

Vanilla Kotlin “Reactive” with Spring WebFlux

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Once upon a time...

A new innovative service called Kontact.io*!



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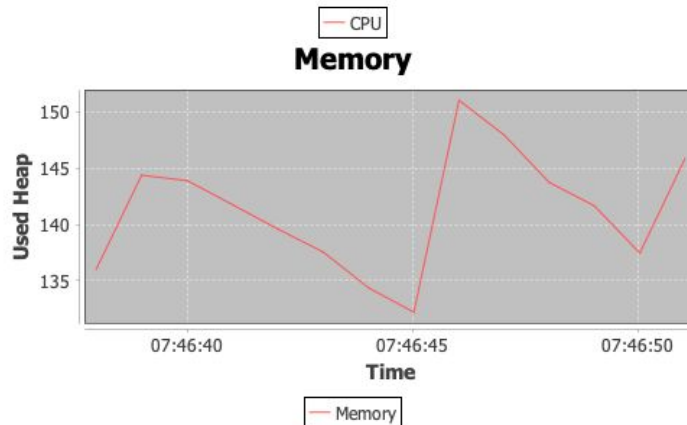
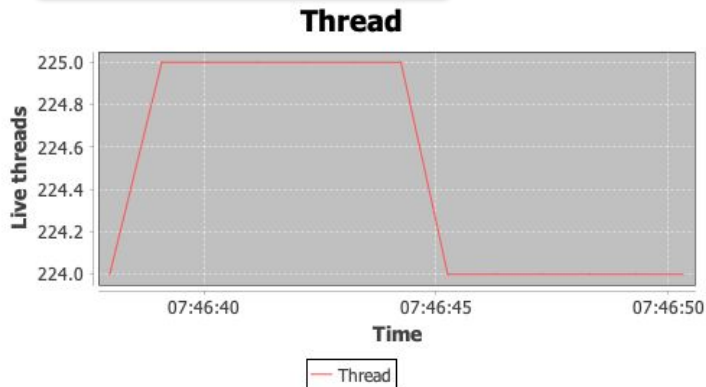
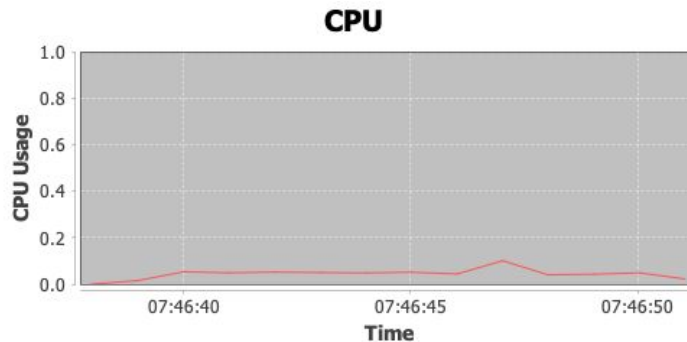
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Spring MVC (4000 create contacts in 10 seconds)

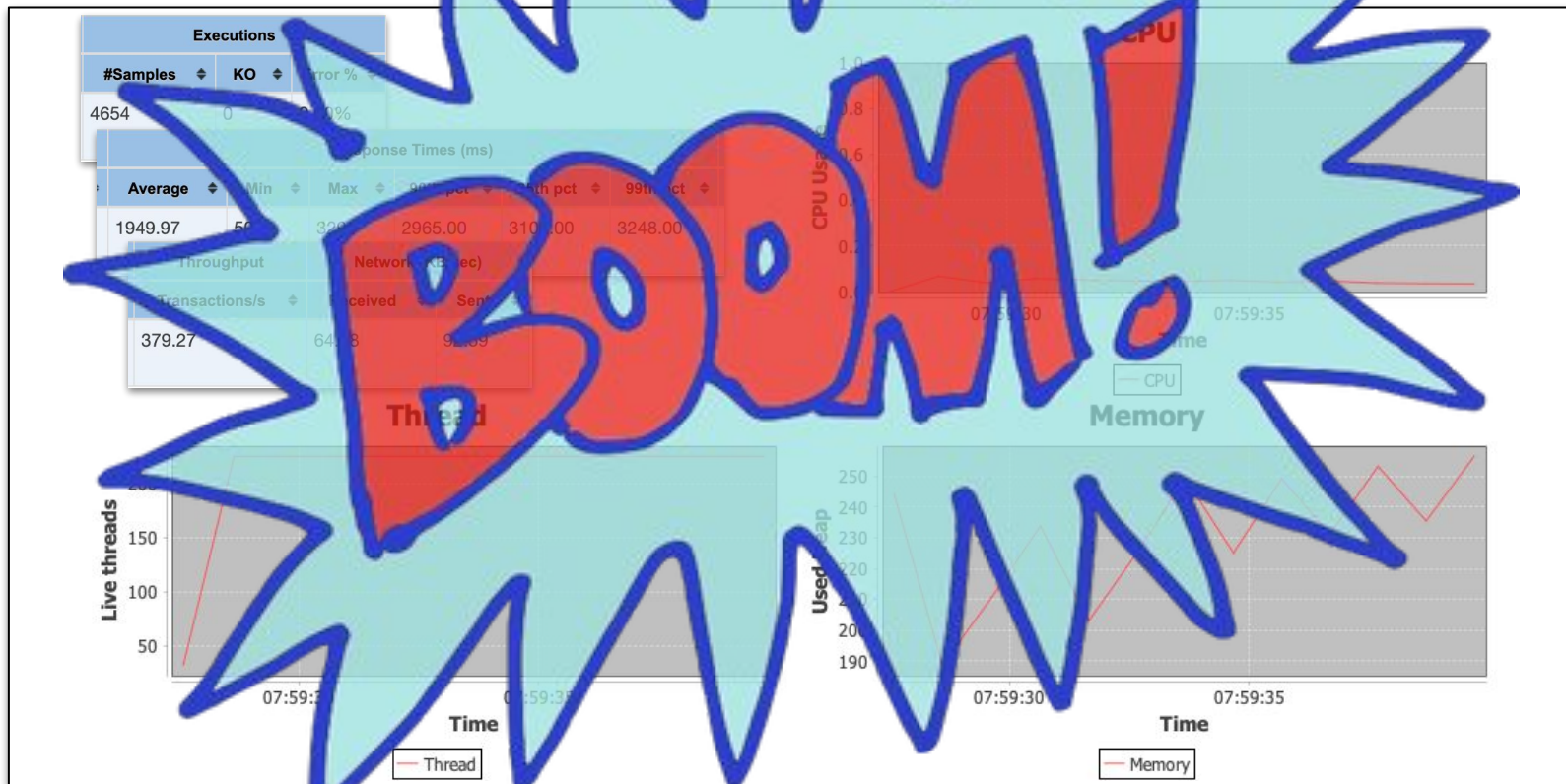
Executions		
#Samples	KO	Error %
4000	0	0.00%

Response Times (ms)					
Average	Min	Max	90th pct	95th pct	99th pct
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Throughput		Network (KB/sec)	
Transactions/s	Received	Sent	
324.78	54.87	79.29	



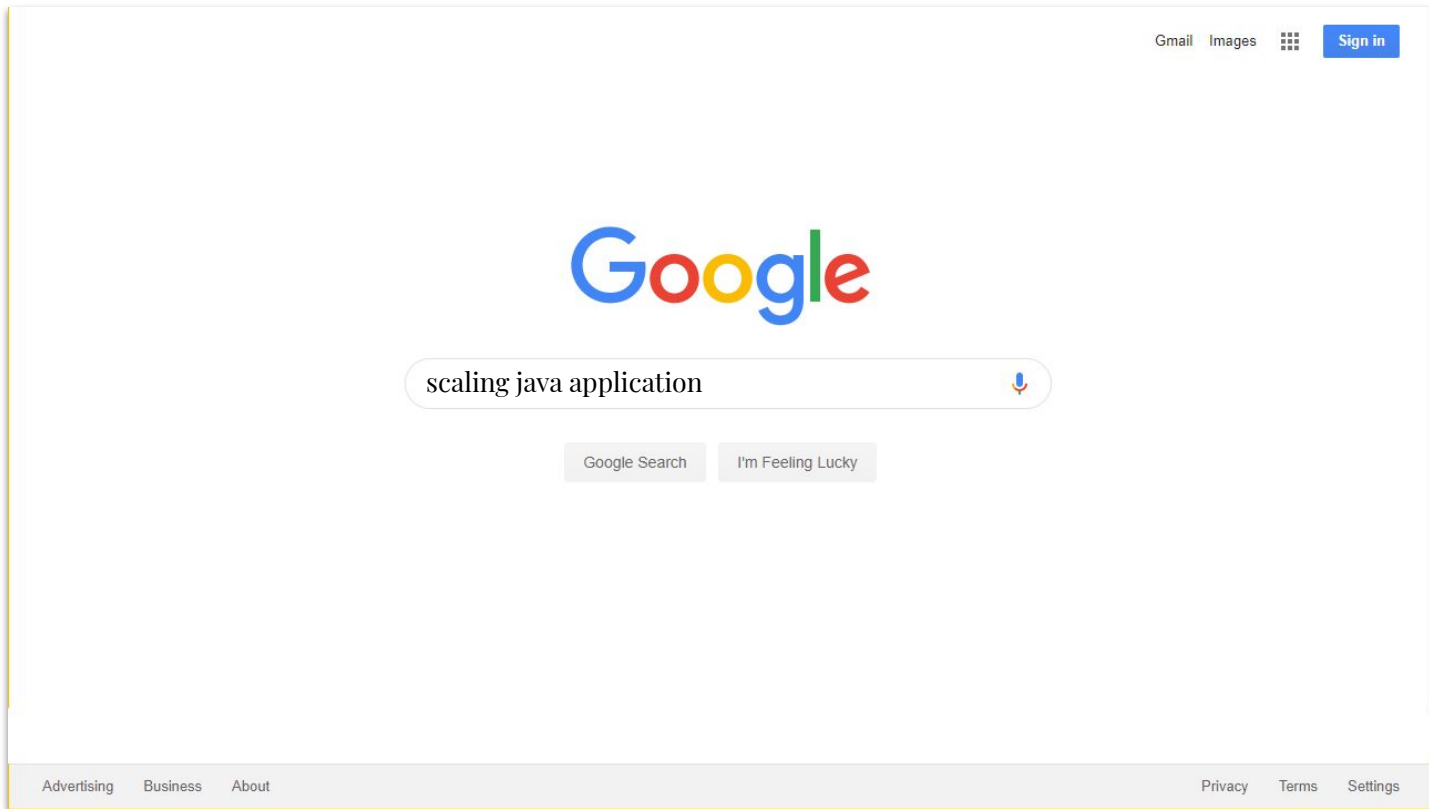
Spring MVC (5000 create contacts in 10 seconds)



Doesn't scale...too many long requestes!

The default thread pool is 200 that was
why we have 400 requests/sec for
500ms response time.

Don't panic! Use Google!

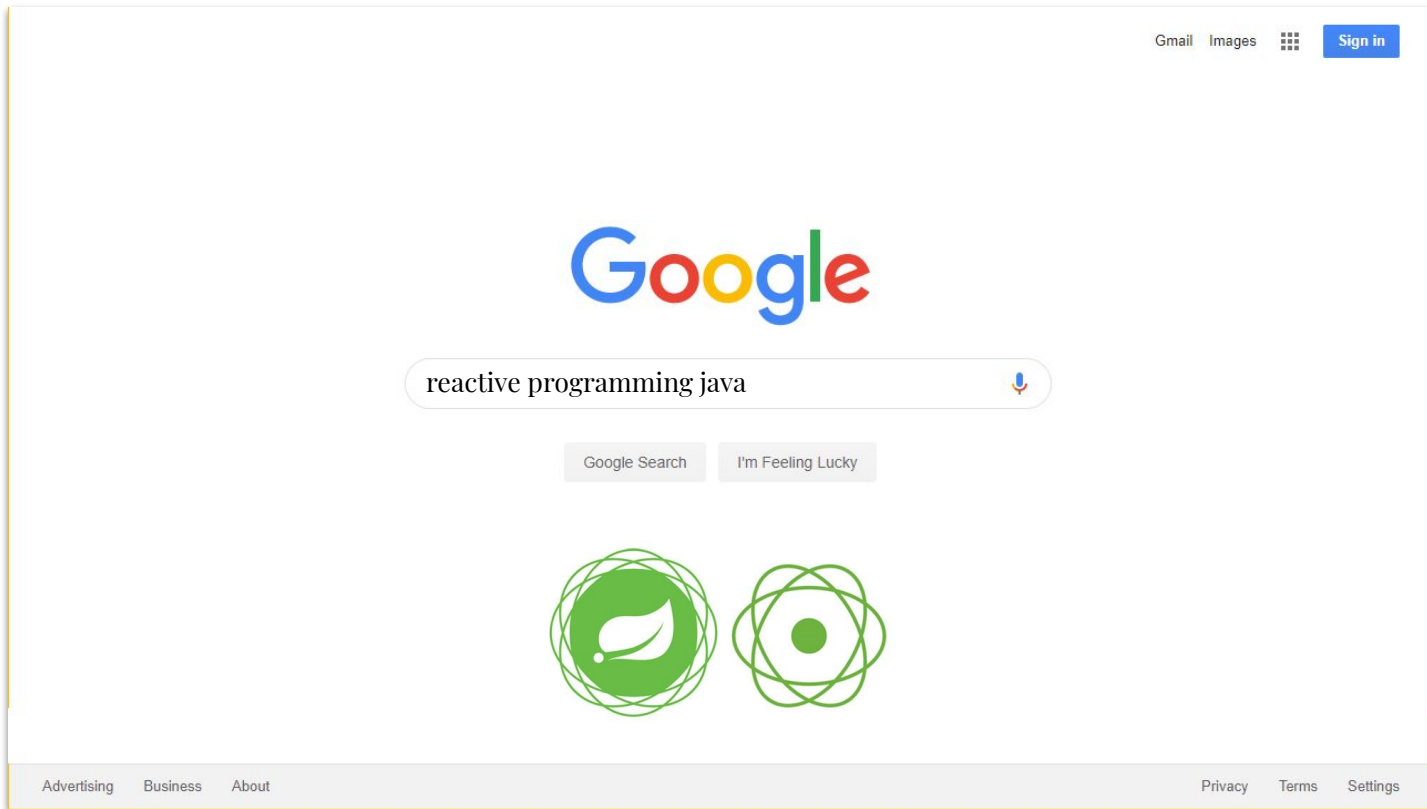


What can I do?

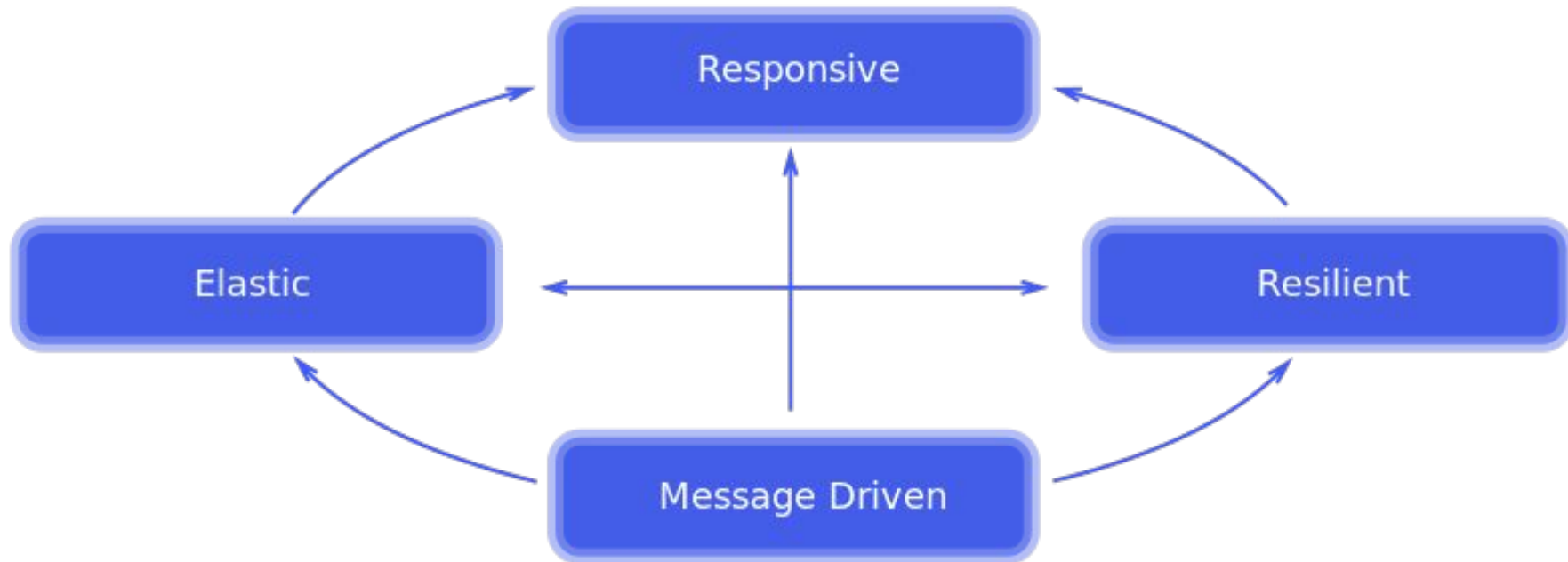
- Increase the thread pool size
- DeferredResult or CompletableFuture with Servlet
- Reactive programming

<https://medium.com/@filia.aleks/microservice-performance-battle-spring-mvc-vs-webflux-80d39fd81bfo>

Don't panic! Use Google! (again)



Reactive Systems



Reacting to the future of application architecture by Grace Jansen

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NuvR8_hCxw

From imperative to Reactive

- **Imperative:** tell what to do and how to do it.

```
for (String a : list) { if(...) { ... } else { ...} }
```

- **Declarative:** tell what to do and **not** how to do it.

```
list.stream().forEach{...}
```

- **Functional:** declarative + HOC + functional composition + lazy evaluation.

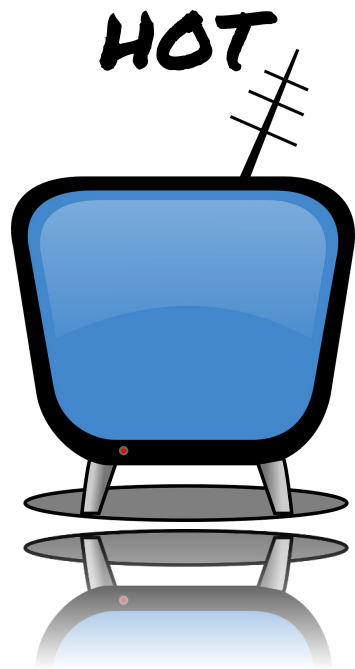
- **Reactive:** functional + message driven + elastic + responsive + resilience.

```
Flux.from(list)
    .doOnNext(...)
    .doOnError(...)
    .doOnSuccess(...)
    .doOnComplete(...)
    .subscribe()
```

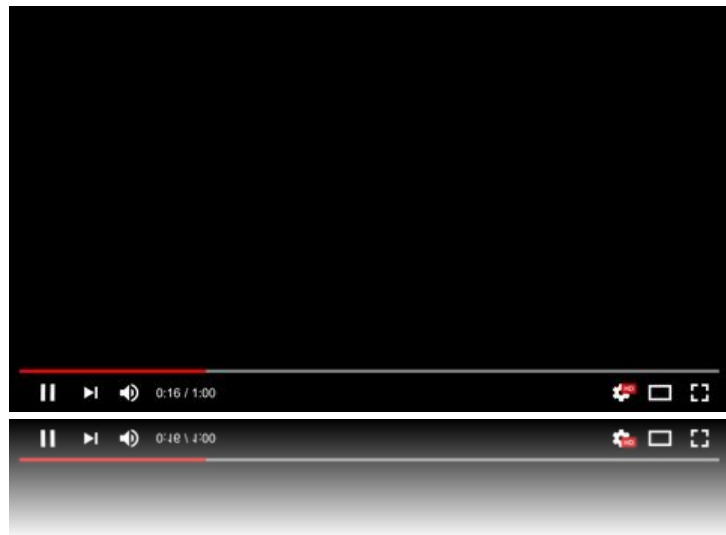
Reactive Programming

Reactive programming, is a non-blocking alternative to traditional programming solutions, working entirely with event driven data streams and functional programming concepts to manipulate streams and considering the failure as first citizen, in any kind of scenario.

Hot Vs. Cold subscribing



COLD



Backpressure

Backpressure = client message control



Server sent event

Server-sent events - Wikipedia

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Server-Sent Events (SSE) is a **server** push technology enabling a client to receive automatic updates from a **server** via HTTP connection. The **Server-Sent Events** EventSource API is standardized as part of HTML5 by the W3C.

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Keep attention to your environment!

1. Reactive programming needs reactive libraries!

<https://projectreactor.io/docs/core/release/reference/#faq.wrap-blocking>

2. Use Blockhound

<https://medium.com/@domenicosibilio/blockhound-detect-blocking-calls-in-reactive-code-before-its-too-late-6472f8ad50c1>

3. R2DBC

<https://r2dbc.io/>



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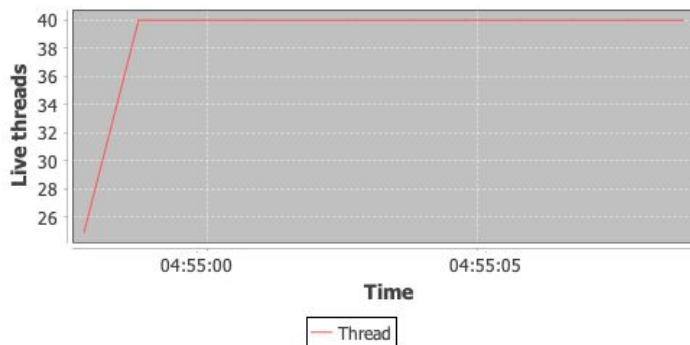
Webflux + Reactor (5000 create contacts in 10 seconds)

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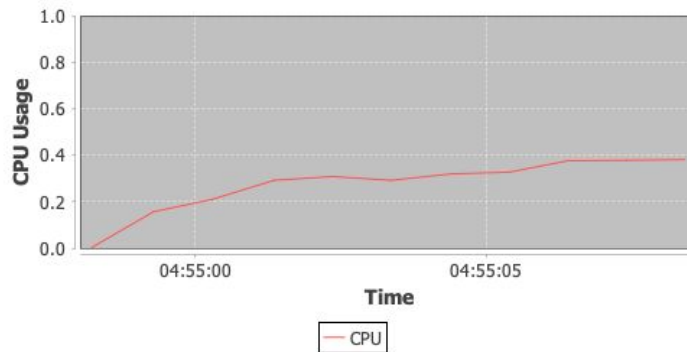
Response Times (ms)					
Error %	Average	Min	Max	90th pct	95th pct
0.00%	513.20	501	715	537.00	558.00

Throughput		Network (KB/sec)	
Transactions/s	Received	Sent	
485.96	55.05	118.64	

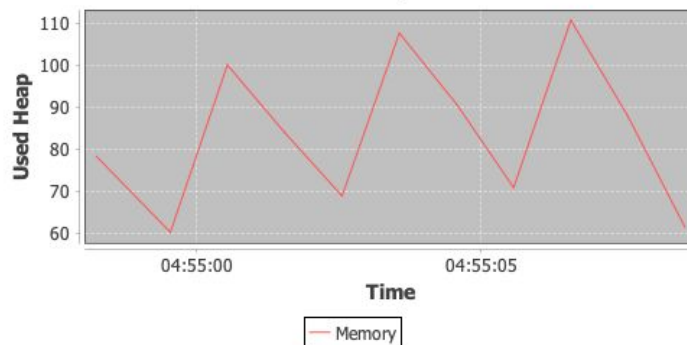
Thread



CPU



Memory



WTF!?!?!?



mp911de commented on 15 Oct

Member



You don't buy into reactive programming because you want your queries to run faster. You apply reactive programming patterns to improve your application scalability and resilience.



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<https://medium.com/@filia.aleks/r2dbc-vs-jdbc-19ac3c99fafa>

<https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-data-r2dbc/issues/203>

Serious performance tests!



mp911de commented on 14 Sep • edited ▾

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Before:

Benchmark	(resultSize)	Mode	Cnt	Score	Error	U
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.simpleJdbc	1	thrpt	5	13306,454 ±	1208,805	
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.simpleJdbc	10	thrpt	5	10698,935 ±	1765,078	
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.simpleJdbc	100	thrpt	5	8129,170 ±	2008,986	
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.simpleJdbc	200	thrpt	5	5909,088 ±	1475,809	
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.extendedJdbc	1	thrpt	5	23413,053 ±	2871,815	
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.extendedJdbc	10	thrpt	5	20849,660 ±	999,644	
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.extendedJdbc	100	thrpt	5	7913,647 ±	771,162	
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.extendedJdbc	200	thrpt	5	3876,876 ±	842,278	
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.simpleR2dbc	1	thrpt	5	9297,426 ±	627,729	
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.simpleR2dbc	10	thrpt	5	6760,997 ±	327,497	
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.simpleR2dbc	100	thrpt	5	2638,489 ±	287,265	
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.simpleR2dbc	200	thrpt	5	1363,660 ±	136,011	
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.extendedR2dbc	1	thrpt	5	7619,045 ±	563,956	
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.extendedR2dbc	10	thrpt	5	6742,465 ±	380,895	
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StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.simpleR2dbc	200	thrpt	5	3875,689 ±	752,872
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.extendedR2dbc	1	thrpt	5	11612,125 ±	2114,247
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.extendedR2dbc	10	thrpt	5	9109,973 ±	1904,214
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.extendedR2dbc	100	thrpt	5	5314,664 ±	503,736
StagedResultSizeBenchmarks.extendedR2dbc	200	thrpt	5	3507,015 ±	539,890

<https://github.com/r2dbc/r2dbc-postgresql/pull/158>

Coroutine

Coroutine \approx light-weight thread

- They are like threads, they run in parallel, wait for each other and they communicate.
- They are cheap, we can create many of those without having performance issues.
- They are executed in a thread pool.
- A thread can handle more than one coroutine.
- Thread became free until a coroutine is in waiting state. When the coroutine will return active, it doesn't get the old thread, but it will use a free thread in the pool.

<https://github.com/Kotlin/kotlinx.coroutines/blob/master/coroutines-guide.md>

<https://proandroiddev.com/approaching-kotlin-coroutines-an-extensive-feature-concurrent-programming-in-kotlin-eaaa19b003d2>

Coroutines are humble

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking {  
    val jobs = List(100_000) {  
        launch {  
            delay(1000L)  
            print(".")  
        }  
    }  
    jobs.forEach { it.join() }  
}
```

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) {  
    val jobs = List(100_000) {  
        thread(start = true) {  
            Thread.sleep(1000)  
            print(".")  
        }  
    }  
    jobs.forEach { it.join() }  
}
```

OUT OF MEMORY!!!

Coroutine: suspend, async / await

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val time = measureTimeMillis {  
        val one = doSomethingUsefulOne()  
        val two = doSomethingUsefulTwo()  
        println("The answer is ${one + two}")  
    }  
    println("Completed in $time ms")  
}
```

~2 sec.

```
suspend fun doSomethingUsefulOne(): Int {  
    delay(1000L)  
    return 13  
}
```

```
suspend fun doSomethingUsefulTwo(): Int {  
    delay(1000L)  
    return 29  
}
```

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val time = measureTimeMillis {  
        val one = async { doSomethingUsefulOne() }  
        val two = async { doSomethingUsefulTwo() }  
        println("The answer is ${one.await() + two.await()}")  
    }  
    println("Completed in $time ms")  
}
```

~1 sec.

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    delay(1000L)  
    return 29  
}
```


Coroutine means reactive?



Roman Elizarov @relizarov · 2g



In risposta a [@CedricChampeau](#)

Nit: Coroutines are not a "reactive programming model" and Kotlin Coroutines, in particular, provide a non-orthodox solution to the coloring problem that was not even on the table back in 2015 when [@munificentbob](#) wrote his infamous post. More here:



How do you color your functions?
medium.com

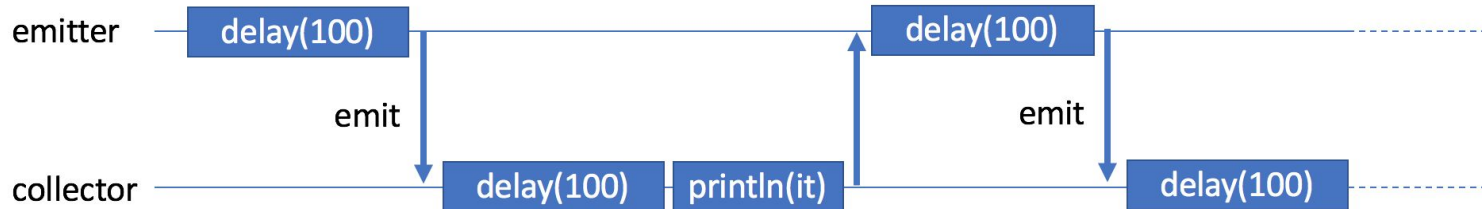
Structured concurrency

- The main task will complete when all children concurrent tasks complete.
- The lifetime of a thread is bound to a particular syntactic construct, typically a scope or a code block.
- Formulated in 2016 by Martin Sústrik (creator of ZeroMQ).

```
fun main() = runBlocking {  
    launch {  
        println("start parent")  
        launch {  
            (1..10).forEach {  
                delay(100)  
                println("a $it")  
            }  
        }  
        launch {  
            (1..10).forEach {  
                delay(200)  
                println("b $it")  
                cancel()  
            }  
        }  
        delay(500)  
        cancel()  
    }  
    println("end")  
}
```

Flow

A cold asynchronous data stream that sequentially emits values and completes normally or with an exception.



<https://medium.com/@elizarov/kotlin-flows-and-coroutines-256260fb3bdb>

Comparing Flow & Flux

```
flow {  
  
    emit("abc")  
  
}  
  
.catch{ ... }  
  
.collect { ... }  
  
.onCompletion { ... }
```

```
Flux.create{  
  
    it.next("abc")  
  
}  
  
.onError(...)  
  
.subscribe { ... }  
  
.onComplete { ... }
```

From Flux to Flow and viceversa

```
val flowA = flowOf(1, 2, 3)
```

```
.map { it + 1 }
```

```
.flowOn(ctxA)
```

```
.collect
```

kotlinx.coroutines.Dispatchers:

- Main
- Default
- Single
- IO

```
val
```

```
val fluxA = Flux.just(1, 2, 3)
```

```
.map { it + 1 }
```

```
.subscribeOn(ctxA)
```

```
.subscribe()
```

```
val flowA = fluxA.asFlow()
```

Buffer & Conflate

```
fun foo(): Flow<Int> = flow {
    for (i in 1..3) {
        delay(100)
        println("Emitting $i")
        emit(i)
    }
}

fun main() = runBlocking<Unit> {
    val time = measureTimeMillis {
        foo()
        .buffer() or .conflate()
        .collect { value ->
            delay(300)
            println("Collecting $value")
        }
    }
    println("Collected in $time ms")
}
```

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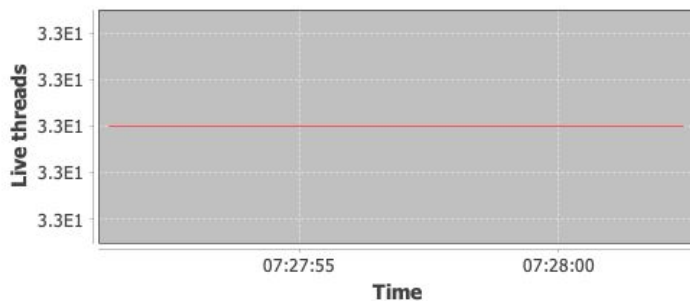
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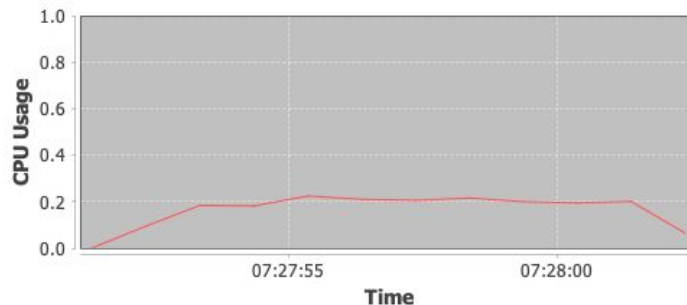
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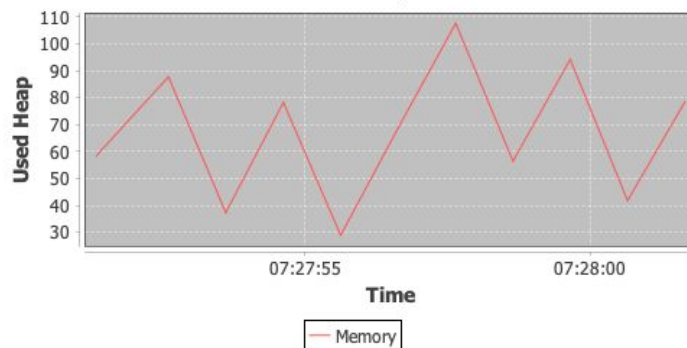
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CPU

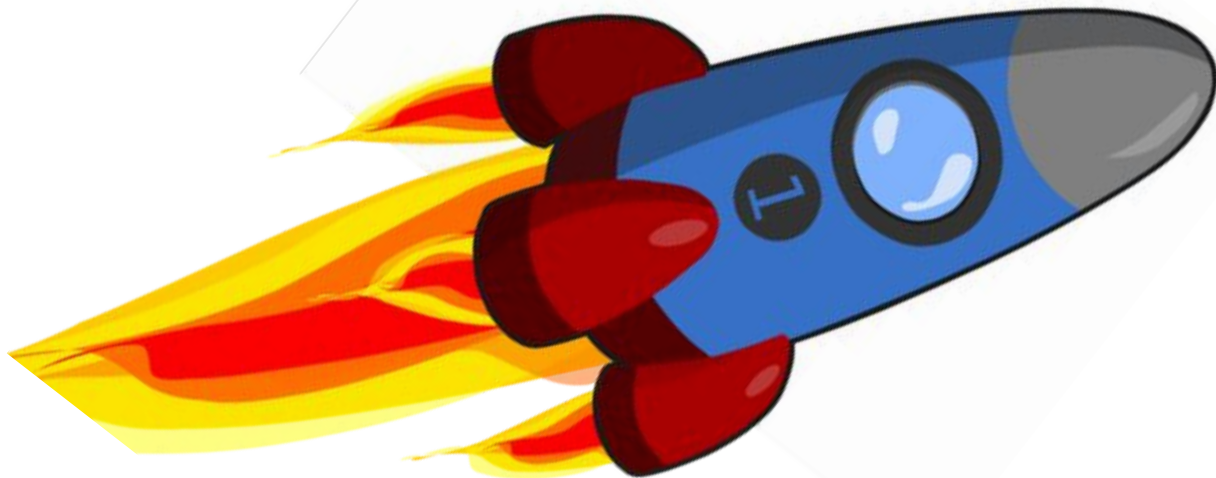


Memory



I'm growing up!

- I need to scale!
- I need to communicate with other microservices!



RSocket

RSocket is a binary protocol for use on byte stream transports such as TCP, WebSockets, and Aeron.

It enables the following symmetric interaction models via async message passing over a single connection:

- request/response (stream of 1)
- request/stream (finite stream of many)
- fire-and-forget (no response)
- channel (bi-directional streams)

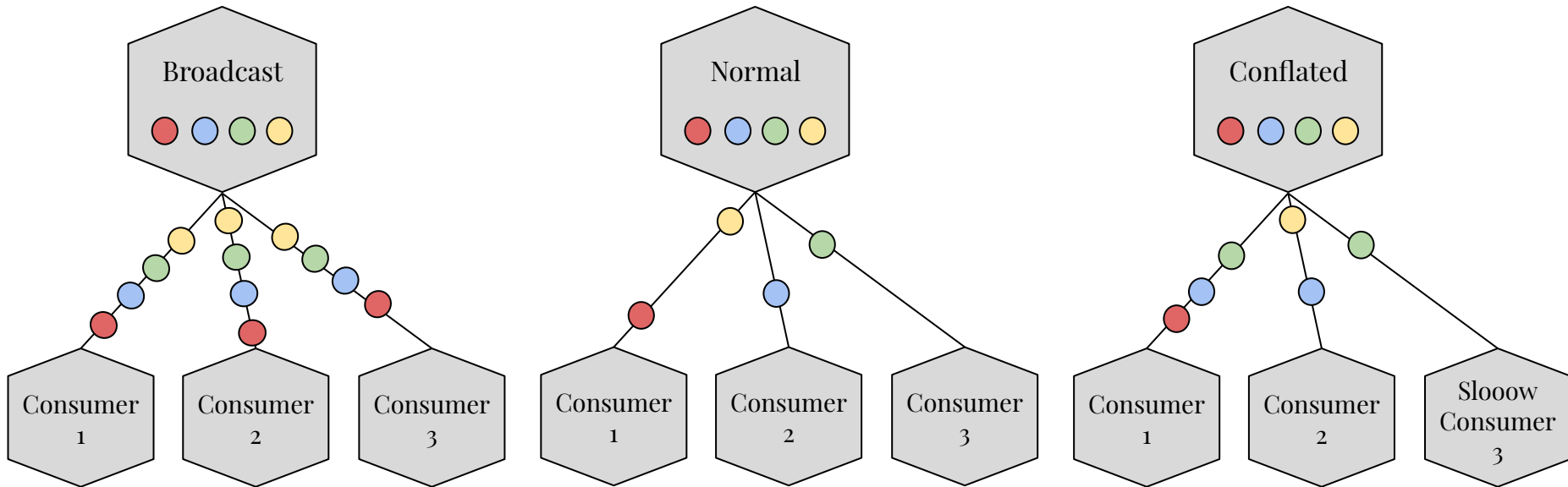
It supports:

- Session resumption
- Security
- Backpressure



Channels

Channels are **hot** asynchronous streams of data.



Null pointer when connecting to RSocket #24088

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jesty commented 13 hours ago • edited by rstoyanchev ▾



I'm trying RSocket and I'm using:

```
<parent>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-parent</artifactId>
  <version>2.2.2.BUILD-SNAPSHOT</version>
  <relativePath/>
</parent>
```

My client code looks like:

```
requester
    .route("test")
    .retrieveFlow<Int>()
    .collect{
        println("Receiving $it")
    }
```

Starting from today I'm facing this exception:

```
at java.util.Objects.requireNonNull(Objects.java:203) ~[na:1.8.0_202]
at reactor.core.publisher.FluxSource.<init>(FluxSource.java:46) ~[reactor-core-3
at reactor.core.publisher.Flux.wrap(Flux.java:9869) ~[reactor-core-3.3.1.BUILD-S
at reactor.core.publisher.Flux.from(Flux.java:961) ~[reactor-core-3.3.1.BUILD-SN
at io.rsocket.RSocketRequester.requestChannel(RSocketRequester.java:174) ~[rsock
at io.rsocket.util.RSocketProxy.requestChannel(RSocketProxy.java:50) ~[rsocket-c
at io.rsocket.util.MultiSubscriberRSocket.lambda$requestChannel$3(MultiSubscribe
at reactor.core.publisher.FluxDefer.subscribe(FluxDefer.java:46) ~[reactor-core-
at reactor.core.publisher.Flux.subscribe(Flux.java:8128) ~[reactor-core-3.3.1.BU
at kotlinx.coroutines.reactive.PublisherAsFlow.collect(ReactiveFlow.kt:77) ~[kot
at kotlinx.coroutines.flow.FlowKt__TransformKt$onEach$inlined$unsafeTransform$1
at kotlinx.coroutines.flow.FlowKt__CollectKt.collect(Collect.kt:30) ~[kotlinx-co
at kotlinx.coroutines.flow.FlowKt.collect(Unknown Source) ~[kotlinx-coroutines-c
```

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Questions?



<https://github.com/jesty/kotlin-reactive>

ps: we are hiring!

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