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MAJOR ARCHITECTURE PROBLEMS IN SOFTWARES:

Security Vulnerabilities in API Architecture

Software: Twitter (Social Media)

Problem:

APIs were vulnerable to unauthorized access and abuse, such as bots spamming the platform.

Solution by Twitter:

- 1. Adopted **OAuth 2.0**:
 - o Secured user authentication and authorization.
- 2. Introduced **Rate Limiting**:
 - o Limited the number of API calls per user to prevent abuse.
- 3. Used **API Gateways**:
 - o Centralized API management and applied security policies.

Outcome:

Improved API security and reduced bot-related spam activities.

Poor Fault Tolerance in Distributed Systems

Software: Spotify (Music Streaming Service)

Problem:

A failure in one service could cascade and impact other services, leading to application-wide outages.

Solution by Spotify:

1. Resilience Engineering:

o Built fault-tolerant systems using tools like Hystrix for circuit breakers.

2. **Geo-Redundancy**:

o Deployed services across multiple regions to ensure availability during failures.

3. Chaos Engineering:

o Regularly simulated failures to identify and fix weak points.

Outcome:

Spotify achieved high availability and resilience, ensuring uninterrupted music streaming globally.

Real-Time Data Processing Bottlenecks

Software: Uber (Ride-Hailing App)

Problem:

Uber's system struggled with real-time data processing to calculate routes, find nearby drivers, and handle surge pricing dynamically.

Solution by Uber:

1. Introduced **Lambda Architecture**:

 Combined batch processing (for historical data) and stream processing (for realtime data).

2. Used Apache Kafka:

o Streamlined real-time messaging between services.

Outcome:

Uber achieved low-latency responses for ride requests, even during peak traffic.

High Latency in Content Delivery

Software: Netflix (Streaming Platform)

Problem:

High latency in delivering video content to users worldwide, especially during peak hours.

Solution by Netflix:

1. Implemented Content Delivery Network (CDN):

o Built their own CDN called **Open Connect**, placing servers closer to users.

2. Used **Dynamic Video Encoding**:

o Adjusted video quality based on user bandwidth in real-time.

Outcome:

Seamless streaming experience for millions of users, even during global releases.

Monolithic Architecture Scalability

Software: Amazon (E-commerce)

Problem:

Amazon initially used a monolithic architecture, where the entire platform was a single application. As user traffic grew, scaling specific components (e.g., search or recommendations) became inefficient.

Solution by Amazon:

- 1. Migrated to Microservices Architecture:
 - o Broke down the monolithic system into hundreds of microservices.
 - o Each service handled a specific functionality (e.g., cart service, payment service).
- 2. Adopted Event-Driven Architecture:
 - o Used services like Amazon SQS and SNS for inter-service communication.

Outcome:

Improved scalability and fault isolation, enabling Amazon to handle billions of requests daily.