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Experiment-2

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1. AIM :

To design an online E-commerce platform similar to Amazon/Flipkart for browsing and purchasing products like mobiles, laptops, cameras, and clothes.

To implement Kafka, Elasticsearch, and a CDC pipeline for real-time data processing, fast search, and scalability.

2. Objective:

- To develop a scalable online shopping system for product listing, search, and order management.
- To use Apache Kafka for real-time event streaming and inter-service communication.
- To implement Elasticsearch for fast and efficient product search.
- To integrate a CDC pipeline for real-time synchronization between databases and services.

3. Tools Required:

- Programming Language: Java / Python / JavaScript
- Backend Framework: Spring Boot / Express.js / Flask
- Database: MySQL / PostgreSQL / MongoDB
- API Testing Tool: Postman
- Design Tool: Draw.io (for HLD diagrams)
- Web Browser
- ElasticSearch
- Kafka
- CDC connector



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4. SYSTEM DESIGN / SYSTEM SPECIFICATION:

4.1. Functional Requirements:

- The platform should allow users to search products using keywords such as product name, brand, or title.
- Users should be able to open a product page to see complete information including description, images, price, available stock, and customer reviews.
- The system should allow users to choose the required quantity of a product and add it to their shopping cart.
- Users should be able to proceed to checkout and complete payments using supported payment methods.
- After placing an order, users should be able to track the current status of their order (placed, shipped, delivered, etc.).
- The system must handle inventory efficiently and prevent users from ordering products that are out of stock or have limited availability.

4.2. Non-functional Requirements:

• Scalability Target:

The system should support up to **100 million daily active users (DAU)** and handle approximately **10 orders per second** without performance degradation.

• Availability:

The application must be operational **24/7** with minimal downtime.

• Consistency vs Availability:

Different components may have different requirements: Order and payment services require **strong**

• Latency:

The system should respond to user requests within **~200 milliseconds** for a smooth user experience.

• Scalability Approach:

The architecture should primarily support **horizontal scaling**, with vertical scaling used only where necessary.



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4.3. Core-Entites of the System:

- **User** – Represents customers interacting with the platform
- **Product Catalog** – Stores product-related information
- **Shopping Cart** – Temporarily holds items selected by the user
- **Order** – Represents confirmed purchases
- **Checkout & Payment** – Handles billing and transaction processing

4.4. API Endpoints Creation:

1. GET API Call – Product Search

Purpose:

This API allows users to search products using keywords such as product name or category.

Endpoint:

<https://localhost/products/search>

HTTP Request:

Search keyword = “Wireless Headphones”

HTTP Response:

The system returns a list of matching product IDs such as 45, 52, and 60.

Note:

If multiple products match the search term, sending all data at once may increase frontend load and latency. To avoid this, pagination (Page 1, Page 2, Page 3, etc.) is applied so that limited data is sent per request.

2. GET API Call – View Product Details

Purpose:

Fetches complete details of a selected product.

Endpoint:

https://localhost/products/{product_id}

HTTP Request:

Product ID = 45

HTTP Response:

Product ID: 45

Product Name: Noise Cancelling Headphones

Brand: SoundMax

Color: Matte Black

Price: 7,999

Available Quantity: 25

Product Image: Image URL



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3. POST API Call – Add Product to Cart

Purpose:

Allows users to add selected products to their shopping cart.

Endpoint:

<https://localhost/cart/add>

HTTP Request Body:

Product IDs: 45, 60

HTTP Request Header:

User ID: 12

HTTP Response:

Cart ID: 208

4. PUT API Call – Update Cart

Purpose:

Used to update the quantity of products already present in the cart.

Example:

If a user wants to increase the quantity of headphones from one unit to two units, this API is used.

5. DELETE API Call – Remove Item from Cart

Purpose:

Removes a selected product from the shopping cart.

Example:

If a user decides not to purchase a power bank, this API removes it from the cart.

6. POST API Call – Checkout and Payment

Checkout API

Purpose:

Confirms the order before payment.

Endpoint:

<https://localhost/checkout>

HTTP Request:

Selected Product IDs: 45, 60

Total Quantity: 3

Total Price: 14,997

HTTP Response:

Order ID: 9021



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Payment API

Purpose:

Processes payment for the placed order.

Endpoint:

<https://localhost/payment>

HTTP Request:

Order ID: 9021

Payment Type: UPI

Payment Mode: Online

HTTP Response:

Payment Status: Success or Failed

7. GET API Call – Order Status

Purpose:

Allows users to track the current status of their order.

Endpoint:

<https://localhost/order/status>

HTTP Request:

Order ID = 9021

HTTP Response:

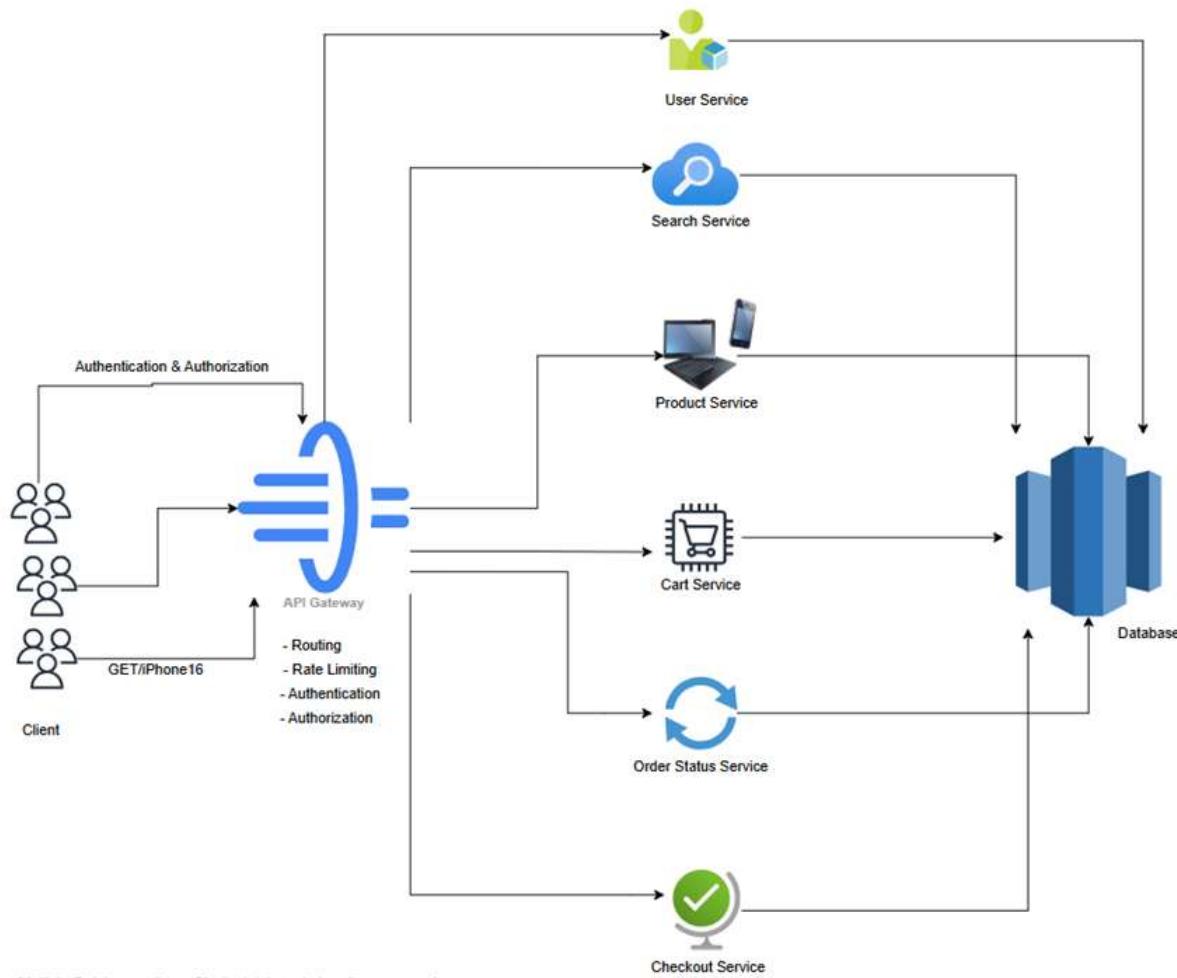
Order Status: Out for Delivery

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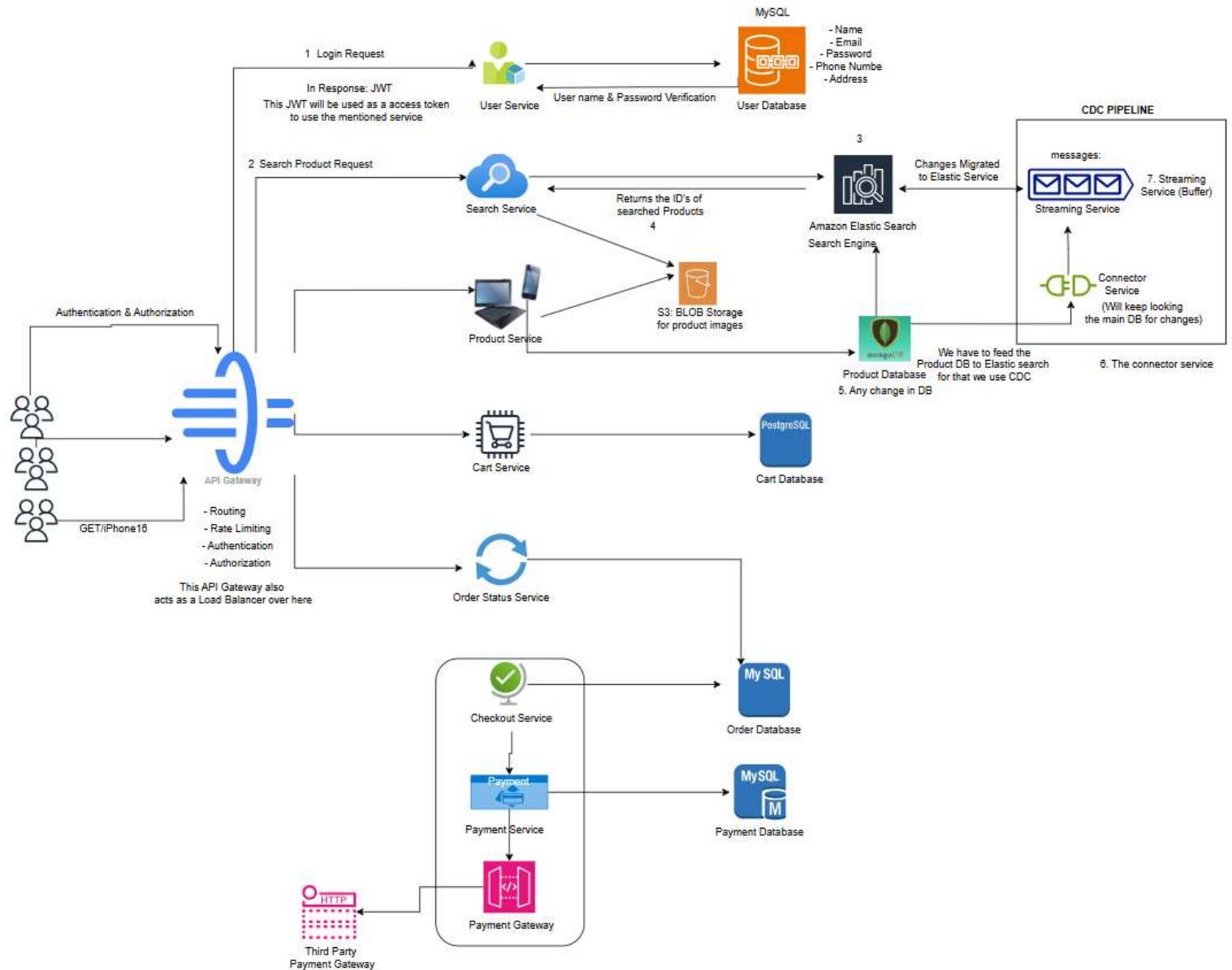
5. HLD(High Level Design):

We have to follow a distributed / micro-services approach not the monolithic one.





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7. Learning Outcomes

- Gain a clear understanding of how large-scale E-commerce systems are designed and structured.
- Learn how real-time event streaming works by using Apache Kafka for communication between services.
- Understand how search engines like Elasticsearch improve product discovery with low response time.
- Acquire knowledge of Change Data Capture (CDC) mechanisms to keep databases and services synchronized in real time.
- Build practical knowledge of integrating multiple distributed components to achieve high availability, fault tolerance, and system scalability.