

# **Architecture Characteristics Worksheet**

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Candidate Architecture Characteristics			Top 3	<b>Driving Characteristics</b>	Implicit Characteristics	
perfor	rmance	data integrity	deployability	<b>✓</b>	1 interoperability	feasibility (cost/time)
respoi	nsiveness	data consistency	testability	<b>✓</b>	2. scalability	security
availa	bility	adaptability	abstraction	✓	<b>3</b> workflow	maintainability
fault to	olerance	extensibility	workflow		<b>4</b> concurrency	simplicity
scalability		interoperability	configurability		5. fault tolerance	
elastic	city	concurrency	recoverability		6 <sub>modularity</sub>	Others Considered
others	6: modularity				7 data consistency	performance
			_	Instructions	8	
				<ul> <li>Identify no more than 7 driving characteristics.</li> <li>Pick the top 3 characteristics (in any order).</li> <li>Implicit characteristics can become driving characteristics if they are deemed <i>structural</i> concerns.</li> </ul>		
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denotes characteristics that are related; some systems only need one of these, other systems may need both				<ul> <li>Add additional characteristics identified that weren't deemed as important as the list of 7 to the Others</li> </ul>		

Considered list.

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## performance

The amount of time it takes for the system to process a business request

## responsiveness

The amount of time it takes to get a response to the user

## availability

The amount of uptime of a system; usually measured in 9's (e.g., 99.9%)

### fault tolerance

When fatal errors occur, other parts of the system continue to function

## scalability

A function of system capacity and growth over time; as the number of users or requests increase in the system, responsiveness, performance, and error rates remain constant

## elasticity

The system is able to expend and respond quickly to unexpected or anticipated extreme loads (e.g., going from 20 to 250,000 users instantly)

## data integrity

The data across the system is correct and there is no data loss in the system

## data consistency

The data across the system is in sync and consistent across databases and tables

## adaptability

The ease in which a system can adapt to changes in environment and functionality

## concurrency

The ability of the system to process simultaneous requests, in most cases in the same order in which they were received

## interoperability

The ability of the system to interface and interact with other systems to complete a business request

## extensibility

The ease in which a system can be extended with additional features and functionality

## deployability

The amount of ceremony involved with releasing the software, the frequency in which releases occur, and the overall risk of deployment

### testability

The ease of and completeness of testing

### abstraction

The level at which parts of the system are isolated from other parts of the system (both internal and external system interactions)

### workflow

The ability of the system to manage complex workflows that require multiple parts (services) of the system to complete a business request

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## configurability

The ability of the system to support multiple configurations, as well as support custom on-demand configurations and configuration updates

## recoverability

The ability of the system to start where it left off in the event of a system crash

## feasibility (implicit)

Taking into account timeframes, budgets, and developer skills when making architectural choices; tight timeframes and budgets make this a driving architectural characteristic

## security (implicit)

The ability of the system to restrict access to sensitive information or functionality

## maintainability (implicit)

The level of effort required to locate and apply changes to the system

## simplicity (implicit)

The level of complexity of the solution; generally, the simpler the solution, the easier and cheaper it is to maintain

### Explicit characteristics

### 1. Interoperability

Since tasks, for which no internal executors are available, need to be executed by external executors, interoperability is critical. We need the interoperability for the auction house.

### 2. Scalability

Each group will form an organization. Each organization can have thousands of users adding tasks to the organization's task list.

#### 3. Workflow

The roster must assign the tasks to the correct executor so that the executor is able to complete the task. Therefore, it is important to assign the tasks to the appropriate executor.

### 4. Concurrency

To ensure, that the system still works while an executor is adding himself, we need to process simultaneous requests on the system.

### 5. Fault tolerance

The System should be able to run even if an executor fails.

#### 6. Modularity

Some components should run independently. It should be possible to add new executors independent to other components.

### 7. Data consistency

Data must be synced and consistent between modules e.g. if an executor starts a task the rooster has to be informed.

#### Implicit characteristics

### 1) Performance

The performance is not explicitly mentioned, but it is necessary so that the user does not have to wait minutes for his requests.