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Observer Pattern

Imagine one main object (Subject) is being "watched" by others (Observers).

Whenever the main object **changes**, it **automatically tells everyone watching**. No need to ask again and again — observers will get notified when subject changes it's state

- Observer pattern in layman terms
- ◆ You're waiting for Mangoes to come back on Blinkit.
- ◆ You click "Notify Me" now you're an Observer.
- ◆ When Mangoes are restocked, Blinkit (the *Subject*) will alert you. **You didn't have** to **keep checking** manually.
- Why do we need observer pattern
- Every dependent object keeps asking about the state of the subject (in this case it is mangoes).

"Has the value changed yet?" That's like refreshing Blinkit every minute to see if mangoes are back.

- ◆ **Problem It Solves** You dont have to **manually check** if something has changed. You will be notified when the state of the subject changes.
- ☑ Understanding terms related to this pattern ⊚ (Refer to the code attached)
- ◆ Subject The Out-of-Stock Item (e.g., Mangoes).
- ◆ Observers All users who pressed "Notify Me".
- ◆ Attach() When you click "Notify Me", you get added to the observer list.
- ◆ Notify()- When the item is back in stock, Blinkit notifies all observers.
- Pros:
- ◆ Open/Closed Principle You can make new subscriber (observer) classes without modifying the publisher (subject).
- ◆ Dynamic Subscription Observers can subscribe/unsubscribe at runtime, allowing flexible relationships between objects.
- ♦ Automatic Notification When the subject's state changes, all observers get updated automatically—no

manual polling needed.

Cons:

- ◆ **Notification Order Isn't Guaranteed** Observers are notified in no specific order, which might cause issues if sequence matters.
- ◆ **Tight Coupling via Interfaces** Even though loosely coupled in behavior, all observers must implement a common interface, which might increase complexity.
- ◆ Potential Memory Leaks If observers aren't properly unsubscribed, they may remain in memory for longer time period.

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        void AddObserver(IObserver observer);
void RemoveObserver(IObserver observer);
void NotifyObservers();
       private List<10bserver> _observers = new();
private bool _isAvailable;
private string _productName;
       public Product(string name)
{
               _isAvailable = isAvailable;
if (_isAvailable)
// Concrete Observer
public class Customer : IObserver
{
var customer1 = new Customer("Amit");
var customer2 = new Customer("Sneha");
mangoes.AddObserver(customer1);
mangoes.AddObserver(customer2);
// Later when mangoes are restocked
mangoes.SetAvailability(true);
```



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