1. **Document description**

This section describe who the intended audience is for the document, and to help them navigate and use the document

* + Purpose and audience: Describe who the intended audience and organizations are and what they might use the document for.
  + Document organization: Describe the overall organization of the document. List the major sections of the document and describe what concerns each section addresses.
  + Common notation: List any notation that will be used throughout the document.
  + Terminology and definitions: Define any terms used throughout the document and provide context for terminology.
  + References and relevant document: List any other relevant documents that the reader might need to refer to, and most importantly, describe their relationships to this document and why the reader might want to (or need to) refer to them.

1. **Project overview**

* This section describes the project and its purpose and scope.
* Describe why the system is being built.
* Describe business, organizational, mission, or marketing concerns that are relevant to the project.
* List the relevant stakeholders, their organizations, and how they will interact with the system.

1. **Architectural drivers**

* In this section describe the architectural drivers for the system.
* At a minimum, list the high-priority or critical drivers for the system
* The architectural drivers can be listed in separate sections enumerated as high-level functional requirements, technical constraints, business constraints, and quality attribute requirements.
* Make sure to list the priority of the architectural drivers.

1. **System context**

* The system context is the first step in design and should include at least one context drawing
* In addition to the context drawing, include prose that describes the scope of the system being described by showing its relationship to external entities like systems, peripherals, organizations, and stakeholders as necessary to describe the context drawing.
* Describe the relative perspective of the context drawing or drawings.

1. **Level X decomposition**

* **Decomposition description:** Describe what is being decomposed and relate it back to the context drawing. Describe the perspective of the decomposition.
* **Primary representation(s):** Include one or more drawings (or views) that represent the decomposition of the system
* **Description and rationale:**
  + Describe the primary representation and include rationale for the decomposition.
  + Relate the architectural decisions to the architectural drivers by describing how the architectural drivers are promoted by the decisions and approaches taken.
  + Describe any design trade-offs relevant to the design decisions in terms of the architectural drivers promoted and inhibited.
* **Elements and relations:** Include element and relationship between them.
* **Interface descriptions:** If appropriate, describe specific interfaces for the elements. Whether detailed interfaces are described at any level of decomposition depends upon if there is enough detail in the decomposition.

1. **Mapping between perspectives**

* Show mappings between structures in different perspectives if necessary.
* Show how specific structures in one perspective map to specific structures in other perspectives.
* Be careful in the mappings and use prose to describe any mappings you show.

1. **Document directory**

In this section include an index, glossary, and acronym list

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