

SYSTEM DESIGN TOPICS

▼ HIGH LEVEL DESIGN (HLD)

Step 1: System Design Fundamentals	DONE	Revisit
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What is System Design?

Serverless vs Serverful architecture

Horizontal scaling vs Vertical scaling

What are processes?

What are threads?

What are pages?

How does the internet work?

Client–Server architecture

Stateless vs Stateful systems

Step 2: Databases (HLD)	DONE	Revisit
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SQL vs NoSQL databases

Relational databases concepts

NoSQL database types

In-memory databases (Redis, Memcached)

Data replication

Data migration strategies

Data partitioning

Sharding techniques

Read replicas

Step 3: Consistency, Availability & Reliability	DONE	Revisit
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What is data consistency?

Strong consistency

Eventual consistency

Isolation levels

CAP theorem

CAP trade-offs

Real-world CAP examples

Step 4: Caching Systems	DONE	Revisit
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What is caching?

Why caching is needed?

Cache types

Client side cache and server side cache

Redis

Memcached

Write strategies

Write through , Write-back , write around

Cache eviction policies
LRU,LFU,FIFO,Segmented LRU
Content Delivery Networks (CDN)

Step 5: Networking Concepts

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TCP vs UDP
HTTP protocol
HTTP/1.1 vs HTTP/2 vs HTTP/3
HTTPS
TLS / SSL
REST communication
WebSockets
WebRTC
Video & live streaming basics

Step 6: Load Balancers

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Why load balancing?
Stateless vs Stateful load balancing
Load balancing algorithms
Round Robin,Least Connection,IP Hashing
Layer 4 vs Layer 7 load balancing
Consistent hashing
Proxy
Reverse proxy
Rate limiting
Throttling

Step 7: Message Queues & Asynchronous Processing

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Synchronous vs Asynchronous processing
Message queues
Kafka
RabbitMQ
Publisher–Subscriber model
Event-driven architecture
Exactly-once vs At-least-once delivery
Dead letter queues

Step 8: Monoliths vs Microservices

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Monolithic architecture
Microservices architecture
Why microservices?
Single Point of Failure (SPOF)
Cascading failures
Service discovery
Inter-service communication
Containerization (Docker)
Migrating monolith to microservices

Step 9: Monitoring & Logging

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Why monitoring is needed?

- Logs vs Metrics
- Centralized logging
- Distributed tracing
- Monitoring tools
 - prometheus, Grafana
- Alerting systems
- Anomaly detection
- Health checks

Step 10: Security in System Design

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- Authentication vs Authorization
- Tokens for authentication
 - JWT
 - OAuth 2.0
- Single Sign-On (SSO)
- Access Control Lists (ACL)
- Role-based access control (RBAC)
- Encryption (at rest & in transit)
- Secrets management

Step 11: System Design Trade-offs

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- Push vs Pull architecture
- Consistency vs Availability
 - SQL vs NoSQL
- Memory vs Latency
- Throughput vs Latency
- Accuracy vs Latency
- Cost vs Performance
- Scalability vs Simplicity

Step 12: High-Level Design Practice (HLD)

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Design end-to-end systems for:

- YouTube
- Twitter
- WhatsApp
- Uber
- Amazon
- Dropbox / Google Drive
- Netflix
- Instagram
- Zoom
- Booking.com / Airbnb

▼ LOW LEVEL DESIGN (LLD)

Step 13: Object-Oriented Programming (LLD)

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- Encapsulation
- Abstraction
- Inheritance
- Polymorphism
- SOLID principles
- Real-world OOP modeling

Step 14: Design Patterns

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Creational patterns

Singleton

Factory

Builder

Structural patterns

Proxy

Adapter

Bridge

Behavioral patterns

Strategy

Observer

Command

Step 15: Concurrency & Thread Safety

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Multi-threading concepts

Thread-safe injection

Locks & mutex

Synchronization

Producer–Consumer problem

Race conditions

Deadlocks

Concurrent data structures

Step 16: UML Diagrams

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Class diagram

Sequence diagram

Use case diagram

Activity diagram

Component diagram

When to use which diagram

Step 17: API Design (LLD)

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REST API design principles

Request/Response modeling

API versioning

Extensibility

Idempotency

Pagination

Error handling

Clean code principles

DRY

SRP

Avoiding God classes

Step 18: Common LLD Interview Problems

Design Tic-Tac-Toe / Chess game

Design Splitwise

Design Parking Lot

Design Elevator System

Design Notification System

Design Food Delivery App

Design Movie Ticket Booking System

Design URL Shortener

Design Logging Framework

Design Rate Limiter



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