RxJava – Reactive EXtensions for the JVM

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Some reflection...

- Only recently Legacy...
 - Large applications with 10sof servers
 - Seconds of response times
 - Hours of offline maintenance
 - Gigabytes of Data
- Today's Applications
 - Deployed on anything from Mobile to Cloud Clusters with thousands of multi core processors
 - Millisecond response times
 - 100% uptime
 - Petabytes of Data
- Traditional Architectures fail to meet today's demands

So How do we meet today's demands?

Reactive Systems

Reactive Definition

Reactive is being readily responsive to a stimulus

http://www.reactivemanifesto.org



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Event Stream(s)





Stocks







Tweets

Mouse Clicks

Functional Reactive Programming

Reactive Model is **Push** rather than Pull

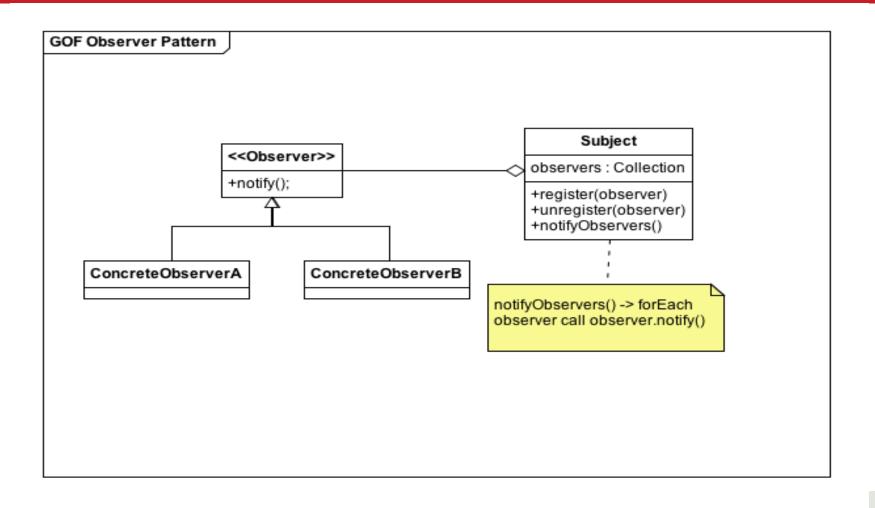
- Values are pushed when ready in a non blocking manner
- Facilitates parallelism
- Application of 'functions' on data stream to transform data Examples map, filter, zip

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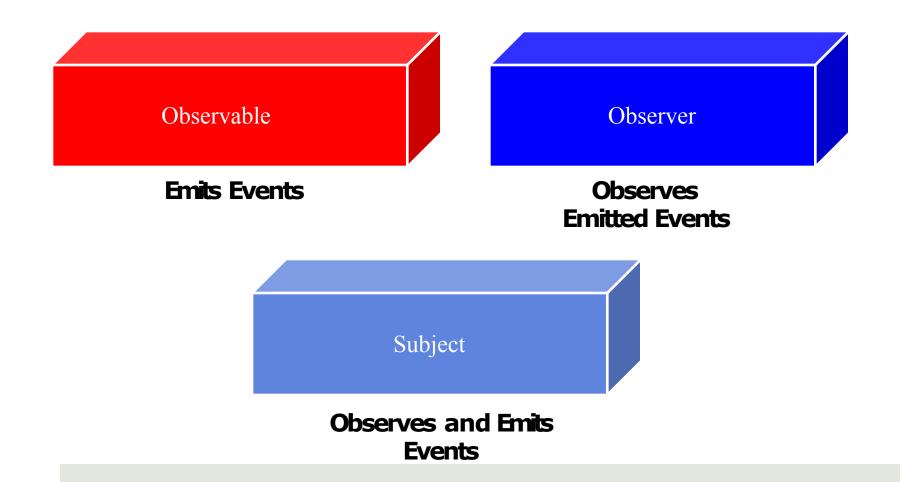
ReactiveX

- A library for composing asynchronous and event based programs by using observable sequences
- Created by Microsoft initially for the .NET platform By Erik Meijer
- Extends Observer Pattern to
 - Support sequence of data and/or events
 - Adds operators that allow you to compose sequences together declaratively
 - Abstracts away concerns around
 - Threading and Thread Safety
 - Concurrent data structures and non blocking I/O.
- RxJava is a port of Reactive Extensions created by Netflix

GOF Observer Pattern



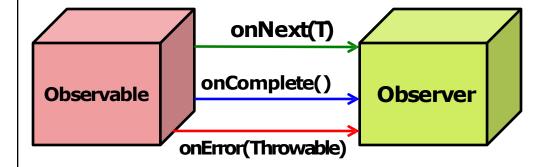
Reactive Components



rx.Observable

public class Observable<T> { ... }

- Emits zero or more values
- Life Cycle
 - Notifies Observer
 - OnNext element
 - Completes with
 - On Error
 - Or onCompletion



Observable Creation

```
Observable<Integer> o = Observable.create(new ObservableOnSubscribe<Integer >() { // Action
    @Override
    public void subscribe(ObservableEmitter<Integer> subscriber) throws Exception {
        // TODO Auto-generated method stub
        try {
            for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
                subscriber.onNext(i);
            subscriber.onComplete();
        catch (RuntimeException e) {
            subscriber.onError(e);
});
```

Subscribing (Observer)

```
Observable<Integer> o = Observable.create(...);
                                                                        Observable from
                                                                         previous slide
Subscription s = o.subscribe(new Observer<Integer>() {
       @Override
       public void onNext(Integer i) {
          System.out.print(i);
                                                                            Prints -
                                                                            0 to 9!
       @Override
       public void onCompleted() {
          System.out.println("\nAll Done!");
                                                                             Prints -
                                                                            All Done!
       @Override
       public void onError(Throwable t) {
          t.printStackTrace();
});
0123456789
All Done!
```

| Operator | Description | Example |
|--|---|---|
| Observable.just(T) | Simple values wrapped | Observable.just("HelloWorld"); |
| Observable.empty() | Empty Sequence that completes rightaway | Observable.empty(); |
| Observable.from(Iterable <t>)</t> | Sequence from an Iterable | Observable.from(Lists.newArrayList("A","B")); |
| Observable.from(T[]) | Sequence from Array | Observable.from(new Integer[] {0,1,2,3,4}); |
| Observable.defer(ObservableFactory) | Deferemitting of items for each subscriber | Example shown later. |
| Observable.interval(long, TimeUnit) | Emit a sequence of numbers separated by an interval | Observable.interval(100, TimeUnitMILLISECONDS); |
| Observable.range(start, count) | Emits a sequence of integers in a range | Observable.range(100, 20); |
| Observable.create(OnSubscribe <t>)</t> | Most flexible and powerful | Observable.create(new OnSubscribe()); |

Observable Vs Iterator

| Event | Iterable (PULL) | Observable (PUSH) |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Retrieve Data | Tnext(); | onNext(T); |
| Discover the Error | throws Exception | onError(Throwable) |
| Complete | !hasNext() | onCompleted(); |