

## (1) CLARIFY SCENARIO [5 min]

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1. Use cases
  1. Functional Requirements:
  2. Non Functional Requirements:
    - Number of users
    - Type of Users
    - Web app / Mobile app / Desktop app
2. Scenarios that will **not** be covered
3. Who will use
4. How many will use
5. Usage patterns

## (2) ESTIMATIONS [5 min]

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1. Throughput (QPS **for Read and Write** queries)
2. Latency expected **from** the system (**for read and write** queries)
3. **Read/Write** ratio
4. Traffic estimates
  - **Write** (QPS, Volume **of** data)
  - **Read** (QPS, Volume **of** data)
5. Storage estimates
6. Memory estimates
  - **If** we are **using** a cache, what **is** the kind **of** data we want **to** store **in** the cache
  - How much RAM **and** how many machines **do** we need **for** us **to** achieve this?
  - Amount **of** data you want **to** store **in** disk/SSD

## (3) DESIGN GOALS [5 min]

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1. Latency and Throughput requirements
2. Consistency vs Availability [Weak/strong/**eventual** => consistency | Failover/**replication** => availability]

## (4) HIGH-LEVEL DESIGN [5-10 min]

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1. APIs **for Read/Write** scenarios **for** crucial components
2. **Database schema**
3. Basic algorithm
4. High-level design **for Read/Write** scenario

## (5) DEEP DIVE [15-20 min]

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1. Scaling the algorithm
2. Scaling individual components:
  - o Availability, Consistency **and** Scale story **for** each component
  - o Consistency **and** availability patterns

3. Think about the following components, how they would fit in and how it would help
- a) DNS
  - b) CDN [Push vs Pull]
  - c) Load Balancers [Active-Passive, Active-Active, Layer 4, Layer 7]
  - d) Reverse Proxy
  - e) Application layer scaling [Microservices, Service Discovery]
  - f) DB [RDBMS, NoSQL]
    - o RDBMS
      - Master-slave, Master-master, Federation, Sharding, Denormalization (Partitioning), SQL Tuning
    - o NoSQL
      - Key-Value, Wide-Column, Graph, Document
      - Fast-lookups:
        - RAM [Bounded size] => Redis, Memcached
        - AP [Unbounded size] => Cassandra, RIAK, Voldemort
        - CP [Unbounded size] => HBase, MongoDB, Couchbase, DynamoDB
  - g) Caches
    - o Client caching, CDN caching, Web server caching, Database caching, Application caching, Cache @Query level, Cache @Object level
    - o Eviction policies:
      - Least Recently Used(LRU)
      - Least Frequently Used(LFU)
      - First in First Out (FIFO)
    - o Cache Loading Policies
      - Cache aside
      - Write through
      - Write behind
      - Refresh ahead
  - h) Asynchronism
    - o Message queues
    - o Task queues
    - o Backpressure
  - i) Communication
    - o TCP, UDP, REST, RPC, Thrift, GraphQL
4. Security of the system

## (6) JUSTIFY [5 min]

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1. Throughput of each layer
2. Latency caused between each layer
3. Overall latency justification