



# Kyte

## Kanban Board Application

Modern Software Architecture & Engineering • End-to-End Type Safety • Real-Time Collaboration



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Full-Stack Implementation



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# Project Description



## What is Kyte?

A **real-time collaborative Kanban system** designed for modern software teams. Built with a focus on performance, type safety, and seamless multi-user collaboration.



## Core Goal

Solving the **latency and data integrity issues** inherent in multi-user collaboration scenarios. Ensuring smooth drag-and-drop experiences with sub-100ms interaction times.



## Key Advantage

Using a **"Type-Safe" bridge** between client and server through Eden Treaty, eliminating an entire class of production errors and API contract mismatches.

## System Highlights



**<100ms Latency**  
Optimistic UI



**Real-Time Sync**  
WebSocket Events



**RBAC Security**  
Workspace Isolation



**Modular Design**  
Clean Boundaries

# Requirements Analysis



## Quality Attributes (NFR)


### ⚡ Performance

Interaction latency under 100ms for drag-and-drop using Optimistic UI

 <100ms

### 🔒 Security

RBAC enforced at service layer with workspace membership validation

 100%

### 📦 Maintainability

Strict separation of concerns with controller/service/repository pattern

 3-Tier



## Additional Quality Attributes



### Scalability

Stateless API nodes with DB session storage



### Data Integrity

ACID compliance for all mutations



## ASR: Architecturally Significant Requirements

### ASR-1 Business Logic Independence

Keep business logic independent from UI to allow future clients

→ Enforces layered design with clean module boundaries

### ASR-2 Server-Side Access Validation

All write operations must validate board and workspace access on server

→ Requires auth plugin and service-level permission checks

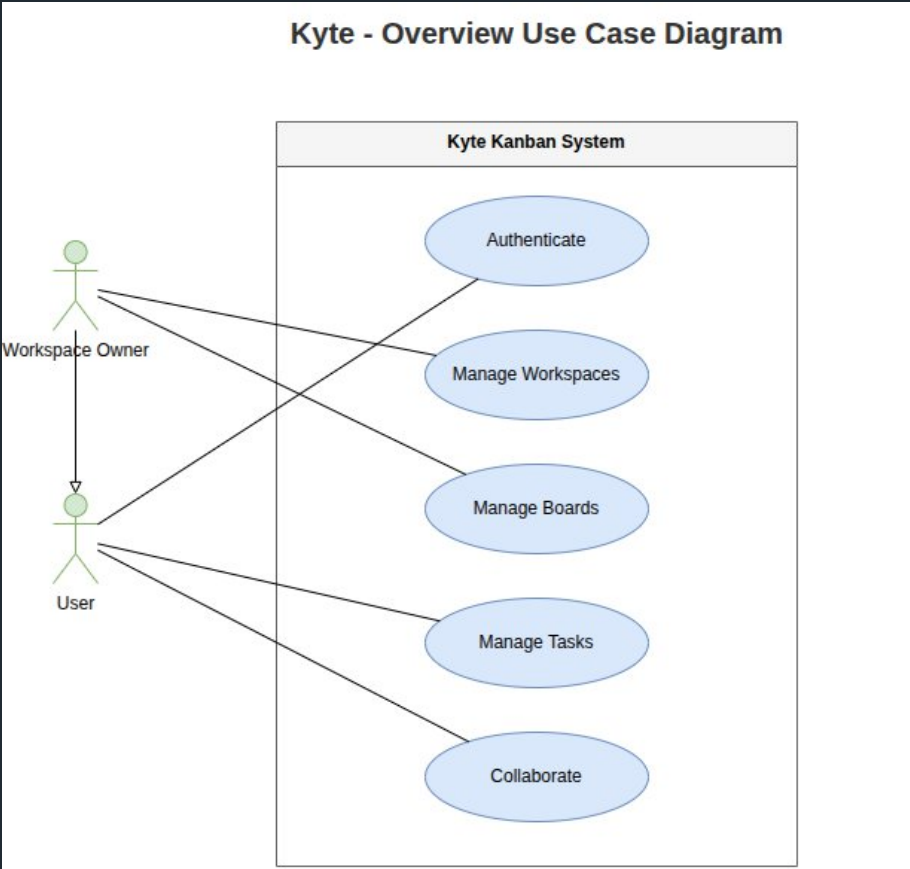
### ASR-3 Concurrent Update Handling

Task ordering must remain correct under concurrent updates

→ Uses fractional indexing and optimistic locking version fields

# Function Use Case

Kyte - Overview Use Case Diagram



## Actors

### Workspace Owner / Admin

Management role with full control over workspace lifecycle, member invitations, and board governance

### Board Member

Operational role focused on task management, collaboration, and day-to-day board activities

## Key Actions

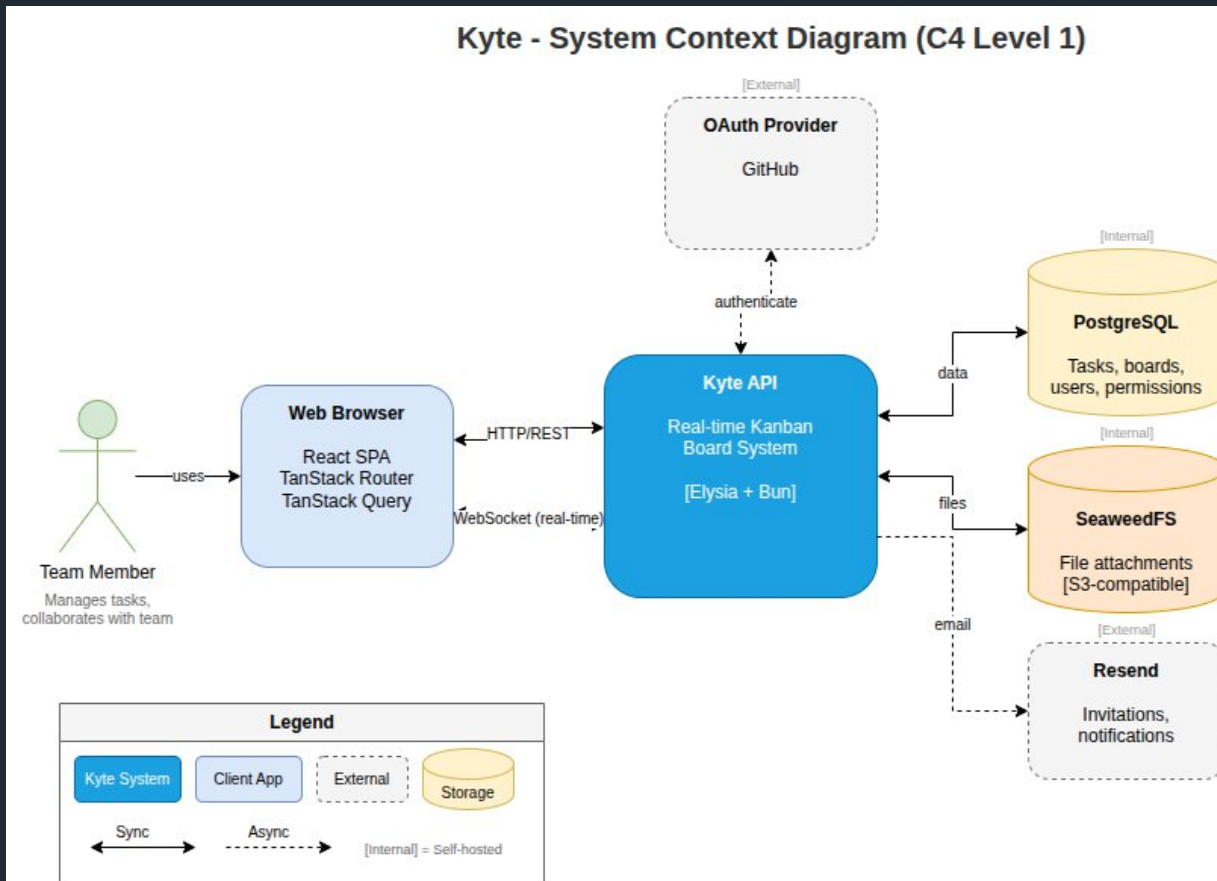
**01 Create & Manage Workspace**  
Multi-tenant container initialization

**02 Manage Tasks**  
CRUD operations with drag-and-drop

**03 Real-time Collaboration**  
WebSocket-based live synchronization

# System Context

## Kyte - System Context Diagram



## System Boundary

The Kyte System sits at the center, mediating interactions between users and external services. It defines the relationship between the core Kanban application and all external actors.

### Core System

Real-time Kanban Board System built with Elysia + Bun, handling business logic, real-time sync, and authentication

## External Integration



### GitHub OAuth

Identity provider for user authentication



### Resend

Transactional emails for invitations & notifications

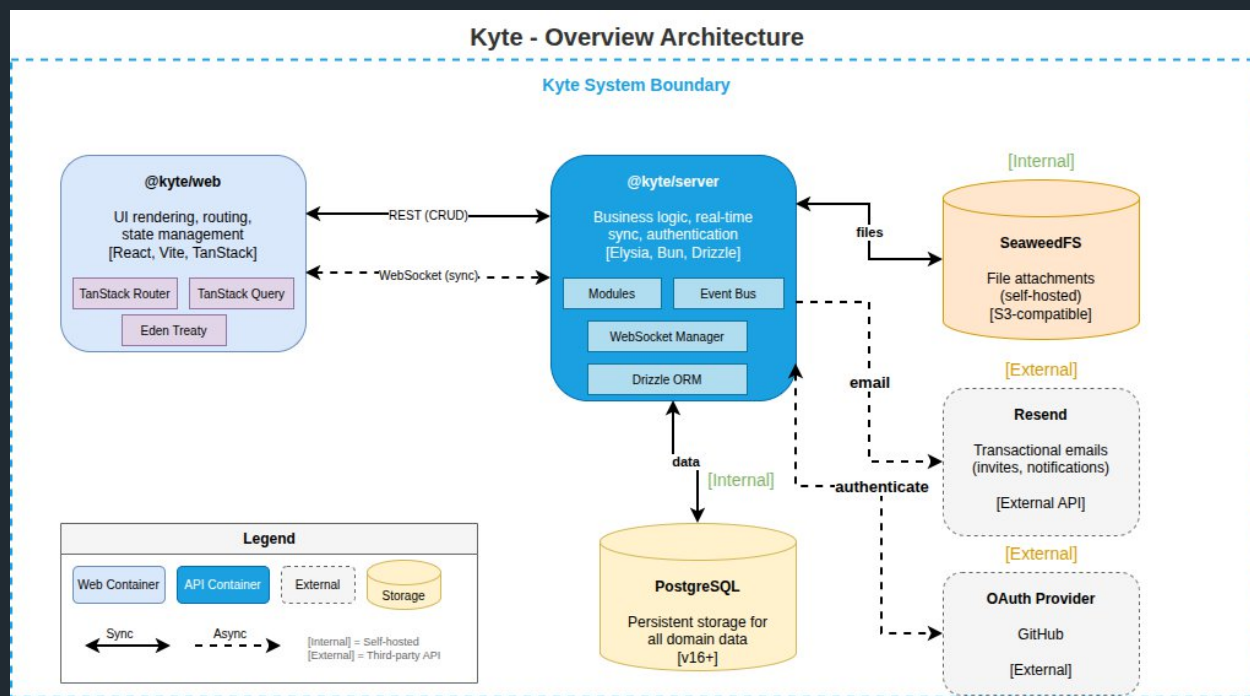


### SeaweedFS

S3-compatible file storage for attachments

# High-Level Architecture

## Kyte - Overview Architecture



## Architecture Pattern

### Client-Server Architecture

Clear separation between UI and business logic to ensure scalability and security. Overview Container view showing all major system components.



## Core Technologies



### React SPA

Single Page Application with TanStack Router & Query



### Bun / Elysia

### API

High-performance runtime with type-safe web framework



## Communication



### HTTPS (REST)

CRUD Operations

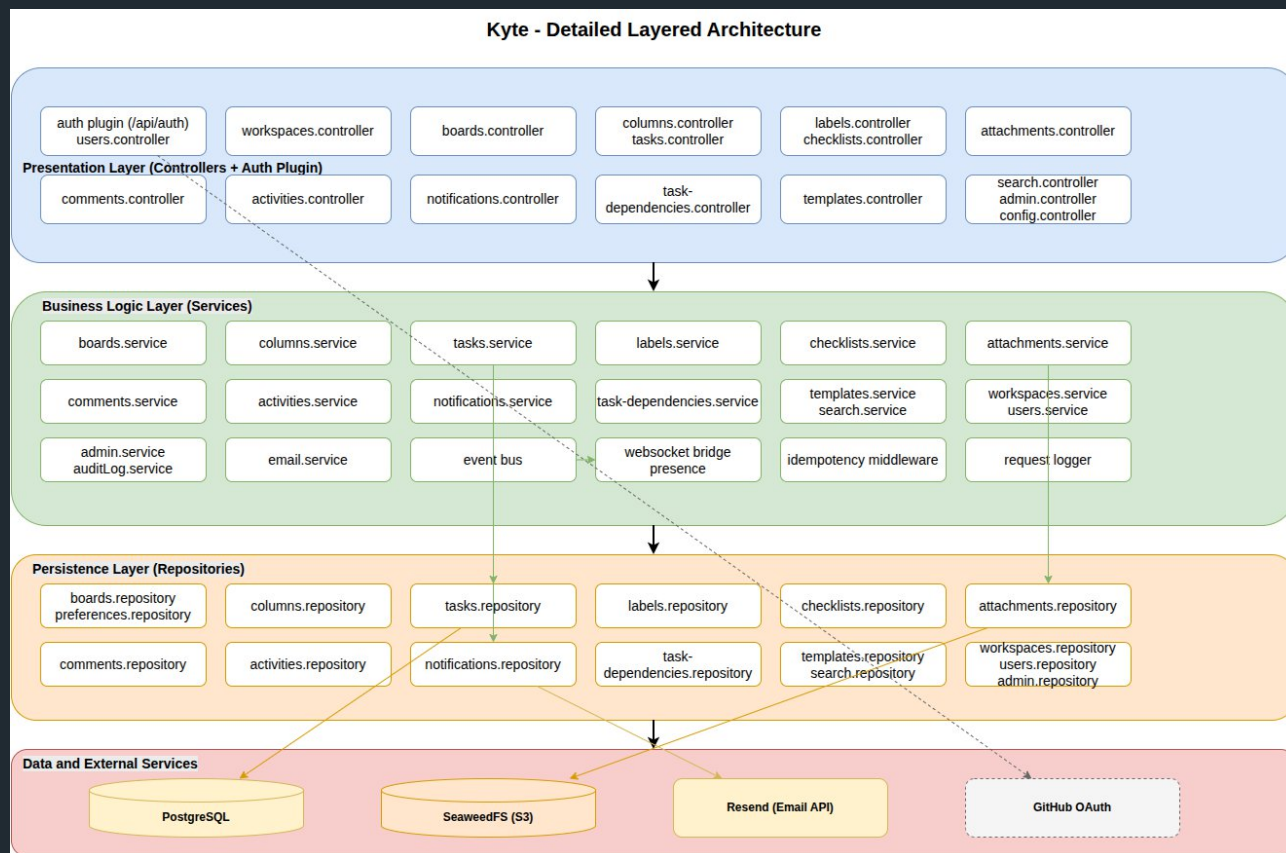


### WebSockets

Live Sync

# Detailed Layered Architecture

## Kyte - Detailed Layered Architecture



## 3-Tier Structure

### L1 Presentation Layer

Elysia Controllers + Auth Plugin handling HTTP/WS requests

### L2 Service Layer

Core domain logic with Event Bus for internal coordination

### L3 Persistence Layer

Drizzle ORM with PostgreSQL for type-safe data access



## Real-Time Layer



Event Bus



WebSocket Bridge



Broadcast

Event-driven architecture ensuring real-time synchronization across all connected clients

# Pattern: Modular Monolith



## Why Modular Monolith?

The best of both worlds: **Simplicity of a monolith** with the **isolation of microservices**. Single deployment with shared types, while maintaining strict module boundaries.



## Module Structure

```
packages/server/src/modules/
```

```
├── task/  
├── board/  
├── workspace/  
├── auth/  
└── ...
```

Each module contains: controller, service, repository, and model files with explicit boundaries



## Module Isolation



### Task Module

Handles task lifecycle, drag-and-drop ordering, attachments, and comments. Strictly isolated from board logic.



### Board Module

Manages board structure, columns, and preferences. Communicates with Task module only via Event Bus.



### Workspace Module

Multi-tenancy, member management, and invitations. Enforces workspace-level access control.



## Future-Proof Architecture

Can be refactored or split into microservices with minimal friction



# Technology Stack



## Backend

### Bun

High-performance JavaScript runtime with built-in test runner and bundler

### ElysiaJS

Type-safe web framework with Eden Treaty for end-to-end type inference

### Drizzle ORM

TypeScript-first ORM with SQL-like syntax and perfect type inference



## Database

### PostgreSQL 18

ACID-compliant relational database with Full-Text Search and JSONB support

### Better Auth

Comprehensive authentication framework with OAuth and session management

### SeaweedFS

S3-compatible distributed file system for task attachments



## Frontend

### React 19

Modern concurrency features with useOptimistic for drag-and-drop

### TanStack Router

File-based routing with 100% type safety for URL parameters

### TanStack Query

Server state management with caching and synchronization

## Rationale: End-to-End Type Safety



All technology choices were made to support **End-to-End Type Safety**. Eden Treaty exports server type definitions to the frontend, eliminating manual API documentation and preventing an entire class of production errors. This type-safe bridge ensures that changes in the API are immediately reflected in the client, maintaining perfect synchronization between client and server.

**100%**

Type Coverage

**Zero**

API Mismatches

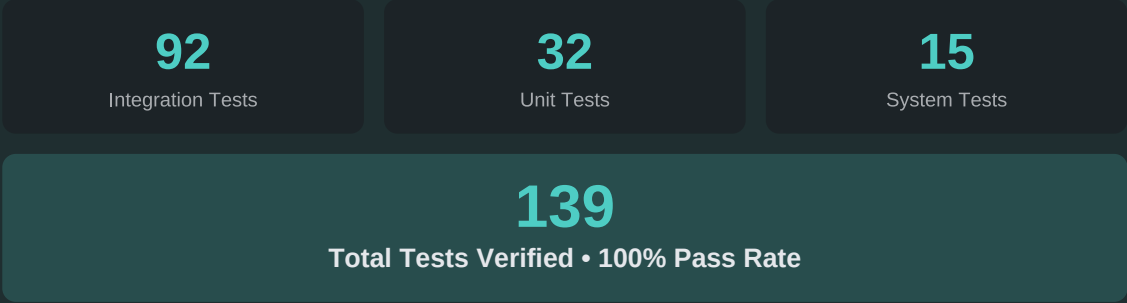
# Testing & Verification Matrix

Testing Approach

### "Real-World Integration Testing"

Unlike traditional architectures that rely on mocking, Kyte uses a **live PostgreSQL 18 instance** for all integration tests to verify complex SQL constraints, transaction atomicity, and database triggers.

Test Results



Verification Matrix: ASRs to Test Results

Architectural Goal	Test Suite	Evidence	Status
Data Integrity	concurrency.test.ts	100% rejection of stale version updates	PASS
Fault Tolerance	idempotency.test.ts	Zero duplicate entries on 5x retried POST	PASS
Security	admin-guard.test.ts	Unauthorized access blocked with 403 Forbidden	PASS
Scalability	position.test.ts	Lexicographic order maintained for 10,000+ items	PASS
Side-Effects	notifications.test.ts	Event → Subscriber → DB Notification chain verified	PASS
Collaboration	presence.test.ts	Presence state correctly shared among board members	PASS

# Individual Contributions & Reflection



## Trần Thành Long

Full-Stack Developer

- ✓ End-to-end full-stack implementation (Server & Web)
- ✓ Database schema design and optimization
- ✓ Real-time infrastructure with WebSocket bridge
- ✓ API logic and business rule implementation



## Nguyễn Xuân Mạnh

Architectural Designer & QA

- ✓ System architecture design with C4 Model
- ✓ Detailed technical diagrams and documentation
- ✓ Quality assurance and verification strategy
- ✓ Comprehensive test suite development (139 tests)



## Key Reflection

"Architecture is not just about drawing, it's about building a solid foundation for code."

### ⚡ Performance

Event-driven updates reduce perceived latency

### 🏠 Modularity

Strong boundaries enable extension without regressions

### ↕ Indexing

Fractional indexing solves drag-and-drop ordering

