Creating Actor Hierarchies and Isolating Faults



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Overview



Creating movie streaming actor hierarchy

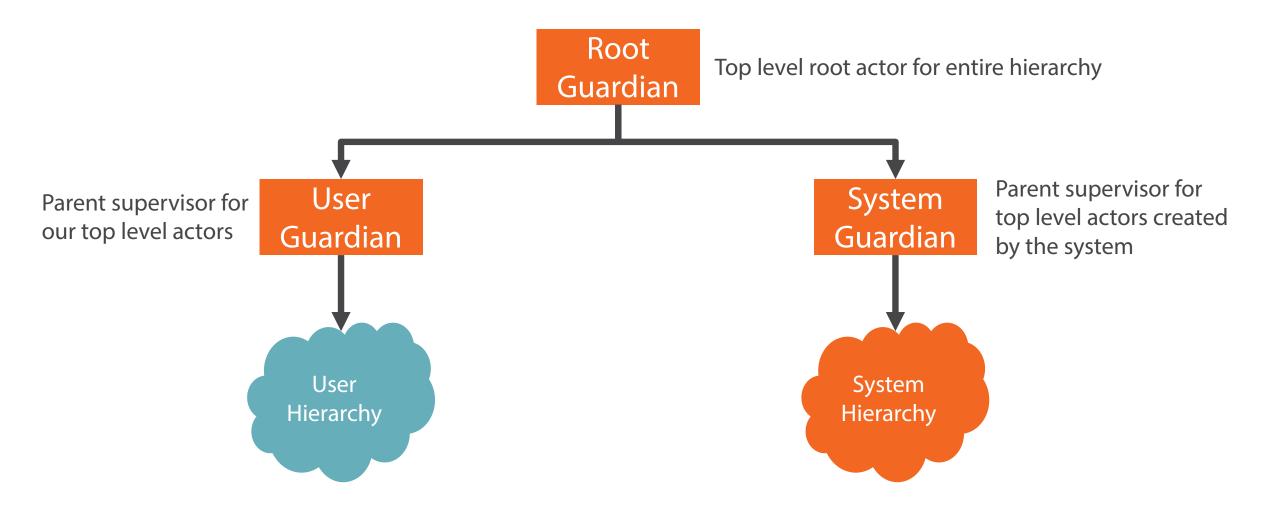
System and top level actors

Actor paths and actor selections

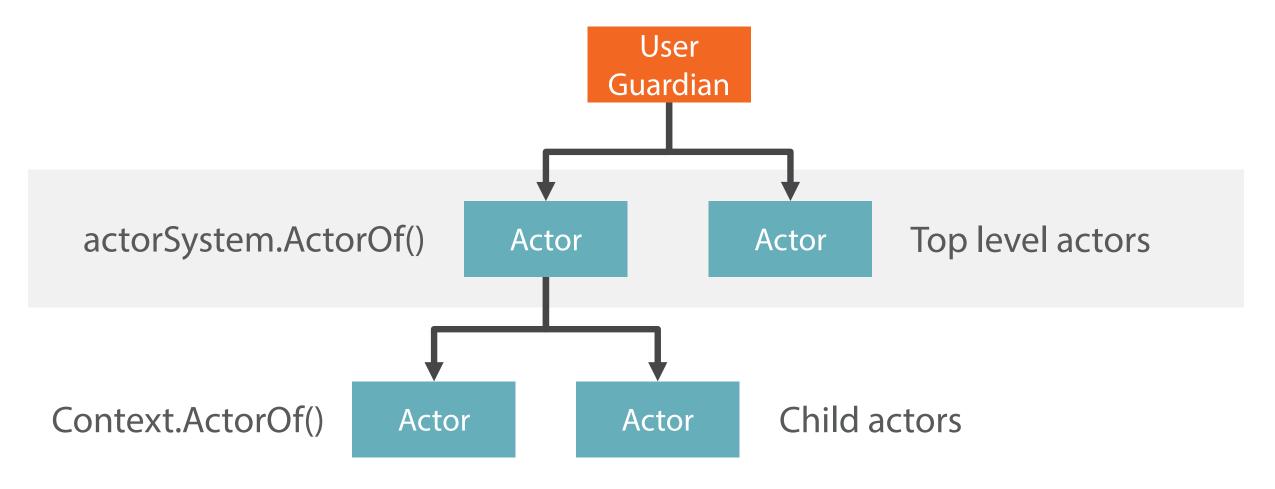
Default parental supervision strategy

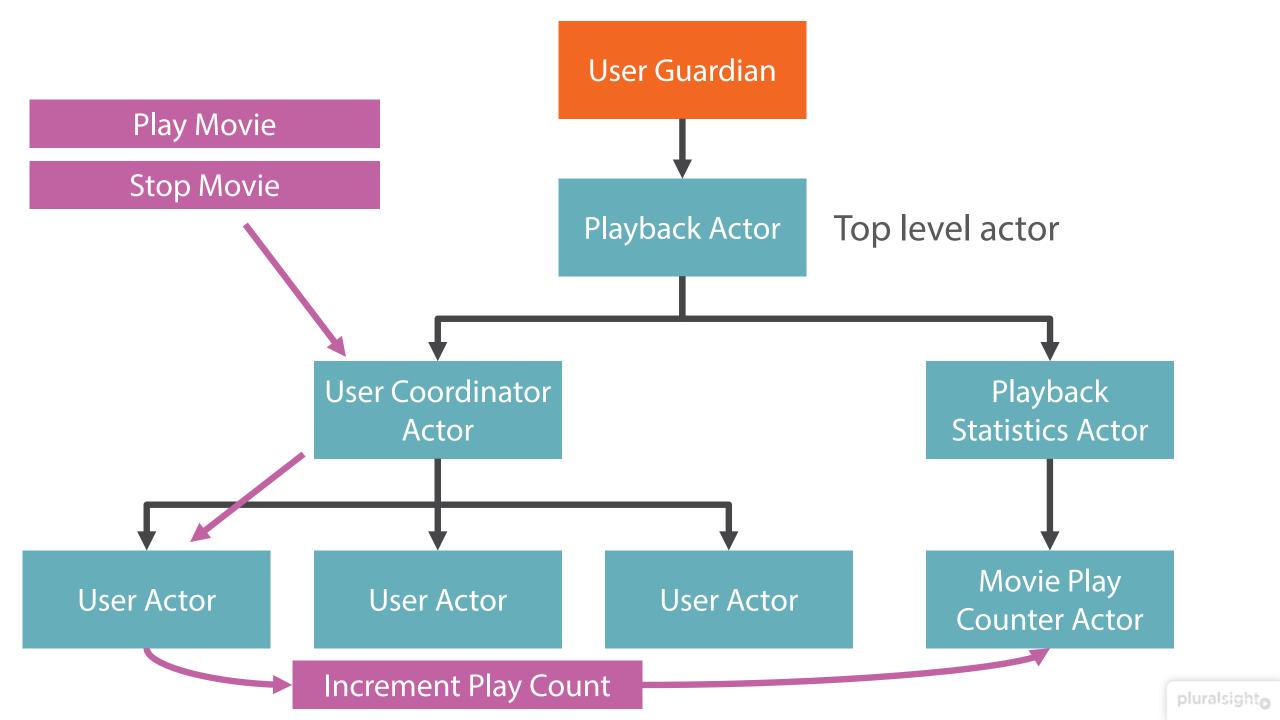
Creating a custom parental supervision strategy

The Actor Supervision Hierarchy



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Actor Paths

Protocol

- single process or inter-process transport protocol

Actor System

- name of the actor system instance

Address

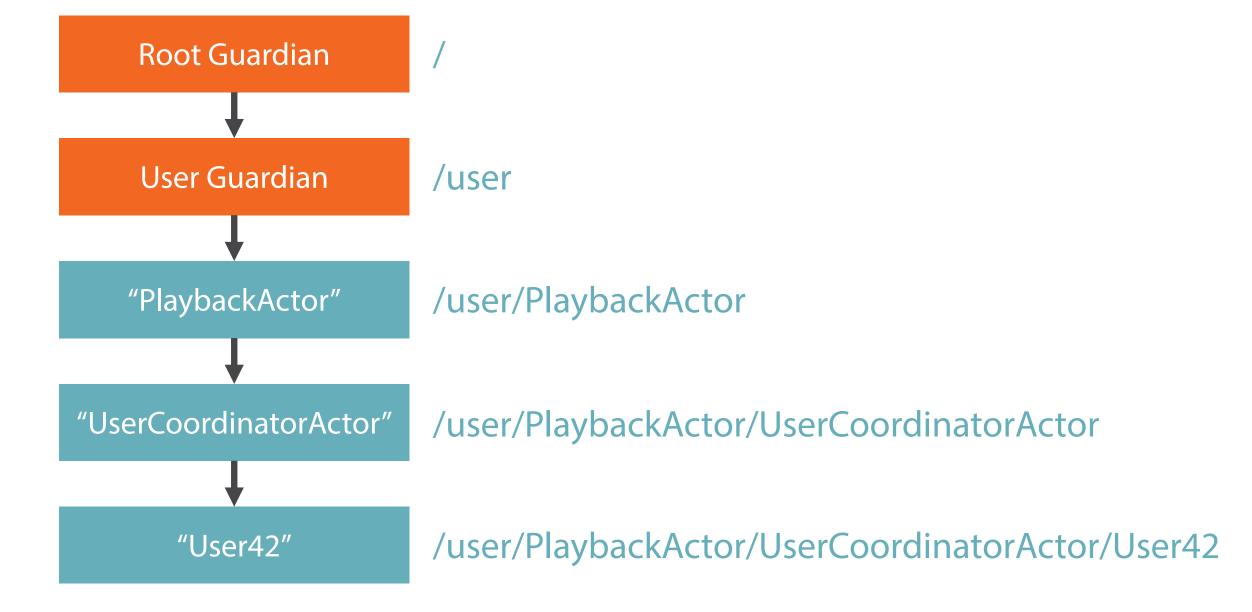
- remote actor system IP address / port

Hierarchy Path

- path to actor in the hierarchy

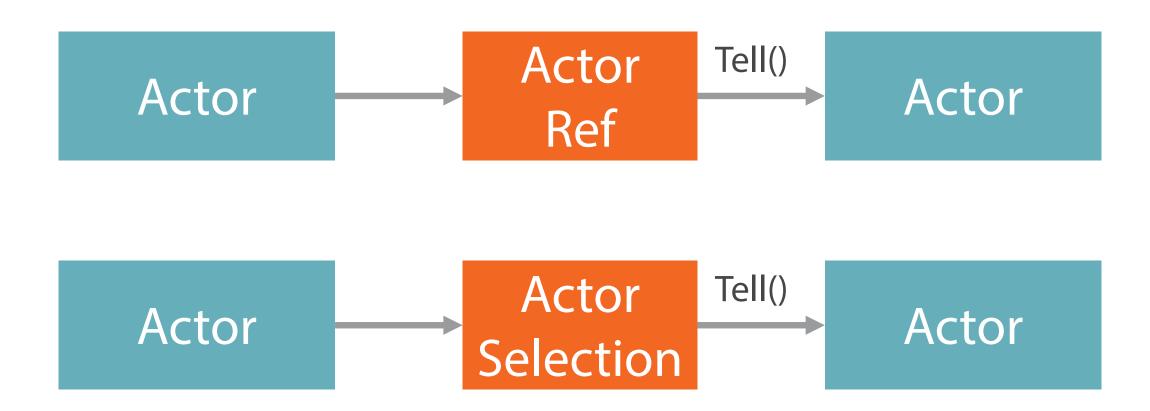
akka://MovieStreamingActorSystem/user/Playback

akka.tcp://MovieStreamingActorSystem@122.241.30.4:9002/user/Playback



akka://MovieStreamingActorSystem/user/PlaybackActor/UserCoordinatorActor/User42

Actor Selection



Actor Selection

```
var message = new PlayMovieMessage(movieTitle, userId);

MovieStreamingActorSystem
   .ActorSelection(
     "akka://MovieStreamingActorSystem/user/Playback/UserCoordinator")

.Tell(message);
```

Actor Selection

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var message = new PlayMovieMessage(movieTitle, userId);
MovieStreamingActorSystem
   .ActorSelection("/user/Playback/UserCoordinator")
   .Tell(message);
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Context.ActorSelection(

"/user/Playback/PlaybackStatistics/MoviePlayCounter")

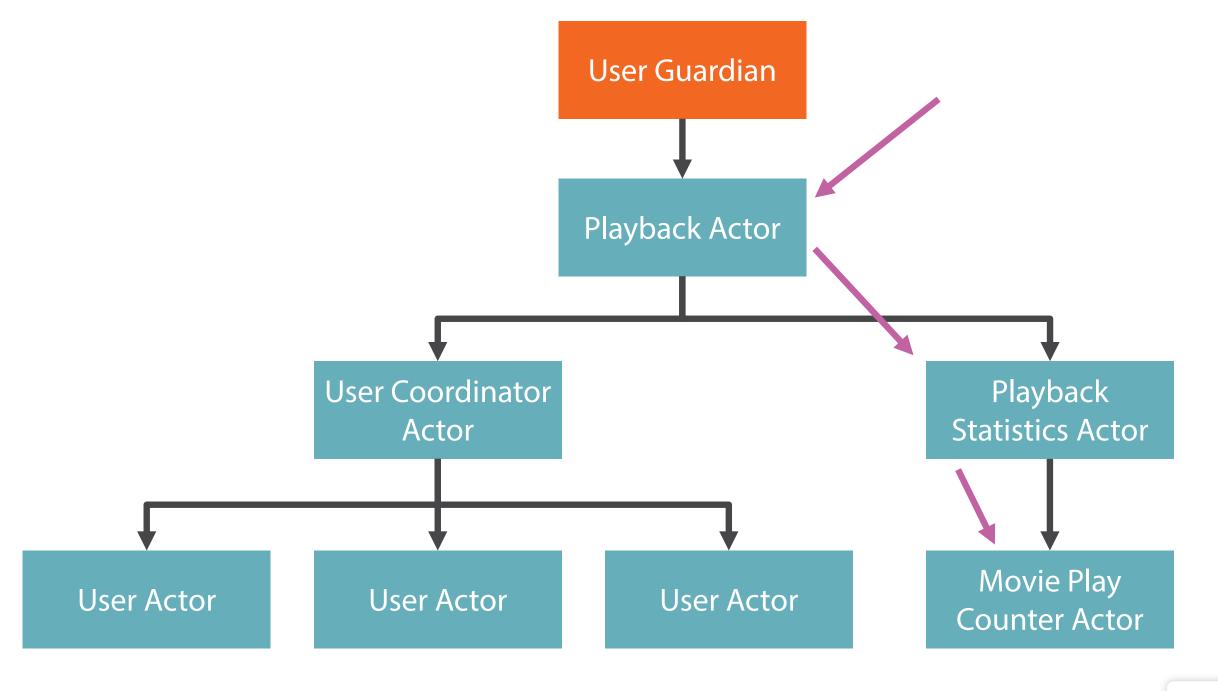
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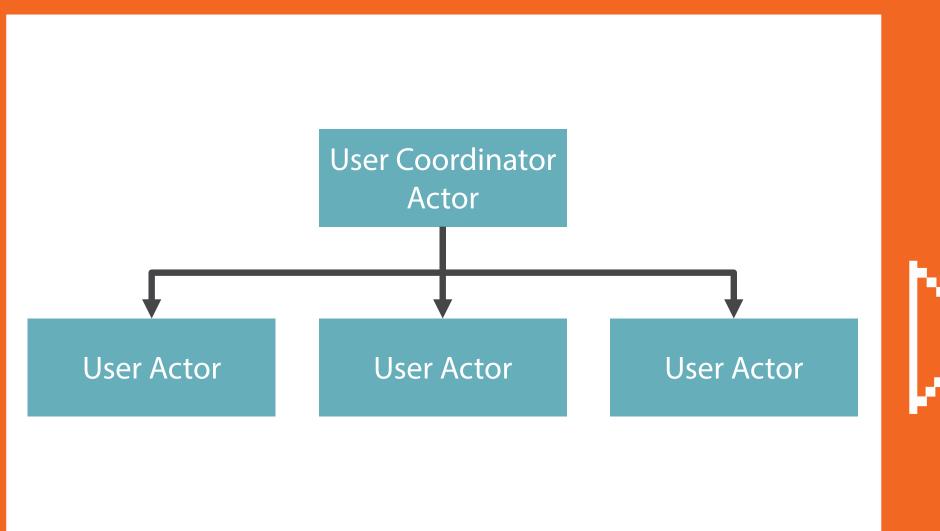
Relative Actor Selection Paths

Within actor code, we can use relative paths

Supervision hierarchies do not define message passing routes

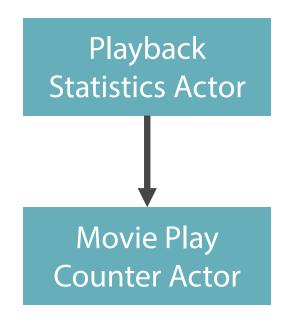


Creating the UserCoordinator Actor

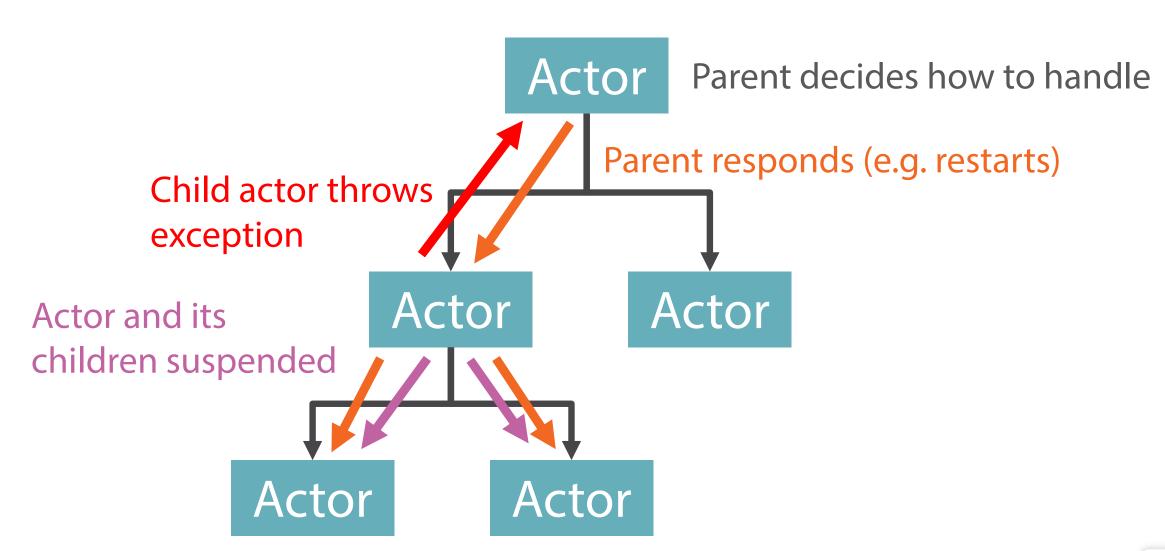


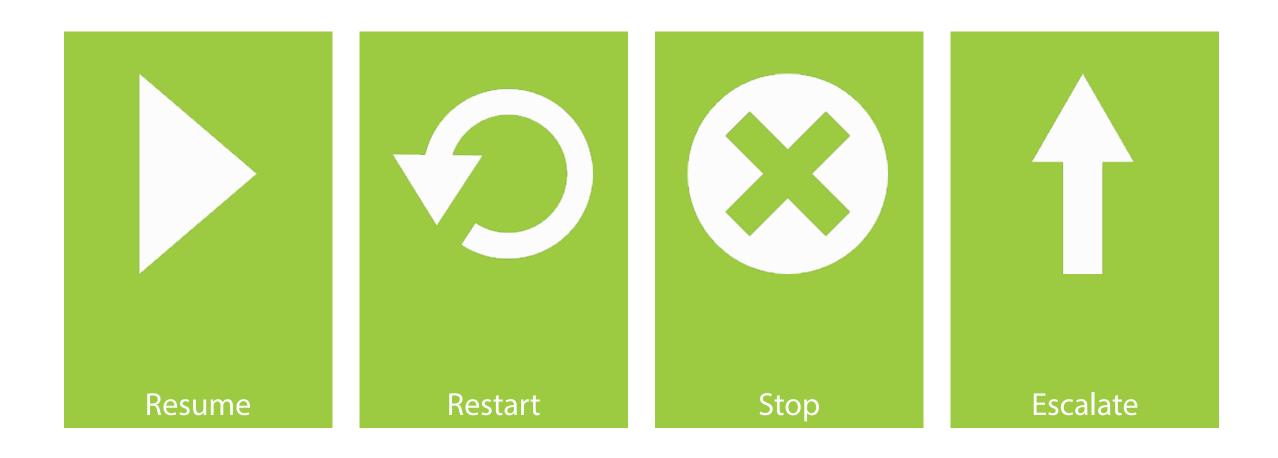


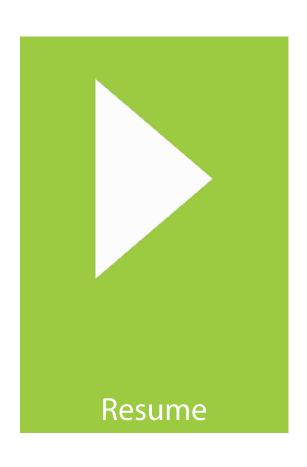
Creating the MoviePlayCounter Actor











Exception is ignored

Child actor state is maintained

Child actor's children are also resumed



Child actor is restarted

Child actor state is lost

Child actor's children also restarted by default

Default behaviour if no custom strategy is implemented

Remaining mailbox messages are preserved



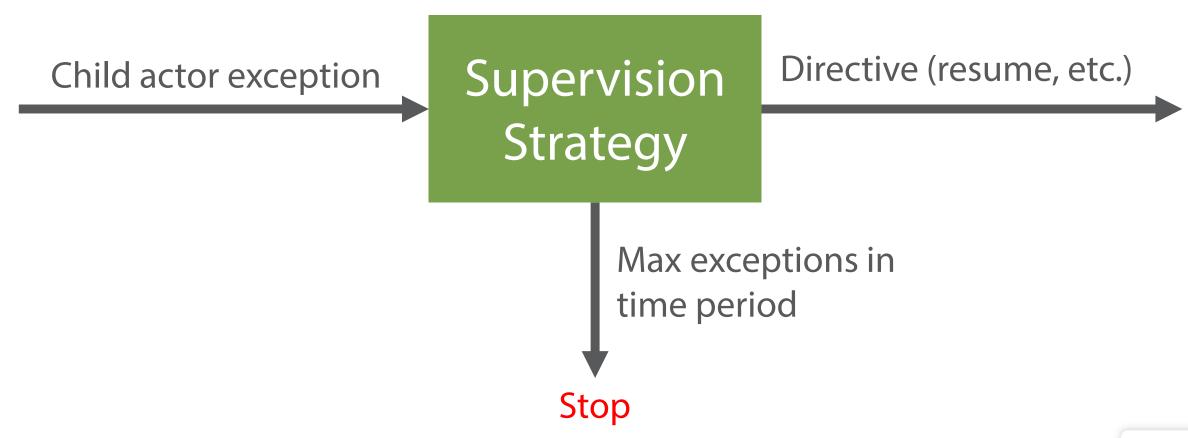
Child actor permanently terminated
Child actor's children also permanently terminated



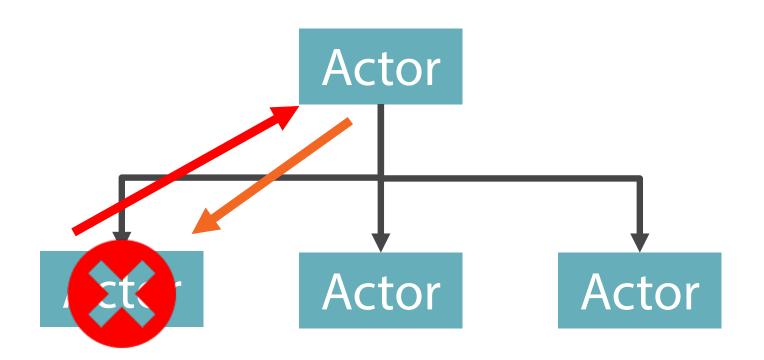
Exception escalated to the parent actor's parent
Parent actor itself also becomes suspended
All the other parent's children also become suspended

Akka.Persistence

Supervision Strategies

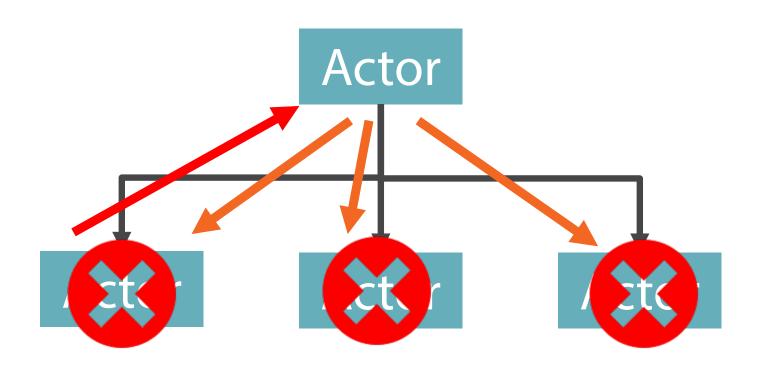


Default OneForOneStrategy



Directive (e.g. stop) applied only to failing child

AllForOneStrategy

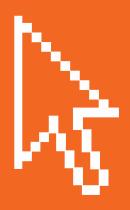


Directive (e.g. stop) applied to **all** children

Default Supervisor Strategy



Custom Supervisor Strategy



Summary



Creating movie streaming actor hierarchy

User guardian and top level actors

Context.ActorSelection("/user/...")

Resume, restart, stop, escalate

Default parental supervision strategy

Override SupervisorStrategy

new OneForOneStrategy(...)

Next:

Deploying and Messaging Remote Actors