World of Warcraft Architecture

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How the h... can you design that?

Tip: Being polite while in a group with others will get you invited back!



- Discuss with a lot of stakeholders
 - Developers, fellow architects, testers, business, ...
 - Need a good language for communication
 - Views for documenting aspects of the architecture
 - Common quality attribute understanding
 - Quality attribute requirements documented



• Have a lot of good *architectural design* and design techniques to choose from...

• Pick the proper **architectural tactics** to achieve the quality attributes stakeholders require

Knowledge of common architectural tactics and patterns



• Communicate the *architectural decisions* to the team of developers

 Techniques to document architectural decisions as well as the alternatives that were rejected and why



• Being able to explore and experiment with the architectural design space

• Use **architectural prototyping** to perform experiments before committing to an architecture



• Validate and verify your architectural choices

• Perform **architectural evaluation** to determine if quality attribute requirements are met