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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

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2 Architectural Design

2.1 High-level components and their interaction

In the following section it is provided a high level view of the architecture of the system, which is structured following the three logic layer:

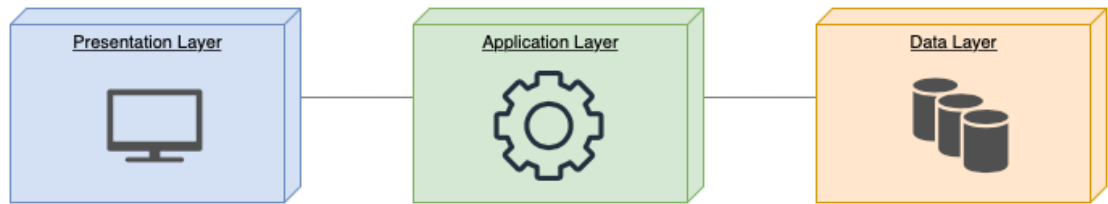


Figure 1: three layer architecture

- **Presentation Layer (P):** The presentation tier is the user interface and communication layer of the application, where the end user interacts with the application. Its main purpose is to display information to and collect information from the user. This top-level tier can run on a web browser, as desktop application, or a graphical user interface (GUI), for example.

Web presentation tiers are usually developed using HTML, CSS and JavaScript. Desktop applications can be written in a variety of languages depending on the platform.

- **Business Logic or Application Layer(L):** The application tier is the heart of the application. In this tier, information collected in the presentation tier is processed - sometimes against other information in the data tier - using business logic, a specific set of business rules. The application tier can also add, delete or modify data in the data tier.

The application tier is typically developed using Python, Java, Perl, PHP or Ruby, and communicates with the data tier using API calls.

- **Data Layer (D):** The data tier, sometimes called database tier, data access tier or back-end, is where the information processed by the application is stored and managed. This can be a relational database management system such as PostgreSQL, MySQL, MariaDB, Oracle, DB2, Informix or Microsoft SQL Server, or in a NoSQL Database server such as Cassandra, CouchDB or MongoDB.

In this case the system is a distributed application that follows the client-server paradigm: it is a two-tier architecture, consisting of a presentation and a data tier. the business logic lives in the data tier only. In a two-tier application, all communication goes through the application tier. The presentation tier and the data tier cannot communicate directly with one another.

Client and server are being allocated into different physical machines and their communication takes place via other components and interfaces, located in the middle of the structure and composed by hardware and software modules. The client is a Web Application, with is by definition a thin client, because of its total dependency from the server; so it only contains the presentation layer.

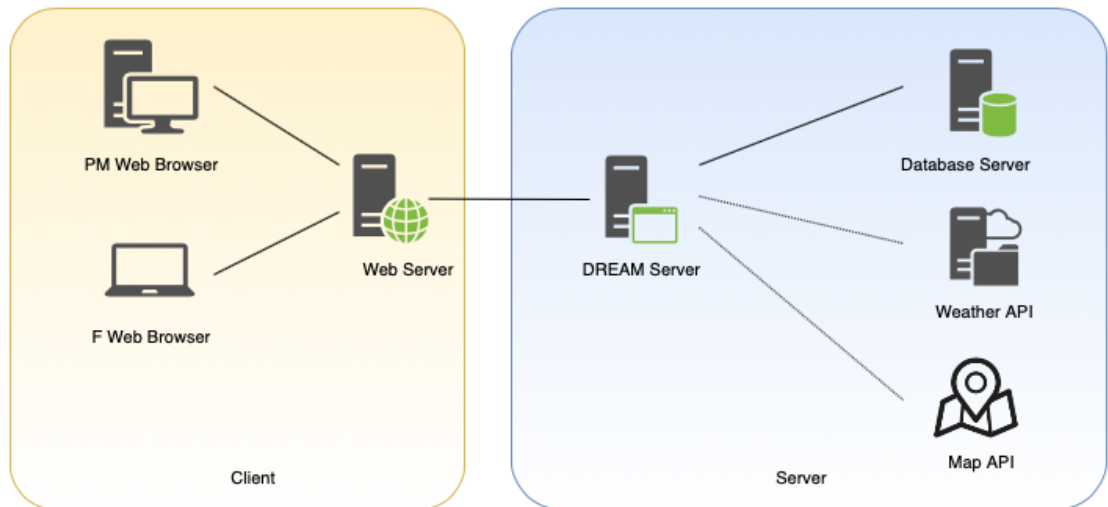


Figure 2: Dream system diagram.

- **Server side:**

- ApplicationServer (DREAM Server): it is the central point of the system. Is a server whit all the application logic, that communicates with the other servers.
- Database Server: this is the server where all the application data are stored.
- Weather API: external API used to retrieve data about weather in the territory. This information will be used to fill each farm page.
- Map API: external API used to retrieve data about the territory.

- **Client side:**

- Policy Maker Web Browser: browser used by the policy maker from their work desk to access to the system
- Farmer Web Browser: browser used by the farmer to access to the system

2.2 Component view

In this section it is provided a description of the components and interfaces of the system, how they are organized internally and how they communicate with each other.

2.2.1 High Level

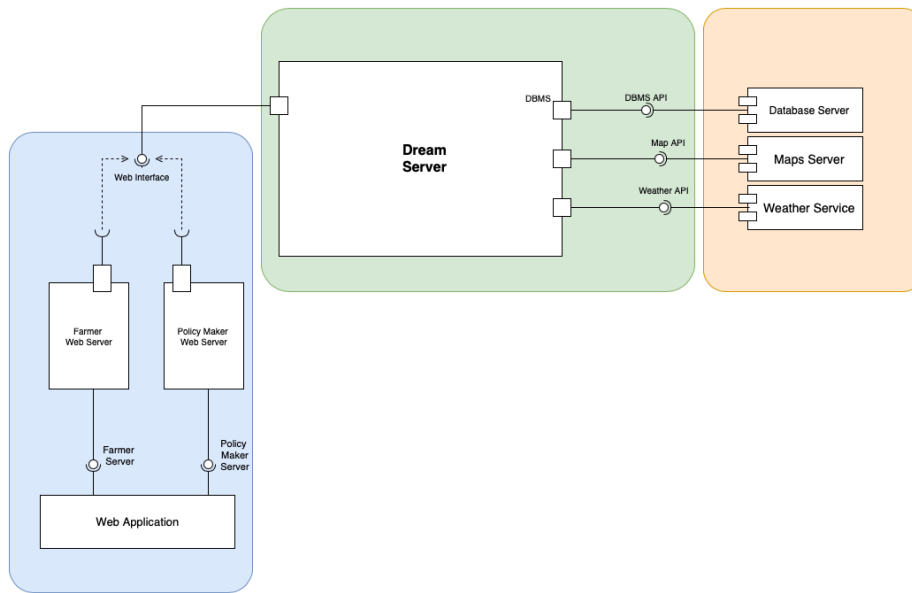


Figure 3: Component view.

- **Dream Server**: this component contains the whole application logic of the system. The interfaces it provides allow the user, both farmer and policy maker, to communicate with the server; them also allow the server to interact with external system that provide different kind of data.
- **Web Application**: it represents the web application reachable by any web browser. It is the first component that any user uses to connect with the system.

- **Farmer Web Server:** it provides the interface to a farmer to interact with the system. It has the minimum logic to make visible the content of the application provided by the server of the system.
- **PolicyMaker Web Server:** the same as the one above but specific for the policy maker.
- **Database Server:** it provides the interfaces in all the processes that need to require or store information from the database of the system
- **Maps Server:** it provides the interfaces when the Dream server needs the maps data to make it visible and fill it with all the farms in the sistem, locating them by the position provided from their owner in the registration phase.
- **Weather Server:** it provides the interfaces to Dream server to retrieve weather data of the territory.

2.2.2 Server

More specific and detailed on the server inner components.

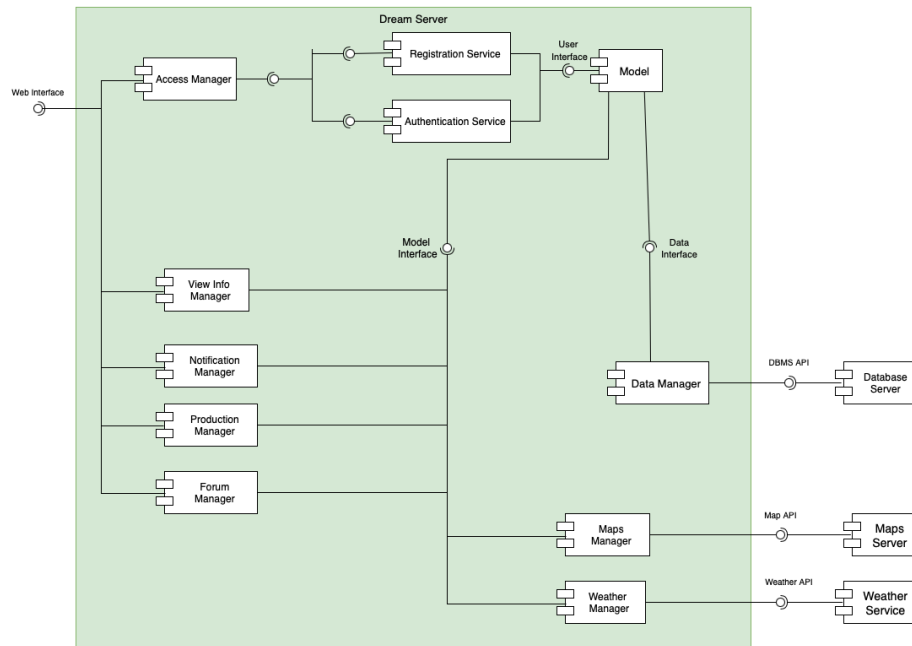


Figure 4: Inner server component view2.

- **Access Manager:** this component provide the Web interface to the user and make login and sign up opratation possible. It recognize the operation required and if it is permitted (sign up only for new farmers) communicate with the right component that follow.
- **Registration Service:** if a request of a new registration occupr, it check the credential submitted by the new user and create the object that represent it, that will be stored in the Model; in fact it has an iteface to communicate with the Model.
- **Authentication Service:** this component is called by the Access manager when an authentication request occur. In this case it collect the data about this specific user and verify if the credential submitted correspond. When them maches it let the user to access the system, otherwise generate an error signal.
- **ViewInfoManager:** this component is used by the system to collect the data from the Model request by the user. It operates when a farm's page has to be constructed with all the information visible in it.
- **Notification Manager:** this component has the ability to differ based on the notification it receives:
 - advice: when a farmer submit this type of notification his only duty is the one to make possible the saving of it.
 - help: when a farmer submit a request of help this component select randomly one policy maker (from the ones saved in the system) and send him the notification.
 - solution: when a policy maker decides to respond to a request of help, he send this type of notification. This componenet forward it to the addressee.
 - evaluation: when a policy maker evaluate a farm, this component takes care of sending it to the owner of the farm.

For all thee four type of notifications it attach the current day and time of the subbmision. This component also make possible to the user to visualize the list of all notifications received and, if asked, visualize in details the one selected.

- **Production Manager:** this component, by its connection to the model via Model interface, povides all production data required for a specific farm.
- **Forum Manager:** this component manage all the messages communication between farmers via forum. It gets all the messages in it, saved as List in the Model and communicate to it the new ones, that has to mibe saved (attaching to it the date and time).

- **Model:** this component have a main role in the system because it rapresents the data so all other components needs to interact with it, to ptovide the page and informations required.
- **Data Manager:** it manages all the process where data are needed by the system. It uses methods provided by the DBMS API to execute queries on the database and object-relational mapping to the Model.
- **Maps Manager:** this component is used to retreive map data, in order to provide a visualization of where each farmer registered in the system are located in the territory.
- **Weather Manager:** this component is used to retreive weather data specific in the position of the farms. It map to the Model the information from a relational to an object construct as a structure where the key is the farm position and in the value another structure to linked each day the weather and temperature.

2.3 Deployment view

The deplyment diagram in figure .. shows the allocation of the software components in the physical tiers of the system. The system is organized into a three-tier application. This type of architecture can be beneficial because each tier can be developed in parallel and maintained as single modules on separate platforms.

- **Presentation Tier:** it is the user interface of the application, where the user interacts with the application. In this case it can only be a computer with a web browser running on an operating system (for example MacOS). It is composed by the web app an the web server. The web server is responsible for the communication between application server and the client.
- **Application Tier:** it is the logic tier of the application. Where all the information collected in the previous tier are processed using business logic. This tier is also responsible for the communication with the data tier through the DBMS gateway. The most important thing is that all communication of the system goes through this tier.
- **Data Tier:** it is a database server for managing read and write access to the database. Therefore all the information processed by the application tier are stored and managed here. Data tier is also independent of the two previous tiers.

2.4 Runtime view

In this section the focus is on the specific (dynamic) interaction between the components of the system; in other words the behaviour of the system at run-time. The functionality offered by the component are the same as the ones in the RASD, but this time the focus is on how the internal components provides it. (MAKE SURE THAT THE OPERATION AND COMPONENT ARE ALL DEFINED IN THE COMPONENT DIAG/VIEW, in particular the interfaces that receives the msg)

1. farmer registration

In this sequence diagram is shown the sign up operation by a new farmer. After the user fill the form provided by the web application with: name, surmane, farm's name, position, email and password. The Dream server stores all this information as a Farmer object in the Model, and also saves them in the database. At the end of the process redirects the user to the login page, only if some error occurred the data are not saved and the user is asked to repeat the operation.

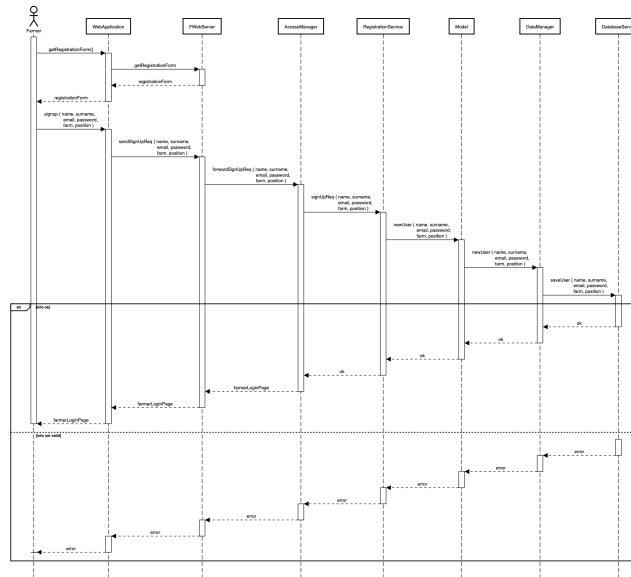


Figure 5: *SignUp* sequence diagram

2. login

In this sequence diagram the process of user login is shown, at first for the farmer and then for the policy maker. For both are almost the same, except that the farmers needs to provide email and password as access

credentials and the policy maker a code and password. Another difference is in the server that forward the request to login to the Dream server component. If the credentials are wrong or missing the system gave an error message, if not the home page of the user is returned.

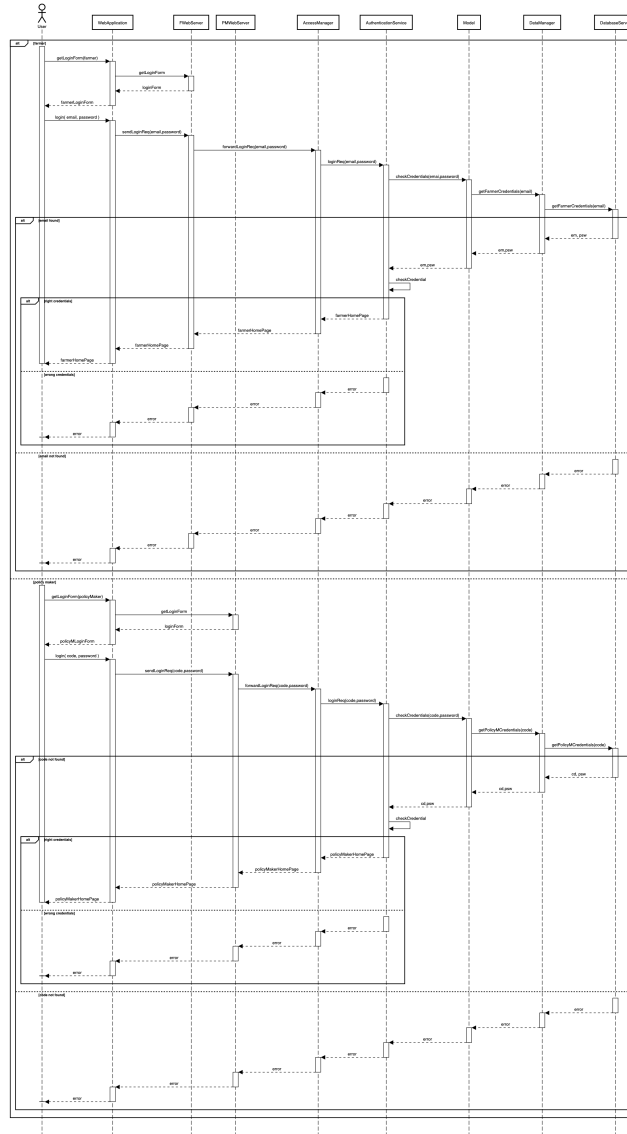


Figure 6: *Login* sequence diagram

3. farmer read and write on forum

In this sequence is shown how the system provides the forum with all the messages yet sended after the request of a farmer and a form where he can write a message and a button to send it. As shown, due to the Forum Manager, when a message is send it is saved whit the references of the sender and the date and time. These addictonal information are used to sort the messages by the timestamp and specify the sender name near the message itself.

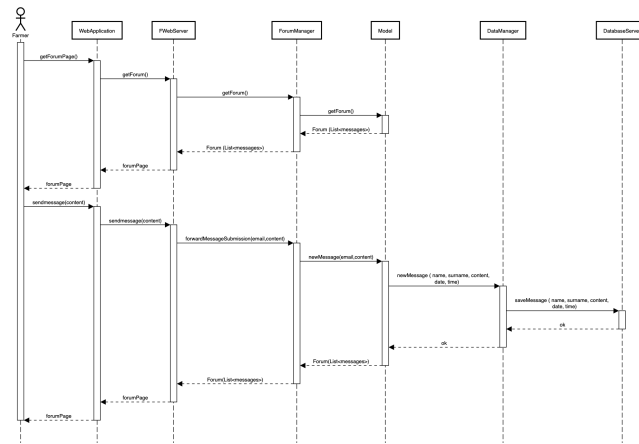


Figure 7: *Save message* sequence diagram

4. farmer submit production data

Here is shown how a farmer can submit new information about his production. The Web Application provides him a form to fill with the type of production, the quantity collected and the date on which he collected it. The Server, or better its Production Manager component, build this information as an object collected in the Model and saved then in the database.

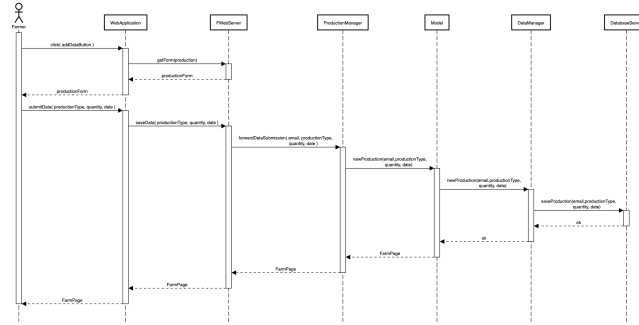


Figure 8: *Submit production data* sequence diagram

5. map visualization

Here is shown how the system provides the visualization of the map to the user, with different level of visibility based on their permission.

- the user is a farmer: the Model construct the object that representing the map filled with all the farms saved in the system and only the type of production that are produced in it.
- the user is a policy maker: the Model construct the map object with the farms located on it with basic production data and the evaluation of it.

From the Map page is possible, by a click on a specific button, for policy maker to evaluate a farm.

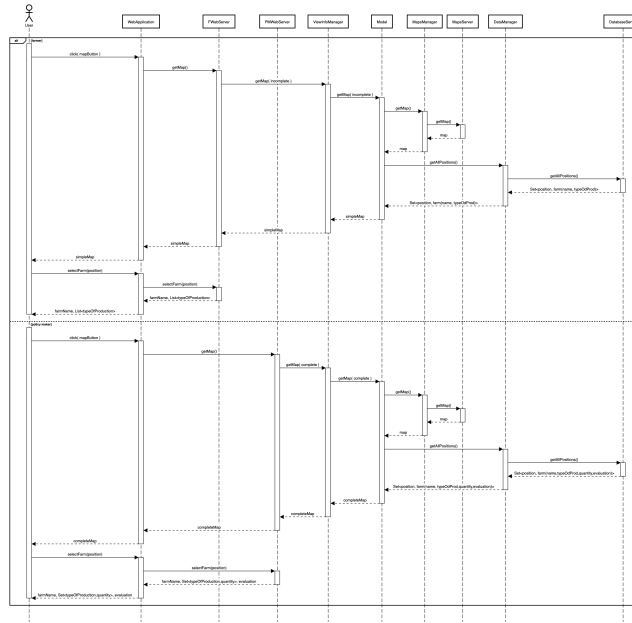


Figure 9: *Visualize map* sequence diagram

6. policy maker makes an evaluation

This diagram describes the process of evaluation a farmer by a policy maker. At first, when the day of the month in wich the evaluation must be done, the policy maker select from the map the farm that he wants to evaluate and he clicks on the 'Evaluate' button. His Web Server provides him the form to fill with the results of the evaluation, with already the adresse attached. When this notification is submitted by the policy maker, his web server forward it to the notification manager that deal with the enrollment of the result in the database and also send it to the farmer evaluated.

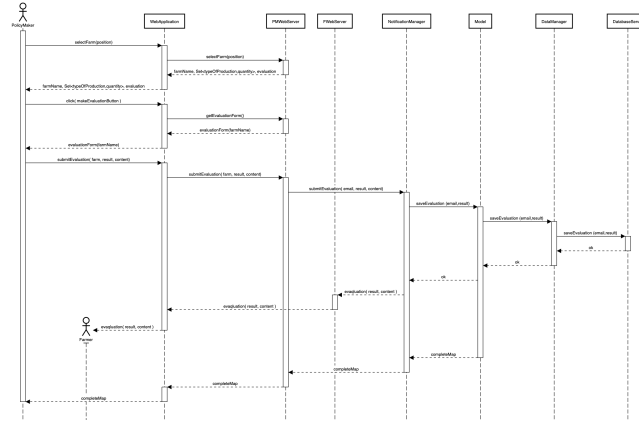


Figure 10: *Make evaluation* sequence diagram

7. farm's page visualization

This functionality is available for both users, the only differences are:

- a farmer has only a button on his home page that he clicks when wants to visualize his **own** farm page
- a policy maker has a form on which he writes the name of the farm he wants to visualize and pressing enter sends the request to the web application
- for the first user the received web page will have a button for the notification visualization and the buttons for the creation of help and advice notification

After received the request, the web application sends it to the view info manager (by the user's server), that collects all the data from the model. The last component gets from the right database all the data to generate all the object representing the page content:

- from the application database gets the farm basic information, such as name and surname of the farm's owner, the farm name, the email and the position (as coordinates)
- also from the application database it gets the production's information with which create a set having as key the date and as value another key-value structure containing for each type of production the quantity crop
- the third request to the application database is the one to get the sensors data, that these dispositives put automatically in the database and always related to a specific day and position (corresponding to the farm on which they work)

- it asks to the external system to retrieve the weather information from the day of the request and all the ones before in the position on the farm. This information are stored in a database specific of this system

After the model creates the structure for all the content of the page, forward them to the view info manager to the user's server and then the web application that will provide the visualization of these data.

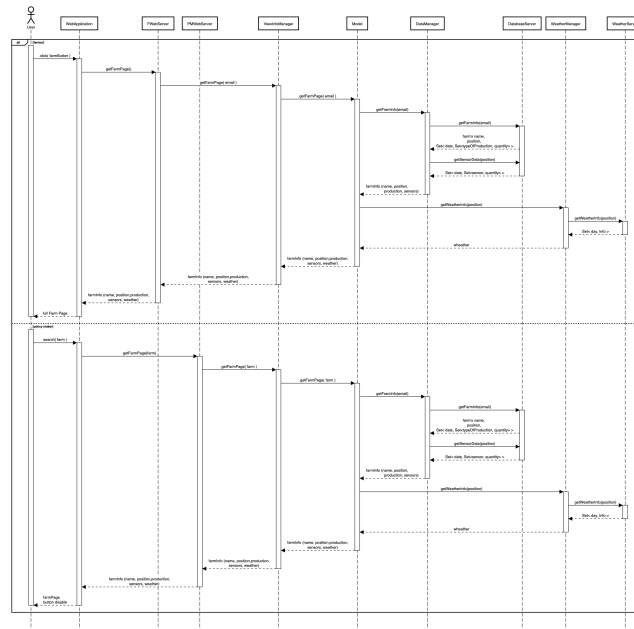


Figure 11: *Visualize farm page* sequence diagram

8. notification submission

Different kind of notification can be sent in the system.

- advice: a farmer can select the advice button from his farm's page. He just have to select the type of production on which he wants to gave an advice and write it in the specific form. Will be the framer's server that will attach on it the references of the writer (the email of the farmer), and the date and time on which he submit the advice, before saving it in the database. Before push it in the database, the notification manager checks it the sender is a good farmer and if not just discard the notification.
- help: a farmer who wants to ask a formal request of help also select the help button on his farm's page. As the notification above he

select the type and writes the content of the message, where specify the problem he's dealing with. In this case the notification does not need to be saved in a db but the notification manager selects randomly a policy maker as a recipient of it.

- solution: a policy maker who received a request of help (process described above) can reply to it with a solution. At first the user have to search the farm ho asks for it, and also all the avices stored in the system database about the type of production on which the problem is specified. Analyzing all these data he can wrote some advice that should help the farmer with his problem and send him. In the moment when the policy maker selects the help notification on which he wants to respond and then submit it, the web application instantly attach the addresse (retrieved by the sender of the help selected) and then the notification manager will forward it to him.

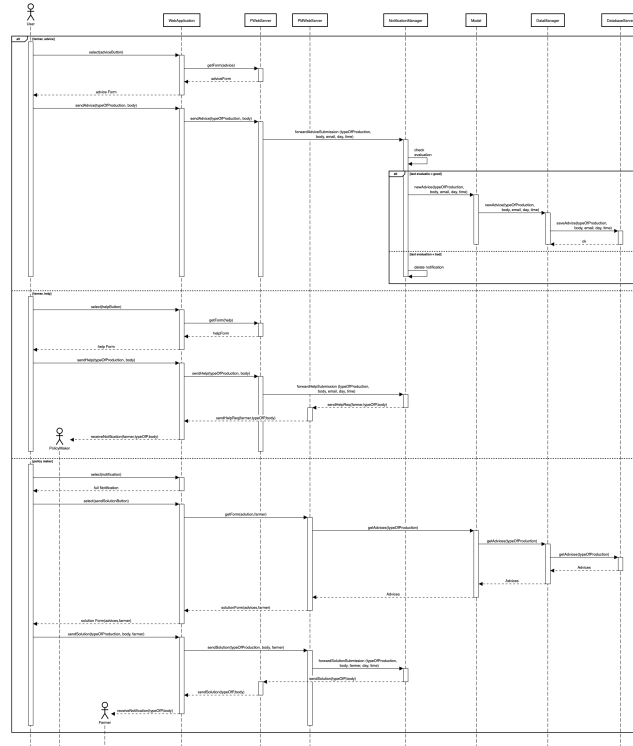


Figure 12: *Send notifications* sequence diagram

9. notification visualization

In this sequence is shown how the system provide the visualization of the notifications after a request of a user. For the farmer the process starts

on his farm's page, where clicking the bell button send the request, dream server collect from the database all his notification. The model crete with the data the structure to be sent to the web application that provide the list to the user. All the messages are in the web application in that moment, so when he select one of the notifications in the list it provides the full content of it. on the other hand the policy maker to visualize his notifications starts from his home page and clicks on the specific button. The rest of the process is equal as for the farmer.

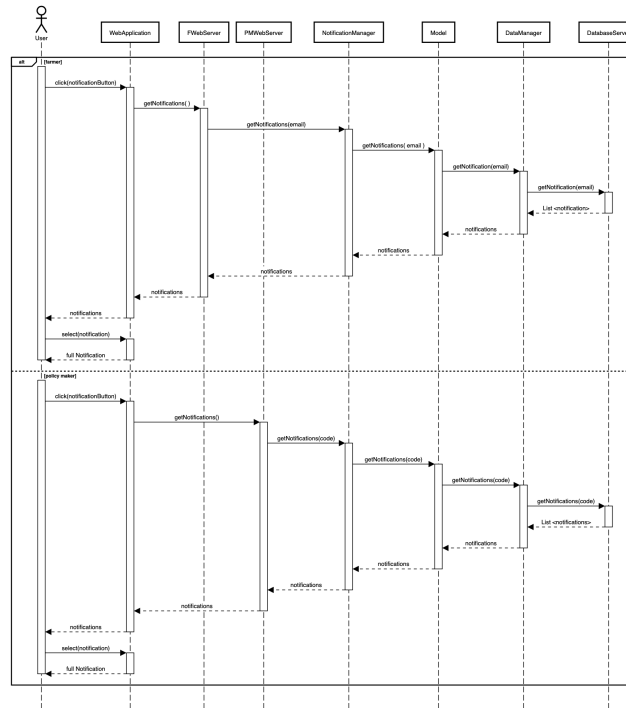


Figure 13: *Visualize notifications* sequence diagram

2.5 Component interfaces

2.6 Architectural styles and patterns

2.7 Other design decisions

3 User Interface Design

In this section there is a complete view of how the web application is going to look. It includes diagrams that show how the users can navigate in the user interfaces offered by the application. Its main purpose is to describe in details the mockups that are already presented in the RASD (reference). Therefore it is easier to understand the main features that the system offers.

3.1 UX diagrams

This subsection focuses on the flow of the windows of the web application, both for farmers and policy makers.

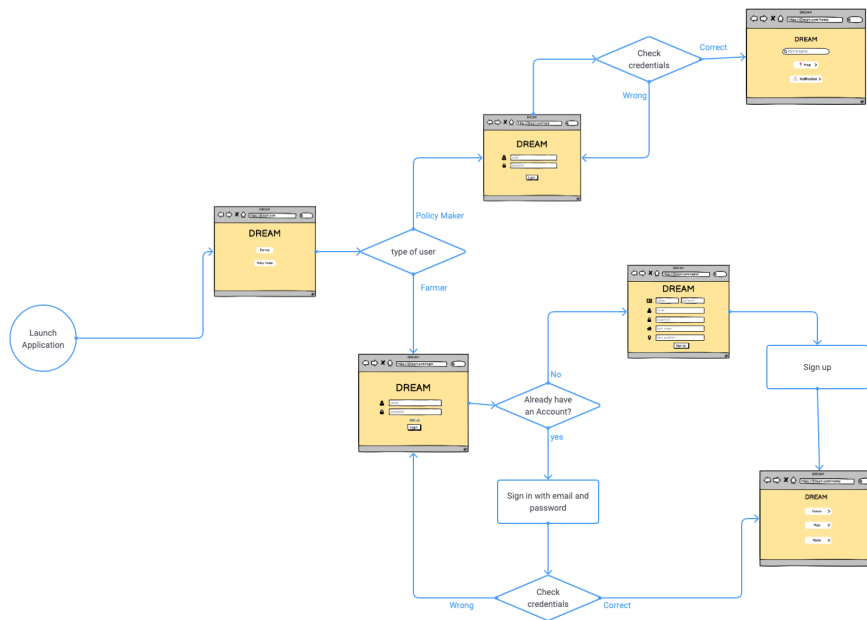


Figure 14: Sign Up & Sign In

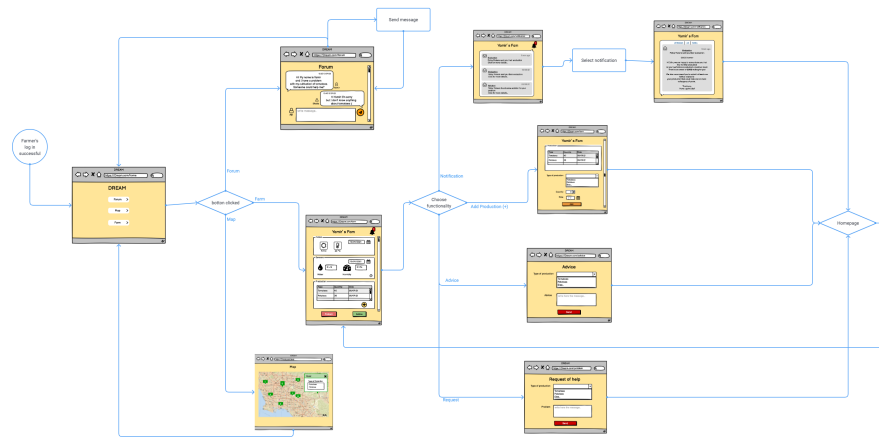


Figure 15: Farmer Web Application

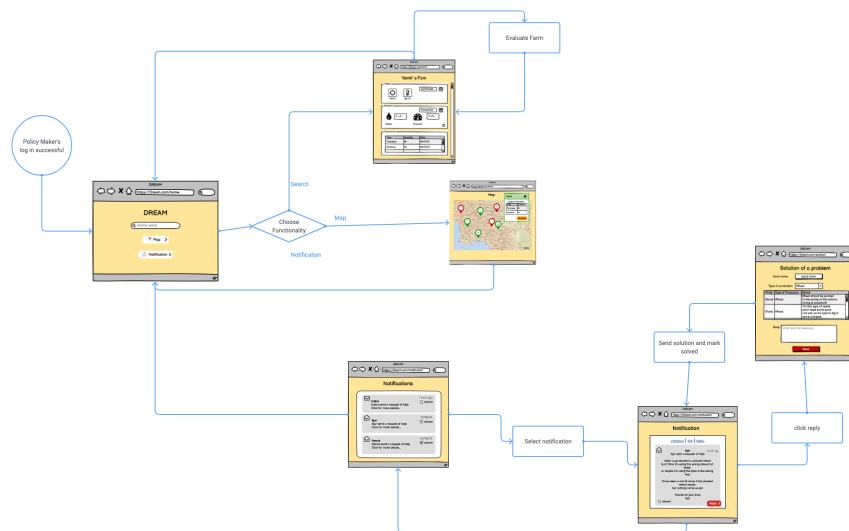


Figure 16: Policy Maker Web Application

3.2 Web application

Dream's homepage

The first mockup (Figure ..) is the first page that every user sees when access-

ing the web application. A user can click the button of the type of user that characterizes him.

3.2.1 Farmer Web Application

Login

The mockup showed in Figure .. is the initial page that every farmer sees after selecting the type of user. A farmer can interact with the application only after being authenticated. Therefore the farmer can decide to sign up if it is the first time ever that he uses the application or to login in through his authenticated credentials. In order to login the user has to provide its email and his password. After being recognized he will be redirected to the home page which is going to be described in the next paragraphs.

Registration

The mockup showed in Figure .. is the sign up page, it allows the farmer to create a new account. This allows him to provide first the information related to his new account. Therefore he need to write his personal information: name, surname, email and password and in addition to that he must insert his farm name and position. The sign up button will add the new farmer to the system and redirect the user to the login page where he can access the system.

Homepage

The homepage of the farmer's web application allows the user to select the features offered by the system:

- Forum
- Map
- Farm

After clicking one of this buttons the farmer will be redirected to the selected pages, which are goin to be described in the next paragraphs.

Forum

The mockup in Figure .. shows a basic example of what the forum page will look like. The farmer on this page is able to read messages written by other farmer or write a message in order to answer or ask something to the other ones. After he types a message he need to click send in order to add the message in the application. After the button is clicked the user can see an updated version of this page.

Map

After selecting the map functionality on the homepage the user can see an

updated version of the map, an example of it is showed in Figure ... The farmer on this page can see the location and name of the other farms and see what type of production they have.

Farm Page

Send Advice

View Notification

Send Request

Add Production Data

3.2.2 Policy Maker Web Application

Login

The mockup showed in Figure .. is the initial page that every policy maker sees after selecting the type of user. A policy maker can interact with the system only after being authenticated. Therefore the policy maker needs to own the authentication code and password previously given to him. Once being recognized the application will redirect him to the home page which is going to be described in the next paragraphs.

4 Requirements Traceability

5 Implementation, Integration and Test Plan

–Description–

External services do not need to be unit tested since it is assumed that they are reliable.

[The order of the implementation, and why that one!]

5.1 Plan Definition

The strategy adopted for this phase of the project is a **bottom-up**: it focus on individual components of the system. Starts from the detailed part, then links these ones to others and form larger components, until the entire system is formed. In this way it is possible to make decisions about low-level utilities and then decide how there will be put together to create high-level construct.

In some cases we follow a **top-down** approach: start from an overview without going into details; then go deeper into more details each step. Top-down approach is used when a component needs another one that manages data it needs, but the second one is not implemented yet. In this way can be created hypothetical data while developing the main functionality. As a result we need to be able to generate feasible **stubs** used to simulate the data that the system is going to manage both real or randomly, in order to cover more scenarios possibles.

The description starts from server's component because it is the most complex part and the core one that organize the hole system.

During the implementation **drivers** are used to simulate components that are not implemented yet, or to generate possible request.

The components that retrieve information from external system are implemented later because they had no particular "intelligence" in it, are used only to retrieve information and do not need big test on them(here are created the stub, their data are not relly crucial for the current step of the implementation)

1. This is the first step of the implementation.
Most of the component require the performance of the *Model* and *Data Manager* to retrieve information and use hem to reply a user's request. For this reason they are going to be implemented and tested first.

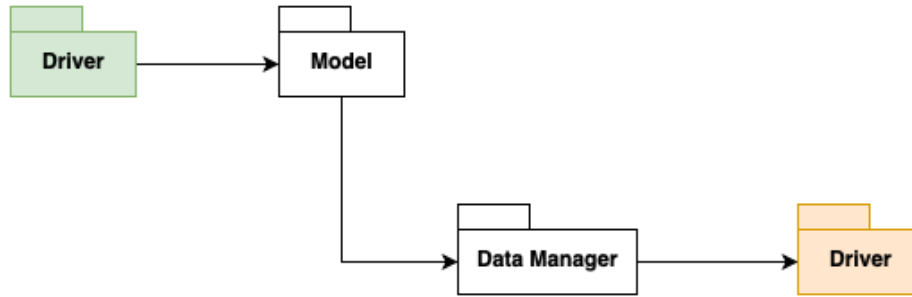


Figure 17: Implementation first step.

2. Then we start from the component that manage the access to the system. The reason is that this is a crucial phase of the application; it is how the user first approach the system and it's important that credential are well verified. The system must recognize the type of user to organize the application in the right way and reply with only the functionality permitted, so then affect the others components. It is also a matter of privacy.

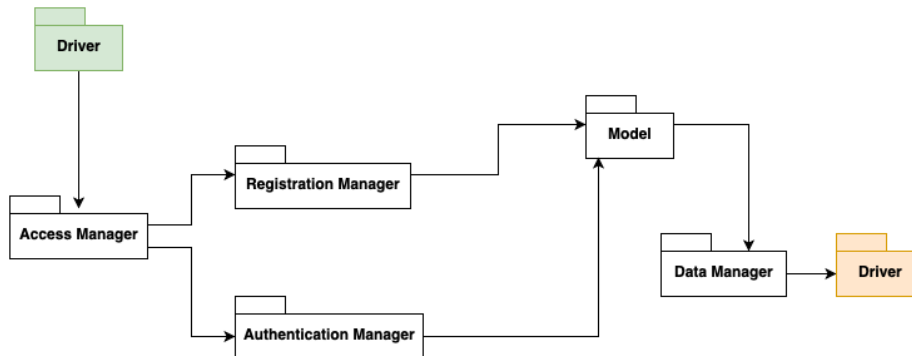


Figure 18: Implementation second step.

3. The main focus of the application is to help farmer with their production, so after the authentication the focus is on create the farm page with all the information that it requires. At first *Production Manager* to store or made visible the data about production and then *ViewInfo Manager* to create a first prototype of the farm page. Stub is used to fill the field in the page related to the weather.

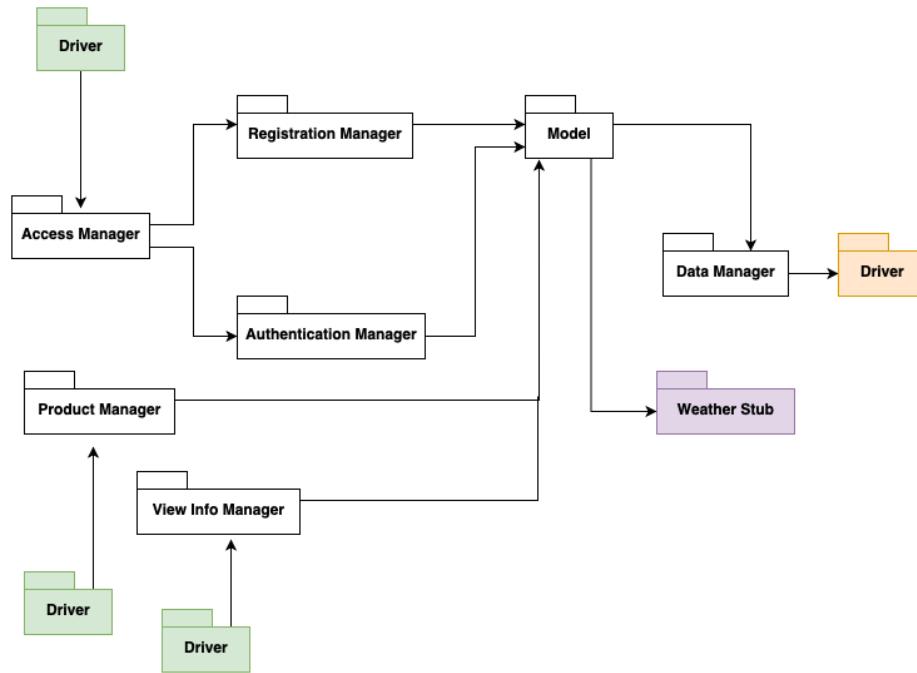


Figure 19: Implementation third step.

4. In this step the components related to the user (*Web Servers* and *Web Application*) to create a real visualization and communication with these two part of the entire system, now that the main functionality can be used. A driver is used to create some possible request of the user and test the component just integrated.

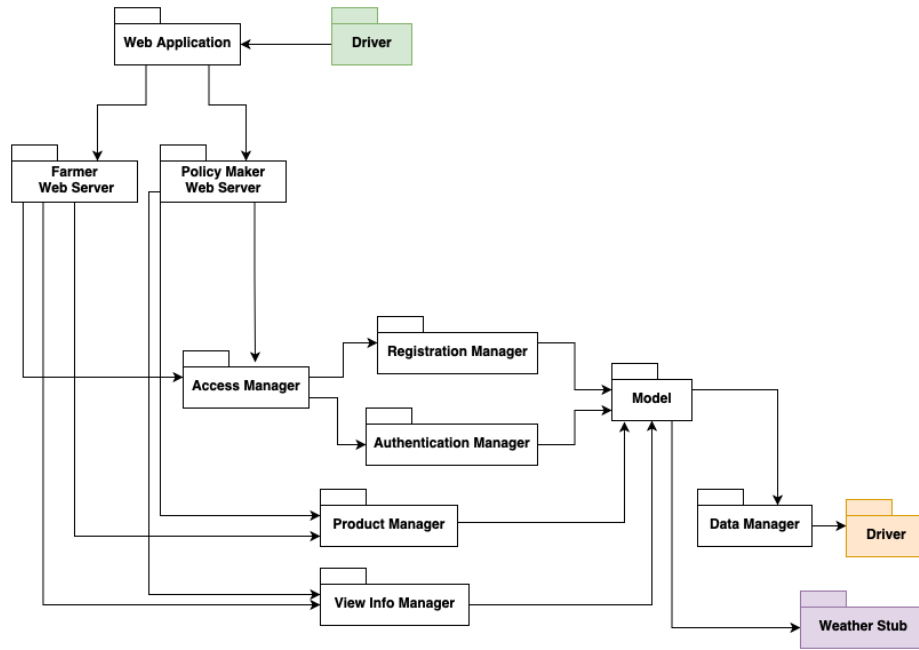


Figure 20: Implementation fourth step.

5. Now are added the components related to the other functionalities: retrieve and send notification, with *Notification Manager* because farmer and policy maker were "implemented" before, so it is possible to them to kind of communicate through this component. The second functionality is to make able the farmers to communicate to each other via forum, so the *Forum Manager* is created. The third is the visualization of the map so is integrated a stub just to test if the other components fill it with the right data. At this point all the pages can be created.

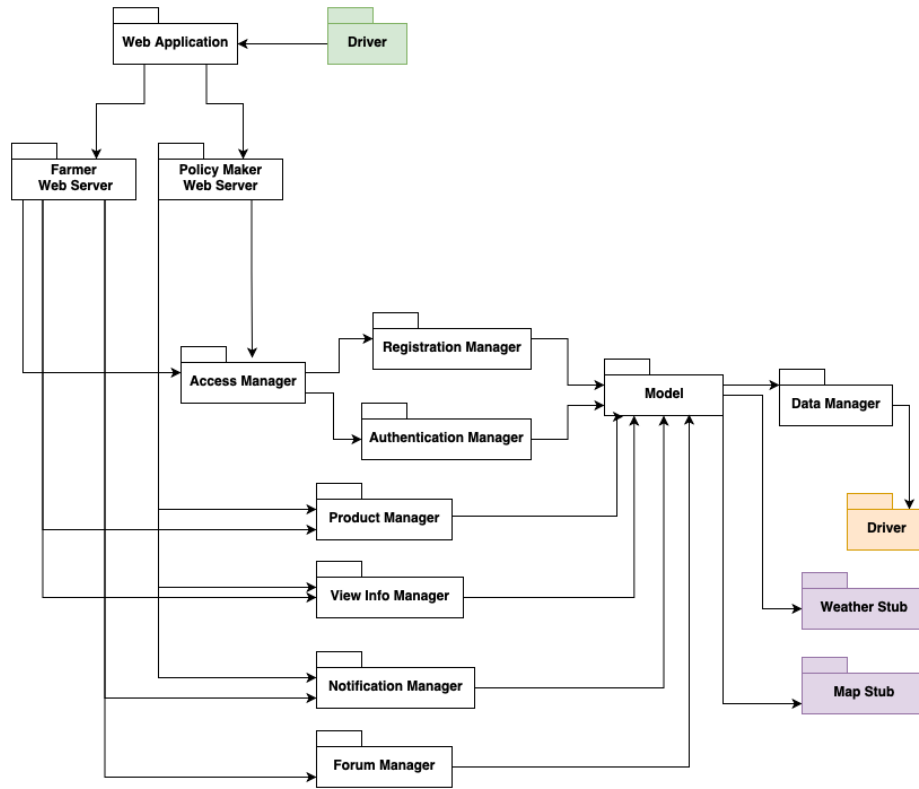


Figure 21: Implementation fifth step.

6. At least we integrate the components that communicate with the external systems and retrieve the real data, in the pages now are all "real" information. Now it is the implementation of the hole system.

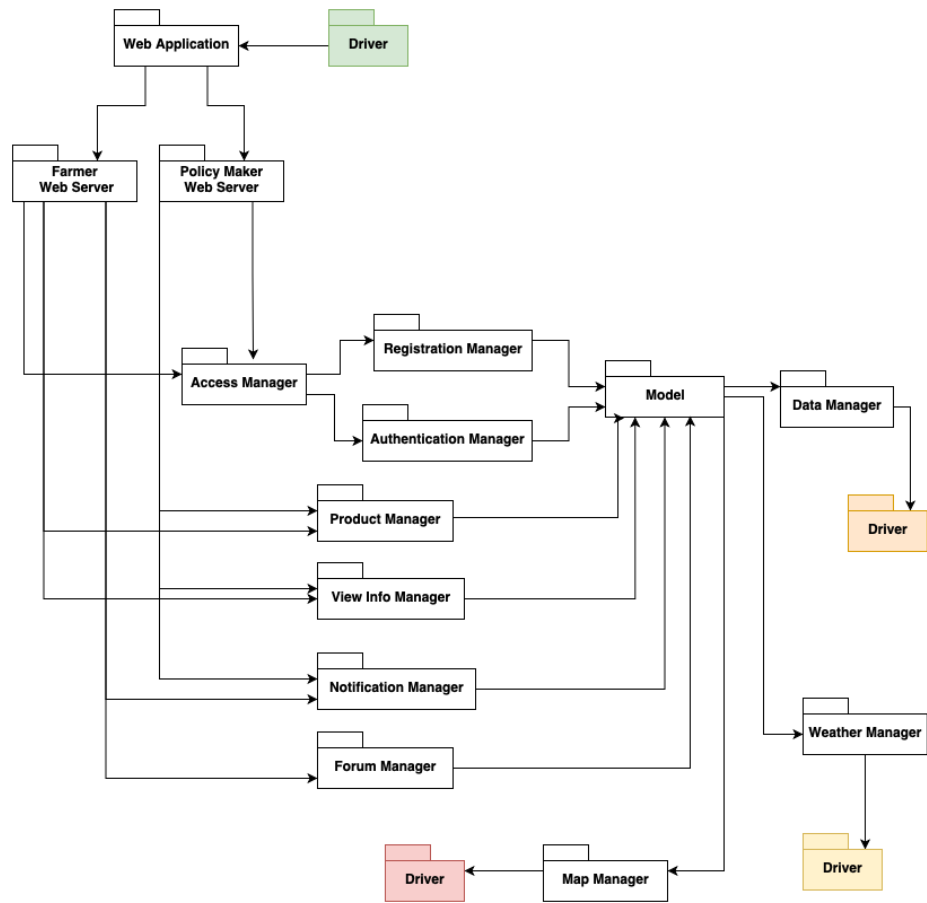


Figure 22: Implementation sixth step.

6 Effort Spent

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7 Software and Tools used

- \LaTeX as document preparation system
- Lucidfor the state chart
- SequenceDiagram.org for the sequence diagrams
- Umletino for UML diagram
- Diagrams for the use case diagram
- Balsamig for the mockups
- **Alloy** as a model analyzer
- GitHub as version control system.

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