

The Smart Genealogist: Project Vision & Architecture

Project Vision Statement

Core Objective: Develop an AI-powered system for detecting and explaining anomalies in genealogical forests (multiple interconnected family trees) with high precision and genealogist-friendly interface.

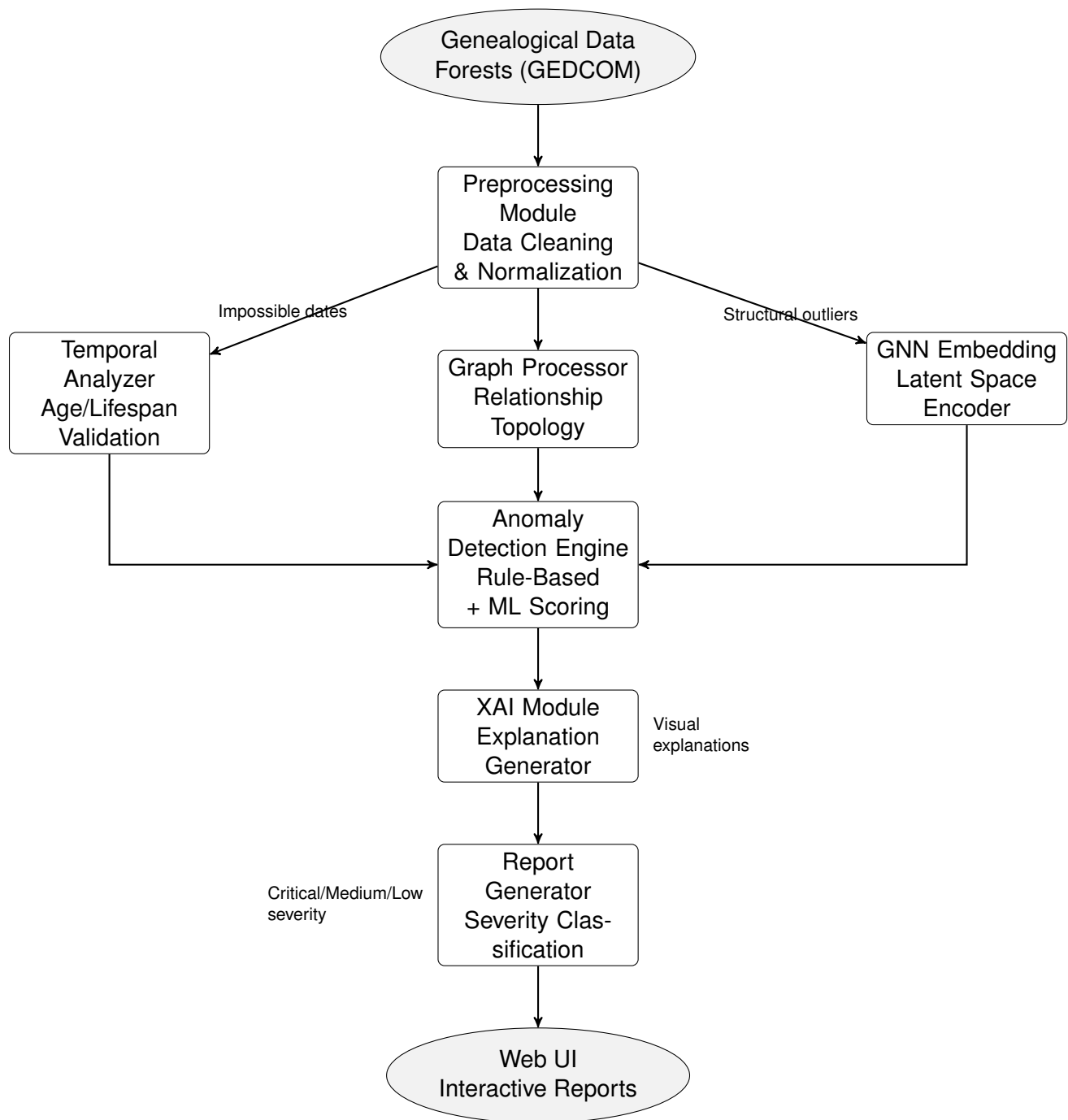
Key Capabilities

- **Anomaly Detection (Precision > 95%)**
 - *Temporal Checks:* Impossible age gaps, lifespan overlaps
 - *Graph-Based Outliers:* High-degree nodes, circular relationships
 - *Embedding-Based:* GNN-encoded latent space anomalies
- **Explainable AI**
 - Visual timeline conflict displays
 - Natural language explanations
 - Severity-based prioritization
- **User Interface**
 - Web-based interactive visualization
 - Filterable anomaly reports
 - Collaborative workspace

Implementation Goals

Performance	> 95% precision on labeled anomaly dataset
Usability	Intuitive UI with transparent reasoning paths
Scalability	Handle forests with > 100k individuals
Security	GDPR-compliant data processing

System Architecture Flowchart



Architecture Components:

- **Data Ingestion:** Supports GEDCOM standard + API integrations
- **Processing Pipeline:** Parallel anomaly detection pathways
- **Hybrid Detection:** Combines rules-based checks ML-
- **Explanation Layer:** Generates human-interpretable justifications
- **Web Interface:** React.js frontend D3.js

Service Layer Diagram for Anomaly Detector



Figure 1: Revised High-Level Diagram with alternative layout and database icon. Only 'Notifications to UI' is dashed.

Service Layer Component Details

Table 1: Detailed Description of Service Layer Components for "Genealogical Trees Scanner"

Service Component	Description & Responsibilities	Key Interactions	Alignment with Project Requirements
API Service (Backend API)	<p>Provides a secure and well-defined interface (e.g., RESTful or GraphQL) for the Presentation Layer (Frontend) to interact with the system's backend functionalities. Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User authentication and authorization. • Handling requests for genealogical data upload and management (CRUD operations on trees/individuals, if applicable through this system). • Initiating anomaly detection tasks by invoking the Workflow Orchestrator. • Retrieving anomaly reports, individual anomaly details, and their explanations for UI display. • Managing system configurations accessible to users (e.g., thresholds, active checks). • Relaying notifications from the Reporting Service to the Frontend. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation Layer (Frontend) • Workflow Orchestrator • Core Layer • Data Layer (for user profiles, configurations, direct data queries) • Reporting & Notification Service (to receive notification data for UI) 	<p>Supports "Web interface (backend + frontend)" (Task 3). Enables the "Genealogist-friendly UI" (Expected Result 3) by serving data and functionality. Crucial for a "scalable...tool" (Objective).</p>
Workflow Orchestrator / Task Management Service	<p>Manages and coordinates complex, potentially long-running, asynchronous tasks, particularly the multi-step anomaly detection process across forests of trees. Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving analysis requests from the API Service. • Deconstructing analysis into sub-tasks (e.g., Temporal Checks, Graph-Based Outliers, Embedding-Based Detection for each tree or batch of trees). • Scheduling, queuing, and managing the execution of these sub-tasks on the Anomaly Detection Engine. • Monitoring task progress, handling retries on failure, and detailed error logging. • Triggering the Reporting & Notification Service upon successful completion or significant events. • Ensuring analysis results and metadata are persisted to the Data Layer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • API Service • Core Layer • Reporting & Notification Service • Data Layer (for storing task states, results, logs) 	<p>Key to a "scalable, AI-driven tool" (Objective) by managing resource-intensive detection processes efficiently. Ensures reliable execution of "Anomaly Detection" tasks (Task 1). Supports building a "Smart system" (Expected Result 1).</p>

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Reporting & Notification Service	<p>Responsible for compiling and formatting analysis results into structured reports and for notifying users about relevant system events or detected anomalies.</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggregating raw anomaly data, severity levels, and explanations from the Data Layer or directly from the Anomaly Detection Engine’s outputs. • Generating ”Anomaly Reports (with severity levels)” (Task 3) in formats suitable for UI consumption (e.g., JSON for dynamic tables/visualizations). • Facilitating the ”Visualize anomalies” (Task 2) requirement by preparing data for graphical representation on the frontend. • Managing and dispatching notification data (to be relayed by API Service to Frontend) and/or direct notifications (e.g., email via an external gateway) about scan completion, newly detected critical anomalies, or system status. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workflow Orchestrator (trigger) • Data Layer (for fetching analysis results) • API Service (to channel notification messages/data to Frontend) • (Potentially) External Notification Gateways (e.g., SMTP server for emails) 	<p>Directly fulfills ”Anomaly Reports (with severity levels)” (Task 3). Contributes to ”transparent reasoning” (Expected Result 3) by delivering structured insights. Enhances the ”Genealogist-friendly UI” (Expected Result 3) by providing timely feedback and actionable information.</p>

Presentation Layer

Table 1: Web UI Enhancements for Genealogical Trees Scanner
(Anomaly Detector)

UI Section / Component	Feature Description	Purpose / Alignment with Project Requirements
Main Genealogical Tree View	Node Anomaly Indicators Visual cues (e.g., colored border and a small icon like [!]) on person nodes and relationship lines. Color-coding indicates anomaly severity (e.g., Red: Critical, Yellow: Warning, Blue: Informational).	Directly flags anomalies on the tree (Project Task 1: Flag anomalies). Provides immediate visual feedback, enhancing genealogist-friendly UI (Expected Result 3).
Main Genealogical Tree View	Anomaly Indicator Tooltip On hovering over an anomaly indicator, a tooltip appears displaying a concise summary (e.g., "2 Anomalies: 1 Temporal, 1 Structural").	Offers quick, non-intrusive information. Improves user experience and genealogist-friendliness (Expected Result 3).
Main Genealogical Tree View (Toolbar)	Anomaly Display Filters Dedicated filter options presented as dropdowns or toggle buttons to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show/hide all anomaly indicators. • Filter by severity level (Critical, Warning, Informational). • Filter by anomaly category (e.g., Temporal, Structural, Embedding-based). 	Allows users to focus on specific types or severities of anomalies. Supports "Anomaly Reports (with severity levels)" (Project Task 3).
Person Detail Panel (Sidebar)	Dedicated "Anomalies" Tab A new tab alongside "Overview", "Photos", etc. Lists all anomalies specifically related to the selected individual. Each entry includes severity icon, a brief description, and an "Explain" button.	Organizes anomaly information per person. Directly supports displaying "Anomaly Reports" (Project Task 3) and facilitates focused investigation.
Main Navigation Menu	"Anomaly Analysis" Section Link A new top-level menu item, e.g., "Anomaly Analysis" or "Tree Health Check", leading to a dedicated page.	Provides a centralized hub for comprehensive anomaly management and review, key for a "Smart system" (Expected Result 1).
"Anomaly Analysis" Page	Anomaly Dashboard & Scan Control Top section of the page displaying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary statistics (total anomalies, count by severity, count by type). • A "Run Full Scan / Re-scan Tree" button to initiate or update the anomaly detection process. 	Offers an overview of tree data quality and control over the analysis process. Supports "Anomaly Reports" (Project Task 3).

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"Anomaly Analysis" Page	Comprehensive Anomaly Report Table A detailed, sortable, and filterable table listing all detected anomalies across the tree. Columns include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severity (icon/text). Anomaly Type (e.g., Impossible Age Gap, Circular Relationship). Concise Description. Involved Individuals (links to their profiles). Data Points (e.g., conflicting dates). "Explain" button/link. Status field (e.g. New, Investigating, Ignored, Resolved) - (Optional, for advanced workflows). 	Delivers "Anomaly Reports (with severity levels)" (Project Task 3). Core for a "Genealogist-friendly UI with transparent reasoning" (Expected Result 3). Enables detection precision assessment (Expected Result 2).
Modal / Dedicated View (from "Explain" button)	Anomaly Explanation View Presents a detailed explanation for a selected anomaly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear Textual Explanation: What the anomaly is, why it's flagged (e.g., "Parent's birth date is after child's birth date"). Involved Data: Highlights the specific data points causing the anomaly. Visualization (XAI): Contextual visualization (e.g., mini-timeline for temporal conflicts, highlighted path for circular relationships). Suggested Actions: Guidance on how to verify or correct the data. 	Fulfills "Detects and explains anomalies" (Objective) and "Explainable AI (XAI): Visualize anomalies" (Project Task 2). Ensures "transparent reasoning" (Expected Result 3) and supports building a "Smart system" (Expected Result 1).
Data Editing Interface	Post-Edit Anomaly Re-check Indication After a user edits data relevant to an anomaly, provide an immediate visual cue or a subtle notification if the change resolved an existing anomaly or, conversely, introduced a new one for the edited person and their immediate relations.	Provides instant feedback, making the UI more dynamic and "genealogist-friendly" (Expected Result 3). Helps maintain data quality proactively.