

Consistent UIs with RxJS and NgRx

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RxJS
Masterclass



Functional
JavaScript

Traits of inconsistent UIs

- Derived states not recalculated → template out of sync
- Multiple sources of truth → components out of sync
- HTTP concurrency (queries / mutations)
 - Duplicated calls → flashing loading states
 - Out of order calls → wrong result
 - Aborted calls → no feedback

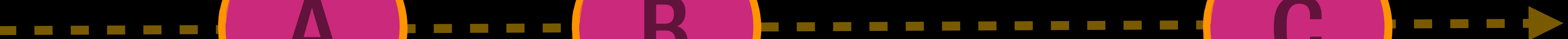
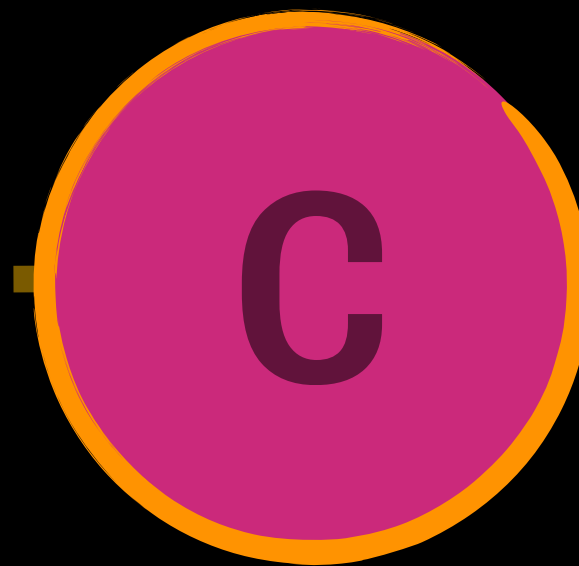
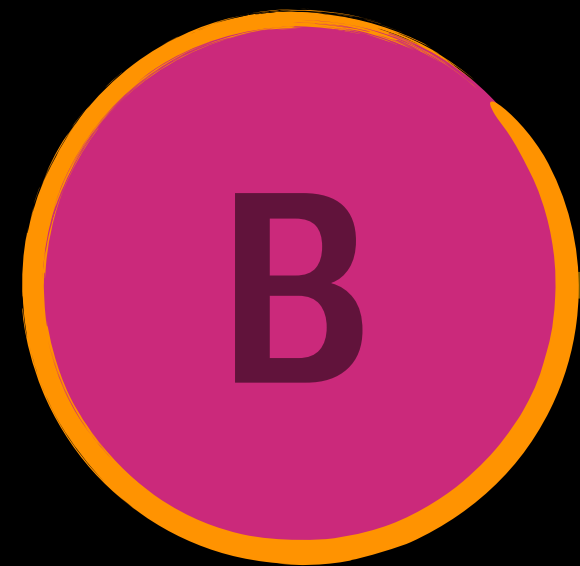
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Observable?



A stream of values over time, that can be observed



Derived States

Reactivity → Declarative Dependencies

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RxJS

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```
export class InvoiceComponent {  
  
  total = 0;  
  
  onItemQuantityChange(i: number, qty: number) {  
    ...  
    this.total = this.items.reduce((tot, item) => tot + item.qty, 0);  
  }  
}
```

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export class InvoiceComponent {

  total = 0;

  onItemQuantityChange(i: number, qty: number) {
    ...
    this.total = this.items.reduce((tot, item) => tot + item.qty, 0);
  }

  onInvoiceLoad() {
    ...
    this.total = this.items.reduce((tot, item) => tot + item.qty, 0);
  }

  onItemAdd() {
    ...
    this.total = this.items.reduce((tot, item) => tot + item.qty, 0);
  }

  onItemRemove() {
    ...
    this.total = this.items.reduce((tot, item) => tot + item.qty, 0);
  }
}
```

- Scattered dependencies
- Error prone
- Not future-proof
- Repeated code
- Ad hoc functions (`recalculateTotal()`)
don't solve the problem

```
export class InvoiceComponent {  
  
  items$: Observable<Item[]>;  
  
  total$ = this.items$.pipe(  
    map(items => items.reduce((tot, item) => tot + item.qty, 0))  
  )  
}
```

- Explicit dependencies (**items** → **total**)
- Always in sync, no manual updates

```
export class InvoiceComponent {  
  
  items$: Observable<Item[]>;  
  invoiceInfo$: Observable<Info>;  
  
  total$ = combineLatest([this.items$, this.invoiceInfo$]).pipe(  
    map(([items, info]) => {  
      const itemsTotal = items.reduce((tot, item) => tot + item.qty, 0);  
      return itemsTotal + info.stampDuty;  
    })  
  )  
}
```

```
export class InvoiceComponent {  
  
  form: FormGroup = ...;  
  
  total$ = valueChanges(this.form).pipe(  
    map(({ items, stampDuty }) => {  
      const itemsTotal = items.reduce((tot, item) => tot + item.qty, 0);  
      return itemsTotal + stampDuty;  
    })  
  )  
}
```

- Suggested: custom operator instead of **form.valueChanges** (for now)

<https://michelestieven.medium.com/angular-derived-values-from-forms-with-rxjs-48760807ed1e>

Single Source of Truth

Avoid duplicate states as much as possible

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RxJS

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Invoice

Consultancy (4h)



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RxJS

2h

TypeScript

1h



Cambiamenti salvati con successo

```
export class InvoiceListComponent {  
  
  invoices$ = this.store.select(selectInvoices);  
  
  ngOnInit() {  
    this.store.dispatch(getInvoices());  
  }  
}
```

```
export class InvoiceComponent {  
  
  onInvoiceSave() {  
    const invoice = {  
      title: 'New Invoice',  
      amount: 100,  
      date: new Date().toLocaleDateString(),  
    };  
    this.store.dispatch(saveInvoice(invoice));  
  }  
}
```

```
voices);
```

```
export class InvoiceComponent {  
  
  onInvoiceSave() {  
    const invoice = this.form.value;  
    this.store.dispatch(saveInvoice({ invoice }));  
  }  
}
```

```
export const invoicesReducer = createReducer(  
  initialState,  
  on(saveInvoiceSuccess, (state, action) => {  
    return {  
      ...state,  
      [action.invoice.id]: action.invoice  
    }  
  })  
)
```

```
reloadOnSave$ = createEffect(() => this.actions$.pipe(  
  ofType(saveInvoiceSuccess),  
  map(getInvoices)  
))
```

Concurrency

From Event Handlers to Declarative Effects

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2h

TypeScript

1h

Delete

```
export class InvoiceComponent {  
  
  id$ = this.route.paramMap.pipe(  
    map(params => params.get('id'))  
  )  
  
  onInvoiceDelete() {  
    this.id$.pipe(  
      switchMap(id => this.invoicesService.delete(id))  
    ).subscribe()  
  }  
}
```

Problems

- Duplicated calls (missing `take(1)`)
- Concurrency

```
<button [disabled]="deleting">Delete</button>
```

```
onInvoiceDelete() {  
  this.deleting = true;  
  this.id$.pipe(  
    take(1),  
    switchMap(id ⇒ this.invoicesService.delete(id)),  
    finalize(() ⇒ this.deleting = false)  
  ).subscribe()  
}
```

Problems

- Components bloated with variables, error prone
- Business logic tied to the UI, it's likely to break



```
<button [disabled]="deleting">Delete</button>
```

```
onInvoiceDelete() {  
  this.deleting = true;  
  this.id$.pipe(  
    take(1),  
    switchMap(id ⇒ this.invoicesService.delete(id)),  
    finalize(() ⇒ this.deleting = false)  
  ).subscribe()  
}
```

Suggested dev.to article

No, disabling a button is not app logic.

- David K. 



```
export class InvoiceComponent {  
  
  id$ = this.route.paramMap.pipe(...);  
  
  delete$ = new Subject<void>();  
  sub = Subscription | null = null;  
  
  ngOnInit() {  
    this.sub = delete$.pipe(  
      withLatestFrom(this.id$),  
      exhaustMap(([, id]) => this.invoiceService.delete(id))  
    ).subscribe();  
  }  
  
  ngOnDestroy() {  
    this.sub?.unsubscribe();  
  }  
}
```

```
<button (click)="delete$.next()">Delete</button>
```

```
export class InvoiceComponent {

  id$ = this.route.paramMap.pipe(...);

  delete$ = new Subject<void>();
  sub = Subscription | null = null;

  ngOnInit() {
    this.sub = delete$.pipe(
      withLatestFrom(this.id$),
      exhaustMap(([, id]) => this.invoiceService.delete(id))
    ).subscribe();
  }

  ngOnDestroy() {
    this.sub?.unsubscribe();
  }
}
```

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export class InvoiceComponent {

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      withLatestFrom(this.id$),
      exhaustMap(([, id]) => this.invoiceService.delete(id))
    ).subscribe();
  }

  ngOnDestroy() {
    this.sub?.unsubscribe();
  }
}
```

Problem

- Verbosity

```
export class InvoiceStore extends ComponentStore<InvoiceState> {  
  
    id$ = this.route.paramMap.pipe(...);  
  
    deleteInvoice = this.effect((delete$: Observable<void>) => {  
        return delete$.pipe(  
            withLatestFrom(this.id$),  
            exhaustMap(([, id]) => this.invoiceService.delete(id).pipe(  
                tapResponse(  
                    // Do stuff  
                )  
            ))  
        );  
    });  
}
```

NgRx Component Store

```
export class InvoiceStore extends ComponentStore<InvoiceState> {

    id$ = this.route.paramMap.pipe(...);

    deleteInvoice = this.effect((delete$: Observable<void>) => {
        return delete$.pipe(
            withLatestFrom(this.id$),
            exhaustMap(([, id]) => this.invoiceService.delete(id).pipe(
                tapResponse(

            )
        ))
    });
}
```

```
export class InvoiceComponent {

    constructor(private store: InvoiceStore) {}

    onDelete() {
        this.store.deleteInvoice();
    }
}
```

Effects

UI-based effects

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1h

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2h

TypeScript

1h

Save


```
saveInvoice$ = createEffect(() => this.actions$.pipe(  
  ofType(saveInvoice),  
  switchMap(invoice => this.invoiceService.save(invoice.id, invoice).pipe(  
    map(invoice => saveInvoiceSuccess({ invoice })),  
    catchError(error => of(saveInvoiceError({ error })))  
  ))  
))
```

NgRx

Problem

- `switchMap` is the right choice... but only if we're working on 1 invoice at a time!

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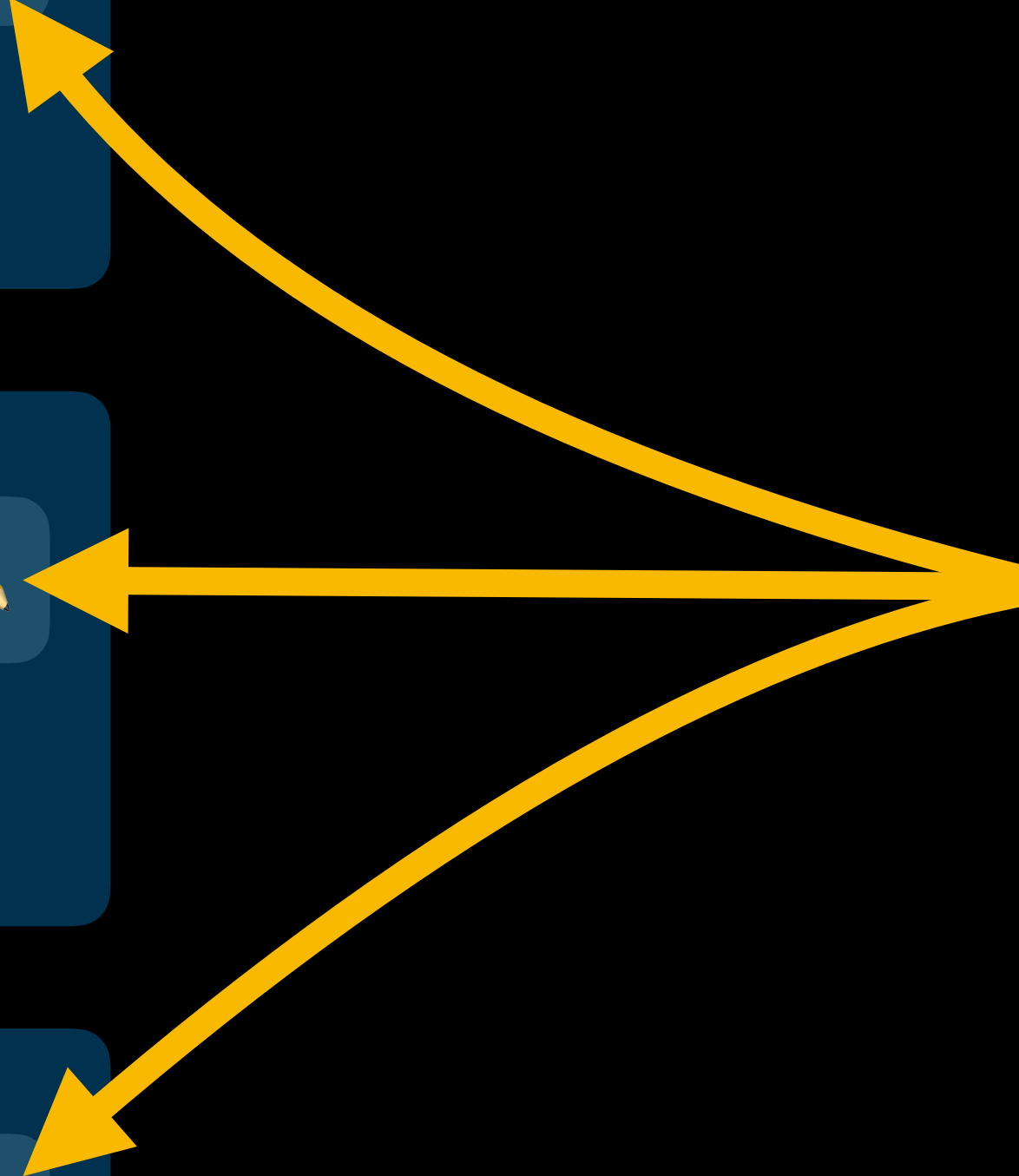
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Editing one of them should not impact the others






```
saveInvoice$ = createEffect(() => this.actions$.pipe(  
  ofType(saveInvoice),  
  groupBy(invoice => invoice.id),  
  mergeMap(group$ => group$.pipe(  
    switchMap(invoice => this.invoiceService.save(invoice.id, invoice).pipe(  
      map(invoice => saveInvoiceSuccess({ invoice })),  
      catchError(error => of(saveInvoiceError({ error })))  
    ))  
  ))  
))  
))
```

Suggested YouTube video

What GroupsBy in Vegas, stays in Vegas

- Mike Ryan & Sam Julien



```
saveInvoice = this.effect((save$: Observable<Invoice>) => save$.pipe(  
  groupBy(invoice => invoice.id),  
  mergeMap(group$ => group$.pipe(  
    switchMap(invoice => this.invoiceService.save(invoice.id, invoice).pipe(  
      tapResponse(...)  
    ))  
  ))  
))  
))
```

NgRx Component Store

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Recap

- Derive states by mapping Observables
- Propagate changes with a global store
- Avoid async logic inside event handlers, use Effects instead
 - Try to avoid `subscribe()`, lean on the async pipe
- Use the appropriate Flattening Operator
- Group actions to avoid concurrency collisions

Slides: <https://github.com/UserGalileo/talks>



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