

# CheatSheet: Feature Design For Job Interview

## INTERVIEW

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## 1.1 Top 20 Design Problems For Technical Modules

Num	Name	Summary
1	Design a distributed counter	link, link
2	Delayed task scheduling	link
3	Design a thread-safe Hashmap	link, link
4	Design a distributed Hashmap	
5	Design a distributed UUID generator	
6	Design An API Rate Limiter	link, link, link
7	Design a distributed transaction	
8	Top URL hits	
9	Unique url hits	
10	Design a distributed transactions	
11	Design a load balancer	
12	Design a client-server API to build a rich document editor	
13	Design online/offline status system	
14	Design a circuit breaker	
15	Design a secrets management system	
16	Design data sync for a distributed system	
17	Design: A Parking Lot Service	link
18	Design: A URL Redirecting Feature	
19	Design a service auto-discovery feature	
20	Design A big file transfer feature	

## 1.2 Top 30 Concepts For Feature/System Design

Num	Name	Summary
1	Caching	Stores data so that future requests of data retrieval can be faster
2	Message Queue	Provides an asynchronous communications protocol,
3	Data Partition & Sharding	Break up a big data volume into many smaller parts
4	DB Indexing	Create indexes on multiple columns to speed up table look up
5	DB replication	Duplicate data to increase service availability
6	CAP: Consistency/Availability/Partition	A distributed database system can only have 2 of the 3
7	DB: SQL & NoSQL	Relational databases and non-relational databases
8	Concurrency & Communication	
9	Pessimistic And Optimistic Locking	
10	Consistency Module	weak consistency, eventual consistency, strong consistency
11	Conflict resolution	Quorum, vector lock, reconcile on read/write, CRDT
12	B+ Tree	
13	Networking: HTTP	
14	Pull vs Push model	
15	Garbage Collection	
16	Memory Management	
17	Heartbeats	
18	Self Protection	API Rate limit, Circuit breaker, bulkhead, throttling
19	Filesystem	
20	API: gRPC vs REST	
21	Load balancer	
22	Scale up vs Scale out	Vertical scaling and Horizontal scaling
23	API Design	
24	Session management	
25	Networking: TCP vs UDP	
26	Consistency patterns	Weak consistency, Eventual consistency, Strong consistency
27	Availability patterns	Fail-over vs Replication
28	CDN - Content Delivery Network	Edge caching
29	Monitoring	
30	Security	
31	Networking: DNS	

## 1.3 Top 15 Advanced Data Structure & Algorithms

Num	Name	Summary
1	Consistent Hash	
2	Delayed queue	Run scheduled tasks
3	Bloom filter	A space-efficient query returns either "possibly in set" or "definitely not"
4	CRDT(Conflict-Free Replicated Data Types)	
5	SSTable (Sorted Strings Table)	
6	LSM (Log Structured Merge Trees)	
7	Gossip	Propagate cluster status
8	Two-phase commit/Three-phase commit	
10	Vector Clocks/Version Vectors	
11	Paxos and raft protocol	
12	Merkle Tree	

<https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dennyzhang/cheatsheet.dennyzhang.com/master/cheatsheet-featuredesign-A4/dynamo-summary.png>

## 1.4 Explain workflow: What happens when XXX?

Num	Name	Summary
1	When happens when I search in google?	
2	How loadbalancer works	
3	Explain three phase commit model	
4	Explain HTTP return code	
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
1	How JDK implement hashmap?	
2	Explain java garbage collection model	
3	Explain raft/etcd	
4	How OS supports XXX?	

## 1.6 Cloud Design Principles

Num	Name	Summary
1	Fail fast	
2	Design for failure	
3	Immutable infrastructure	
4	Cats vs Cattle	Avoid snowflake servers
5	Auto healing	
6	Async programming	
7	GitOps operational model	
8	Event-Driven Architectures	

## 1.7 Cloud Design Patterns

Num	Name	Summary
1	Ambassador pattern	Create helper service to send network requests, besides the main service
2	Cache-Aside pattern	Load data on demand into a cache from a data store
3	Circuit Breaker pattern	If a request takes too many resource, abort it
4	Bulkhead pattern	Isolate elements into pools, so that one fire won't burn all
5	Gateway Aggregation pattern	Aggregate multiple individual requests into a single request
6	Priority Queue pattern	Support different SLAs for different individual clients
7	Strangler pattern	Incrementally migrate a legacy system piece by piece

## 1.8 Misc

Num	Name	Summary
1	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
2	Find out the difference between two files. Majority of these two are the same	#lcs - Longest Common Subsequence
3	How to support feature of "diff 1.txt 2. txt"	
4	Avoid double payment in a distributed payment system	link

## 1.9 Top 20 Object-Oriented Design Problems

Num	Problem	Category/Tag	Example
1	Cache	#linkedlist, #oodesign	Leetcode: LRU Cache, Leetcode: LFU Cache, Leetcode: All O(1) Data Structure
2	Throttling	#linkedlist, #oodesign	Leetcode: Design Hit Counter, Leetcode: Logger Rate Limiter
3	Iterator	#oodesign	Leetcode: Binary Search Tree Iterator, Leetcode: Design Circular Iterator
4	Design Log Storage System	#oodesign	Leetcode: Design Log Storage System
5	Linked List with random access	#oodesign	Leetcode: Design Linked List
6	Max Stack	#stack, #oodesign	Leetcode: Max Stack
7	Design HashMap	#oodesign	Leetcode: Design HashMap
8	Circular Queue	#oodesign	Leetcode: Design Circular Queue, Leetcode: Design Circular Deque
9	Trie tree	#oodesign	Leetcode: Implement Trie (Prefix Tree)
10	Get Median	#oodesign	Leetcode: Find Median from Data Stream
11	Range Sum Query	#oodesign	Leetcode: Range Sum Query - Immutable, Leetcode: Range Sum Query - Mutable
12	Design File System	#oodesign	Leetcode: Design File System
13	Insert Delete GetRandom O(1)	#oodesign, #random	Leetcode: Insert Delete GetRandom O(1)
14	Insert Delete GetRandom O(1) II	#oodesign, #random	Leetcode: Insert Delete GetRandom O(1) - Duplicates allowed

## 1.10 More Resources

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<https://github.com/donnemartin/system-design-primer>

<https://github.com/checkcheckzz/system-design-interview>

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

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/architecture/patterns/>