

System Design

cheat sheet



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Distributed transaction has
to be handled

Consider 2-phase commit or saga
patterns

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High Availability and Consistency Trade-Off

Consider CAP theorem

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Decouple read & write for
high performant system

Consider using CQRS

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To build reliable & robust system

Consider logging, monitoring & observability

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Concurrency in distributed system

Consider distributed (optimistic) lock

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Need coordination & synchronization in distributed system

Use Zookeeper

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Detection failure in Distributed Systems

Implement a Heartbeat

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Need ACID Compliant Database

Go for Relational / SQL Database

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Have unstructured data &
doesn't require ACID
properties

Go for NoSQL Database

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If database need to be scaled

Implement Database Sharding & Partition

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High-Performing Database Queries Optimization

Use Database Indexes

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If the system has a single point of failure

Implement Redundancy

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For Fault-Tolerance and Durability

Implement Data Replication

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To distribute network traffic
to get high availability,
performance, & throughput

Use Load Balancer

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Over fetching & under fetching of data

Consider Graph QL

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For a Low Latency or Read-Heavy System

Consider using a Cache

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If we are dealing with a
write-heavy system

Use Message Queues for async
processing

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High performant search and query

Consider search index, tries, or
elastic search

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Static content delivery with enhanced Performance, Scalability & Security

Consider using a CDN

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Better scalability and fault tolerance system

Implement Horizontal Scaling

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If need to have bulk job processing

Consider Batch Processing and Message Queues

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Preventing from DOS Attacks

Use a Rate Limiter

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Centralized entry point for
managing and securing API
requests

Use an API Gateway

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Need real-time or
streaming system

Consider Server Sent Events

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**Bi-directional and real-time
communication between a
client and server**

Use WebSocket

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If data integrity need to be ensured

Use Checksum Algorithm

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Peer-peer communication,
Decentralized Data Transfer
and eventual consistency

Consider Gossip Protocol

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Efficient and scalable approach to data distribution in distributed systems

Implement Consistent Hashing

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Handling Large Data in Network Requests

Implement Pagination

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To handle traffic spikes on-demand

Implement Autoscaling