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From 2014: so many new APIs

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Questions? #J8Stream

Java 8 Stream API



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A new concept in JDK 8

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   .max(Comparator.comparing(String::length))
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```
List<Person> list = ...;
list.stream()
    .filter(person -> person.getAge() > 30)
    .collect(
     Collectors.groupingBy(
        Person::getAge, // key extractor
        Collectors.counting() // downstream collector
```

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List<Person> list = ...;
Map<
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list.stream()
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    .collect(
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        Person::getAge, // key extractor
        Collectors.counting() // downstream collector
```

And we can go parallel!

```
List<Person> list = ...;
Map<Integer, Long> map =
list.stream().parallel()
    .filter(person -> person.getAge() > 30)
    .collect(
      Collectors.groupingBy(
         Person::getAge, // key extractor
         Collectors.counting() // downstream collector
```

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Many ways of connecting a Stream to a source of data

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Stream<Person> stream = Stream.of(p1, p2, p3);
```

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> count = 15
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IntStream letters = crazy.chars();
letters.boxed().collect(
  Collectors.groupingBy(
      Function.identity(),
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Stream built on the lines of a file

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Stream<String> lines = Files.lines(Paths.get(book)); // autocloseable
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Stream built the words of a String

```
String line = "Alice was beginning to get very tired of";
Stream<String> words = Pattern.compile(" ").splitAsStream(line);
```

Flatmap

How to mix both to get all the words of a book?

```
Function<String, Stream<String>> splitToWords =
   line -> Pattern.compile(" ").splitAsStream(line);

Stream<String> lines = Files.lines(path);

Stream<String> words = lines.flatMap(splitToWords);
```

Flatmap

Analyzing the result

```
Stream<String> words = lines.flatMap(splitToWords);

long count =
words.filter(word -> word.length() > 2)
    .map(String::toLowerCase)
    .distinct()
    .count();
```

Flatmap

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        Collectors.groupingBy(
           String::length,
           Collectors.counting()
```

Extracting the max from a Map

Yet another analysis of the result

```
map.entrySet().stream()
    .sorted(
        Entry.<Integer, Long>comparingByValue().reversed()
    )
    .limit(3)
    .forEach(System.out::println);
```

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A Stream is built on 2 things:

- A spliterator (comes from split and iterator)
- A ReferencePipeline (the implementation)

The Spliterator is meant to be overriden

```
public interface Spliterator<T> {
   boolean tryAdvance(Consumer<? super T> action) ;
  Spliterator<T> trySplit();
   long estimateSize();
   int characteristics();
```

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public interface Spliterator<T> {
  boolean tryAdvance(Consumer<? super T> action);
  Spliterator<T> trySplit(); // not needed for non-parallel processings
  long estimateSize(); // can return 0
  int characteristics(); // returns a constant
}
```

Examples of custom Spliterators

Suppose we have a Stream [1, 2, 3, ...]

We want to regroup the elements: [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], ...]

Let us build a GroupingSpliterator to do that

// implementation

```
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ...] -> [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9], ...]

public class GroupingSpliterator<E> implements Spliterator<Stream<E>> {
    private final long grouping ;
    private final Spliterator<E> spliterator;
```

```
GroupingSpliterator<Integer> gs =
   new GroupingSpliterator(spliterator, grouping);
```

Implementing estimateSize() and characteristics()

```
public long estimateSize() {
   return spliterator.estimateSize() / grouping ;
}
```

```
public int characteristics() {
    return this.spliterator.characteristics();
}
```

Implementing trySplit()

```
public Spliterator<Stream<E>> trySplit() {
    Spliterator<E> spliterator = this.spliterator.trySplit();
    return new GroupingSpliterator<E>(spliterator, grouping);
}
```

Implementing tryAdvance()

```
public boolean tryAdvance(Consumer<? super Stream<E>> action) {
    // should call action.accept() with the next element of the Stream
    // and return true if more elements are to be consumed
    return true; // false when we are done
}
```

The structure of the resulting Stream is the following: [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9], ...]

Each element is a Stream built on the elements of the underlying Stream

Build a Stream element by element is done with a Stream.Builder

```
Stream.Builder<E> builder = Stream.builder();
for (int i = 0; i < grouping; i++) {
    spliterator.tryAdvance(element -> builder.add(element);
}
Stream<E> subStream = subBuilder.build(); // [1, 2, 3]
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```
Stream.Builder<E> builder = Stream.builder();
boolean finished = false;
for (int i = 0; i < grouping; i++) {
   if (spliterator.tryAdvance(element -> builder.add(element)))
     finished = true;
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   }
   Stream<E> subStream = subBuilder.build(); // [1, 2, 3]
   action.accept(subStream);
   return !finished;
```

What about building a Stream like this one:

 $[[1, 2, 3], [2, 3, 4], [3, 4, 5], \ldots]$

This time we need a ring buffer

The tryAdvance() call on the underlying Stream becomes this:

```
private boolean advanceSpliterator() {
    return spliterator.tryAdvance(
        element -> {
            buffer[bufferWriteIndex.get() % buffer.length] = element ;
            bufferWriteIndex.incrementAndGet() ;
        });
}
```

bufferWriteIndex is an AtomicLong

Building the element streams from the ring buffer:

```
private Stream<E> buildSubstream() {
   Stream.Builder<E> subBuilder = Stream.builder() ;
   for (int i = 0 ; i < grouping ; i++) {</pre>
      subBuilder.add(
         (E)buffer[(i + bufferReadIndex.get()) % buffer.length]
   bufferReadIndex.incrementAndGet();
   Stream<E> subStream = subBuilder.build() ;
   return subStream ;
```

Putting things together to build the tryAdvance() call

```
public boolean tryAdvance(Consumer<? super Stream<E>> action) {
   boolean finished = false ;
   if (bufferWriteIndex.get() == bufferReadIndex.get()) {
      for (int i = 0; i < grouping; i++) {</pre>
         if (!advanceSpliterator()) {
            finished = true ;
   if (!advanceSpliterator()) {
      finished = true ;
   Stream<E> subStream = buildSubstream() ;
   action.accept(subStream);
   return !finished;
```

Spliterator on Spliterator

We saw how to build a Stream on another Stream by rearranging its elements

What about building a Stream by merging the elements of other Streams?

Spliterator on Spliterators

Let us take two Streams:

```
[1, 2, 3, 4, ...]
[a, b, c, d, ...]
```

And build a ZippingSpliterator:

```
[F(1, a), F(2, b), F(3, c), ...]
```

Spliterator on Spliterators

```
What about estimateSize() trySplit() characteristics()?
```

They are the same as the underlying streams

Spliterator on Spliterators

We then need to implement tryAdvance()

```
public boolean tryAdvance(Consumer<? super R> action) {
   return spliterator1.tryAdvance(
     e1 -> {
        spliterator2.tryAdvance(e2 -> {
            action.accept(tranform.apply(e1, e2));
        });
   });
}
```

Where transform is a BiFunction

ZippingSpliterator

What about creating a Builder for this Spliterator?

```
ZippingSpliterator.Builder<String, String, String> builder =
    new ZippingSpliterator.Builder();

ZippingSpliterator<String, String> zippingSpliterator = builder
    .with(spliterator1)
    .and(spliterator2)
    .mergedBy((e1, e2) -> e1 + " - " + e2)
    .build();
```

ZippingSpliterator

The complete pattern:

```
Stream<String> stream1 = Stream.of("one", "two", "three");
Stream<Integer> stream2 = Stream.of(1, 2, 3);

Spliterator<String> spliterator1 = stream1.spliterator();
Spliterator<Integer> spliterator2 = stream2.spliterator();

Stream<String> zipped =
    StreamSupport.stream(zippingSpliterator, false);
```

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What about taking one element at a time, from different streams?

The WeavingSpliterator

We have N streams, and we want to build a stream that takes:

- 1st element from the 1st stream
- 2nd element from the 2nd stream, etc...

The WeavingSpliterator

The estimateSize():

```
public long estimateSize() {
   int size = 0;
   for (Spliterator<E> spliterator: this.spliterators) {
      size += spliterator.estimateSize();
   }
   return size;
}
```

The WeavingSpliterator

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We took a collection of streams and built a stream by taking elements from them, in a given order

Wrap-up for the Stream API

The Java 8 Stream API is not just about implementing map / filter / reduce of building hashmaps

We can use it to manipulate data in advanced ways:

- by deciding on what source we want to connect
- by deciding how we can consume the data from that source

Reactive Streams RxJava

Open source API, available on Github

Developed by Netflix

RxJava is the Java version of ReactiveX

.NET

Python, Kotlin, JavaScript, Scala, Ruby, Groovy, Rust

Android

https://github.com/ReactiveX/RxJava

RxJava is not an alternative implementation of Java 8 Streams, nor the Collection framework

It is an implementation of the Reactor pattern

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It's complex: not only because there is a lot of things in it, but also because the concepts are complex

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Interface Subscription used to model the link between an observer and an observable

Interface Observer

A simple interface

```
public interface Observer<T> {
   public void onNext(T t);
   public void onCompleted();
   public void onError(Throwable e);
}
```

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public interface Subscription {
   public void unsubscribe();
   public void isUnsubscribe();
}
```

RxJava – agenda

Patterns to create Observables

How to merge observables together

Hot observables / backpressure

Observable from collections and arrays

```
Observable<String> obs1 = Observable.just("one", "two", "three");
List<String> strings = Arrays.asList("one", "two", "three");
Observable<String> obs2 = Observable.from(strings);
```

Observable useful for tests

```
Observable<String> empty = Observable.empty() ;
Observable<String> never = Observable.never() ;
Observable<String> error = Observable.<String>error(exception) ;
```

Series and time series

```
Observable<Long> longs = Observable.range(1L, 100L);

// interval
Observable<Long> timeSerie1 =
    Observable.interval(1L, TimeUnit.MILLISECONDS); // a serie of longs

// initial delay, then interval
Observable<Long> timeSerie2 =
    Observable.timer(10L, 1L, TimeUnit.MILLISECONDS); // one 0
```

The using() method

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How using() works

- 1) a resource is created using the resourceFactory
- 2) an observable is created from the resource using the observableFactory
- 3) this observable is further decorated with actions for exception handling

RxJava & executors

Some of those methods take a further argument

```
Observable<Long> longs = Observable.range(0L, 100L, scheduler);
```

Scheduler is an interface (in fact an abstract class, to define « default methods » in Java 7)

Schedulers should be used to create schedulers

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```
public final class Schedulers {
  public static Scheduler computation() {...} // computation ES
  public static Scheduler io() {...} // IO growing ES
  public static Scheduler test() {...}
  public static Scheduler from(Executor executor) {...}
```

Schedulers

Schedulers can be seen as Executors

Some of them are specialized (IO, Computation)

Observers are called in the thread that runs the Observable

Schedulers

The Schedulers.from(executor) is useful to call observers in certain threads

For instance:

```
Scheduler swingScheduler =
   Schedulers.from(
      SwingUtilities::invokeLater
   );
```

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```
> 1 2 3 4 ... 100
```

A not so simple example

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Observable<Integer> timer = Observable.timer(1, TimeUnit.SECONDS); timer.subscribe(System.out::println);
```

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Observable<Integer> timer = Observable.timer(1, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
timer.subscribe(System.out::println);
>
```

Nothing is printed

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```
> RxComputationThreadPool-1 - true
```

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Observable are ran in their own schedulers (executors)

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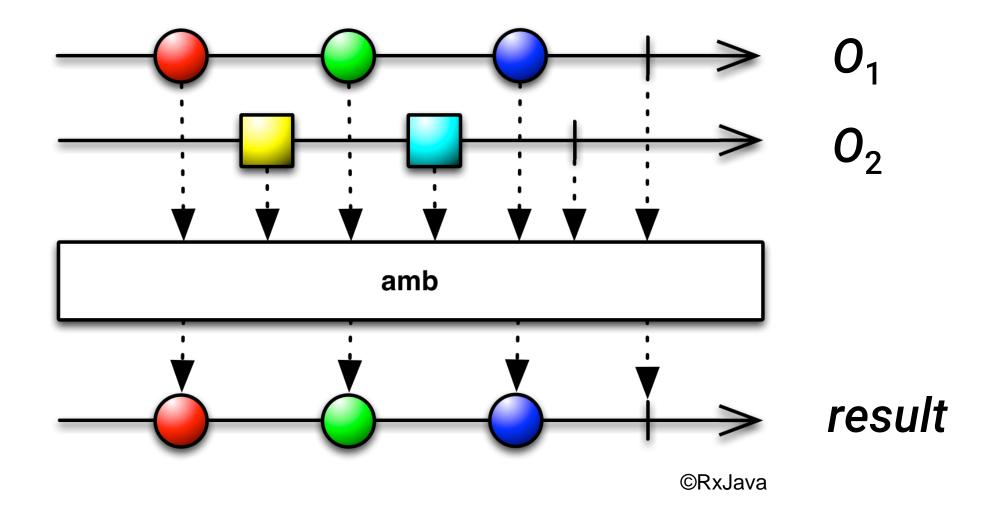
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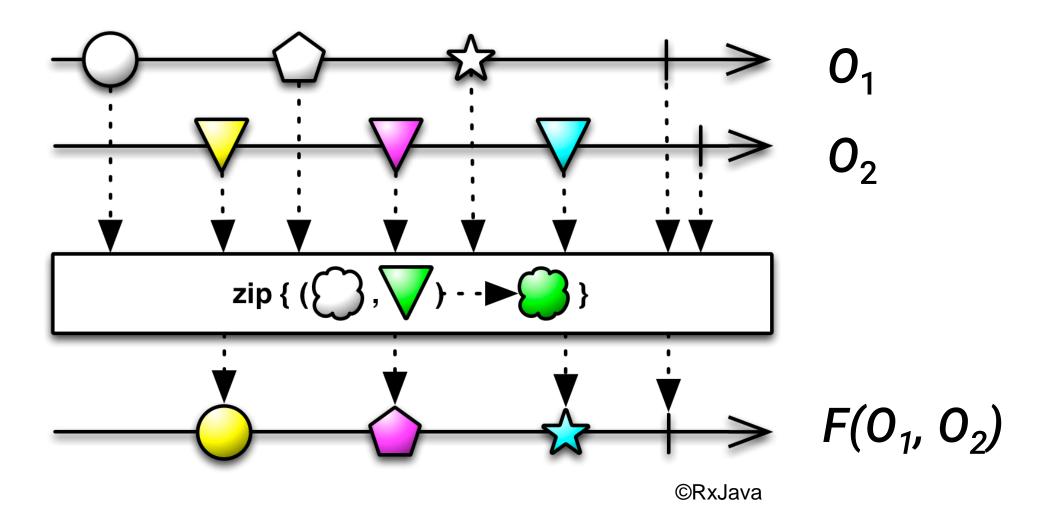
The ambiguous operator

The first operator is amb(), that stands for « ambiguous » It takes the first Observable that produced data



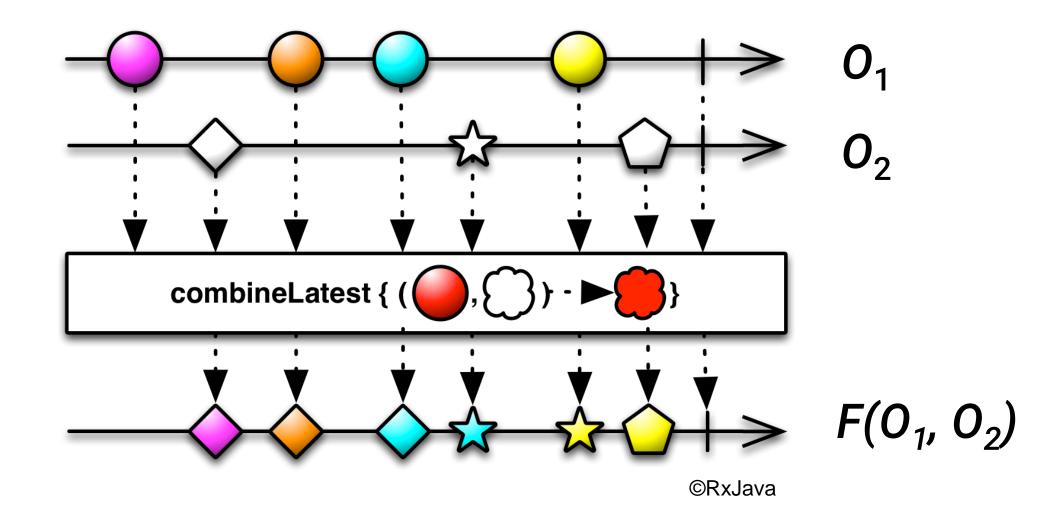
The zip operator

The zip operator takes one element from each Observable and combine them using a function



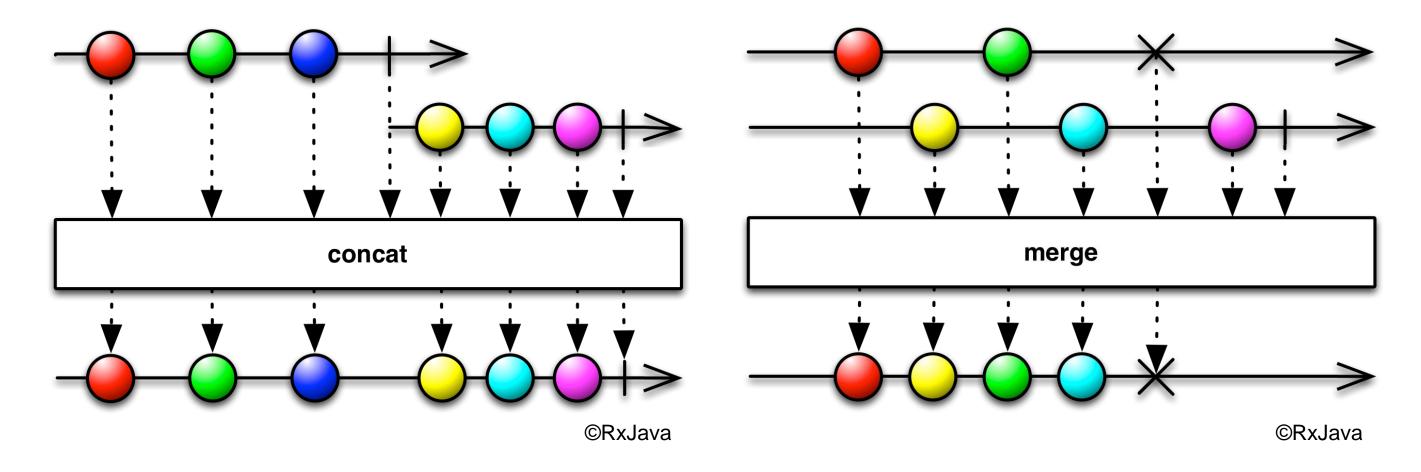
The combine latest operator

The combineLatest is a non-strict zip operator, emits an item each time an observable emits one



Concat and merge

Concat: emits O_1 and then O_2 , without mixing them, merge stops on the emission of an error



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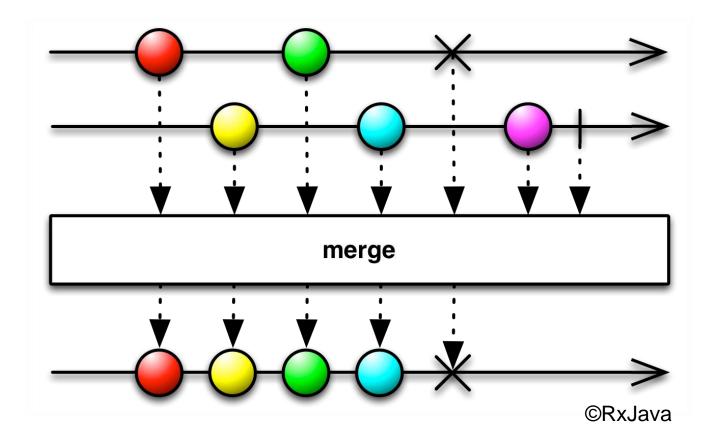
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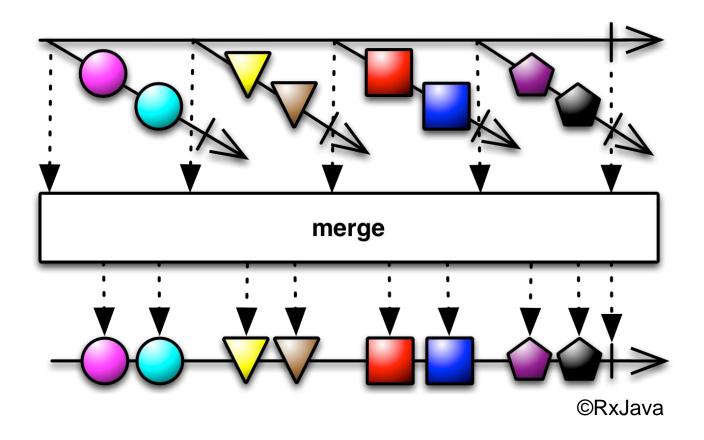
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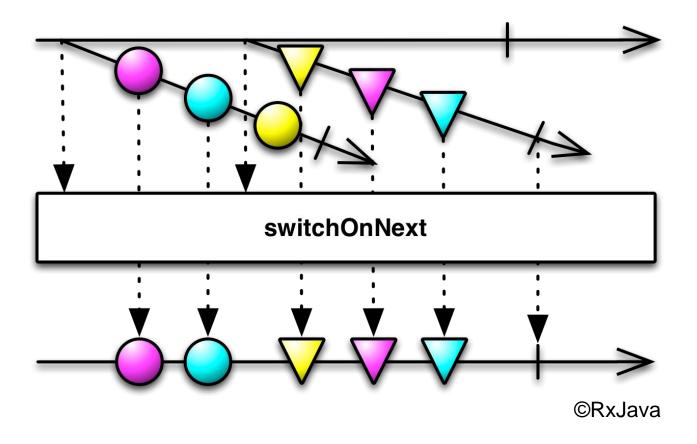
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Then comes the switchOnNext operator

```
public final static <T> Observable<T> switchOnNext(
   Observable<Observable<T>> sequenceOfSequences) { }
```



A little more tricky

```
Observable<Integer> range = Observable.range(1, 100);
Observable<String> manyStrings =
Observable.combineLatest(
   range, Observable.just("one"),
   (integer, string) -> string);
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combines two source Observables by emitting an item that aggregates the latest values of each of the source Observables, where this aggregation is defined
```

by a specified function.

A 4th example

Ok, so what about this one?

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> one one one one ...
```

It seems that *timer* does not behave as *range*...

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Be careful, a cold observable can become hot

An observable can have as many observers as we want

Thus, a cold observable observed by an observer will generate values according to this observer

If another observer subscribes to it, it will see this observable as a hot observable

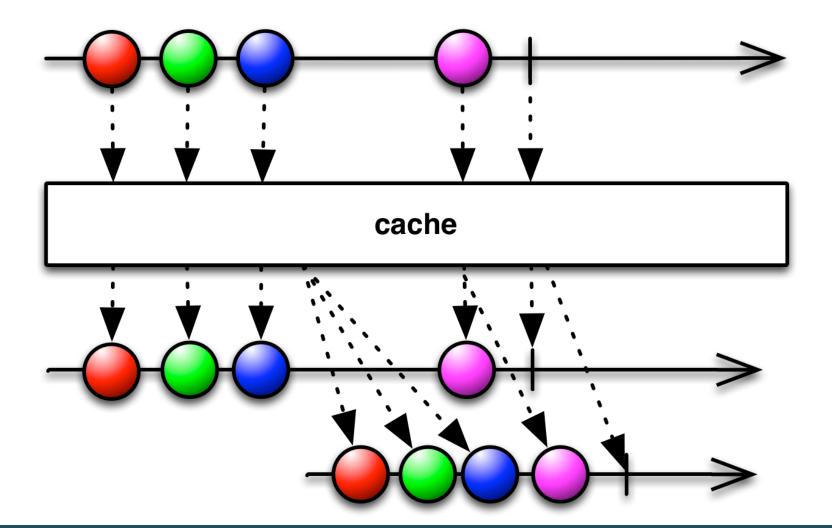
Problem: what happens if we have many observers to subscribe?

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Our application could miss the first values emitted by an observable

We can use the cache method

```
cache(int capacity) { }
```



We can do better and use a ConnectableObservable (which is an Observable)

```
// does not count as a subscription
ConnectableObservable<Long> publish = observable.publish();

// take the time to connect all the observers

// then call
publish.connect();
```

About 10 different versions of doOnSomething

```
doOnEach(Action1<T> onEach) { } // consumer
```

Each = the 3 callbacks: onNext, onError, onComplete For instance, onNext() only acts with the onNext callback

Map / filter, return an Observable

```
map(Func1<T, R> mapping) { }
cast(Class<R> clazz) { } // casts the elements
```

Emits only the elements that match the predicate

```
filter(Func1<T, Boolean> predicate) { }
```

Materialize: special type of mapping

```
materialize() { } // Observable<Notification<T>>
```

Emit a Notification object that wraps the item, with metadata Useful for logging

Does the reverse:

```
dematerialize() { } // Observable<T>
```

Selecting ranges of elements

```
first() { }
last() { }
skip(int n) { }
limit(int n) { }
take(int n) { }
```

Special functions

```
exists(Func1<T, Boolean> predicate) { }
```

Emits a true then complete on the onComplete if the Observable emitted at least one item

Special functions

```
elementAt(int n) { }
```

Emits the *n*th item then complete on the onNext if the Observable emitted at least *n* items

Special functions

```
ignoreElement() { }
```

Emits nothing then complete on the onComplete

Special functions

```
single() { }
```

Emits the first item on the onComplete or emits an error on the second item emitted

Special functions

```
single(Func1<T, Boolean> predicate) { }
```

Emits the matching item if it has been seen, on onComplete or emits an error if not, on onComplete

Classical reductions

```
all(Func1<T, Boolean> predicate) { } // Observable<Boolean>
count() { } // Observable<Long>

forEach(Action1<T> consumer) { } // void
```

Accumulations

```
reduce(Func2<T, T, T> accumulator) { } // Observable<T>
scan(Func2<T, T, T> accumulator) { } // Observable<T>
```

Reduce: returns the reduction of all the items, on onComplete Scan: returns the reduction step by step, on onNext

Collecting data in a mutable container

Example: adding the elements to a list

Ready to use collectors for lists:

```
toList() { } // Observable<List<T>>
toSortedList() { } // Observable<List<T>>
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And for maps (toMap can lose items):

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```
groupBy(Func1<T, K> keySelector) { } // function
```

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It holds GroupedObservable items, which holds its key

Repeating & retrying

The repeat method repeats the same Observable

Repeating & retrying

repeat: will repeat the same Observable again and again

```
On the returned Observable, one can invoke: onComplete() or onError(), which will trigger the same call on the source Observable onNext(), that triggers the repetition
```

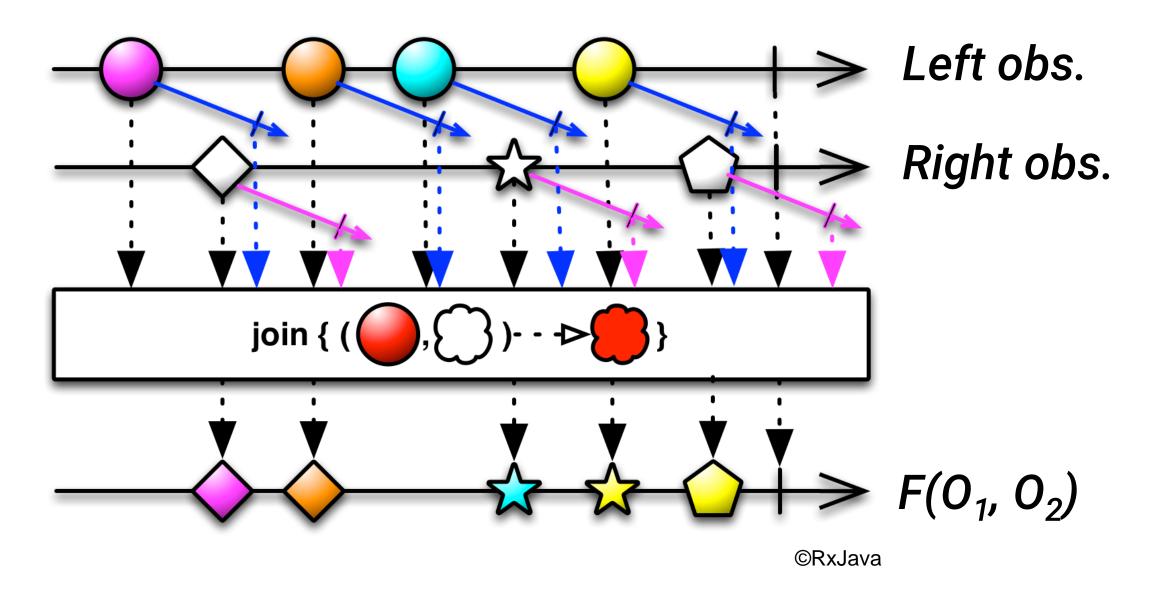
Repeating & retrying

The retry method will reset the Observable on error

Joining

```
join(Observable<TRight> right,
    Func1<T, Observable<TLeftDuration>> leftDurationSelector,
    Func1<TRight, Observable<TRightDuration>> rightDurationSelector,
    Func2<T, TRight, R> resultSelector) { }
```

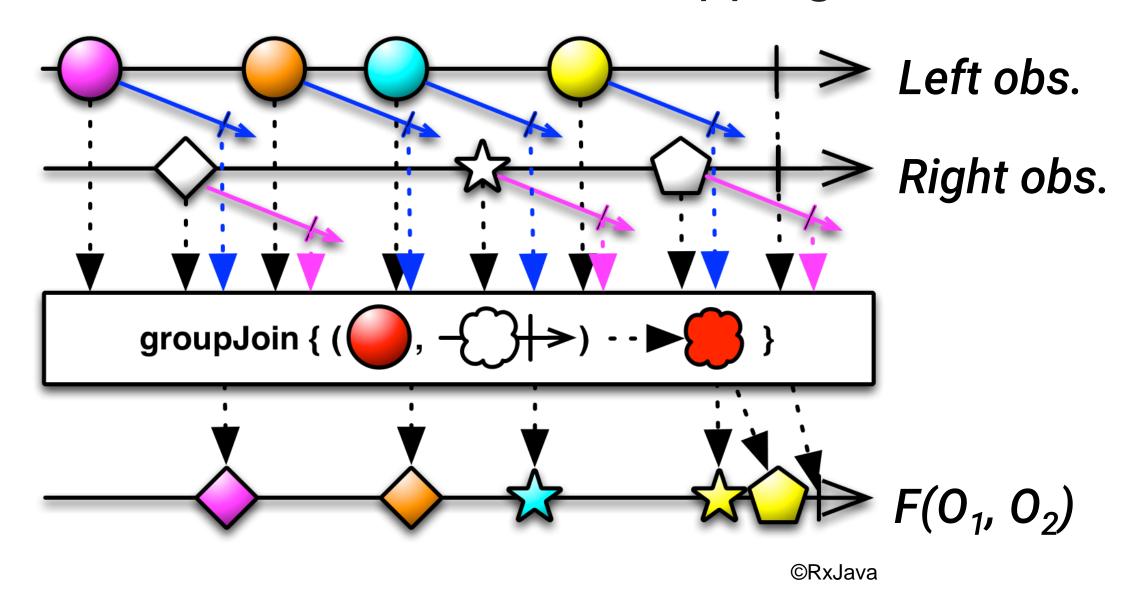
Join



GroupJoin

```
groupJoin(
  Observable<T2> right,
  Func1<? super T, ? extends Observable<D1>> leftDuration,
  Func1<? super T2, ? extends Observable<D2>> rightDuration,
  Func2<? super T, ? super Observable<T2>, ? extends R> resultSelector)
{
}
```

GroupJoin



Dealing with the time

RxJava has a set of methods to deal with time

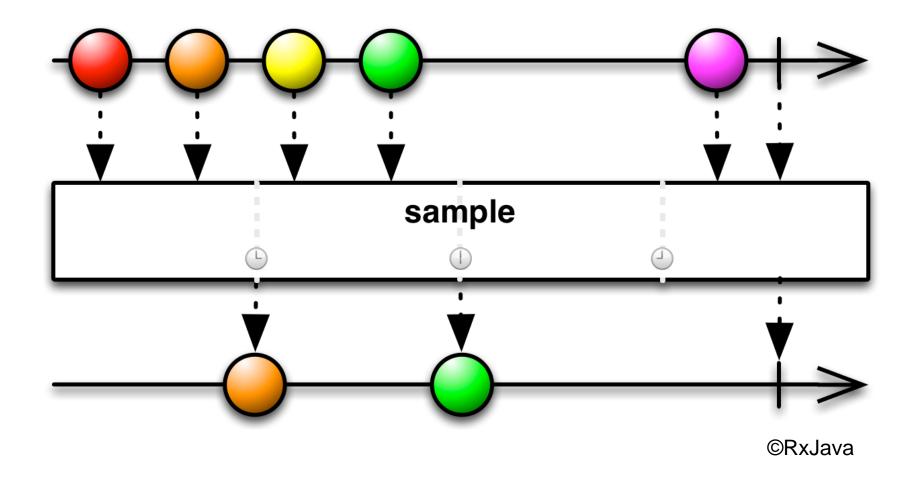
Let us go back on our cold / hot Observables

It is easy to imagine a hot Observable that emits an onNext event each second, thus playing the role of a clock

Sampling

With hot observables, RxJava can synchronize on a clock

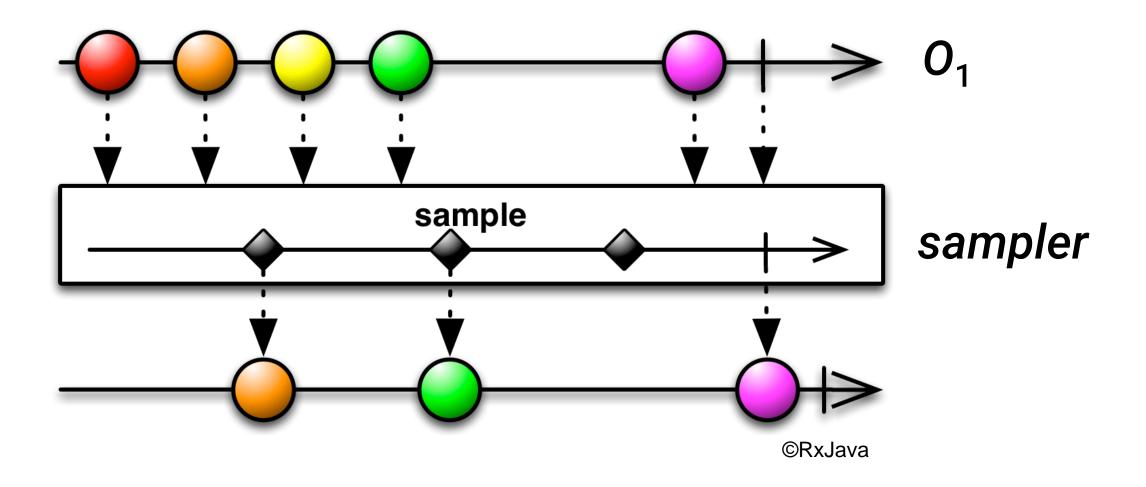
```
sample(long period, TimeUnit timeUnit) { }
```



Sampling

Or synchronize on a reference Observable!

sample(Observable<U>> sampler) { } // samples on emission & completion



RxJava and synchronization

A very powerful feature:

RxJava can synchronize on a clock (real-time)

And on another Observable, it can then take its own time scale

Measuring time

If we can measure time, then we can emit it

```
timeInterval() { } // Observable<TimeInterval<T>>
```

Will emit an the amount of time between the two last onNext events

Measuring time

If we can measure time, then we can delay an emission

```
delay(long delay, TimeUnit timeUnit); // Observable<T>
```

Will reemit the items, with a delay

This delay can be computed from the items themselves

```
delay(Func1<T, Observable<U> func1); // Observable<T>
```

Measuring time

If we can measure time, then we can timeout

```
timeout(long n, TimeUnit timeUnit) { }
```

Will emit an error if no item is seen during this time

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This leads to the notion of backpressure

Backpressure methods

Backpressure is a way to slow down the emission of elements

It can act on the observing side

Several strategies:

- Buffering items
- Skipping items (sampling is a way to implement this)

Buffering

Buffering records data in a buffer and emits it

Buffering

Buffering records data in a buffer (a list) and emits it

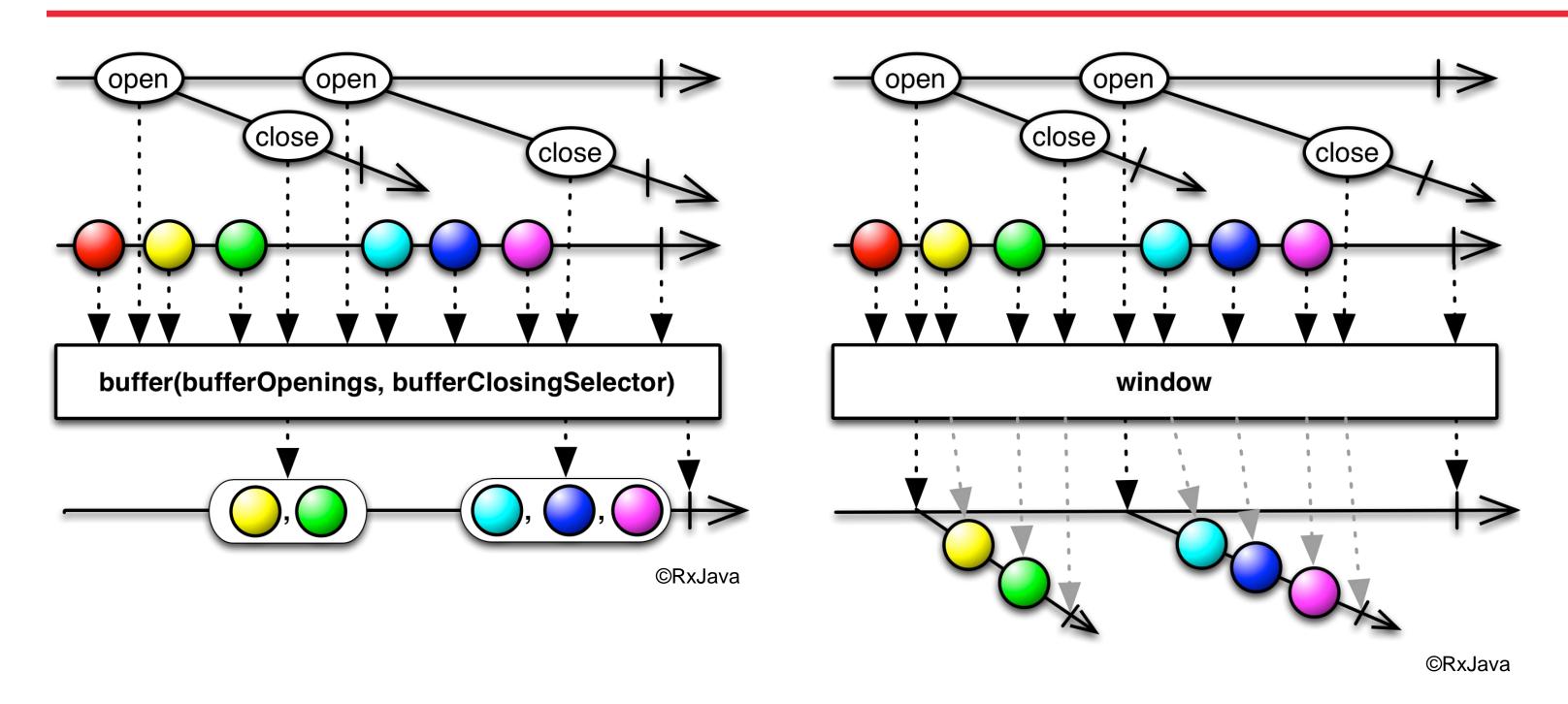
Windowing

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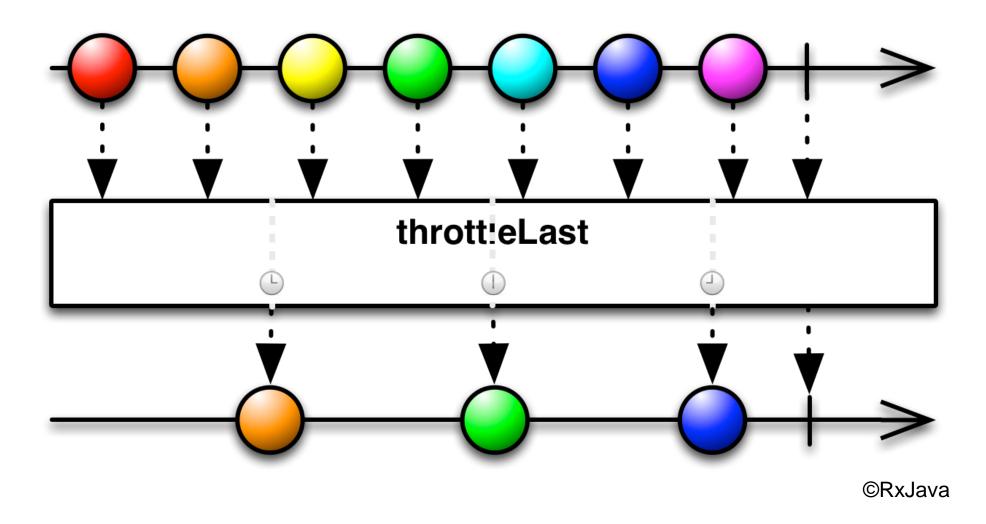
Throttling

Throttling is a sampler on the beginning or the end of a window

```
throttleFirst(long windowDuration, TimeUnit unit) { } // Observable<T>
throttleLast(long windowDuration, TimeUnit unit) { }
throttleWithTimeout(long windowDuration, TimeUnit unit) { }
```

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Debouncing

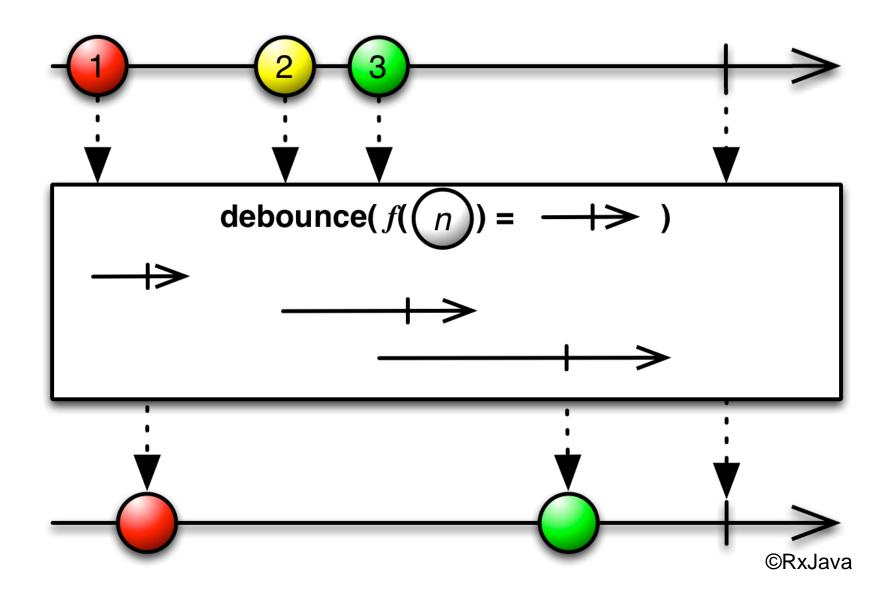
Debounce also limits the rate of the emission of the items, by adding a delay before reemitting

```
debounce(long delay, TimeUnit timeUnit); // Observable<T>
debounce(Func1<T, Observable<U> func1); // Observable<T>
```

Debouncing

It two items are emitted within the same time frame, the first

one is lost



Wrap-up on RxJava

Complex API, many different concepts, many methods Allows to process data in chosen threads, this is useful for IO, computations, specialized threads (GUI threads) Allows the synchronization of operations on clocks on application events Works in pull mode, and also in push mode backpressure

Getting the best of both worlds?

What about connecting a J8 Stream to a Rx Observable?

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If we have a Spliterator, not much more complex:

```
Spliterator<T> spliterator = ...;
Observable<T> observable =
   Observable.from(() -> Spliterators.iterator(spliterator));
```

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But we need to do that ourselves...

To implement an Iterator:

- 1) We need to implement next() and hasNext()
- 2) remove() is a default method in Java 8

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So we need an adapter...

How has it been done in the JDK?

```
public static<T> Iterator<T>
iterator(Spliterator<? extends T> spliterator) {
    class Adapter implements Iterator<T>, Consumer<T> {
        // implementation
    }
    return new Adapter() ;
}
```

```
class Adapter implements Iterator<T>, Consumer<T> {
   boolean valueReady = false ;
   T nextElement;
   public void accept(T t) {
      valueReady = true ;
      nextElement = t ;
   public boolean hasNext() {
      if (!valueReady)
         spliterator.tryAdvance(this); // calls accept()
      return valueReady ;
   public T next() {
      if (!valueReady && !hasNext())
         throw new NoSuchElementException();
      else {
         valueReady = false ;
         return nextElement ;
```

Let us adapt this pattern!

```
public static<T> Iterator<T>
of(Observable<? extends T> observable) {
   class Adapter implements Iterator<T> {
       // implementation
   }
   return new Adapter() ;
}
```

```
class Adapter implements Iterator<T>, Consumer<T> {
   boolean valueReady = false ;
   T nextElement;
   public void accept(T t) { // needs to be called by the Observable
     valueReady = true ;
     nextElement = t ;
   public boolean hasNext() {
      return valueReady ;
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```

The accept method

```
class Adapter implements Iterator<T>, Consumer<T> {
  boolean valueReady = false ;
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  public void accept(T t) {
     observable.subscribe(
        element -> nextElement = element, // onNext
        exception -> valueReady = false, // onError
        () -> valueReady = false  // onComplete
```

The accept method

```
final...
```

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class Adapter implements Iterator<T>, Consumer<T>
   boolean valueReady <del>← false ;</del>
  T nextElement;
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        element -> nextElement = element, // onNext
        exception -> valueReady = false, // onError
        () -> valueReady = false // onComplete
```

We can wrap those value in Atomic variable

```
class Adapter implements Iterator<T>, Consumer<T> {
  AtomicBoolean valueReady = new AtomicBoolean(false);
  AtomicReference<T> nextElement = new AtomicReference();
  public void accept(T t) {
     observable.subscribe(
        element -> nextElement.set(element), // onNext
        exception -> valueReady.set(false), // onError
        () -> valueReady.set(false) // onComplete
```

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```
Wrapper<Boolean> wb = () -> true ;
Action1<Boolean> onNext = b -> wb.set(b) ; // should return Wrapper<T>
```

```
interface Wrapper<E> {
    E get();
    public default Wrapper<E> set(E e) {
        // should return a wrapper of e
    }
}
```

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```

So we can build an Iterator on an Observable

And with it, a Spliterator on an Observable it will work on *cold* observables

The cold observables can be implemeted with Java 8 Streams

The hot observables can be implemented by combining both API

Comparisons: Patterns & Performances

Let us do some comparisons

Let us take one use case

Implemented in Rx and J8 Streams

See the different ways of writing the same processings And compare the processing times using JMH

Shakespeare plays Scrabble

Published in Java Magazine

Presented in Java One 2014

Used during Virtual Technology Summit

https://community.oracle.com/docs/DOC-916777

https://github.com/JosePaumard/jdk8-lambda-tour

Shakespeare plays Scrabble

Basically, we have the set of the words used by Shakespeare The official Scrabble player dictionnary

And the question is: how good at Scrabble Shakespeare would have been?

Shakespeare plays Scrabble

- 1) Build the histogram of the letters of a word
- 2) Number of blanks needed for a letter in a word
- 3) Number of blanks needed to write a word
- 4) Predicate to check is a word can be written with 2 blanks
- 5) Bonus for a doubled letter
- 6) Final score of a word
- 7) Histogram of the scores
- 8) Best word

1) Histogram of the letters

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```
// Histogram of the letters in a given word
Func1<String, Observable<HashMap<Integer, LongWrapper>>> histoOfLetters =
        word -> toIntegerObservable.call(word)
                 .collect(
                    () -> new HashMap<Integer, LongWrapper>(),
                    (HashMap<Integer, LongWrapper> map, Integer value) -> {
                       LongWrapper newValue = map.get(value) ;
                       if (newValue == null) {
                          newValue = () -> 0L ;
                       map.put(value, newValue.incAndSet());
                    });
```

1) Histogram of the letters

```
interface LongWrapper {
   long get();
   public default LongWrapper set(long 1) {
     return () -> 1;
   public default LongWrapper incAndSet() {
     return () -> get() + 1L;
   public default LongWrapper add(LongWrapper other) {
     return () -> get() + other.get();
```

2) # of blanks for a letter

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3) # of blanks for a word

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4) Predicate for 2 blanks

```
// can a word be written with 2 blanks?
Predicate<String> checkBlanks = word -> nBlanks.apply(word) <= 2;</pre>
```

```
// Placing the word on the board
// Building the streams of first and last letters
Function<String, IntStream> first3 =
  word -> word.chars().limit(3);
```

```
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// Building the streams of first and last letters
Func1<String, Observable<Integer>> first3 =
   word ->
     Observable.from(
        IterableSpliterator.of(
            word.chars().boxed().limit(3).spliterator()
        )
     );
```

6) Final score of a word

```
// score of the word put on the board
Function<String, Integer> score3 =
  word ->
    2*(score2.apply(word)
    + bonusForDoubleLetter.applyAsInt(word))
    + (word.length() == 7 ? 50 : 0);
```

6) Final score of a word

```
// score of the word put on the board
Func1<String, Observable<Integer>> score3 =
   word ->
      Observable.just(
         score2.call(word), score2.call(word),
         bonusForDoubleLetter.call(word),
         bonusForDoubleLetter.call(word),
         Observable.just(word.length() == 7 ? 50 : 0)
      .flatMap(observable -> observable)
      .reduce(Integer::sum);
```

7) Histogram of the scores

```
Function<Function<String, Integer>, Map<Integer, List<String>>>
buildHistoOnScore =
   score -> shakespeareWords.stream().parallel()
                  .filter(scrabbleWords::contains)
                  .filter(checkBlanks)
                  .collect(
                      Collectors.groupingBy(
                         score,
                          () -> new TreeMap<>(Comparator. reverseOrder()),
                         Collectors.toList()
```

7) Histogram of the scores

```
Func1<Func1<String, Observable<Integer>>, Observable<TreeMap<Integer, List<String>>>>
buildHistoOnScore =
        score -> Observable.from(() -> shakespeareWords.iterator())
                           .filter(scrabbleWords::contains)
                           .filter(word -> checkBlanks.call(word).toBlocking().first())
                           .collect(
                                () -> new TreeMap<Integer, List<String>>(Comparator.reverseOrder()),
                                (TreeMap<Integer, List<String>> map, String word) -> {
                                     Integer key = score.call(word).toBlocking().first();
                                     List<String> list = map.get(key) ;
                                     if (list == null) {
                                         list = new ArrayList<String>();
                                         map.put(key, list);
                                     list.add(word);
                           });
```

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```
// best key / value pairs
List<Entry<Integer, List<String>>> finalList2 =
   buildHistoOnScore.call(score3)
      .flatMap(map -> Observable.from(() -> map.entrySet().iterator()))
      .take(3)
      .collect(
         () -> new ArrayList<Entry<Integer, List<String>>>(),
         (list, entry) -> { list.add(entry); }
      .toBlocking()
      .first();
```

8) Best word

```
// best key / value pairs
CountDownLatch latch = new CountDownLatch(3);
   buildHistoOnScore.call(score3)
      .flatMap(map -> Observable.from(() -> map.entrySet().iterator()))
      .take(3)
      .collect(
         () -> new ArrayList<Entry<Integer, List<String>>>(),
         (list, entry) -> { list.add(entry) ; latch.countDown() ; }
     .forEach(...);
latch.await();
```

Patterns comparison

Java 8 Stream API: clean, simple, factory methods for Collectors

RxJava: flatMap calls, lack of factory methods

Java 8 can easily go parallel, which is a plus

Let us use JMH

Standard tool for measuring code performance on the JVM

Developed as an Open JDK tool

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http://openjdk.java.net/projects/code-tools/jmh/

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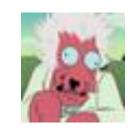
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http://openjdk.java.net/projects/code-tools/jmh/

http://openjdk.java.net/projects/code-tools/jcstress/

https://www.parleys.com/tutorial/java-microbenchmark-harness-the-lesser-two-evils

Easy to setup

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.openjdk.jmh</groupId>
    <artifactId>jmh-core</artifactId>
    <version>1.11.1</version>
</dependency>
```

Easy to use

```
@Benchmark
@BenchmarkMode(Mode.AverageTime)
@OutputTimeUnit(TimeUnit.MILLISECONDS)
@Warmup(iterations=5)
@Measurement(iterations=5)
@Fork(3)
public List<Entry<Integer, List<String>>> measureAverage() {
    // implementation to test
}
```

Launching a benchmark

- > mvn clean install
- > java -jar target/benchmark.jar

3 ways of measuring performances average execution time number of executions per second quantiles diagrams

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RxJava spends a lot of time openning observables, due to the all flatMap patterns

Functional programming is in the mood

From the pure performance point of view, things are not that simple

Java 8 Streams have adopted a partial functional approach, which is probably a good trade off

RxJava: rich and complex API
many patterns are available in Java 8 Streams
can run in Java 7 applications
the « push » approach is very interesting
choose your use case carefully, to avoir performance hits

http://www.reactive-streams.org/

http://reactivex.io/

https://github.com/reactive-streams/

Java 8 Streams: part of the JDK good performances, efficient memory footprint parallelization extensible through the Spliterator patterns

With more to come in Java 9

Java 9 is bringing a reactive framework as part of java.util.concurrent

http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/266

http://gee.cs.oswego.edu/dl/jsr166/dist/docs/index.html (Class Flow)



