



Reactive Extensions for JavaScript

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Overview



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What are observables?

- Represents (asynchronous) data that is published over time

Observable
„Source“



Operator
(z. B. map)

Observer
„Destination“



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Observer

Option with more than one
parameter is now deprecated!

```
myObservable.subscribe(  
  (result) => { ... },  
  (error) => { ... },  
  () => { ... }  
);
```

← **Observer**



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Observer

```
myObservable.subscribe(  
  (result) => { ... }  
);
```



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Observer

```
myObservable.subscribe(  
  next: (result) => { ... },  
  error: (error) => { ... },  
  complete: () => { ... }  
));
```



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Deprecated!

Example

```
this
  .http
  .get("http://www.angular.at/api/...")
  .map(flightDateStr => new Date(flightDateStr))
  .subscribe({
    next: (date) => { ... },
    error: (err) => { console.error(err); }
  });
```



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Example with Pipeable Operators

```
import { map } from 'rxjs/operators';

this
  .http
  .get("http://www.angular.at/api/...")
  .pipe(map(flightDateStr => new Date(flightDateStr)))
  .subscribe({
    next: (bookings) => { ... },
    error: (err) => { console.error(err); }
  });
```

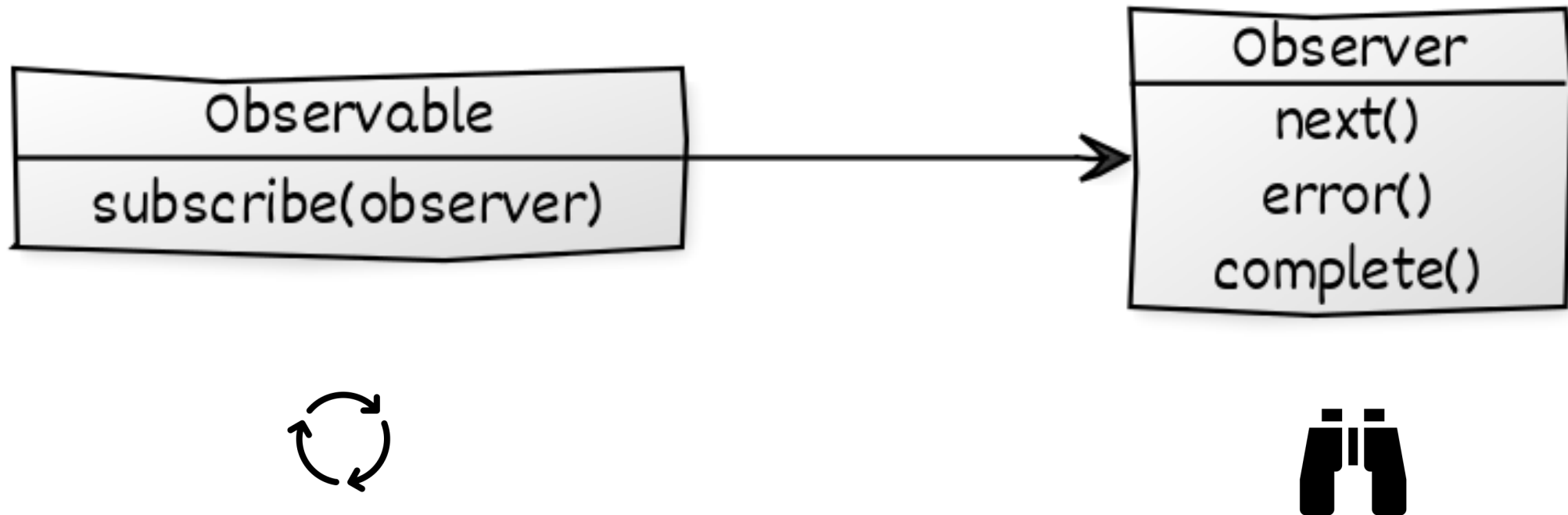


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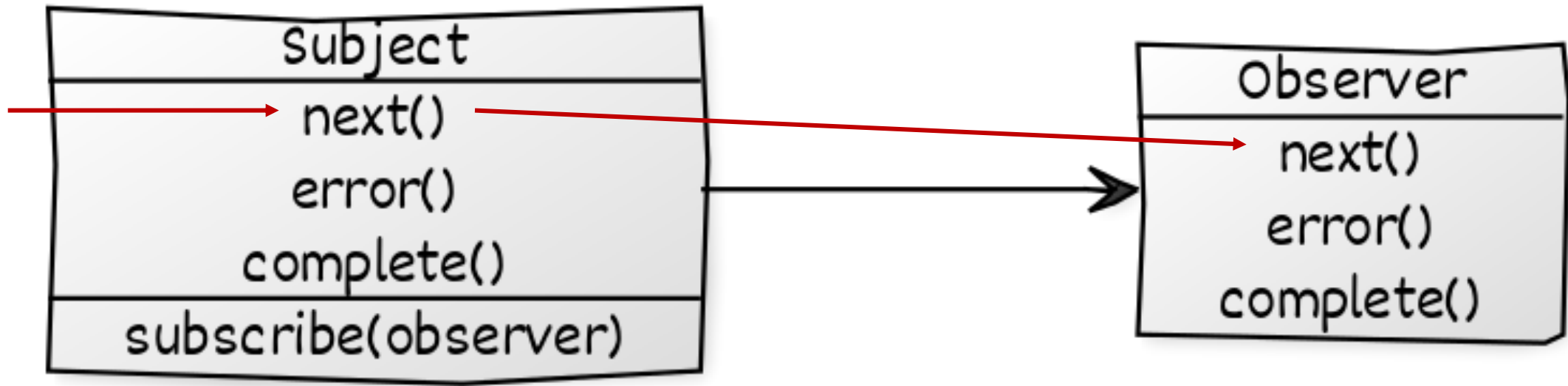


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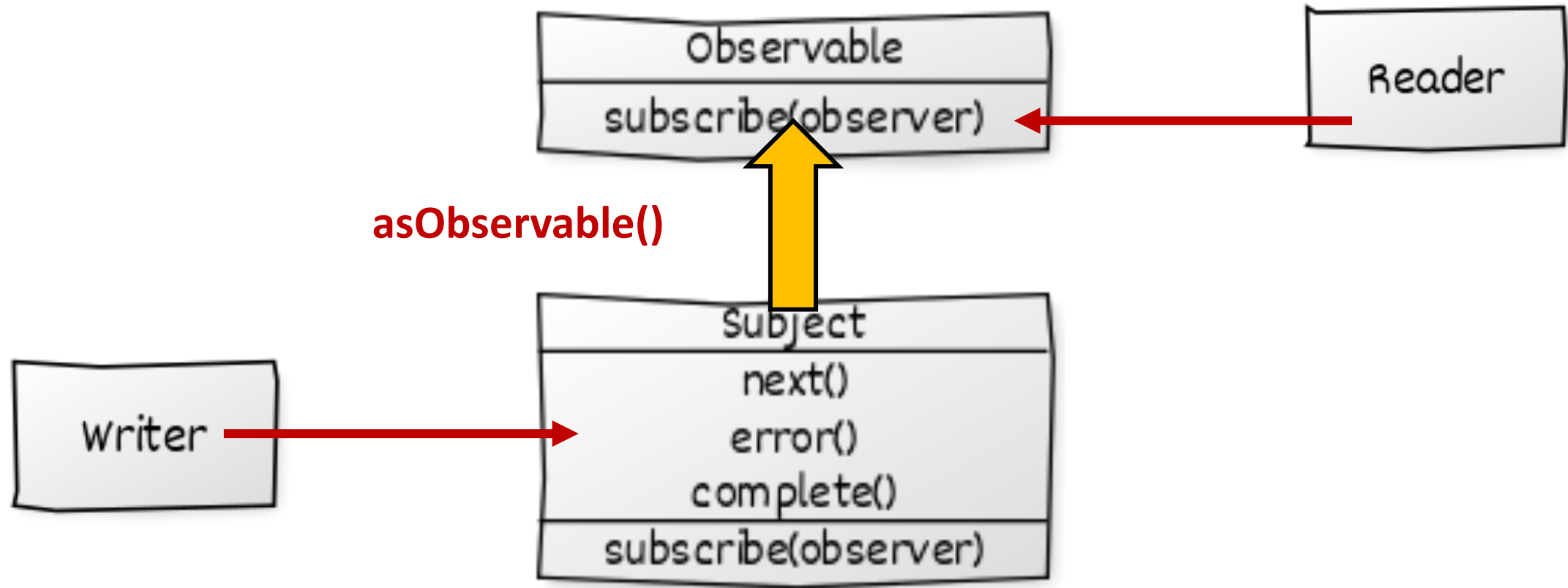
Observable und Observer



Subjects: Special Observables



Convert Subject into Observable



asObservable

```
private subject = new Subject<Flight>();  
readonly observable = subject.asObservable();
```

```
[...]  
this.observable.subscribe(...)
```

```
[...]  
this.subject.next(...)
```



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Why Observables?

Asynchronous
operations

Interactive
(reactive)
behavior



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Creating Observables



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Creating an Observable

```
let observable = new Observable((sender) => {  
    sender.next(4711);  
    sender.next(815);  
    // sender.error("err!");  
    sender.complete();  
    return () => { console.debug('Bye bye'); };  
});
```

} **Sync/Async, Event-driven**

```
let subscription = observable.subscribe(...);
```

```
subscription.unsubscribe();
```



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Creation Operators (Factories)

[<https://www.learnrxjs.io>]

fromEvent

of

throwError

interval

timer



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Cold vs. Hot Observables



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Cold vs. Hot Observables

Cold

- Default
- Point to point
- One Sender per consumer
- Lazy: Only starts at subscription

Hot

- Multicast
- Eager: Sender starts without subscriptions



Create Hot Observable

```
let o = this.find(from, to)
    .pipe(publish()) as ConnectableObservable<Flight[]>;

o.subscribe(...);

o.connect();

o.subscribe(...);
```



Create Hot Observable

```
let o = this.find(from, to).pipe(pipe(share()));
```

```
o.subscribe(...);
```



```
o.subscribe(...);
```

Sender starts with first subscription

**Sender stops after all receiver have
been unsubscribed**



Create Hot Observable

```
let o = this.find(from, to)
    .pipe(shareReplay(1));

o.subscribe(...);

o.subscribe(...);
```



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Transformation Operators



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Operators

[<http://rxmarbles.com/#map>]



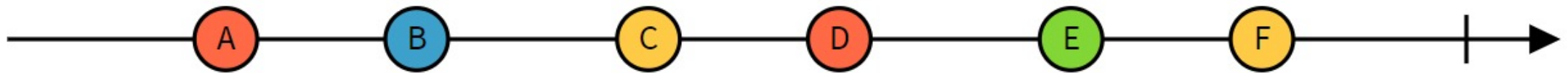
`map(x => 10 * x)`





`pluck("a")`





pairwise



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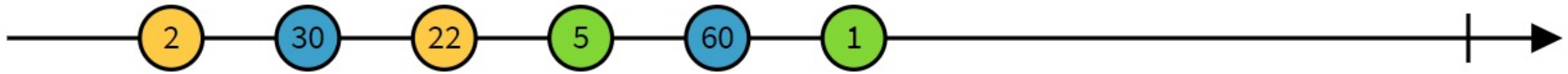
Filtering Operators



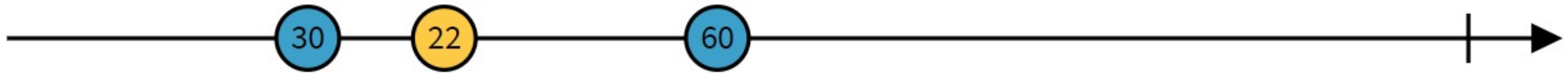
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```
filter(x => x > 10)
```



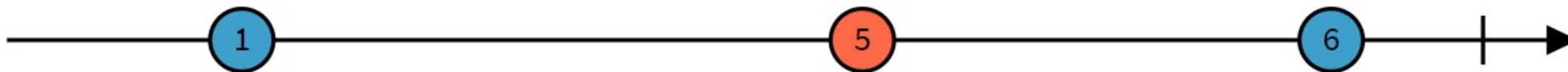
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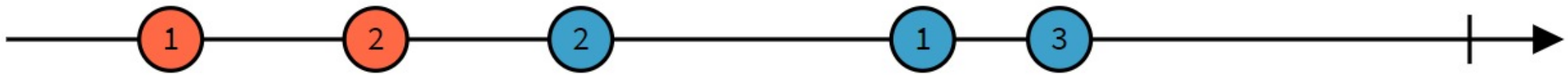
`debounceTime(10)`



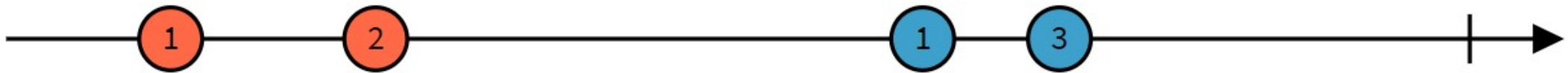
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`distinctUntilChanged`



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Simple Lookahead



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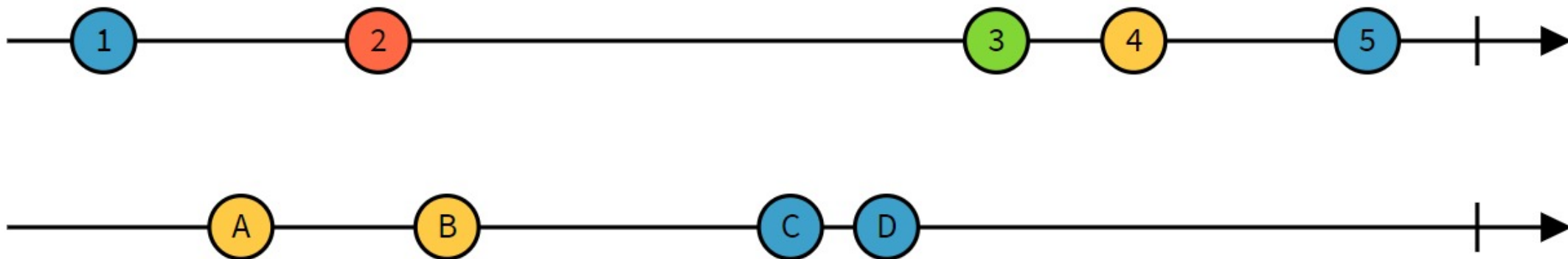
Combination Operators



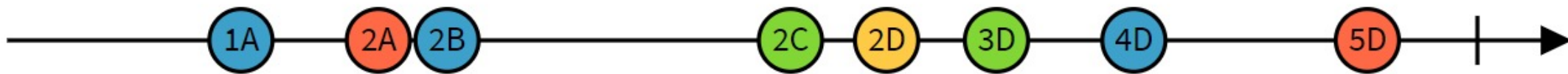
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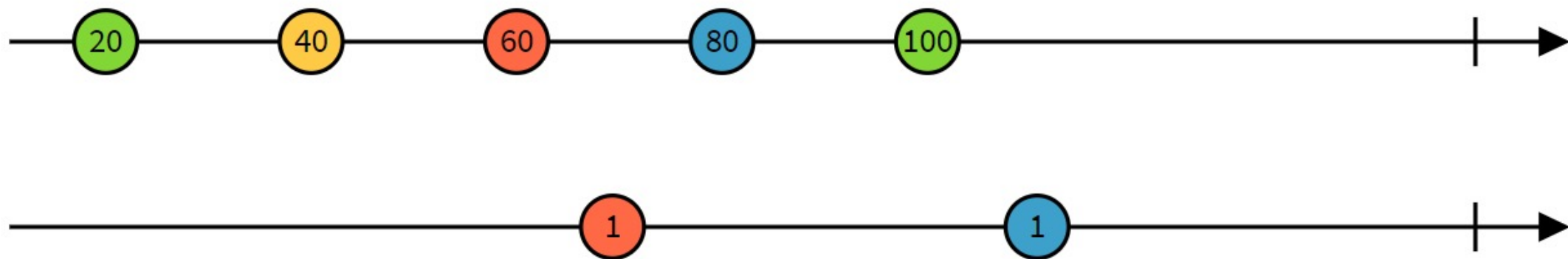
```
combineLatest((x, y) => "" + x + y)
```



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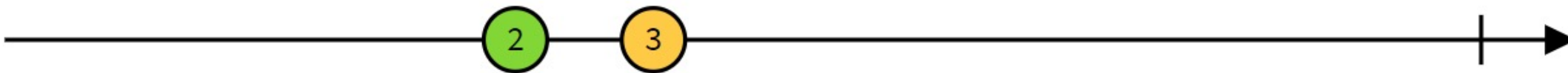
merge



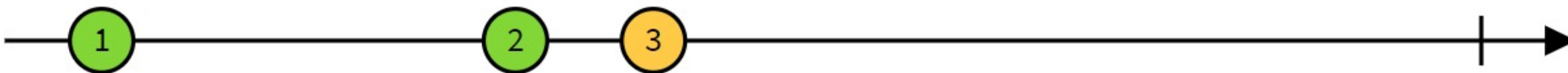
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`startWith(1)`



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Combine Streams



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Higher Order Observables



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Operators for Higher Order Observables

- mergeMap
 - merges outer (source) and inner observables
- exhaustMap
 - outer is ignored until inner is finished
- switchMap
 - inner will be completed after next outer
- concatMap
 - outer will be sent after inner is finished



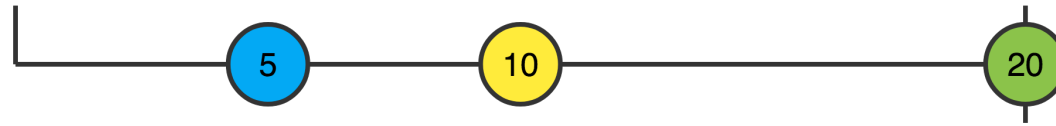
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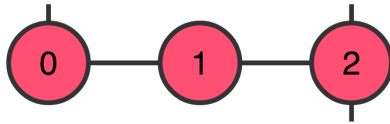
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0ms 2ms 4ms 6ms 8ms 10ms 12ms 14ms 16ms 18ms 20ms 22ms 24ms 26ms

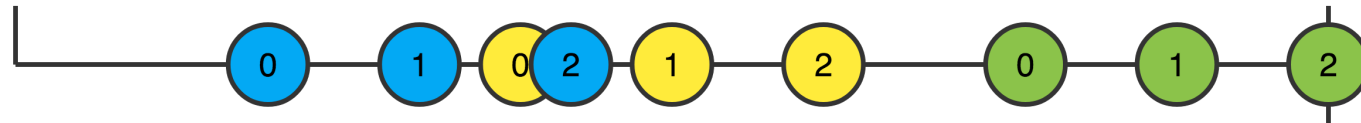
[source\$] A stream that emits at [5ms, 10ms, 20ms]



[target\$] will be mapped to a timer that emits at [N+0ms, N+3ms, N+6ms]



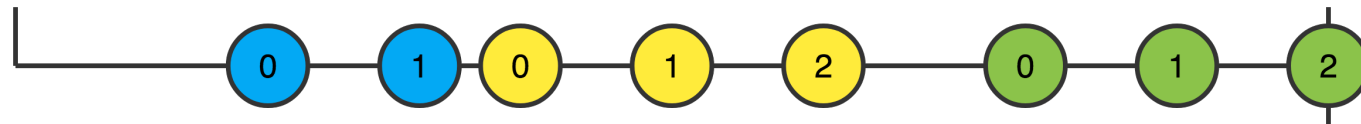
mergeMap



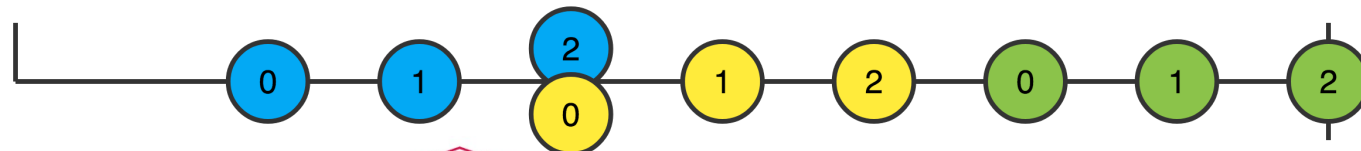
exhaustMap



switchMap



concatMap



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Error Handling



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Operators for Error Handling

- catchError
- retry
- retryWhen

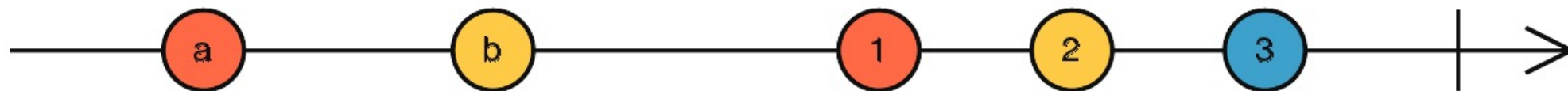
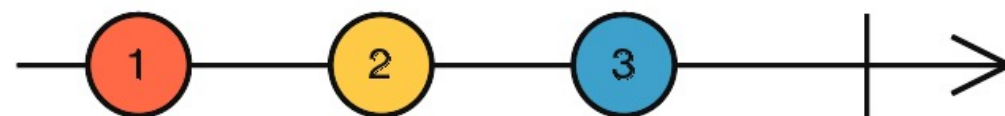
- throwError



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Subjects

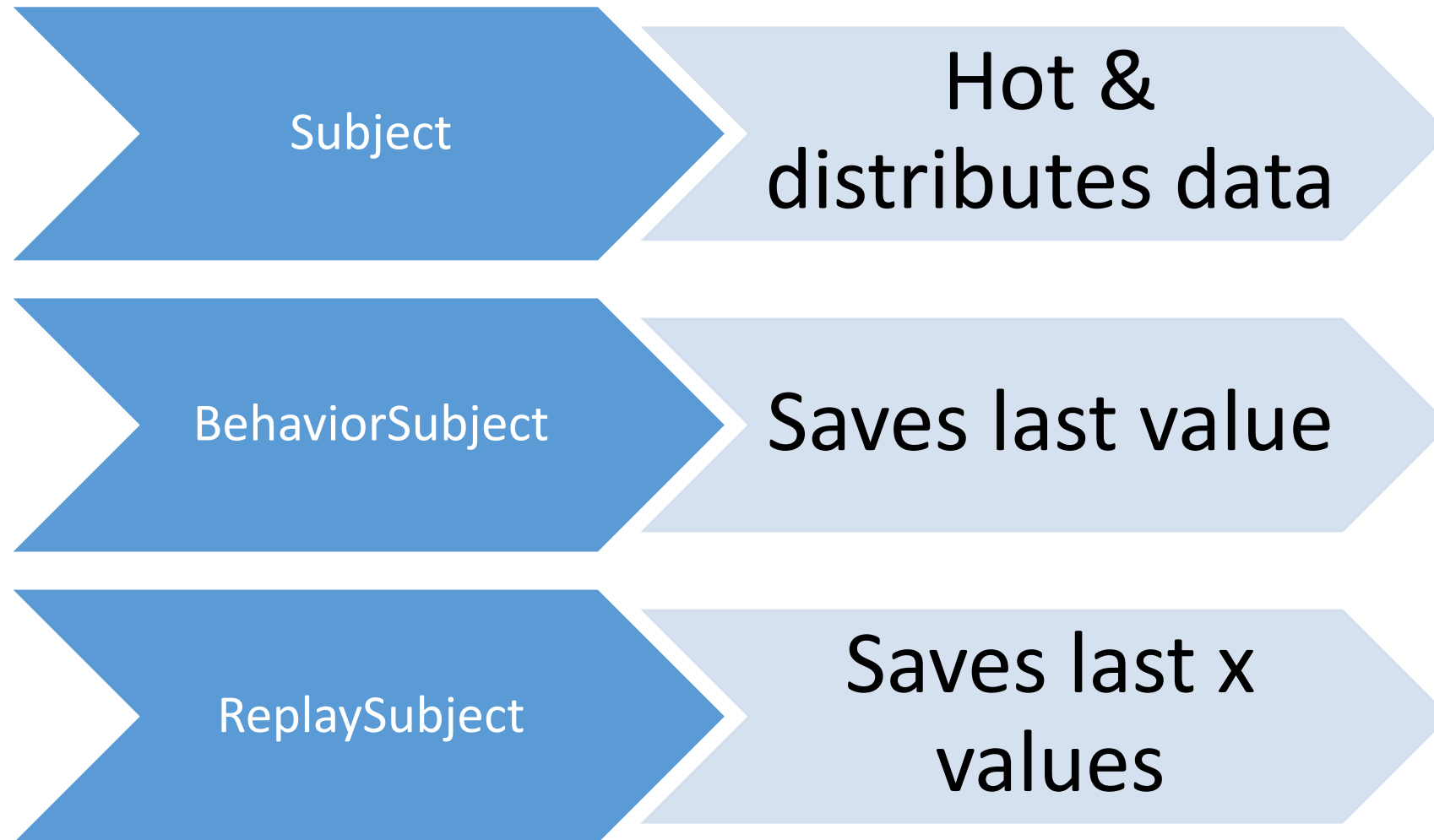


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Subjects



Closing Observables



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Closing Observables

- Explicitly
 - let subscription = observable\$.subscribe(...);
subscription.**unsubscribe()**;
- Implicitly
 - observable\$.pipe(**take(2)**).subscribe(...);
 - observable\$.pipe(**first()**).subscribe(...);
 - observable\$.pipe(**takeUntil(otherSubject)**).subscribe(...);
- Implicitly with async-Pipe in Angular
 - {{ observable\$ | **async** }}
- Automatic by Angular
 - Everything, Angular opens is also closed by it



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DEMO: TakeUntil in ngOnDestroy



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 - <https://angular.io/guide/rx-library>
- Official documentation
 - <http://reactivex.io/rxjs/class/es6/Observable.js~Observable.html>



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