

Reactor – How to Combine Publishers (Flux/Mono)

In this tutorial, [JavaSampleApproach](#) introduces ways to combine two or more Reactor Publishers (Flux/Mono).

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I. Ways to combine Publishers

0. Initialization

0.1 Reactor installation in Maven

– First, import the BOM by adding the following to **pom.xml**:

```
<dependencyManagement>
  <dependencies>
    <dependency>
      <groupId>io.projectreactor</groupId>
      <artifactId>reactor-bom</artifactId>
      <version>Aluminium-SR1</version>
      <type>pom</type>
      <scope>import</scope>
    </dependency>
  </dependencies>
</dependencyManagement>
```

– Next, add dependency:

```
<dependencies>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>io.projectreactor</groupId>
    <artifactId>reactor-core</artifactId>
  </dependency>
</dependencies>
```

0.2 Declare & Initialize Publishers

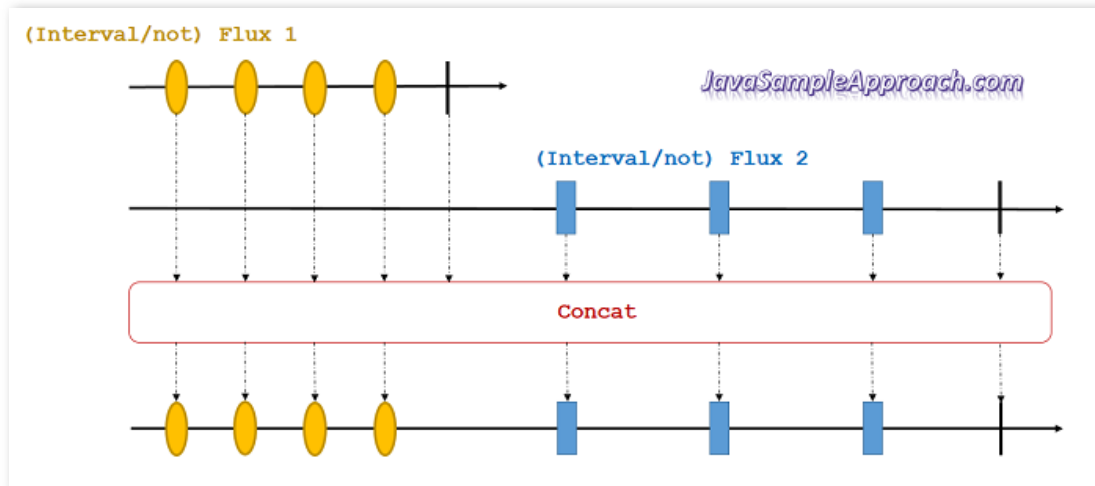
```
Mono<String> mono1 = Mono.just("grokonecz.com");
Mono<String> mono2 = Mono.just("|Java Technology");
Mono<String> mono3 = Mono.just("|Spring Framework");

Flux<String> flux1 = Flux.just("{1}", "{2}", "{3}", "{4}");
Flux<String> flux2 = Flux.just("|A|", "|B|", "|C|");
```

```
// Flux emits item each 500ms
Flux<String> intervalFlux1 = Flux
    .interval(Duration.ofMillis(500))
    .zipWith(flux1, (i, string) -> string);

// Flux emits item each 700ms
Flux<String> intervalFlux2 = Flux
    .interval(Duration.ofMillis(700))
    .zipWith(flux2, (i, string) -> string);
```

1. Concat methods



1.1 Flux#concat

```
Flux.concat(mono1, mono3, mono2).subscribe(System.out::print);
// grokonez.com|Spring Framework|Java Technology

Flux.concat(flux2, flux1).subscribe(System.out::print);
// |A|I|B|I|C|{1}{2}{3}{4}

Flux.concat(intervalFlux2, flux1).subscribe(System.out::print);
Thread.sleep(3000);
// |A|I|B|I|C|{1}{2}{3}{4}
// each of |A|,|B|,|C| emits each 700ms, then {1},{2},{3},{4} emit immediately

Flux.concat(intervalFlux2, intervalFlux1).subscribe(System.out::print);
Thread.sleep(5000);
// |A|I|B|I|C|{1}{2}{3}{4}
// each of |A|,|B|,|C| emits each 700ms, then each of {1},{2},{3},{4} emits each 500ms
```

1.2 Flux.concatWith

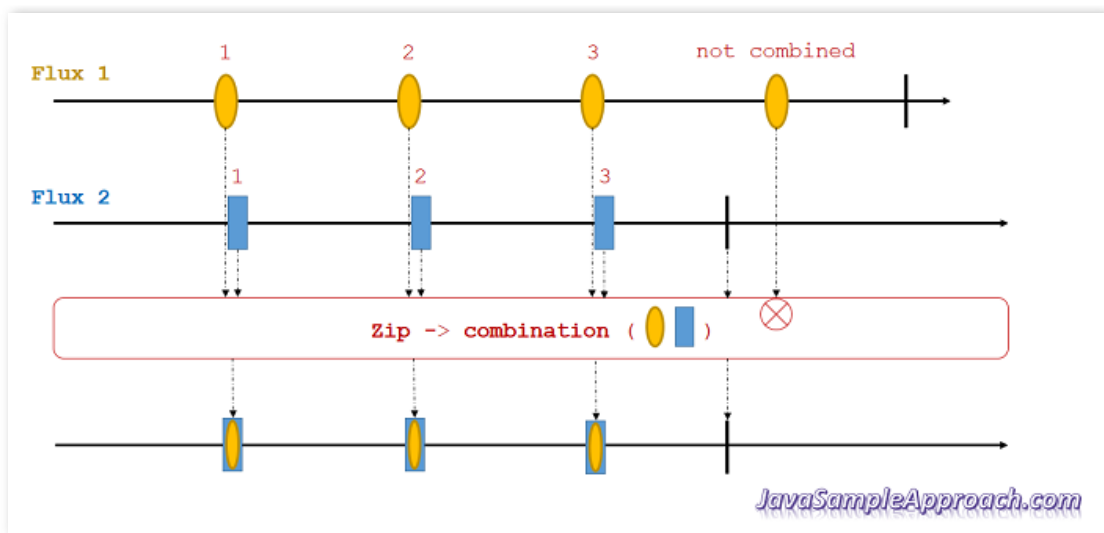
```
mono1.concatWith(mono2).concatWith(mono3).subscribe(System.out::print);
// grokonez.com|Java Technology|Spring Framework

flux1.concatWith(flux2).subscribe(System.out::print);
// {1}{2}{3}{4}|A|I|B|I|C|

intervalFlux1.concatWith(flux2).subscribe(System.out::print);
Thread.sleep(3000);
// {1}{2}{3}{4}|A|I|B|I|C|
// each of {1},{2},{3},{4} emits each 700ms, then |A|,|B|,|C| emit immediately

intervalFlux1.concatWith(intervalFlux2).subscribe(System.out::print);
Thread.sleep(5000);
// {1}{2}{3}{4}|A|I|B|I|C|
// each of {1},{2},{3},{4} emits each 500ms, then each of |A|,|B|,|C| emits each 700ms
```

2. Zip methods



2.1 Flux#zip

```
Flux.zip(flux2, flux1,
(itemFlux2, itemFlux1) -> "[" + itemFlux2 + itemFlux1 + "-")
.subscribe(System.out::print);

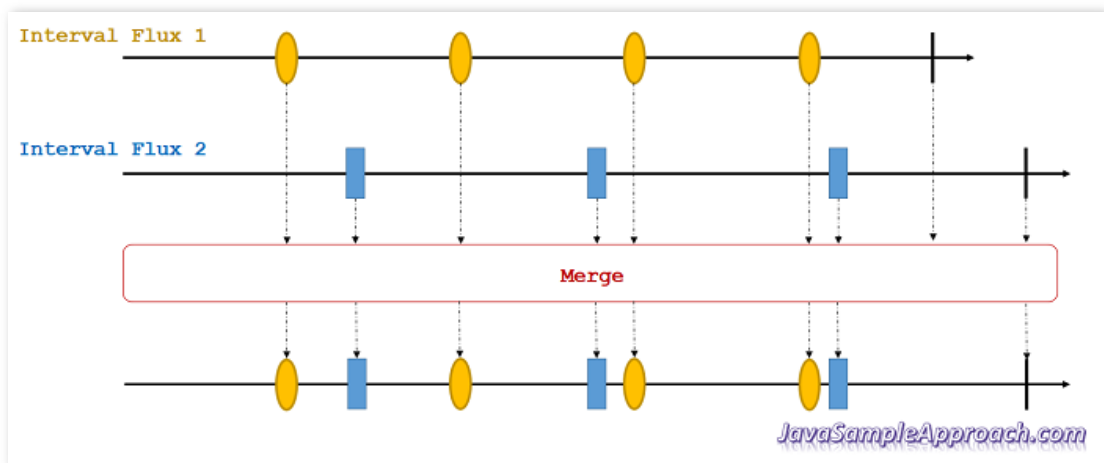
// -[IAI{1}]-[IBI{2}]-[ICI{3}]-
```

2.2 Flux.zipWith

```
flux1.zipWith(flux2,
(itemFlux1, itemFlux2) -> "[" + itemFlux1 + itemFlux2 + "-")
.subscribe(System.out::print);

// -[{1}IAI]-[{2}IBI]-[{3}ICI]-
```

3. Merge methods



3.1 Flux#merge

```
Flux.merge(intervalFlux1, intervalFlux2).subscribe(System.out::print);
Thread.sleep(3000);
// {1}IAI{2}IBI{3}{4}ICI
```

3.2 Flux.mergeWith

```
intervalFlux1.mergeWith(intervalFlux2).subscribe(System.out::print);
Thread.sleep(3000);
// {1}IAI{2}IBI{3}{4}ICI
```

II. Source Code

1. Technology

- Java 8
- Maven 3.6.1
- Reactor Core 3.0.4, with the Aluminium release train.

2. Code

```

package com.javasampleapproach.reactor.mergepublishers;

import java.time.Duration;

import reactor.core.publisher.Flux;
import reactor.core.publisher.Mono;

public class MainApp {

    public static void main(String[] args) throws InterruptedException {

        Mono<String> mono1 = Mono.just("grokonez.com");
        Mono<String> mono2 = Mono.just("|Java Technology");
        Mono<String> mono3 = Mono.just("|Spring Framework");

        System.out.println("=== Flux.concat(mono1, mono3, mono2) ===");
        Flux.concat(mono1, mono3, mono2).subscribe(System.out::print);

        System.out.println("\n=== combine the value of mono1 then mono2 then mono3 ===");
        mono1.concatWith(mono2).concatWith(mono3).subscribe(System.out::print);

        Flux<String> flux1 = Flux.just("{1}", "{2}", "{3}", "{4}");
        Flux<String> flux2 = Flux.just("|A|", "|B|", "|C|");

        System.out.println("\n=== Flux.zip(flux2, flux1, combination) ===");
        Flux.zip(flux2, flux1,
            (itemFlux2, itemFlux1) -> "-[" + itemFlux2 + itemFlux1 + "]" ->)
            .subscribe(System.out::print);

        System.out.println("\n=== flux1 values zip with flux2 values ===");
        flux1.zipWith(flux2,
            (itemFlux1, itemFlux2) -> "-[" + itemFlux1 + itemFlux2 + "]" ->)
            .subscribe(System.out::print);

        Flux<String> intervalFlux1 = Flux
            .interval(Duration.ofMillis(500))
            .zipWith(flux1, (i, string) -> string);

        Flux<String> intervalFlux2 = Flux
            .interval(Duration.ofMillis(700))
            .zipWith(flux2, (i, string) -> string);

        System.out.println("\n=== Flux.concat(flux2, flux1) ===");
        Flux.concat(flux2, flux1).subscribe(System.out::print);

        System.out.println("\n=== flux1 values and then flux2 values ===");
        flux1.concatWith(flux2).subscribe(System.out::print);

        System.out.println("\n=== Flux.concat(intervalFlux2, flux1) ===");
        Flux.concat(intervalFlux2, flux1).subscribe(System.out::print);
        Thread.sleep(3000);

        System.out.println("\n=== intervalFlux1 values and then flux2 values ===");
        intervalFlux1.concatWith(flux2).subscribe(System.out::print);
        Thread.sleep(3000);

        System.out.println("\n=== Flux.concat(intervalFlux2, intervalFlux1) ===");
        Flux.concat(intervalFlux2, intervalFlux1).subscribe(System.out::print);
        Thread.sleep(5000);

        System.out.println("\n=== intervalFlux1 values and then intervalFlux2 values ===");
        intervalFlux1.concatWith(intervalFlux2).subscribe(System.out::print);
        Thread.sleep(5000);

        System.out.println("\n=== Flux.merge(intervalFlux1, intervalFlux2) ===");
        Flux.merge(intervalFlux1, intervalFlux2).subscribe(System.out::print);
        Thread.sleep(3000);

        System.out.println("\n=== interleave flux1 values with flux2 values ===");
        intervalFlux1.mergeWith(intervalFlux2).subscribe(System.out::print);
        Thread.sleep(3000);

    }
}

```

3. Results

```

=== Flux.concat(mono1, mono3, mono2) ===
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```

```
=== combine the value of mono1 then mono2 then mono3 ===
grokonez.com|Java Technology|Spring Framework
=== Flux.zip(flux2, flux1, combination) ===
-[IAI{1}]---[IBI{2}]---[ICI{3}]-
=== flux1 values zip with flux2 values ===
-[{1}IAI]---[{2}IBI]---[{3}ICI]-
=== Flux.concat(flux2, flux1) ===
IAIIBIICI{1}{2}{3}{4}
=== flux1 values and then flux2 values ===
{1}{2}{3}{4}IAIIBIICI
=== Flux.concat(intervalFlux2, flux1) ===
IAIIBIICI{1}{2}{3}{4}
=== intervalFlux1 values and then flux2 values ===
{1}{2}{3}{4}IAIIBIICI
=== Flux.concat(intervalFlux2, intervalFlux1) ===
IAIIBIICI{1}{2}{3}{4}
=== intervalFlux1 values and then intervalFlux2 values ===
{1}{2}{3}{4}IAIIBIICI
=== Flux.merge(intervalFlux1, intervalFlux2) ===
{1}IAI{2}IBI{3}{4}ICI
=== interleave flux1 values with flux2 values ===
{1}IAI{2}IBI{3}{4}ICI
```

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