



**Double Buffering**

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it's slot (let's say slot 0)**





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**1. Old value ( $\emptyset$ ) is assigned to  $i$ .**



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realtime thread can't overwrite us while  
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→ Unfortunately, calling `updateSpectrumUIButtonClicked` twice in a row will show old data!

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**Problem: reading twice in a row:**

