

Debouncing and Transforming User Input

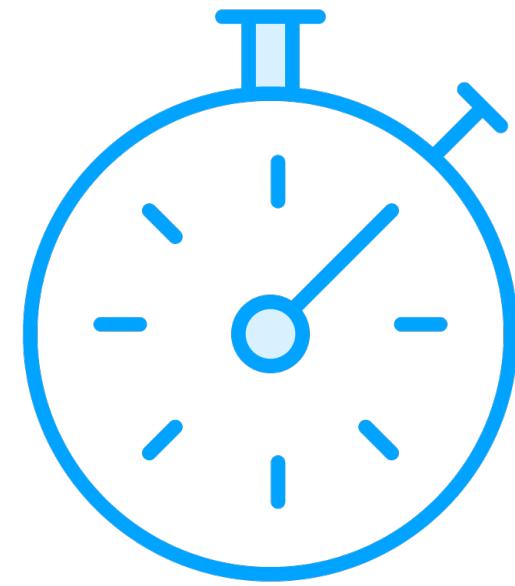


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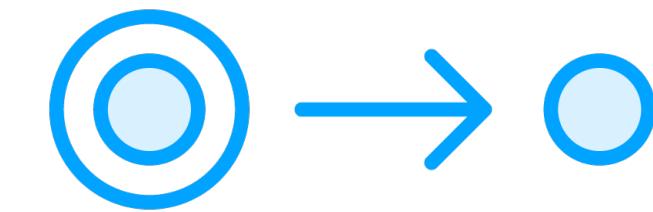
Handling User Input with RxJS



Debounce keystrokes



Filter noisy input



Transform values





Search Feature

Issuing an HTTP request every time a user presses a key is inefficient

Often want to transform what's typed before passing it as a query parameter



Debouncing

Consolidating events
that happen within
a specified short amount of time



Debouncing



Typing: T

Emission:



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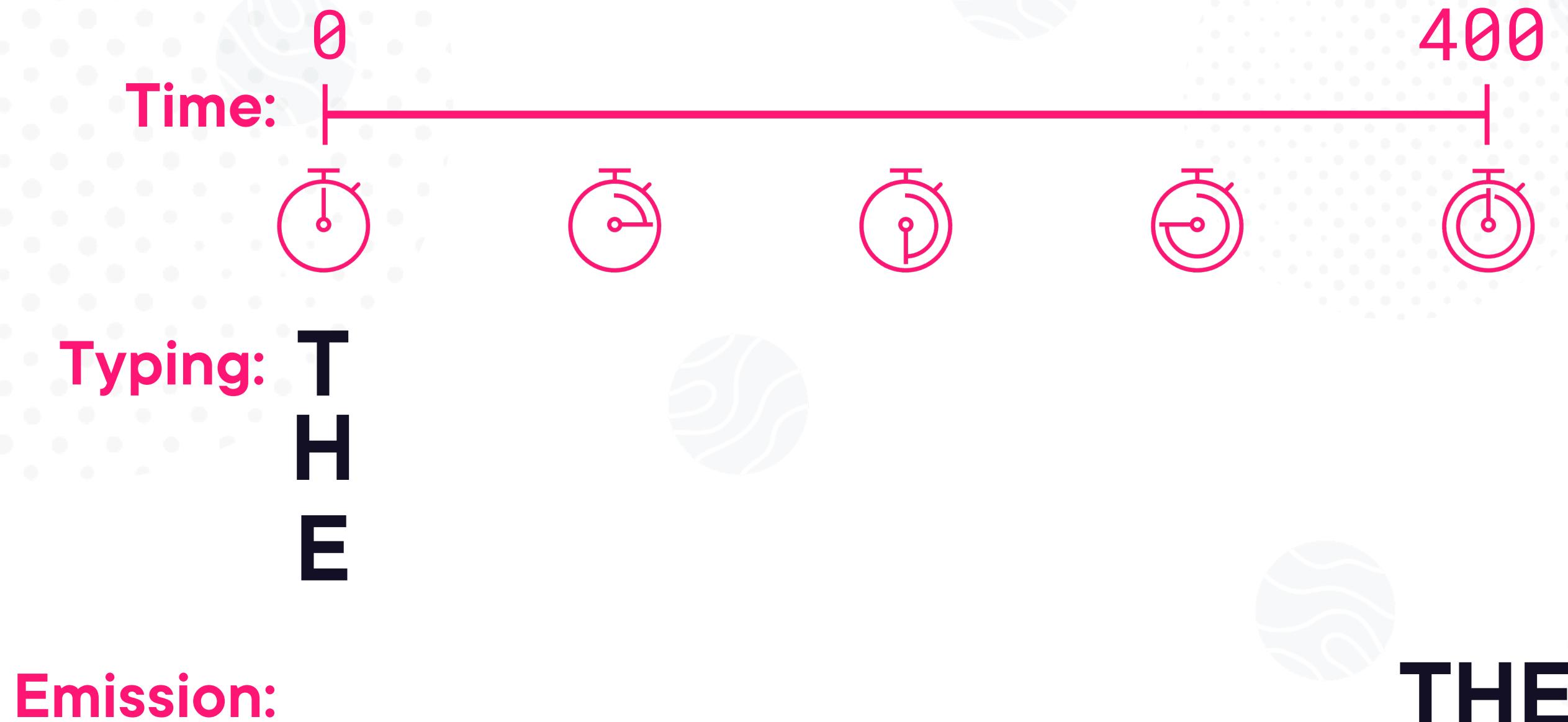


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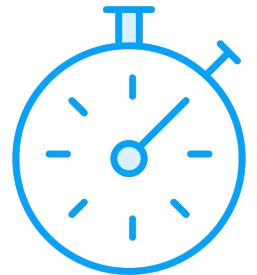
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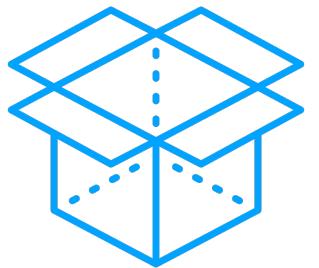
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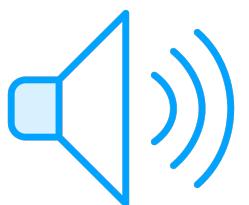
Debouncing



**Debouncing is time-based
Requires asynchronous processing**



**Signals are synchronous
They don't understand the concept of time**



Observables understand time



GitHub

<https://github.com/DeborahK/angular-rxjs-ps-course>

Beginning sample application files:

apm-begin

Final (completed) sample application files:

apm-end

File with clickable links to additional information:

MOREINFO.md



RxJS
continues to play
an important role in
today's Angular





Use RxJS to React to DOM Events

React to keyboard, mouse, network or media events

Define hotkeys for power users

Move elements in a game

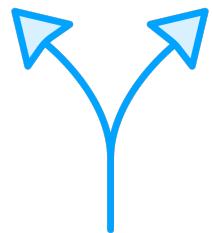
Control audio/video playback

Detect loss of network and reduce data flow

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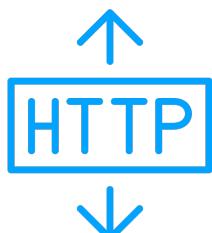
Use RxJS with Angular's Observables



Watch routing parameters, data, or events



React to value and status changes in reactive forms



Issue HTTP requests with HttpClient

- Especially when you can't yet use the experimental Resource API
- To send POST, PUT or other mutative HTTP requests





Use RxJS Operators to Compose and Transform Complex Data

Merge multiple datasets

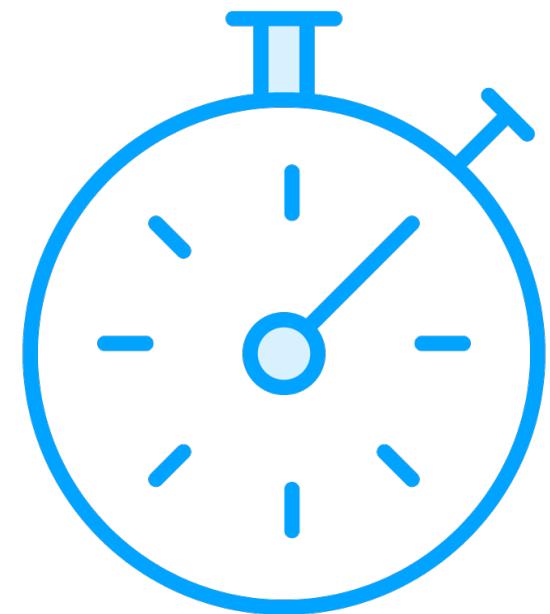
Replace foreign keys with names from another data source

Flatten nested structures

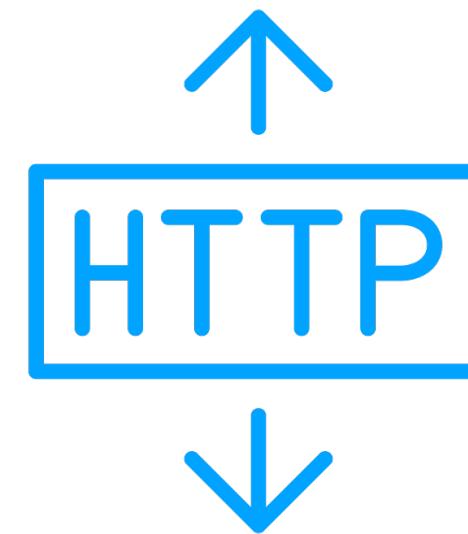
Reshape backend responses into a more useful format



Use RxJS to Process User Input



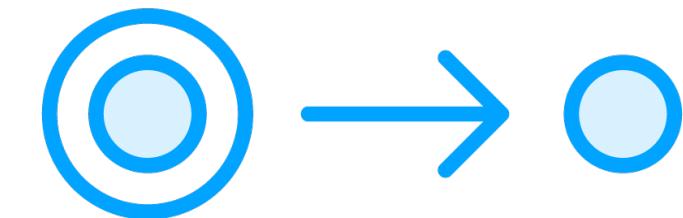
Debounce data entry



Prevent
duplicate HTTP
calls



Filter invalid or
unnecessary
values



Convert input:
uppercase or
trim



Don't Need Observables to React to State Changes

```
private productSelectedSubject = new BehaviorSubject<number>(0);
productSelectedAction$ = this.productSelectedSubject.asObservable();

selectedProduct$ = this.productSelectedAction$.pipe(
  switchMap(id => this.http.get<Product>(`${this.url}/${id}`)),
  tap(product => console.log('selectedProduct', product)),
);

selectedProductChanged(selectedProductId: number): void {
  this.productSelectedSubject.next(selectedProductId);
}
```

```
selectedProduct = signal<Product | undefined>(undefined);

productResource = httpResource<Product | undefined>(() =>
  `${this.url}/${this.selectedProduct()?.id}`);
```



When to Use a Signal vs. an Observable?

When working with state, a signal is great!

For an event-driven stream, an observable is keen!



Thank you!

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