

# Requirement Funnel Checklist

Start Every System Design Interview Here

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## SECTION 1 | FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

**Core Features: What are the primary user actions? (list 3-5)**

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Data Flow: What data goes in? What comes out?

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User Types: Who are the different user personas?

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Edge Cases: What happens in unusual scenarios?

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## SECTION 2 | NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Scale: DAU, requests/sec, data growth rate

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Latency: What's the acceptable response time?

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Availability: What uptime percentage is required?

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Consistency: Strong or eventual? What's the tolerance?

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## SECTION 3 | CONSTRAINTS

Timeline: Is this MVP or production-ready?

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Budget: Any cost constraints to consider?

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Existing Systems: What must we integrate with?

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