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Fourteen Capstone Field Guides

Team structures, project gates, research directions, data plans, architecture, evaluation, deployment, reporting and publication pathways.

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# A controlled learning system, not a collection of disconnected handouts.

This publication series was created so that classroom explanation, laboratory execution, home practice, assessment and project work refer to one controlled curriculum. Each volume serves a different purpose, but all volumes use the same weekly and daily index.

The material follows the 2026 MindForgeAI Internship 1.0 cohort. Weeks 1 and 2 document the delivered foundation and workspace sequence, Week 3 reflects the current data-analytics stage, and later weeks provide the controlled continuation through machine learning, deep learning, applied AI, deployment and capstone defense.

## How to use this volume

- Read the theory chapter before or immediately after the lecture.
- Execute every practical from a clean environment and compare the observed result with the expected behaviour.
- Complete the workbook without copying the model solution.
- Record evidence, errors, corrections and conclusions in the engineering diary.
- Use project handbooks to connect weekly concepts to the group capstone.

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# Controlled templates

## Team charter

| Member | Role | Primary deliverable | Backup responsibility |
|--------|------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|        |      |                     |                       |
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## Weekly research log

| Question | Work completed | Evidence | Decision | Owner / next action |
|----------|----------------|----------|----------|---------------------|
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## Risk register

| Risk | Likelihood | Impact | Mitigation | Owner | Residual risk |
|------|------------|--------|------------|-------|---------------|
|      |            |        |            |       |               |
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# CivicVision AI

AI for civil infrastructure inspection and site intelligence

## Project intent

This project must produce a demonstrable engineering workflow, not only a model notebook. The team will define the user and decision, establish a data and evaluation protocol, build a reproducible baseline, add the approved intelligence layer, review risk, integrate a usable interface or service and defend the final evidence.

### Minimum viable product

Upload an infrastructure image, classify visible condition, record confidence and generate an inspection-priority report with a mandatory human-review note.

## Recommended research questions

- How can crack and defect image classification be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can inspection workflow design be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can risk-prioritized reporting be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?

### Candidate data

- Public concrete-crack or surface-defect images
- Team-created labelled demonstration images
- Inspection metadata: location, date, asset type and reviewer

### Candidate features

- Image pixels or embeddings
- Asset type
- Visible defect class
- Severity band
- Inspection context

### Baselines to compare

- Manual rule checklist
- Simple image-feature classifier
- Pretrained image classifier

### Primary evaluation

- Macro F1
- Per-class recall
- False-negative review
- Inference time

## Recommended system architecture

### Data layer

Source register, permission record, schema, validation, raw and processed versions.

### Intelligence layer

Baseline, approved model or rules, evaluation, error analysis and model card.

### Application layer

User workflow, API or notebook interface, logging, evidence and deployment plan.

## Minimum data plan

|                  |                                                                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Unit of analysis | Define one row, image, document, event or sensor window.                      |
| Target / output  | Define the exact prediction, classification, retrieval or recommendation.     |
| Data quality     | Record missingness, duplicates, imbalance, annotation quality and drift risk. |
| Privacy          | Exclude unnecessary personal or sensitive data and document access.           |

# Twelve-week execution path

| Week | Project action                                                             | Required evidence                                            |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Apply Computational Thinking and Engineering Discipline to CivicVision AI. | Architecture diagram, Problem statement, State or flow model |
| 2    | Apply Python Workspaces and Programming Foundations to CivicVision AI.     | Executed notebook, Test cases, Flowchart                     |
| 3    | Apply Data Science and Analytics Foundations to CivicVision AI.            | Raw and cleaned data, Data dictionary, Notebook              |
| 4    | Apply Statistical Intuition for Engineers to CivicVision AI.               | Statistical question, Method justification, Notebook         |
| 5    | Apply Machine Learning Pipelines to CivicVision AI.                        | Problem framing, Data audit, Pipeline                        |
| 6    | Apply Neural Networks and Deep Learning Foundations to CivicVision AI.     | Architecture diagram, Training notebook, Learning curves     |
| 7    | Apply Computer Vision and Image Intelligence to CivicVision AI.            | Dataset card, Training notebook, Error gallery               |
| 8    | Apply Natural Language Processing and Generative AI to CivicVision AI.     | Corpus card, Baseline, Retrieval workflow                    |
| 9    | Apply Responsible AI and Reproducible Engineering to CivicVision AI.       | Stakeholder map, Bias analysis, Privacy plan                 |
| 10   | Apply MLOps, APIs, Docker and Cloud Foundations to CivicVision AI.         | Model artifact, API, Dockerfile                              |
| 11   | Apply Specialization and Capstone Sprint to CivicVision AI.                | Sprint board, Specialization evidence, Integrated system     |
| 12   | Apply Capstone Completion and Professional Defense to CivicVision AI.      | Release archive, Final report, Evaluation pack               |

## Evaluation criteria

- Problem and user clarity
- Data provenance and quality
- Baseline and experiment discipline

- Error analysis and responsible AI
- Integration and reproducibility
- Documentation, demonstration and individual contribution

## Suggested literature-search strings

- "Crack and defect image classification" dataset model evaluation review
- "Inspection workflow design" dataset model evaluation review
- "Risk-prioritized reporting" dataset model evaluation review

### Project-specific risks

- Unsafe structural claims
- Poor image quality
- Background leakage
- Unverified severity labels

Do not promise real-time, medical, financial, safety-critical or autonomous use unless the system and evidence genuinely support it. Classroom prototypes must be labelled as prototypes.

## Abstract worksheet

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Problem and context   |  |
| Proposed method       |  |
| Data                  |  |
| Expected contribution |  |
| Limitations           |  |

## Final defense prompts

- What exact problem was solved?
- Why was this method chosen over the baseline?
- Which failure mode matters most?
- What did each member contribute?

- What evidence supports the result?
- What would be required before real deployment?

# InfraSense AI

AI for structural safety, planning and smart campus utilities

## Project intent

This project must produce a demonstrable engineering workflow, not only a model notebook. The team will define the user and decision, establish a data and evaluation protocol, build a reproducible baseline, add the approved intelligence layer, review risk, integrate a usable interface or service and defend the final evidence.

### Minimum viable product

Analyse a stream or table of utility and condition readings, detect abnormal behaviour and display maintenance alerts with traceable thresholds.

## Recommended research questions

- How can sensor and utility analytics be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can structural condition indicators be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can anomaly and maintenance alerts be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?

### Candidate data

- Synthetic or public sensor time series
- Campus utility readings where authorized
- Asset and maintenance event table

### **Candidate features**

- Rolling mean and variance
- Rate of change
- Time-of-day
- Asset identifier
- Threshold breaches

### **Baselines to compare**

- Static engineering thresholds
- Rolling z-score anomaly rule
- Isolation-based anomaly model

### **Primary evaluation**

- Alert precision
- Event recall
- False alerts per day
- Detection delay

## **Recommended system architecture**

### **Data layer**

Source register, permission record, schema, validation, raw and processed versions.

### **Intelligence layer**

Baseline, approved model or rules, evaluation, error analysis and model card.

### Application layer

User workflow, API or notebook interface, logging, evidence and deployment plan.

## Minimum data plan

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# Twelve-week execution path

| Week | Project action                                                            | Required evidence                                            |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Apply Computational Thinking and Engineering Discipline to InfraSense AI. | Architecture diagram, Problem statement, State or flow model |
| 2    | Apply Python Workspaces and Programming Foundations to InfraSense AI.     | Executed notebook, Test cases, Flowchart                     |
| 3    | Apply Data Science and Analytics Foundations to InfraSense AI.            | Raw and cleaned data, Data dictionary, Notebook              |
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## Evaluation criteria

- Problem and user clarity
- Data provenance and quality
- Baseline and experiment discipline

- Error analysis and responsible AI
- Integration and reproducibility
- Documentation, demonstration and individual contribution

## Suggested literature-search strings

- "Sensor and utility analytics" dataset model evaluation review
- "Structural condition indicators" dataset model evaluation review
- "Anomaly and maintenance alerts" dataset model evaluation review

### Project-specific risks

- Missing sensors
- Concept drift
- False alarms
- Confusing anomaly with structural failure

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## Abstract worksheet

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| Limitations           |  |

## Final defense prompts

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- What evidence supports the result?
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# GridMinds

Machine learning for energy forecasting and sustainable operations

## Project intent

This project must produce a demonstrable engineering workflow, not only a model notebook. The team will define the user and decision, establish a data and evaluation protocol, build a reproducible baseline, add the approved intelligence layer, review risk, integrate a usable interface or service and defend the final evidence.

### Minimum viable product

Forecast short-horizon energy demand and show actual-versus-predicted load, uncertainty and operational recommendations.

## Recommended research questions

- How can load forecasting be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can energy anomaly detection be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can operational recommendations be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?

### Candidate data

- Public household or building energy datasets
- Weather and calendar features
- Synthetic campus-load series

### **Candidate features**

- Lagged load
- Rolling statistics
- Hour and weekday
- Temperature
- Holiday indicator

### **Baselines to compare**

- Last-value forecast
- Same-hour previous-day forecast
- Linear regression

### **Primary evaluation**

- MAE
- RMSE
- MAPE with zero handling
- Peak-period error

## **Recommended system architecture**

### **Data layer**

Source register, permission record, schema, validation, raw and processed versions.

### **Intelligence layer**

Baseline, approved model or rules, evaluation, error analysis and model card.

### Application layer

User workflow, API or notebook interface, logging, evidence and deployment plan.

## Minimum data plan

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# Twelve-week execution path

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|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Apply Computational Thinking and Engineering Discipline to GridMinds. | Architecture diagram, Problem statement, State or flow model |
| 2    | Apply Python Workspaces and Programming Foundations to GridMinds.     | Executed notebook, Test cases, Flowchart                     |
| 3    | Apply Data Science and Analytics Foundations to GridMinds.            | Raw and cleaned data, Data dictionary, Notebook              |
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## Evaluation criteria

- Problem and user clarity
- Data provenance and quality
- Baseline and experiment discipline

- Error analysis and responsible AI
- Integration and reproducibility
- Documentation, demonstration and individual contribution

## Suggested literature-search strings

- "Load forecasting" dataset model evaluation review
- "Energy anomaly detection" dataset model evaluation review
- "Operational recommendations" dataset model evaluation review

### Project-specific risks

- Future-data leakage
- Seasonal drift
- Missing readings
- Overstated savings

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## Abstract worksheet

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Problem and context   |  |
| Proposed method       |  |
| Data                  |  |
| Expected contribution |  |
| Limitations           |  |

## Final defense prompts

- What exact problem was solved?
- Why was this method chosen over the baseline?
- Which failure mode matters most?
- What did each member contribute?

- What evidence supports the result?
- What would be required before real deployment?

# CarePulse AI

ML for healthcare triage, diagnostics support and wellness analytics

## Project intent

This project must produce a demonstrable engineering workflow, not only a model notebook. The team will define the user and decision, establish a data and evaluation protocol, build a reproducible baseline, add the approved intelligence layer, review risk, integrate a usable interface or service and defend the final evidence.

### Minimum viable product

Demonstrate an educational risk-screening workflow using public or synthetic data, with explanations and explicit prohibition on clinical use.

## Recommended research questions

- How can risk classification be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can responsible triage workflow be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can privacy and uncertainty be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?

### Candidate data

- Public teaching datasets
- Synthetic patient scenarios
- Published variable definitions

### **Candidate features**

- Age band
- Symptoms or measurements
- History indicators
- Missingness flags

### **Baselines to compare**

- Transparent scorecard
- Logistic regression
- Decision tree

### **Primary evaluation**

- Recall
- Precision
- Calibration
- Subgroup error review

## **Recommended system architecture**

### **Data layer**

Source register, permission record, schema, validation, raw and processed versions.

### **Intelligence layer**

Baseline, approved model or rules, evaluation, error analysis and model card.

### Application layer

User workflow, API or notebook interface, logging, evidence and deployment plan.

## Minimum data plan

|                  |                                                                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Unit of analysis | Define one row, image, document, event or sensor window.                      |
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# Twelve-week execution path

| Week | Project action                                                           | Required evidence                                            |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Apply Computational Thinking and Engineering Discipline to CarePulse AI. | Architecture diagram, Problem statement, State or flow model |
| 2    | Apply Python Workspaces and Programming Foundations to CarePulse AI.     | Executed notebook, Test cases, Flowchart                     |
| 3    | Apply Data Science and Analytics Foundations to CarePulse AI.            | Raw and cleaned data, Data dictionary, Notebook              |
| 4    | Apply Statistical Intuition for Engineers to CarePulse AI.               | Statistical question, Method justification, Notebook         |
| 5    | Apply Machine Learning Pipelines to CarePulse AI.                        | Problem framing, Data audit, Pipeline                        |
| 6    | Apply Neural Networks and Deep Learning Foundations to CarePulse AI.     | Architecture diagram, Training notebook, Learning curves     |
| 7    | Apply Computer Vision and Image Intelligence to CarePulse AI.            | Dataset card, Training notebook, Error gallery               |
| 8    | Apply Natural Language Processing and Generative AI to CarePulse AI.     | Corpus card, Baseline, Retrieval workflow                    |
| 9    | Apply Responsible AI and Reproducible Engineering to CarePulse AI.       | Stakeholder map, Bias analysis, Privacy plan                 |
| 10   | Apply MLOps, APIs, Docker and Cloud Foundations to CarePulse AI.         | Model artifact, API, Dockerfile                              |
| 11   | Apply Specialization and Capstone Sprint to CarePulse AI.                | Sprint board, Specialization evidence, Integrated system     |
| 12   | Apply Capstone Completion and Professional Defense to CarePulse AI.      | Release archive, Final report, Evaluation pack               |

## Evaluation criteria

- Problem and user clarity
- Data provenance and quality
- Baseline and experiment discipline

- Error analysis and responsible AI
- Integration and reproducibility
- Documentation, demonstration and individual contribution

## Suggested literature-search strings

- "Risk classification" dataset model evaluation review
- "Responsible triage workflow" dataset model evaluation review
- "Privacy and uncertainty" dataset model evaluation review

### Project-specific risks

- Clinical misuse
- Sensitive-data exposure
- Biased labels
- False reassurance

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## Abstract worksheet

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|-----------------------|--|
| Problem and context   |  |
| Proposed method       |  |
| Data                  |  |
| Expected contribution |  |
| Limitations           |  |

## Final defense prompts

- What exact problem was solved?
- Why was this method chosen over the baseline?
- Which failure mode matters most?
- What did each member contribute?

- What evidence supports the result?
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# AgroLens AI

Computer vision and predictive ML for agriculture and crop intelligence

## Project intent

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### Minimum viable product

Classify a crop or leaf condition from an image and combine it with field observations to produce a cautious advisory summary.

## Recommended research questions

- How can crop image classification be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can field-data analytics be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can farmer-facing decision support be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?

### Candidate data

- PlantVillage or another approved public image dataset
- Team-captured non-sensitive crop images
- Weather or field metadata

### **Candidate features**

- Image tensor
- Crop type
- Color and texture
- Humidity or season where available

### **Baselines to compare**

- Color histogram classifier
- Small CNN
- Transfer-learning classifier

### **Primary evaluation**

- Macro F1
- Disease-class recall
- Confusion matrix
- Confidence under poor lighting

## **Recommended system architecture**

### **Data layer**

Source register, permission record, schema, validation, raw and processed versions.

### **Intelligence layer**

Baseline, approved model or rules, evaluation, error analysis and model card.

### Application layer

User workflow, API or notebook interface, logging, evidence and deployment plan.

## Minimum data plan

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# Twelve-week execution path

| Week | Project action                                                          | Required evidence                                            |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Apply Computational Thinking and Engineering Discipline to AgroLens AI. | Architecture diagram, Problem statement, State or flow model |
| 2    | Apply Python Workspaces and Programming Foundations to AgroLens AI.     | Executed notebook, Test cases, Flowchart                     |
| 3    | Apply Data Science and Analytics Foundations to AgroLens AI.            | Raw and cleaned data, Data dictionary, Notebook              |
| 4    | Apply Statistical Intuition for Engineers to AgroLens AI.               | Statistical question, Method justification, Notebook         |
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| 10   | Apply MLOps, APIs, Docker and Cloud Foundations to AgroLens AI.         | Model artifact, API, Dockerfile                              |
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## Evaluation criteria

- Problem and user clarity
- Data provenance and quality
- Baseline and experiment discipline

- Error analysis and responsible AI
- Integration and reproducibility
- Documentation, demonstration and individual contribution

## Suggested literature-search strings

- "Crop image classification" dataset model evaluation review
- "Field-data analytics" dataset model evaluation review
- "Farmer-facing decision support" dataset model evaluation review

### Project-specific risks

- Dataset background shortcuts
- Wrong crop variety
- Unsafe treatment advice
- Domain shift to field images

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## Abstract worksheet

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|-----------------------|--|
| Problem and context   |  |
| Proposed method       |  |
| Data                  |  |
| Expected contribution |  |
| Limitations           |  |

## Final defense prompts

- What exact problem was solved?
- Why was this method chosen over the baseline?
- Which failure mode matters most?
- What did each member contribute?

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- What would be required before real deployment?

# LearnSphere AI

AI learning assistant, quiz analytics and personalized study support

## Project intent

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### Minimum viable product

Provide a student-facing learning dashboard that identifies completed work, missing evidence and recommended revision topics without making final academic decisions.

## Recommended research questions

- How can learning analytics be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can question recommendation be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can grounded educational assistance be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?

### Candidate data

- Portal task and diary completion records
- Synthetic quiz results
- Approved learning-resource metadata

### **Candidate features**

- Completion rate
- Attempt version
- Topic scores
- Diary consistency
- Days since activity

### **Baselines to compare**

- Rule-based reminders
- Topic-frequency summary
- Simple risk classifier

### **Primary evaluation**

- Reminder precision
- Topic recommendation relevance
- False-alert rate
- Student feedback

## **Recommended system architecture**

### **Data layer**

Source register, permission record, schema, validation, raw and processed versions.

### **Intelligence layer**

Baseline, approved model or rules, evaluation, error analysis and model card.

### Application layer

User workflow, API or notebook interface, logging, evidence and deployment plan.

## Minimum data plan

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# Twelve-week execution path

| Week | Project action                                                             | Required evidence                                            |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Apply Computational Thinking and Engineering Discipline to LearnSphere AI. | Architecture diagram, Problem statement, State or flow model |
| 2    | Apply Python Workspaces and Programming Foundations to LearnSphere AI.     | Executed notebook, Test cases, Flowchart                     |
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## Evaluation criteria

- Problem and user clarity
- Data provenance and quality
- Baseline and experiment discipline

- Error analysis and responsible AI
- Integration and reproducibility
- Documentation, demonstration and individual contribution

## Suggested literature-search strings

- "Learning analytics" dataset model evaluation review
- "Question recommendation" dataset model evaluation review
- "Grounded educational assistance" dataset model evaluation review

### Project-specific risks

- Student profiling
- Privacy
- Punitive automation
- Incomplete records

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## Abstract worksheet

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| Problem and context   |  |
| Proposed method       |  |
| Data                  |  |
| Expected contribution |  |
| Limitations           |  |

## Final defense prompts

- What exact problem was solved?
- Why was this method chosen over the baseline?
- Which failure mode matters most?
- What did each member contribute?

- What evidence supports the result?
- What would be required before real deployment?

# FinGuard AI

Financial risk, fraud signal detection and responsible fintech automation

## Project intent

This project must produce a demonstrable engineering workflow, not only a model notebook. The team will define the user and decision, establish a data and evaluation protocol, build a reproducible baseline, add the approved intelligence layer, review risk, integrate a usable interface or service and defend the final evidence.

### Minimum viable product

Flag unusual financial transactions in a public or synthetic dataset and provide the factors that triggered review.

## Recommended research questions

- How can anomaly detection be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can risk scoring be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can explainability and false-positive control be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?

### Candidate data

- Public fraud-detection teaching data
- Synthetic transactions
- Merchant and time metadata

### **Candidate features**

- Amount deviation
- Transaction frequency
- Time
- Merchant category
- Location change

### **Baselines to compare**

- Threshold rules
- Logistic regression
- Isolation forest

### **Primary evaluation**

- Precision-recall AUC
- Recall at review capacity
- False positives
- Cost-weighted error

## **Recommended system architecture**

### **Data layer**

Source register, permission record, schema, validation, raw and processed versions.

### **Intelligence layer**

Baseline, approved model or rules, evaluation, error analysis and model card.

### Application layer

User workflow, API or notebook interface, logging, evidence and deployment plan.

## Minimum data plan

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# Twelve-week execution path

| Week | Project action                                                          | Required evidence                                            |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Apply Computational Thinking and Engineering Discipline to FinGuard AI. | Architecture diagram, Problem statement, State or flow model |
| 2    | Apply Python Workspaces and Programming Foundations to FinGuard AI.     | Executed notebook, Test cases, Flowchart                     |
| 3    | Apply Data Science and Analytics Foundations to FinGuard AI.            | Raw and cleaned data, Data dictionary, Notebook              |
| 4    | Apply Statistical Intuition for Engineers to FinGuard AI.               | Statistical question, Method justification, Notebook         |
| 5    | Apply Machine Learning Pipelines to FinGuard AI.                        | Problem framing, Data audit, Pipeline                        |
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## Evaluation criteria

- Problem and user clarity
- Data provenance and quality
- Baseline and experiment discipline

- Error analysis and responsible AI
- Integration and reproducibility
- Documentation, demonstration and individual contribution

## Suggested literature-search strings

- "Anomaly detection" dataset model evaluation review
- "Risk scoring" dataset model evaluation review
- "Explainability and false-positive control" dataset model evaluation review

### Project-specific risks

- False accusations
- Class imbalance
- Sensitive financial data
- Unexplainable flags

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# FactoryFlow AI

Industrial quality prediction, maintenance and production analytics

## Project intent

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### Minimum viable product

Predict a maintenance or quality-review priority from machine readings and display contributing signals and maintenance history.

## Recommended research questions

- How can predictive maintenance be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can defect analytics be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can production bottleneck analysis be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?

### Candidate data

- Public predictive-maintenance datasets
- Synthetic sensor sequences
- Maintenance event logs

### **Candidate features**

- Temperature
- Vibration
- Runtime
- Rolling trends
- Time since maintenance

### **Baselines to compare**

- Threshold rule
- Logistic regression
- Random forest

### **Primary evaluation**

- Failure recall
- Lead time
- False alarms
- MAE for remaining-life variants

## **Recommended system architecture**

### **Data layer**

Source register, permission record, schema, validation, raw and processed versions.

### **Intelligence layer**

Baseline, approved model or rules, evaluation, error analysis and model card.

### Application layer

User workflow, API or notebook interface, logging, evidence and deployment plan.

## Minimum data plan

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# Twelve-week execution path

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|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Apply Computational Thinking and Engineering Discipline to FactoryFlow AI. | Architecture diagram, Problem statement, State or flow model |
| 2    | Apply Python Workspaces and Programming Foundations to FactoryFlow AI.     | Executed notebook, Test cases, Flowchart                     |
| 3    | Apply Data Science and Analytics Foundations to FactoryFlow AI.            | Raw and cleaned data, Data dictionary, Notebook              |
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## Evaluation criteria

- Problem and user clarity
- Data provenance and quality
- Baseline and experiment discipline

- Error analysis and responsible AI
- Integration and reproducibility
- Documentation, demonstration and individual contribution

## Suggested literature-search strings

- "Predictive maintenance" dataset model evaluation review
- "Defect analytics" dataset model evaluation review
- "Production bottleneck analysis" dataset model evaluation review

### Project-specific risks

- Rare failures
- Sensor drift
- Maintenance label quality
- Safety-critical misuse

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## Abstract worksheet

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# RoboPath AI

Robotics perception, path planning and automation workflow intelligence

## Project intent

This project must produce a demonstrable engineering workflow, not only a model notebook. The team will define the user and decision, establish a data and evaluation protocol, build a reproducible baseline, add the approved intelligence layer, review risk, integrate a usable interface or service and defend the final evidence.

### Minimum viable product

Simulate a grid-based robot that perceives obstacles, computes a route and enters a safe-stop state when sensor or path information is invalid.

## Recommended research questions

- How can path-planning simulation be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can perception-to-control workflow be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can safe fallback states be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?

### Candidate data

- Generated occupancy grids
- Simulated sensor readings
- Path and collision logs

### Candidate features

- Grid position
- Obstacle map
- Target position
- Sensor validity
- Path cost

### Baselines to compare

- Breadth-first search
- Dijkstra
- A\* heuristic search

### Primary evaluation

- Path length
- Planning time
- Collision count
- Safe-stop success

## Recommended system architecture

### Data layer

Source register, permission record, schema, validation, raw and processed versions.

### Intelligence layer

Baseline, approved model or rules, evaluation, error analysis and model card.

### Application layer

User workflow, API or notebook interface, logging, evidence and deployment plan.

## Minimum data plan

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# Twelve-week execution path

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| 1    | Apply Computational Thinking and Engineering Discipline to RoboPath AI. | Architecture diagram, Problem statement, State or flow model |
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## Evaluation criteria

- Problem and user clarity
- Data provenance and quality
- Baseline and experiment discipline

- Error analysis and responsible AI
- Integration and reproducibility
- Documentation, demonstration and individual contribution

## Suggested literature-search strings

- "Path-planning simulation" dataset model evaluation review
- "Perception-to-control workflow" dataset model evaluation review
- "Safe fallback states" dataset model evaluation review

### Project-specific risks

- Unsafe physical deployment
- Sensor failure
- Dynamic obstacles
- Simulation-to-reality gap

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## Final defense prompts

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# SafeCity AI

Public safety analytics, incident response and community intelligence

## Project intent

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### Minimum viable product

Analyse anonymized or public incident records, display patterns and support resource planning without predicting individual criminality.

## Recommended research questions

- How can incident pattern analysis be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can resource prioritization be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can bias-aware public-safety reporting be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?

### Candidate data

- Public incident datasets
- Synthetic community-safety records
- Time and location aggregates

### **Candidate features**

- Incident category
- Time window
- Area aggregate
- Response time
- Resource load

### **Baselines to compare**

- Frequency heat map
- Moving average
- Cluster or trend analysis

### **Primary evaluation**

- Forecast MAE where applicable
- Pattern stability
- Coverage
- Bias review

## **Recommended system architecture**

### **Data layer**

Source register, permission record, schema, validation, raw and processed versions.

### **Intelligence layer**

Baseline, approved model or rules, evaluation, error analysis and model card.

### Application layer

User workflow, API or notebook interface, logging, evidence and deployment plan.

## Minimum data plan

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# Twelve-week execution path

| Week | Project action                                                          | Required evidence                                            |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Apply Computational Thinking and Engineering Discipline to SafeCity AI. | Architecture diagram, Problem statement, State or flow model |
| 2    | Apply Python Workspaces and Programming Foundations to SafeCity AI.     | Executed notebook, Test cases, Flowchart                     |
| 3    | Apply Data Science and Analytics Foundations to SafeCity AI.            | Raw and cleaned data, Data dictionary, Notebook              |
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## Evaluation criteria

- Problem and user clarity
- Data provenance and quality
- Baseline and experiment discipline

- Error analysis and responsible AI
- Integration and reproducibility
- Documentation, demonstration and individual contribution

## Suggested literature-search strings

- "Incident pattern analysis" dataset model evaluation review
- "Resource prioritization" dataset model evaluation review
- "Bias-aware public-safety reporting" dataset model evaluation review

### Project-specific risks

- Discriminatory profiling
- Location stigma
- Privacy
- Misinterpreting correlation

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# AquaMind AI

Water quality, distribution and resource monitoring using ML

## Project intent

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### Minimum viable product

Monitor water-quality or distribution readings, detect unusual patterns and present traceable alerts with measurement units.

## Recommended research questions

- How can quality anomaly detection be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can demand forecasting be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can leak and distribution analytics be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?

### Candidate data

- Public water-quality datasets
- Synthetic flow and pressure series
- Sensor calibration records

### **Candidate features**

- pH
- Turbidity
- Conductivity
- Flow
- Pressure
- Rolling change

### **Baselines to compare**

- Regulatory or engineering thresholds
- Rolling anomaly score
- Tree-based classifier

### **Primary evaluation**

- Anomaly recall
- False alerts
- Detection delay
- Missing-data resilience

## **Recommended system architecture**

### **Data layer**

Source register, permission record, schema, validation, raw and processed versions.

### **Intelligence layer**

Baseline, approved model or rules, evaluation, error analysis and model card.

### Application layer

User workflow, API or notebook interface, logging, evidence and deployment plan.

## Minimum data plan

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# Twelve-week execution path

| Week | Project action                                                          | Required evidence                                            |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Apply Computational Thinking and Engineering Discipline to AquaMind AI. | Architecture diagram, Problem statement, State or flow model |
| 2    | Apply Python Workspaces and Programming Foundations to AquaMind AI.     | Executed notebook, Test cases, Flowchart                     |
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## Evaluation criteria

- Problem and user clarity
- Data provenance and quality
- Baseline and experiment discipline

- Error analysis and responsible AI
- Integration and reproducibility
- Documentation, demonstration and individual contribution

## Suggested literature-search strings

- "Quality anomaly detection" dataset model evaluation review
- "Demand forecasting" dataset model evaluation review
- "Leak and distribution analytics" dataset model evaluation review

### Project-specific risks

- Uncalibrated sensors
- Unsafe quality claims
- Unit mismatch
- Missing context

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# NexoraOps AI

AI-enabled SaaS dashboard for operations, analytics and workflow automation

## Project intent

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### Minimum viable product

Deliver a role-aware operational dashboard with workflow records, analytics, AI-assisted prioritization and a documented API.

## Recommended research questions

- How can operational dashboard be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can workflow prioritization be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can api and role-based saas architecture be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?

### Candidate data

- Synthetic organizational workflow records
- Portal-style task metadata
- User and role definitions

### **Candidate features**

- Task age
- Priority
- Owner workload
- Status transitions
- Completion history

### **Baselines to compare**

- Rule-based priority
- Sortable dashboard
- Simple ranking model

### **Primary evaluation**

- Task retrieval latency
- Ranking relevance
- Workflow completion
- Authorization test coverage

## **Recommended system architecture**

### **Data layer**

Source register, permission record, schema, validation, raw and processed versions.

### **Intelligence layer**

Baseline, approved model or rules, evaluation, error analysis and model card.

### Application layer

User workflow, API or notebook interface, logging, evidence and deployment plan.

## Minimum data plan

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# Twelve-week execution path

| Week | Project action                                                           | Required evidence                                            |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Apply Computational Thinking and Engineering Discipline to NexoraOps AI. | Architecture diagram, Problem statement, State or flow model |
| 2    | Apply Python Workspaces and Programming Foundations to NexoraOps AI.     | Executed notebook, Test cases, Flowchart                     |
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## Evaluation criteria

- Problem and user clarity
- Data provenance and quality
- Baseline and experiment discipline

- Error analysis and responsible AI
- Integration and reproducibility
- Documentation, demonstration and individual contribution

## Suggested literature-search strings

- "Operational dashboard" dataset model evaluation review
- "Workflow prioritization" dataset model evaluation review
- "API and role-based SaaS architecture" dataset model evaluation review

### Project-specific risks

- Broken access control
- Private records
- Automation bias
- Always-on cloud cost

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## Abstract worksheet

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## Final defense prompts

- What exact problem was solved?
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# EdgePulse AI

IoT, sensor data and edge intelligence for smart monitoring systems

## Project intent

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### Minimum viable product

Ingest simulated sensor telemetry, run an edge-friendly anomaly rule or compact model and synchronize events when connectivity returns.

## Recommended research questions

- How can telemetry pipeline be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can edge anomaly detection be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?
- How can offline and intermittent-connectivity design be designed, measured and validated within the available data and 12-week scope?

### Candidate data

- Generated telemetry
- Public IoT sensor datasets
- Device and connectivity logs

### Candidate features

- Rolling statistics
- Battery level
- Signal quality
- Device ID
- Anomaly score

### Baselines to compare

- Threshold rule
- Rolling z-score
- Compact tree model

### Primary evaluation

- Detection latency
- Memory use
- False alarms
- Offline event retention

## Recommended system architecture

### Data layer

Source register, permission record, schema, validation, raw and processed versions.

### Intelligence layer

Baseline, approved model or rules, evaluation, error analysis and model card.

### Application layer

User workflow, API or notebook interface, logging, evidence and deployment plan.

## Minimum data plan

|                  |                                                                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Unit of analysis | Define one row, image, document, event or sensor window.                      |
| Target / output  | Define the exact prediction, classification, retrieval or recommendation.     |
| Data quality     | Record missingness, duplicates, imbalance, annotation quality and drift risk. |
| Privacy          | Exclude unnecessary personal or sensitive data and document access.           |

# Twelve-week execution path

| Week | Project action                                                           | Required evidence                                            |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Apply Computational Thinking and Engineering Discipline to EdgePulse AI. | Architecture diagram, Problem statement, State or flow model |
| 2    | Apply Python Workspaces and Programming Foundations to EdgePulse AI.     | Executed notebook, Test cases, Flowchart                     |
| 3    | Apply Data Science and Analytics Foundations to EdgePulse AI.            | Raw and cleaned data, Data dictionary, Notebook              |
| 4    | Apply Statistical Intuition for Engineers to EdgePulse AI.               | Statistical question, Method justification, Notebook         |
| 5    | Apply Machine Learning Pipelines to EdgePulse AI.                        | Problem framing, Data audit, Pipeline                        |
| 6    | Apply Neural Networks and Deep Learning Foundations to EdgePulse AI.     | Architecture diagram, Training notebook, Learning curves     |
| 7    | Apply Computer Vision and Image Intelligence to EdgePulse AI.            | Dataset card, Training notebook, Error gallery               |
| 8    | Apply Natural Language Processing and Generative AI to EdgePulse AI.     | Corpus card, Baseline, Retrieval workflow                    |
| 9    | Apply Responsible AI and Reproducible Engineering to EdgePulse AI.       | Stakeholder map, Bias analysis, Privacy plan                 |
| 10   | Apply MLOps, APIs, Docker and Cloud Foundations to EdgePulse AI.         | Model artifact, API, Dockerfile                              |
| 11   | Apply Specialization and Capstone Sprint to EdgePulse AI.                | Sprint board, Specialization evidence, Integrated system     |
| 12   | Apply Capstone Completion and Professional Defense to EdgePulse AI.      | Release archive, Final report, Evaluation pack               |

## Evaluation criteria

- Problem and user clarity
- Data provenance and quality
- Baseline and experiment discipline

- Error analysis and responsible AI
- Integration and reproducibility
- Documentation, demonstration and individual contribution

## Suggested literature-search strings

- "Telemetry pipeline" dataset model evaluation review
- "Edge anomaly detection" dataset model evaluation review
- "Offline and intermittent-connectivity design" dataset model evaluation review

### Project-specific risks

- Intermittent connectivity
- Clock drift
- Device spoofing
- Resource constraints

Do not promise real-time, medical, financial, safety-critical or autonomous use unless the system and evidence genuinely support it. Classroom prototypes must be labelled as prototypes.

## Abstract worksheet

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Problem and context   |  |
| Proposed method       |  |
| Data                  |  |
| Expected contribution |  |
| Limitations           |  |

## Final defense prompts

- What exact problem was solved?
- Why was this method chosen over the baseline?
- Which failure mode matters most?
- What did each member contribute?

- What evidence supports the result?
- What would be required before real deployment?

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