I-Invoyisi: System Design and Architecture

1. System Overview

I-Invoyisi is an AI-powered invoice management system designed to streamline financial operations for businesses. This document outlines the comprehensive architecture using a modular approach combined with divide-and-conquer strategy to address the complexity of the system.

2. Design Approach

Our design follows two complementary strategies:

1. **Modular Approach**: The system is decomposed into distinct functional modules with well-defined interfaces, allowing for independent development, testing, and scaling.

2. **Divide-and-Conquer Strategy**: Complex problems are broken down into smaller, manageable sub-problems that can be solved independently and then combined to form the complete solution.

3. System Architecture Overview

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4. Module Decomposition

4.1 Client Layer

The client layer provides user interfaces for different platforms and devices.

4.1.1 Web Application (React)

- **Responsibility**: Primary user interface for browser-based access
- **Key Components**:
  - Dashboard View
  - Invoice Management
  - Client Management
  - Document Processing
  - Reports and Analytics
- **Technologies**: React, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS

4.1.2 Mobile Application (React Native)

- **Responsibility**: Mobile interface for on-the-go access
- **Key Components**:
  - Simplified Dashboard
  - Invoice Viewing and Approval
  - Payment Recording
  - Document Capture
- **Technologies**: React Native, TypeScript

4.1.3 Desktop Application

- **Responsibility**: Offline-capable desktop interface
- **Key Components**:
  - Full System Access
  - Local Data Synchronization
  - Batch Processing
- **Technologies**: Electron, React

4.1.4 API Clients

- **Responsibility**: Programmatic access for third-party integrations
- **Key Components**:
  - SDK Libraries
  - API Documentation
  - Authentication Helpers
- **Technologies**: REST, GraphQL

4.2 API Gateway Layer

The API gateway layer manages all incoming requests, providing a unified entry point to the system.

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4.2.1 API Gateway

- **Responsibility**: Route and manage API requests
- **Key Components**:
  - Request Routing
  - Load Balancing
  - API Versioning
  - Response Transformation
- **Technologies**: Express.js, Node.js

4.2.2 Authentication Service

- **Responsibility**: Verify user identity and permissions
- **Key Components**:
  - JWT Token Management

    - OAuth Integration
    - Role-Based Access Control
    - Session Management
- **Technologies**: Supabase Auth, JWT

4.2.3 Rate Limiter

- **Responsibility**: Prevent API abuse
- **Key Components**:
    - Request Counting
    - Throttling Rules
    - Client Identification
- **Technologies**: Redis, Token Bucket Algorithm

4.3 Service Layer

The service layer contains the core business logic of the application, divided into domain-specific microservices.

4.3.1 Invoice Service

- **Responsibility**: Manage invoice lifecycle
- **Key Components**:
    - Invoice Creation
    - Status Management
    - Validation Logic
    - Recurring Invoices
- **Technologies**: Node.js, Express

4.3.2 Client Service

- **Responsibility**: Manage client information
- **Key Components**:
    - Client CRUD Operations
    - Client Relationship Management
    - Contact Information Validation
- **Technologies**: Node.js, Express

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4.3.3 Payment Service

- **Responsibility**: Handle payment processing and recording
- **Key Components**:
    - Payment Recording
    - Payment Verification
    - Invoice Status Updates
    - Payment History
- **Technologies**: Node.js, Express

4.3.4 Document Service

- **Responsibility**: Process and manage documents
- **Key Components**:
  - Document Upload
  - Storage Management
  - Format Conversion
  - Document Classification
- **Technologies**: Node.js, Express, Multer

4.3.5 AI Service

- **Responsibility**: Provide AI capabilities
- **Key Components**:
  - Document Data Extraction
  - Text Analysis
  - Client Matching
  - Summary Generation
- **Technologies**: Google Gemini API, Node.js

4.3.6 Notification Service

- **Responsibility**: Manage system notifications
- **Key Components**:
  - Email Notifications
  - In-App Notifications
  - Scheduled Reminders
  - Notification Templates
- **Technologies**: Node.js, Nodemailer

4.3.7 Dashboard Service

- **Responsibility**: Aggregate data for dashboard views
- **Key Components**:
  - Financial Metrics Calculation
  - Data Aggregation
  - Time-Series Analysis
- **Technologies**: Node.js, Express

4.3.8 Reporting Service

- **Responsibility**: Generate business reports
- **Key Components**:
  - Report Templates
  - Data Export
  - Scheduled Reports
  - Custom Report Builder

- **Technologies**: Node.js, PDFKit

4.4 Data Layer

The data layer manages persistent storage and retrieval of application data.

4.4.1 Relational Database

- **Responsibility**: Primary data storage
- **Key Components**:
    - User Data
    - Invoice Data
    - Client Data
    - Payment Records
- **Technologies**: PostgreSQL (via Supabase)

4.4.2 Cache Layer

- **Responsibility**: Improve data access performance
- **Key Components**:
    - Frequently Accessed Data
    - Session Data
    - API Response Caching
- **Technologies**: Redis

4.4.3 File Storage

- **Responsibility**: Store documents and files
- **Key Components**:
    - Document Storage
    - File Versioning
    - Access Control
- **Technologies**: Supabase Storage

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4.4.4 Search Index

- **Responsibility**: Enable fast search capabilities
- **Key Components**:
    - Full-Text Search
    - Faceted Search
    - Search Suggestions
- **Technologies**: Elasticsearch

5. Data Flow and Key Interactions

5.1 Invoice Creation Flow

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    participant User
    participant Web App
    participant API Gateway
    participant Invoice Service
    participant Client Service
    participant Document Service
    participant AI Service
    participant Database

    User->>Web App: Upload invoice document
    Web App->>API Gateway: POST /documents/upload
    API Gateway->>Document Service: Process document
    Document Service->>AI Service: Extract data
    AI Service-->>Document Service: Return extracted data
    Document Service-->>Web App: Display extracted data

    User->>Web App: Verify and edit data
    Web App->>API Gateway: POST /invoices
    API Gateway->>Invoice Service: Create invoice
    Invoice Service->>Client Service: Verify client
    Client Service-->>Invoice Service: Client verified
    Invoice Service->>Database: Store invoice
    Database-->>Invoice Service: Confirm storage
    Invoice Service-->>Web App: Invoice created
    Web App-->>User: Show success message
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5.2 Payment Recording Flow

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sequenceDiagram
    participant User
    participant Web App
    participant API Gateway
    participant Payment Service
    participant Invoice Service
    participant Notification Service
    participant Database

    User->>Web App: Record payment
    Web App->>API Gateway: POST /payments
    API Gateway->>Payment Service: Process payment
    Payment Service->>Invoice Service: Update invoice status
    Invoice Service->>Database: Update invoice
    Database-->>Invoice Service: Confirm update
    Invoice Service-->>Payment Service: Status updated
    Payment Service->>Database: Store payment
    Database-->>Payment Service: Confirm storage
    Payment Service->>Notification Service: Send receipt
    Notification Service-->>User: Email receipt
    Payment Service-->>Web App: Payment recorded
    Web App-->>User: Show success message
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6. Scalability and Performance Considerations

6.1 Horizontal Scaling

Each service in the Service Layer can be independently scaled horizontally based on demand:

- **High-Traffic Services**: Invoice Service, Client Service
- **Compute-Intensive Services**: AI Service, Reporting Service
- **Scaling Strategy**: Auto-scaling based on CPU utilization and request queue length

6.2 Database Scaling

- **Read Replicas**: For high-read operations (dashboard, reporting)
- **Sharding**: Client and invoice data can be sharded by user_id
- **Connection Pooling**: Optimize database connection management

6.3 Caching Strategy

- **Application Cache**: Redis for frequently accessed data
- **API Response Caching**: Cache common API responses with appropriate TTL
- **Database Query Caching**: Cache expensive query results

6.4 Performance Optimizations

- **Lazy Loading**: Load data only when needed
- **Pagination**: Implement for large data sets
- **Asynchronous Processing**: Use message queues for non-critical operations
- **CDN**: Serve static assets through CDN

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7. Security Measures

7.1 Authentication and Authorization

- **JWT-Based Authentication**: Secure, stateless authentication
- **Role-Based Access Control**: Fine-grained permission management
- **OAuth Integration**: Support for third-party authentication

7.2 Data Protection

- **Encryption at Rest**: All sensitive data encrypted in the database
- **Encryption in Transit**: HTTPS/TLS for all communications
- **Data Masking**: Sensitive data masked in logs and non-production environments

7.3 API Security

- **Rate Limiting**: Prevent abuse and DoS attacks

- **Input Validation**: Strict validation of all input data
- **CORS Policies**: Restrict cross-origin requests
- **API Keys**: Secure API access for third-party integrations

8. Fault Tolerance and Reliability

8.1 Error Handling

- **Graceful Degradation**: System continues to function with reduced capabilities during partial failures
- **Circuit Breakers**: Prevent cascading failures
- **Retry Mechanisms**: Automatic retries with exponential backoff for transient failures

8.2 Data Redundancy

- **Database Backups**: Regular automated backups
- **Replication**: Data replicated across multiple availability zones
- **Point-in-Time Recovery**: Ability to restore to any point in time

8.3 Monitoring and Alerting

- **Health Checks**: Regular service health monitoring
- **Performance Metrics**: Track key performance indicators
- **Anomaly Detection**: Identify unusual patterns that may indicate issues
- **Alerting System**: Notify appropriate personnel of critical issues

9. Deployment Architecture

9.1 Development Environment

- **Local Development**: Docker containers for consistent development environment
- **CI/CD Pipeline**: Automated testing and deployment
- **Feature Flags**: Control feature rollout

9.2 Production Environment

- **Containerization**: Docker for service deployment
- **Orchestration**: Kubernetes for container management
- **Load Balancing**: Distribute traffic across service instances
- **Auto-Scaling**: Automatically adjust resources based on demand

10. Future Enhancements

- **Real-Time Updates**: WebSocket integration for live data updates
- **Advanced Analytics**: Machine learning for financial insights and predictions
- **Mobile App Enhancements**: Offline mode and document scanning improvements
- **Integration Ecosystem**: Expand third-party integrations (accounting software, CRM systems)
- **Internationalization**: Support for multiple languages and currencies