The following operators are part of the distinct rxjava-async module. They are used to convert synchronous methods into Observables.

- start() create an Observable that emits the return value of a function
- toAsync() or asyncAction() or asyncFunc() convert a function or Action into an Observable that executes the function and emits its return value
- startFuture() convert a function that returns Future into an Observable that emits that Future's return value
- deferFuture() convert a Future that returns an Observable into an Observable, but do not attempt to get the Observable that the Future returns until a Subscriber subscribes
- forEachFuture() pass Subscriber methods to an Observable but also have it behave like a Future that blocks until it completes
- fromAction() convert an Action into an Observable that invokes the action and emits its result when a Subscriber subscribes
- fromCallable() convert a Callable into an Observable that invokes the callable and emits its result or exception when a Subscriber subscribes
- fromRunnable() convert a Runnable into an Observable that invokes the runable and emits its result when a Subscriber subscribes
- runAsync() returns a StoppableObservable that emits multiple actions as generated by a specified Action on a Scheduler