

- Enterprise Design: SAP-style professional interface
- Interactive Maps: Leaflet.js with custom maritime overlays
- Data Tables: Sortable, filterable enterprise data grids
- Mobile Optimization: Responsive design for all devices

Technical Specifications

Performance Metrics

- API Response Time: <200ms average
- Database Queries: Optimized with indexing and caching
- Real-time Updates: 30-second refresh intervals
- System Uptime: 98.9% reliability target

Data Quality Standards

- Coordinate Accuracy: Validated ocean-only vessel positioning
- Source Verification: Multiple authoritative data sources
- Duplicate Prevention: Advanced deduplication algorithms
- Confidence Scoring: 80%+ minimum for AI predictions

Security & Compliance

- CORS Protection: Secure cross-origin requests
- Input Validation: Sanitized data processing
- Rate Limiting: API abuse prevention
- Error Handling: Graceful failure management

Deployment Architecture

Development Environment

- Frontend: React with Vite development server
- Backend: FastAPI with Uvicorn ASGI server
- Database: PostgreSQL with real-time connections
- AI Processing: TensorFlow with GPU acceleration support

Production Considerations

- Load Balancing: Multiple API server instances
- Database Scaling: Read replicas and connection pooling
- CDN Integration: Static asset optimization
- Monitoring: Real-time health checks and alerting

Data Flow

- 1. External Sources \rightarrow RSS feeds, APIs, weather services
- 2. **Data Processing** \rightarrow Parsing, validation, coordinate verification
- 3. Database Storage \rightarrow PostgreSQL with structured schemas
- 4. AI Analysis \rightarrow Pattern recognition and prediction generation
- 5. **API Serving** \rightarrow Real-time data delivery to frontend
- 6. User Interface \rightarrow Interactive visualization and analytics

Future Enhancements

Planned Features

- Satellite Integration: Real-time port imagery via satellite feeds
- Blockchain Integration: Supply chain transparency and verification
- Advanced AI Models: Deep learning for complex trade predictions
- Mobile Application: Native iOS/Android applications
- Enterprise SSO: Corporate authentication integration

Scalability Roadmap

- Microservices: Service decomposition for better scaling
- Container Orchestration: Kubernetes deployment
- Message Queues: Asynchronous data processing
- Multi-region: Global deployment for reduced latency

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