# Extending HttpClient with Custom HttpMessageHandlers



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## Coming Up



**Delegating Handler Pattern** 

Implementing a Retry Policy and Dealing with Time-outs

**Additional Use Cases** 





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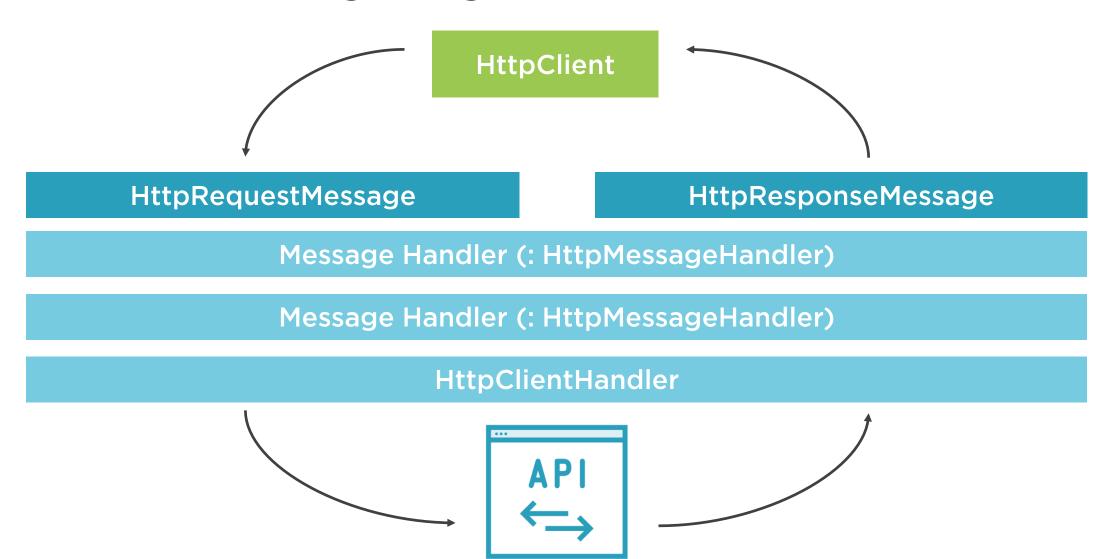
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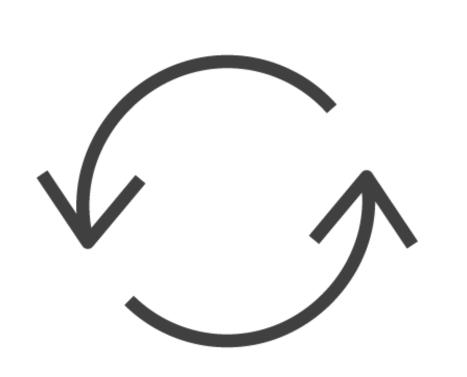








### Implementing a Retry Policy



Requests might fail due to a network hickup or temporary connection issue

A retry policy states that if a request fails it should be tried again (for a set number of times)



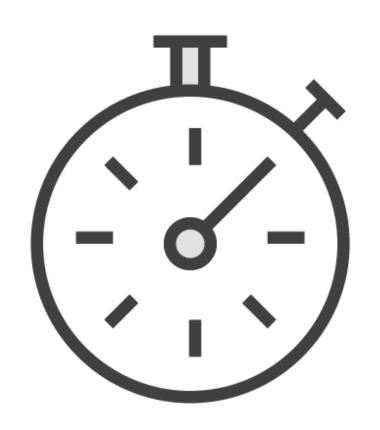
### Demo



Implementing a Retry Policy



# Implementing a Handler for Dealing with Time-outs



When a request times out, a TaskCanceledException is thrown

Through a custom handler we can throw a TimeOutException instead, which allows differentiation



#### Demo



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#### Other Use Cases for Delegating Handlers



#### Dealing with authentication

- Passing (and refreshing) an access token

#### Dealing with caching

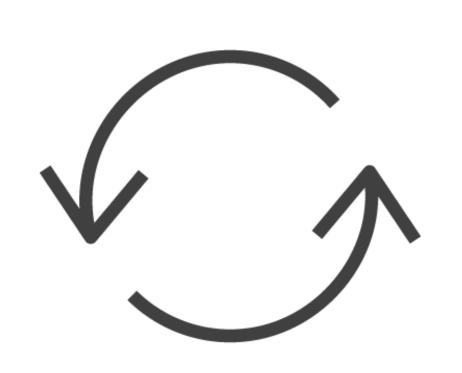
- Client-side cache implementation

#### Implementing HSTS support

- <a href="https://bit.ly/2QihSZ5">https://bit.ly/2QihSZ5</a> (Maarten Balliauw)



#### Using Polly to Improve Interaction with an API



Polly is a .NET resilience and transientfault-handling library that allows developers to express policies in a fluent and thread-safe manner

- https://bit.ly/28MXdom

Fault Tolerant Web Service Requests with Polly (Bryan Hogan)

- https://bit.ly/2Ap1OuD



#### Summary



# Delegating Handlers allow us to create a pipeline through which requests and responses flow

- Retry, time-out, authentication, caching, ...

Polly is today's de facto standard

