Resiliency in microservices

What is resiliency

Services are always in a state of partial failure and recovery due to hardware issues, networking glitches, virtual machine crashes, bursty traffic causing timeouts, etc.

Resiliency is a type of service architecture that help to prevent cascading failures and to preserve functionality in the event of service failure.

Systems to pay attention to

- **Downstream services**: APIs that our service is calling, can be either 3rd-party services or services within our domain
- Databases
- Messaging services

Important metrics are: execution latency, requests per second and resources consumption

Common patterns

Retry

Simply retries an execution. Can create snowflake effect

Bulkhead

Creates a bottleneck by limiting executions concurrency

Circuit Breaker

Fails fast by blocking calls of failed downstreams