

CheatSheet: Feature Design For Job Interview

INTERVIEW

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1.1 Key Blocks For Feature/System Design

| Num | Name | Summary |
|-----|---|--|
| 1 | Caching | |
| 2 | Message Queue | |
| 3 | Load balancer | |
| 4 | Networking: DNS | |
| 5 | Pessimistic And Optimistic Locking | |
| 6 | Consistent Hash | |
| 7 | DB replication | |
| 8 | CAP: Consistency/Availability/Partition | |
| 9 | Concurrency & Communication | |
| 10 | Session management | |
| 11 | Pull vs Push model | |
| 12 | Data Partition & Scaling | Vertical scaling and Horizontal scaling |
| 13 | Networking: HTTP | |
| 14 | Networking: TCP vs UDP | |
| 15 | API Design | |
| 16 | Consistency patterns | Weak consistency, Eventual consistency, Strong consistency |
| 17 | Availability patterns | Fail-over vs Replication |
| 18 | Self Protection | API Rate limit, Circuit breaker, bulkhead |
| 19 | Data Replication | |
| 20 | CDN | |
| 21 | Distributed Systems | |
| 22 | Garbage Collection | |
| 23 | Memory Management | |
| 24 | Concurrency | |
| 25 | Networking | |
| 26 | Security | |

1.2 Additional Blocks For Feature/System Design

| Num | Name | Summary |
|-----|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Heartbeats | |
| 2 | Gossip | |
| 3 | Paxos and raft protocol | |
| 4 | Vector Clocks/Version Vectors | |
| 5 | Split brain | |

1.3 Design Technical Modules

| Num | Name | Summary |
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| 1 | Design a distributed UUID generator | |
| 2 | Implement a timer | |
| 3 | Design An API Rate Limiter | link, link |
| 4 | Design online/offline status system | |
| 5 | Thread-safe Hashmap | link |
| 6 | Top URL hits | |
| 7 | Unique url hits | |
| 8 | Delayed task scheduling | |
| 9 | Design a distributed counter | |
| 10 | Design a distributed hashtable | |
| 11 | Design a load balancer | |
| 12 | Design a client-server API to build a rich document editor | |
| 13 | Design a circuit breaker | |
| 14 | Design a stack supporting push/pop/getmin/getmostfrequent | |
| 15 | Design a credential management system | |

1.4 Explain workflow: What happens when XXX?

| Num | Name | Summary |
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| 1 | When happens when I search in google? | |
| 2 | How loadbalancer works | |
| 3 | Explain three phase commit model | |
| 4 | Explain HTTP return code | 301 vs 302, 401 vs 403, etc |
| 5 | Explain Mysql DB replication model | |
| 6 | Explain gossip protocol | |
| 7 | Explain CAP | |
| 8 | Explain Hadoop file system | |

1.5 Explain tools: how XXX supports XXX?

| Num | Name | Summary |
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| 1 | How JDK implement hashmap? | |
| 2 | Explain java garbage collection model | |
| 3 | Explain raft/etcd | |
| 4 | How OS supports XXX? | |

1.6 Misc

| Num | Name | Summary |
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| 1 | Find out the difference between two files. Majority of these two are the same | #lcs - Longest Common Subsequence |
| 2 | How to support feature of "diff 1.txt 2. txt" | |
| 3 | How to store 2TB data into 3 disks of 1TB. And be tolerant for one disk failure | A, B, C. And C = A XOR B |

1.7 Top 20 Object-Oriented Design Problems

| Num | Problem | Category/Tag | Example |
|-----|------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 1 | Max Stack | #stack , #oodesign | Leetcode: Max Stack |
| 2 | LRU cache | #linkedlist, #oodesign | Leetcode: LRU Cache |
| 3 | LFU cache | #linkedlist, #oodesign | Leetcode: LFU Cache |
| 4 | Design Hit Counter | #oodesign | Leetcode: Design Hit Counter |
| 5 | Logger Rate Limiter | #oodesign | Leetcode: Logger Rate Limiter |
| 6 | Design HashMap | #oodesign | Leetcode: Design HashMap |
| 7 | Insert Delete GetRandom O(1) | #oodesign, #random | Leetcode: Insert Delete GetRandom O(1) |

1.8 More Resources

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<https://github.com/binhnguyennus/awesome-scalability>