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Availability

Pattern	Detect	tion		Recovery							Reintrod	luction
	Ping-	Heartbeat	Exception	Redundancy	Voting	Spare	Removal	Transaction	Process	Rollback	State	Shadow
	Echo						from		monitor		Resync	Operation
							Service					
Layered			Х					Х		Х		Х
Broker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
MVC			Х	Х					Χ	Х	Χ	Х
Pipe-			Х									
filter												
Client-	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х				
server												
P2P				Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Χ	
Service-			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Χ	Х
oriented												
Publish-				Х							Χ	
subscribe												
Shared-	Х		Х							Х		
data												
Multi-	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х		Х	Х	Х
tier												
Мар-	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Χ	Х				
reduce												

Patter	Benefits	Penalties
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Layere	Each layer is mostly isolated so that failure inside one layer won't affect	A complete failure of one layer (i.e. all instances are down)
d	others and can be fixed individually.	will disable the whole system.
Broker	The complete separation of client and server makes tactics to detect and	The broker can be a single point of failure thus the failure of
	recovery from fault for client and server much easier to implement. The	broker alone will disable the whole system.
	broker can also act like a monitor to improve server availability.	
MVC	Models and views can provide redundancy to improve availability.	All three parts are tightly coupled so any of them is single
		point of failure.
Pipe-	Each filter is isolated so that it can be easily replaced during recovery.	Filters are tightly connected so that no redundancy can be
filter		achieved, and failure of any filter will shut down the whole
		system.
Client-	C-S behaves like broker with broker included in the client so that it shares	The server is a single point of failure; since the connector
server	most benefits with broker pattern.	usually doesn't care about fault recovery in server, the server
		must deploy its own tactics to maintain and restore service
		during failure.
P2P	Failure of some peers in a big P2P network won't affect the system because	A small P2P network may not be as consistently behaving as
	of the huge redundancy so the possibility of such a system to shutdown is	a big network.
	extremely low.	

Service	SOA behaves like a complicated broker pattern (if server is called	The orchestration server or ESB can be a single point of failure
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-	intermediary) or a complicated C-S pattern (if directly) so they share the	if used; the server might be the single point of failure if called
oriente	same benefits with C-S ad broker.	directly.
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Publis	Redundancy can be introduced for each component and the failure of one	It's hard to detect failure of a component and therefore hard
h-	component won't spread.	to recover from failure.
subscri		
be		
Shared	Data stores can perform checkpoints and rollback when failure to restore	Data store is a serious single point of failure; the failure of
-data	from failure.	data store will affect all related services and even the whole
		system.
Multi-	Each tier can be separated physically so that each tier can use tactics to	No substantial penalties to availability; the cost of building
tier	ensure the availability of each tier which improves the overall system as a	such a tier is too high.
	result; also prevents failure of a tier from spreading to others.	
Мар-	The statelessness nature of map instances and minimal connections between	The use cases map-reduce applies to is limited.
reduce	modules enables quick and easy recovery from failure.	

Interoperability

Patterns	Locate	Manage Interfaces				
	Discover Service	Orchestrate	Tailor Interface			
Layered	Х	X	X			
Broker	Х	X	X			
MVC		X	X			
Pipe-filter	Х	X				
Client-server	Х	X				
P2P	Х					
Service-oriented	X	X	X			
Publish-subscribe	X	X	X			
Shared-data	Х	X	X			
Multi-tier	Х	Х	X			
Map-reduce	X	X				

Pattern	Benefits	Penalties
Layered	Each layer only calls interfaces from the lower layer and exposes	The use of interfaces is limited on the platform it defines in;
	interfaces to the upper, enabling locating and managing interfaces easy.	the interfaces a layer exposes should be complete and stable,
		increasing design cost.
Broker	The broker and proxies manage interoperation from other systems,	Broker must handle all interoperability, increasing its design
	making both ends much easier to implement. The change in one end	cost; the interface change of broker must notify both ends to
	doesn't have to notify another end.	adapt.
MVC	Controller can orchestrate complicated requests.	An MVC system is not designed to be interoperated; It
		doesn't have to expose good APIs.
Pipe-filter	Each pipe focuses on one specific task and only relies on well-formed	The task of each pipe is predefined and hard to change.
	data, so it is easy to interoperate.	

Client-	Technically the services can be acquired from any clients since the	The change of service in server must notify all clients.
server	interface is independent from clients.	
P2P	Any peer can easily acquire service by joining the network.	The uncontrollability to peers makes changing interfaces
		nearly impossible.
Service-	It is designed to be interoperated and provides a service registry,	No substantial penalties to interoperability: this is designed
oriented	orchestration server specifically to assist in the process.	to be interoperated as mentioned in the left.
Publish-	The manager or connector or event distributor manages event	The event distribution process might be limited on a specific
subscribe	announcement and listening.	platform or technology stack.
Shared-	Only data store should be accessed to interoperate with the system since	The change of any service or the data store must notify the
data	it delegates all communications.	other end.
Multi-tier	Each tier only calls interfaces from the next tier and exposes interfaces	The interfaces each layer exposes should be complete and
	to the previous, enabling locating and managing interfaces easy.	stable, increasing design and cost.
Мар-	The task of a map-reduce system works as long as well-formed data is	The task of a such system is predefined and hard to change;
reduce	provided, so it is easy to be interoperated by other services.	the input must be able to be divided into similar subsets,
		limiting its use cases.

Performance

Pattern	Control Resource Demand					Manage Resources				
	Manage	Limit Event	Prioritize	Reduce	Increase	Concurrency	Multiple Copies	Multiple Copies of		
	Sampling	Response	Events	Overhead	Resources		of computation	Data		
	Rate									
Layered								Х		
Broker	Х	Х	Х			X	Х	Х		
MVC			Х			Х				
Pipe-filter						Х				
Client-	Х	Х		Х				Х		
server										
P2P					Χ	X	X			
Service-	Х	Х						X		
oriented										
Publish-		X	X			X	X			
subscribe										
Shared-								Х		
data										
Multi-tier								Х		
Мар-					Χ	X	X			
reduce										

Pattern	Benefits	Penalties		
Layered	Cache can be made in each layer.	Layered lowers performance by introducing overhead and		
		indirection.		
Broker	Broker can prioritize and queue events, introduce concurrency by	Broker is introducing indirection and bottleneck thus adds		
	allocating tasks to different servers or introducing cache.	latency and reduces performance.		

MVC	MVC can prioritize and concurrently run different type of work (like user	The communication between components can be costly
	interface to the top priority) accordingly to maximize performance and	sometimes.
	user experiences.	
Pipe-filter	A work might be divided into multiple parts to distribute to different	The interpretation of information between filters can reduce
	pipes to run concurrently.	performance significantly if the number of communications is
		large.
Client-	The connector can specify cache strategy; The direct connection	The communication between clients and server can be
server	between both sides can reduce overhead.	expensive if a protocol is not specifically designed for
		performance.
P2P	The workload can be distributed to peers to improve performance.	Transferring data among many peers can be a huge
		performance overhead.
Service-	The connector can specify cache strategy to improve performance.	Service discovery and acquirement can be costly. Middleware
oriented		can be performance bottleneck.
Publish-	The event subscribing reduces unnecessary data transfer and enables	The distribution increases latency and reduces predictability
subscribe	concurrency task prioritization and distribution.	on the response time.
Shared-	The shared data can set up cache strategy.	The shared data store can be a serious performance
data		bottleneck under concurrent tasks.
Multi-tier	Cache can be made in tiers.	The communication and indirection between tiers can be a
		performance bottleneck.
Map-	Big amount of data is divided into multiple subsets and run parallelly,	The data interpretation, division and reducing can be
reduce	significantly reduces time and improves performance.	bottleneck.

- $\star \quad \text{Most patterns introduce (instead of reducing) overheads in exchange for other attributes.}$
- ** Patterns doesn't directly increase resources. Some of patterns (like map-reduce and pipe-filter) can better make use of increased resources than others.

Security

Pattern	Detect Attac	cks		Resist						React
	Detect	Detect	Verity	Identify	Authenticate	Authorize	Limit	Limit	Encryption	Revoke
	Intrusion	Service	Message				Access	Exposure		Access
		Denial	Integrity							
Layered	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Broker	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
MVC	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	
Pipe-filter			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Client-	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
server										
P2P			Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	
Service-	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
oriented										
Publish-	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
subscribe										
Shared-	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
data										
Multi-tier	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х

Мар-		X			Χ	
reduce						

Pattern	Benefits	Penalties
Layered	Can easily detect and react to attacks in each layer. Internal faults are not	More layers provide more potential faults to be abused.
	easily exposed.	
Broker	The broker can monitor all traffic to the server, so it can detect, resist and	The broker itself might be attacked, which is hard to react to;
	react to attacks accordingly.	the broker can be easily bypassed if some internal interfaces
		are compromised.
MVC	Each component can authenticate and authorize actors and act	Since three components are all exposed, the attack surface
	accordingly.	can be big.
Pipe-	Each filter can check security problem and react. Usually the external	Usually not all filters check security problem for sake of
filter	interfaces are minimized, and the attack surface are minimized as well.	performance, so the filters that don't check can be the weak
	Data can be encrypted.	point of the system.
Client-	The server should (and usually do) check security problem and react to it	The server can be the easy entry point if its security strategy
server	before it reaches later stages.	is bypassed or failed.
P2P	Some security strategy (like encryption and authentication) can be used	A hostile peer can destroy the whole network; because of its
	to minimize the harm from attack.	wide-spread nature, most interfaces might be exposed;
		security fixes cannot be easily deployed
Service-	Protocol and intermediary monitor traffic between two ends so two ends	The middleware and protocol defects might be abused; the
oriented	can detect and react to attacks effectively.	registry might be target which might cause a system failure.
Publish-	The event distributor can monitor and check security problems.	The compromise of the event distributor can be disastrous; a
subscribe		hostile event registrant can abuse the callback to issue an
		attack.
Shared-	The data accessors and data store can deploy security strategies to react	Once the data store is compromised, all data accessors will
data	to attack.	be affected.
Multi-	Can detect and react to attacks in each tier to avoid attack from going	More tiers provide more potential faults to be abused.
tier	deeper.	
Мар-	Can do some simple security checks.	Most map-reduce systems are optimized for performance so
reduce		lacks enough security strategies and relies on other
		components for security.

Testability

Pattern	Control and Observe State			Limit Complexity		
	Specialized Interfaces	Record/Playback	Sandbox	Limit Structural Complexity	Limit Nondeterminism	
Layered	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Broker	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	
MVC	Х		Х			
Pipe-filter	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Client-	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
server						
P2P						
Service-	Х	Х	Х		Х	
oriented						
Publish-	Х	Х	Х			

subscribe					
Shared-	X		Χ		
data					
Multi-tier	X	X	Χ	X	X
Мар-	Х	Х	X	X	Х
reduce					

Pattern	Benefits	Penalties
Layered	Each layer has specialized responsibility and limited complexity and	Testing a layer may require great amount of codes for mock
	can be tested individually using mock and stubs.	and stubs and sometimes unrealistic.
Broker	Server and client are independent with each other and can tested	Broker involves nearly all interactions in the system and
	independently.	therefore is hard to test.
MVC	Each component has specialized responsibility and therefore can be	Operation of each component relies on another two
	tested.	components and increases structural complexity and test
		difficulty.
Pipe-filter	Each filter focuses on one specific job and the dependency to	The number of tests needed can be huge.
	environment is minimized, so can be easily tested.	
Client-server	The connection between server and client is only stable protocol so	The nondeterminism in production environment is hard to
	both can be individually tested.	mimic during test so many prone defects may not be found.
P2P	P2P network is hard to test.	The environment in and nature of P2P network is so complex
		that it is nearly impossible to test.
Service-	Each component has predefined and fixed responsibility and therefore	It is hard to control independent services; the complicated
oriented	can be tested individually.	structure leads to a complicated test suite to test each
		component.
Publish-	Each event can be tested in sandbox environment.	The event dispatching system may not be consistent in real
subscribe		production environment.
Shared-data	The logic of data accessors can be tested with mock data.	The shared data store increases nondeterminism and the
		degree of dependency to other components and is hard to
		predict and test.
Multi-tier	Each tier has specialized responsibility and limited complexity so can	Since a tier is usually much bigger and more complex than a
	be tested like a layer.	layer, fully testing a tier requires even more codes and can be
		unrealistic.
Map-reduce	A map-reduce system is usually only for calculation so does not rely	The data coming from production environment may not be
	on external components too much, so can be tested with enough test	as ideal and safe as data in testing is, so some potential faults
	data.	might be ignored.

Usability

Pattern	Support User Initiative			Support System Initiative			
	Cancel	Undo	Pause/Resume	Aggregate	Maintain Task	Maintain User	Maintain
					Model	Model	System Model
Layered				X	Х	Χ	X
Broker				X	Х	Χ	X
MVC	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Χ	

Pipe-filter	X		Х	X	Х	Χ	Х
Client-server	X	Х	X	X	X	X	×
P2P				X			
Service-	X	Х	Х	X	Х	Χ	X
oriented							
Publish-				X			
subscribe							
Shared-data				X			
Multi-tier				Х	Х	X	Х
Map-reduce				Х	Х	X	Х

Pattern	Benefits	Penalties
Layered	System are separated into multiple specialized layers which each can	Providing user initiative (like undo functionality) may require
	predict user and system behavior according to their own job. (divide	coordination and interactions among multiple layers, adding
	and conquer); implementation is hidden from user.	to implementation difficulty.
Broker	A "almighty" broker can provide all services to user, making using	It is hard to determine and predict the behavior of a working
	service of the system much easier. The work is distributed by broker	broker.
	so that the server can determine context and behavior easier.	
MVC	User's operation in view can be quickly processed by model and	All three parts in MVC contain states and behaviors on their
	controller which improves user experiences.	own so it is hard to predict and determine their behavior.
Pipe-filter	Each pipe has specialized job and is easy to predict. User may monitor	It is hard to "undo" completed job; it has limited use cases:
	data at real time and can cancel or pause it as they wish.	an interactive system may find a pipeline not suitable.
Client-server	A client-server structure is intuitive for user since most everyday work	The server handling multiple concurrent requests might
	involves a similar stricture.	become unpredictable.
P2P	In some use cases, P2P is easy to use since user doesn't have to care	A P2P network is unpredictable; user operation like canceling,
	about how actually a complex request is completed in an equally	undoing, pausing, and system prediction and state
	complicated network.	determination is nearly impossible to guarantee.
Service-	Complicated abstraction ensures that each part of a complicated	Most individual might not be able to understand or use the
oriented	system is predictable and understandable. (divide and conquer)	whole system but a small part of it.
Publish-	Registering to an event and waiting for response makes using the	User's operation may not always be satisfied and done in their
subscribe	system easier.	expected way.
Shared-data	It is sometimes efficient to transfer data between user and the system.	Shared data increases unpredictability; user's awareness of
		shared data store means user's knowledge to the system is
		too much.
Multi-tier	Like layered, each tier of the system is predictable; implementation is	Like layered but worse, the cooperation between tiers might
	hidden.	be costlier than layers.
Map-reduce	It significantly improves the ability to solve complicated problems for	The use cases are limited only on tasks with data that is of a
	users; each map instance is stateless so it	large amount and can be divided.

^{*} A good system design should hide implementation from being aware by end users; that is to say, user initiative should have nothing to do with the design pattern the system implementation actually applies.