

# Specification

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## 1 Introduction

The traditional power grid is changing more and more over time. Due to increasing sensitization for the use of renewable and reliable sources of energy instead of nuclear power sources, there is an increasing accommodation of renewable energy. To fulfill our daily energy need only with such energy sources is quite difficult and needs a lot of planning and simulation. In this work we build a smart energy system to simulate a smart grid.

A smart grid is an energy efficient system with information and communication technology, automation and awareness of energy consumption. There are many different actors and technologies which are connected to each other and interoperate to optimize the grid.

A smart energy system creates the bridge between a power grid and a resilient and reliable smart grid. Users can simulate reliable energy sources, as well as different kinds of energy consumers, e.g. homes or offices. Simulation of distributed energy sources and automation of processes build an energy management system. Through this microgrids we can possibly rely completely on renewable energy sources in the future. This can be checked with our smart energy system.

The report is structured as follows. In section 2 we present our system design. First, we give some basic foundations which are relevant for our smart energy system, such as the difference between  $kWh$  and  $kW$ . Afterwards we present our functional requirements for the smart energy systems as user stories. From these functional requirements we created our architecture which will be described in this section as well.

## 2 System Design

### 2.1 Difference between $kW$ and $kWh$

$W$  is a measuring scale for energy applied per timeinstance. There are different possibilities to describe  $W$  in common terms. A pretty graphic one is the movement of mass.  $1W$  equals  $1kg$  of mass moved by 1 meter in one second:  $1\frac{kg*m^2}{s^3}$ . Or in electrical terms:  $1W$  equals 1 Ampere of electrical power with a voltage of 1 Volt. Both of those formulas are equal to a much simpler Term for Watt:  $1W = 1J/s$ . In simple terms, 1 Watt is the same as one Joule of energy applied

over 1 second. For completeness,  $1kW = 1000W$ .

Wh are the common term for measuring energyconsumption/-production.  $1Wh$  is  $1W$  applied continuously over 1 hour.  $1Wh = 1W * 1h = 1J/s * 3600s = 3600J$ . For a scientific context the  $Wh$  therefore is simply not used, instead the common SI standard  $J$  is used.

In comparison,  $Wh$  is the total amount of energy used.  $W$  is how much energy is used in a specified timeslot (mostly 1 second).

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## 2.2 Difference between consumption and demand

Electricity consumption and electricity demand are two different properties and measured with different measurement units. The following section contains a description of both and an example at the end.

### 2.2.1 Demand

The demand is the rate of consumption of electricity or mathematical speaking the demand is the derivation of the consumption [1]. Most of the time the demand is measured in Watt. If you turn on a 100W light bulb, it will demand 100W while it is turned on. At the same time the grid must provide electricity at a rate of 100W. In most cases it is possible to calculate the demand with the following formula [2].

$$Demand = Voltage * Current$$

Some customers also have to pay for the demand or peak demand they have because if you have a higher (peak) demand the grid has to support this [1,3].

### 2.2.2 Consumption

It is easier to understand electricity consumption because we are more used to this concept [1]. Many people deal with electricity consumption while paying their electricity bill because most German electricity meter measure only the consumption. The consumption is the amount of

electricity used per time unit [1,3]. Most of the time the consumption is measured in kilowatt per hour. The formula to calculate the consumption is the following [1].

$$\text{Consumption} = \text{Demand} * \text{Time}$$

For example, 5 W LED bulbs turned on for 1h have the consumption of 5 Wh.

### 2.2.3 Difference

The demand is the rate of which we use energy and the consumption is the total energy used for a given time frame [1]. If someone turns on 1 heating unit with a demand of 1kW for 2 hours than the demand during this hours is 1kW, but the consumption is 2kWh. The consumption is the same if two heating units are used for half an hour, but the demand is doubled (2kW). To put it in simple terms the demand is comparable with the speed of a car and the consumption is the distance you drive. The faster you drive the more distance is accumulated over time.

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## 2.3 Userstories

1. As a user, I need to create a wind turbine in the simulation so that I can calculate the potential energy output.
2. As a user, I need to create a photovoltaic panel in the simulation so that I can calculate the potential energy output.
3. As a user, I need to create a battery in the simulation so that I can **visualize** the impact of the energy storage on the grid.
4. As a user, I need to create a home on the demand side in the simulation so that I can calculate the energy demand of the home.
5. As a user, I need to create a commercial building on the demand side in the simulation so that I can calculate the energy demand of the commercial building.
6. As a user, I need to get continuously calculate dynamic prices per kWh from the simulation so that I can determine if I want to sell my produced energy or store it for later use or selling.
7. As a user, I need to use wetter data in the simulation so that the simulation gets more precise.
8. As a user, I need to be able to use already saved wetter data in the simulation so that the dependency on the availability of the wetter service is reduced.

9. As a user, I need to use the simulation to generate a forecast for energy generation and demand so that I can make informed decisions.
10. As a user, I want to add customizable supplier modules to the simulation so that ...
11. As a user, I want to add customizable consumer modules to the simulation so that ...
12. As a user, I need to run the simulation in an island mode which does not contain a connection to the main power grid so that I'm independent of the main power grid and its failures.
13. As a user, I need to get a visual notification if the supply is smaller than the demand so that I know that I have to add more energy supplier.
14. As a user, I need that the battery is used if the supply is smaller than the demand and it has enough charge so that ...
15. As a user, I need that the battery is recharged if the demand is greater than the supply so that ...
16. As a user, I need that the battery is recharged if the demand is greater than the supply so that ...
17. As a user, I need that the main power is used to manage peak demands if the microgrid has a connection to the main power so that ...
18. As a user, I need that the demand side simulation features standard loads like lighting so that...
19. As a user, I need that the demand side consumers feature different load scenarios like home users and commercial users (constant load, occasionally peak loads) so that ...
20. As a user, I need to use the system with my webbrowser so that I can use different platforms to view it.
21. As a user, I need to visualize different metrics so that ...
22. As a user, I need to view the current electric demand of the grid so that...
23. As a user, I need to view the electric consumption of the grid so that...
24. As a user, I want to adjust the demand by postponing the use of devices during peak hours so that...
25. As a user, I need that the simulation adapts the demand based the price per kWh so that...

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## **2.4 Architecture**

System architecture Diagram

### **A5**

add weather component

### **A6**

reliable and responsive system

### **A7**

three-tier system architecture