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Experiment 1

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1. Aim: To design and analyze a URL Shortener system by identifying its functional and non-functional requirements and representing the system design using a draw.io diagram.

2. Objectives:

- To understand the working of a URL Shortener system
- To identify functional requirements of the system
- To identify non-functional requirements such as performance and scalability
- To design a high-level system flow using draw.io
- To improve understanding of real-world system design concepts

3. Procedure:

- Studied the concept of URL Shortener systems used in real-world applications.
- Identified the core functionalities required for URL shortening and redirection.
- Listed the functional requirements such as short URL creation, custom URL support, expiration handling, and redirection.
- Identified non-functional requirements including low latency and scalability.



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- Designed a structured system diagram using draw.io, representing the requirements
- clearly.
- Reviewed the diagram to ensure clarity, correctness, and completeness.

4. Functional Requirements:

- **URL Shortening:** The system accepts a Long URL and generates a unique, shorter alias.
- **URL Redirection:** When a user visits the Short URL, the system redirects them to the original Long URL.
- **Custom Aliases (Optional):** Users should have the option to pick a specific custom string for their short URL (e.g., tiny.url/my-link).
- Expiration Management:
- **Default:** URLs expire automatically after a set period.
- **Custom:** Users can specify their own expiration date.

5. Non-Functional Requirements:

- **Low Latency:** Both creation (write) and redirection (read) requests must complete in **< 200ms**.
- **Scalability:** The system must handle **100 Million Daily Active Users (DAU)** and store/manage at least **1 Billion URLs**.
- **Uniqueness:** Every short URL generated must be unique; no collisions are allowed.
- **High Availability:** The system must be online **24/7** with zero downtime.
- **Consistency Model (CAP):** The system prioritizes **Availability over Consistency** (AP System).

- Updates are **Eventually Consistent** (it is acceptable if a newly created link takes a few moments to propagate to all server nodes).

6. Outcome:

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7. Required System Design:





