Transient Fault Handling With ADO.NET

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Topics Covered

- Need for a Retry Framework
 - Why use a retry framework in the first place?
- Transient Fault Handling Application Block
 - Introduction to Microsoft's implementation of a retry framework



- Configure and Extend
 - Demo on how to configure and extend the Transient Fault Handling Application Block

Why?

Cloud Computing Needs

Expect failures

Transient Errors

A little retry can go a long way!



Code your own?

 Lessons learned incorporated in a retry framework, but needs change over time

Transient Fault Handling Application Block

- Focuses on Transient Errors and Throttling Conditions
 - This module focuses on Transient Errors only
- Detection Strategy
 - Do we care about the error?
- Retry Strategy
 - A model that controls the retry behavior (fixed, incremental, exponential)



- A policy implements a specific detection strategy
- A policy defines the retry strategy to implement

http://tinyurl.com/lmhrj60

A Few Classes...

Class	Purpose
RetryPolicy	A retry policy that inclues the RetryStrategy and ErrorDetectionStrategy properties
ReliableSqlConnection	A SqlConnection wrapper that implements retry operations
EnterpriseLibraryContainer	A reference to the enterprise configuration
FixedInterval	One of the retry strategies available
RetryManager	Accesses the default retry polies and strategies

A few Methods...

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SqlConnection.OpenWithRetry()	Extension method on SqlConnection that opens a database connection using a retry policy
ReliableSqlConnection.Open()	Opens a database connection using a retry policy
RetryPolicy.ExecuteAction()	Executes a method within the context of a retry policy
ITransientErrorDetectionStrateg y. IsTransient()	Determines whether or not an exception is transient given a specific error detection strategy
SqlCommand. ExecuteNonQueryWithRetry()	Extension method on SqlCommand that executes a query using a retry policy

Summary

- Why implement a retry strategy?
- Detection strategy and retry policy
- Install and configure the Transient Fault Handling Application Block



Implement retry logic with ADO.NET