# When Microservices Go Bad!

How to handle transient failures in your distributed or microservice applications

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## Case Study – Union Castle Line



#### Recent Incidents

The Independent

#### BT internet down: Outage takes down Amazon Alexa, Ring doorbells and more



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3 weeks ago

https://www.cnbc.com > 2021/12/10 > aws-explains-out...

#### AWS explains outage and will make it easier to track future ones

10 Dec 2021 — A major **Amazon Web Services outage** on Tuesday started after network devices got overloaded, the company said on Friday.

https://www.pwc.co.uk > issues > crisis-and-resilience

#### Systems failure - PwC UK

A bank experiencing **systems failure** meant 600,000 customer payments and direct debits went missing. The failure was caused by the bank's IT infrastructure ...



# Risk – Probability / Impact

Impact	Probability			
		Low	Medium	High
	High		×	×
	Medium			×
	Low			



- Ignore them...
- Little and often
- Monitoring
- DIY resilience
- Policy based resilience



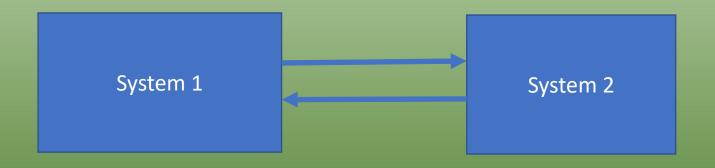
#### Policy Based Resilience



- Define a policy
  - What symptoms (return codes, exceptions)
  - What behaviour (retry, fallback, rate-limit)
- Call API using the policy



#### How many points of failure?

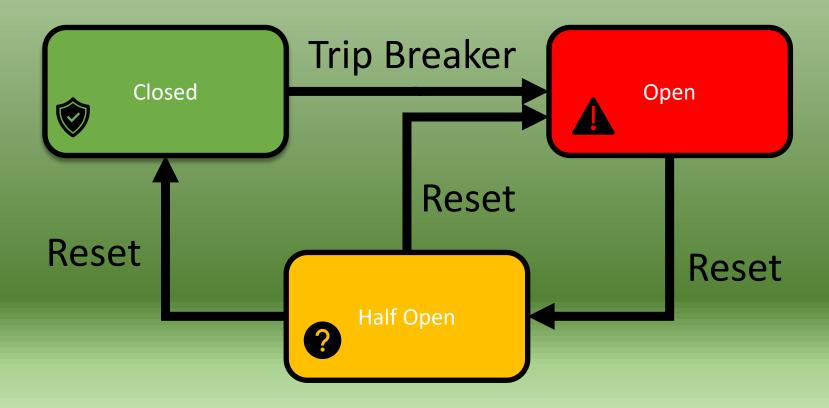




- Retry
  - Idempotency
  - Don't retry indefinitely
  - How long to wait?
  - Exponential Backoff
  - Jitter



Circuit Breakers





- Bulkheads
- Rate Limiting
- QoS



- Caching
- Fallback
- Queuing



- Timeouts
  - Many APIs have a default timeout
  - Don't wait forever



## Other Polly Use Cases

- PolicyWrap For complex policies
   https://github.com/App-vNext/Polly/wiki/PolicyWrap
- Refreshing an access token
   https://www.jerriepelser.com/blog/refresh-google-access-token-with-polly/
- NoOp For testing or library
   https://github.com/App-vNext/Polly/wiki/NoOp
- PolicyBuilder For more creating our own policies
- Polly.Extensions.Http
   https://github.com/App-vNext/Polly.Extensions.Http



### Reference

#### Polly

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- https://www.nuget.org/packages/Microsoft.Extensions.Http.Polly/
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#### Microservices

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- Building Microservices by Sam Newman <a href="https://samnewman.io/">https://samnewman.io/</a>
- Cloud Design Patterns <a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/architecture/patterns/">https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/architecture/patterns/</a>

#### Videos:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9r04PuaOcs
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSRFOi8bURw
- <a href="https://developertoarchitect.com/lessons-microservices.html">https://developertoarchitect.com/lessons-microservices.html</a>



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