Resilient Javascript
From Front to Back End
With Circuit Breakers

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Resiliency is defined as the capability of a system to maintain its functions and structure in the face of internal and external change and to degrade gracefully when it must.

TOWARD INHERENTLY SECURE AND RESILIENT SOCIETIES
Brad Allenby, Jonathan Fink

http://science.sciencemag.org/content/309/5737/1034.full
Microservices
My App
Microservices are not a panacea
A Single Failure
function wait (timeout) {
    return new Promise(resolve => {
        setTimeout(resolve, timeout)
    });
}
const MAX_ATTEMPTS = 10;
let retryAttempts = 0;

function fetchData (url) {
    return request.get(url)
    .then(formatData)
    .catch(err => {
        if (retryAttempts > MAX_ATTEMPTS) return Promise.reject(err);
        retryAttempts++;
        //await wait(500);
        return fetchData(url);
    });
}
What Happens When We Keep On Trying?

(hint: things get worse)
μ-Service G Causes D and E to Block

So now what?
Causes
More
Cascade
Assume that an application connects to a remote service 100 times per second and the service fails. The application developer does not want to have the same error reoccur constantly. They also want to handle the error quickly and gracefully without waiting for TCP connection timeout.
Naive Implementations are a Band-Aid
Circuit Breakers
const CircuitBreaker = require('opossum');

const options = {
  timeout: 1000,
  errorThresholdPercentage: 50,
  resetTimeout: 5000
}

const circuit = CircuitBreaker(fetchData('/some/url'), options);
function fetchData (url) {
  return _ => {
    return request.get(url)
      .then(formatData)
      .catch(err => {
        console.log(err)
      });
  }
}
circuit.fallback(
    _ => 'Sorry, out of service right now'
);

circuit.on('fallback',
    result => reportFallbackEvent(result));
Events
Events

★ fire
  ○ When the circuit is fired
★ success
  ○ When the call is successful
★ failure
  ○ When the call fails
★ open
  ○ When the circuit opens
★ close
  ○ When the circuit closes
★ halfOpen
  ○ When the circuit enters half-open state
★ fallback
  ○ When a fallback function is called
★ cacheHit
  ○ A success value is in the cache
★ cacheMiss
  ○ A value was not found in the cache
★ timeout
  ○ When the call times out
★ semaphore-locked
  ○ When resources are used up and no more calls can be made
★ health-check-failed
  ○ When a user-supplied health check function fails
★ snapshot
  ○ When a statistics snapshot is taken
RHOAR Circuit Breaker

Demo Time!
But What About The Front End?
Elizabethan Insults

Moar Demo Time!
const insult = circuitBreaker(getOrPostInsult, circuitBreakerOptions);
insult.fallback(_ => {
    return {
        name: 'Server Admin',
        adj1: 'sleep-addled',
        adj2: 'half witted',
        noun: 'bumbershoot'
    }
};
}

insult.on('failure', console.log);
insult.on('reject', console.log);
insult.on('open', console.log);

$('#invoke').click(e => insult.fire(e).then(updateInsultList));
$('#form-submit').submit(e => insult.fire(e).then(updateInsultList));
$('#clear').click(clearInsultList);
Merci Beaucoup!

https://github.com/bucharest-gold/nodejs-circuit-breaker
https://github.com/lance/elizabethan-insults
https://github.com/bucharest-gold/opossum
https://launch.openshift.io