

Introduction

Energy Management System is to collect metering and environmental data from different sources through different means and to provide different levels of analysis using Web interface. The first generation was deployed in 2010 after working on several projects on meter reading for utility such as China Light & Power. Its preliminary version was installed in 2005 on 5 buildings in Tin Shui Wai of Hong Kong while it was used as case study for CLP AMR (Auto-Meter Reading) project on non-commercial sector meter reading and billing.



The first generation was deployed for large property management company in Hong Kong on commercial buildings with shopping mall and second phase of CLP AMR project. While it served for 2 different kinds of industry, utility mainly for billing and commercial sector for data analysis, the system was designed in modular structure supporting different plug-in libraries. As shown in the above timeline, external data source incorporated metering data from external data sources in commercial sector and the system acted as central database filtering in important data for further data analysis. MRO (billing) and LPO (meter online service) of CLP were specific modules for utility. Category of device was introduced in commercial sector to depict what part of power consumption it belongs to, e.g. lighting, airflow, lift etc. Each category of devices can be formulated as metering group for performance analysis. In addition, meters under same site can be formulated as billing group for bill calculation in commercial sector. Meanwhile, incomer was used to group meters under same trunk to find out load distribution. A very simple chart was provided in the first generation on either power consumption or demand.

DCU (Data Concentrator Unit) is one of components in this system and it is responsible for collecting metering data in a site (or sensor in coming phase) to upload to the system. A separate document is available for this product because it can operate independently with the system as in its deployment in the government offices since 2010.

The second generation provides real time data collection over LAN or 4G mobile network. Unlike previous generation, it collects data immediately after DCU gets metering data instead of scheduling read. Thus, dial-up modem support is dropped though the components in two generations can be working together without issue. Furthermore, more data analysis based on either pie or line charts is introduced. These include load distribution, multiple fields of single meter and single field of multiple meters.



On-line data in the transaction database is kept up to 3 years while earlier data is moved to historical database. The Web GUI allows data export across these two databases. In addition, intra-day (depending on how frequent DCU collects data), minimum interval data across system (common data interval across the system e.g. 15-minute), daily and monthly data are provided. For charting analysis, only minimum interval data and daily are supported.

Without using DCU, the system can retrieve data directly over LAN (or 4G modem through special module) from Elster meter. Same kinds of metering data are processed. This model would be deployed for CEM (Companhia de Electricidade de Macau) soon.

The third generation is being developed to incorporate environmental data such as temperature, humidity, in-door quality, TVOC (ppb) and eCO₂ (ppm) which is collected from another type of DCU using Raspberry Pi IoT (Internet of Thing). Thus, power consumption and these kinds of environment information can be studied. Since it is non-invasive installation, the measurement provides casual study.

After these kinds of data are collected, deep learning no matter supervised or unsupervised can be further carried out. Of course, edge computing is to be used in future to better manage the whole eco-system but it is out of scope of this system.



Features of the system

Data Collection



As shown in the above diagram, there are 3 ways to collect metering data, through DCU Server and Meter Server, Data Source Server for external system. Apart from updating data to database, it works together with caching server living within Web GUI. It provides updated status and information so that the user can get it instantly. It is achieved through standard Web Socket interface that data can be populated on the browser.

While multiple number of units of DCU Server or Meter Server are running in parallel for load sharing, the management job is processed in caching server. This scalability with minimum effort of system upgrade can lower the initial investment cost. Each DU Server or Meter Server is operating in either one modes, waiting for connection or making connection upon request from caching server. A small piece of communication module (mobile switch) is required in dynamic IP address meter in order that the system identifies the connection is valid one. In the first generation, some units of DCU was deployed in 2.5G mobile network where an intelligent mobile modem communicated with the server to authenticate with each other before actual data communication was made. These various kinds of connection method make deployment to different environments.

Since Elster meter provides historical data (load profile and instrumentation) stored inside the meter, the system collects and categories data before storage. Besides storing snapshot data from DCU instantly, the system requests the whole day data during its day end processing to recover those lost due to communication interruption. Data time is important and it serves one key parts in the data so the time synchronization between DCU server and DCU in site is performed once a week.

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For external data source, it generally supports file and database type. File should be in tab delimited format. A mapping file is used for database access to map the end point and field to the system used device name. The corresponding decoder should be set up.

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Definition Data Report	Source 🛓 id	Building 0	Туре 🕴	Info 0	Password 0	Additional Info	Building	GB			Last Process		
User Profile	1	GB	File	c:\\swiredata\\		yyMMdd,.txt,0	Source Type Source Info	File V			2016-02- 19		
	7	GB	PC-DCU		-	**	Source Password Additional Info	File, TFTP (filter list) D			2016-05- 24		
	10	TEST	File	c:\\testdata\\		yyyyMMdd,.csv,0	Module Max. History (days)	clpdcudecoder V 4			2019-09- 18		
	12	NONEXIST	File	c:\\test\\testing\\	yyyyMMdd,.txt,1		Schedule Time User Email List	HH:mm,HH:mm email,email			2020-04- 13		
	13	GB	Database	192.168.2.26,1433,dmpidb,dbuser		bmslogdata,Mnemonic,Timestamp,value,0,0,c:\\swire				No Yes	2020-05- 11		
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For direct meter data request through Meter Server, the corresponding metering protocol is running on top of mobile network. The checksum being used in the protocol and retry mechanism in the server can ensure the data accuracy. Some meter protocol includes sequence number to further guard against error. Meter request schedule can be specified by either set of fixed schedule or period such as 15-minute.

The system also supports adhoc mode in Meter Server and that means the user can make request through Web GUI to request data immediately. This was used in the first generation by CLP to check the billing information (power consumption) for immediate needs.

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Account Management System Management Site Management Meter Data Import	Meter Registe	er Data	
Group Definition Data Report User Profile	Connection Object	Adhoc Data Request	
	Show entries Deviceid 10066552 12068942 4017161 Showing 1 to 3 of 3 of		¢
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Central Management

User in the system is assigned the role which maps to a set of functions. Only allowed functions can be found in the Web GUI. Every request is to be verified again to prevent user from accessing the function. Data permission in terms of site is configured for the user. Thus, the user can only access data from the sites. In addition, the system reserves field for special permission. It was used by CLP in the first generation to control additional data permission such as writing back data to database for adhoc request or remotely turning on or off meter.



Device information can be uploaded through tab delimited file or using Web GUI. Automatic Meter Management System v2.1

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Account Management System Management	Elster Devi	ce Manage	ment											
Site Management														
Group Definition Data Report	Site GB	Choose file	No file chosen	Upload	Display	Edit Dev	ice Config	juration						
User Profile	Show rent	ries				Device gbdcu0002						Search:	l	
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	01352818	A1350	gbdcu0002	Elster A1350	192.16	Sync Tim	ne Day	17			e	elstermeterdecoder	Y	
	03352520	AS1440	gbdcu0002	Elster AS1440	192.16	Device S	ync Day	3			e	elstermeterdecoder	Y	
	05052572	A120		Elster A120		Streamin	ig support	O No 📀	Yes		e	elstermeterdecoder	N	
	05052592	A140		Elster A140		DS Nam	e					elstermeterdecoder	N	
	10066572	AS230	gbtestdcu	Elster AS230		16		No		No Ves	e	elstermeterdecoder	N	
	12068942	A1700+	gbdcu0002	Elster A1700	192.16					NO Tes		elstermeterdecoder	Y	
	35074953	AS220	gbdcu0002	Elster AS220	192.168	2.12,2332	Direct LA	N	9600,e,7,1	Chiller	active	elstermeterdecoder	Y	
	4017161	A1700	gbdcu0002	Elster A1700	192.168	2.12,2332	Direct LA	N	9600,e,7,1	Airside	active	elstermeterdecoder	Y	
	6099776	A1120	gbdcu0002	Elster A1120	192.168	2.12,2332	Direct LA	N	9600,e,7,1	СТ	active	elstermeterdecoder	Y	
	6099779	A1140	gbdcu0002	Elster A1140	192.168	2.12,2332	Direct LA	N	9600,e,7,1	СТ	active	elstermeterdecoder	Y	
	gbdsu0002 BBB DCU Elster NetDCU gbdsmodou PC DCU PCDCU CON gbbsstdcu Sampe DCU Elster NetDCU 192.				Direct LA	N	Not applicable	Undefined	active	stddcudecoder	Y	-		
			COM3:		RS485 or	RS232	9600,e,7,1	Undefined	inactiv	ve pp3dcudecoder	N			
			192.168	.2.13,3288	Direct LA	N	Not applicable	Undefined	inactiv	ve advdcudecoder	Y			
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Similarly, device information from external data source can also be configured through file upload. In general, the module would create the basic information automatically from the filtering file or the data file through file-based mechanism.



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Meter Data Import Group Definition Data Report	Building GB V Choo	ose file No file chose	n U	bload Display E	xport			
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	GB_3.CW.RF.CT2.KWH	GB	7	L&P	Pointname GB 3 C	W RE CT3 KW		
	GB_3.CW.RF.CT3.KWH	GB	7	Undefined	Building GB			
	GB_3.CW.RF.CT4.KWH	GB	7	Undefined	Category Ten	→		
	GB_3.CW.RF.CT5.KWH	GB	7	SWP	Location			Test
	GB_3.CW.RF.CT6.KWH	GB	7	Undefined	Serving Area			
	GB_3.CW.RF.P01.KWH	GB	7	Undefined	Description			
	GB_3.CW.RF.P02.KWH	GB	7	Undefined			No Ves	
	GB_3.CW.RF.P03.KWH	GB	7	Undefined			10 103	<u></u>
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	GB_3.CW.RF.P05.KWH	GB	7	Undefined				
	GB_3.CW.RF.P06.KWH	GB	7	Undefined				
	GB_3.CW.RF.P06.NKW	GB	7	Undefined				
	GB_3.CW.RF.P07.KWH	GB	7	Undefined				
	GB_3.CW.RF.P08.KWH	GB	7	Undefined				
	GB_3.CW.RF.P09.KWH	GB	7	Undefined				

There are 3 kinds of meter grouping, incomer, billing group and meter group. The first two limit the meter under same site whereas meter group is based on category of the meter but bounded by user. The user can choose the option to share meter group with others. Incomer describes the relationship of meters in physical world. Billing group is mainly for bill calculation while meter group is generally for data analysis.

Account Management System Management Site Management Meter Data Import Group Definition Data Report User Profile	B	illing Group Manage: ite 3PP v Create Trunkline ill Group 2PP_DCU_check	IIng Group Management a[3PP v] Create Trunkline]] Display Trunkline]] I Group [2PP_DCU_check] wv v) entries Search:												
	on	Device	Management Info												
		101000235	Yes	L01 / Cargo Lift 26 & 27	101000001										
		101000251	Yes	3 / Incomer 3	101000001										
		101000286	Yes	P50 / FAF/EAF (LG1)	101000001										
		101000353	Yes	P153 / Cold & Hot Water Bosster Pumps (PPA)	101000001										
		101000521	Yes	SN30476 / Incomer 17	101000001										
		101000522	Yes	SN30475 / Incomer 18	101000001										
		101000540	Yes	029 / Gen L&P L28-36	101000001										
		101000552	Yes	P09 / L2 A/C Plant Room	101000001										
		101000558	Yes	P162 / PAU & EAF (PPA)	10100001										
		101000564	Yes	020 / A/C Equipment /L38 AFT Equipment	101000001										
		101000595	Yes	A06 /	10100001										
		101000597	Yes	P93 / Essential Equipment	10100001										
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Account Management System Management Site Management Meter Data Import Group Definition Data Report User Profile	Meter Group Management	up ∬ Display Meter Gro	oup under owner		
	Meter Group 3PP-airside				
	Show v entries	Update Virtual	Meter Configuration		Search:
	Device	Meter Group	3PP-airside	Device Type	Øgmt Info
	101000064	Device	101000171	Ister	1
	101000069	- Device Type Scale factor	Lister V	Ister	1
	101000153	Management Ir	nfo 1	Ister	1
	101000171			Ister	1
	101000172	-	No Yes	lster	1
	101000173		1.00	Elster	1
	101000178		1.00	Elster	1
	101000180		1.00	Elster	1
	3PP_3.LV.02.031.KWH		1.00	BMS	1
	3PP_3.LV.02.036.KWH		1.00	BMS	1
	3PP_3.LV.02.038.KWH		1.00	BMS	1
	3PP_3.LV.22.100.KWH		1.00	BMS	1

A scaling factor is introduced in each meter within category group and it is used to calculate the result for single virtual meter. Billing group requires both bill parameters and billing rules. Coming with the system is a general rule in 4 categories being used in Hong Kong. The bill parameters are specified in period basis and it is managed by the user.





Report

There are 3 kinds of meter data for Elster meter in the system, snapshot data and historical data (load profile and instrumentation). Snapshot data comes from the polling mechanism in either DCU or system whereas historical data is stored in the meter itself. The minimum period attained by DCU and system is 1-minute and 15-minute respectively. This is based on two factors, data time associated with the historical data in Elster meter and the time required to get historical data in DCU (details in DCU product specification). Snapshot data (real time data in Web GUI) is populated together with instrumentation data to give system-wise periodic data.



Snapshot data is presented with reference to DCU which connects to meter. Besides displaying and exporting data in 4 kinds (intra-day (per DCU polling period), periodic (system wide period), daily and monthly), the system provides facility through Web Socket to give real time update data. Thus, when the data is retrieved from DCU, the information in the Web page is automatically updated immediately.

Account Management System Management	Real Tim	Real Time Data															
Management Site Management	DCU: 101090	0042 🗸 Search	Snapshot	Query Stre	aming DCU												
Meter Data Import Group	Show	entries					1	01090042						S	Search:		
Definition Data Report User Profile	meterid	description	dcu time	meter time	kWH	Watt	kVA	Lli	L2i	L3i	L1v	L2v	L3v	L1pf	L2pf	L3pf	Last update
	101000479	32-52 (S-23) / G/F Essential Public Lighting & Power	2020- 11-18 13:15:00	2020- 11-18 13:09:55	324090.468200	3.400	3.400	5.3	4.6	5.3	224.4	227.1	226.8	1.000	1.000	1.000	2020-11- 18 13:10:42
	101000480	32-52 (S- 109) / MTR Tunnel D Essential Lighting & Power and Fan	2020- 11-18 13:20:00	2020- 11-18 13:15:05	244282.906100	2.800	2.900	7.3	2.6	2.6	223.3	226.0	225.9	1.000	-32.767	-32.767	2020-11- 18 13:15:53
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	Start streamin	ng Stop streami	ng														

Meter data is displayed or exported with reference to the site. The data type includes Elster load profile, instrumentation and external data presented as BMS. 4 kinds of periodic data can be specified, system wise specific period (term as intra-day), hourly, daily and monthly. "Intra-day" applies to all reports except real time data report whose data comes from polling period of DCU.

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Account Management System Management Site Management Meter Data Import Group Definition Data Report User Profile Meter Data Report Site: GB V Data Type: Elster LP V Category: All V Search Start Date: dd/mm/yyyy End Date: dd/mm/yyyy Elster Field: q14kva Period for export: Intra-day 🗸 Deselect All Select All 0000001 01352818 05052572 03352520 05052592 10066572 12068942 35074953 4017161 6099776 6099779 Display Export

The data is displayed as follows.

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Account Management System Management Site Management	Meter Data Report	Aeter Data Report										
Meter Data Import Group Definition Data Report	Site: GB V Data Type: Elster Inst V Category: A	I V Search										
User Profile	Rid Consumption downed Chart											
	Piot Consumption-demand Chart Show ventries Search:											
	Time	Device \$	importkwh \$	totalVA								
	2020-11-17 00:00	03352520	0000000.0	0.000								
	2020-11-17 00:00	6099779	2.919026	0								
	2020-11-17 00:30	03352520	0000000.0	0.000								
	2020-11-17 00:30	6099779	2.919026	0								
	2020-11-17 01:00	03352520	0000000.0	0.000								
	2020-11-17 01:00	6099779	2.919026	0								
	2020-11-17 01:30	03352520	0000000.0	0.000								
	2020-11-17 01:30	6099779	2.919026	0								
	2020-11-17 02:00	03352520	0000000.0	0.000								
	2020-11-17 02:00	6099779	2.919026	0								
	2020-11-17 02:30	03352520	0000000.0	0.000								
	2020-11-17 02:30	6099779	2.919026	0								
	2020-11-17 03:00	03352520	0000000.0	0.000								
	2020-11-17 03:00	6099779	2.919026	0								
	2020-11-17 03:30	03352520	0000000.0	0.000								
	2020-11-17 03:30	6099779	2.919026	0								
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Consumption, moving average of consumption and demand can be plotted per device so that the user can find out the trend of the power usage before detail analysis is to be carried out.







Billing Group meter report is to depict the contribution of individual meter to overall consumption under the same group.

Account Management System	Billing Group Re	port												
Site	Start Date: 07/10/2020	End Date:	08/10/2020 🕻	5	Billing Group: CG	_airside	~							
Management	Field: importkw 🗸	Bill Usage:	Industrial Customer	~	Data Type: OIntra	aday 🔍 Daily								
mport	Display Export Calculate													
Definition Data Report User Profile	101000213 101000272 1 1908181.89 3003361.02 2	Total values in this period 101000213 101000272 101000275 101000276 101000277 ICG_airside 1908181.89 3003361.02 2709123.76 3556621.83 550293.30 2243616.18 13971197.99												
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	Time 🔺	101000213	101000272 👙	101000273 👙	101000275 👙	101000276 👙	101000277	CG_airside 🔶						
	2020-10-07 00:00	953984.48	1501517.66	1354403.87	1778074.11	275115.18	1121649.00	6984744.30						
	2020-10-08 00:00	954197.42	1501843.36	1354719.89	1778547.71	275178.13	1121967.18	6986453.69						
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Load distribution pie chart can be plotted at particular instant of data from individual meter. This is available in both bill group and meter group reports.



The meter group report is focus on the meter under same category.

Account Management System	Meter Group Report												
Site	Start Date:	07/10/20	20 🗖 End	l Date: 08/10/20	20 📋 Met	er Group: 3PP-a	irside 🗸	-					
Management Meter Data	Field: imp	ortkw 🖌	Dat	a Type: O Intrad	ay 🔍 Daily 🛛 Dis	play Export							
mport Group Definition Data Report User Profile	Plot meter data												
	101000064	1010000	59 101000153 10	01000171 101000	0172 101000173	101000178 1010	00180 3PP_3.LV	.02.031.KWH	PP_3.LV.02.036.	KWH 3PP_3.LV	.02.038.KWI		
	32.36	0.00	0.00 0.0	00 9.24	0.07	2.49 0.00	4.00	2	22.00	2.00			
	Show	✓ entries											
	Time		101000064	101000069 🔅	101000153	101000171	101000172 \$	101000173	101000178	101000180 👙	3PP_3.LV.		
	2020-10-	07 00:00	16.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.61	0.03	1.24	0.00	4.00		
	2020-10-	08 00:00	16.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.63	0.03	1.25	0.00			
	Showing 1	to 2 of 2 er	tries										

Up to 3 units of meter under same meter group can be plotted in same chart for visual analysis.



For those meters managed by the system directly, a separate functional tab is introduced and it occupies same menu item as real time data report.



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Account Management System Management Site Management	N	Aeter Regist	er Data					
Group Definition	I	Device						
Data Report User Profile	C	Connection Object						
		Search						
	SI	how 🔽 entries					5	Search:
		Deviceid 🔺	Connection Object	Device type 🛛 🕴	Comm type 🛛 🔶	End point ϕ	Site	Schedule \$
		10066552	A1700-ZG	Elster A1700	Direct LAN	202.126.221.206,4001	ELSTER	0:30,8:30,14:30,19:00
		12068942	A1700+	Elster A1700	Direct LAN	192.168.2.12,2332	GB	
		4017161	A1700	Elster A1700	Direct LAN	192.168.2.12,2332	GB	
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Basically, meter information is queried through device identity or connection object (full description of the device). Data permission is applied to the search.

A few summary data reports are available in the system, daily and monthly report on the quantity of data collected. DCU log message can also be found in the system.

Account Management System Management Site Management <u>Meter Data Import</u> Group Definition	DCU Status Log Report Invalid Parameter												
Data Report	5	tart Date: dd/mm	/ / /////	End Date: d	d/mm/vvvv	□ Site: CP 1&S DCU: 101090027 Disolay Export							
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	SI	how 🔽 entri	es			Sear	ch:						
		Device 🔺	Module 🔅	Type 🕴	Code 🕴	Description	Time 🔶						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	New day	2020-11-17 00:00:00						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	Historical data preparation is started	2020-11-17 00:00:00						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	New day SysCik=2020-11-17 00:00:04 RTCCik=2020-11-16 23:58:58	2020-11-17 00:00:04						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	DCU temperature:42.76	2020-11-17 00:00:45						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	DCU case 1 open:1	2020-11-17 00:00:45						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	DCU case 2 open:1	2020-11-17 00:00:45						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	Backup battery voltage:1.7297	2020-11-17 00:00:45						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	Historical data request is complete	2020-11-17 00:19:40						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	DCU temperature:43.07	2020-11-17 01:00:52						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	DCU case 1 open:1	2020-11-17 01:00:52						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	DCU case 2 open:1	2020-11-17 01:00:52						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	Pack file process is invoked	2020-11-17 02:00:06						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	Data packing started	2020-11-17 02:00:06						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	Working on file date:20201116	2020-11-17 02:00:06						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	Log file 20201116 was packed	2020-11-17 02:00:06						
	101090040 gbarmdcu Ir			Info	0	DCU temperature:43.13	2020-11-17 02:00:58						
	101090040 gbarmdcu Info				0	DCU case 1 open:1	2020-11-17 02:00:58						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	DCU case 2 open:1	2020-11-17 02:00:58						
		101090040	gbarmdcu	Info	0	Complete one set of pack files:20201116	2020-11-17 02:10:31						

System audit report can also be displayed and exported.



Technical Information

System Requirements

- Up to 30 units of meter and less than 5 users
 - $\circ~$ Intel i5 with 16 GB RAM, 256 GB storage holding all modules in one machine
 - MS SQL Express on Windows 10 Professional edition (note that up to 10 GB storage is allowed in MS SQL Express edition)
- Enterprise Usage
 - Intel XEON with at least 16 GB RAM, 1 TB storage with MSSQL Server on Windows or Linux and Tomcat Server for Web GUI
 - Intel i5 with 8 GB RAM, 128 GB storage for DCU Server and Meter Server on Windows 10 Professional or Linux (if the system requires to communicate with Elster UK Meter type directly, Windows machine is required)

Development environment

- Pure Java except the module to encapsulate the Elster meter encryption library using .NET framework C# which provides Web Service
- Spring framework, Mybatis and a set of open source libraries
- Apache Tiles, JQuery, Chart.js