

Designing Tinder (as a microservice architecture)

→ Designing front to back i.e. think abt what the user need as features $\xrightarrow{\text{then}}$ think abt how your services are going to be actually broken down $\xrightarrow{\text{then}}$ individual data segmts. and implementaⁿ/services features we gonna des.:

- 1) Store Profiles → Images will be stored in profile (5 imgs / user)
- 2) Recommend matches → No. of active users
- 3) Note matches → For every swipe, you have a 0.1% chance 0.1% of no. of active users
- 4) Direct Messaging → Chatting with someone after matchin with them.

FEATURE 1 → Storing Profiles

imgs can be stored in 2 ways → as a file (file sys is used) / as a blob (DBMS is used)

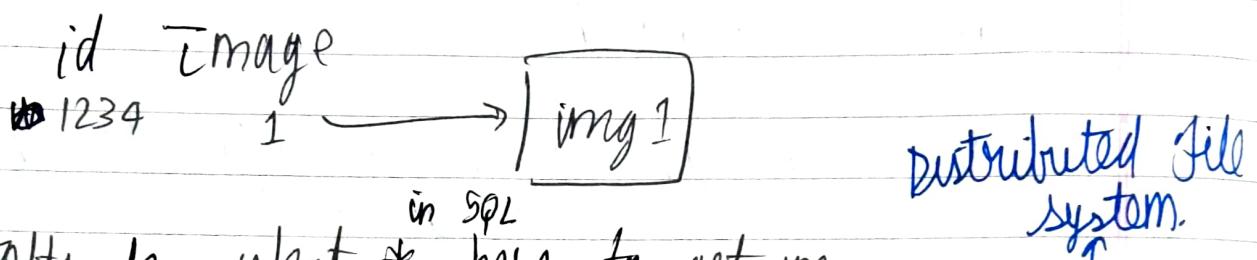
- ① Using a Database Management Sys (DBMS) and stores imgs as blobs

DBMS provides several features

- 1) Mutability → not read. as instead of changin an image, you just remove old one and insert new one
- 2) Transaction → not reqd. in any part of Tinder

- 3) Indexes (Search) → useful for blobs as search is based on content rig 1s & 0s
- 4) Access Control → useful.

→ To store large objs. separately in a DBMS, we gotta implement 'vertical partitioning', i.e. img stored somewhere else ^{but referenced} as a col to a dB row



distributed file system.

② Gotta do select * here to get my. Using file sys instead (we'll use a DFS)
dB is storin all the data so its gotta hr some reference to the ~~file~~ file

stores files

[profileID] image ID | file URL

in a distributed file sys

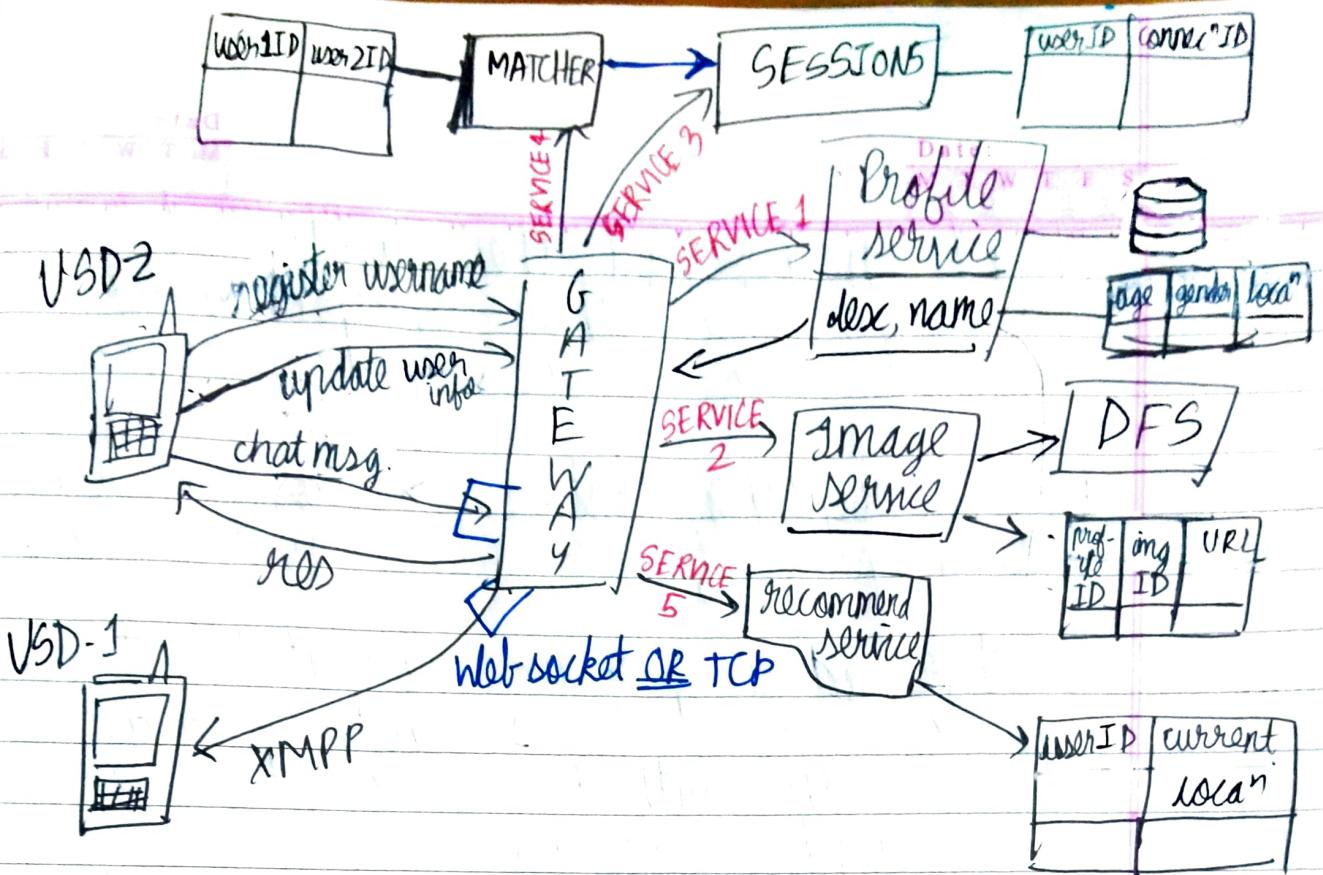
② Using a file sys and images stored as files,

cheaper

faster (large objects stored separately)

Content Delivery Network (CDN) makes accessin static data (the images) really fast.

NOTE : varchar → a set of character data of indeterminate length.
Refers to a data type of a field (or col.) in a DBMS which can hold letters or nos.



MICROSERVICE ARCHITECTURE DIAG OF TINDER

~~Key~~ Salient Features of this sys.

- ① Client initially registers with username, password. ~~This~~ auth. data is stored in "Profile service". Note for any subseq. reqs. to a psg. client will hr a login token generated that they gonna use for other reqs.

- ② Also for any req. to be authed it doesn't make sense to make profile service to handle → 1st auth, & then taken to the service the req. is for. Let Profile service just handle profile auth. We use a Gateway service (the only service which'll actually talk to the client) to receive

client negs, get them auth-ed by profile service and then gateway forwards this auth-ed req. to the reqd. service.

~~Decoupling Systems~~ → sys. in which every piece of sys. does just 1 task.

Another advan. → we separated out the protocols reqd. to ① auth a req. and ② process the authed req. to get the res. that the client is looking for.
 This becomes really useful when these 2 protocols are diff. eg:- when using chat mrgn we must use XMPP protocol but for auth we use the HTTP protocol

③ Now, the img. service → stored as a separate service bcz it has a unique fn. (Reason:- now more than 1 services can use it eg:- client's req. an ML model to do some sort of imgs, etc). Also this area might perform some heavy comput's on imgs so it is wise to store it separately.

FEATURE 2 - DIRECT MSGING

PROTOCOL
TYPE
1

→ We won't use HTTP protocol → it is a client-server comm. protocol → ie. the client talks to server for data not the server talks to client to give data. The only way these msgs can be recd is via polling the server every ~~fixed~~ fixed interval (say 5 secs) for msgs is very inefficient

PROTOCOL
TYPE
2

- We don't wanna poll the server for msgs, we wanna have msg push to client
→ We use a P2P protocol
↓
everyone is equal

Now, the server and the client receiving msgs are both "peers", so they can easily push data to each other. Thus, here the client & server talk as equals using the XMPP protocol viz. an ex. of this P2P protocol.

XMP is gonna take ~~an internal conn~~ a conn for comm → can either be a ① web socket or a ② custom written protocol on TCP

Sessions Service → basically stores data of who's chattin with who i.e. it stores:

- ① User ID
- ② connecⁿID (the ID user ID is sendin msgs to, receivin msgs. from)

FEATURE 3 - Noting recommendations

Matcher service → just keeps a track of who's matched with who i.e. it stores

- ① user1 ID
- ② user2 ID

Can put index over ~~either~~ user ID and then just duplicate the records (if A matched with B, B matched with A)

Matcher service checks if you're matched with a particular person & depending on that, it tells session service whether you can chat with another person or not.

∴ When you uninstall the app, you can recover yours:

- ① matches from the Matcher Service
- ② ~~the~~ people you can text, from the sessions service
- ③ profile from the Profile Service

FEATURE 4 - RECOMMENDING MATCHES

Core of recommendation → who ~~is~~ ^{requested} in your choice
 e.g:- gender: female, age: 21) is actually geographically close to you.

∴ The Profile Service itself will also comm. with a dB which stores 3 things

age	gender	locn

We basically idx this dB on locn and then ~~selected~~ the partiⁿ the data based on this locn prop. and provide just 1 such partiⁿ to a user.

Eg:- A user in South Bombay will now
 access to data primarily in ~~any~~
 South Bombay only.

This can be done in 2 ways of choosing this main
 DB we gonna pull out chunks from

① Use a noSQL DB → (eg:- Cassandra, DynamoDB)

② Use a SQL DB → (eg:- PostgreSQL) but
 be sure to "shard" this DB to get
 out some chunks that we'll send to the users
IMP → be sure to have leader-elect at each shard for redundancy

→ This is better → as it uses a "doc-collect" model so each doc is itself a very small file and we just gotta write rules based on logic to get a "chunk" that we gonna send to user.

Recommendation service → Basically this'll just
 have access to a DB having ① user ID
 ② current loca" of user (updated, say, every
 2-3 hrs)

And based on this current loca" of user,
 this service will talk to profile service
 to get and serve the reqd. "chunk"