**System Design and Architecture**

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**Introduction**

**Purpose**

This document outlines the architecture of the system, detailing its design decisions, components, technologies, and deployment strategies. The purpose of this document is to provide a clear and concise overview of the system's architecture, ensuring that all stakeholders, including developers, architects, and managers, have a solid understanding of the system's structure and functionality.

**Scope**

This document covers the system's high-level design, key components, communication methods, technology stack, deployment strategy, security considerations, and performance optimizations. It does not include specific implementation details, detailed database schemas, or exhaustive documentation on each individual service.

* Intended Audience
* Developers
* Architects
* Project Managers
* System Administrators
* Stakeholders

**References**

* Software Requirements Specification (SRS)
* API Documentation
* Database Schema Documentation
* User Manual

**Architectural Overview**

**System Context**

A high-level diagram illustrating the interactions between the system and external entities such as users, APIs, databases, and third-party services.

**High-Level Architecture**

This section provides an overview of the system components and their interactions, explaining the flow of data and the relationships between the various elements.

**Key Architectural Decisions**

* Microservices vs. Monolith: A decision to implement the system as a microservices architecture to allow for better scalability and flexibility.
* Database Selection: Chose a SQL-based database (e.g., PostgreSQL) for structured data storage with relational integrity.
* Messaging Patterns: Chose asynchronous messaging for communication between microservices using message queues (e.g., RabbitMQ, Kafka).

**System Components**

**Component Diagram**

A visual representation of the major system components and how they interact with each other.

**Modules & Responsibilities**

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| **Component** | **Responsibility** | **Communication Method** |
| Auth Service | Handles user authentication | REST API |
| Database | Stores user & transaction data | SQL Queries |
| Frontend | User interface | API Calls |

**Communication Between Components**

Components communicate via REST APIs for synchronous calls and message queues (e.g., RabbitMQ) for asynchronous communication.

**Technology Stack**

**Programming Languages**

* Python: For backend services
* JavaScript: For frontend

**Frameworks & Libraries**

* Django: For the backend API
* React: For frontend development
* FastAPI: For high-performance API services

Database

* PostgreSQL: For relational data storage

**Infrastructure**

* Docker: Containerization of services
* Kubernetes: Orchestration of containers
* AWS/GCP: Cloud hosting and services

**Deployment & Scalability**

Deployment Strategy

* CI/CD Pipeline: Jenkins and GitHub Actions to automate testing and deployment.
* Automated Deployments: Docker images deployed to Kubernetes clusters.
* Rollback Strategies: Blue-Green Deployment for zero-downtime deployments with an option to roll back if issues occur.

**Scalability Considerations**

* Load Balancing: Kubernetes services with auto-scaling for managing traffic load.
* Caching: Redis or Memcached for caching frequently accessed data.
* Database Sharding: Partitioning large databases to improve scalability.

**Infrastructure Diagram**

A diagram illustrates the deployment architecture, whether cloud-based (AWS, GCP) or on-premise.

**Security Architecture**

**Authentication & Authorization**

* JWT: For secure, stateless authentication.
* OAuth2: For third-party authentication integration.
* RBAC: Role-based access control to define permissions for users.

**Data Security**

* Encryption: AES-256 encryption for sensitive data.
* Hashing Algorithms: SHA-256 for passwords.
* Data Storage Security: Ensure encrypted storage of sensitive data using field-level encryption where necessary.

**Threat Modeling**

* Potential Security Risks: SQL Injection, Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF).
* Mitigations: Use parameterized queries, input validation, and HTTPS for secure communication.

**Performance** & Reliability

**Performance Optimization**

* Caching: Use of Redis or Memcached to store frequently accessed data in memory.
* Database Indexing: Adding indexes on frequently queried columns for faster lookup times.
* Code Optimization: Minimizing the use of synchronous blocking calls.

**Fault Tolerance**

* Redundancy: Use of multiple instances of services and databases for high availability.
* Failover Mechanisms: Automatic failover for database instances and microservices.

**Monitoring & Logging**

* Prometheus & Grafana: For monitoring system performance and resource utilization.
* ELK Stack: Elasticsearch, Logstash, and Kibana for centralized logging and log analysis.

**API & Data Flow**

**Utilized APIs**

* Main API: the one we develop for our system.
* External API 1: explain what the API does.
* External API 2: explain what the API does.
* External API 3: explain what the API does.

**Data Flow Diagram**

Illustrates the flow of data through the system, showing how requests and responses are handled by various components and how data is transferred between the system and external entities.