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# Project Plan

## Phase 1: Planning and Design (week 1)

1. Discuss project scope, objectives, and requirements.
2. Assign team roles and responsibilities.
3. Review and finalize functional requirements.
4. Identify any additional non-functional requirements.
5. Design the high-level system architecture.
6. Determine the technology stack and tools to be used.
7. Document user stories and acceptance criteria.
8. Create diagrams (e.g., UML diagrams) to illustrate system interactions.

## Phase 2: Development (week 2)

### Setting up Cloud Infrastructure

* Provision cloud resources (VM instances, object storage).
* Set up monitoring and logging tools.

### 2 - Implementing UI

* Set up a framework for the web-based UI.
* Implement functionality for uploading images and selecting processing operations.
* Integrate UI with backend APIs for task submission and monitoring.

### 3 - Implementing Image Processing Layer

* Integrate OpenCV library for image processing algorithms.
* Implement parallel processing using OpenCL or MPI.
* Test and optimize image processing algorithms for performance.

## Phase 3: Distribution infrastructure (week 3)

* Implement task scheduler for distributing processing tasks.
* Develop load balancer for evenly distributing workload across VMs and making the system scalable.
* Implement error handling and retry mechanisms for fault tolerance.

## Phase 4: Testing and Deployment (week 4)

* Conduct thorough testing to ensure the system works as expected.
* Deploy the system to the cloud and ensure it is operational.
* Prepare end-user manual. (Readme file on GitHub)

# Project Scope:

The scope of the project encompasses the design, implementation, and testing of a distributed image processing system using cloud computing technologies. The system will allow users to upload images for various processing operations, such as filtering, edge detection, and color manipulation. It will distribute processing tasks across multiple virtual machines in the cloud to achieve scalability and improve performance. The system will also be designed to be fault-tolerant, capable of detecting and recovering from failures to ensure uninterrupted processing.

# Objectives:

* Develop a distributed image processing system that leverages cloud computing technologies for scalability and performance.
* Implement various image processing algorithms, including filtering, edge detection, and color manipulation, to provide a diverse range of processing options.
* Enable users to upload images, select processing operations, monitor task progress, and download processed images.
* Ensure the system is scalable, allowing for the addition of more virtual machines to handle increased workload.
* Design fault tolerance mechanisms to detect and recover from failures, ensuring uninterrupted processing even in the event of VM failures.

# Requirements:

## Functional Requirements:

* Users should be able to upload images for processing.
* The system should support various image processing operations, including filtering, edge detection, and color manipulation.
* Users should be able to select the desired processing operation for each uploaded image.
* The system should distribute image processing tasks across multiple virtual machines in the cloud.
* Progress monitoring functionality should be provided to allow users to track the status of their processing tasks.
* Processed images should be available for download once processing is complete.

## Non-Functional Requirements:

* The system should process image tasks within a reasonable timeframe.
* The system should be scalable.
* The system should be capable of recovering from failures (e.g., VM crashes, network outages) automatically without human intervention.
* Code should be well-documented and adhere to coding best practices to ease maintenance and troubleshooting efforts.
* The user interface should be intuitive and easy to navigate, with clear instructions provided for each functionality.

# System Architecture

## User Interface (UI):

* Flask (Python web frameworks): For building a web-based UI where users can upload images, select processing operations, monitor task progress, and download processed images.

## Application Layer:

* Python: As the primary language for implementing the application logic.
* Task Scheduler: Orchestrates the distribution of image processing tasks among virtual machines (VMs) in the cloud.
* Load Balancer: Distributes incoming user requests across multiple VMs to ensure even workload distribution.

## Image Processing Layer:

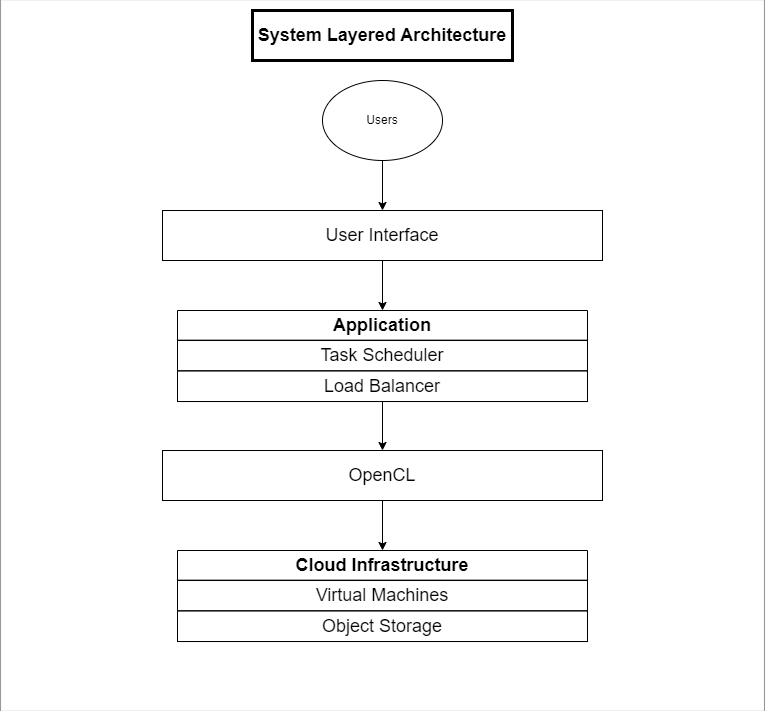
* OpenCV: A popular library for image processing in Python, providing functions for various operations such as filtering, edge detection, and color manipulation.
* OpenCL: For parallel processing of image data across multiple VMs. OpenCL is suitable for heterogeneous computing environments.

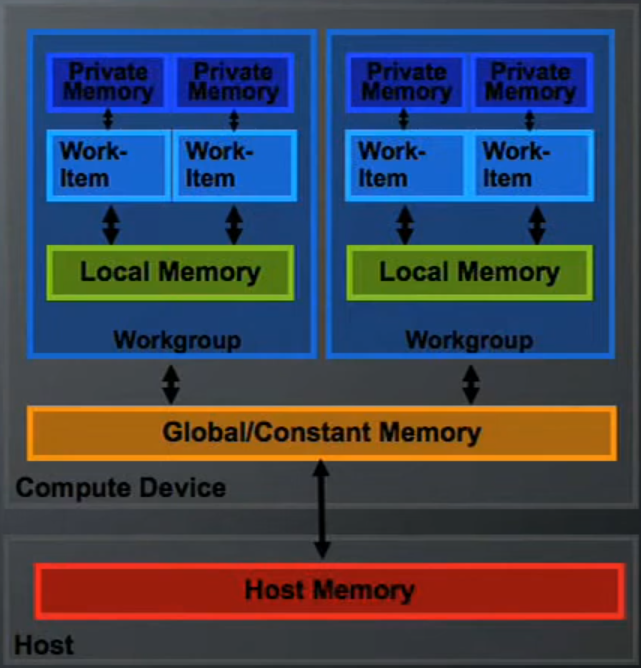
## Cloud Infrastructure:

* Amazon Web Services (AWS), Google Cloud Platform (GCP), or Microsoft Azure: For provisioning virtual machines and managing the cloud infrastructure.
* Virtual Machines (VMs): Multiple VM instances will be created to distribute image processing tasks. VM instances should be scalable based on workload demands.
* Object Storage: Store uploaded images and processed images. AWS S3, Google Cloud Storage, or Azure Blob Storage can be used for this purpose.

## Fault Tolerance and Monitoring:

* Kubernetes: For container orchestration and managing VMs as containers. Kubernetes provides features like automatic scaling and self-healing, improving fault tolerance.
* Prometheus and Grafana: For monitoring the health and performance of VMs, containers, and application components.





# User Stories

* As a user, I want to upload an image to the system for processing.
* As a user, I want to select the type of image processing operation to be performed.
* As a user, I want to download the processed image once the operation is complete.
* As a user, I want to monitor the progress of the image processing task.
* As a team, we need to implement an efficient architecture for distributing image processing tasks across multiple virtual machines.
* As a team, we need to ensure the system’s scalability and fault tolerance.
* As a team, we need to consider image size, processing complexity, and available resources when splitting tasks into smaller units that can be distributed among available resources.
* As a team, we need to implement functionalities to monitor and track progress of tasks and inform the user of any change.
* As a team, we need to design and implement an easy to use and simple user interface to facilitate the user’s interaction with the app.
* As a team, we need to handle task failures through retrying, error logging, and automated recovery of the system.

# UML Diagrams:

## Sequence Diagram:

A close-up of a document

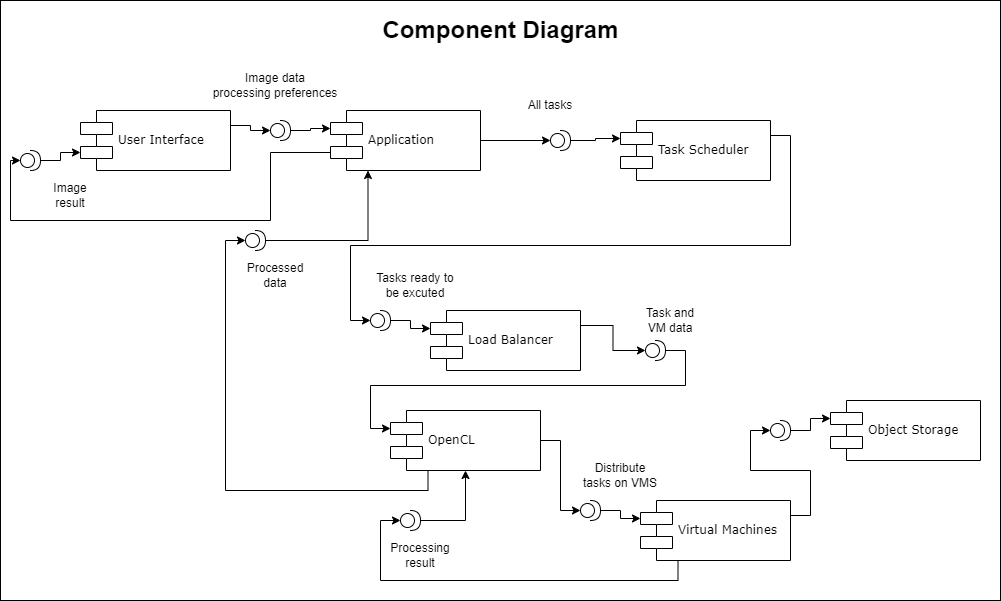
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## Class Diagram:

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## Component Diagram:



## Network Diagram:

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# Beneficiaries of the project

## Photographers and Graphic Designers

They can edit and improve large quantities of photos for business or personal projects more rapidly thanks to quicker picture processing time.

## E-commerce Platforms

The technology enables online merchants to effectively resize and optimize product photos for their websites, enhancing user experience and perhaps boosting revenue.

## Social Media Platforms

By adding filters, effects, or face recognition capabilities to user-uploaded photographs, social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, and Snapchat may leverage this technology to improve user experience and boost engagement.

## Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Researchers

By using the system to preprocess and enhance image datasets for training and testing their algorithms, researchers in the domains of computer vision, image processing, and machine learning may accelerate the creation of new technologies and applications.

# Testing scenarios and results

## Time Test

### Scenario

Record the amount of time it takes the system to process a batch of images in different sizes and formats.

### Result

In comparison to sequential processing, the system should efficiently divide the processing duties among multiple nodes, resulting in quicker processing times.

## Scalability Test

### Scenario

Monitor the system's performance under various workload scenarios as you progressively increase the number of concurrent image processing processes.

### Result

In order to manage increasing workloads, the system should be able to dynamically expand resources (such as computational nodes) without going beyond resource constraints and while keeping processing speeds consistent.

## Fault Tolerance Test

### Scenario

Simulate failures during the processing of a task and observe the system’s behavior.

### Result

The system should be able to detect and recover automatically from failures. Retrying failed tasks and redistributing the tasks to the remaining resources.

## Resource Utilization Test

### Scenario

During the processing of a task monitor the resource utilization across individual nodes and across the system.

### Result

The system should efficiently utilize resources and resource usage should scale with workload.

## User Interface Test

### Scenario

Interact with the user interface to upload images and choose the processing operation.

### Result

The user interface should be responsive and easy to use.

# Azure Structure

## Diagram

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## Virtual Machines

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* Virtual Machines have been provided such that the load balancer will determine a master node to be sent the request from the web app, where the task scheduler will divide the processing of an image into three parts in 3 different VMs.