



# RxJS Workshop

## LECTURE 1 – THE BASICS

INFINUM JS TEAM, 2020



WHAT IS RX?



# ReactiveX

*An API for asynchronous programming  
with observable streams*

- [HTTP://REACTIVE.X.IO/](http://REACTIVE.X.IO/)



# ReactiveX

*ReactiveX is a combination of the best ideas from  
the **Observer** pattern, the **Iterator** pattern,  
and functional programming*

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# REACTIVEX IS UBIQUITOUS

**RxJava**

**RxJS**

**Rx.NET**

**RxSwift**

**RxPHP**

**RxKotlin**

**Rx.rb**

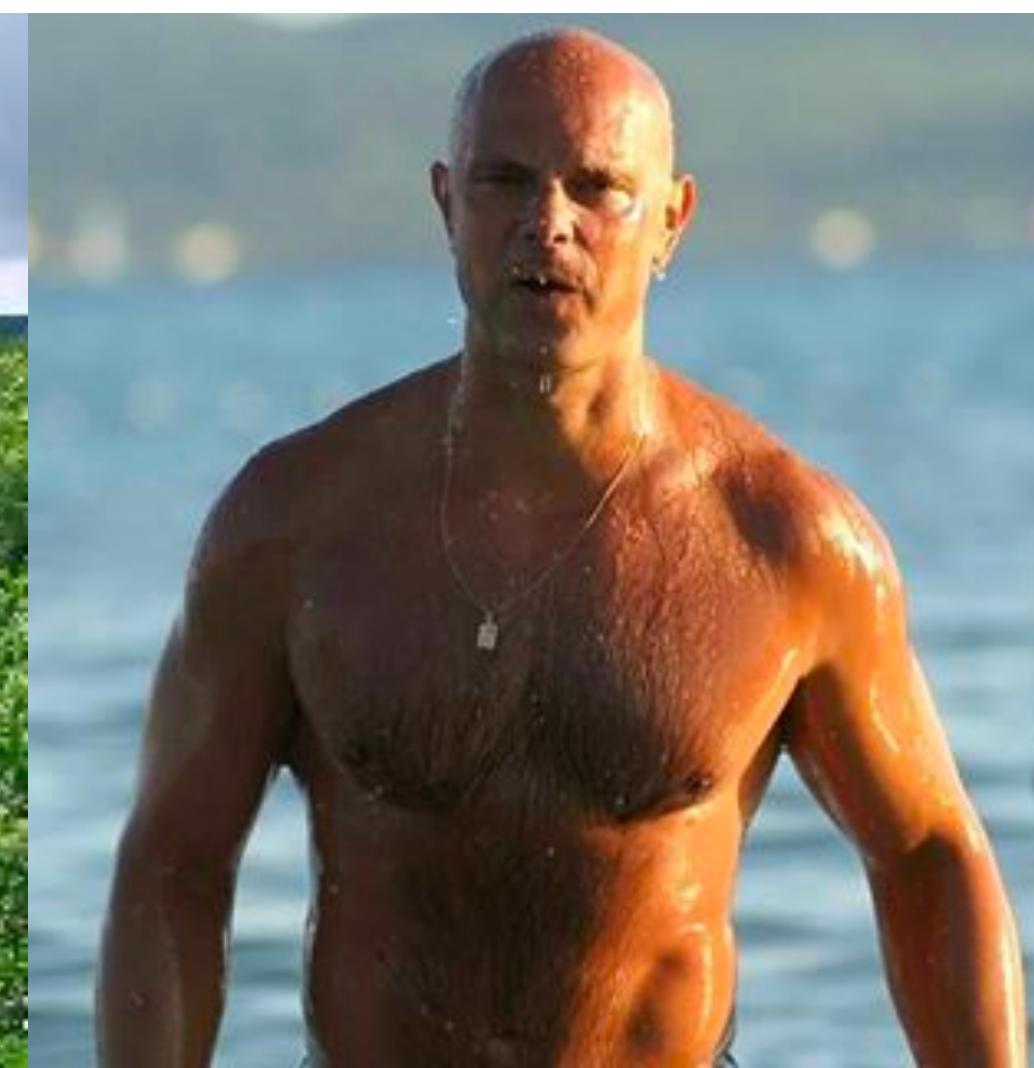
**Others...**

# RxJS

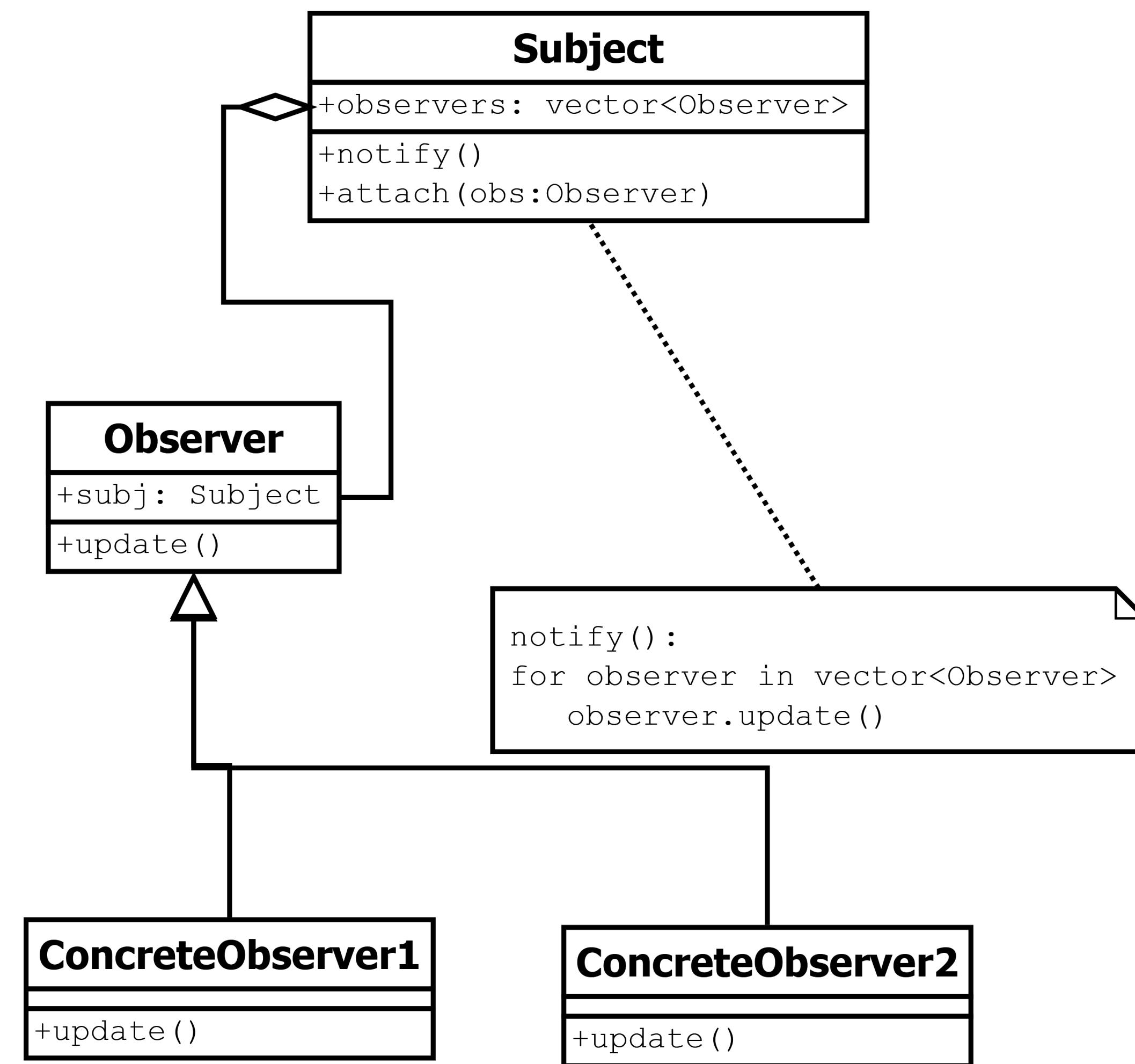


OBSERVABLE

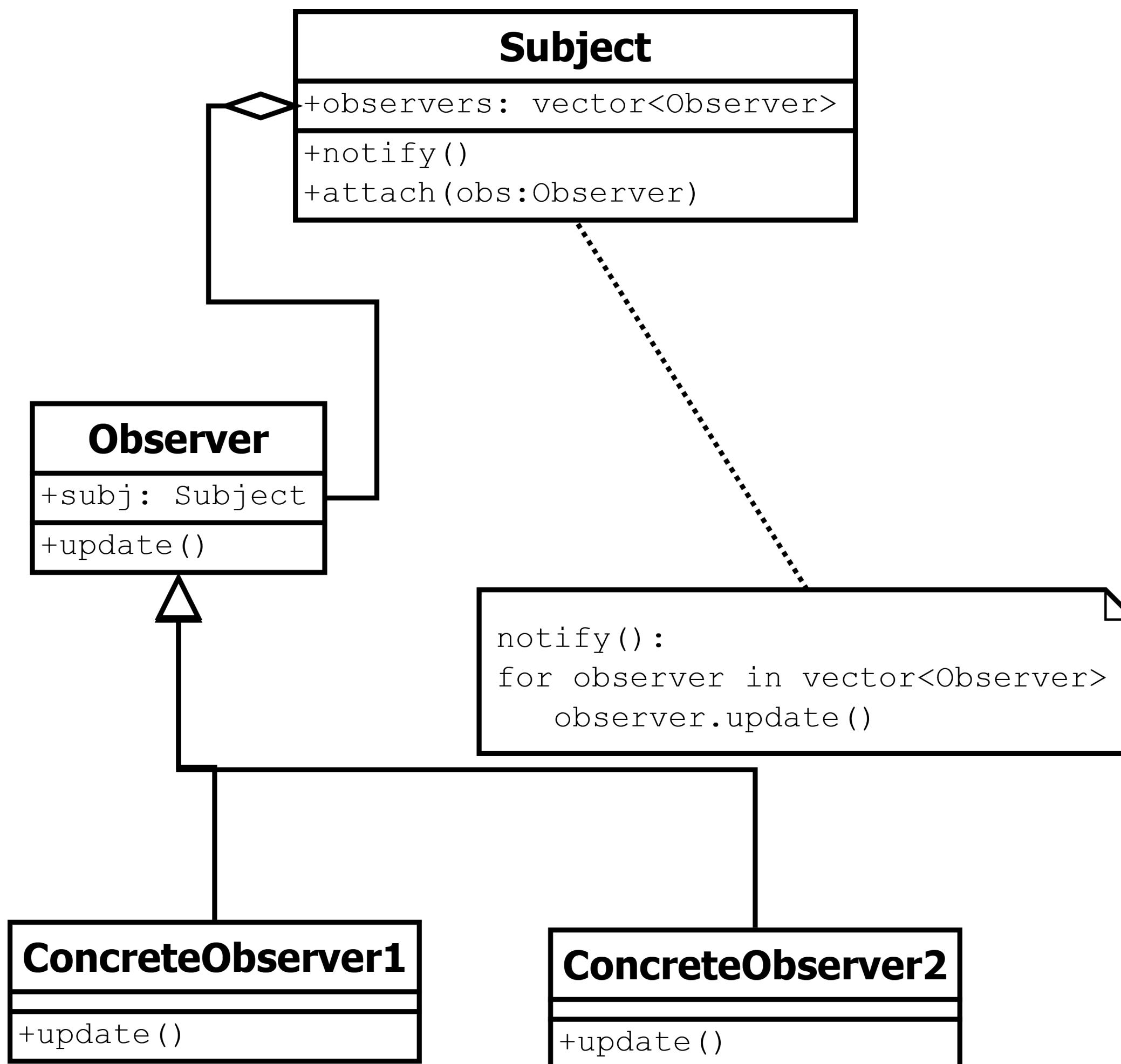
# DESIGN PATTERNS



# OBSERVER PATTERN

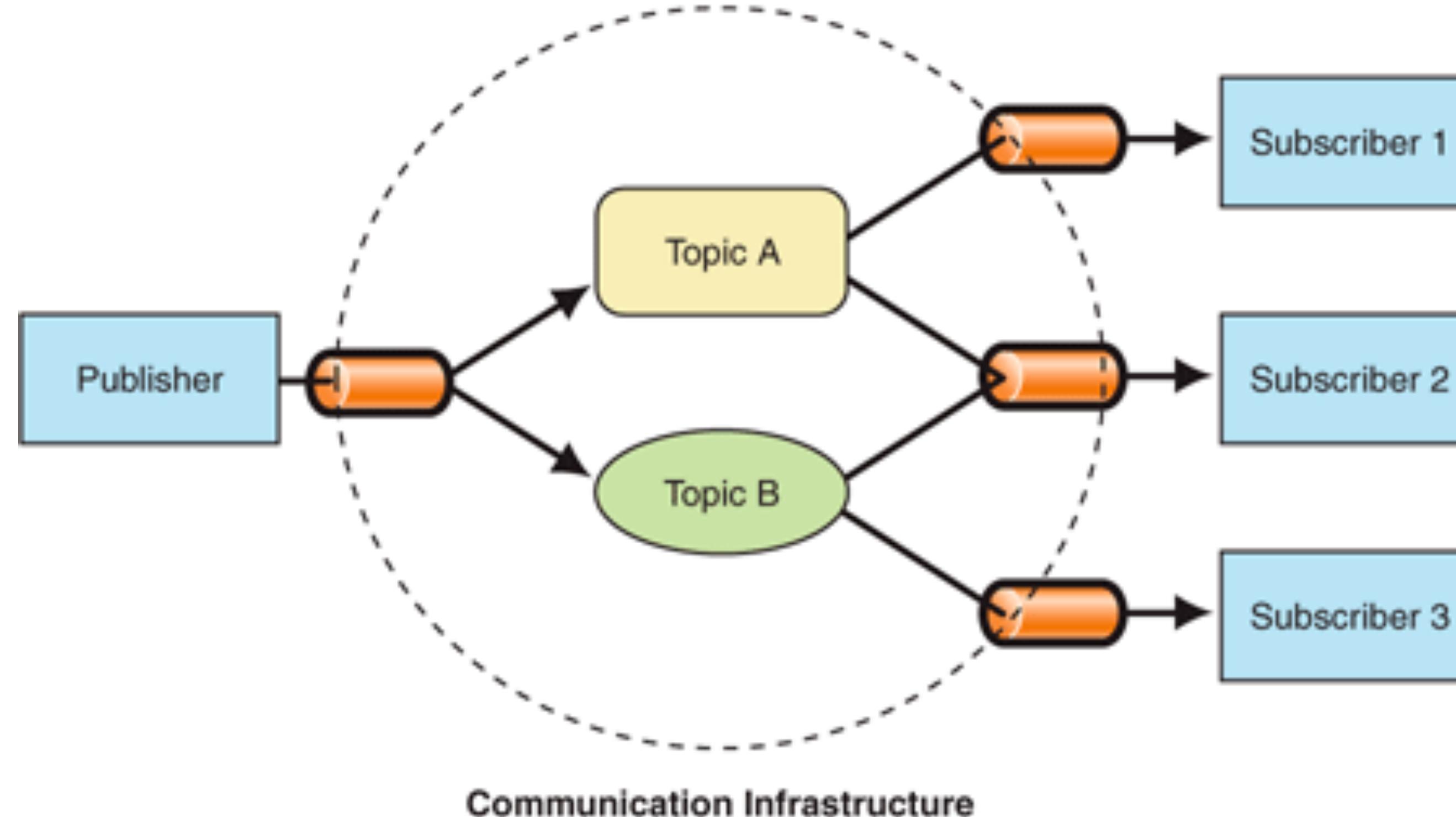


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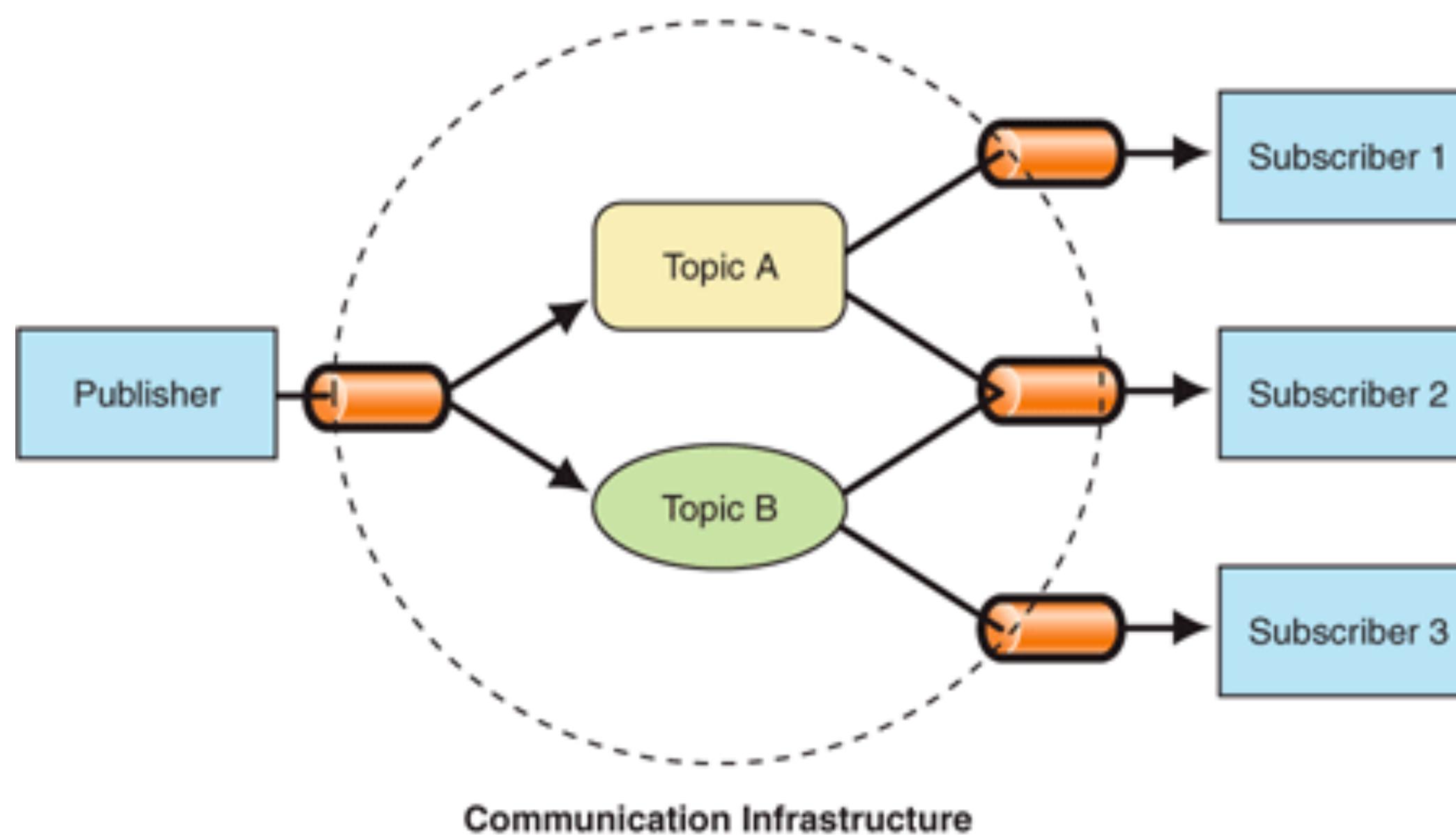


- **Subject**: It is considered as the keeper of information, of data or of business logic.
- **Register/Attach**: Observers register themselves to the subject because they want to be notified when there is a change.
- **Event**: Events act as a trigger in the subject such that all the observers are notified.
- **Notify**: Depending on the implementation, the subject may “push” information to the observers, or, the observers may “pull” if they need information from the subject.
- **Update**: Observers update their state independently from other observers however their state might change depending on the triggered event.

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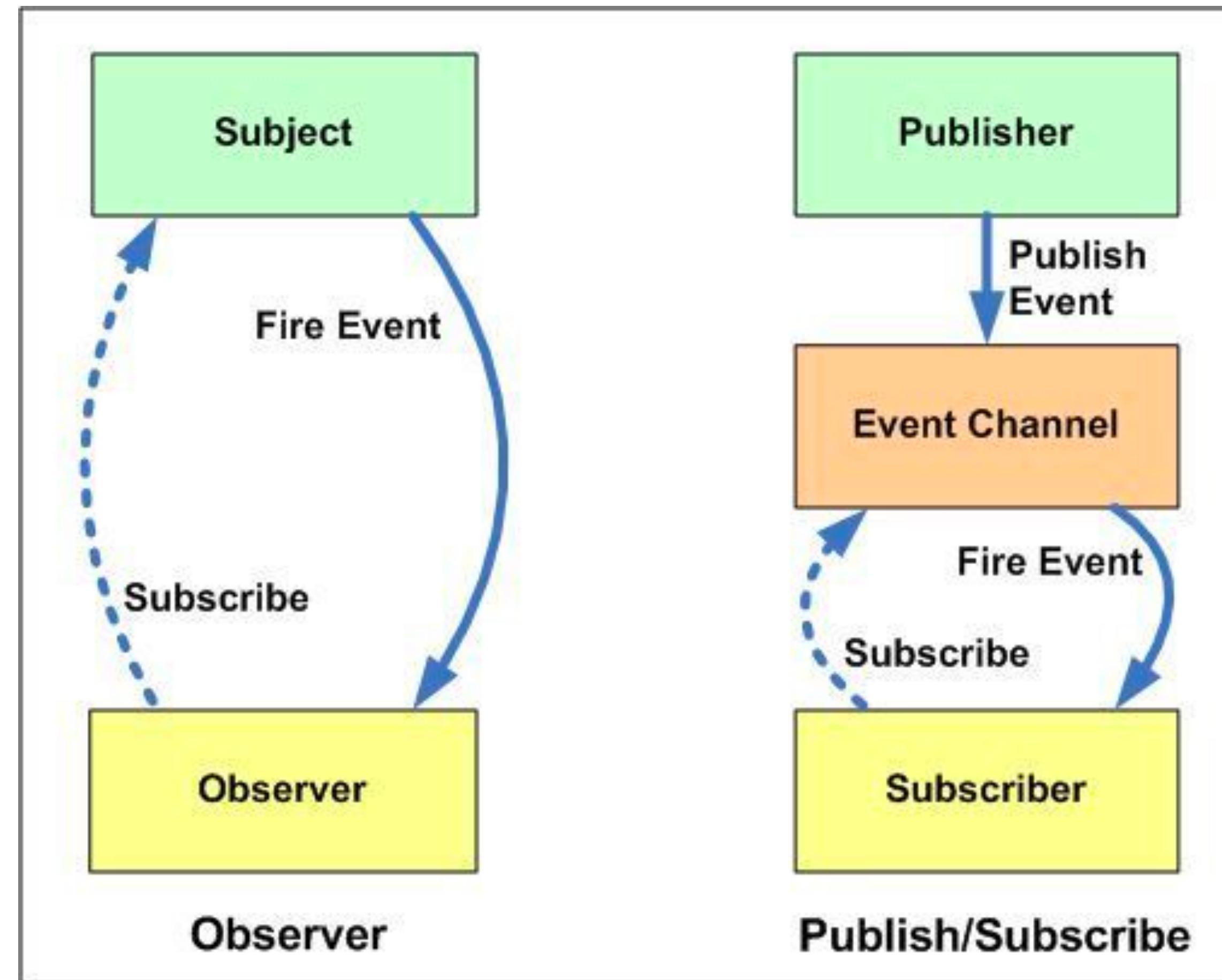


# PUBLISHER-SUBSCRIBER PATTERN



*Pub-sub is a pattern used to communicate messages between different system components without these components knowing anything about each other's identity.*

# OBSERVER VS PUB-SUB PATTERN





**OBSERVABLE LIFECYCLE**

## Observable

Create the observable

Transform the stream  
using the operators  
(optional)

Emit

Emit

Error

Complete

## Subscriber

Subscribe

Unsubscribe

# OBSERVABLE CREATION

```
1 import { fromEvent } from 'rxjs';
2
3 const button = document.getElementById('.some-button');
4
5 const buttonClicks$ = fromEvent(button, 'click');
```

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7 const subscription = buttonClicks$.subscribe((event) {
8   console.log(event);
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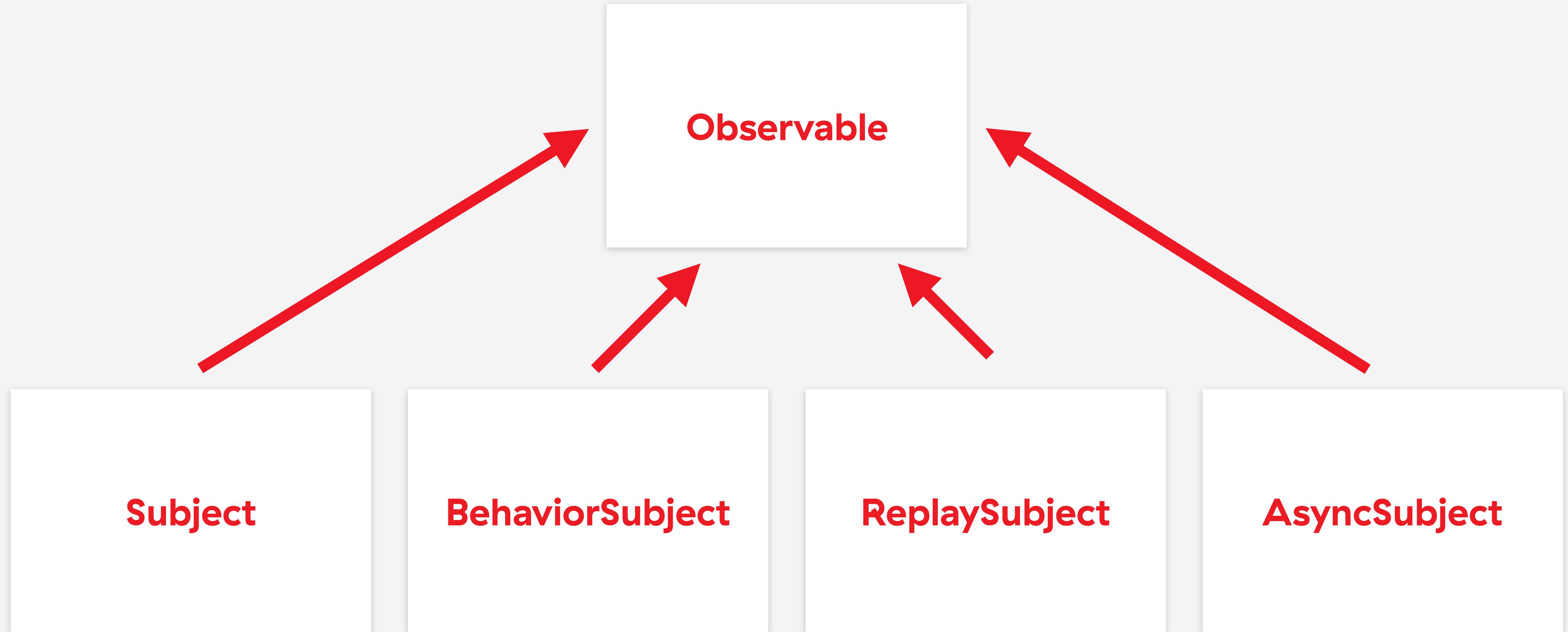
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# UNSUBSCRIBE

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1 const subscription = buttonClicks$.subscribe((event) => {
2   console.log(event);
3 });
4
5 // click #1 - logs
6
7 subscription.unsubscribe()
8
9 // click #2 - no logs
```



# TYPES OF OBSERVABLES

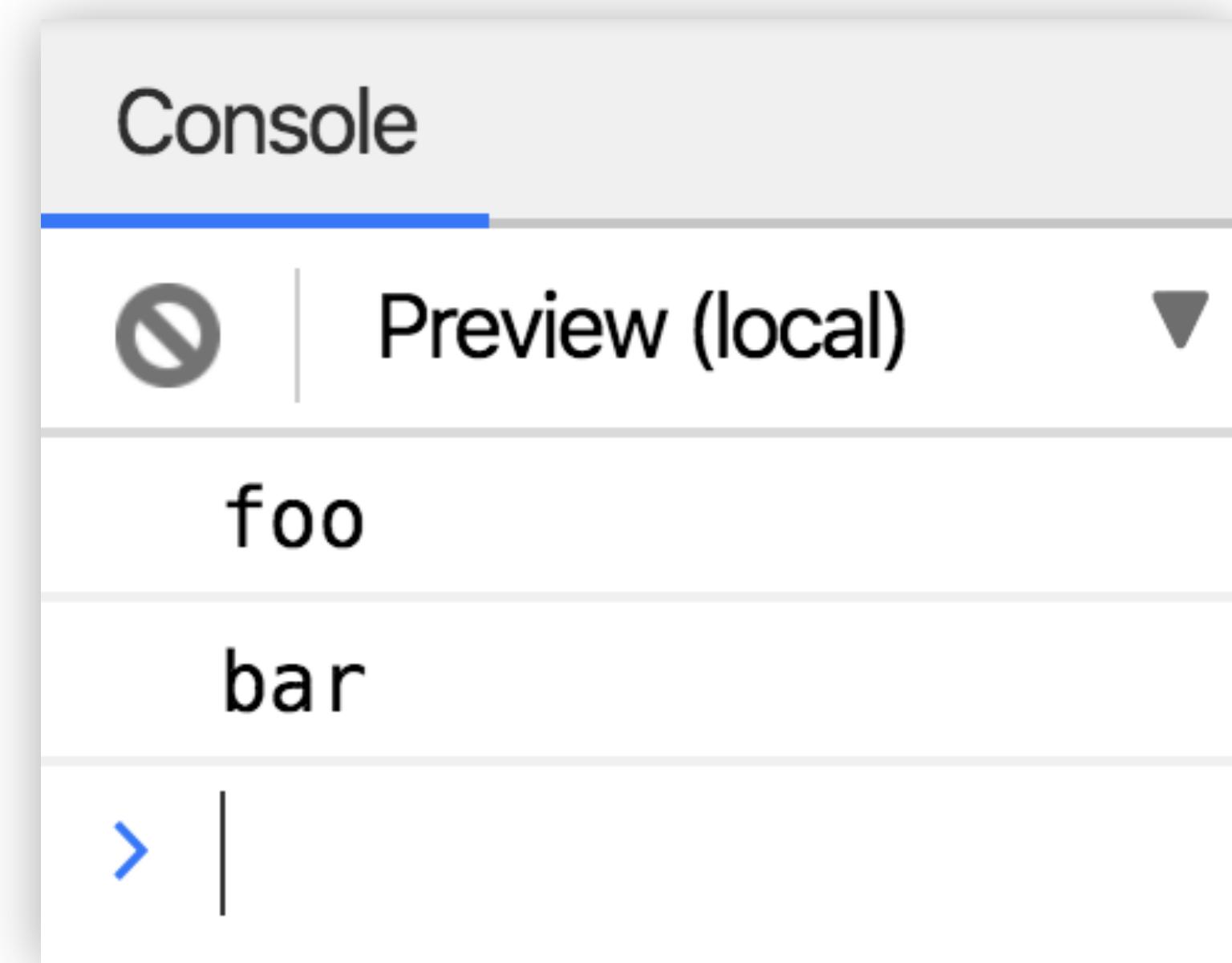


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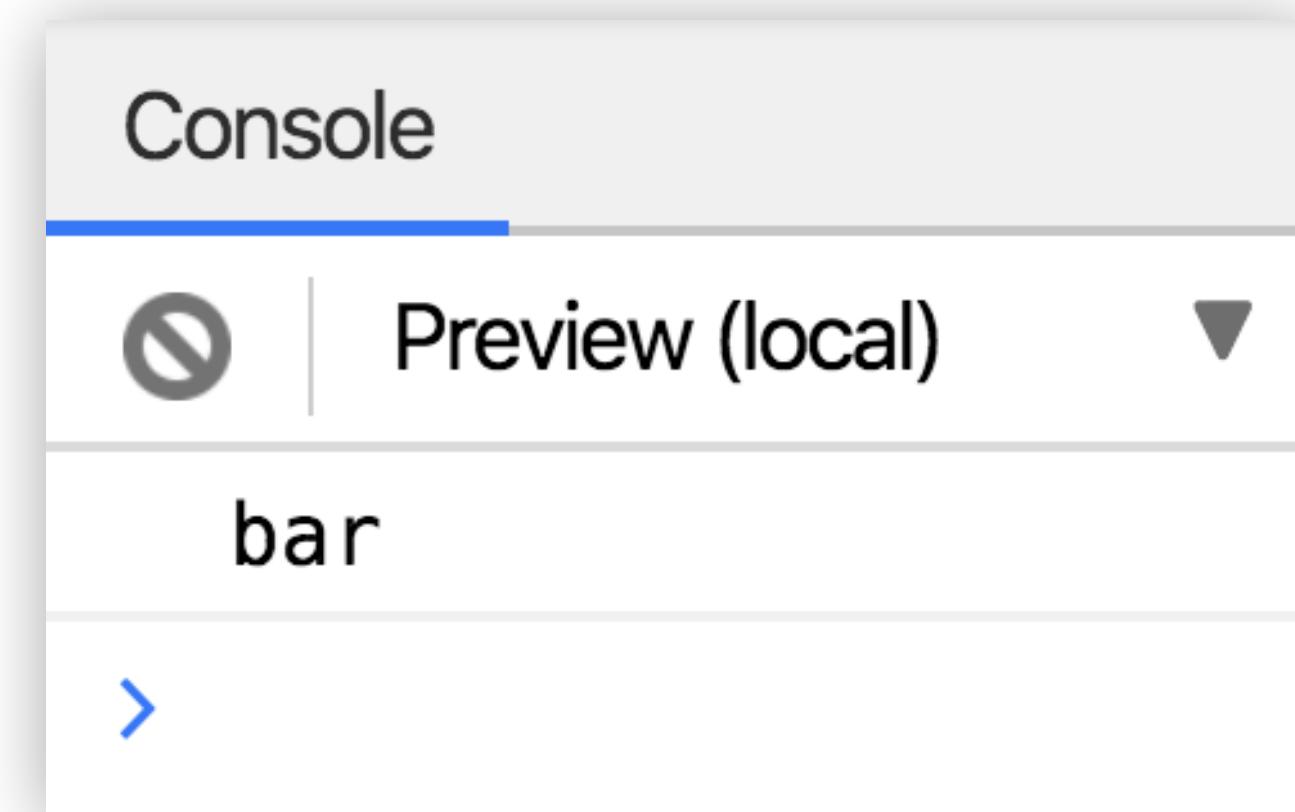


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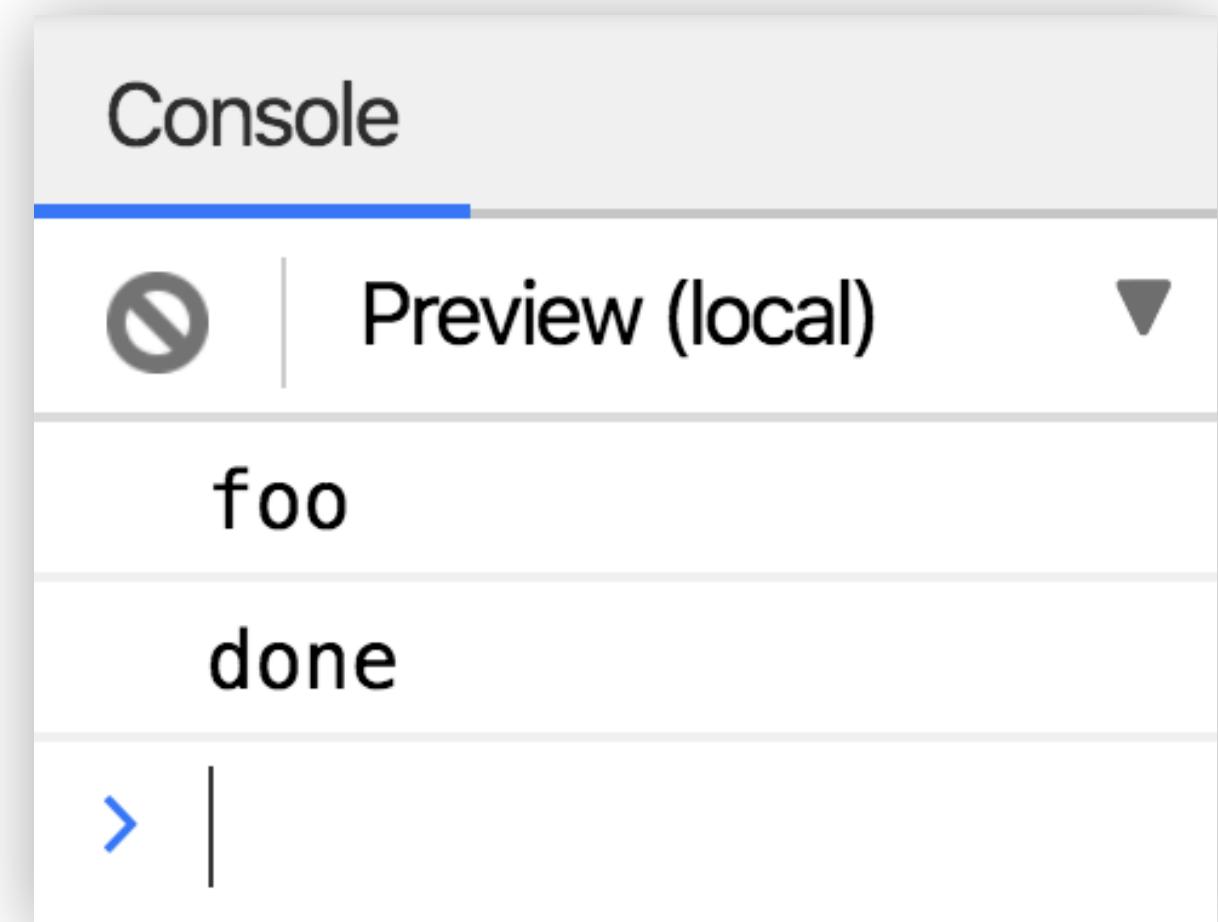


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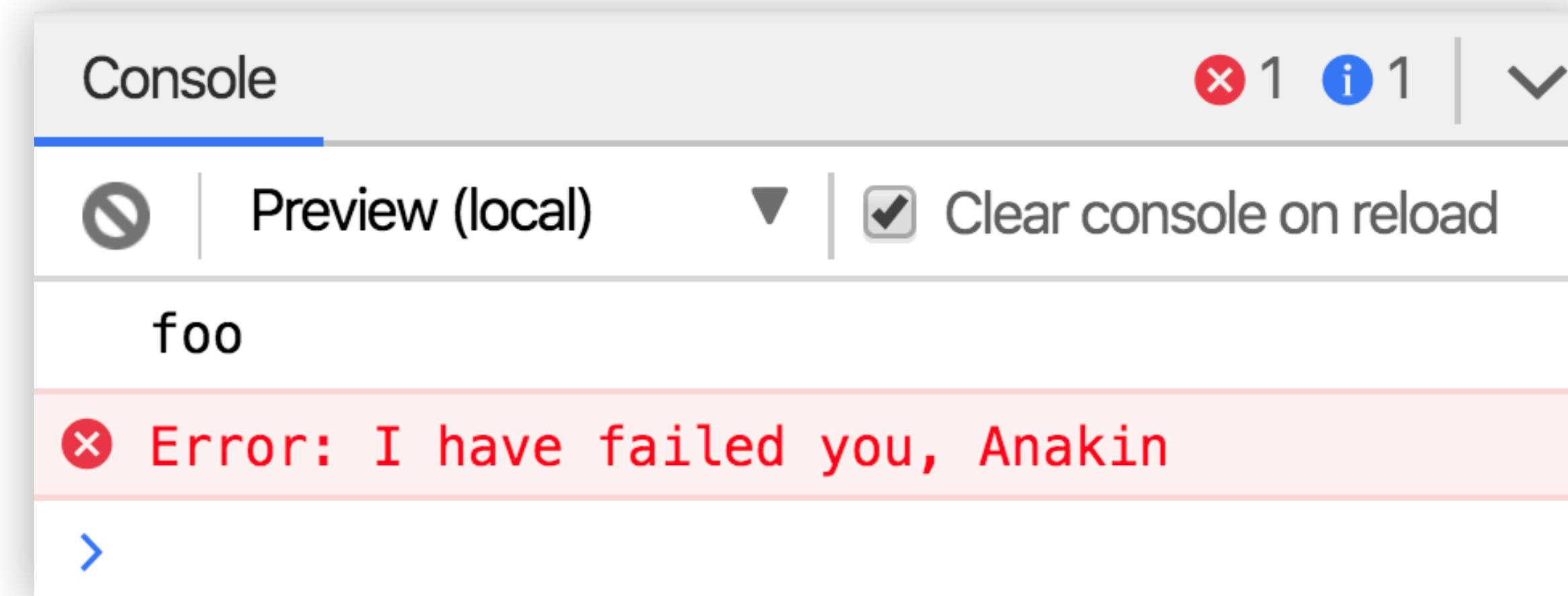
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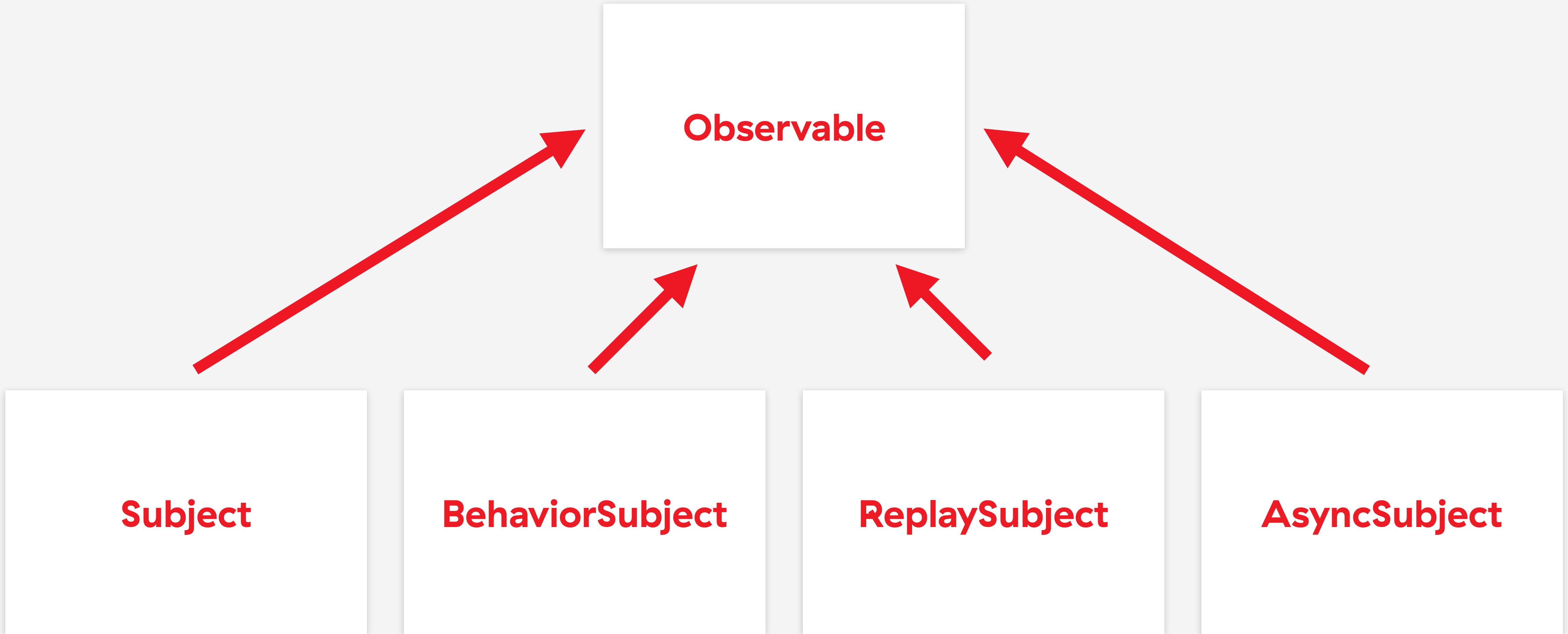
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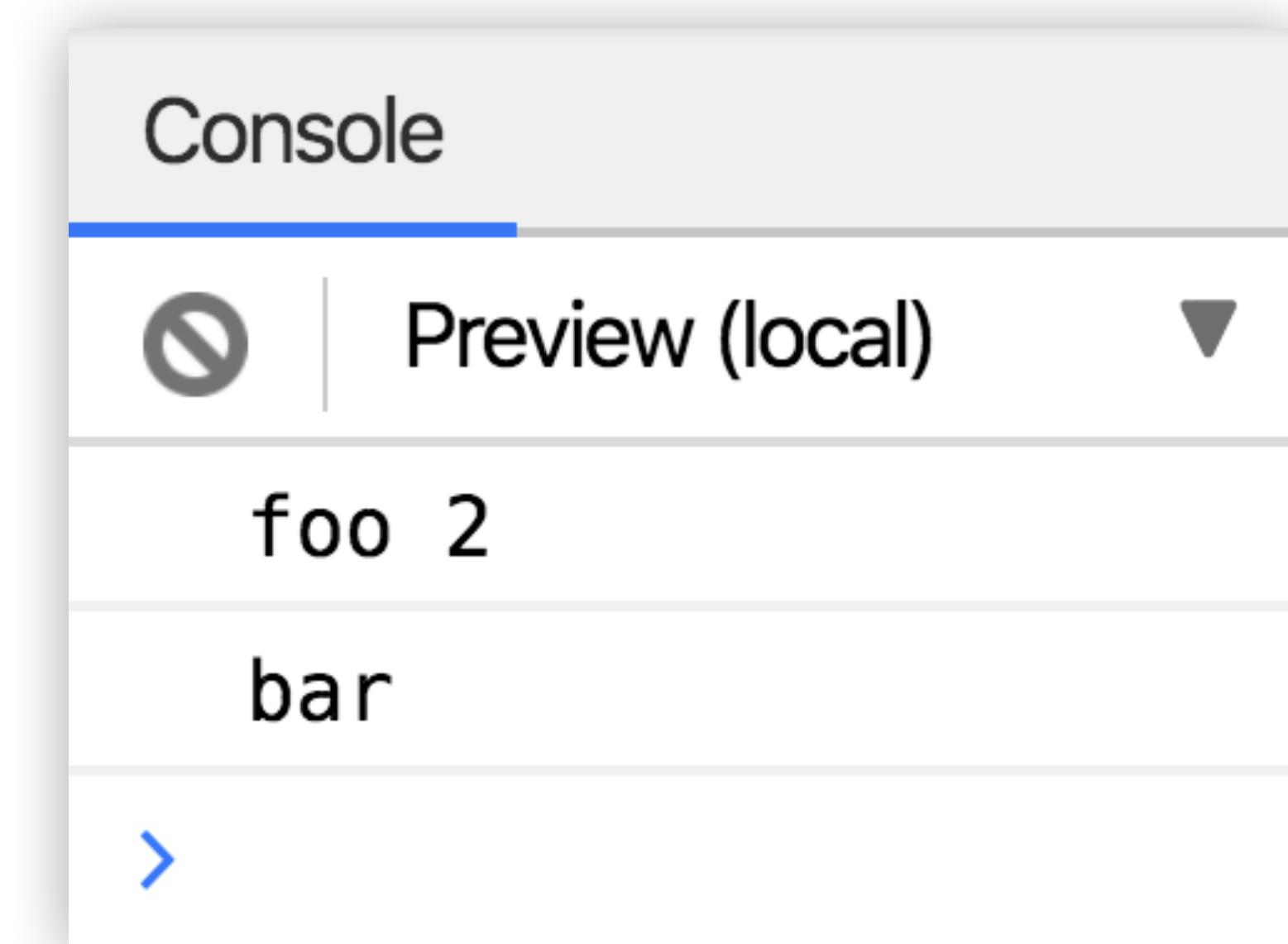
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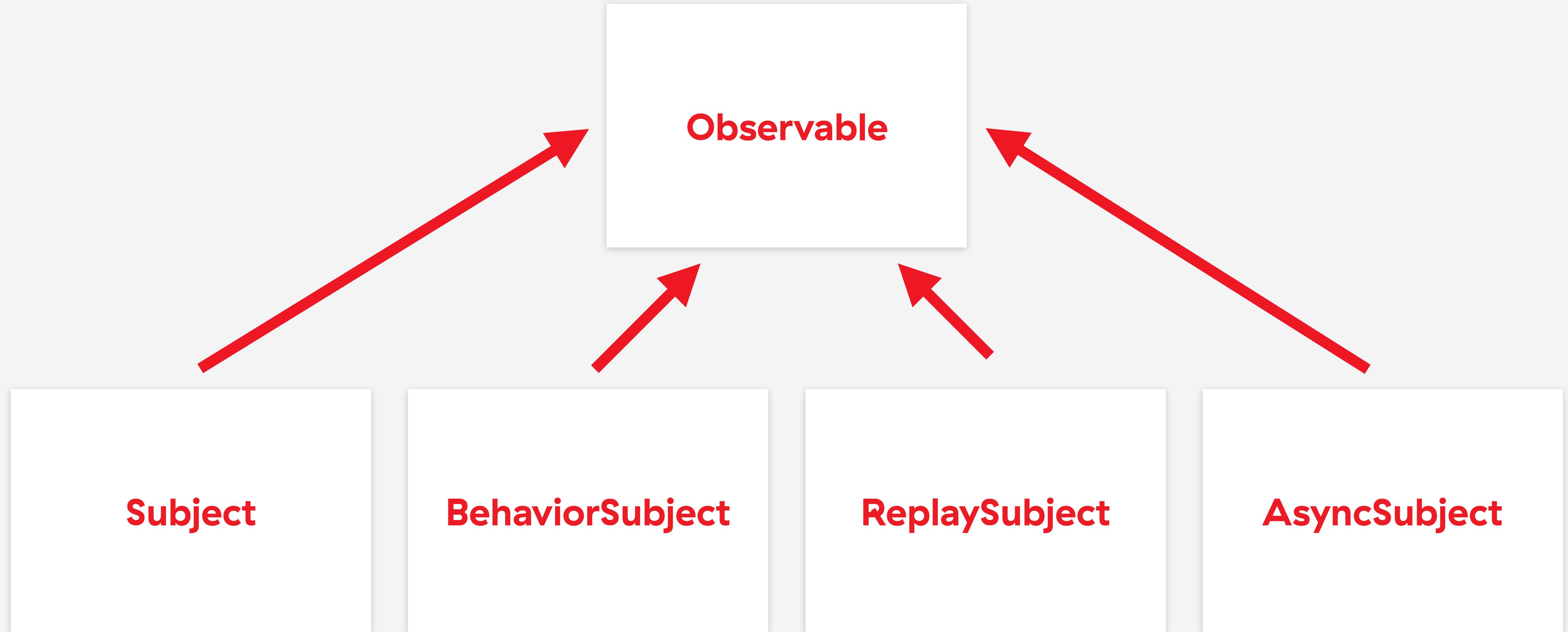
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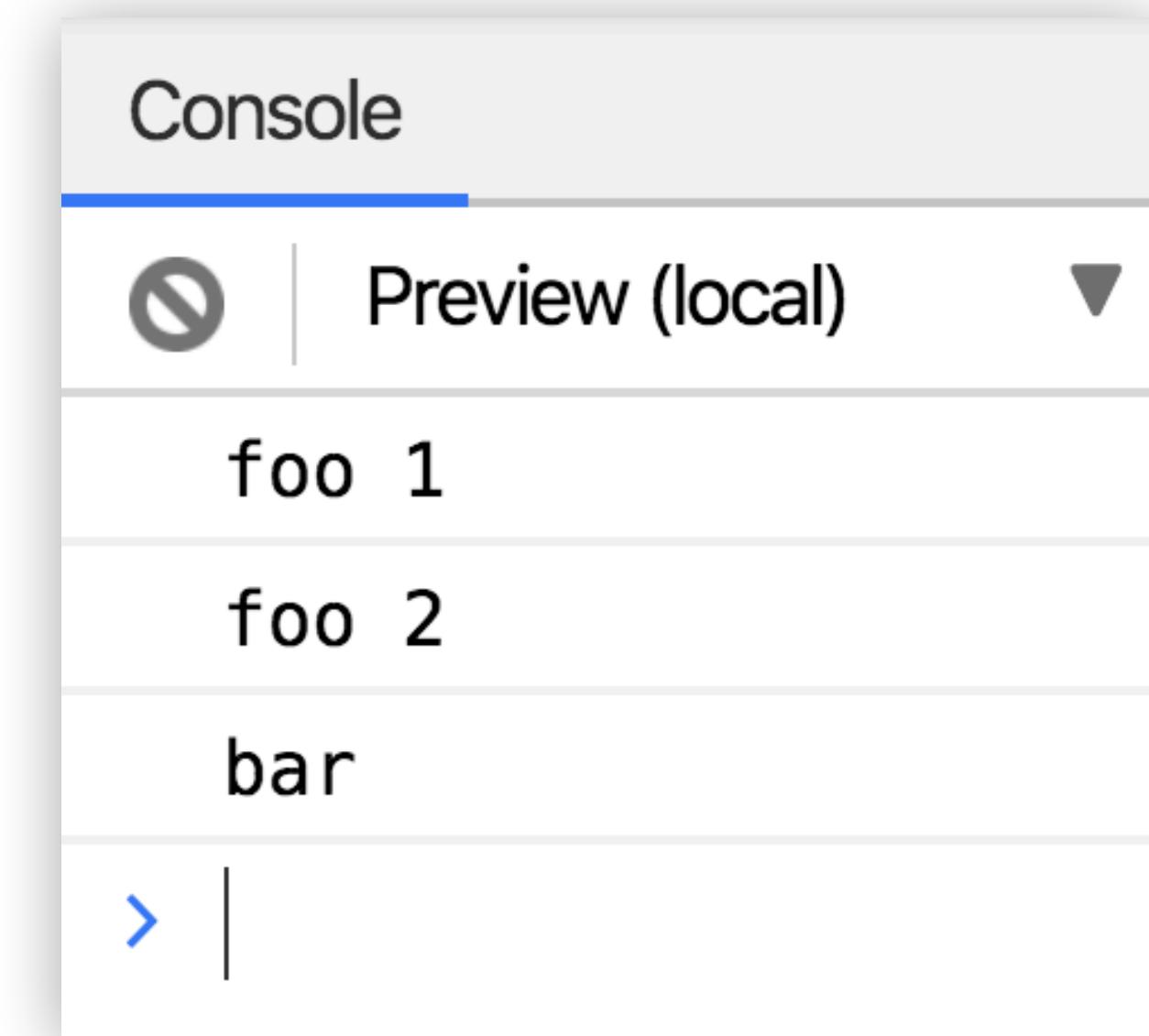


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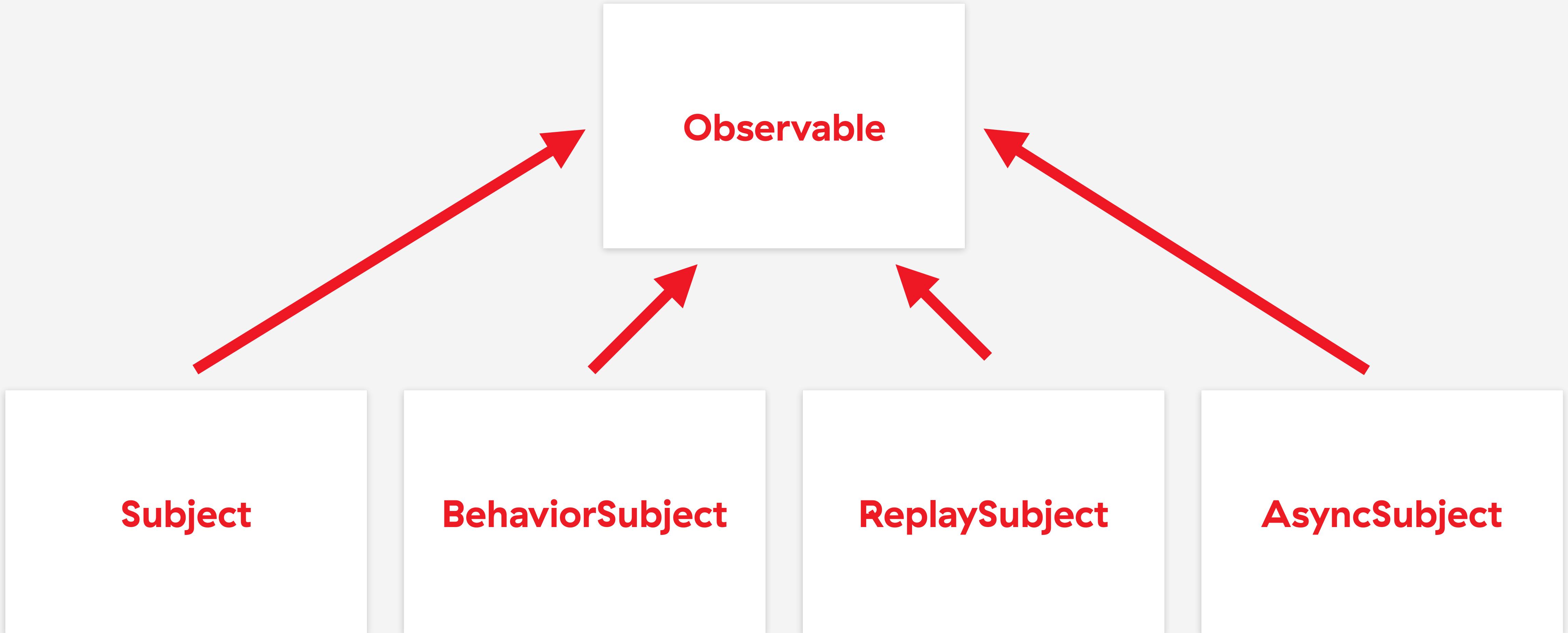
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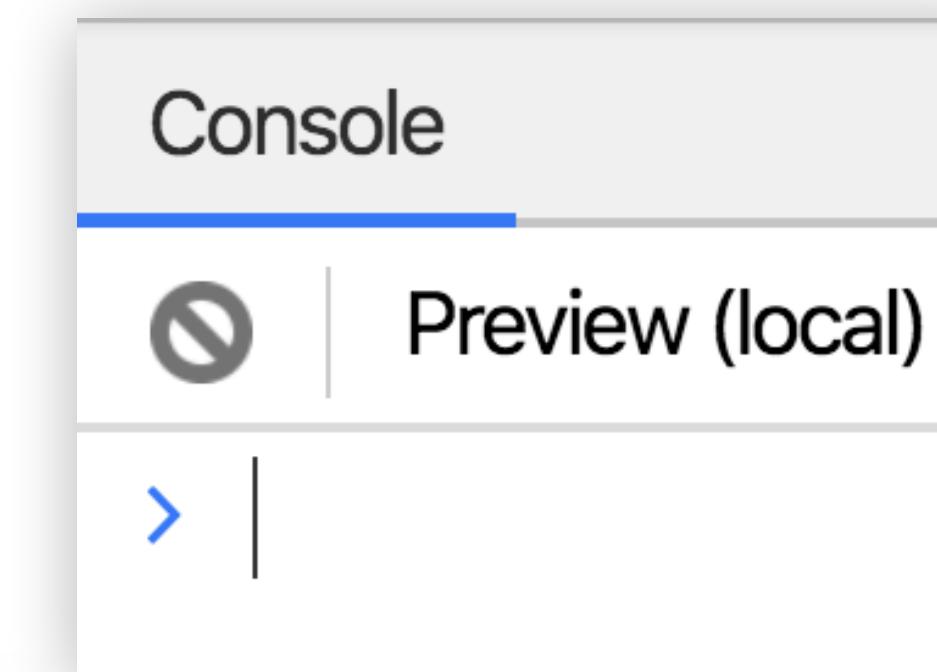


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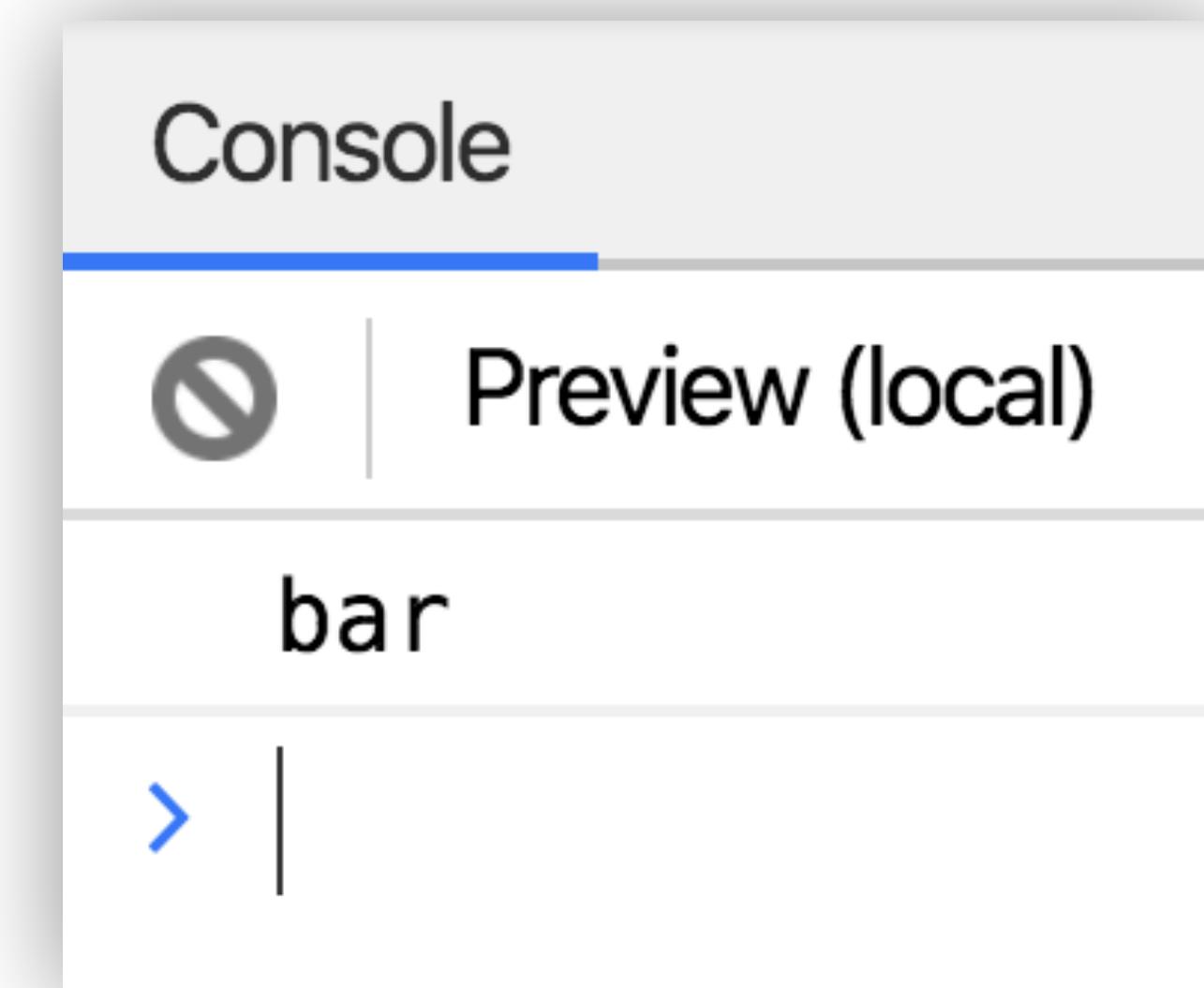
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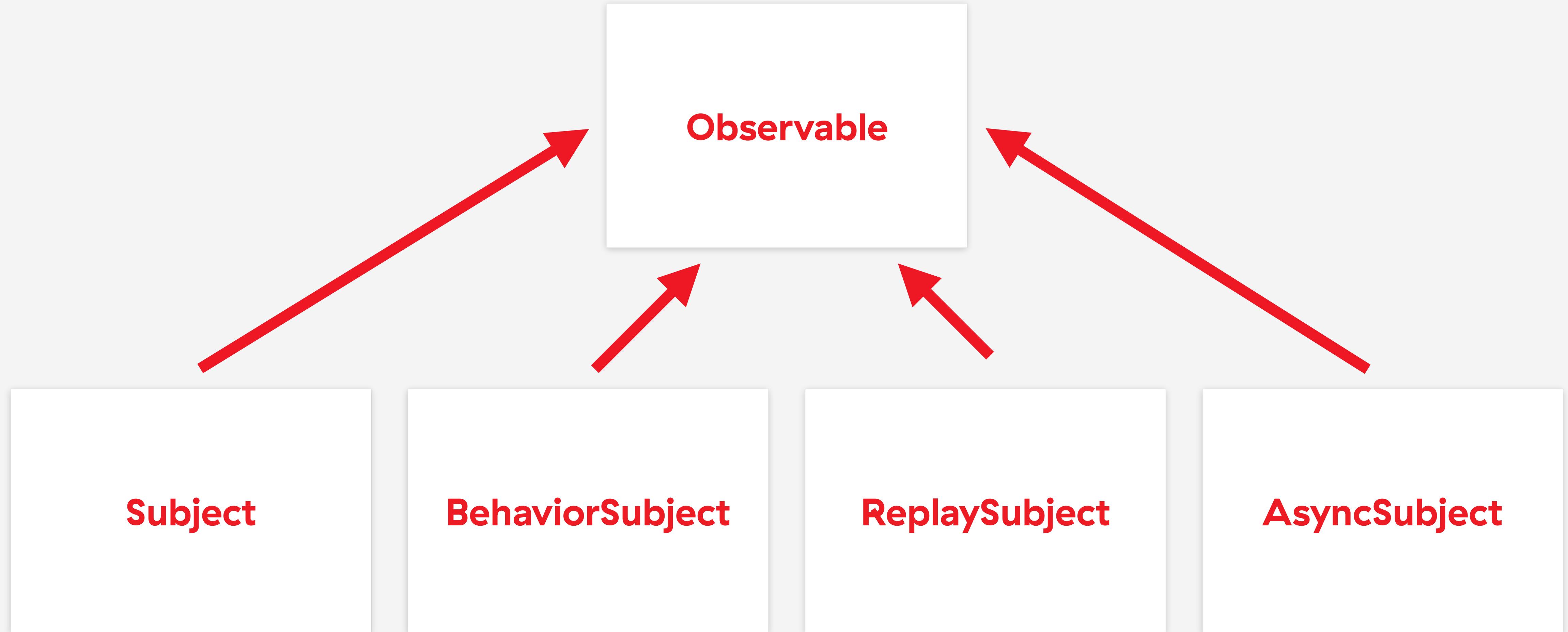
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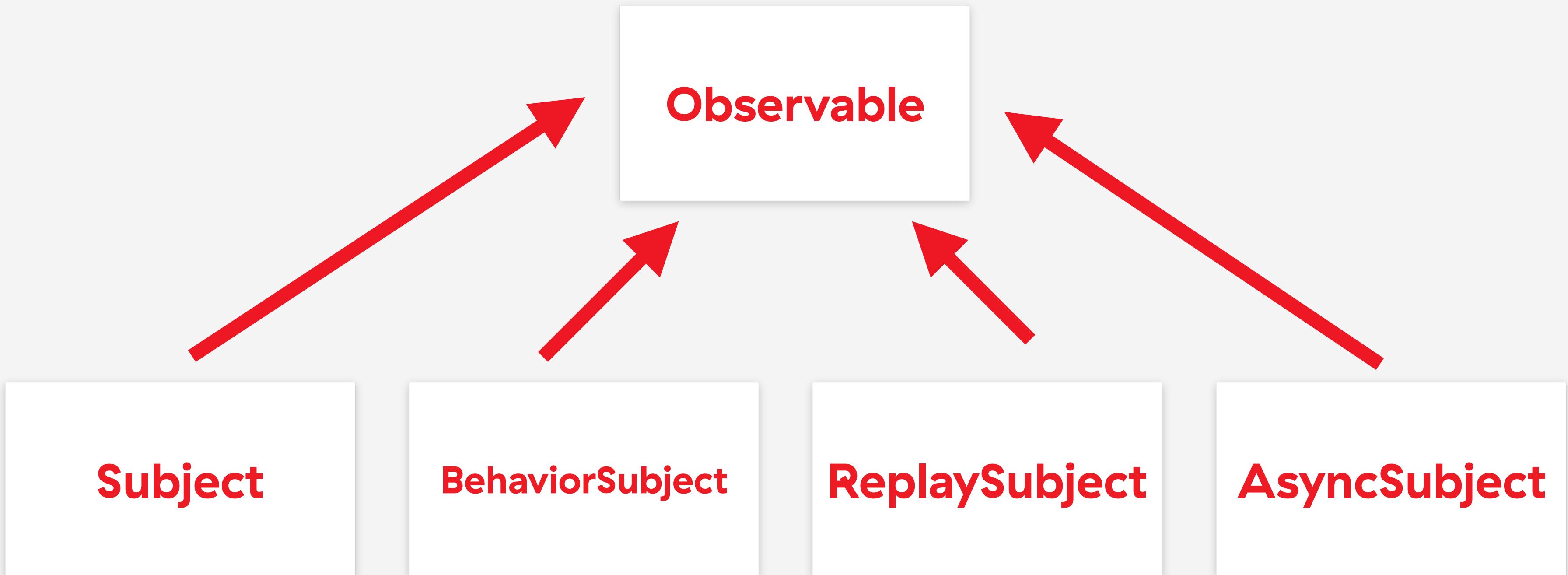
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# RESOURCES

- [Introduction](#)
- [RxJS Primer](#)
- [Observable](#)



# 5 HOT & COLD OBSERVABLES



## COLD

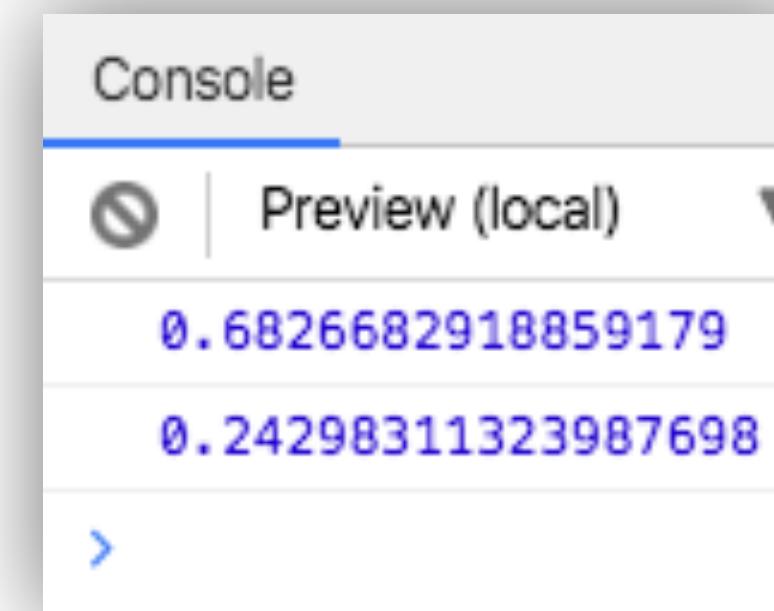
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## HOT

- Data is produced outside the observable
- Observable creation starts data production

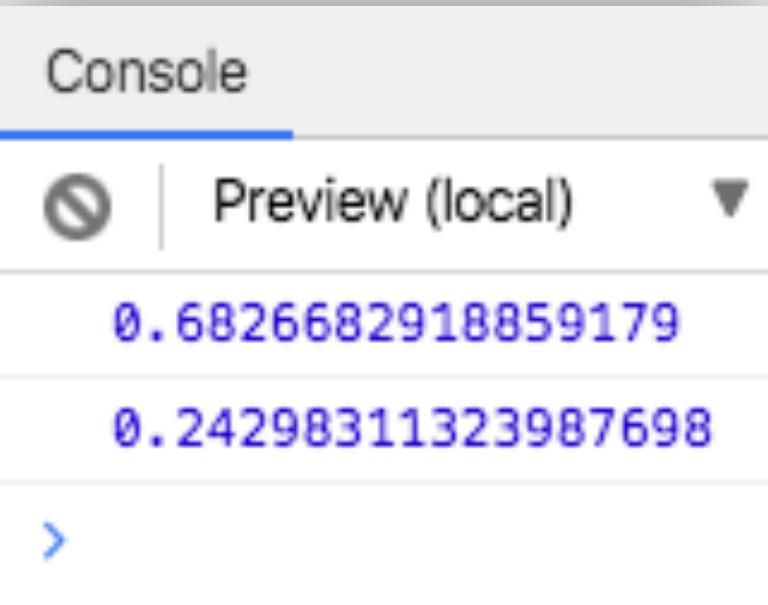
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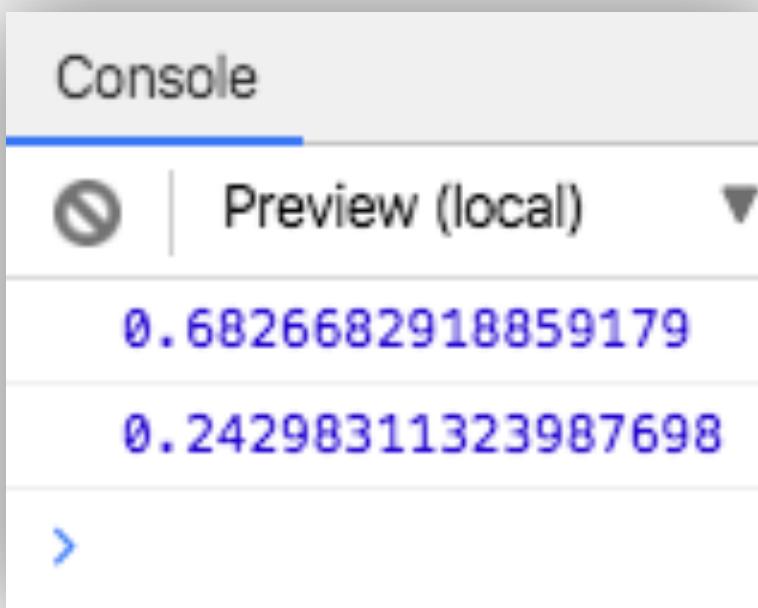
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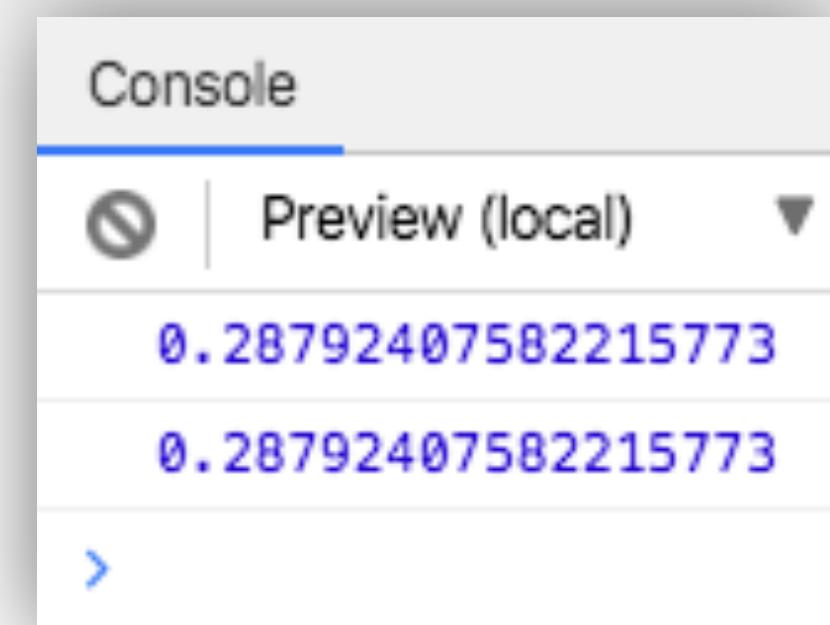
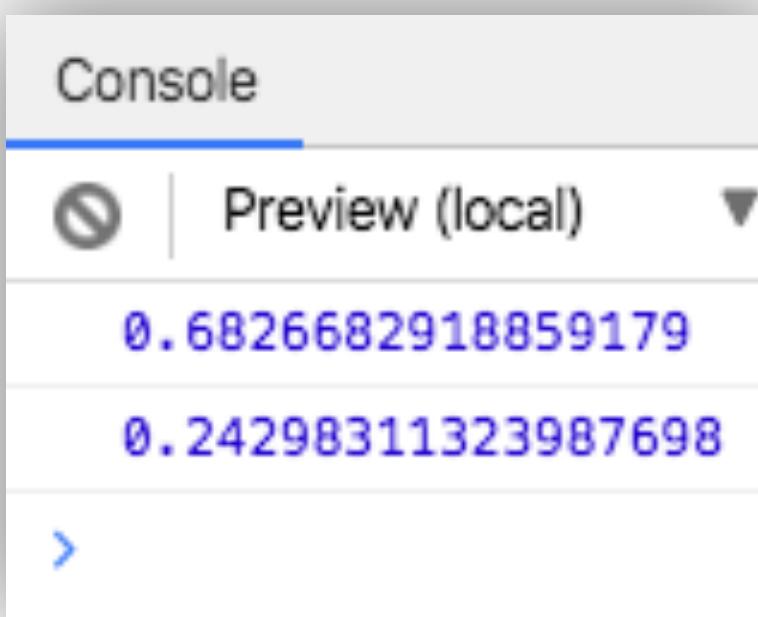
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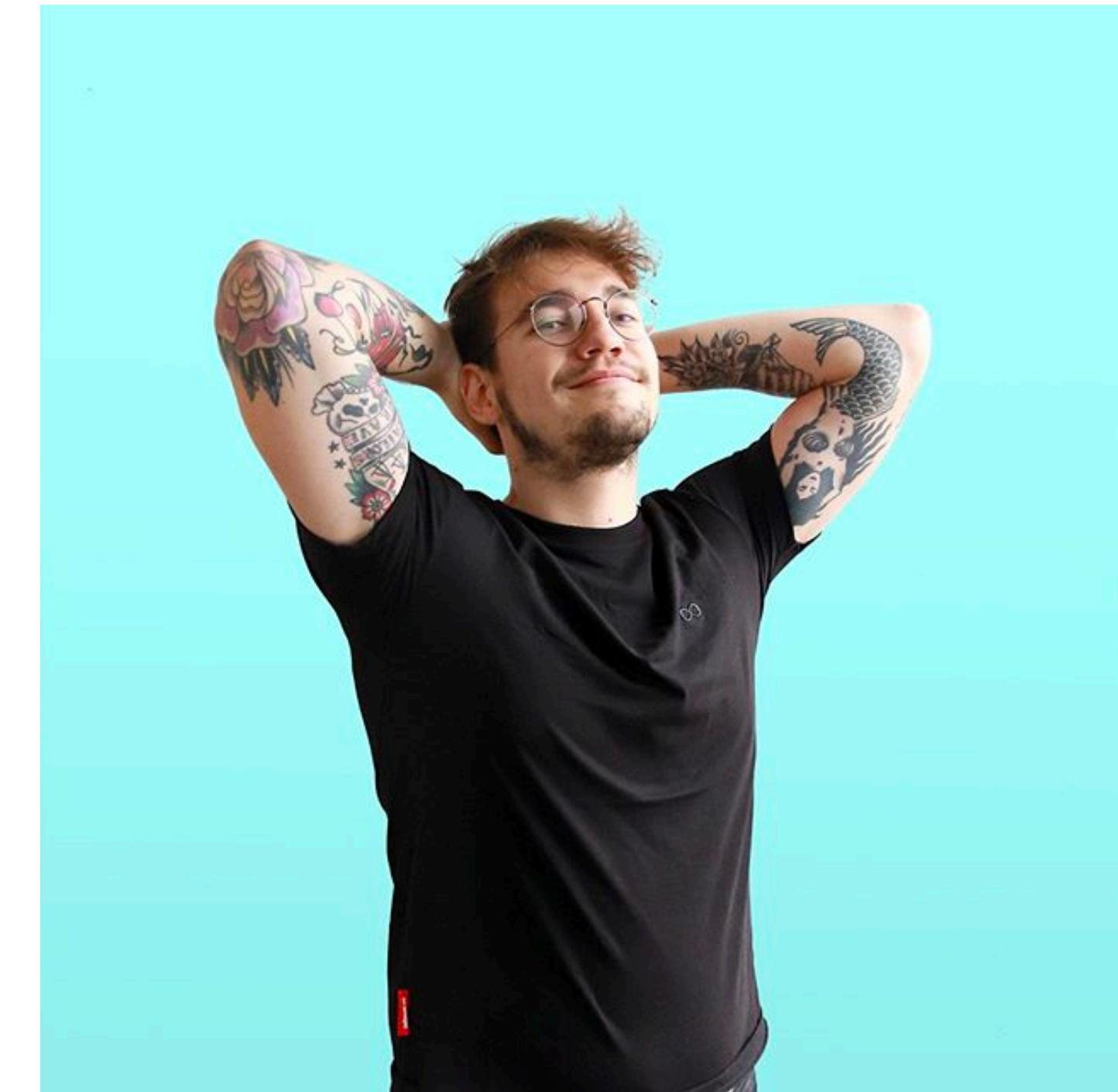
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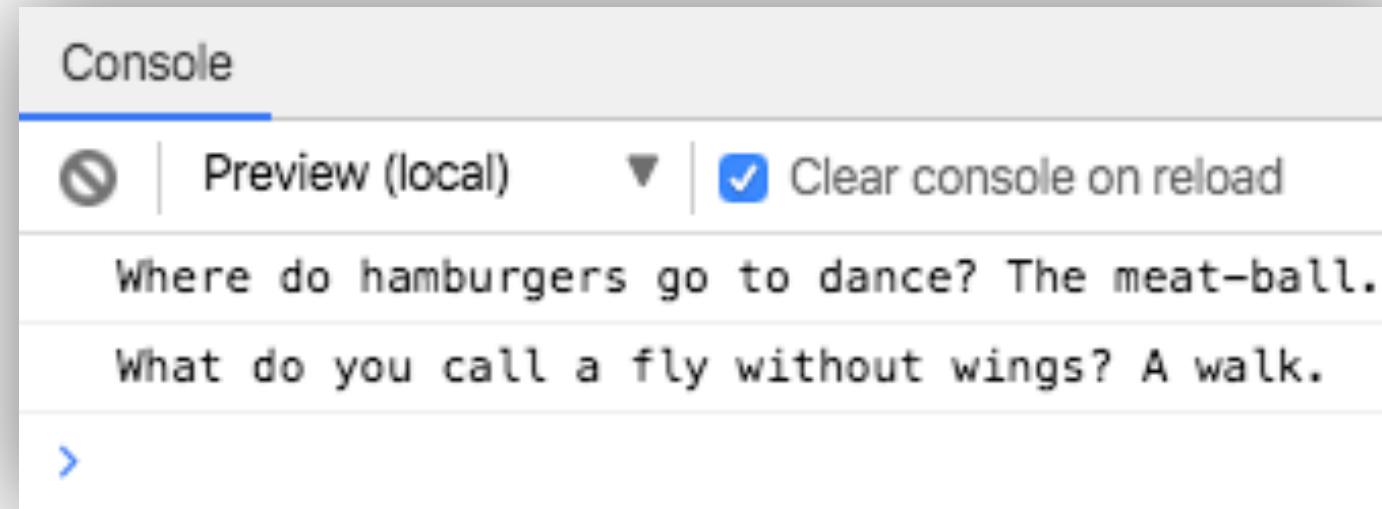
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2 import { map } from 'rxjs/operators';
3
4 const joke$ = ajax({
5   url: 'https://icanhazdadjoke.com',
6   headers: { accept: 'application/json' },
7 }).pipe(
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# HOT OBSERVABLE EXAMPLE

```
1 import { webSocket } from "rxjs/webSocket";
2
3 const socket$ = webSocket("ws://localhost:8081");
4
5 socket$.subscribe(
6   msg => console.log('message received: ' + msg),
7   err => console.log(err),
8   () => console.log('complete')
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# OBSERVABLES VS PROMISES VS MOBX

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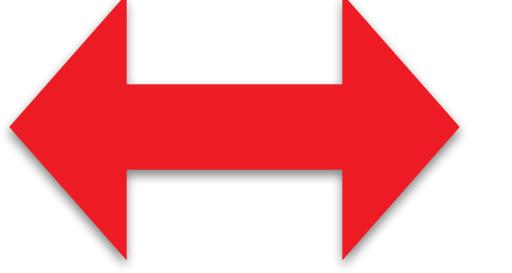
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**OBSERVABLE**  **PROMISE**

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7 const result = await p;
8 console.log(result);
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```



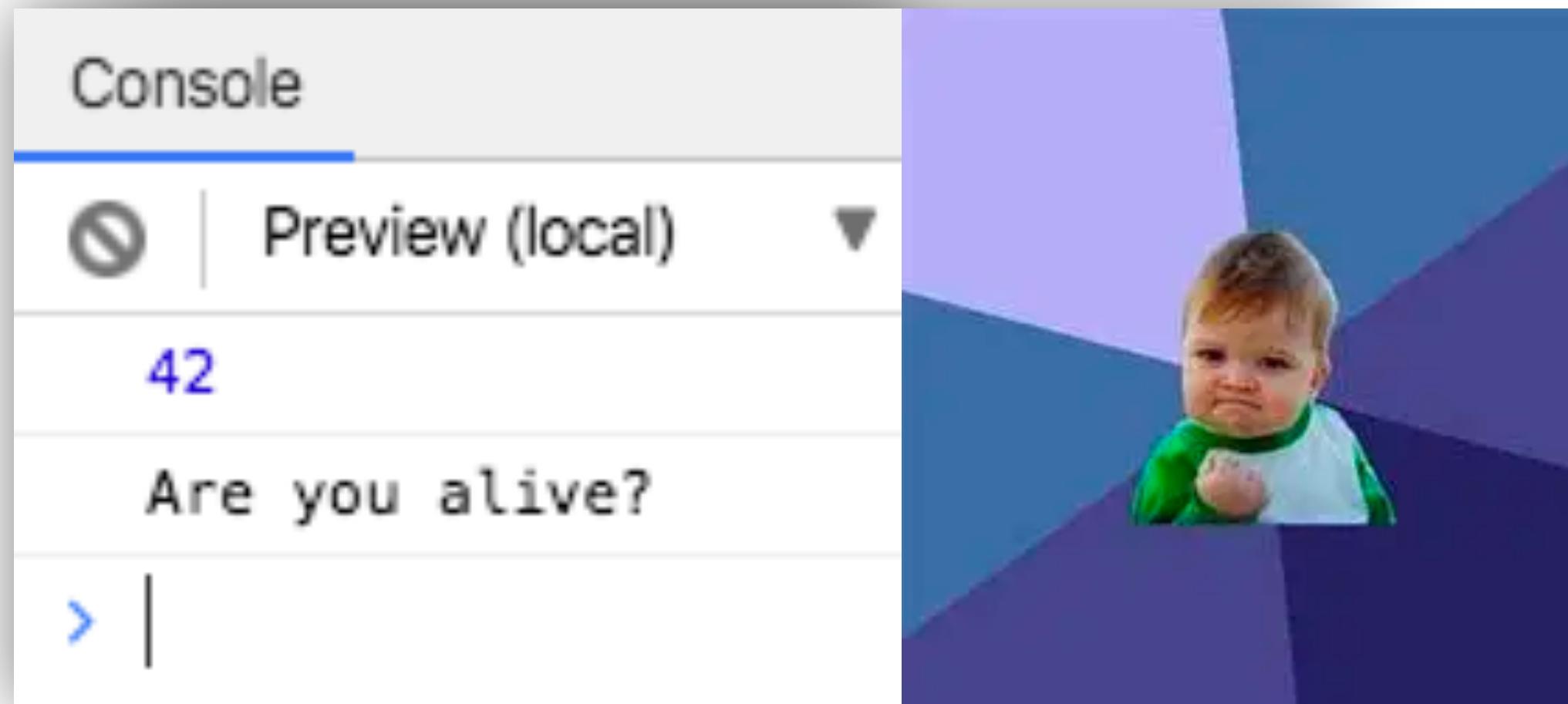
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# CONVERT OBSERVABLE TO A PROMISE



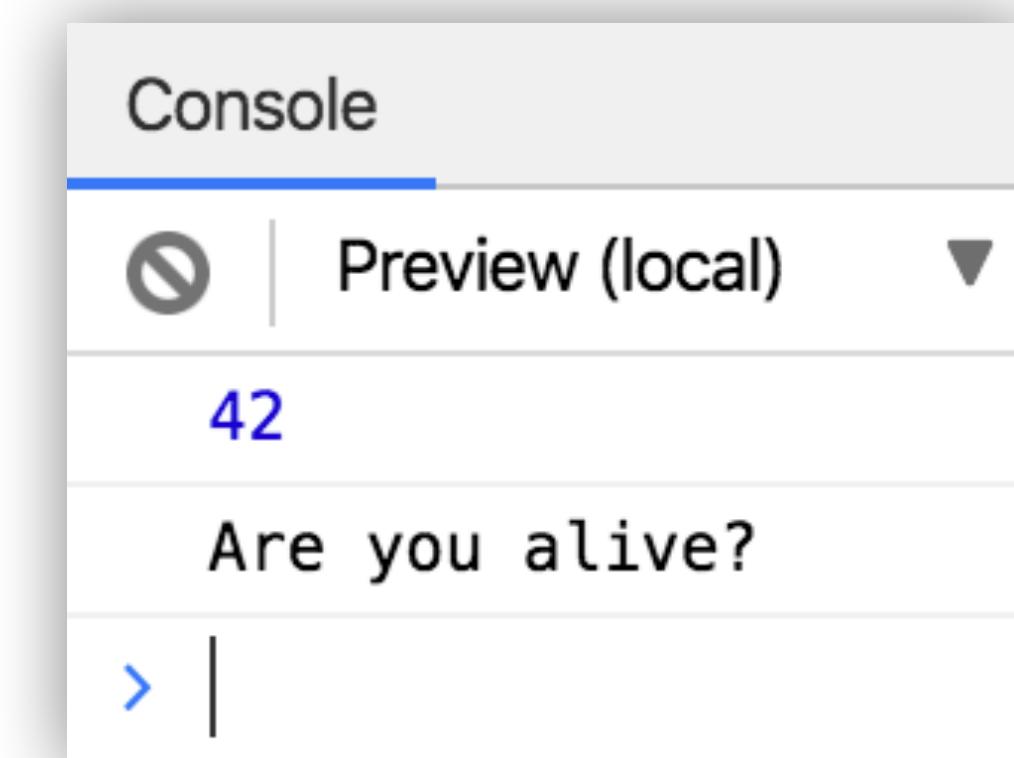
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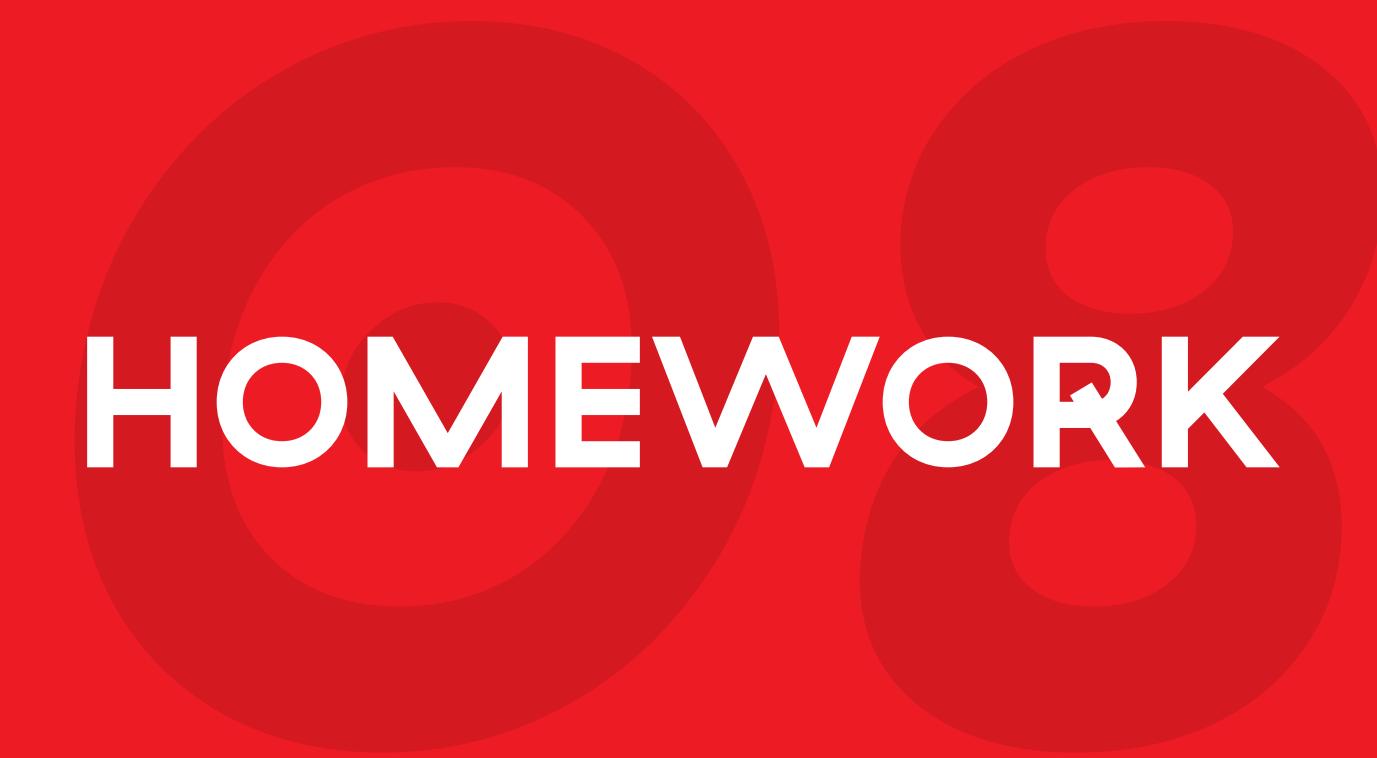
**VS. MOBX**

## VS. MOBX

- RxJS has Observables
- MobX has Observables
- Not same at all
- RxJS observables
  - Explicit subscriptions
  - Have pipes
- MobX observable
  - A value that can be observed
  - Subscriptions are automated (observer / autorun)
  - MobX decides which observables are relevant for the observer



¿PREGUNTAS?



**HOMEWORK**

# GENERAL

- Fork, pull and npm install [\*\*https://github.com/infinum/JS-RxWorkshop\*\*](https://github.com/infinum/JS-RxWorkshop)
- Write the implementation in placeholder files in **src/lecture-X/task-Y/\*.ts**
- Run tests to check if your implementation passes the tests
  - **npm test** runs all tests
  - **npm run test:lecture-1** runs all Lecture 1 tests
  - **npm run test:lecture-1:task-X** runs Lecture 1 – Task X tests
  - Write additional tests if you see the need or just want to further verify your solution  
(we might have missed some edge cases)
- You can also start the devserver (**npm start**) and write whatever you want  
in **src/index.ts** and **src/index.html**

# TASK #1 – DOM EVENTS

- Wrap **DOM events on an element** into **Observable**
- Implement **fromEvent** function:
  - Receives parameters **element: HTMLElement** and **eventType: string**
  - Returns **Observable<Event>** which **emits** the event object when the event triggers

## Notes:

- RxJS has a built-in function **fromEvent** which does basically the same thing
  - Be careful not to import it from RxJS instead of your own implementation
  - **DO NOT USE THIS** for homework solution (it would be a one-liner), but you can use it to test things in the devserver and see how it works (without looking at the source of RxJS implementation)
- Think about whether we want/need this observable to complete at some point?
- Will you implement this as a cold or as a hot observable? Try both ways, it will help you to better understand the the difference between hot and cold observable if you try both ways. Then think – do you want it to be cold or hot?
- What should happen when you unsubscribe?

## TASK #2 – SETTIMEOUT

- Wrap **setTimeout** into **Observable**
- Implement **timeout** function:
  - Receives **time: number** in milliseconds as its only parameter
  - Returns **Observable<void>** which **emits** and **completes** after the specified timeout

### Notes:

- Think about why we would want the observable to complete immediately after emission
- Will you implement this as a cold or as a hot observable? Try both ways, it will help you to better understand the the difference between hot and cold observable if you try both ways. Then think – do you want it to be cold or hot?
- What should happen when you unsubscribe?

# TASK #3 – SETINTERVAL

- Wrap **setInterval** into **Observable**
- Implement **interval** function:
  - Receives **time: number** in milliseconds as its only parameter
  - Returns **Observable<number>** which periodically **emits** incrementing integers (starting at 0)

## Notes:

- Think about why we do not need to complete the observable in this case
- Will you implement this as a cold or as a hot observable? Try both ways, it will help you to better understand the difference between hot and cold observable if you try both ways. Then think – do you want it to be cold or hot?
- What should happen when you unsubscribe?

# TASK #4 – REQUEST

- Wrap **fetch** or **XHR** (your choice) into **Observable**
- Implement **req<TBody>** function:
  - Receives **options: IRequestOptions<TBody>** as its only parameter
  - Returns **Observable<IReqResponse>** which **emits** the value and **completes**

## Notes:

- Function type/interface is the same for both fetch and XHR, only the implementation is different
- Request should be aborted when unsubscribing
  - If using XHR: [link](#)
  - If using fetch: [link](#)
- Tests also check if your implementation works with **await req(...).toPromise()**
- Same question as in other tasks – will you implement this as a cold or as a hot observable?
- Response will always be a string, even if it is a stringified JSON (for simplicity)