



RxJava & Coroutines: A Practical Analysis









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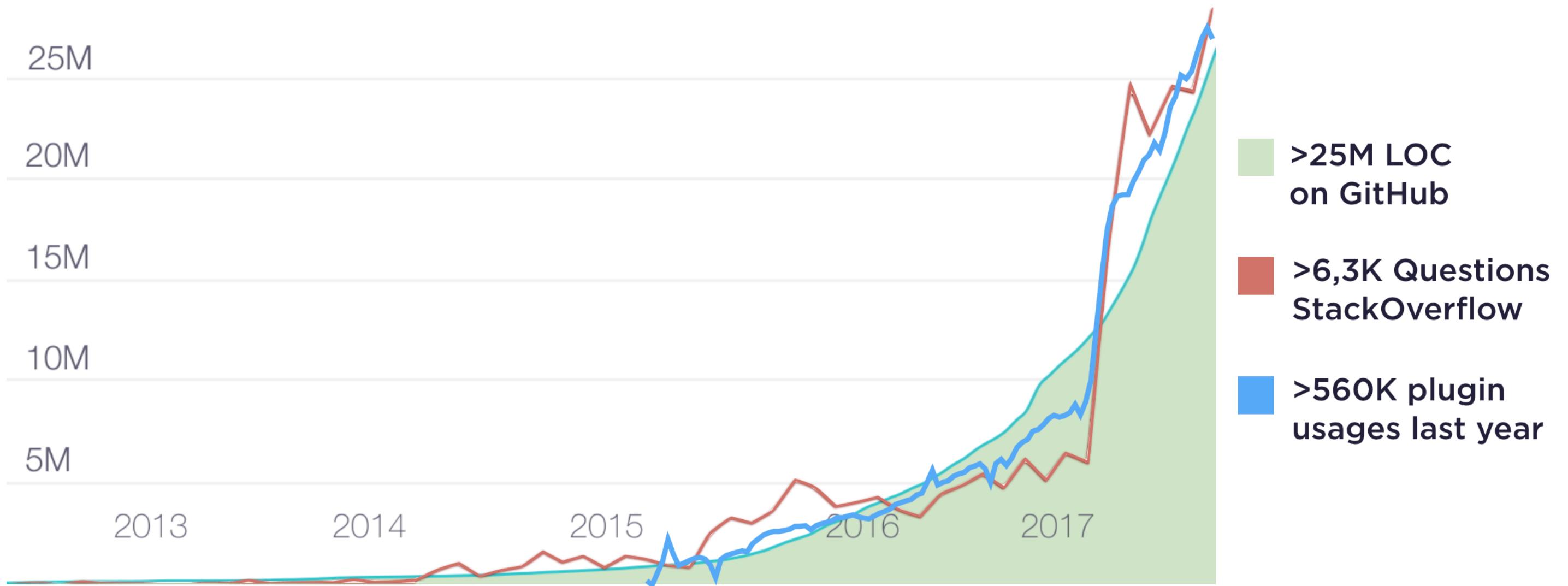
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Multi Platform





Coroutines

```
fun main() {  
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        delay(1000L)  
        println("World!")  
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Stability

async / launch

```
val deferred: Deferred<String> = async { "Hello" }
```

```
val result: String = deferred.await()
```

```
val job: Job = launch { "Hello" }
```

job.join()

Annotations

bit.ly/2BrxgKv



Here be dragons



@ExperimentalCoroutinesApi



@ObsoleteCoroutinesApi



@InternalCoroutinesApi



elizarov commented on 28 Sep

Collaborator



...

From the point of usage `ObsoleteCoroutinesApi` is just like experimental. The different is in intent. When API is experimental it might change or might graduate as is. For obsolete API we already know that there are problems with designs that will force us to deprecate this API in the future when we have a better replacement.

Right now there is no replacement for channel operations, so you have no choice but continue using them. However, we plan to replace them with mechanism based on lazy/cold streams ([#254](#)) in the future, which will get you much better performance.



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Coroutines



Best thing since sliced bread



Coroutines



Native first-party library



Easy-to-use



suspend fun

Dispatchers.Main



History of Android

Background Processes



Runnable / Handler



AsyncTask



IntentService



Loader<T>



WorkManager

Background Processes

AlarmManager, AsyncTask, CountDownTimer, FutureTask<T>,
GcmNetworkManager, Handler, HandlerThread, IntentService,
JobDispatcher, JobScheduler, Loader<T>,
ScheduledThreadPoolExecutor, Timer, Task<T>, WorkManager

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:
(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC)

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
14 COMPETING
STANDARDS.

14?! RIDICULOUS!
WE NEED TO DEVELOP
ONE UNIVERSAL STANDARD
THAT COVERS EVERYONE'S
USE CASES.

YEAH!



Soon:

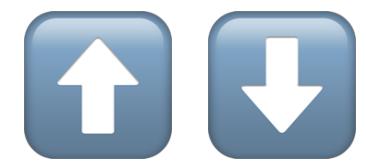
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RxJava to the rescue





Chained operations



Abstracted threading



Reactive programming



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RxFileWatcher allows you to observe directories (recursively or not) for file system events with a RxJava observable based on the JDK WatchService, but it is much more convenient.

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RxRelay

Relays are RxJava types which are both an Observable and a Consumer.

Basically: A Subject except without

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Asynchronous API's



Synchronous API's

Observable.fromIterable()



Flowable / Observable / Single /
Completable / Maybe

To From	Flowable	Observable	Maybe	Single	Completable
Flowable		toObservable()	reduce() elementAt() firstElement() lastElement() singleElement()	scan() elementAt() first()/firstOrDefault() last()/lastOrDefault() single/singleOrDefault() all()/any()/count() (and more)	ignoreElements()
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Maybe	toFlowable()	toObservable()		toSingle() sequenceEqual()	toCompletable()
Single	toFlowable()	toObservable()	toMaybe()		toCompletable()
Completable	toFlowable()	toObservable()	toMaybe()	toSingle() toSingleDefault()	



```
Observable
    .fromIterable(resourceDraft.getResources())
    .flatMap(resourceServiceApiClient::createUploadContainer)
    .zipWith(Observable.fromIterable(resourceDraft.getResources()), Pair::create)
    .flatMap(uploadResources())
    .toList()
    .toObservable()
    .flatMapMaybe(resourceCache.getResourceCachedItem())
    .defaultIfEmpty(Resource.getDefaultItem())
    .flatMap(postResource(resourceId, resourceDraft.getText(), currentUser, resourceDraft.getIntent()))
    .observeOn(AndroidSchedulers.mainThread())
    .subscribeOn(Schedulers.io())
    .subscribe(
        resource -> repository.setResource(resourceId, resource, provisionalResourceId),
        resourceUploadError(resourceId, resourceDraft, provisionalResourceId)
    );
}
```





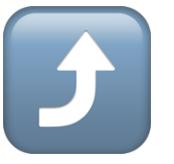
Hidden complexity



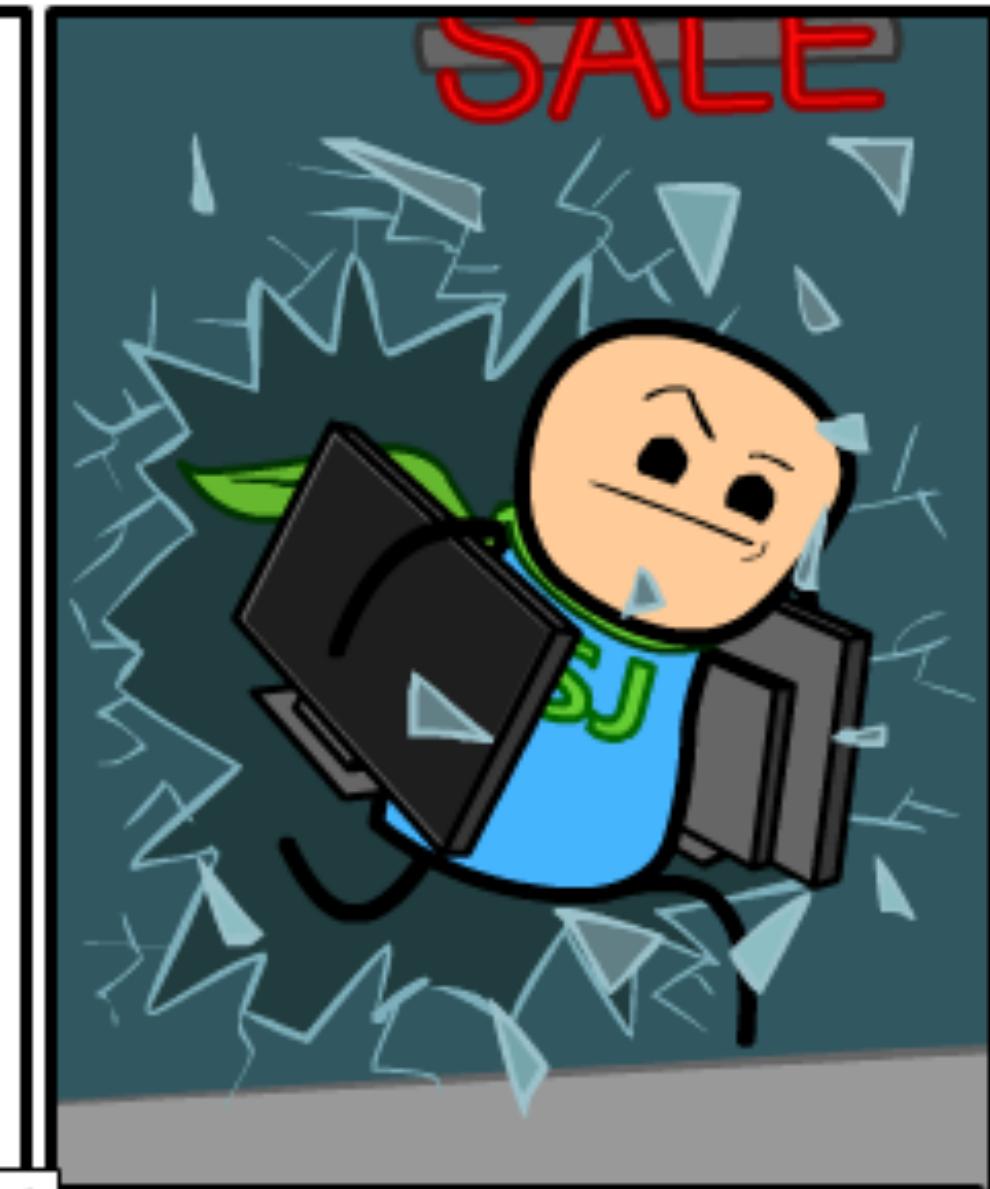
Hidden gotchas



Memory footprint



Steep learning curve



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#RxMustDie

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"When all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail"

Ivan Morgillo (@hamen)

Reactive & Imperative programming

Coroutine Use Cases

Network Call Handling

```
// RxJava2  
fun getUser(): Single<User> = Single.fromCallable { /* ... */ }
```

```
// Coroutine  
suspend fun getUser(): User = /* ... */
```

Cache Retrieval

```
// RxJava2  
fun getUser(): Maybe<User> = Maybe.fromCallable { /* ... */ }  
  
// Coroutine  
suspend fun getUser(): User? = /* ... */
```

Background Task Handling

```
// RxJava2  
fun storeUser(user: User): Completable.fromCallable { /* ... */ }
```

```
// Coroutine  
suspend fun storeUser(user: User) { /* ... */ }
```

RxJava2 / Coroutines

Single<T> / T

Maybe<T> / T?

Completable / Unit

Thread Handling

```
// RxJava2
getUser()
    .subscribeOn(Schedulers.computation())
    .observeOn(AndroidSchedulers.mainThread())
    .subscribe { /* Do something */ }

// Coroutine
launch(Dispatchers.Main) {
    val user = getUser()
    /* Do something */
}
```

💪 FlatMap

```
// RxJava2
getUser()
    .flatMap { doSomethingWithUser(it) }
    .subscribeOn(Schedulers.computation())
    .observeOn(AndroidSchedulers.mainThread())
    .subscribe { /* Do something else */ }

// Coroutine
launch(Dispatchers.Main) {
    val user = getUser()
    val smth = doSomethingWithUser(user)

    /* Do something else */
}
```

Callback Consumption

```
// RxJava2
fun getSingle(): Single = Single.create<T> { emitter ->
    doSomethingAsync(object: Callback<T> {
        override fun onComplete(result: T) = emitter.onSuccess(result)
        override fun onException(exception: Exception) = emitter.onError(exception)
    })
}

// Coroutine
suspend fun getCoroutine() : T = suspendCoroutine { continuation ->
    doSomethingAsync(object : Callback<Baz> {
        override fun onComplete(result: T) = continuation.resume(result)
        override fun onException(exception: Exception) = continuation.resumeWithException(exception)
    })
}
```

Task Cancellation

```
// RxJava2
val disposable: Disposable = Single.create { /* Do something */ }
    .subscribe { /* Do something else */ }
disposable.dispose()
```

```
// Coroutine
val parent: Job = Job()
launch(Dispatchers.Main + parent) { /* Do something */ }
parent.cancelChildren()
```

Lifecycle Task Cancellation

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Lifecycle Task Cancellation

```
class MainActivity : AppCompatActivity {

    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)

        lifecycle.coroutineScope.launch {
            someSuspendFunction()
            someOtherSuspendFunction()
            someCancellableSuspendFunction()
        }
    }
}
```

Value Streams

```
// RxJava2
val publisher = PublishSubject()
publisher.subscribe { /* Do something */ }
publisher.onNext("Hello")

// Coroutine
val channel = Channel<String>()
launch { channel.send("Hello") }
launch { channel.consumeEach { /* Do something */ } }
```

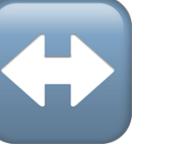


Backpressure

~~€~~channels

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RxJava Use Cases



Channels



Cold Streams



Complex Business Logic

Coroutines & RxJava: An Asynchronicity Comparison

Manuel Vivo (@manuelvicnt)

bit.ly/2R27stP

Is Coroutines a replacement for RxJava?

Maybe...

Should I migrate to Coroutines?

Probably not...

"Don't fix what ain't broke"

Some Guy



Did "I" migrate to Coroutines?



Yes!

How could I migrate to Coroutines?



Migration Policy

Retrofit Services

Retrofit2 Coroutines Adapter bit.ly/2TyGXOh

com.jakewharton.retrofit:retrofit2-kotlin-coroutines-adapter:+

```
interface UserService {  
  
    @GET("/user")  
    fun getUser(): Deferred<User>  
}  
  
val retrofit = Retrofit.Builder()  
    .baseUrl("https://example.com/")  
    .addCallAdapterFactory(CoroutineCallAdapterFactory())  
    .build()  
  
GlobalScope.launch {  
    val user = retrofit  
        .create<UserService>() // >= 2.5.0  
        .getUser()  
        .await()  
}
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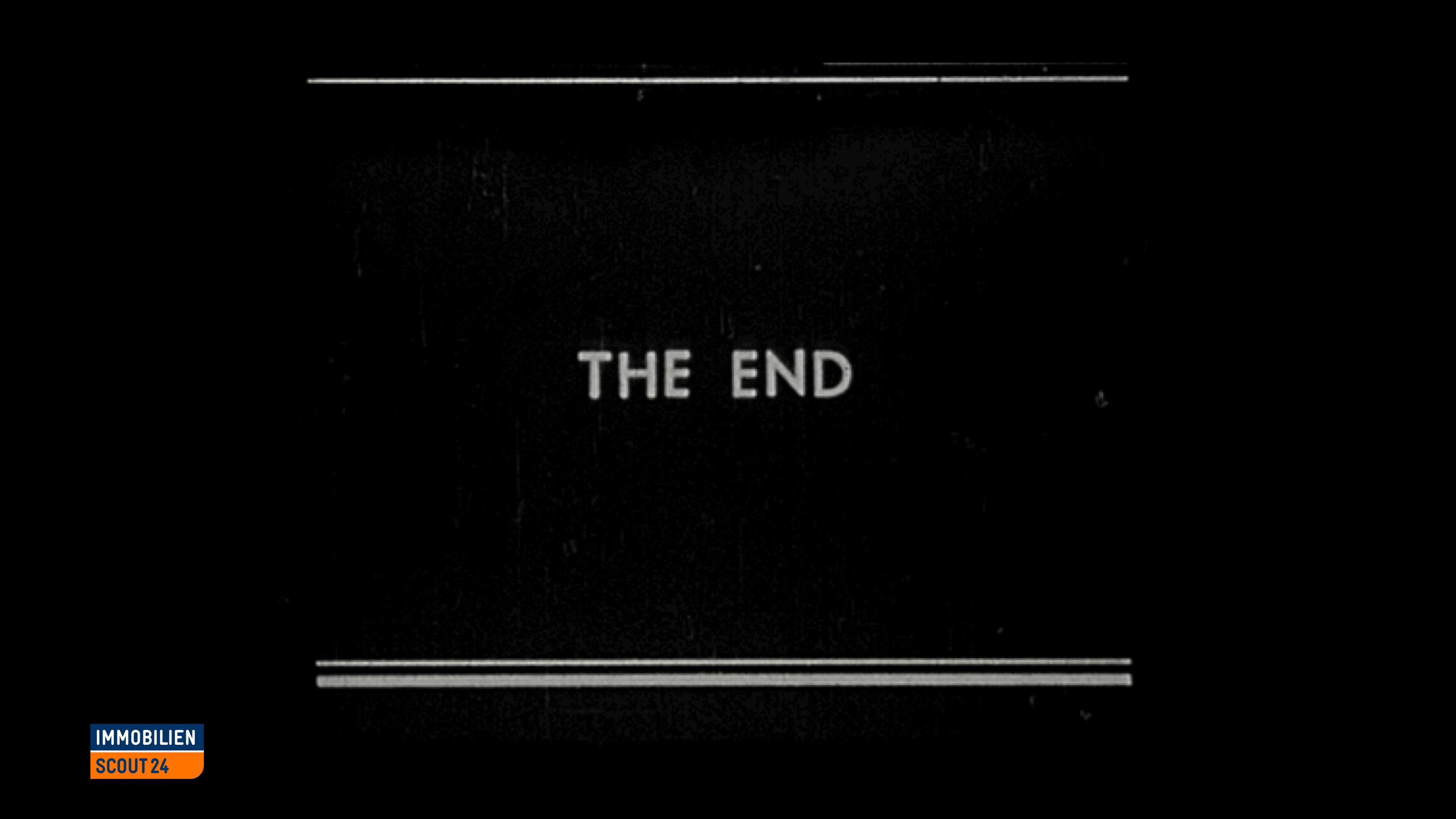
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Name	Result	Scope	Description
[rxCompletable]	Completable	[CoroutineScope]	Cold completable that starts coroutine on subscribe
[rxMaybe]	Maybe	[CoroutineScope]	Cold maybe that starts coroutine on subscribe
[rxSingle]	Single	[CoroutineScope]	Cold single that starts coroutine on subscribe
[rxObservable]	Observable	[ProducerScope]	Cold observable that starts coroutine on subscribe
[rxFlowable]	Flowable	[ProducerScope]	Cold observable that starts coroutine on subscribe with backpressure support

```
val service: UserService = /* ... */  
  
GlobalScope.rxSingle { service.getUser() }  
    .observeOn(AndroidSchedulers.mainThread())  
    .subscribeOn(Schedulers.io())  
    .subscribe(  
        { /* Do something with user */ },  
        { /* Handle error ... maybe */ }  
    )
```



Conclusion



THE END



Cheers! 🍻



ITS OVER. GO HOME!