

Tech Interview Cheat Sheet

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Basic System Design

Data Layer

Presen- User interface, caching, validatation tion, single page or multi page
Layer

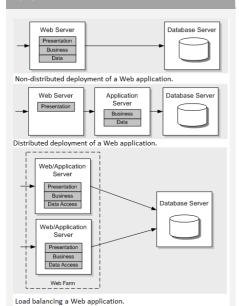
Business Logic/workflows, reuse
Layer common logic

Data Entity objects that pass data,

database type. SQL vs NoSQL

Also consider security of application.

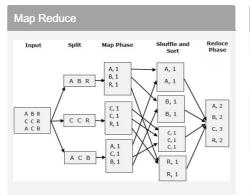
System Design - Deployment Considerations



Consider the following guidelines for deployment:

- Consider using non-distributed deployment to maximize performance.
- Consider using distributed deployment to achieve better scalability and to allow each layer

to be secured separately.



The MapReduce algorithm contains two important tasks, namely Map and Reduce. The Map task takes a set of data and converts it into another set of data, where individual elements are broken down into tuples (key-value pairs).

The Reduce task takes the output from the Map as an input and combines those data tuples (key-value pairs) into a smaller set of tuples.

SQL vs NoSQL

SQL	Language used for relational databases
	Scaled vertically by increasing power (more common), scaled horizontally by partitioning
	Tables and columns, rows, Have constrained logical relationships
	Must exhibit ACID properties
	MS-SQL, Oracle, Access, Ingress
NoSQL	Language used for non relational dbs
	Scales better horizontally using master-slave architecture

Multiple formats: Column, Key-

Value, Document, Graph

SQL vs No	oSQL (cont)
	Adheres to CAP
	MongoDB, DynamoDB, CouchDB
Use SQL when:	data is small
	Conceptually modeled as tabular
	consistency is critical
Use	Graph or hierarchial data

when:

Data sets which are both large and mutate significantly

Businesses growing extremely fast but lacking data schemata

ACID - Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability

NoSQL

CAP - Consistency, Availabity, Partition tolerance

Algorithms			
Algorithm	BEST	AVERAGE	WORST
Insertion Sort	n	¼ n^2	½ n^2

Merge Sort	½ n Ig n	n lg n	n lg n
Quick Sort	n lg n	2 n ln n	½ n^2

Quick Sort works better for small arrays Merge Sort works better for linked lists and is consistent for any size of data



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C# List Methods (cont)

C# String N	lethods	
CompareTo()	Compare two strings	str2.C- ompare- To(- str1)
IndexOf()	Returns the index position of first occurrence of character	str1.I- ndexOf- (":")
Remove()	deletes all the characters from beginning to specified index position.	str1.R-emo-ve(i);
Replace()	replaces the specified character with another	<pre>str1.R- eplace- ('old', 'new');</pre>
Substr- ing()	his method returns substring.	str1.S- ubstri- ng(1, 7);
Substrine Substrine length	g(Int32) g(Int32, Int32) ,	//start,

Sort()	Sorts the elements or a portion of the elements in the List <t></t>
Reverse	Reverses the order of the elements in the List<t> or a portion of it.</t>
Sort is Qu	uickSort
Search B	asics
Breadth First Search	An algorithm that searches a tree (or graph) by searching levels of the tree first, starting at the root.
	Moves left to right on level, tracking children. Then moves to next level
Depth First Search	An algorithm that searches a tree (or graph) by searching depth of the tree first, starting at the root.
	It traverses left down a tree until it cannot go further
	traverses back up trying the right child of nodes on that branch, and if possible left from the right children

Searc	th Basics (cont)
	When finished examining a branch it moves to the node right of the root then tries to go left on all it's children until it reaches the bottom.
When to use BFS:	Optimal for searching a tree that is wider than it is deep
	Uses a queue to store information about the tree while it traverses a tree so uses more memory than DFS
When to use DFS	Optimal for searching a tree that is deeper than it is wide.
	Uses a stack to push nodes onto.

List<T> or a portion of it.

Conver- Converts the elements in the tall (C- current List<T> to another type, and returns a list containing the converted elements.

IndexOf() Returns the zero-based index of the first occurrence

a portion of it.

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of a value in the List<T> or in

Uses a binary search algorithm to locate a specific

element in the sorted

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C# List Methods

Binary-

Search()

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