# Reactive programming with Spring

# Reactive system

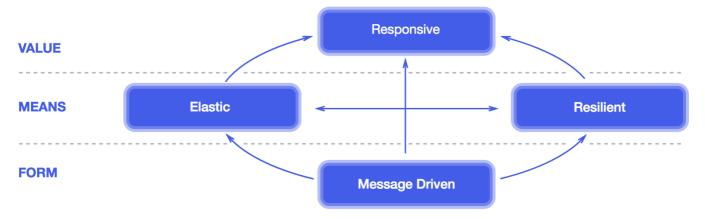
Any application should react to changes:

- any changes in demand (load)
- any changes in the availability of services

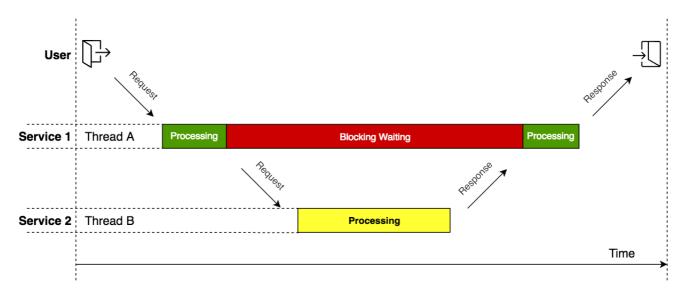
these kinf of app should be **reactive** to any changes that affects the system ability to response to user request

Main features of the **reactive** app:

- ability to stay responsive under a varying workload
- throughput of the system should increase automatically when more users start using it
- should decrease automatically when the demand goes down.

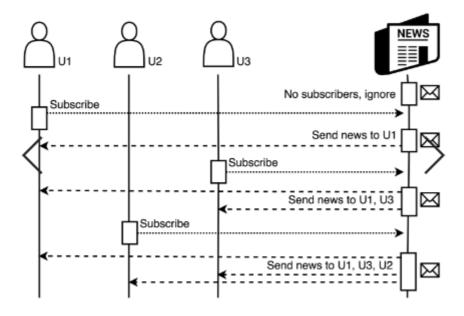


In the interconnected world of microservices one possible botleneck could be the blocking communication among microservices with ex Spring Boot + http based communication.

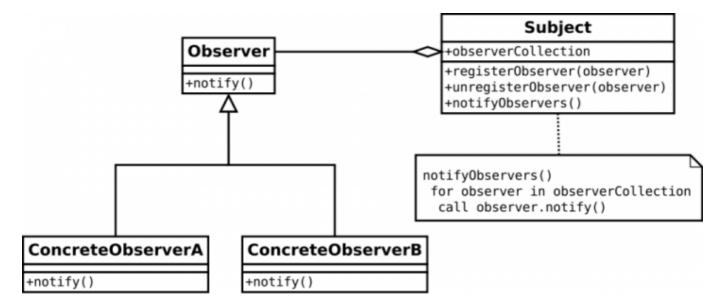


# Reactive Programming

Observer real life situation



## Observer design pattern as a solution



## Reactive solution with java libraries

Reactive solution main building blocks: Observer + Iterator design pattern implemented in

- RxJava 1.X
- RxJava 2.x

However not fully succesfull.

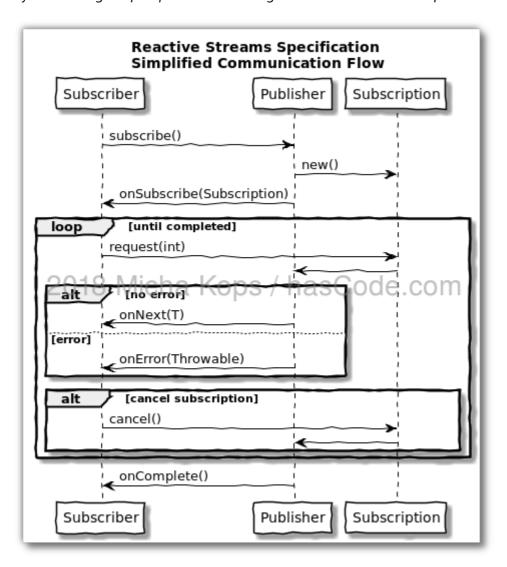
## Reactive Stream spec

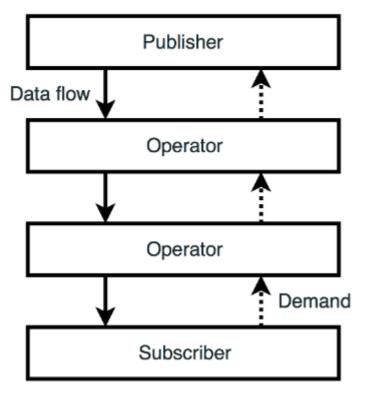
The Reactive Streams **specification** defines the following interfaces:

- Publisher<T> ( start point of the communication)
- Subscriber<T> (end point of the communication),
- Subscription (handle the start end points relation),

• and Processor <T, R> (some transformation logic).

by introducing the *pull-push* data exchange model resolves the *backpressure* issue.





# Projector Reactor as implementation of the Reactive Stream Spec

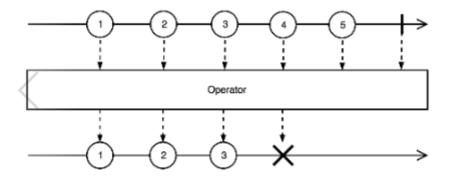
- Project Reactor 1.x
- Project Reactor 2.x

Adding Reactor to the Spring (5.x) project

```
compile("io.projectreactor:reactor-core:3.2.0.RELEASE")
//...
testCompile("io.projectreactor:reactor-test:3.2.0.RELEASE")
```

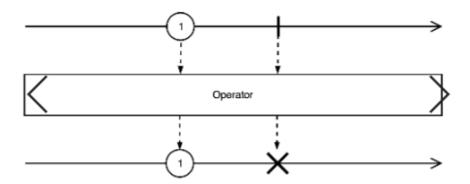
Reactive types – Flux and Mono as Publisher<T> implementation

• Flux defines a reactive stream that can produce zero, one, or many elements



Flux stream transformed into another Flux stream

Mono defines a reactive stream that can produce zero, or one element



## **Example of Reactive Flux streams**

```
Flux<String> stream1 = Flux.just("Hello","world");
Flux<Integer> stream2 = Flux.fromArray(newInteger[]{1,2,3});
Flux<Integer> stream3 = Flux.fromIterable(Arrays.asList(9, 8, 7));
//...
Flux<Integer> stream4 = Flux.range(2019, 9); // starting with 2019 generate 9 elements
```

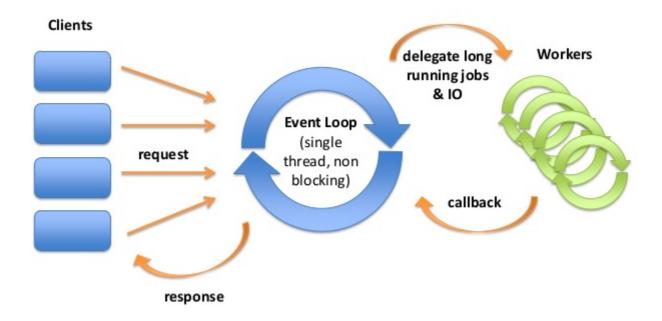
### **Example of Reactive Mono streams**

```
Mono<String> stream5 = Mono.just("One");
Mono<String> stream6 = Mono.justOrEmpty(null);
Mono<String> stream7 = Mono.justOrEmpty(Optional.empty());
//...
Mono<String> stream8 = Mono.fromCallable(()->httpRequest()); // handling a asynchronous requests http|db
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Mono<String> stream8 = Mono.fromCallable(this::httpRequest);
```

Use cases with different subscribe functions.

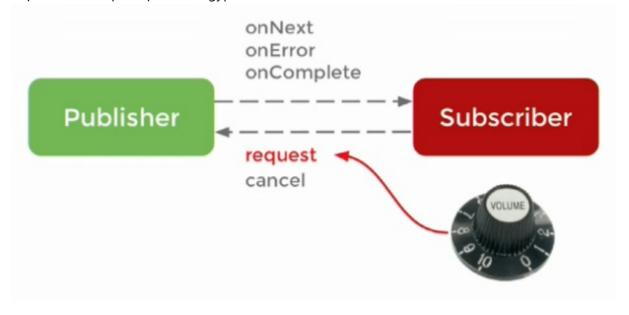
```
Flux.just("A","B","C")
    .subscribe(
         data -> log.info("onNext: {}", data),
         err ->{ /* ignored */ },
         ()-> log.info("onComplete")
    );
```

# Reactive Spring



## The core features are:

- handle the backpressure backpressure is a mechanism that permits a receiver to ask how much dat it wants to receive from the emitter.
- implements the push-pull strategy|model



- reactive stream based controllers, and alternatives to different handler design
- functional programming (lambda oriented routing, processing)
- non-blocking: make asynchronous calls and respond as the results of those calls are returned

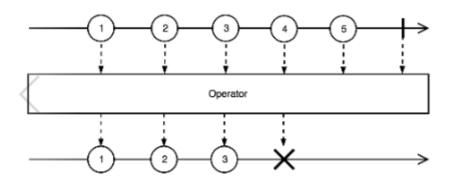
# @Controller, @RequestMapping Spring MVC Spring Web Reactive Servlet API Reactive HTTP

Servlet Container

Servlet 3.1, Netty, Undertow

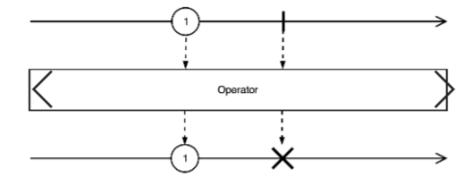
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Initializing Spring with reactive features (Use Case)

• Web -> Reactive Web (Includes Spring WebFlux)

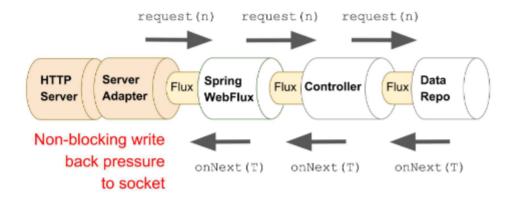
- NoSQL -> Reactive MongoDB (includes the drivers)
- NoSQL -> Embedded MongoDB (run embedded version of MongoDB)
- Core -> Lombok (special annotation will generate getters, setters. etc...)

## Application dependencies (starters)

```
dependencies {
    compile('org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-data-mongodb-
reactive')
    compile('org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-webflux')
    compile('org.projectlombok:lombok')
    compile('de.flapdoodle.embed:de.flapdoodle.embed.mongo')
    runtime('org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-devtools')
    testCompile('org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-test')
    testCompile('io.projectreactor:reactor-test')
}
```

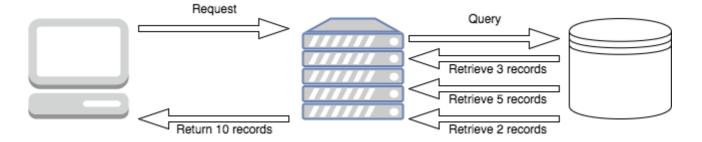
## (Webflux) application main elements

- DeliveryModel define the model returned by the repository
- DeliveryRepository define the interface of the repository, to persist to and from the DB (reactive DB!!!)
- DeliveryService (Interface and Implementation) implement the service logic (interact with the repository)
- DeliveryController receives the requests and return reactive responses (Mono and FLuxes)

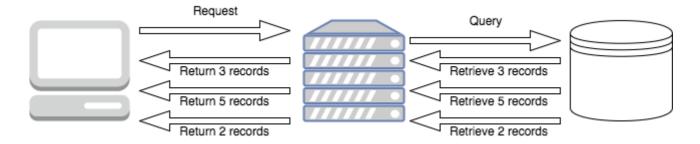


## Important notes regarding the DB

## Spring with blocking (nonreactive) DB connection



## Spring with nonblocking (reactive ) DB connection



## sending a POST request to the Web

```
POST /delivery HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost:8080
User-Agent: PostmanRuntime/7.13.0
Accept: */*
Host: localhost:8080

{
    "toAddress": "Fo utca 3. kincseskolozsvar",
    "customer": "Matyas kiraly"
}
```

## receiving GET request

```
GET /deliveries HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost:8080
Content-Type: application/json
User-Agent: PostmanRuntime/7.13.0
Accept: */*
```

# Functional reactive services with Spring WebFlux

Functional Spring WebFlux application is based on

• a router responsible for routing HTTP requests to handler functions.

• handler functions are responsible for executing business functionality and building responses.

## In the handler functions

- The handler functions return Mono.
- each method is passed a ServerRequest argument
- the ok() method returns a BodyBuilder with an HTTP status code of 200;
- the body() method sets the contents to be returned to the caller and returns a Mono<ServerResponse>.

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