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How observable is different from Subject

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In **RxJS** (Reactive Extensions for JavaScript), both **Observable** and **Subject** play crucial roles in handling reactive programming, but they have key differences in behavior and use cases.

## 1. Observable

- An **Observable** is a **unicast** data stream, meaning each subscription creates a new execution of the observable.
- When a subscriber subscribes to an observable, it receives values emitted **individually for that subscription**.
- **Cold Observable**: Observables do not share execution; each observer gets its own independent stream.

**Example:**

```
typescript
import { Observable } from 'rxjs';

const observable = new Observable(observer => {
  observer.next(Math.random()); // Emits a random number
  observer.complete();
});

// Each subscription gets a separate execution
observable.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 1:', value));
observable.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 2:', value));
```

✓ Each subscriber gets a different random number because a new execution happens per subscription.

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## 2. Subject

- A **Subject** is both an **Observable** and an **Observer**.
- It is **multicast**, meaning it shares the same execution for multiple subscribers.
- **Hot Observable**: When a value is emitted, **all subscribers** receive it.

**Example:**

```
typescript
import { Subject } from 'rxjs';

const subject = new Subject();

subject.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 1:', value));
subject.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 2:', value));

subject.next(Math.random()); // Emits a random number
```

✓ Both subscribers receive the same value because the Subject shares the execution.

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## Key Differences

Feature	Observable	Subject
Execution	Creates a new execution for each subscriber	Shares execution among subscribers
Subscription Type	<b>Unicast</b> (each subscriber gets its own copy)	<b>Multicast</b> (all subscribers share the same emitted values)
Acts as an Observer	❌ No	✅ Yes
Example Use Case	API calls, event streams per subscriber	Broadcasting data to multiple subscribers

## When to Use What?

- Use **Observable** when you need **separate** executions for each subscriber (e.g., HTTP requests).
- Use **Subject** when you want to **broadcast** values to multiple subscribers (e.g., event handling, state management).

Let me know if you need further clarification! 🚀

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Let's break this down in **detail** with in-depth explanations and examples.

## 1. Observable: Separate Executions for Each Subscriber

### How It Works

An **Observable** creates a **new independent execution** for each subscriber. This means that every time a new observer subscribes, the logic inside the observable executes again from the beginning.

### Example: HTTP Request Using Observable

One common use case for Observables is handling **HTTP requests** in Angular or JavaScript.

```
typescript
import { Observable } from 'rxjs';

const observable = new Observable(observer => {
  console.log('Observable execution started');
  const randomValue = Math.random(); // Generate a new value
  observer.next(randomValue);
  observer.complete();
});

// Each subscription starts a new execution
observable.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 1 received:', value));
observable.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 2 received:', value));
```

### What Happens Here?

- When **Subscriber 1** subscribes, the Observable executes and generates a **new** random number.

- When **Subscriber 2** subscribes, the Observable executes **again**, generating a **different** random number.
- **Each subscriber gets a different value because a new execution happens for each.**

## Use Case: API Calls

When making **HTTP requests**, we usually want each subscriber to get fresh data. Consider an API call using Angular's `HttpClient` (which returns an Observable):

```
typescript
import { HttpClient } from '@angular/common/http';
import { Observable } from 'rxjs';

constructor(private http: HttpClient) {}

getData(): Observable<any> {
  return this.http.get('https://api.example.com/data');
}

this.getData().subscribe(data => console.log('Subscriber 1:', data));
this.getData().subscribe(data => console.log('Subscriber 2:', data));
```

- ✓ Each subscriber makes a **separate** HTTP request, fetching fresh data.

## 2. Subject: Broadcasting Data to Multiple Subscribers

### How It Works

A Subject is an **Observable** and an **Observer** at the same time. It **shares execution** among all subscribers. When a Subject emits a value, **all subscribers receive the same value**.

### Example: Subject Sharing Data

```
typescript
import { Subject } from 'rxjs';

const subject = new Subject();

// Subscribers listening to the subject
subject.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 1 received:', value));
subject.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 2 received:', value));

subject.next(Math.random()); // Emits a single random value to all subscribers
```

### What Happens Here?

- The **Subject does not execute separately for each subscriber**.
- Instead, when `.next()` is called, **all subscribers receive the same value**.
- This is useful for **broadcasting** data to multiple parts of an application.

### Use Case: Event Handling (e.g., UI State)

Imagine an Angular service that **broadcasts** user authentication status:

```
typescript
import { Subject } from 'rxjs';

class AuthService {
  private authStatus = new Subject<boolean>();
```

```
// Observable to expose authentication status
authStatus$ = this.authService.asObservable();

login() {
  this.authService.next(true); // Notify all subscribers
}

logout() {
  this.authService.next(false); // Notify all subscribers
}
}

const authService = new AuthService();

authService.authStatus$.subscribe(status => console.log('Subscriber 1:', status));
authService.authStatus$.subscribe(status => console.log('Subscriber 2:', status));

authService.login(); // Both subscribers get "true"
```

✅ Both subscribers receive **the same authentication status update**.

## Key Differences Recap

Feature	Observable	Subject
Execution	New execution for each subscriber	Shared execution for all subscribers
Multicasting	No (Unicast)	Yes (Multicast)
Each Subscription Gets	Separate values	The same value
Common Use Case	HTTP requests, independent streams	Event handling, shared state

## When to Use What?

### ✅ Use Observable when:

- You need **separate** executions per subscriber.
- Example: **API calls**, independent event streams.

### ✅ Use Subject when:

- You want to **broadcast** data to multiple subscribers.
- Example: **Event handling, state management** (like user authentication status).

## Final Thought

- If you need a **fresh execution for every subscription**, use **Observable**.
- If you need to **share the same data across multiple subscribers**, use **Subject**.

Would you like any more examples or deeper explanations? 😊

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```
import { Subject } from 'rxjs'; const subject = new Subject(); subject.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 1:', value)); subject.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 2:', value)); subject.next(Math.random()); // Emits a random number
```

In this code what if we place this line of code(`subject.next(Math.random());`) above the subscribers?

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If you move `subject.next(Math.random());` **above** the subscribers in your code, like this:

```
typescript
import { Subject } from 'rxjs';

const subject = new Subject();

subject.next(Math.random()); // Emits a random number BEFORE any subscribers

subject.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 1:', value));
subject.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 2:', value));
```

### What Will Happen?

- The emitted value **will NOT be received** by any subscribers.
- This is because **Subjects do not store past values**—they only pass values to active subscribers **at the time of emission**.
- Since there were **no subscribers** when `.next()` was called, the value is lost.
- When the subscribers subscribe, they are just listening for **future** values, but none will come unless `.next()` is called again.

### How to Fix It?

If you want new subscribers to receive the last emitted value, use a **BehaviorSubject** instead of a Subject:

```
typescript
import { BehaviorSubject } from 'rxjs';

const behaviorSubject = new BehaviorSubject(Math.random()); // Initializes with a value

behaviorSubject.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 1:', value));
behaviorSubject.subscribe(value => console.log('Subscriber 2:', value));
```

### Difference?

- ✅ **BehaviorSubject** stores the last emitted value and immediately sends it to new subscribers.
- ✅ **Subject** does **not** store past values—subscribers only get values emitted **after** they subscribe.

Would you like a more detailed example or explanation? 😊

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`getData(): Observable<any> { return this.http.get('https://api.example.com/data'); }` What if we place this code after subscribers? I guess this placement will not impact anything.

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You're right! The placement of the `getData()` function **definition** (whether before or after the subscribers) **does not impact** the behavior.

## Why?

- A function declaration (`getData()`) is just a blueprint and does nothing until it is **called**.
- The execution of the observable only happens when `getData()` is **invoked** and a subscription is made.

## Example: Function Placement Doesn't Matter

✅ This works fine:

```
typescript
// Function is defined first, then called later
getData().subscribe(data => console.log('Subscriber 1:', data));
getData().subscribe(data => console.log('Subscriber 2:', data));

getData(): Observable<any> {
  return this.http.get('https://api.example.com/data');
}
```

✅ This also works fine:

```
typescript
getData(): Observable<any> {
  return this.http.get('https://api.example.com/data');
}

// Function is defined first, then called later
getData().subscribe(data => console.log('Subscriber 1:', data));
getData().subscribe(data => console.log('Subscriber 2:', data));
```

## Key Takeaways

- ✅ **Observable execution only starts when subscribed to**, regardless of function definition placement.
- ✅ The placement of the function definition **does not impact execution order**.
- ✅ Each subscription **creates a new HTTP request** (since Observables are **cold** by default).

Would you like a deeper dive into cold vs. hot Observables? 😊

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