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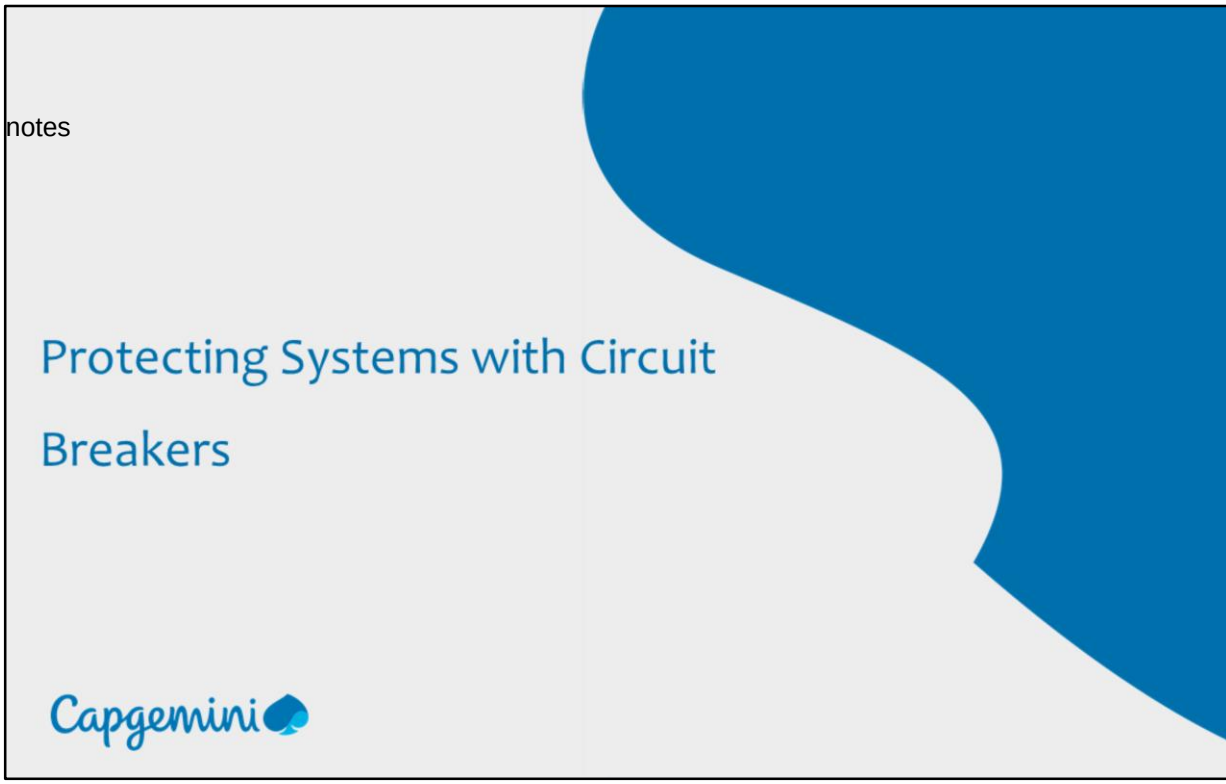

Objective

Role of circuit breakers in microservices
Describing Spring Cloud Hystrix
Creating a Hystrix-protected service
Using the Hystrix Dashboard
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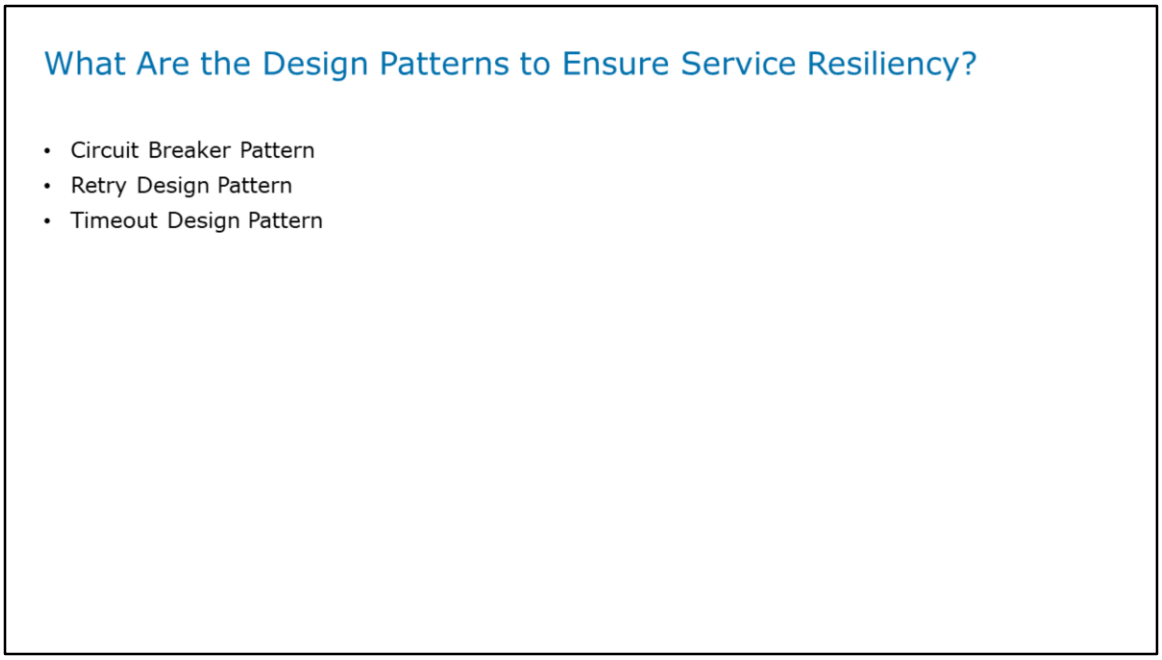


f there are failures in your microservices ecosystem, then you need to fail fast by opening the circuit. This ensures that no additional calls are made to the failing service, once the circuit breaker is open. So we return an exception immediately. This pattern also monitor the system for failures and once things are back to normal, the circuit is closed to allow normal functionality.
This is a very common pattern to avoid cascading failure in your microservice ecosystem.
You can use some popular third-party libraries to implement circuit breaking in your application, such as Polly and Hystrix.

Retry Design Pattern

This pattern states that you can retry a connection automatically which has failed earlier due to an exception. This is very handy in case of temporary issues with one of your services. A lot of times a simple retry might fix the issue. The load balancer might point you to a different healthy server on the retry, and your call might be a success.

Timeout Design Pattern

This pattern states that you should not wait for a service response for an indefinite amount of time — throw an exception instead of waiting too long. This will ensure that you are not stuck in a state of limbo, continuing to consume application

resources. Once the timeout period is met, the thread is freed up.

Circuit Breaker Pattern

- Circuit breaker is a design pattern used in modern software development. It is used to detect failures and encapsulates the logic of preventing a failure from constantly recurring, during maintenance, temporary external system failure or unexpected system difficulties.
- Netflix's Hystrix library provides an implementation of the circuit breaker pattern. When you apply a circuit breaker to a method, Hystrix watches for failing calls to that method, and, if failures build up to a threshold, Hystrix opens the circuit so that subsequent calls automatically fail. While the circuit is open, Hystrix redirects calls to the method, and they are passed to your specified fallback method.

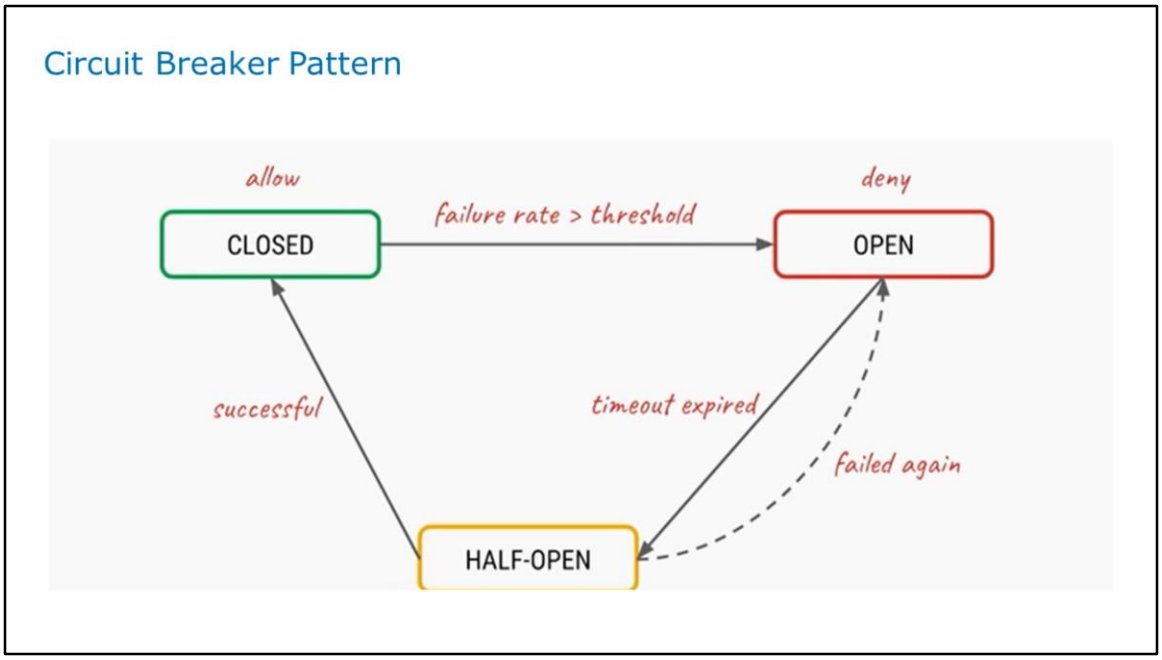
Context and problem

In a distributed environment, calls to remote resources and services can fail due to transient faults, such as slow network connections, timeouts, or the resources being overcommitted or temporarily unavailable. These faults typically correct themselves after a short period of time, and a robust cloud application should be prepared to handle them by using a strategy such as the Retry pattern.

However, there can also be situations where faults are due to unanticipated events, and that might take much longer to fix. These faults can range in severity from a partial loss of connectivity to the complete failure of a service. In these situations it might be pointless for an application to continually retry an operation that is unlikely to succeed, and instead the application should quickly accept that the operation has failed and handle this failure accordingly.

Additionally, if a service is very busy, failure in one part of the system might lead to cascading failures. For example, an operation that invokes a service could be configured to implement a timeout, and reply with a failure message if the service fails to respond within this period. However, this strategy could cause many concurrent requests to the same operation to be blocked until the timeout period expires. These blocked requests might hold critical system resources such as memory, threads, database connections, and so on. Consequently, these resources could

become exhausted, causing failure of other possibly unrelated parts of the system that need to use the same resources. In these situations, it would be preferable for the operation to fail immediately, and only attempt to invoke the service if it's likely to succeed. Note that setting a shorter timeout might help to resolve this problem, but the timeout shouldn't be so short that the operation fails most of the time, even if the request to the service would eventually succeed.



Solution

The Circuit Breaker pattern, popularized by Michael Nygard in his book, Release It!, can prevent an application from repeatedly trying to execute an operation that's likely to fail. Allowing it to continue without waiting for the fault to be fixed or wasting CPU cycles while it determines that the fault is long lasting. The Circuit Breaker pattern also enables an application to detect whether the fault has been resolved. If the problem appears to have been fixed, the application can try to invoke the operation.
The purpose of the Circuit Breaker pattern is different than the Retry pattern. The Retry pattern enables an application to retry an operation in the expectation that it'll succeed. The Circuit Breaker pattern prevents an application from performing an operation that is likely to fail. An application can combine these two patterns by using the Retry pattern to invoke an operation through a circuit breaker. However, the retry logic should be sensitive to any exceptions returned by the circuit breaker and abandon retry attempts if the circuit breaker indicates that a fault is not transient.
A circuit breaker acts as a proxy for operations that might fail. The proxy should monitor the number of recent failures that have occurred, and use this information to decide whether to allow the operation to proceed, or simply return an exception immediately.

What Is Hystrix?

- In a distributed environment, inevitably some of the many service dependencies will fail. Hystrix is a library that helps you control the interactions between these distributed services by adding latency tolerance and fault tolerance logic. Hystrix does this by isolating points of access between the services, stopping cascading failures across them, and providing fallback options, all of which improve your system's overall resiliency.

What Is Hystrix For?

Hystrix is designed to do the following:

- Give protection from and control over latency and failure from dependencies accessed (typically over the network) via third-party client libraries.
- Stop cascading failures in a complex distributed system.
- Fail fast and rapidly recover.
- Fallback and gracefully degrade when possible.
- Enable near real-time monitoring, alerting, and operational control.

What Problem Does Hystrix Solve?

Applications in complex distributed architectures have dozens of dependencies, each of which will inevitably fail at some point. If the host application is not isolated from these external failures, it risks being taken down with them.

For example, for an application that depends on 30 services where each service has 99.99% uptime, here is what you can expect:

99.99^{30} = 99.7% uptime

0.3% of 1 billion requests = 3,000,000 failures

2+ hours downtime/month even if all dependencies have excellent uptime.

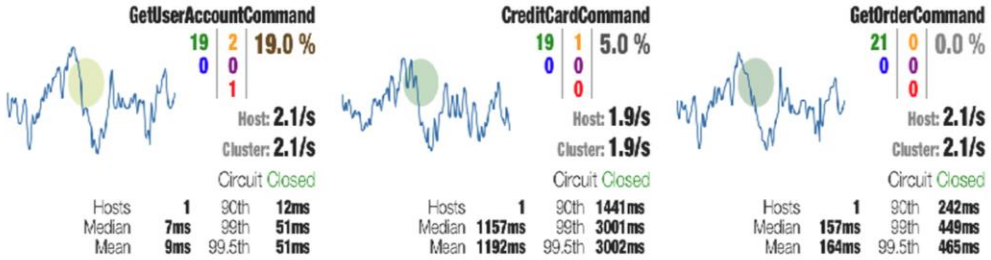
Reality is generally worse.

Even when all dependencies perform well the aggregate impact of even 0.01% downtime on each of dozens of services equates to potentially hours a month of downtime **if you do not engineer the whole system for resilience**.

Hystrix Dashboard

The Hystrix Dashboard allows us to monitor Hystrix metrics in real time.

When Netflix began to use this dashboard, their operations improved by reducing the time needed to discover and recover from operational events. The duration of most production incidents (already less frequent due to Hystrix) became far shorter, with diminished impact, due to the real-time insights into system behavior provided by the Hystrix Dashboard.



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Hystrix Dashboard

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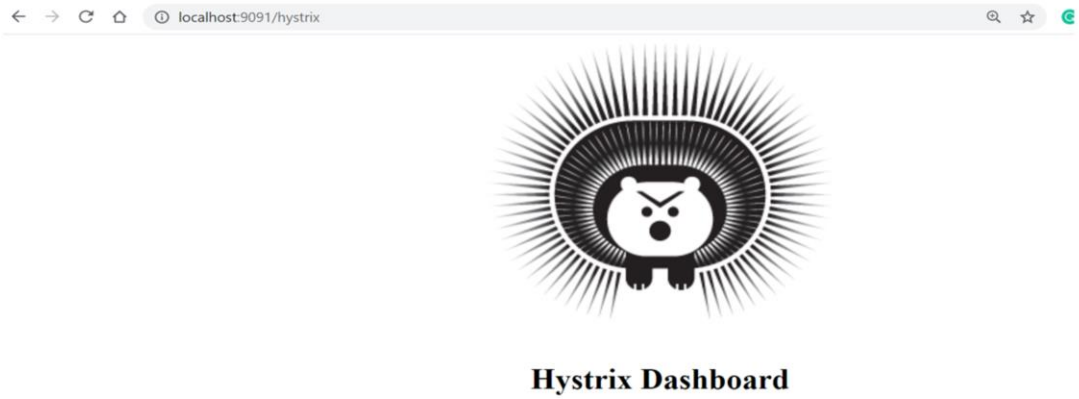

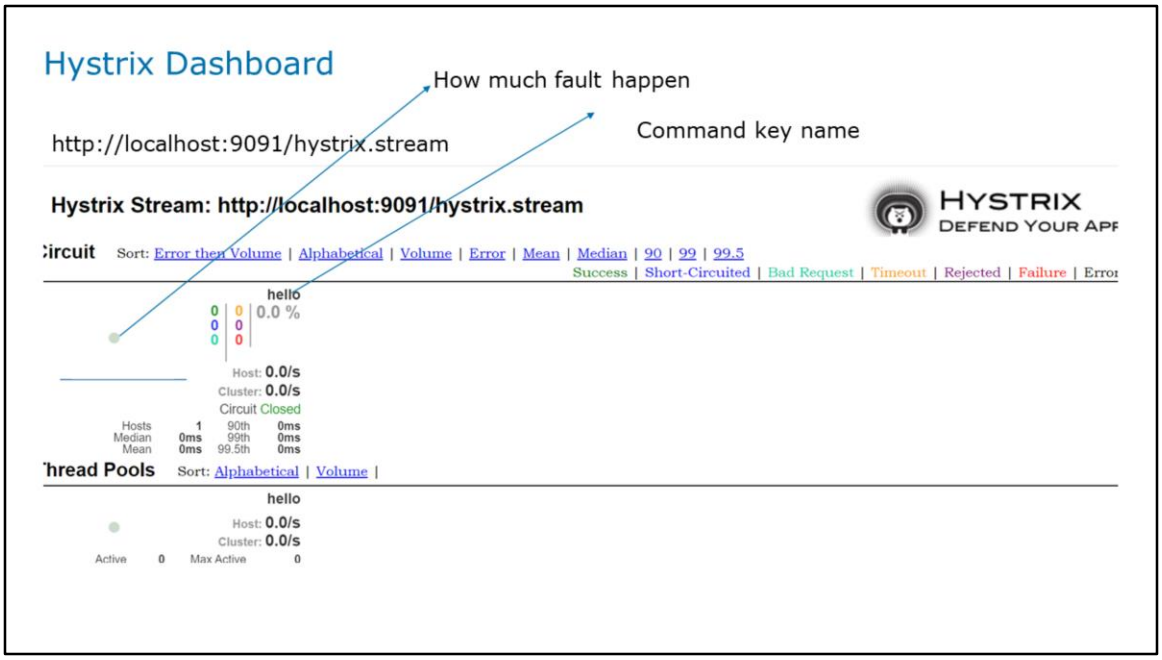
Hystrix Dashboard
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Demo

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Lab

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