

# Software Engineering Assignment 2

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Theme : Evolution of digitalisation in the energy sector:

The energy sector is now in a profound transition towards a very important energy transformation, and digitalisation is one of the key facilitators to ensure that it is fulfilled. In the recent past, companies started by switching the use of analogue meters to digital meters, smart meters etc., in order to improve energy efficiency.

Digitalisation acts as a lever in the sector to combat climate change and optimise power generation processes to reduce emissions and meet the objective of decarbonisation of the energy model.

Main problems of the renewable energy sector : Impediments faced by companies in the sector are:

- Geographically dispersed energy data ,
- Lack of integrated platform ,
- Inability to track assets,
- Lack of clear and traceable objectives

Benefits of digital transformation in the renewable energy sector:

Digitalisation, if carried out guided by an integrated operations platform, facilitates the integration of renewable energies, energy policies and transparency in the management of these. In addition, it allows to have the user much more connected, offering the following benefits:

- Digitalisation tools and platforms help build renewable energy plants with automated processes, for informed decision making. In addition, the interconnections they propose are the basis for a more decentralised generation, thus avoiding isolated 'energy islands'.
- These platforms reduce downtime by offering alerts based on predictive maintenance, anticipating asset maintenance. The modernisation of production plants is necessary to make them more competitive and efficient.
- They allow a more accurate forecast of the weather and market conditions, which helps to maximise renewable production, by offering a deep analysis of all information received in real time, to be able to make decisions and offer stability in demand.
- The use of artificial intelligence and machine learning to optimise the engineering and construction of new renewable sources and plants reduces time to market, anticipating the benefits of free CO<sub>2</sub> generation and increasing production.

Objective: To develop Digital-based future energies

New power plants are born digital by their design, guaranteeing the efficiency and high availability of their services. In addition, they are backed by digital twins that help with modelling, forecasting, and testing for optimal performance, from power generation to its link with the customers.

But for most existing plants, the basic need is in installing sensors and counters throughout the system to create Smart Grids. All these new systems must be connected to existing ones in order to achieve digitalisation in the sector.

Digitalisation : To achieve this, energy companies must rely on management software capable of interconnecting all assets and centralising their management in order to transition to renewable energy generation and reduce the carbon footprint in their operations

Target audiences :

- Private and Public Organisations, Homes, etc

Assignment scope :

1. List various requirements(scope) for the above program initiative that can be used for developing a suitable technology oriented digital solution.
2. Identify various technologies, tools and systems available in the market to support these needs.
3. Generate one API and suitable data analysis Code base to access the energy related data set and perform data analysis

Note: Use ChatGPT/BERD/Bing or any other AI platform wherever possible or needed

Deliverables :

1. List of requirements
2. List of tools, technologies and systems to support such needs.
3. Working API code

Below is my solution to the given problem:-

1. Requirements (scope) for the digital solution in the energy sector could include:
  - Integration of renewable energy sources and systems
  - Monitoring and management of energy production and consumption in real time
  - Predictive maintenance of assets to reduce downtime and increase efficiency
  - Accurate forecasting of weather and market conditions to optimize renewable energy production
  - Optimization of energy generation and distribution through machine learning and artificial intelligence
  - Secure and reliable data management and analysis for energy consumption and production
  - Interconnection of existing and new systems to achieve full digitalization of the energy sector
  - User-friendly interfaces for consumers to access and manage their energy usage and costs
  - Scalability of the solution to accommodate growth in the renewable energy sector.
2. Various technologies, tools, and systems available in the market to support these needs could include:
  - Internet of Things (IoT) sensors and devices for data collection and management
  - Cloud computing platforms for secure data storage and analysis
  - Machine learning and artificial intelligence algorithms for energy optimization and predictive maintenance
  - Data visualization tools for real-time monitoring and analysis of energy usage and production
  - Blockchain technology for secure and transparent management of energy transactions and exchanges
  - Automated energy trading platforms for peer-to-peer energy exchange and market participation

- Distributed energy management systems for efficient and decentralized energy production and consumption.
3. Here is an example API and suitable data analysis code base to access an energy-related data set using Node.js:

```
const axios = require('axios');
const apiKey = 'your_api_key_here';
const baseUrl = 'https://energy-data-provider.com';

// Function to retrieve energy consumption data for a given date range
async function getEnergyConsumption(startDate, endDate) {
  const url =
`${baseUrl}/consumption?start_date=${startDate}&end_date=${endDate}&api_key=${apiKey}`;
  try {
    const response = await axios.get(url);
    return response.data;
  } catch (error) {
    console.error(error);
  }
}

// Function to analyze energy consumption data and return insights
function analyzeEnergyConsumption(data) {
  const totalConsumption = data.reduce((total, entry) => total +
entry.consumption, 0);
  const averageConsumption = totalConsumption / data.length;
  const maxConsumption = Math.max(...data.map(entry =>
entry.consumption));
  const minConsumption = Math.min(...data.map(entry =>
entry.consumption));

  return {
    totalConsumption,
    averageConsumption,
    maxConsumption,
    minConsumption
  };
}
```

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// Example usage
const startDate = '2023-01-01';
const endDate = '2023-02-01';
const energyData = await getEnergyConsumption(startDate, endDate);
const energyInsights = analyzeEnergyConsumption(energyData);
console.log(energyInsights);
```

This example code uses Axios, a popular HTTP client library for Node.js, to make a GET request to an energy data provider API. The API requires an API key for authentication and returns consumption data for a specified date range. The `analyzeEnergyConsumption` function then takes this data and calculates total consumption, average consumption, maximum consumption, and minimum consumption, returning these values as an object.