GridAl Front-end Team

IRP Presentation

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Project Overview

- → GridAI is an advanced web-based platform for electric grid management, designed to simplify data analytics and provide seamless data interaction.
- → It empowers users by streamlining decision-making in power grid operations through an intuitive interface and efficient data handling capabilities.

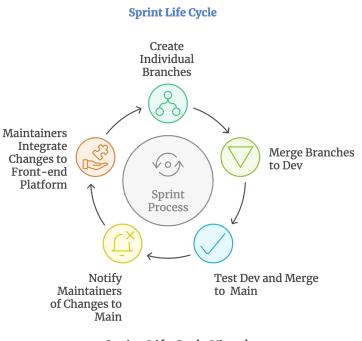
→ Intended Users:

- Distributed Energy Resources
- Distributed and Independent System Operators

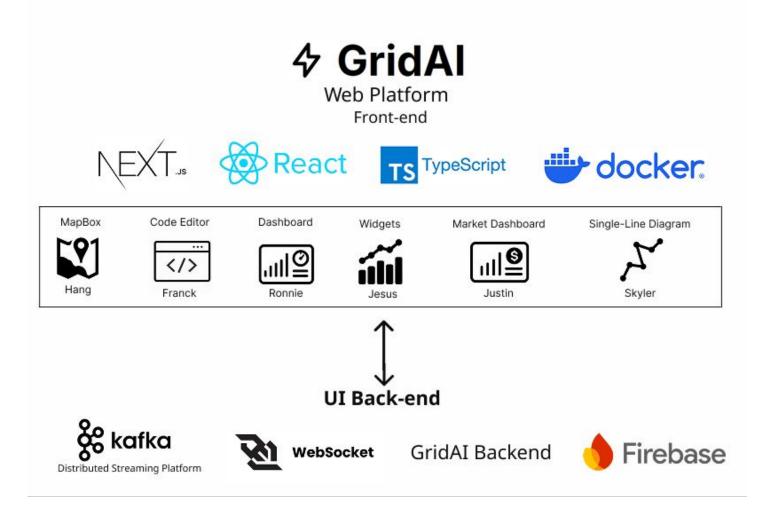
- → With over four years of continuous
 development, GridAI has evolved
 significantly on the backend, though the
 frontend initially had limitations that
 opened the door for improvement.
- → As Team sdmay25-43, we focused on improving the originally provided frontend by addressing its key limitations and introducing enhancements that made the interface more intuitive, interactive, and adaptable to user needs.

Project Management

- → Followed an Agile-Inspired Project
 Management:
 - Sprint-based development with weekly team meetings.
 - Weekly client and mentor check-ins for feedback and alignment.
 - Mid-semester and final showcases to present progress.
 - GitLab issue board and milestones for task tracking and sprint planning.



Sprint Life Cycle Visual

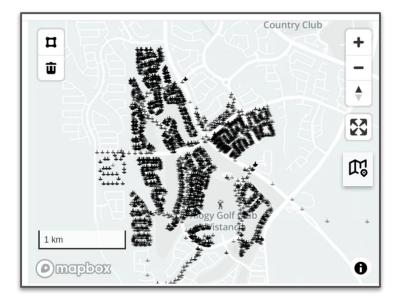


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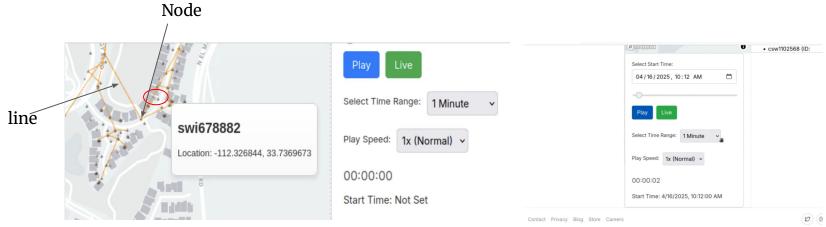
What is the MapBox Timeline?

- Allows user to replay the record data by location, select an specific event, filter date and time to see what happened during the period of the event all within the GridAI platform.
- Live view allows user to monitor the electric power system of a specific location in the map.



MapBox





Node and line with ID and location

Selection of date and time

(Timeline)

Code Editor

What is it?

A built-in **code editor**—like Visual Studio Code—designed for writing, editing, and real-time collaboration on code, all within the **GridAI platform**.

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Code Editor

\rightarrow Why It Matters

- **Quick Fixes:** Instantly resolve code issues without switching tools
- □ Seamless Workflow: Edit directly in GridAI during project uploads
- **Time-Saving:** No need to jump back and forth between IDEs

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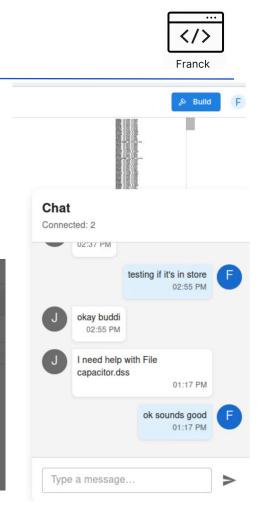


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→ Collaboration Power

- **G** Real-time teamwork
- □ Live troubleshooting
- □ Faster development cycles

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Widgets Component



- → A widget is a small, customizable component that visualizes real-time data, such as voltage or power.
 - Users can create and edit widgets for tailored data visualization.
 - Widgets integrate dynamically into user dashboards.
- → The task for this component was to develop a flexible, real-time widget system for visualizing live grid data.
- → The main goal was to enable users to create, customize, and deploy widgets with real-time updates directly into their dashboards.





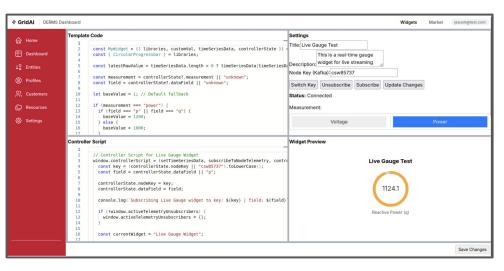
Time-Series Bar Chart Widget

Widgets Component



→ Implemented Action Items:

- Real-Time Updates: Widgets receive live telemetry data via Kafka event streaming platform and WebSockets.
- Full Customization: Users can edit templates, settings, and scripts to tailor widgets through widget editor.
- Diverse Widget Types: Time series charts, gauges, trends display, and more.
- Scalability: Designed to support easy creation and addition of new widget types.



The widget editor allows widget customization.



Ronnie

- → What is a Dashboard?
 - Allow users to create a customizable layout of widgets to view relevant data
- → Problem:
 - Implement a working dashboard that resembles ThingsBoard
- → Approach
 - Identify the key features that need to be implemented
 - Prototype with pre-existing libraries
 - Gradually implement changes, ensuring that components are loosely coupled
 - Continuous Integration with backend services

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Market Dashboard

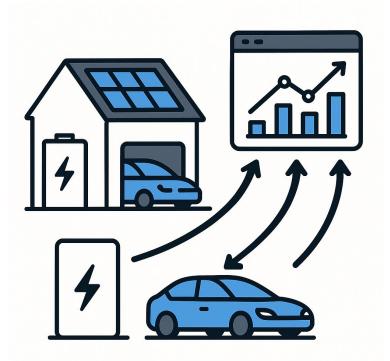


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The market dashboard's purpose is to allow key stakeholders to participate in the wholesale electricity market, a relatively new business model introduced in 2020.

Imagine you have solar panels on your roof, a home battery, and an electric vehicle in your garage. Right now, most of that energy sits idle or just offsets your own usage.

You can now sell that excess energy into the wholesale electricity market, just like how a power plant would.



The Task



Justin

Develop a novel platform that allows key stakeholders to participate in the wholesale electricity market.

Two focus areas:

- → Responsive and Intuitive Design
- → Data Management and Transparency

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View of the different stakeholders portfolio's

Responsive and Intuitive Design



Justin

Speed, clarity, and usability are critical when managing complex, time sensitive bid strategies.

- \rightarrow At-a-glance metric cards
- → Table/List view for the bids
- → Clean Minimal Layout

What are **bids**?

A structured offer describing a energy resource in terms of its energy quantity, price, location and delivery timeframe.

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View of the DERA dashboard with metric cards and Table view

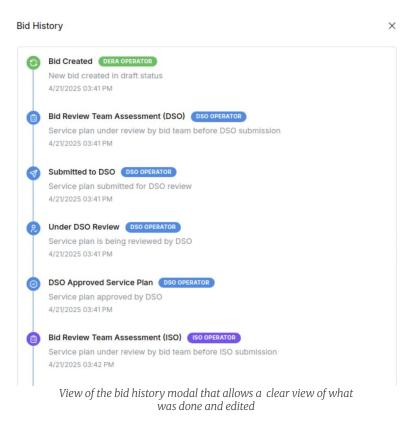
Data Management and Transparency



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Transparent data flows and clear audit trails build trust and empower all stakeholders to operate with confidence.

- → Detailed bid history
- \rightarrow Clear role attribution
- → Integration and Compliance



Single-Line Diagram - Introduction

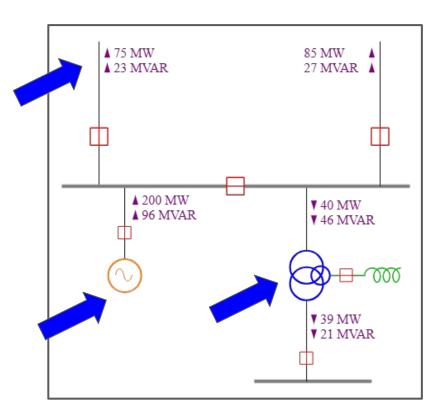


What is a SLD?

- Common for electrical systems
- Expected elements
- High-level overview

Purpose/Goal

- Simple intuitive design
- Display relevant information
- Allow edits and movement



Single-Line Diagram - Challenges

Key Requirements:

- Translate given data to SLD
- Use SLD symbols and layout
- Display info in a way that's easy to read and manage

Challenges

- How can I create the layout?
- How many symbols should be included?

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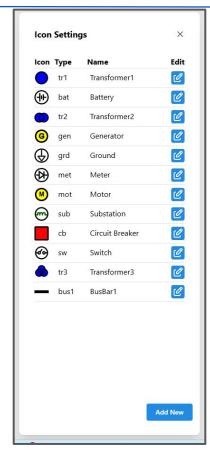


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Single-Line Diagram - Solutions







European Power Outage – How could GridAI have helped?



MapBox



MapBox: Could have immediately identified affected regions by showing unresponsive nodes on the grid map, offering rapid situational awareness.



Widgets



Widgets: Live data widgets may have shown early signs of instability before devices went fully offline, supporting both early detection and post-event analysis.

Dashboard



Dashboard: Grid operators could have easily created new dashboards to specifically monitor affected systems and analyze key metrics like voltage and power during and after the event.



Code Editor: Enables collaborative, scenario-based testing using stored data to simulate and analyze grid behavior.

Single-Line Diagram



Single-Line Diagram: Provides a visual framework for testing future infrastructure improvements aimed at preventing similar failures.

Market Dashboard



Market Dashboard: Helps estimate financial losses from the outage, assess changes in demand and supply balance, and track market responses.

Project Takeaways:

- **Widgets:** Working on the widget system taught me how to design flexible, real-time components that balance user customization with live data integration.
- **Dashboard:** Implementing the dashboard component taught me the importance of taking the time to learn and understand an existing code base to help with efficient development of the component.
- **Market Dashboard:** Implementing a novel platform for a new developing market showed me the importance of developing flexible and reusable front end components.
- **MapBox:** Expected design and the actual design are different. The more I spend time on the project and work on my component, I got new ideas and have solution to the problem I have from previou week.
- **Single-Line Diagram:** Creating the single-line diagram component showed me the importance of planning. The app could have been developed a lot faster if the proper planning had taken place.
- **Code Editor:** Working on this code editor taught me how to manage complex frontend-backend interactions and reinforced the importance of clean API design.

Conclusion

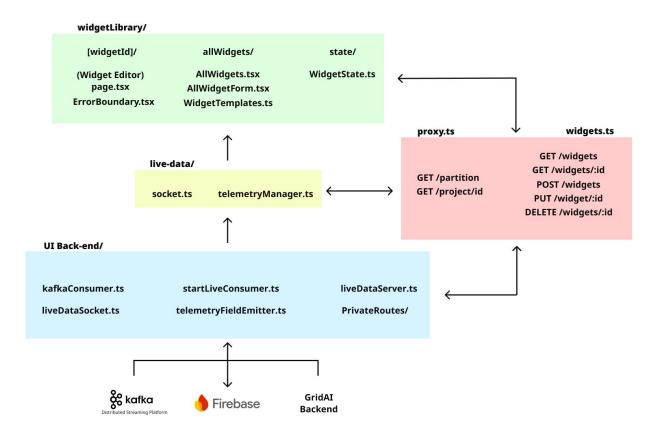
- → GridAI provides a unified platform for users to observe, interact with, and manage grid data through dynamic, customizable components all integrated into a single web-based system.
- → The platform brings together key capabilities:
 - Mapbox Visualization for geographic grid data mapping.
 - Code Editor for collaborative project and script management.
 - Dashboard and Widgets for real-time telemetry visualization and customization.
 - Single-Line Diagram for high-level system overviews.
 - Market Dashboard for supporting DER aggregators in energy market participation.
- → For the last two semesters our team worked to enhanced GridAI's frontend architecture, expanded real-time data capabilities, and improved overall user experience.

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Thank you

Backup Slides

Widgets Architecture Flow



Widget Lifecycle and Data Flow



→ Widget Lifecycle:

- Widgets are created from a template.
- Users can customize widgets in the Widget Editor.
- Users can subscribe to receive telemetry data providing a Node Key.
- Changes can be saved to Firebase.
- A live preview of the functional widget is provided to support customization.
- Saved widgets can be added to user dashboards for real-time data observation.

→ Live Data Flow:

- Real-time data is streamed from the GridAI backend using Kafka.
- Kafka messages are consumed and filtered by project ID, partition, and node name before being forwarded.
- WebSocket feeds live data to the frontend interface.
- Controller scripts dynamically process incoming telemetry updates for each widget instance.
- Widgets render updated visualizations based on real-time data streams.

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- → GridAI in the Real World
 - Power outage in the Iberian Peninsula last week
 - Grid operators could view relevant dashboards to paint a picture of the outage
 - Create new dashboards, specifically monitoring affected systems
 - Consumers could get insight into the extent of the outage
 - All in an intuitive and user centric design



Example Dashboard with Widgets



- → What is a Dashboard?
 - Allow users to create a customizable layout of widgets to view relevant data
- → Problem:
 - Implement a working dashboard that resembles ThingsBoard
- → Key Features
 - Widgets need to be draggable in the dashboard
 - Support of multiple dashboards
 - Add, Import, Export dashboard configurations
 - View mode and Edit mode
 - Search and Sort capabilities
 - Ability to display real-time data
 - Full integration with widget components



Example Dashboard with Widgets



Ronnie

- → Key Requirements:
 - User friendly and responsive design
 - Unified theme throughout the platform
 - Intuitive user experience
- \rightarrow Approach:
 - Identify the key features that need to be implemented
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