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FabAct is a virtual actor based programming model for Windows Fabric. Windows Fabric is a platform for building highly reliable, scalable applications for both cloud and on premise that are easy to develop and manage. Windows Fabric is used by many Microsoft first party applications on both on premises and cloud; such as, Lync, Cortana, MSODS, SQL Azure, SQL BI, Document DB, Azure Resource Providers, InTune.

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There are 3 samples demonstrating the Actor based programming model.

- HelloWorld
- Calculator
- Voicemailbox

In each Sample directory there is a PowerShell script (ManageActorApplication.ps1) that can be used to deploy the application on the local cluster.

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**Note:** Windows Fabric Actor Model CTP-1 includes an early build of the Visual Studio tools for Windows Fabric. There is no need to use the FabActUtil if you are using the Visual Studio Tools Preview. For Visual Studio 2015 you can use the following instructions to create actor services project.

- 1) Create a new Visual Studio Solution.
- 2) Create a new Class Library Project for Actor Interfaces (ensure that it is targeted for x64 platform).
  - a. Add project reference to "System.Fabric.Services" from FabricActSDK\bin directory.
  - b. Add "using System.Fabric.Services.Actor" to the Interface .cs file.
  - c. Inherit the actor interface from IActor: "public interface IMyActor: IActor."
- 3) Generate the Service Project: run FabActUtil.exe /t:Project /ap:<application name> /sp:<service package name> in the solution folder. This will generate the Service project and empty manifest files.
- 4) Add existing project: import Service Project into the solution.
- 5) Set the build dependency: Service project depends on the Actor Interface project.
- 6) Add Project References to the Service project and add Interface project reference.
- 7) Add a default namespace to the Service Project.
- 8) Open the build Configuration Manager and ensure that every project is building for x64.
- 9) Implement your Actor by adding a new Class to the Service Project.
  - a. Add "using System.Fabric.Services.Actor" to the Interface .cs file.
  - b. Inherit the actor interface from IActor: "public interface IMyActor: IActor."
  - c. Inherit the actor class from the Actor and interface IMyActor: "public class MyActor: Actor,

IMyActor."

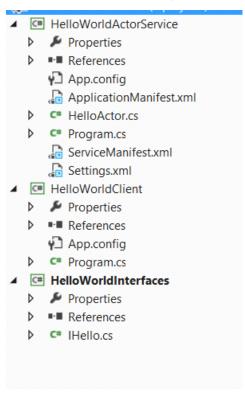
- d. Register the actor implementation with FabricRuntime in Program.cs
- 10) Rebuild the solution you should only get errors with respect to not implementing the actor interface methods in the service project. Implement those methods and recompile.
- 11) To deploy the application to the location cluster, use -Deploy command from PowerShell script ManageActorApp.ps1. (ManageActorApp.ps1 -Deploy)
- 12) Create a Console Client project by adding a new Project: Console Application.

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The classic HelloWorld sample that shows the basic structure of a FabAct application. You should start with this sample to understand the basics of how structure the code to define Actors, Actor Interfaces and the client application.



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The HelloSample shows the typical structure of a FabAct-based application. The solution is composed of 3 projects:

- The Service (HelloWorldActorService): this is the code that is used to 'expose' the application as a Windows Fabric service. It include the implementation of the Actor interface and some basic initialization in the program.cs file. These are usually the two components that needs to be modified.
- The Actor Interfaces (HelloWorldInterfaces): the project contains the definition of the interface(s) that that the actor exposes. In the HelloWorld sample the Actor exposes only one method (SayHello) that is implemented in the HelloWorldActorService project.
- The Client application (HelloWorldClient): this is the application that uses the ActorProxy class to instantiate and invoke methods on the newly created Actor. In the code example below a random ID is generated which corresponds to an actor in the -int64 to +int64 number range. The SayHello method is called on the actor and concatenated string printed out to the console.

```
var friend = ActorProxy.Create<IHello>(ActorId.GetRandom(), ApplicationName);
Console.WriteLine("\n\nFrom Actor {1}: {0}\n\n", friend.SayHello("Good morning!").Result, friend.GetActorId());
```

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First step is to build the solution. The build script will compile the code and run the FabActUtil to package the code and manifest files so it can be deployed on the Windows Fabric dev cluster.

- 1. Deploy the HelloWorld actor application on to the local cluster.
  - a. Open a new powershell window (you do not need to open it as administrator).
  - b. Go to the Samples\Actor\HelloWorld folder and run .\ManageActorApplication.ps1 -Deploy

#### 2. Start the HelloWorld Actor Client.

a. From the powershell go to HelloWorldClient\bin\x64\Debug and launch HelloWorldClient.exe

```
PS C:\FabricActSdk\samples\Actor\HelloWorld\HelloWorldClient\bin\x64\Debug> .\HelloWorldClient.exe
From Actor 1800644423431805734: You said: 'Good morning!', I say: Hello Actors!
Press enter to exit ...
```

#### 3. Remove the HelloWorld Actor application

- a. From the powershell windows run the following command to remove and unregister the hello world application from the local cluster
- b. .\ManageActorApplication.ps1 -Clean

```
PS C:\FabricActSdk\samples\Actor\HelloWorld> .\ManageActorApplication.ps1 -Clean
Removing Application fabric:/HelloWorldActorApp
Remove application instance succeeded
Unregistering ApplicationType HelloWorldActorAppType 1.0.0.0
Unregister application type succeeded
PS C:\FabricActSdk\samples\Actor\HelloWorld>
```

- Project Structure: Service, Actor, ActorInterface classes
- Understand the build process: application code vs. generated code
- Change code, build, deploy, test/debug
- Calculator: another example of stateless actors
  - o Show both the client app and REST-APIs scenarios (REST using project K)

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This sample shows how a stateless actor is defined, implemented and used. Like the HelloWorld sample, the solution folder has three projects:

**CalculatorInterfaces** defines the stateless calculator actor.

**CalculatorActorService** provides the implementation of the actor. It also includes generated code including the bases classes for implementing the Calculator actor.

**CalculatorClient** shows how to send messages to the calculator actor. The code generates a random actor id (showing that the actors are virtual) and asks it to add two numbers. It does this in the loop continuously. The number printed on the screen when you run the client is the number of operations performed so far.

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Using the same process used for the HelloWorld, you can deploy the Calculator Sample by running the ManageActorApplication.ps1 script under the samples\Actor\Calculator directory.

run .\ManageActorApplication.ps1 -Deploy

```
PS C:\FabricActSdk\samples\Actor\Calculator> .\ManageActorApplication.ps1 -Deploy
Copying Application Package C:\FabricActSdk\samples\Actor\Calculator\PackageRoot\CalculatorActorAppPkg to ImageStore fabric:ImageStore
Copy application package succeeded
Registering ApplicationType CalculatorActorAppType 1.0.0.0
Register application type succeeded

ApplicationTypeName : CalculatorActorAppType
ApplicationTypeVersion : 1.0.0.0
DefaultParameters : {}
Creating Application fabric:/CalculatorActorApp
ApplicationParameters : {}
ApplicationParameters : {}
ApplicationName : fabric:/CalculatorActorApp
ApplicationTypeName : CalculatorActorAppType
ApplicationTypeName : CalculatorActorAppType
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ApplicationTypeName : CalculatorActorAppType
ApplicationTypeVersion : 1.0.0.0
```

#### 1. Start the Calculator Actor Client.

From the powershell window (assuming you are using the one opened above), do "start . \CalculatorClient\bin\x64\Debug\CalculatorClient.exe"

This should bring up a command window running the CalculatorClient.

```
PS C:\FabricAct5dk\samples\Actor\Calculator> .\CalculatorClient\bin\x64\Debug\CalculatorClient.exe
Calculator Actor 806868389776174160 Connected to net.tcp://vipulm1.ntdev.corp.microsoft.com:32001/dfcacde4-10aa-43a6-8c05-08d5c165e65d/8a3e2e66-da58-4
0bd-9438-02d6a3c9978b-130671281365063735
521500
```

Introduce the failover by restarting the replica that hosts this particular calculator actor instance. Use the actor id from the place circled red in the Window above. Note that actor ids are generated randomly, so actor id on your machine would be different and can be a negative number. While the CalculatorClient app is still running, on a new powershell windows run the following script:

You should see the Calculator Client stop for a moment, then reconnect to the failed over actor and continue. This is indicated be a different tcp endpoint address as shown in the screen shot below

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The second 'Calculator Actor ...' line shows that the Actor was failed over seamlessly to failed over process.

You can also introduce the failover by killing the CalculatorActorService.exe on the right node. To see the Node name on which the actor is hosted, you can run -ResolveHost command.

.\ManageActorApplication.ps1 -ResolveHost -ActorType ICalculatorActor ActorId <actorId>

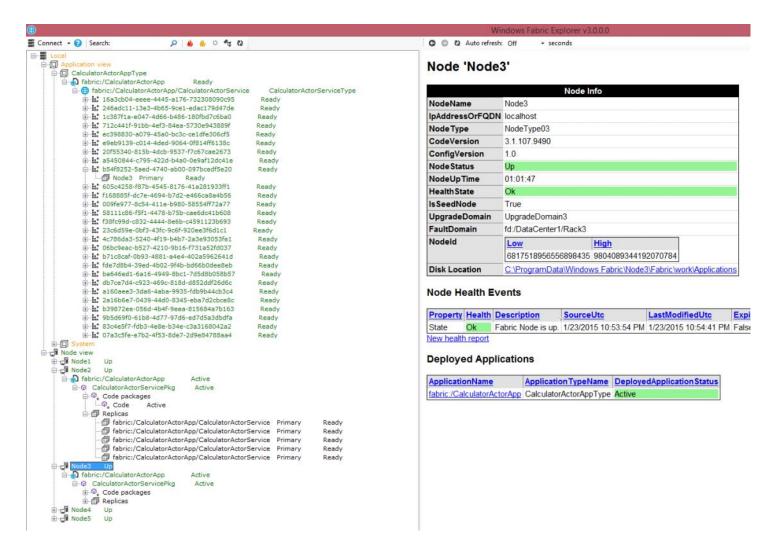
PS D:\winfabriccode\FabAct5dk\samples\Actor\Calculator> .\ManageActorApplication.ps1 -ResolveHost -ActorType ICalculator Actor -ActorId 3603873882957179181 Resolving Actor Service fabric:/CalculatorActorApp/CalculatorActorService for ICalculatorActor Actor 360387388295717918 1

Actor 3603873882957179181 is hosted by replica 130665301214333903 of partition b54f8252-5aed-4740-ab00-097bcedf5e20 of Service fabric:/CalculatorActorApp/CalculatorActorService on Node3

Address of the ActorHost is net.tcp://localhost:32003/be695593-5b23-4aa6-bb39-c178778e4e4b/b54f8252-5aed-4740-ab00-097b cedf5e20-130665301214333903

PS D:\winfabriccode\FabActSdk\samples\Actor\Calculator>

Now launch winfabexplorer.exe tool and connect to the local cluster. You should see a screen similar to below. Here you can see the partition (b54fb252...) that replica for the actor Id (360387...) is in and that this replica has been placed on Node3 in the cluster.



Navigate to Node3 in the WinfabExplorer tool and right click on the node. Select the "Start / Stop - NOT SUPPORTED FOR PRODUCTION USE" and then select Restart Node.



A confirmation dialog box pops up. Before clicking yes, go open the PowerShell window that is running the CalculatorClient. Then click Yes and you will see the same failover happen again for the Calculator client. This has done the same failover but through the tool rather than a PowerShell command.



### 3. Remove the calculator app from the cluster.

In order to reset the demonstration, you should clean the deployment of the Calculator Actor from the cluster by calling the following command.

PS C:\dev\winfab\FabAct\Jan15\FabActSdk\samples\Actor\Calculator> .\ManageActorApplication.ps1 -Clean Removing Application fabric:/CalculatorActorApp Remove application instance succeeded Unregistering ApplicationType CalculatorActorAppType 1.0.0.0 Unregister application type succeeded

This is also required if you want to make changes to the code and re-deploy the modified code to the cluster. Note that in production you will perform an application upgrade, but here we are removing the application from the cluster and redeploying it.

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This sample shows how to define, implement and use an actor that has persistent state. The actor is a VoicemailBox of a customer represented by Actor Id. It store the voicemails for that customer, it allows leaving a new message, retrieving the messages, setting the new greeting, deleting a particular message and deleting all messages. The solution folder has three projects:

VoicemailBoxInterfaces defines the stateful actor and its state.

**VoicemailBoxActorService** provides the implementation of the actor. It also includes generated code including the bases classes for implementing the VoicemailBox actor.

**VoicemailBoxActorServiceV2** provides the modified implementation of the actor that has a different default greeting. This is used to demonstrate rolling upgrade capabilities of Windows Fabric. The script is using the unmonitored upgrade but the monitored upgrade with health check is also fully supported.

**VoicemailBoxClient** shows how to send messages to the VoicemailBox actor. The code generates a random actor id (showing that the actors are virtu al) and performs various operations on that voicemail box. The code gets the greeting, displays which actor host it is connected to, leaves a new message, displays the current messages in the voicemailbox, and after a certain random number of messages accumulate it either performs a delete or delete all. It also includes generated code including the bases classes for implementing the VoicemailBox actor.

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The demonstration of the VoicemailBox actor sample is very similar to the CalculatorActor. The complete instructions are included below.

1. Deploy the VoicemailBoxV1 actor on to the local cluster.

You need to use the ManageActorApplication script under the samples\Actor\VoicemailBox\V1

```
PS C:\dev\winfab\FabAct\Jan15\FabActSdk\samples\Actor\VoicemailBox\v1> .\ManageActorApplication.ps1 -Deploy
Copying Application Package C:\dev\winfab\FabAct\Jan15\FabActSdk\samples\Actor\VoicemailBox\v1\PackageRoot\VoicemailBox
ActorAppPkg to ImageStore fabric:ImageStore
Copy application package succeeded
Registering ApplicationType VoicemailBoxActorAppType 1.0.0.0
Register application type succeeded

ApplicationTypeName : VoicemailBoxActorAppType
ApplicationTypeVersion : 1.0.0.0
DefaultParameters : {}

Creating Application fabric:/VoicemailBoxActorApp

ApplicationParameters : {}
ApplicationParameters : fabric:/VoicemailBoxActorApp
ApplicationName : fabric:/VoicemailBoxActorApp
ApplicationTypeName : VoicemailBoxActorAppType
ApplicationTypeName : VoicemailBoxActorAppType
ApplicationTypeVersion : 1.0.0.0
```

## 2. Start the VoicemailBox Actor Client.

From the powershell window (assuming you are using the one opened above), do "start .\VoicemailBoxActorClient\bin\x64\Debug\VoicemailBoxActorClient.exe"

This should bring up a command window running the VoicemailBoxActorClient.

```
C:\dev\winfab\FabAct\Jan15\FabActSdk\samples\Actor\VoicemailBox\VoicemailBoxClient\bin\x64\Debug> .\VoicemailBoxClient\bin\x64\Debug> .
Connecting to Voicemail box of an actor -3620707024940067186 hosted by the replica of Service fabric:/VoicemailBoxActorA
pp/VoicemailBoxActorService
Connected to a VoicemailBox of an actor -3620707024940067186 hosted by the replica of a StatefulPrimary Service fabric:/
VoicemailBoxActorApp/VoicemailBoxActorService listening at A<mark>ddres</mark>s net.tcp://claudioc:30001/a42c9a11-9aab-4f3f-a0b8-3838
9dabba1e/c3843c54-070f-4bdc-a6f9-7f22ac062901-1306566287451<mark>6</mark>0706
Greeting: No one is available, please leave a message after the beep.
Leaving message: Hello WinFab Actor -3620707024940067186, Greetings # 1
Playing all messages:
Received: 1/13/2015 2:48:48 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3620707024940067186, Greetings # 1
Connected to a VoicemailBox of an actor -3620707024940067186 hosted by the replica of a StatefulPrimary Service fabric:/
VoicemailBoxActorApp/VoicemailBoxActorService listening at Address net.tcp://claudioc:30001/a42c9a11-9aab-4f3f-a0b8-3838
9dabbale/c3843c54-070f-4bdc-a6f9-7f22ac062901-1306566<mark>2_10</mark>4/45160706
   Greeting: No one is available, please leave a message after the beep.
Leaving message: Hello WinFab Actor -3620707024940067186, Greetings # 2
   Playing all messages:
Received: 1/
                    Received: 1/13/2015 2:48:48 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3620707024940067186, Received: 1/13/2015 2:48:49 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3620707024940067186,
   Deleting message Hello WinFab Actor -3620707024940067186, Greetings # 2
   Connected to a VoicemailBox of an actor -3620707024940067186 hosted by the replica of a StatefulPrimary Servic
VoicemailBoxActorApp/VoicemailBoxActorService listening at Address net.tcp://claudioc:30001/a42c9a11-9aab-4f3f
9dabbale/c3843c54-070f-4bdc-a6f9-7f22ac062901-130656628745160706
     reeting: No one is available, please leave a message after the beep.
eaving message: Hello WinFab Actor -3620707024940067186. Greetings # 3
   Playing all messages:
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     oicemailBoxActorApp/VoicemailBoxActorService listening at Address
dabbale/c3843c54-070f-4bdc-a6f9-7f22ac062901-130656628745160706
   Greeting: No one is available, please leave a message after the beep.
Leaving message: Hello WinFab Actor -3620707024940067186, Greetings # 4
   Playing all messages:
Received: 1/13/2015 2:48:48 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3620707024940067186, Greetings
Received: 1/13/2015 2:48:49 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3620707024940067186, Greetings
Received: 1/13/2015 2:48:50 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3620707024940067186, Greetings
     eleting all messages
```

If you want you can open multiple client windows, each one would generate a new random actor id and open the same operation on the Voicemailbox of that actor.

#### 3. Introduce Failover.

You can test the failover feature using the same process used for the Calculator sample. Introduce the failover by restarting the replica that hosts the VoicemailBox actor.

```
.\ManageActorApp.ps1 -RestartHost -ActorType IVoicemailBoxActor -ActorId <actorId>
(Note: The actor Id can be a negative number)
```

You should see the VoicemailBox Client briefly stops for a moment, then reconnect to the failed over actor and continue. The failover may be really fast and hence you may not notice the stop in the client display. In that case you can verify that the failover has happened and the client is connected to the different host by looking at the address of the host it is connected to.

Notice is the screenshot below that between Greeting #10 and #11 the Actor changed nodes (based on the failover triggered by the RestartHost command).

```
Connected to a VoicemailBox of an actor -3850078426470404428 hosted by the replica of a StatefulPrimary Service fabric:/
VoicemailBoxActorApp/VoicemailBoxActorService listening at Address net.tcp://claudioc:30001/80209644-18ec-4135-b92a-682f
02b43b9a/3a057ae2-e150-43ed-919a-889b75c77185-130656628745316638

Greeting: No one is available, please leave a message after the beep.
Leaving message: Hello WinFab Actor -3850078426470404428, Greetings # 10

Playing all messages:

Received: 1/13/2015 3:41:22 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3850078426470404428, Greetings # 1

Received: 1/13/2015 3:41:22 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3850078426470404428, Greetings # 2

Received: 1/13/2015 3:41:22 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3850078426470404428, Greetings # 3

Received: 1/13/2015 3:41:24 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3850078426470404428, Greetings # 3

Received: 1/13/2015 3:41:42 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3850078426470404428, Greetings # 4

Received: 1/13/2015 3:41:46 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3850078426470404428, Greetings # 5

Received: 1/13/2015 3:41:48 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3850078426470404428, Greetings # 6

Received: 1/13/2015 3:41:48 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3850078426470404428, Greetings # 8

Received: 1/13/2015 3:41:49 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3850078426470404428, Greetings # 8

Received: 1/13/2015 3:41:49 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3850078426470404428, Greetings # 9

Received: 1/13/2015 3:41:49 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3850078426470404428, Greetings # 9

Received: 1/13/2015 3:41:49 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -3850078426470404428, Greetings # 10

Deleting all messages

Connected to a VoicemailBox of an actor -3850078426470404428 hosted by the replica of a StatefulPrimary Service fabric:/
VoicemailBoxActorApp/VoicemailBoxActorService listening at Address net.tcp://claudioc:38001/601c4693-8939-43c0-bbd9-9f49
2bf2f601/3a057ae2-e150-43ed-919a-889b75c77185-130656628806674483

Greeting: No one is available, please leave a message after the beep.
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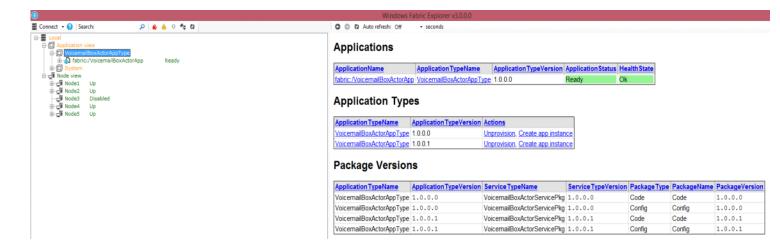
You can also introduce the failover by killing the VoicemailBoxActorService.exe on the right node. Follow the same instructions as described in the Calculator app sample.

#### 1. Upgrade the application to different version.

Deploy V2 of the VoicemailBoxActorService by calling the ManageActorApplication script under the V2 directory (samples \Actor\VoicemailBox\V2)

```
PS C.\dev\winfab\FabAct\Jan15\FabActSdk\samples\Actor\VoicemailBox\V2> .\ManageActorApplication.ps1 -Deploy
Copying Application Package C:\dev\winfab\FabAct\Jan15\FabActSdk\samples\Actor\VoicemailBox\V2\PackageRoot\VoicemailBox
ActorAppPkg to ImageStore fabric:ImageStore
Copy application package succeeded
Registering ApplicationType VoicemailBoxActorAppType 1.0.0.1
Register application type succeeded
ApplicationTypeName
                               : VoicemailBoxActorAppType
ApplicationTypeVersion : 1.0.0.0
DefaultParameters : {}
ApplicationTypeName
                              : VoicemailBoxActorAppType
ApplicationTypeVersion : 1.0.0.1
DefaultParameters : {}
Creating Application fabric:/VoicemailBoxActorApp
                                  {}
fabric:/VoicemailBoxActorApp
fabric:/VoicemailBoxActorAppType
ApplicationParameters
ApplicationName
ApplicationTypeName
                                 VoicemailBoxActorAppType
ApplicationTypeVersion: 1.0.0.1
```

Go to WinFabExplorer.exe and select the VoicemailBoxAppType. As shown in the screenshot below you should now see two versions of the application deployed to the cluster, v1.0.0.0 and v1.0.0.1



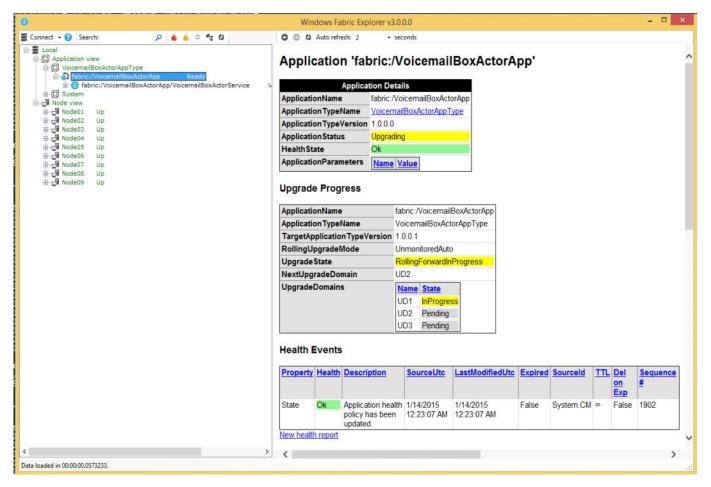
With the Client running perform the upgrade after deploying the new version. Run the following powershell command.

.\ManageActorApplication.ps1 -Upgrade

```
PS C:\dev\winfab\FabAct\Jan15\FabActSdk\samples\Actor\VoicemailBox\v2> .\ManageActorApplication.ps1 -Upgrade

ApplicationName : fabric:/VoicemailBoxActorApp
ApplicationParameters : {}
TargetApplicationTypeVersion : 1.0.0.1
UpgradeKind : Rolling
ForceRestart : False
UpgradeMode : UnmonitoredAuto
UpgradeReplicaSetCheckTimeout : 49710.06:28:15
```

Upgrade should finish in few minutes. You can monitor the progress of the upgrade from WinFabExplorer. Click on the Application and put WinFabExplorer in the auto-refresh mode. See the picture below. While the upgrade is going on you will notice that the client continues to connect to the service and work.



At this time, you should see the default greeting for the VoicemailBox change to "You have reached a VoicemailBox of a RingRing customer".

```
Connected to a VoicemailBox of an actor -4939535028737183566 hosted by the replica of a StatefulPrimary Service fabric:/
VoicemailBoxActorApp/VoicemailBoxActorService listening at Address net.tcp://claudioc:37001/744c3c8b-ea29-4830-aec1-f994
e9376f46/4ccebd37-28e4-4b53-a2a7-7bc8508311bc-130656674973525742
Greeting: You have reached a VoicemailBox of a RingRing customer. Please leave a message after the beep.
Leaving message: Hello WinFab Actor -4939535028737183566, Greetings # 70
Playing all messages:
Received: 1/13/2015 4:11:31 PM, Message: Hello WinFab Actor -4939535028737183566, Greetings # 70
```

#### 1. Remove the deployment from the cluster.

In order to reset the demonstration, you should clean the deployment of the VoicemailBox Actor from the cluster by calling the following command. WARNING: Before you do this, make sure that WinFabExplorer is no longer in the Auto Refresh mode, otherwise it will continue to show e rror dialogs. If that happens, kill WinFabExplorer using task manager.

.\ManageActorApp.ps1 -Clean

