Comparison of Software Architectural Styles: Advantages and Disadvantages

Architectural Style	Advantages	Disadvantages
Layered	- Simplifies development by separating concerns (e.g., presentation, business logic, data)	- Can lead to performance overhead due to multiple layers of processing
	- Easier to maintain and test individual layers	- Changes in one layer may affect others, leading to tight coupling between layers
	- Provides flexibility to modify or replace layers independently	- Can become inflexible or overly complex in large systems
Client-Server	- Clear separation between client and server responsibilities	- Can be inefficient with frequent communication between client and server
	- Scalable as servers can handle many clients	- Single point of failure (server issues affect all clients)
	- Simplifies security and data management at the server level	- May require complex load balancing and scaling mechanisms
Event-Driven	- Highly decoupled, as components communicate via events	- Debugging and tracking events can be challenging due to loose coupling
	- Supports asynchronous communication, which can improve performance	- Can result in a more complex architecture with many moving parts
	- Scalable and flexible, as new events or consumers can be added without disrupting the system	- Difficult to ensure consistency and handle errors across event-driven components
Microservices	- Promotes scalability and flexibility by breaking the system into independently deployable services	- Increased complexity due to managing many services, including deployment and inter-service communication
	- Each microservice can be built using the best tools and technologies suited to that service	- Requires sophisticated infrastructure for service discovery, load balancing, and monitoring
	- Enables agile development and faster release cycles	- Challenges in data consistency, security, and inter-service communication
Repository	- Centralized data management allows easy access and sharing across different components	- Can become a bottleneck if the repository is not optimized or becomes too large

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	- Promotes separation of concerns by centralizing data access	- Tight coupling between components and the repository, making it hard to scale or evolve independently
	- Ideal for systems with complex data models and large datasets	- Can lead to performance issues due to centralized data access