

# **Alibaba**

## **Code Challenge**

Technology Department

Write a component that can send a string message asynchronously and receive a response to and from a server.

## What should be implemented

### The server should be able to respond to the following messages:

- Request: "Hello" Response: "Hi" after a one second delay.
- Request: "Bye" Response: "Bye" The server closes the client connection.
- Request: "Ping" Response "Pong"
- Any other message should be considered invalid and an exception should be raised on the client.

### The client and server must maintain an active connection

The underlying protocol is of your choice as long as a single stable network connection is used.

### The implementation should be thread safe

Simultaneous send operations should be completed successfully.

### Interface

The client should implement the following interface:

```
Interface IClient{  
    Task<string> SendAsync(string message);  
}
```

## Bonus implementation 1

Client requests should be sent down the wire as soon as possible, this means a previous request shouldn't block the client from sending new ones to the server. The server then processes the requests and sends back the response.

## Bonus implementation 2

Implement the following interface instead of the basic one:

```
Interface IClient{  
    Task<IResponseMessage> SendAsync(IRequestMessage requestMessage);  
    Task<TResponseMessage> SendAsync<TResponseMessage>(IRequestMessage  
requestMessage)  
    where TResponseMessage: IResponseMessage;  
}
```