## Golden Rules for System Design Interviews

Cracking a System Design Interview requires knowledge and the right approach. Here are some golden rules to keep in mind:

- Read-heavy systems? Use a Cache
- ✓ Low-latency needs? Combine Cache & CDN
- ✓ Write-heavy systems? Implement a Message Queue for async processing
- ✓ ACID compliance? Choose RDBMS/SQL
- Unstructured data? Go for NoSQL
- ✓ Handling large files (videos, images)? Use Blob/Object Storage
- Complex pre-computation (e.g., news feed)? Combine Message Queue & Cache
- High-volume search? Implement Elasticsearch, Tries, or Search Indexing
- Scaling SQL databases? Consider Sharding
- ✓ High availability & performance? Use a Load Balancer
- Global data delivery? Leverage a CDN
- ✓ Graph-based relationships? Choose a Graph Database
- Scaling components? Implement Horizontal Scaling
- ✓ High-performance queries? Optimize with Database Indexes
- ✓ Bulk processing? Use Batch Processing & Message Queues
- Preventing DDoS attacks? Apply a Rate Limiter
- Microservices? Use an API Gateway
- Single point of failure? Implement Redundancy
- ✓ Fault tolerance? Ensure Data Replication
- Real-time communication? Use WebSockets
- Distributed failure detection? Implement Heartbeat
- Ensuring data integrity? Apply Checksum Algorithm
- Decentralized data transfer? Use Gossip Protocol
- Efficient server scaling? Implement Consistent Hashing

- ✓ Location-based features? Use Geohash or Quadtree
- ✓ High availability vs consistency? Eventual Consistency is key
- ✓ Handling large network requests? Implement Pagination
- ✓ Cache eviction? Use LRU (Least Recently Used)
- ✓ Handling traffic spikes? Implement Autoscaling
- ✓ Analytics & audit trails? Store in Data Lakes
- ✓ Large-scale connections? Optimize with Connection Pooling & Protobuf
- ✓ Preventing system overload? Use Token Bucket & Leaky Bucket algorithms
- ✓ Zero-downtime deployments? Apply Blue-Green Deployment
- ♦ These are just a few key takeaways from System Design Interviews that every developer should know!

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