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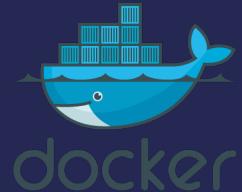
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Agenda

Actor Model - quick intro

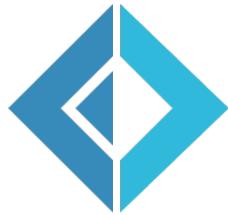
Actor (Akka) Remoting & Clustering for distributed System

F# Code-Quotations

Remote Deploy Arbitrary Actor and dependencies... **HOT!**

Docker integration

Goals – Presentation Roadmap



Building Distributed Systems
cross-platform with **hot** loads
(behaviors and dependencies)

One solution does not exist...
combining different tools and
programming models... *bend
technonlogies to your need*

Introduction - Riccardo Terrell

- Originally from Italy, currently - Living/working in Washington DC ~10 years
- +/- 19 years in professional programming
 - C++/VB → Java → .Net C# → Scala → Haskell → C# & F# → ??
- DC F# User Group - Organizer
- Working @  statmuse
- Polyglot programmer - believes in the art of finding the right tool for the job



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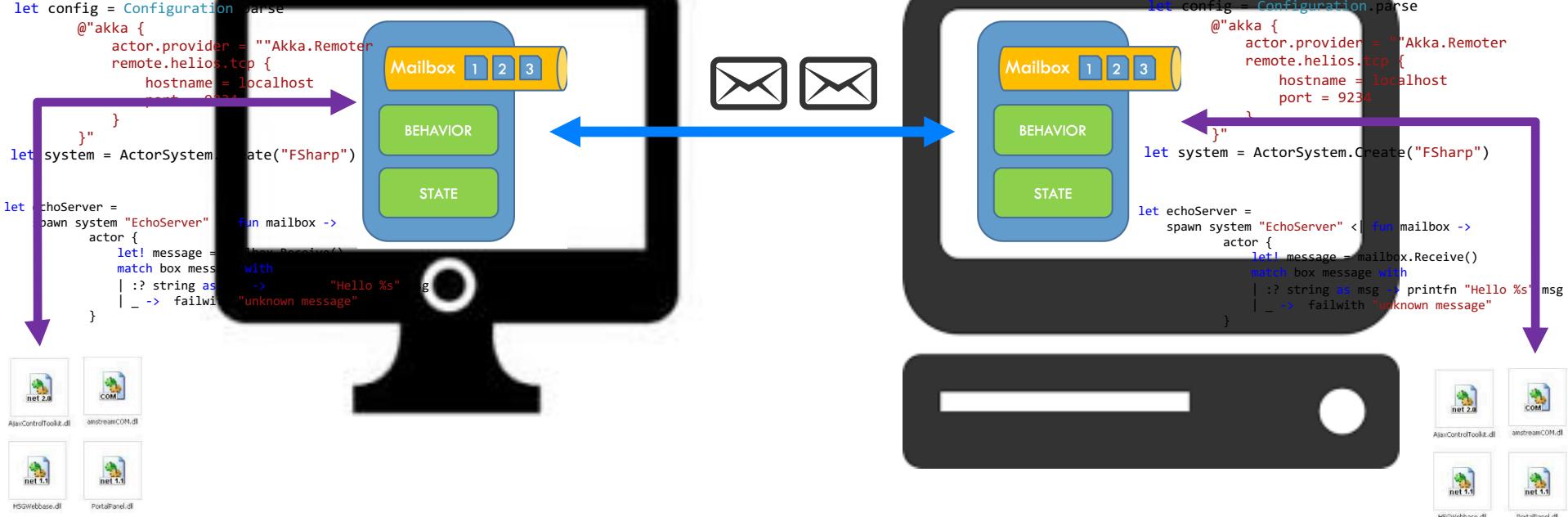




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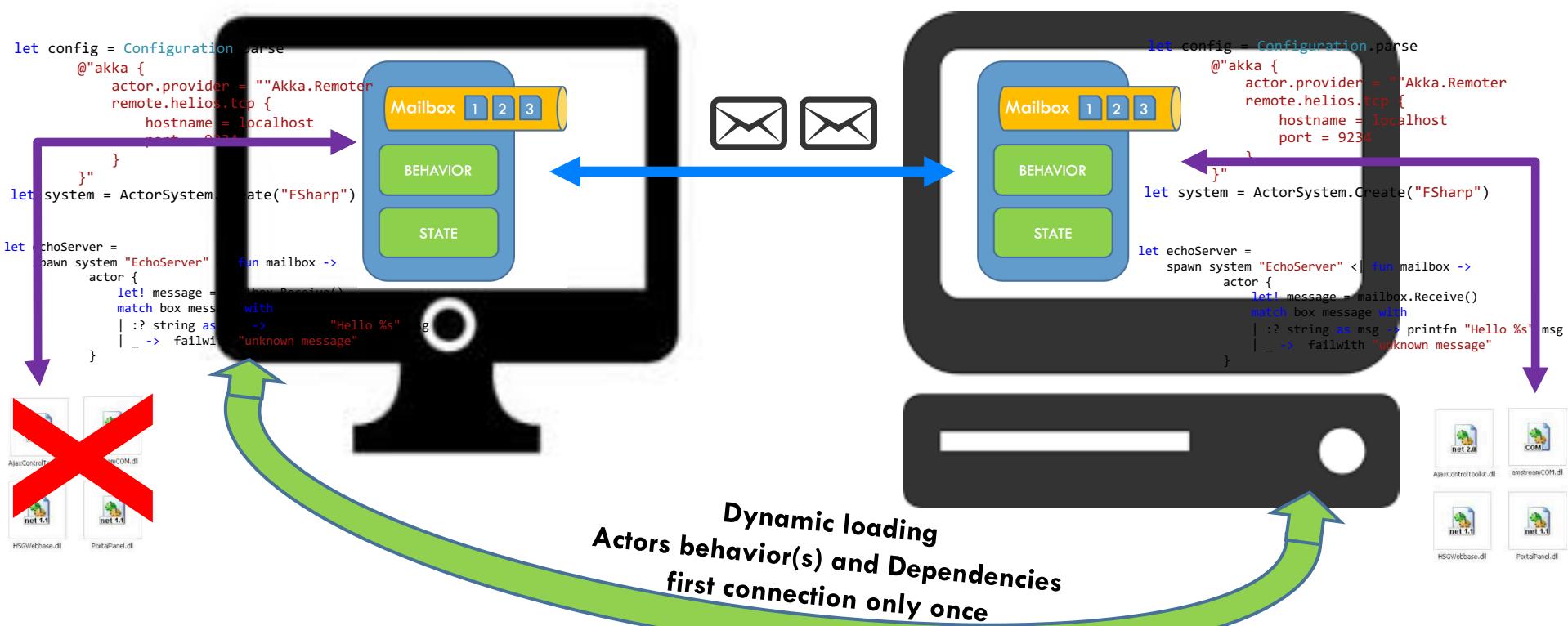


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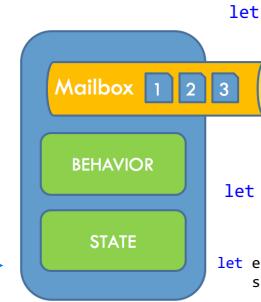
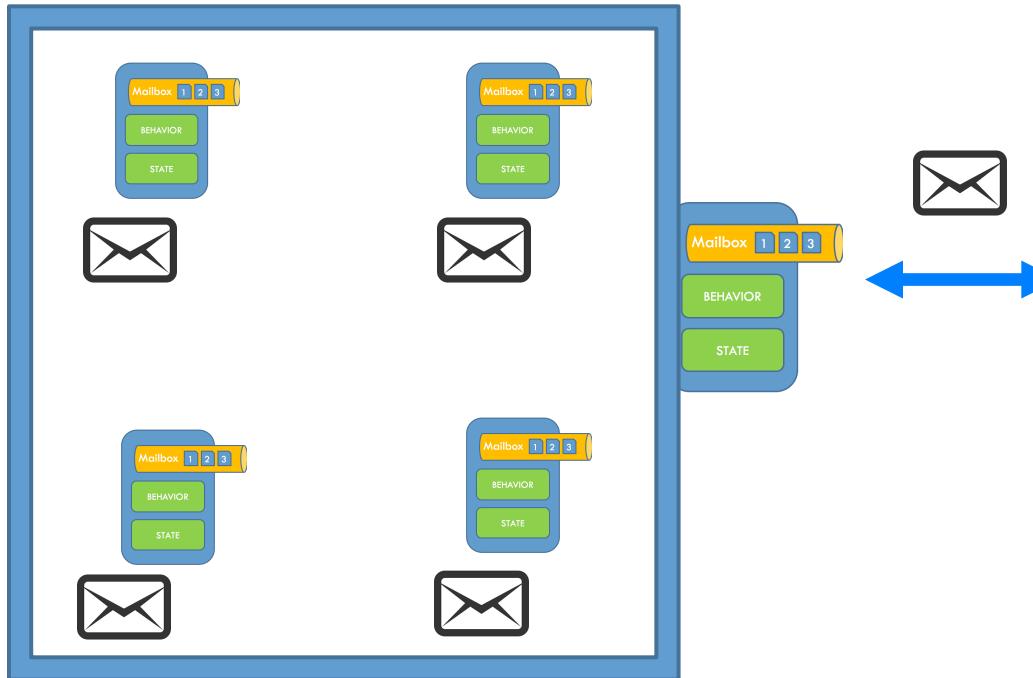


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Scenario 2 - Clustering



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}"
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let echoServer =
  spawn system "EchoServer" <| fun mailbox ->
  actor {
    let! message = mailbox.Receive()
    match box message with
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    | _ -> failwith "unknown message"
  }
```

Actor Model

What & Why

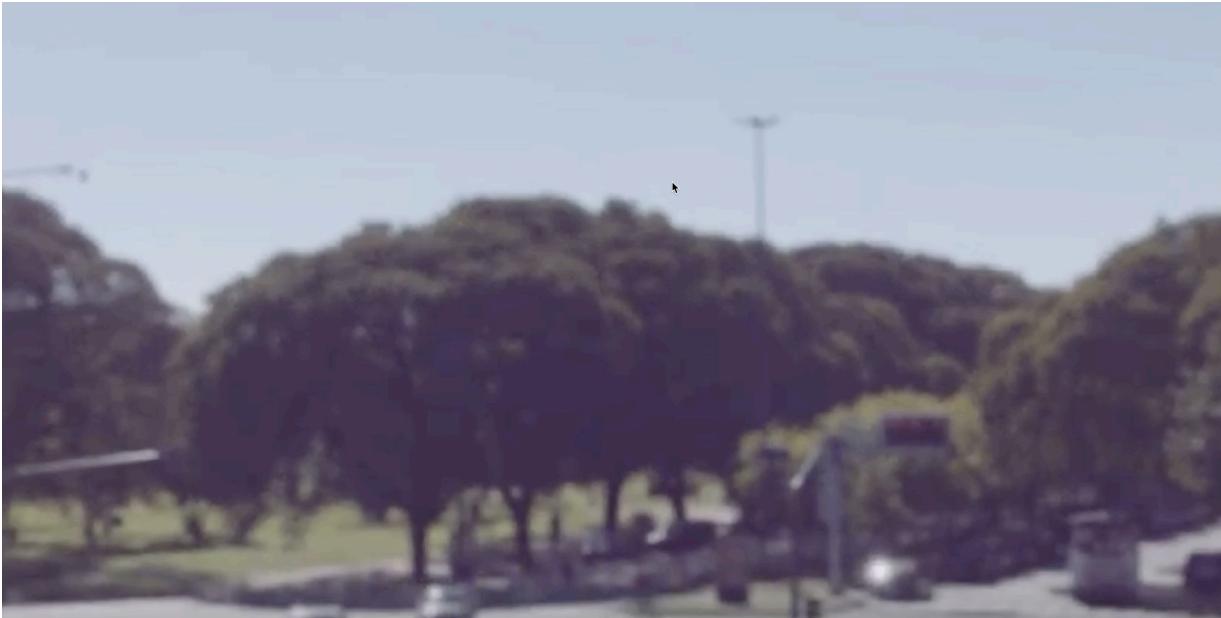


The need parallelism





Multithreading in practice

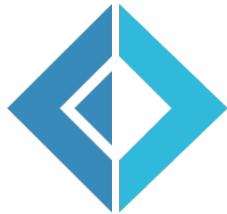




The issue is Shared of Memory



- Shared Memory Concurrency
- Data Race / Race Condition
- Works in sequential single threaded environment
- Not fun in a multi-threaded environment
- Not fun trying to parallelize
- Locking, blocking, call-back hell



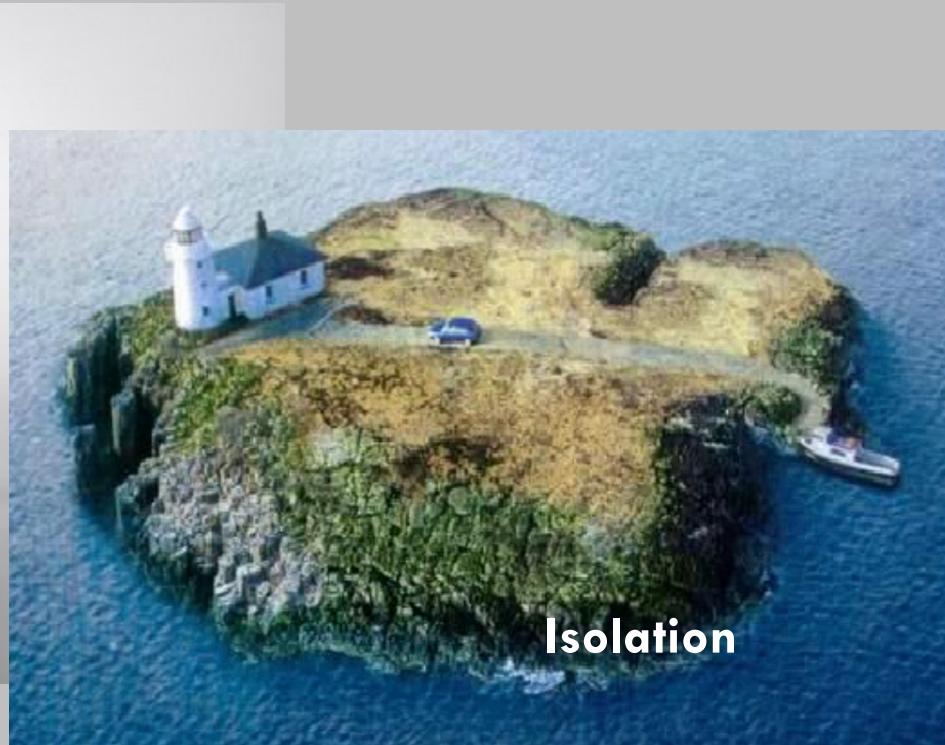
What is an Actor?



- **Share Nothing**
- **Message are passed by value**
- Light weight processes/threads communicating through messaging
- Communication only by messages
- Lightweight object
- Processing
- Storage – State
- Running on it's own thread.
- Messages are buffered in a "mailbox"



The Solution is Immutability and Isolation





Reactive Manifesto & Actor Model

Responsive

Event Driven

Message-Driven

Communication by messages

Resilient

Fault tolerant by Supervision

Elastic

Clustering and Remoting across multiple machines

Akka.NET



- Akka.Remote
- Akka.Cluster
- Akka.Persistence
- Akka.Streams
- Supervision
- Routing

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Actor – Akka.NET in C#

```
var system = ActorSystem.Create("fizz-buzz");

public class FizzBuzzActor : ReceiveActor {
    public FizzBuzzActor() {
        Receive<FizzBuzzMessage>(msg => {
            // code to handle the message
        });
    }
}

var actor = system.ActorOf(Props.Create<FizzBuzzActor>(), "fb-actor");
actor.Tell(new FizzBuzzMessage(5));
```



Actor – Akka.NET in F#

```
let system = ActorSystem.Create("FSharp")

type EchoServer =
    inherit Actor

    override x.OnReceive (message:obj) =
        match message with
        | :? string as msg -> printfn "Hello %s" msg
        | _ -> printfn "What should I do with this thing?"

let echoServer = system.ActorOf(Props(typeof<EchoServer>))
echoServer.Tell 42
```



Actor – Akka.NET in better F#

```
let system = System.create "System" <| Configuration.load()

let greeter =
    // ActorFactory -> Name -> f(Actor<Message> -> Cont<'Message, 'return>) -> ActorRef
    spawn system "Greeter-Functional"
    <| fun mailbox ->
        let rec loop() = actor {
            let! msg = mailbox.Receive()
            match msg with
            | Greet(w) ->printfn "Hello %s" w
            return! loop() }
        loop()

greeter <! GreetMsg.Greet("AKKA.NET!!")
```

Remoting





Remotely Deploying Actors

Deploying an actor means two things simultaneously:

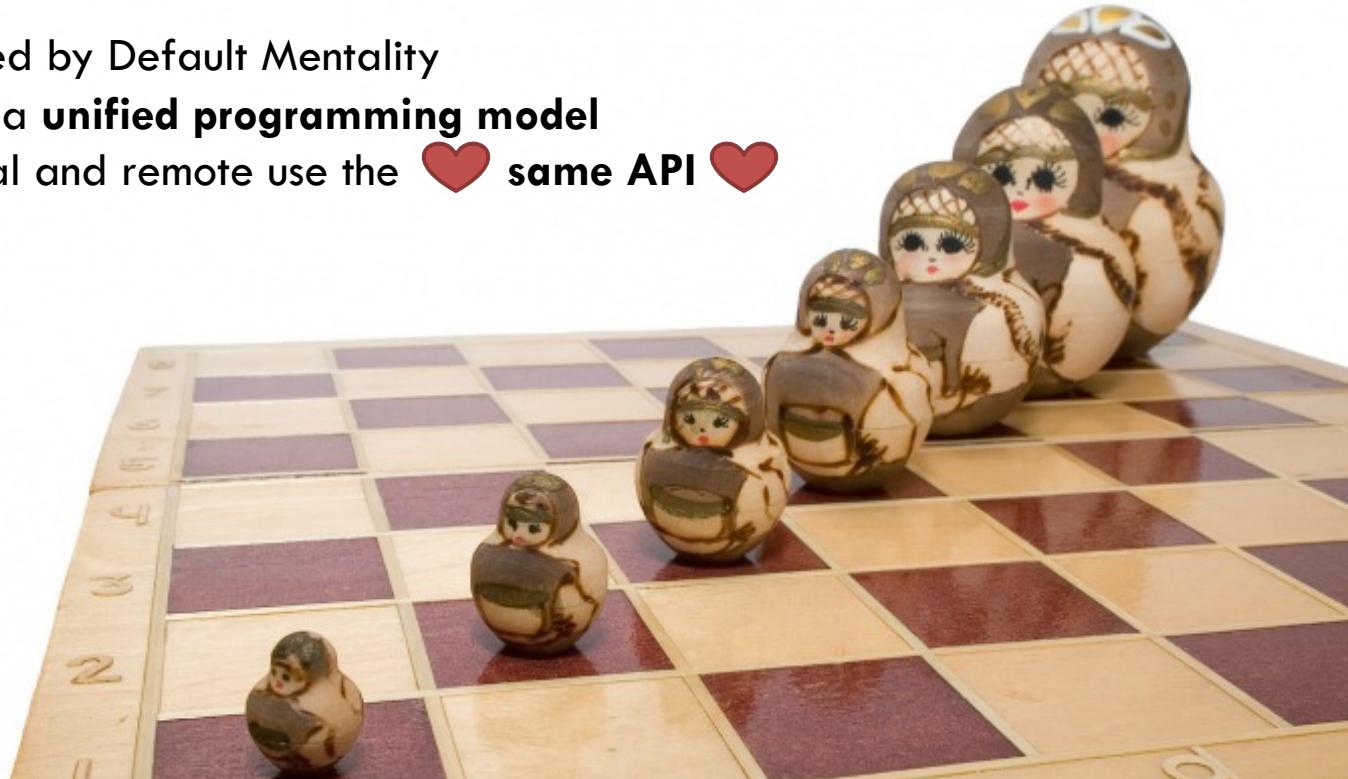
- Creating an actor instance with specific, explicitly configured properties
- Getting an ActorRef to that actor

```
using (var system = ActorSystem.Create("Deployer", ConfigurationFactory.ParseString(@" // CLIENT
    akka { ... CONFIG AS BEFORE ... }
        remote {
            helios.tcp {
                port = 0
                hostname = localhost
            }
        }
    }"))
{
    var remoteEcho1 = system.ActorOf(Props.Create(() => new EchoActor()), "remoteecho");

    var echoActor = system.ActorOf(Props.Create(() => new HelloActor(remoteEcho1)));
    echoActor.Tell("Hello")
```

Going Scalable – Akka Remoting

- ❑ Distributed by Default Mentality
- ❑ Provides a **unified programming model**
 - ❑ Local and remote use the ❤ same API ❤



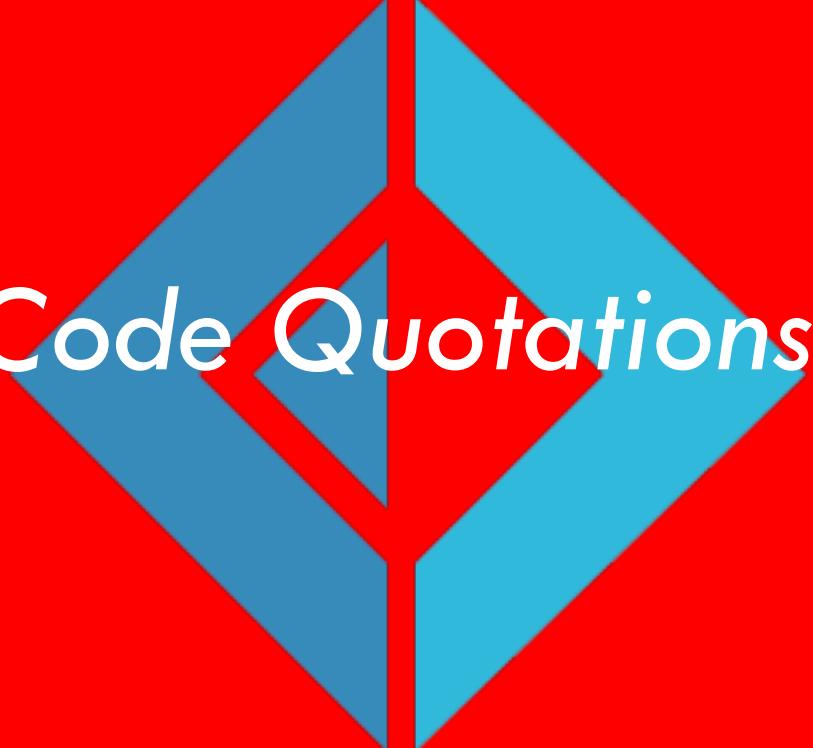


Location Transparency



Protocol Actor System Address Path

Akka.tcp://System@10.55.1.25:9234/actorName



<@ Code Quotations @>

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```
// A typed code quotation.
```

```
let sum5 : Expr<int> = <@ 2 + 3 @>
```

```
val sum5 : Quotations.Expr<int> =
  Call (None, op_Addition, [Value (2), Value (3)])
```

<@ F# Code Quotations @>



```
let rec print expr =
    match expr with
    | Call(exprOpt, methodInfo, exprList) ->
        match exprOpt with
        | Some expr -> print expr
        | None -> printf "%s" methodInfo.DeclaringType.Name
                     for expr in exprList.Tail do print expr
    | Int32(n) ->printf "%d" n
    | Value(value, typ) -> printf "%d" value
```

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```
let fsum42 = fun x -> x + 42
```

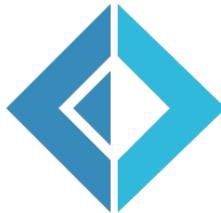
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let sum42:byte[] = serializer.Pickle<@  fsum42  @>
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let sumfun = QuotationEvaluator.Evaluate sum42

printfn "%d" (sumfun 4) // print 46
```

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```
let remoter =
    spawne system "remote"
        fun mailbox ->
            let rec loop(): Cont<int * string, unit> =
                actor {
                    let! msg = mailbox.Receive()
                    match msg with
                    | (REQ, m) ->
                        printfn "Remote actor received: %A" m
                        mailbox.Sender() <! (RES, "ECHO " + m)
                    | _ -> logErrorf "Received unexpected message: %A" msg
                    return! loop()
                }
            loop()
        [ SpawnOption.Deploy(remoteDeploy remoteSystemAddress) ]
```

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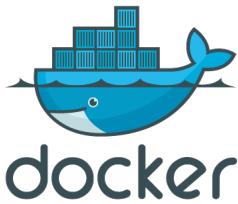
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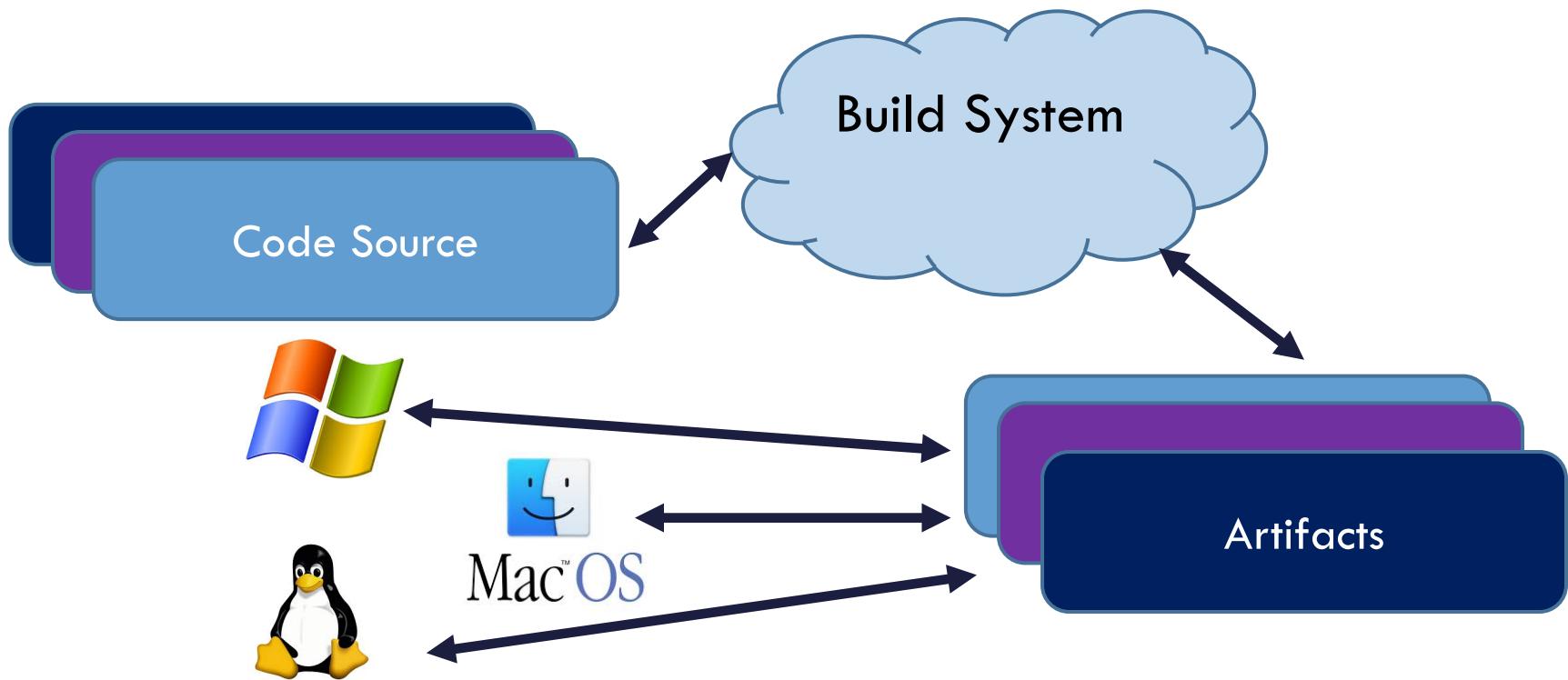
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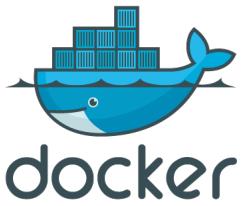


docker

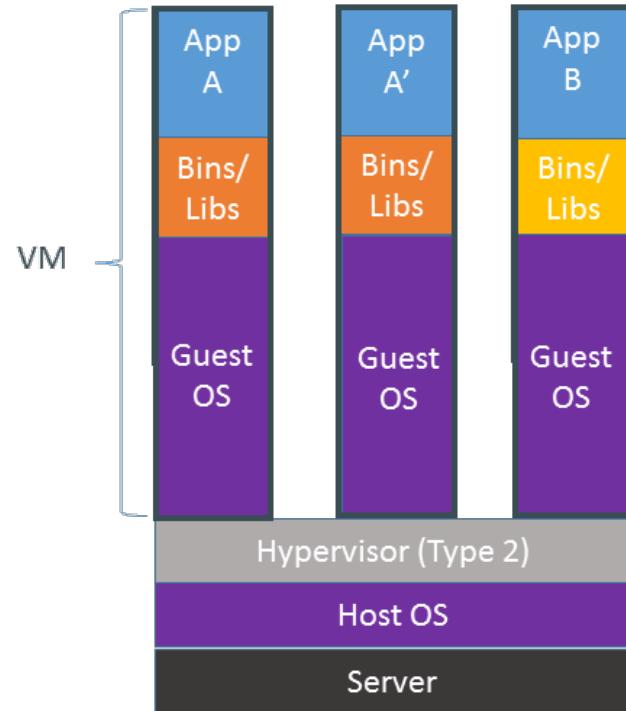


Build Processes without Docker





Why Docker ?



How to start with



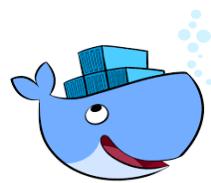
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Docker Tools





TOOL BOX



Docker Client

**Docker
Machine**

**Docker
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**Docker
Compose**

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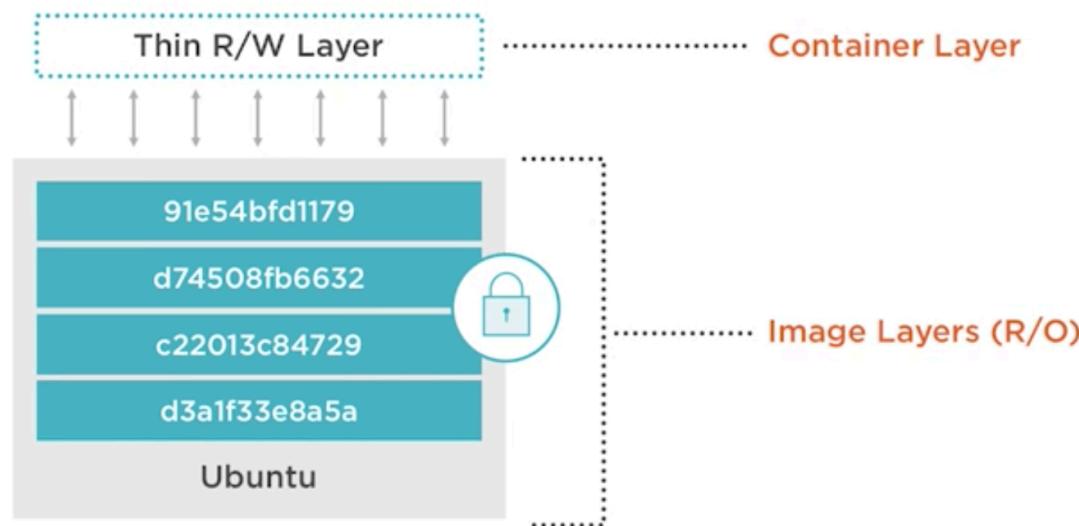
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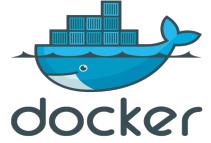




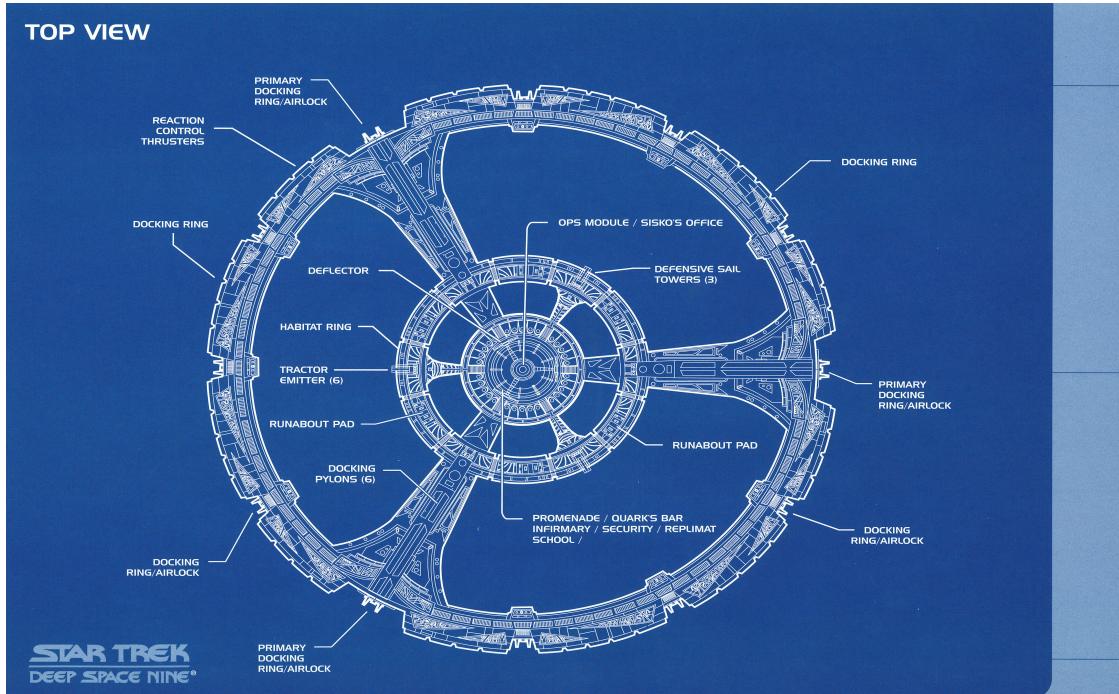
Docker Images

Images, Containers, and File Layers





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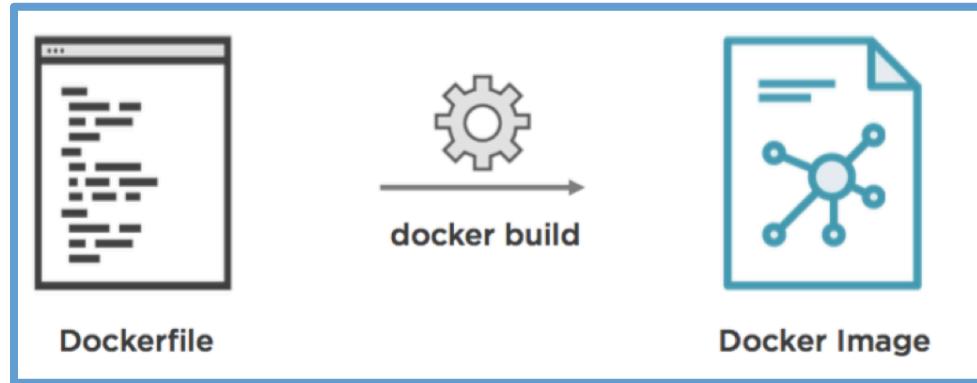
STATION DS-9

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Dockerfile

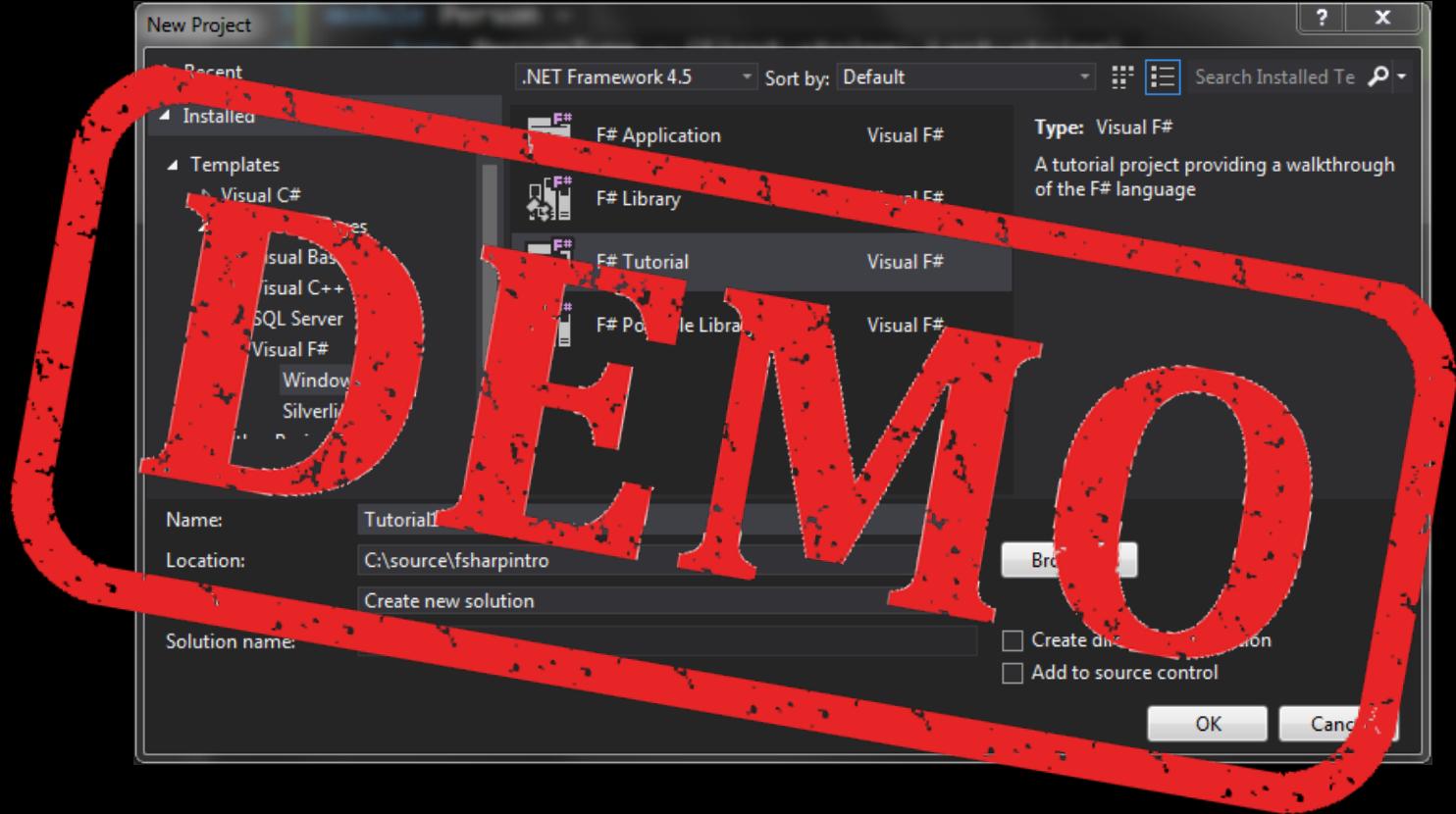
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FROM      mono:latest  
  
MAINTAINER Riccardo Terrell  
  
ENV       CODEDIR /var/code  
RUN      mkdir -p $CODEDIR  
  
WORKDIR  $CODEDIR  
  
RUN      chmod +x $CODEDIR  
        && xbuild ./ActorRemote.sln /property:Configuration=Release  
  
EXPOSE   9234  
  
ENTRYPOINT [“mono”, “./AkkaExamples/bin/Release/AkkaExamples.exe”]
```





So Far...

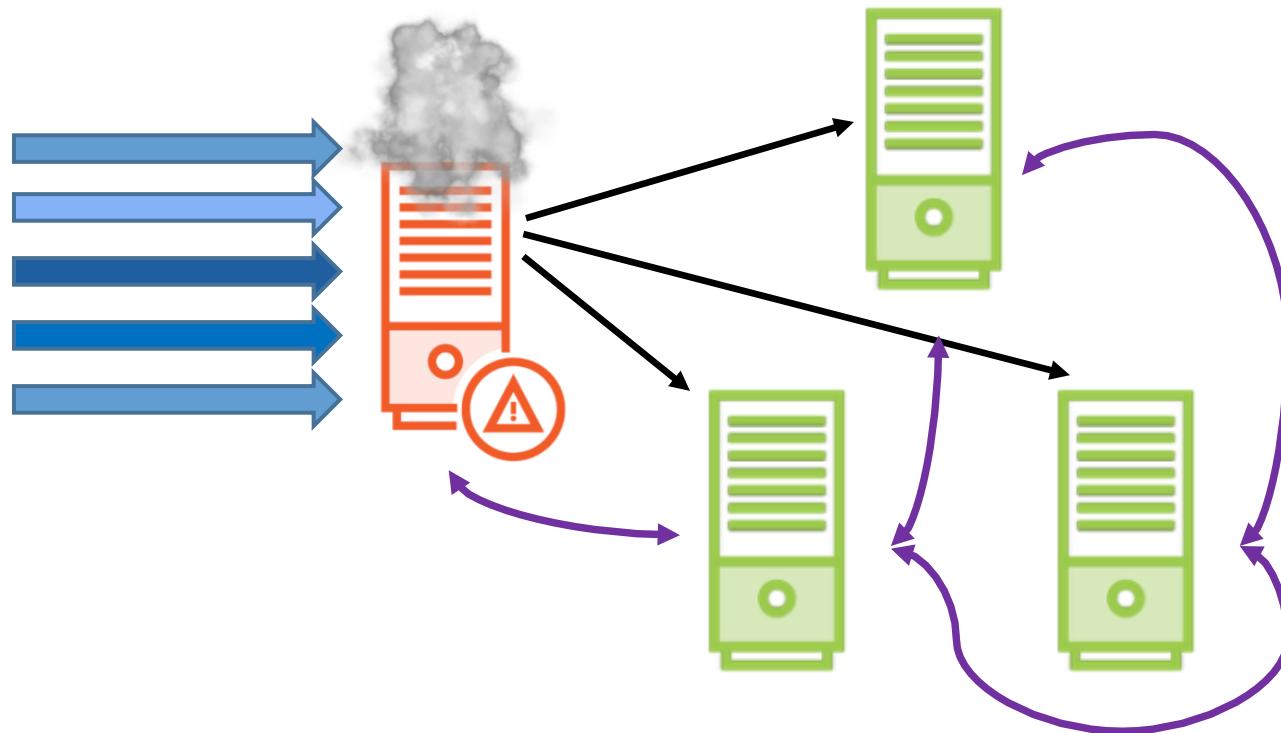
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Clustering

- Load balancing
- Fault-tolerant
- Scalability

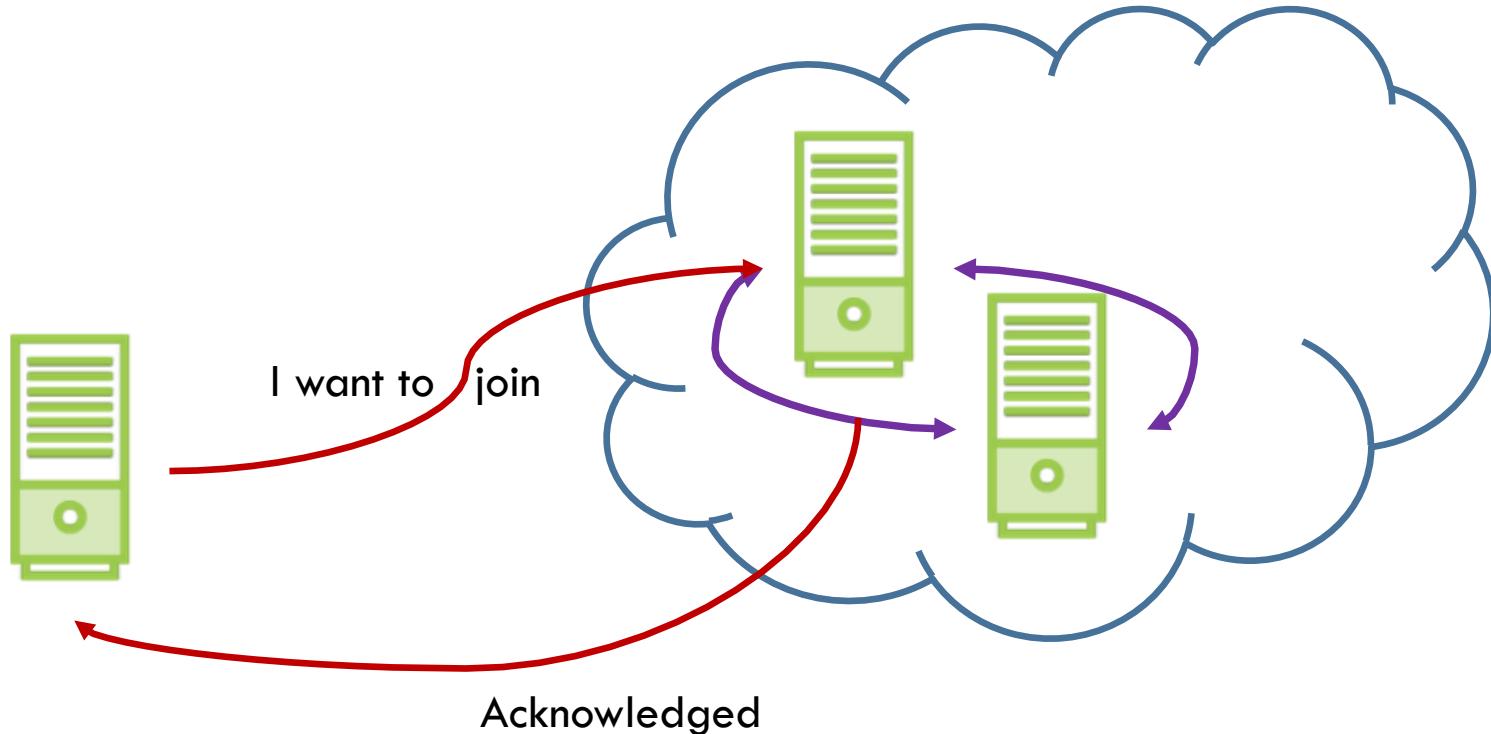
Actor Clustering



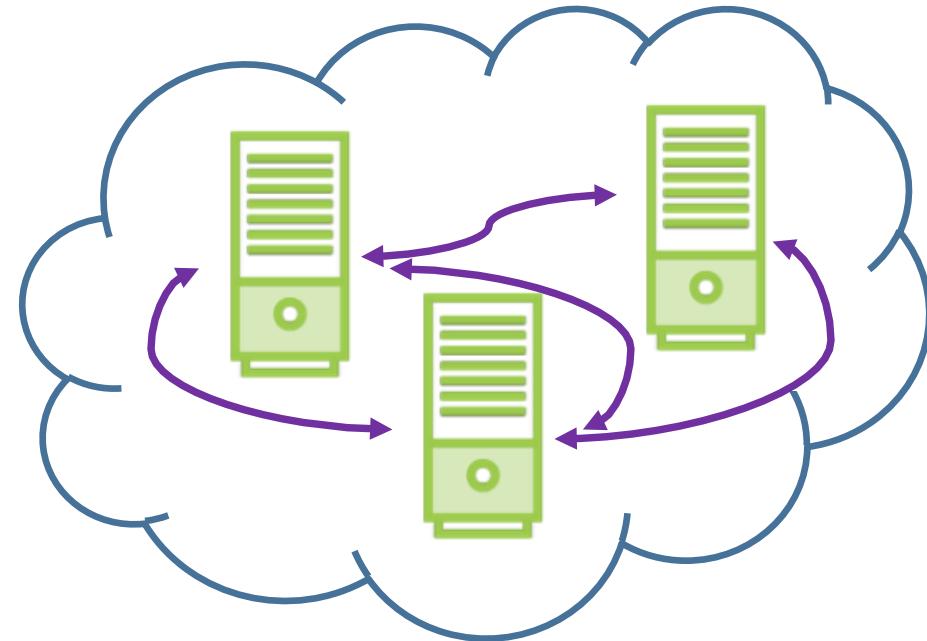
Gossip



Joining the Actor Cluster



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Clustering – Just a configuration matter

```
let workerSystem = System.create "cluster" <| Configuration.parse """
akka {
    actor {
        provider = "Akka.Cluster.ClusterActorRefProvider, Akka.Cluster"
    }
    remote {
        helios.tcp {
            hostname = "localhost"
            port = 0
        }
    }
    cluster {
        seed-nodes = [ "akka.tcp://cluster@localhost:8091/" ]
    }
}
""";;
```





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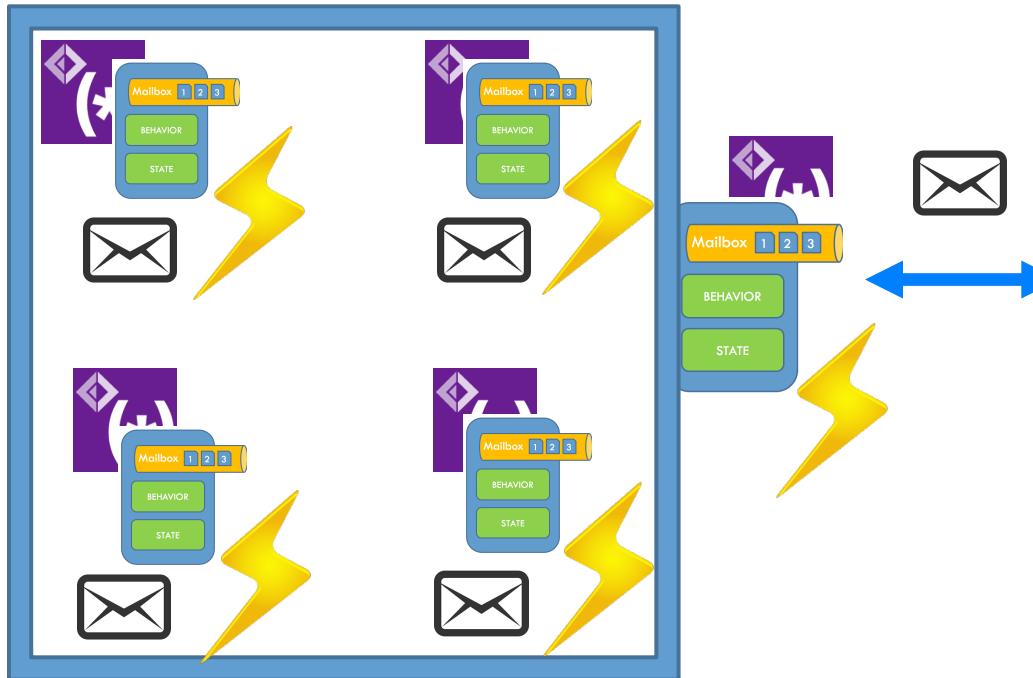
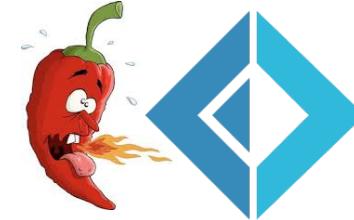
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let masterSystem = System.create "cluster" <| Configuration.parse """
akka {
    actor {
        provider = "Akka.Cluster.ClusterActorRefProvider, Akka.Cluster"
    }
    remote {
        helios.tcp {
            hostname = "localhost"
            port = 8091
        }
    }
    cluster {
        seed-nodes = [ "akka.tcp://cluster@localhost:8091/" ]
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Tabasco

Dynamically load modules
types and dependencies
between different actor systems

Scenario 2 - Clustering

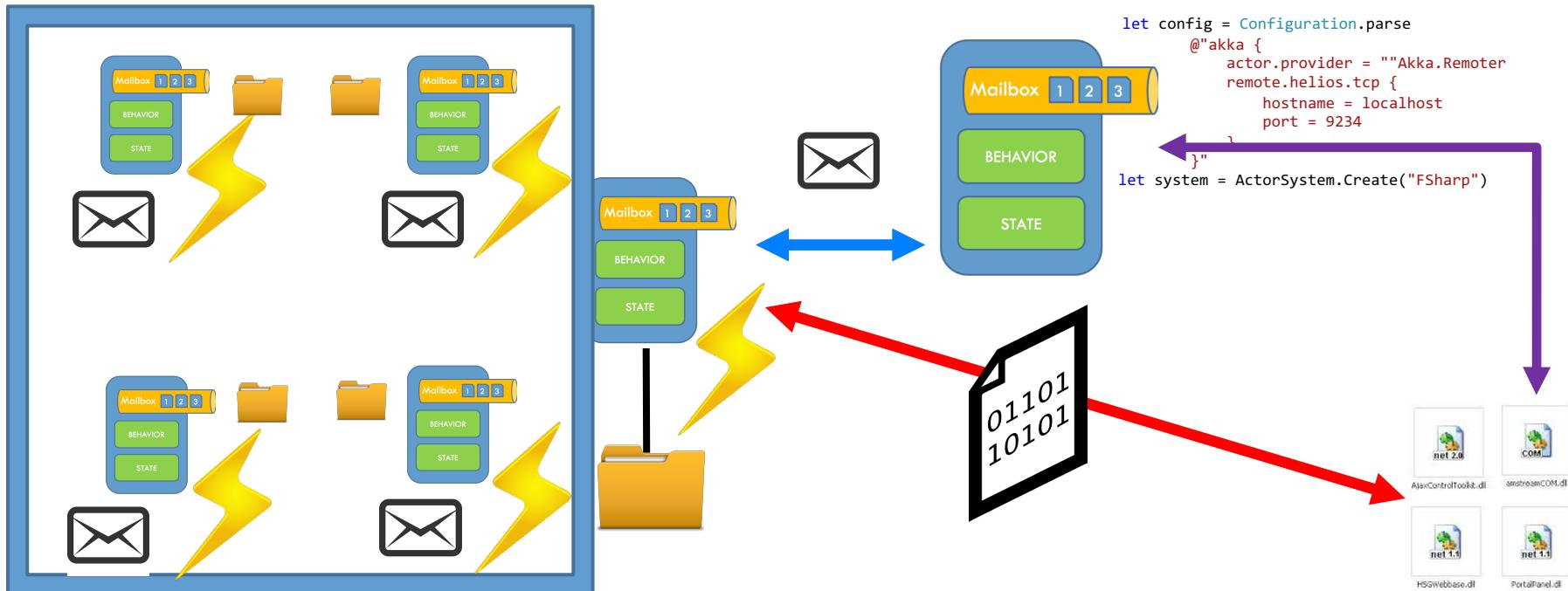
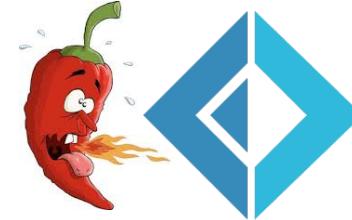


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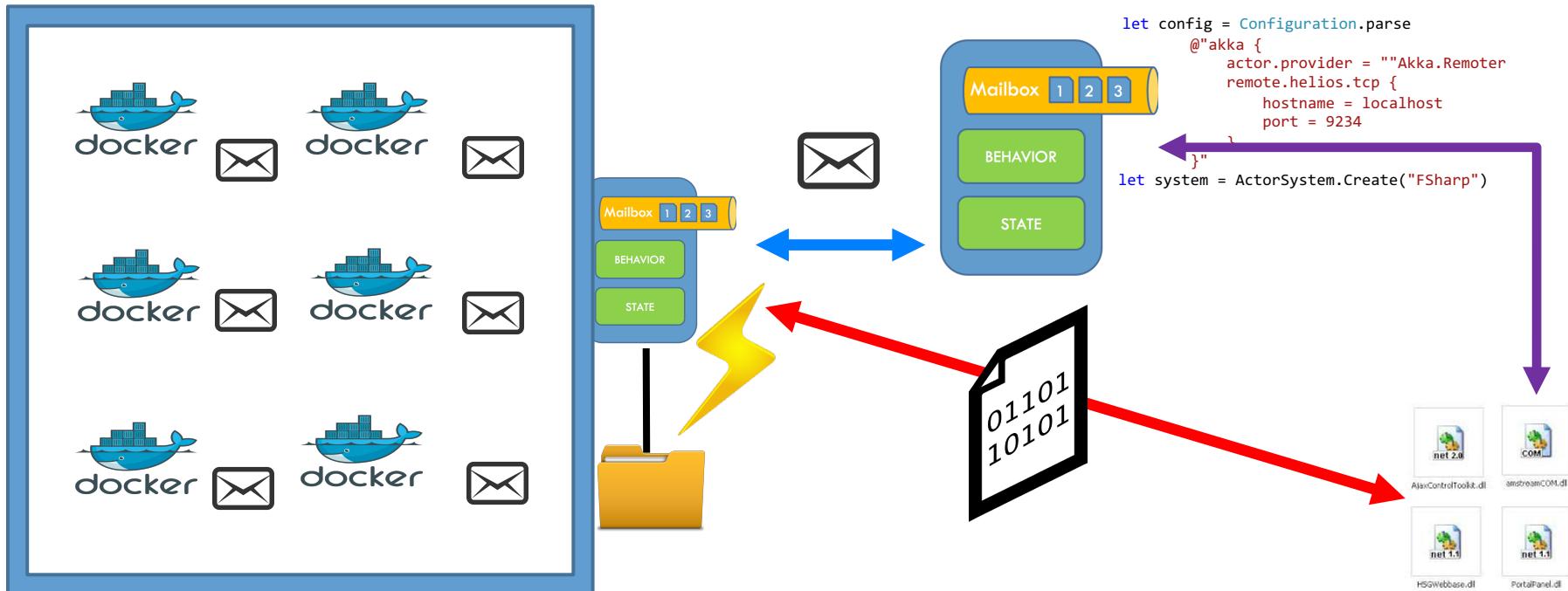
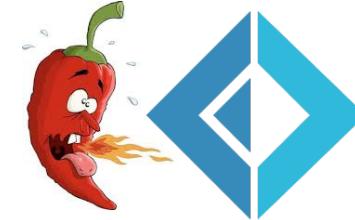
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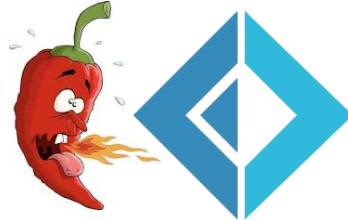
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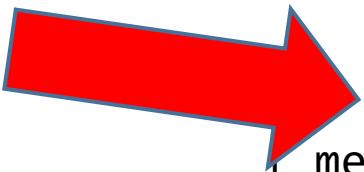
Tabasco - Dynamic Actor



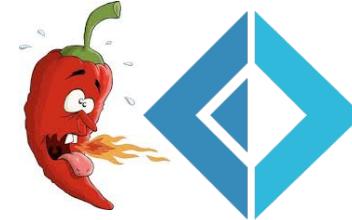
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type DynamicActor(receive: Receive, zero: obj) as this =
    inherit UntypedActor()

    let untypedContext = UntypedActor.Context :> IActorContext
    let ctx = { Context = untypedContext }
    let mutable currentState: obj = zero
    let mutable currentReceive: Receive = receive

    override this.OnReceive(msg:obj) =
        match msg with
        | :? ActorMessage as message ->
            match message with
            | GetState -> untypedContext.Sender.Tell currentState
            | Stop -> untypedContext.Stop(untypedContext.Self)
            | Load(newReceive) -> currentReceive <- newReceive
            | message -> currentState <- currentReceive
                           ctx
                           currentState message
```

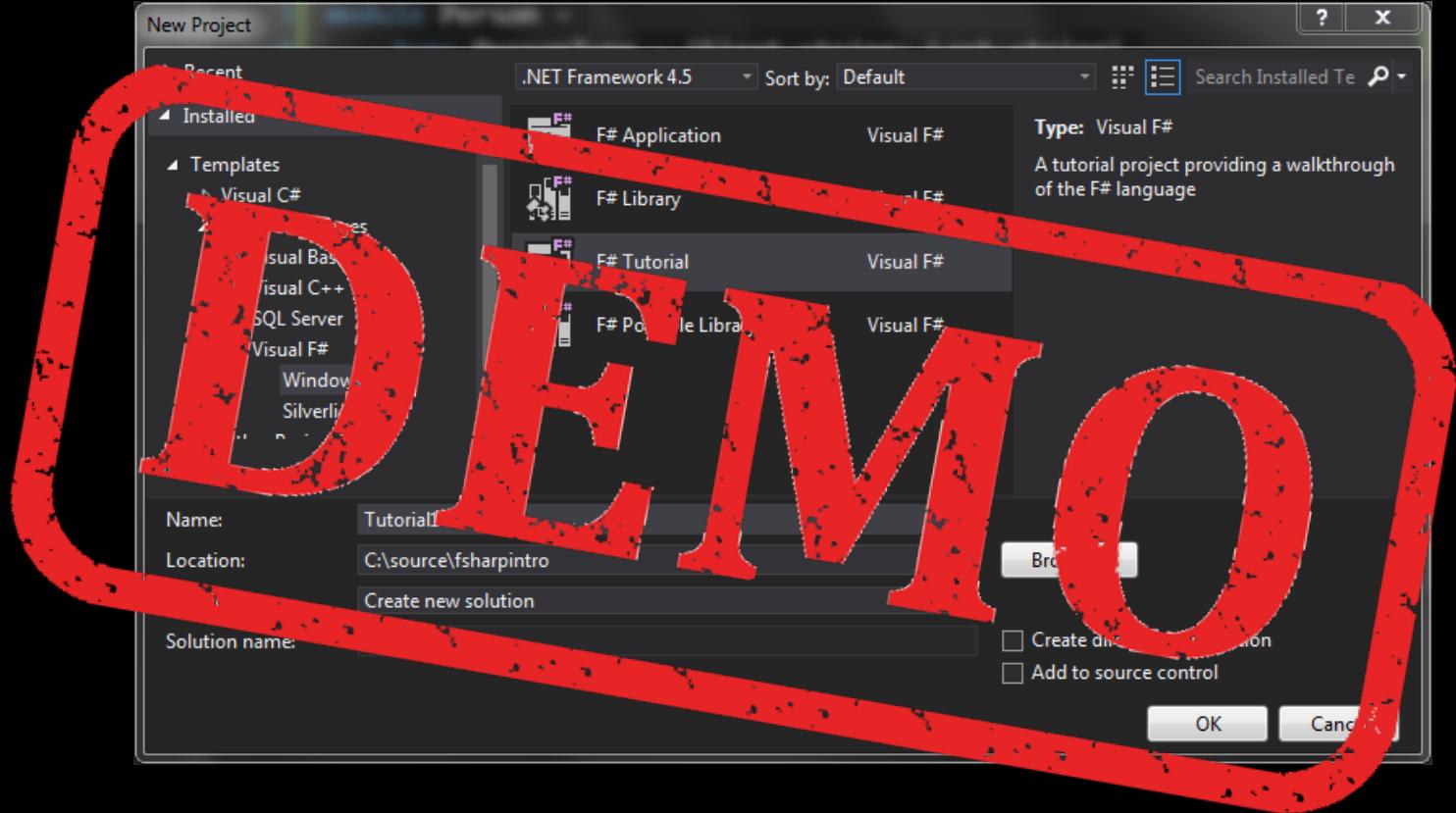


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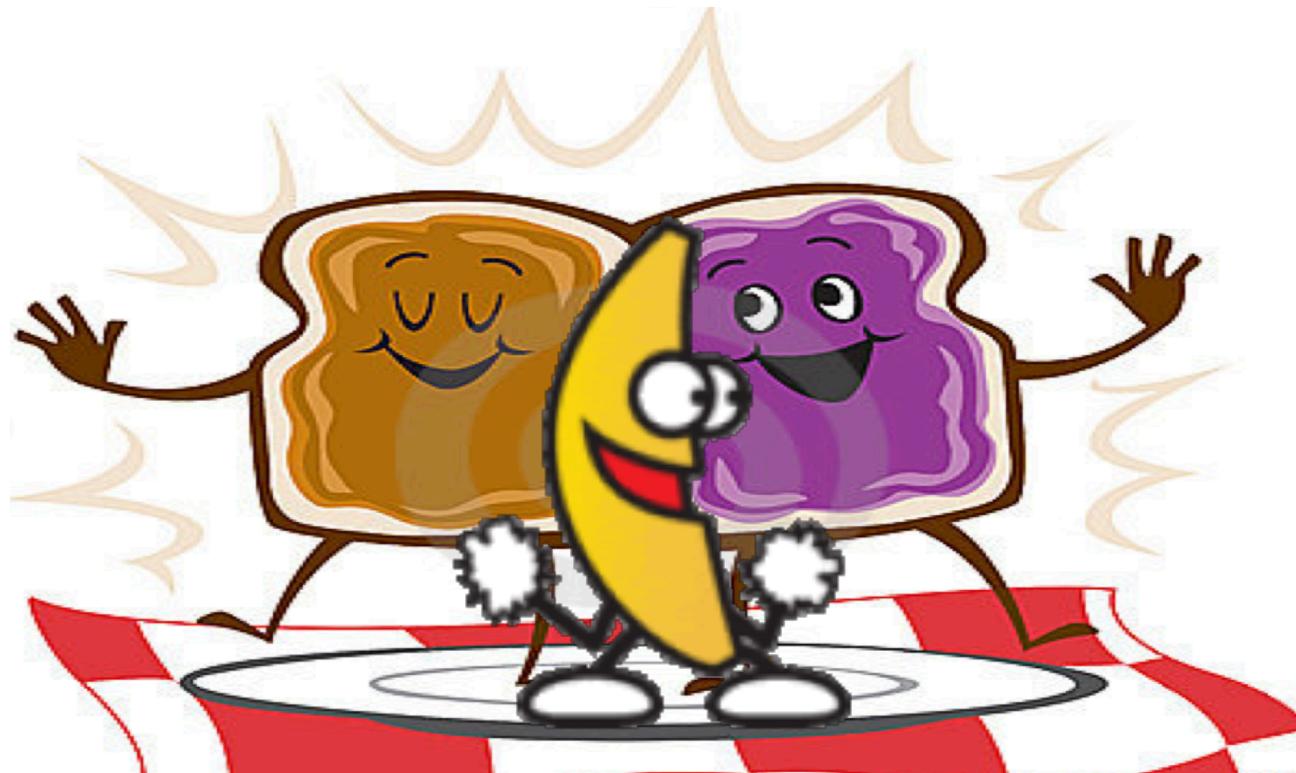


```
type internal AssemblyReceiver (vm: VagabondManager, serverRef: IActorRef) =
    member __.ServerRef = serverRef
    interface IRemoteAssemblyReceiver with

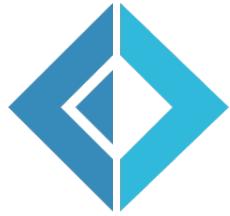
        member __.GetLoadedAssemblyInfo (ids:AssemblyId[]) = async {
            let! reply = serverRef <? GetAssemblyInfo ids
            return downcast reply
        }
        member __.PushAssemblies vas = async {
            let! reply = serverRef <? LoadAssemblies (vm.CreateRawAssemblies vas)
            return downcast reply
        }
    }
```



Docker & Akka.Net & F#



Summary

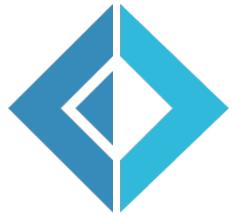


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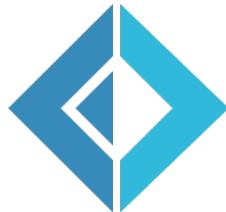
That's all Folks!



The tools we use have a profound (and devious!) influence on our thinking habits, and, therefore, on our thinking abilities.

-- Edsger Dijkstra

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