

# Reactive Thinking in Java

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The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled "BudgetForecastsXDemoA". The spreadsheet is organized into several sections:

- Header Row:** A1 contains "Happy Valley Farm". Below it, row 2 has "Div./Department" and "Status" with a note "Enter 1 for completed status." Row 3 shows "Cut Flowers" and "Happy Valley Farm". Row 4 contains "Start Date" and "Completed > Complete". Row 5 shows "Jun-06".
- Product Sales Data:** Rows 7 through 14 show unit sales for products like Flowers-Export, Flowers-Local, and Flowers-Eldoret across months Jun-06 to Mar-07.
- Sales Prices:** Rows 15 through 21 show sales prices for these products.
- Costs:** Rows 22 through 27 show direct costs of sales, gross margin, and profit/loss.
- Operating Expenses:** Rows 28 through 32 show operating expenses and margins.
- Variable Costs Budget:** Rows 34 through 36 show variable costs and their percentages.

The spreadsheet uses various colors (e.g., green, blue, orange) to highlight different sections and values. The formula bar at the bottom shows a path related to "Year One".

			Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Feb-07	Mar-07
1	Flowers-Export	\$0.27	169,000	0	5,000	6,500	7,500	10,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
2	Flowers-Local	\$0.43	93,200	0	200	3,500	5,500	4,000	8,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
3	Flowers-Eldoret	\$0.81	151,540	0	40	1,500	5,000	10,000	15,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
4	Revenue 4	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Revenues 5	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Total Units		413,740	0	5,240	11,500	18,000	24,000	43,000	52,000	52,000	52,000
7	Sales	Unit Prices										
8	Flowers-Export	\$2.25	\$380,250	\$0	\$11,250	\$14,625	\$16,875	\$22,500	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
9	Flowers-Local	\$2.95	\$274,940	\$0	\$590	\$10,325	\$16,225	\$11,800	\$23,600	\$35,400	\$35,400	\$35,400
10	Flowers-Eldoret	\$3.45	\$522,813	\$0	\$138	\$5,175	\$17,250	\$34,500	\$51,750	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$69,000
11	Revenue 4	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12	Revenues 5	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13	Total Sales		\$1,178,003	\$0	\$11,978	\$30,125	\$50,350	\$68,800	\$120,350	\$149,400	\$149,400	\$149,400
14	Direct Cost of Sales		\$208,453	\$0	\$1,468	\$4,475	\$8,440	\$12,520	\$20,990	\$26,760	\$26,760	\$26,760
15	Gross Margin		\$969,550	\$0	\$10,510	\$25,650	\$41,910	\$56,280	\$99,360	\$122,640	\$122,640	\$122,640
16	Gross Margin %		82.3%	0.0%	87.7%	85.1%	83.2%	81.8%	82.6%	82.1%	82.1%	82.1%
17	Operating Expenses		\$558,977	\$24,700	\$27,363	\$31,415	\$35,923	\$40,036	\$51,526	\$58,002	\$58,002	\$58,002
18	Operating Profit/Loss		-\$753,566	-\$24,700	-\$16,853	-\$5,765	\$5,987	\$16,244	\$47,834	\$64,638	\$64,638	\$64,638
19	Management Charges		\$60,624	\$0	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$4	\$5	\$6	\$7	\$8
20	Profit/Loss		\$410,507	-\$24,700	-\$16,854	-\$5,767	\$5,984	\$16,240	\$47,829	\$64,632	\$64,631	\$64,630
21	Operating Margin %		34.85%	0.00%	-140.77%	-19.14%	11.88%	23.61%	39.74%	43.26%	43.26%	43.26%
22	Variable Costs Budget	22.29%	Totals									
23	Variable Costs	Variable %	\$262,575	\$0	\$2,663	\$6,715	\$11,223	\$15,336	\$26,826	\$33,302	\$33,302	\$33,302

# A reactive systems is

- **Message-driven** - components communicates via notifications
- **Responsive** - fast
- **Scalable** - works when the amount of data or # of users increases
- **Resilient** - the system is perceived as stable

# Responsivness and Java concurrency

- Blocking I/O is the problem
- `Future.get()`
  - blocks till all threads are complete
- `CompletableFuture.supplyAsync(task).thenAccept(action)`
  - what if the tasks need to fetch millions of records?

# Some open-source Rx libraries

<http://reactivex.io>

- RxJava
  - RxAndroid, RxJavaFX, RxSwing
  - Rx.NET, RxCpp, RxJS, Rx.rb, Rx.py, RxSwift, RxScala, RxPHP

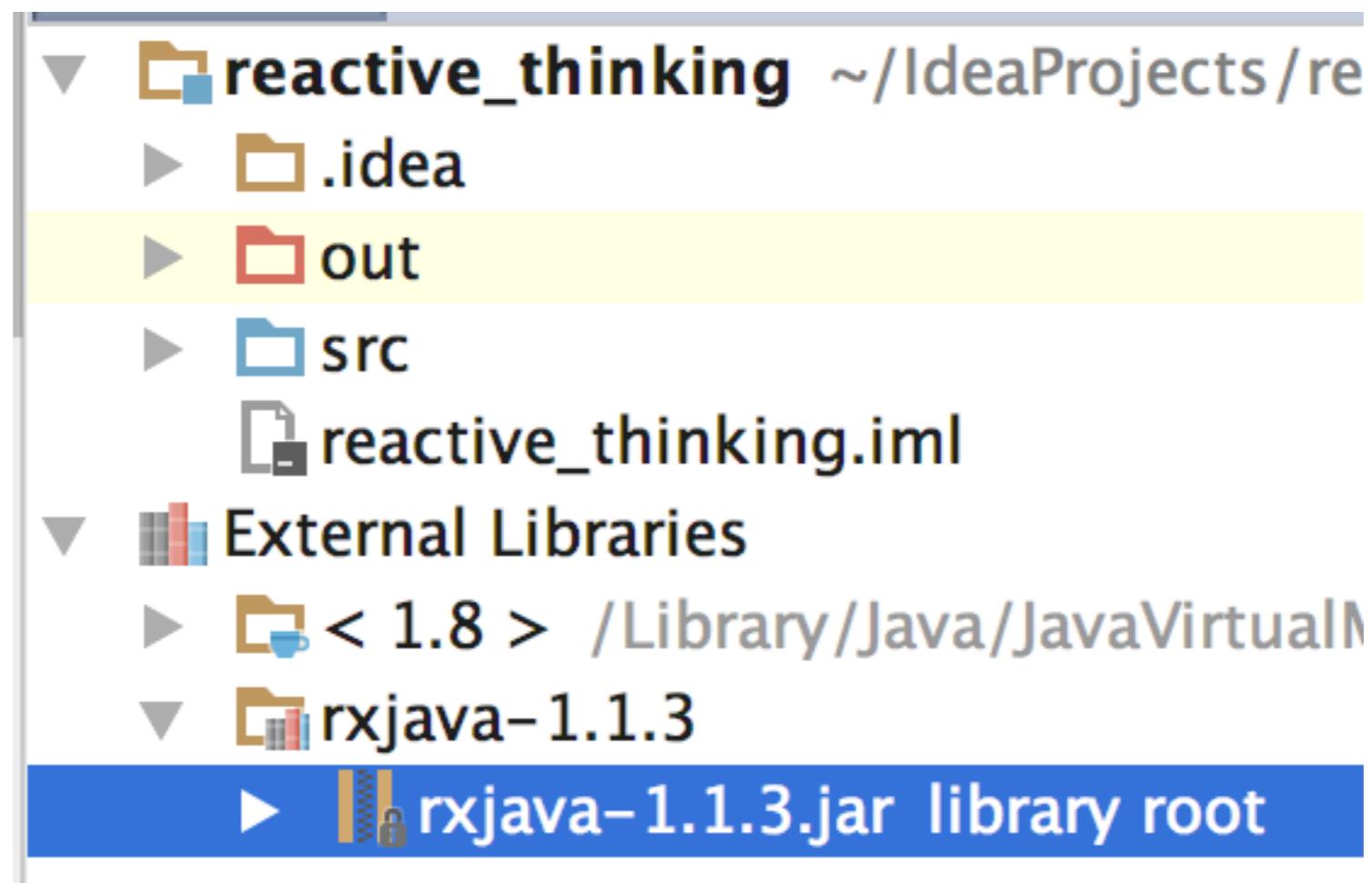
JDK 9 will include reactive streams in `java.util.concurrent.Flow`

# Main Rx players

- **Observable** - producer of data
- **Observer** - consumer of observable sequences
- **Subscriber** - connects observer with observable
- **Operator** - en-route data transformation
- **Scheduler** - multi-threading support

# Demo

## HelloObservable



Get rxjava.jar on <http://search.maven.org>

# Java Iterable: a pull

```
beers.forEach(brr -> {
    if ("USA".equals(brr.country)){
        americanBeers.add(brr);
    }
});
```

# Java 8 Stream: a pull

```
beers.stream()
    .skip(1)
    .limit(3)
    .filter(b -> "USA".equals(b.country))
    .map(b -> b.name + ": $" + b.price)
    .forEach(beer -> System.out.println(beer));
```

A fool with a tool is still a fool

A pull with a tool is still a pull

©

# Rx Observable: a push

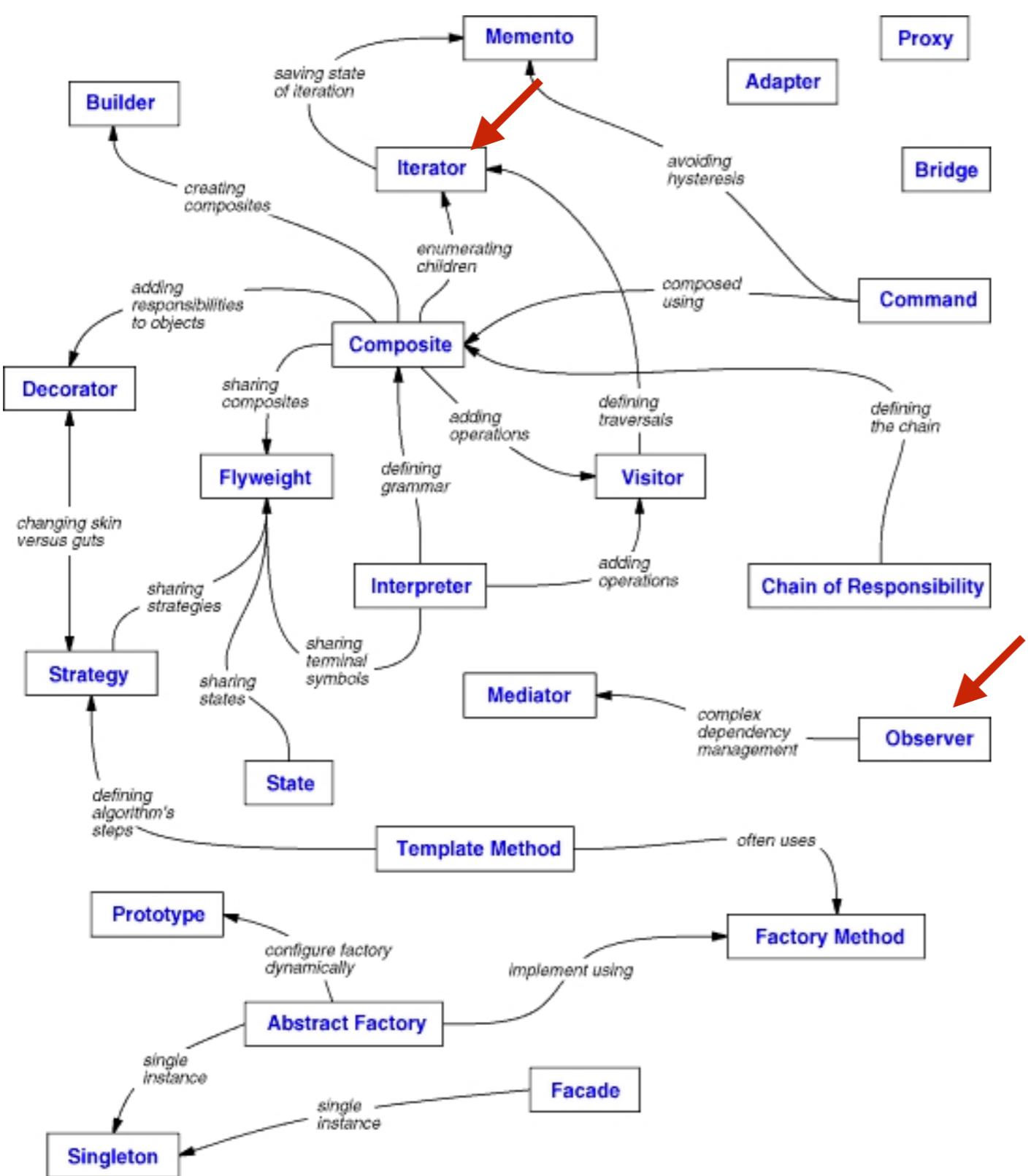
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```

- Sync data push on the same thread
- Async data push from different threads
- Multiple consumers



**Word**

**Antonym**

Iterable

Observable

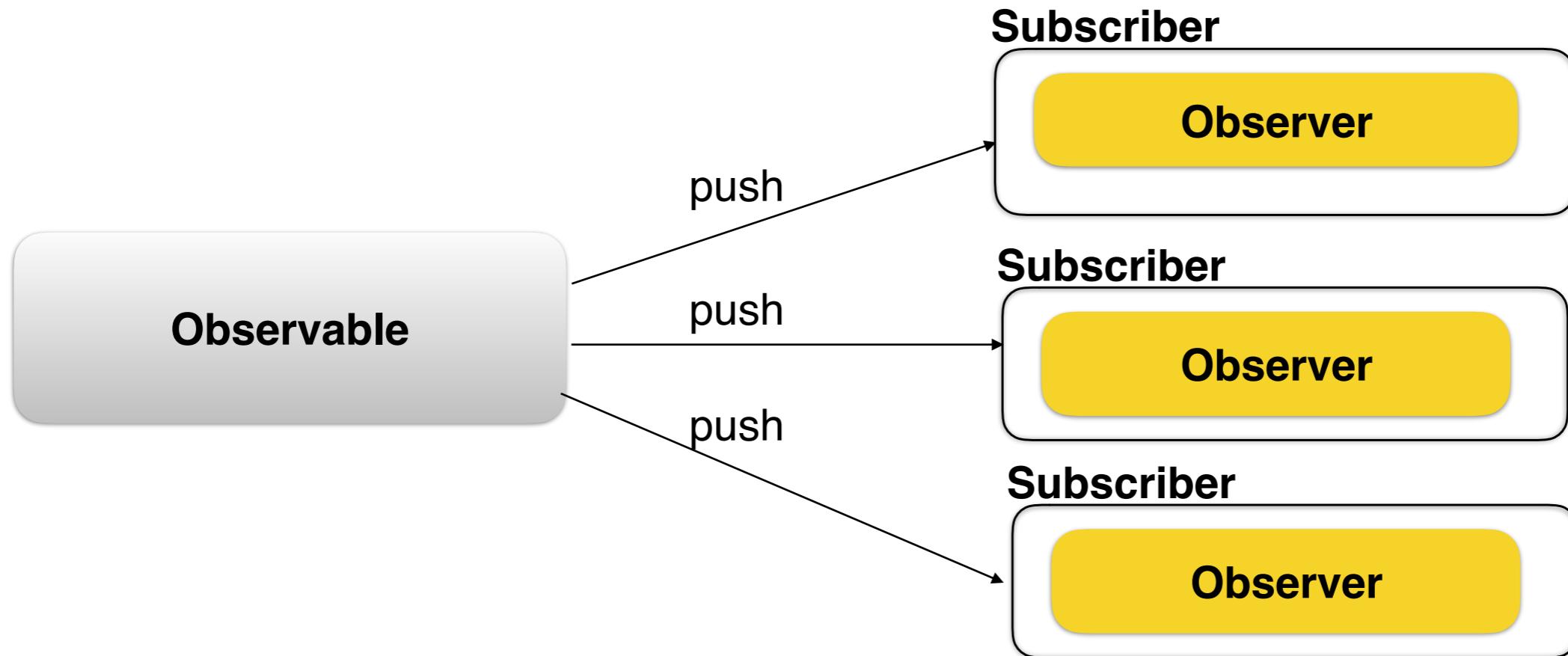
Iterator

Observer

Pull

Push

# Event-driven push



Subscribe to messages from Observable and handle them by Observer

# Learning the terms

# Data Flow

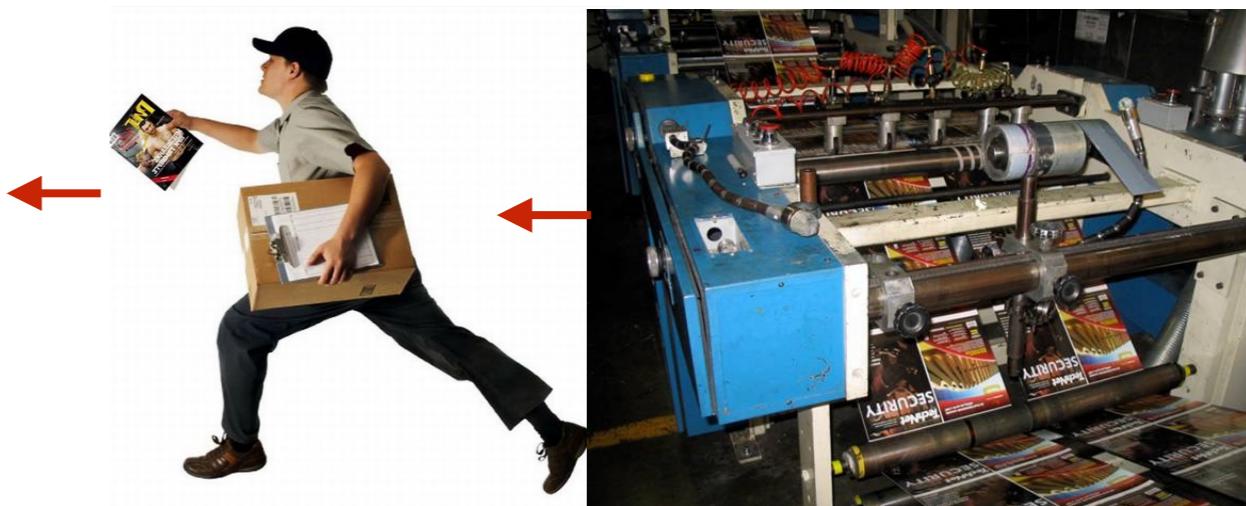
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# Data Flow

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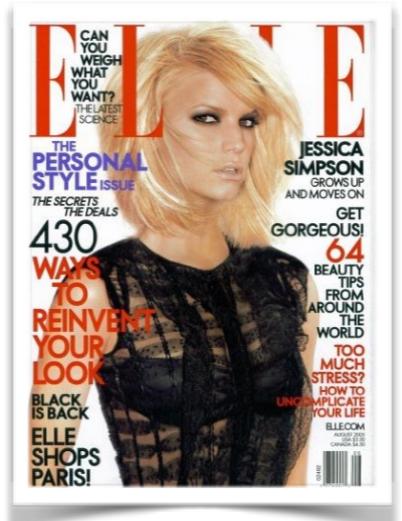


# Data Flow

Observable

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next



# Data Flow

Observer    Subscriber



next

Observable



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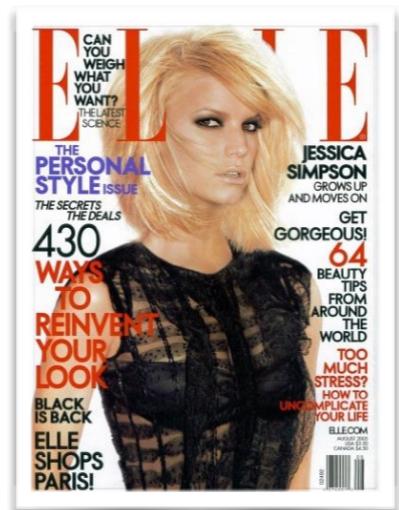


# Data Flow

Observer    Subscriber

Observable

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next()  
error()  
complete()

# With Observable you can:

- Subscribe to its data stream
- Emit the next element to the observer
- Notify the observer about errors
- Inform the observer about the stream completion
- Transform the data with operators

# `Observable.subscribe(Subscriber)`

```
class Subscriber implements Observer { }
```

## Method Summary

Methods	
Modifier and Type	Method and Description
void	<b>onCompleted()</b> Notifies the Observer that the <code>Observable</code> has finished sending push-based notifications.
void	<b>onError(java.lang.Throwable e)</b> Notifies the Observer that the <code>Observable</code> has experienced an error condition.
void	<b>onNext(T t)</b> Provides the Observer with a new item to observe.



Observer is an Iterable inside out

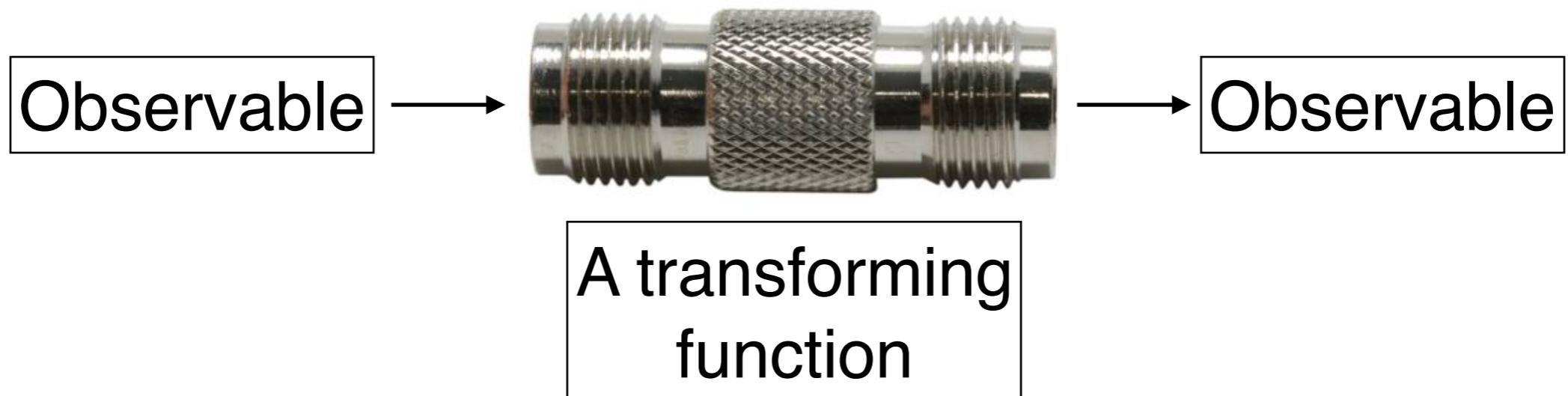
# A pure function

- Produces no side effects
- The same input always results in the same output
- Doesn't modify the input
- Doesn't rely on the external state

# A higher-order function can:

- Take one or more functions as argument(s)
- Return a function

# An Operator



# An Operator



A transforming  
function

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observableBeer  
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pure function

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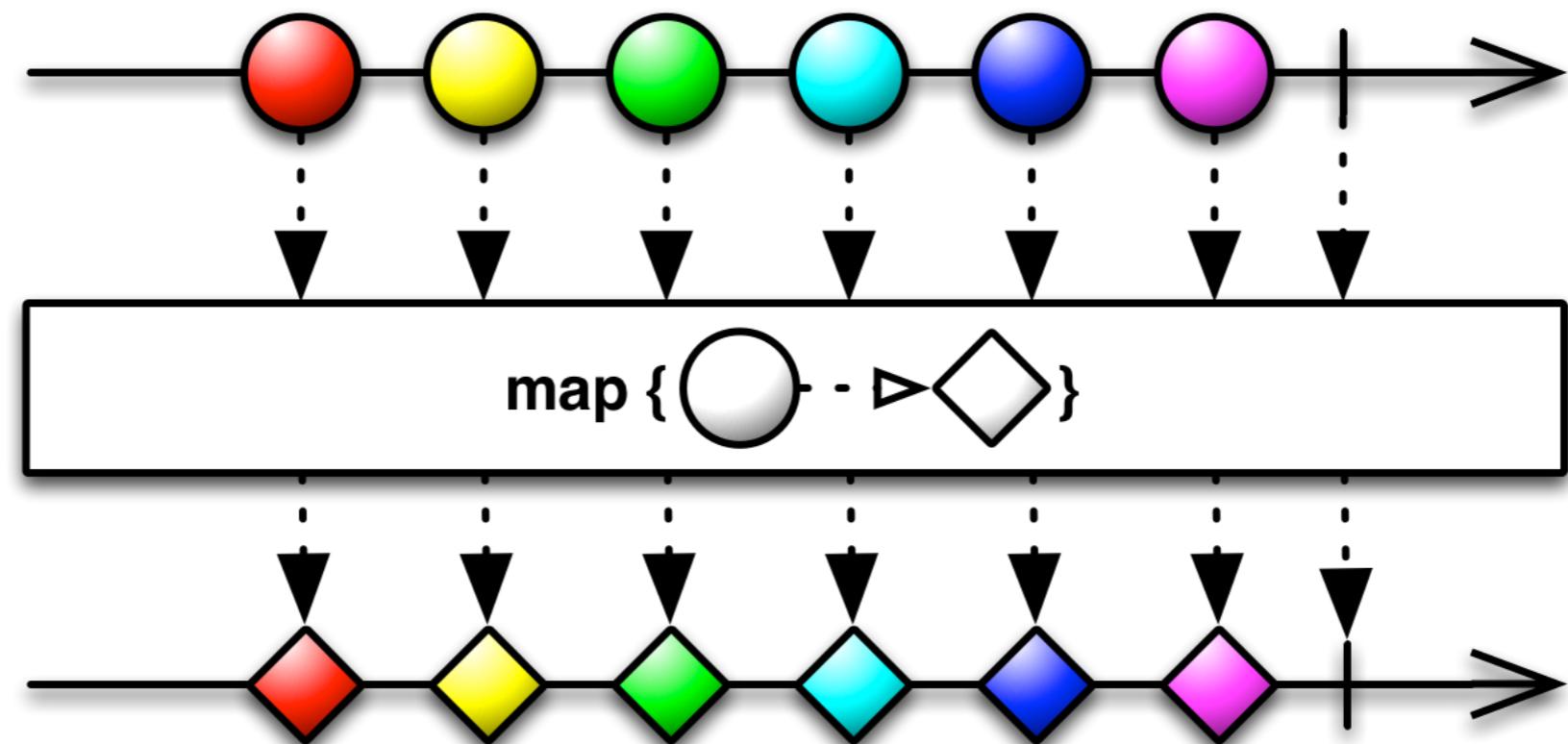
# Demo

## StreamVsObservable

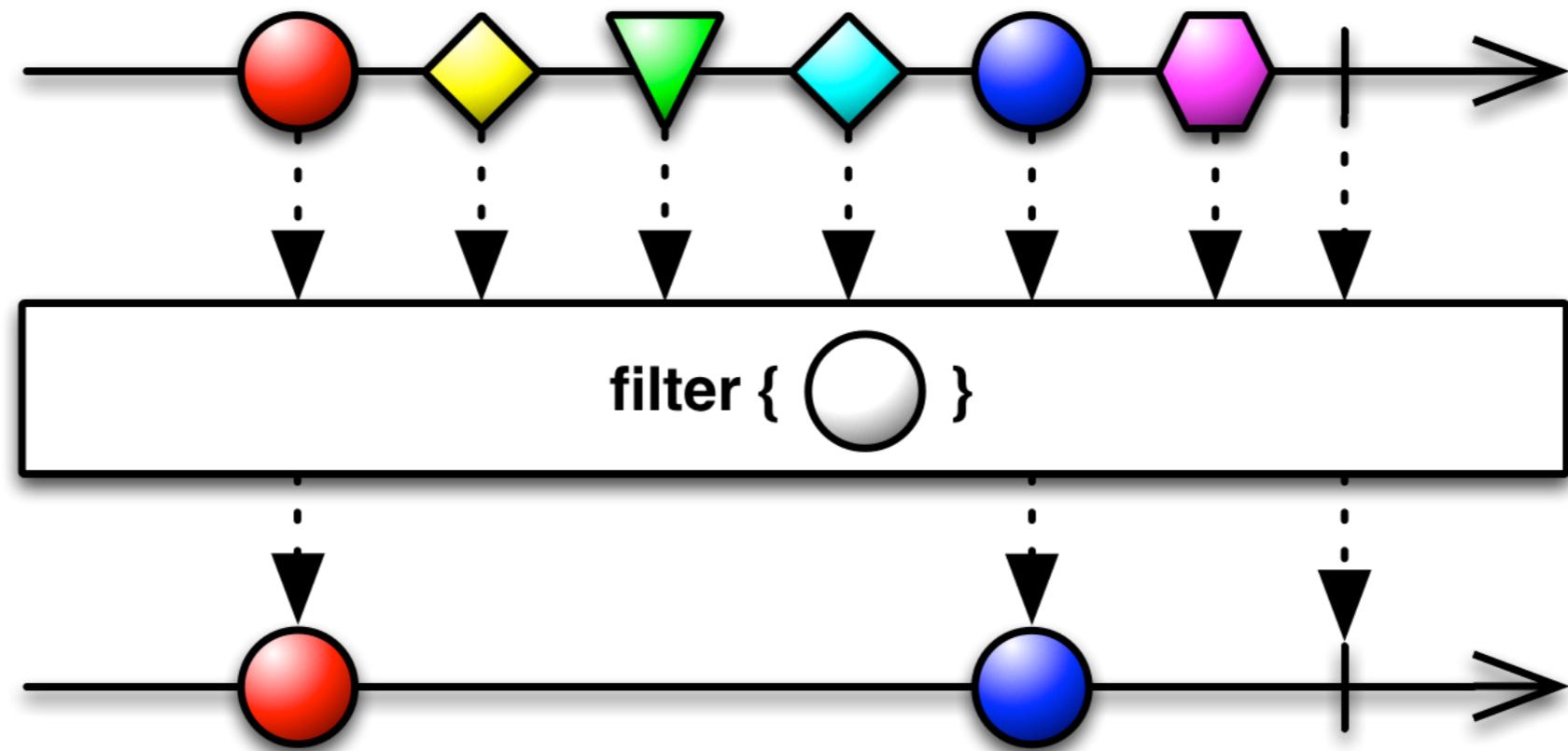
# Marble Diagrams

<http://rxmarbles.com>

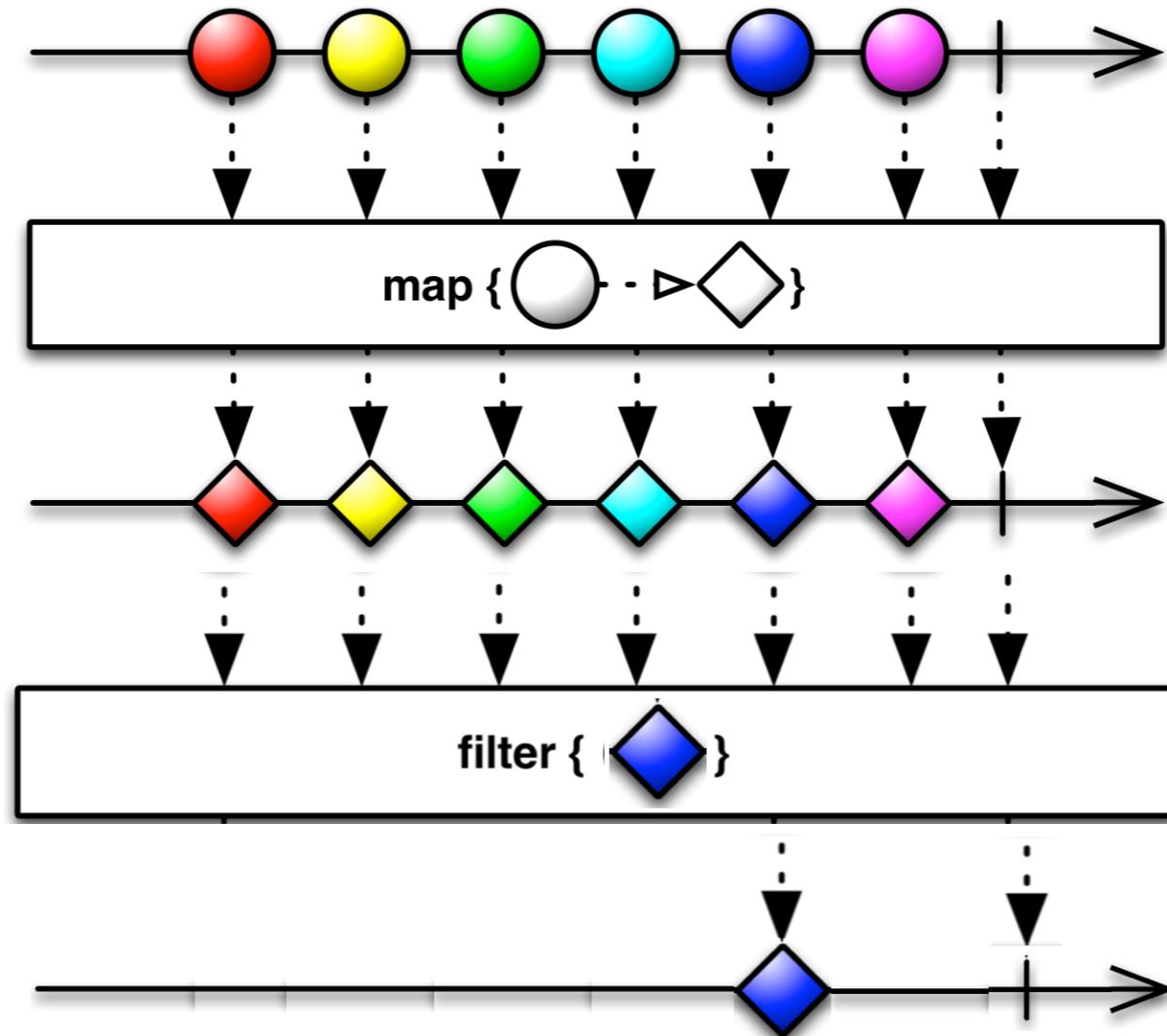
# Observable map (function) { }



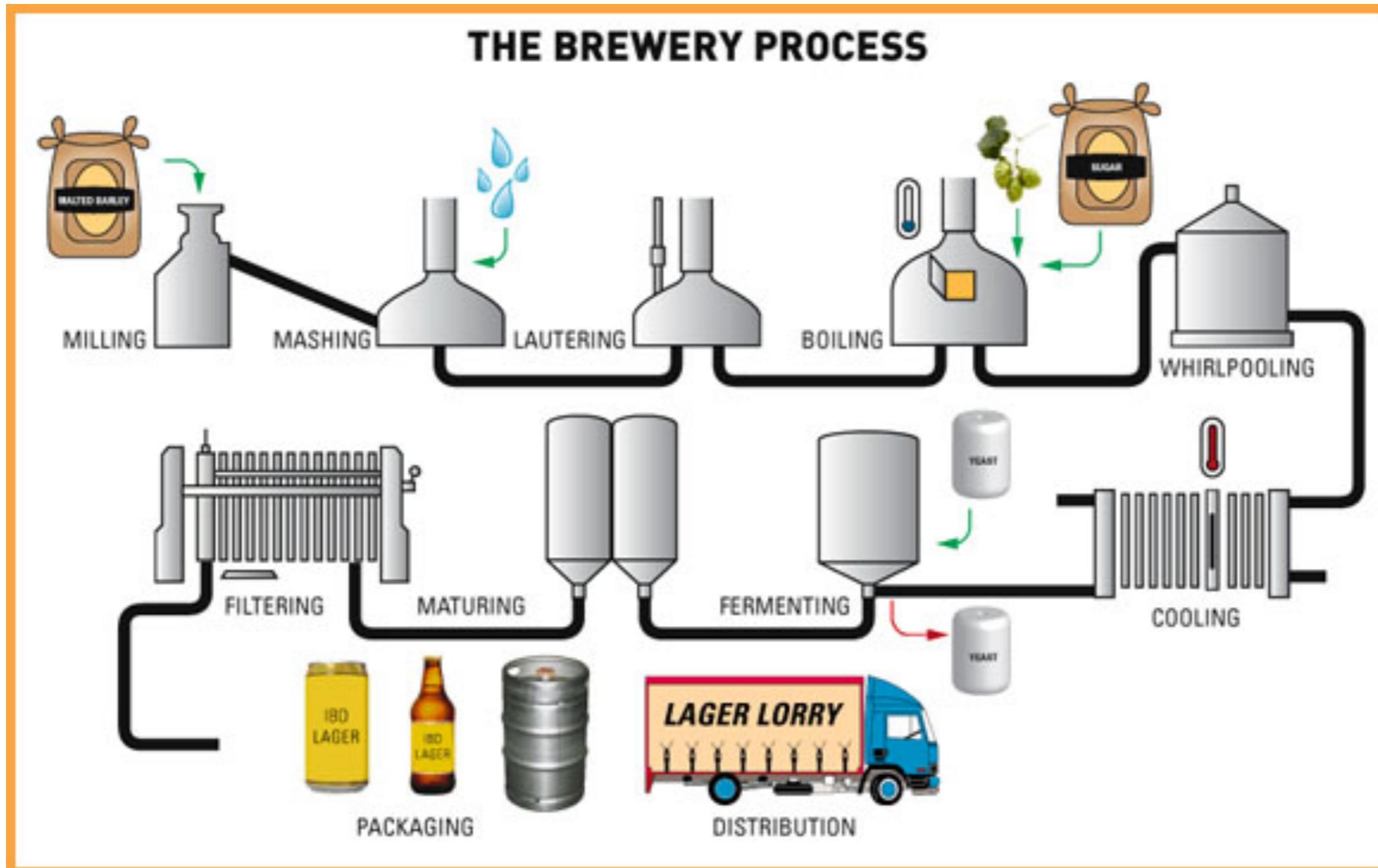
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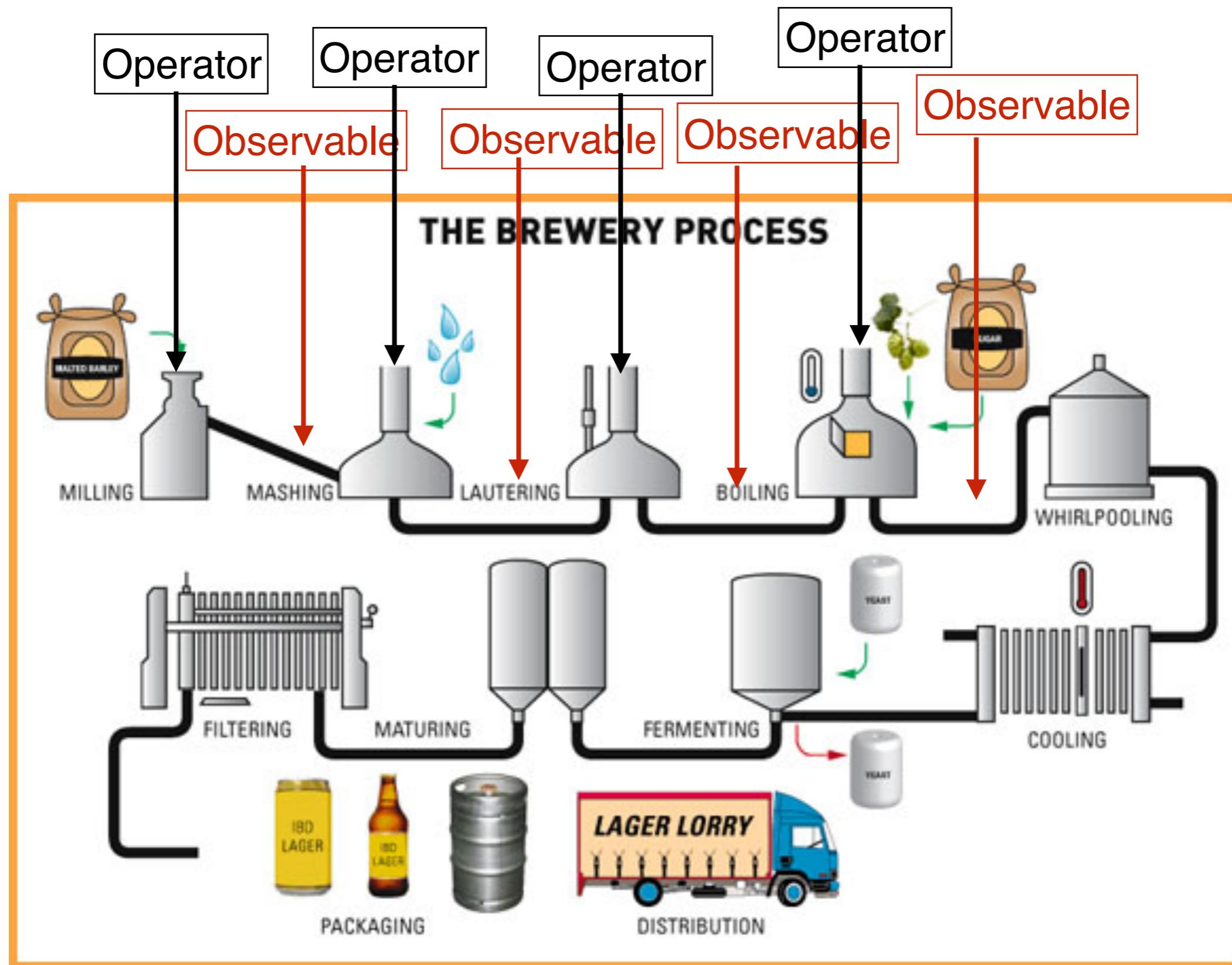


# Operator chaining: map and filter



# RX: the data moves across your algorithm





# Creating an Observable

- **Observable.create()** - returns Observable that can invoke methods on Observer
- **Observable.from()** - converts an Iterable or Future into Observable
- **Observable.fromCallable()** - converts a Callable into Observable
- **Observable.empty()** - returns empty Observable that invokes onCompleted()
- **Observable.range()** - returns a sequence of integers in the specified range
- **Observable.just()** - converts up to 10 items into Observable

# Demo

BeerClient

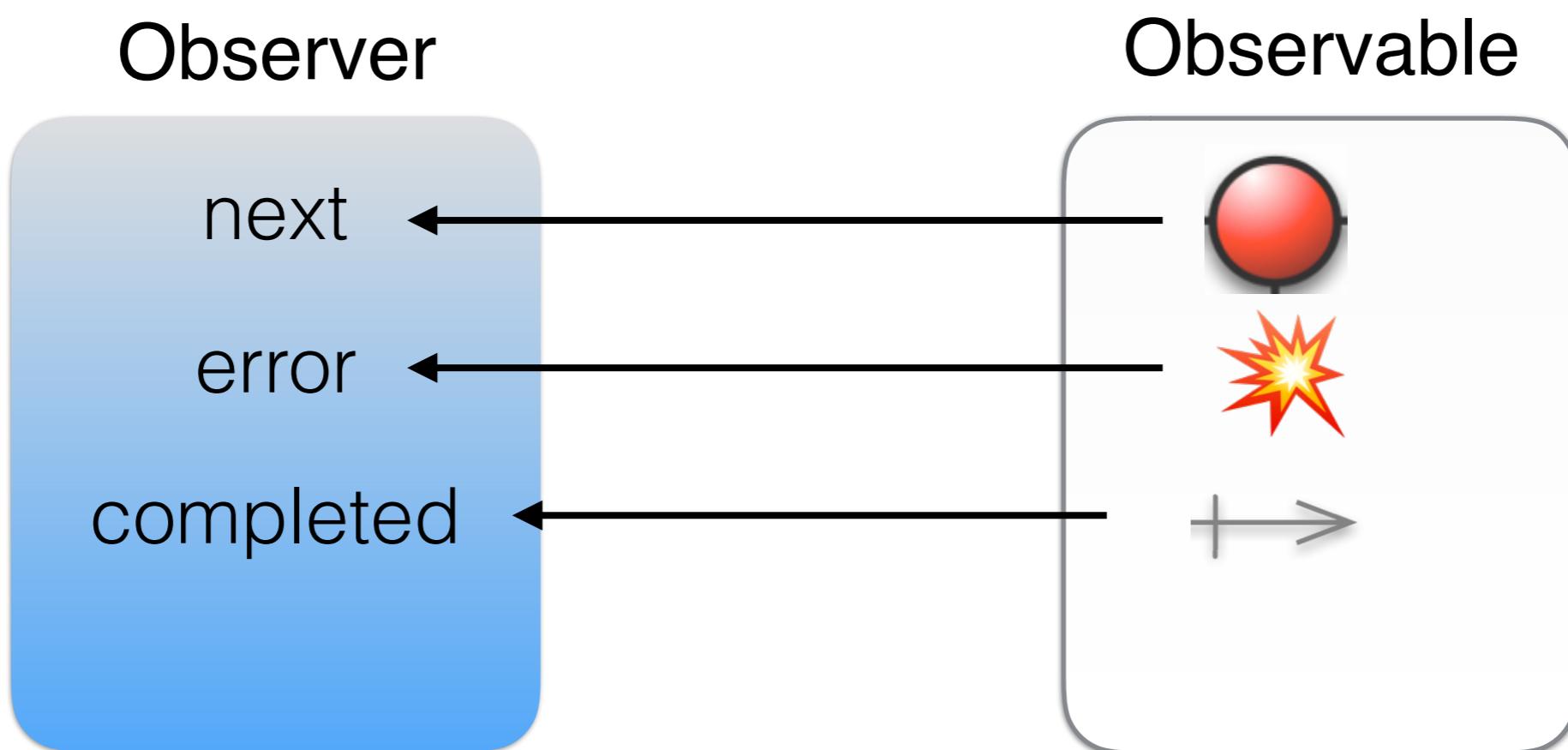
# Functions with side effects

Affect environment outside the function.  
Don't affect the Observable items.

- doOnNext()
- doOnError()
- doOnCompleted()
- doOnEach()
- doOnSubscribe()
- doOnXXX()



# Error Handling



# Error-handling operators

- Errors sent using `onError()` kill the subscription
- `retryWhen()` - intercept, analyze the error, resubscribe
- `onErrorResumeNext()` - used for failover to another Observable
- `onResumeReturn()` - returns an app-specific value

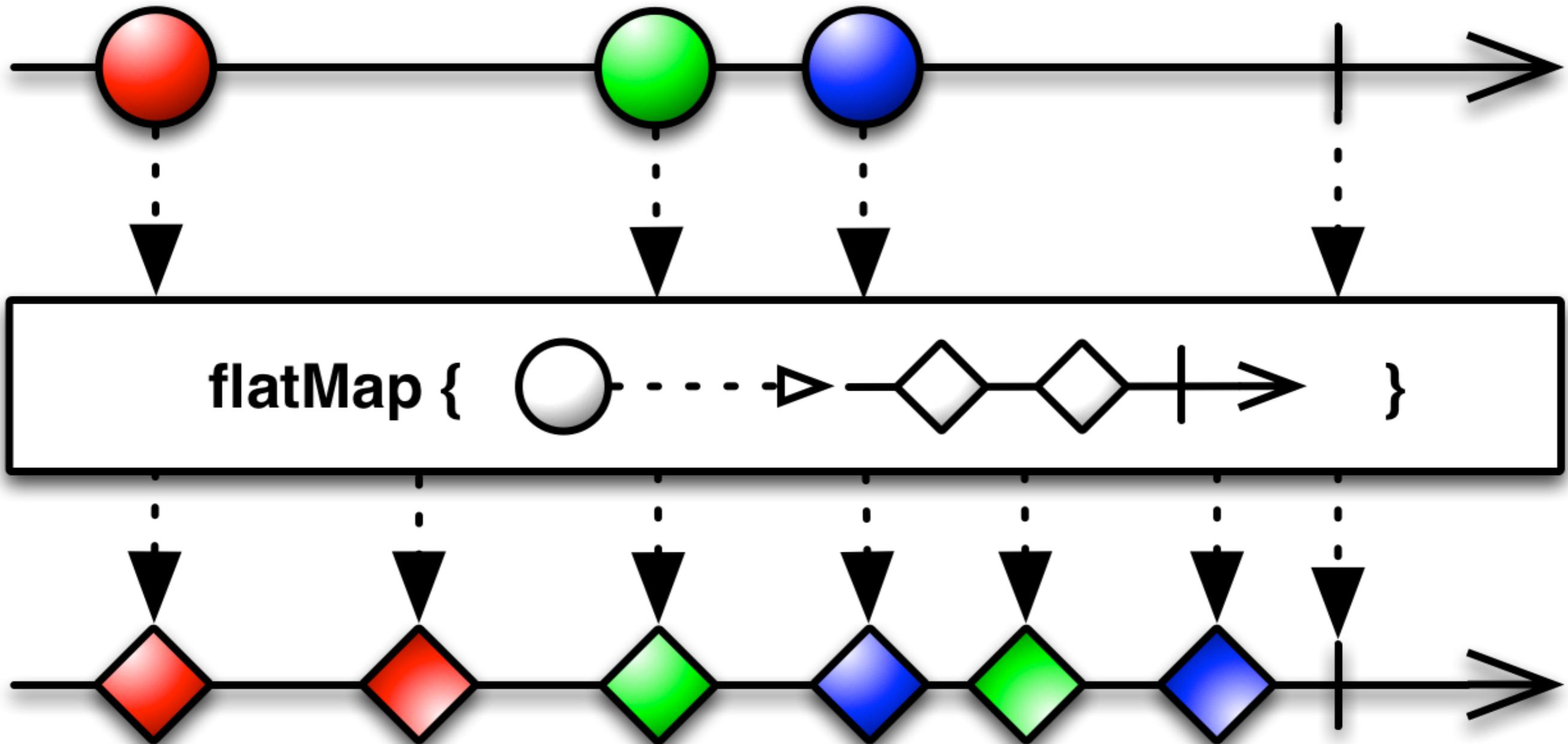
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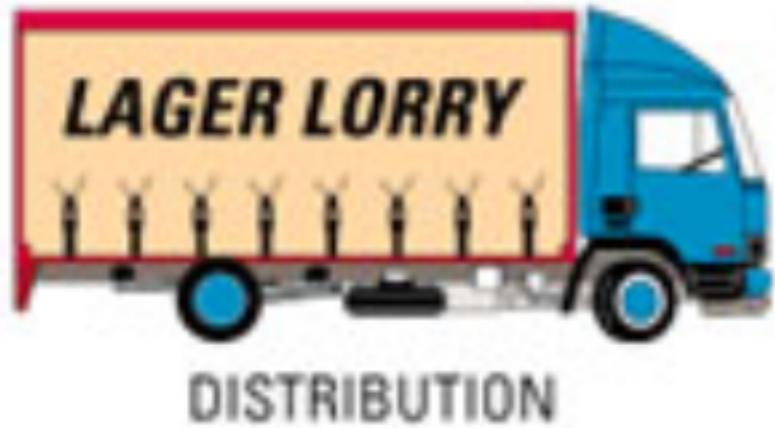
# Demo

BeerClientWithFailover

# The flatMap() operator



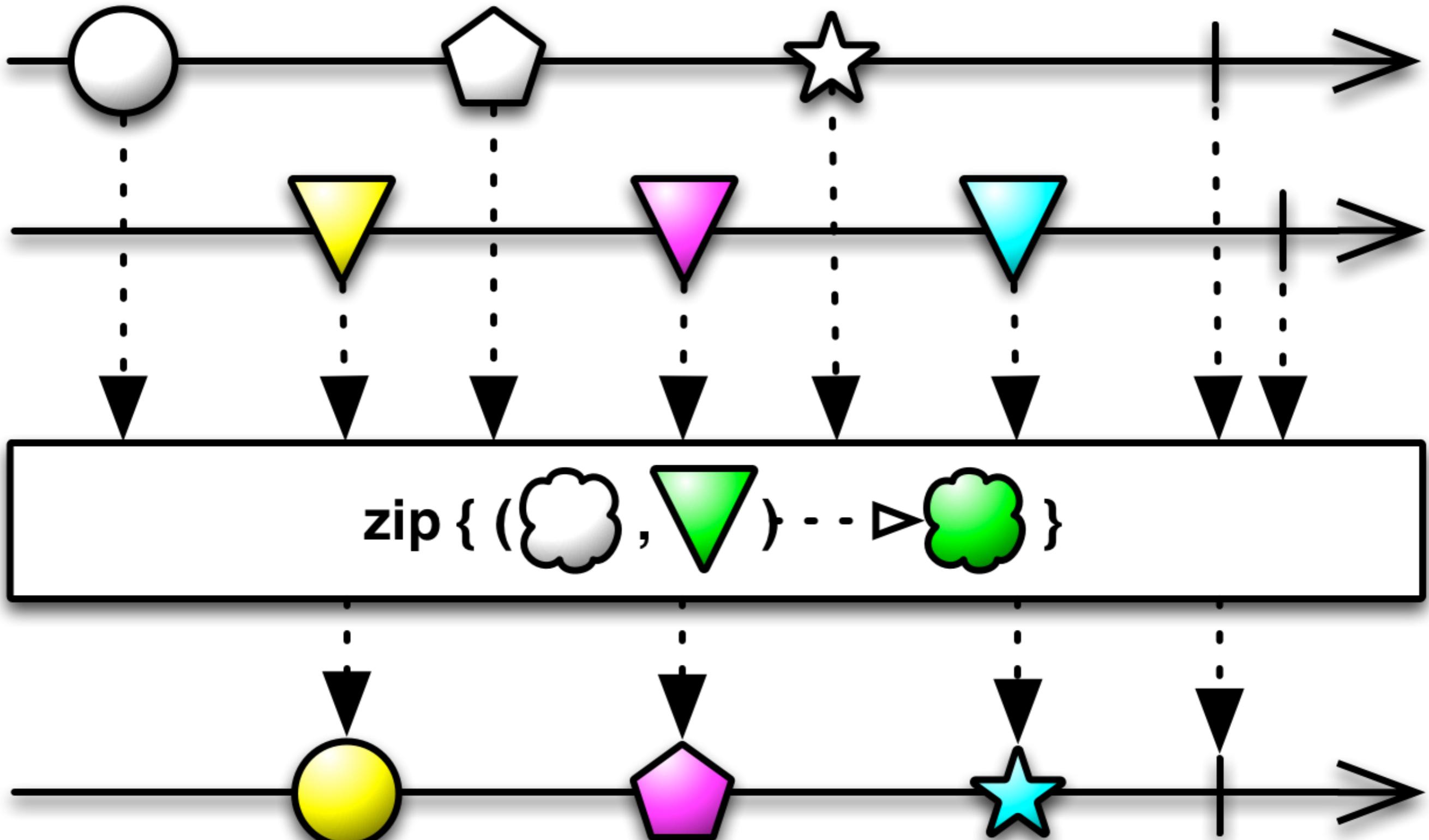
# Observable.flatMap()



# Demo

ObservableDrinks

# The zip() operator



# Think Netflix

- `take(10)` - get a list of lists of videos (the first 10)
- `flatMap()` - turn them into one list of videos
- `map()` for each video make nested calls to get some observable metadata (ratings, reviews, etc.)
- `zip()` - combine observables into a video object
- `observeOn()` - switch to the UI thread and render the videos

# Schedulers

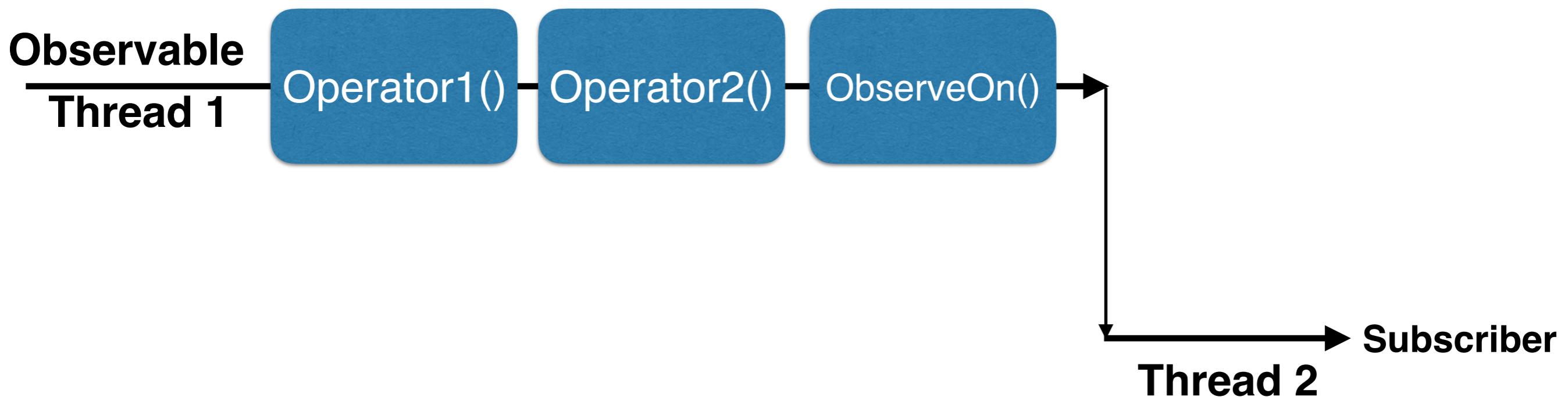
# Concurrency with Schedulers

- An observable stream is single-threaded by default
- `subscribeOn (strategy)` - run Observable in a separate thread
- `observeOn (strategy)` - run Observer in a separate thread
- Standard schedulers run on daemon threads

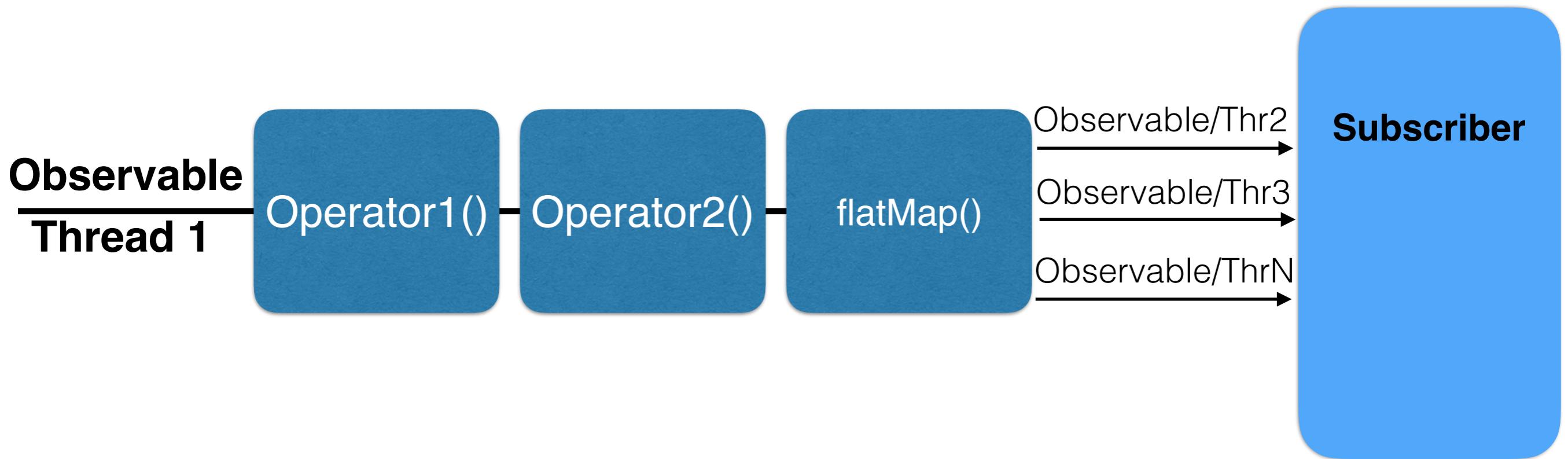
# Multi-threading strategies

- `Schedulers.computation()` - for computations: # of threads <= # of cores
- `Schedulers.io()` - for long running communications; backed by a thread pool
- `Schedulers.newThread()` - new thread for each unit of work
- `Schedulers.from(Executor)` - a wrapper for Java Executor
- `Schedulers.trampoline()` - queues the work on the current thread
- `AndroidSchedulers.mainThread()` - handle data on the main thread (RxAndroid)

# Switching threads



# Parallel processing



# Demo

SubscribeOn  
ObserveOn  
ParallelStreams

# Hot vs Cold Observables

Cold - begin emitting items when Observer desires.  
Observer can control the emission rate.

Hot - begin emitting on creation.  
Subscribers get items starting from the current one.

# Backpressure

- Too much data is coming in. The consumer is too slow.
- Can happen only in the async mode



# Dealing with backpressure

- Throttling: sample(), throttleFirst(), debounce()
- Buffers: buffer()
- Window: window(n)
- Reactive pull: Subscriber.request(n)

<https://github.com/ReactiveX/RxJava/wiki/Backpressure>

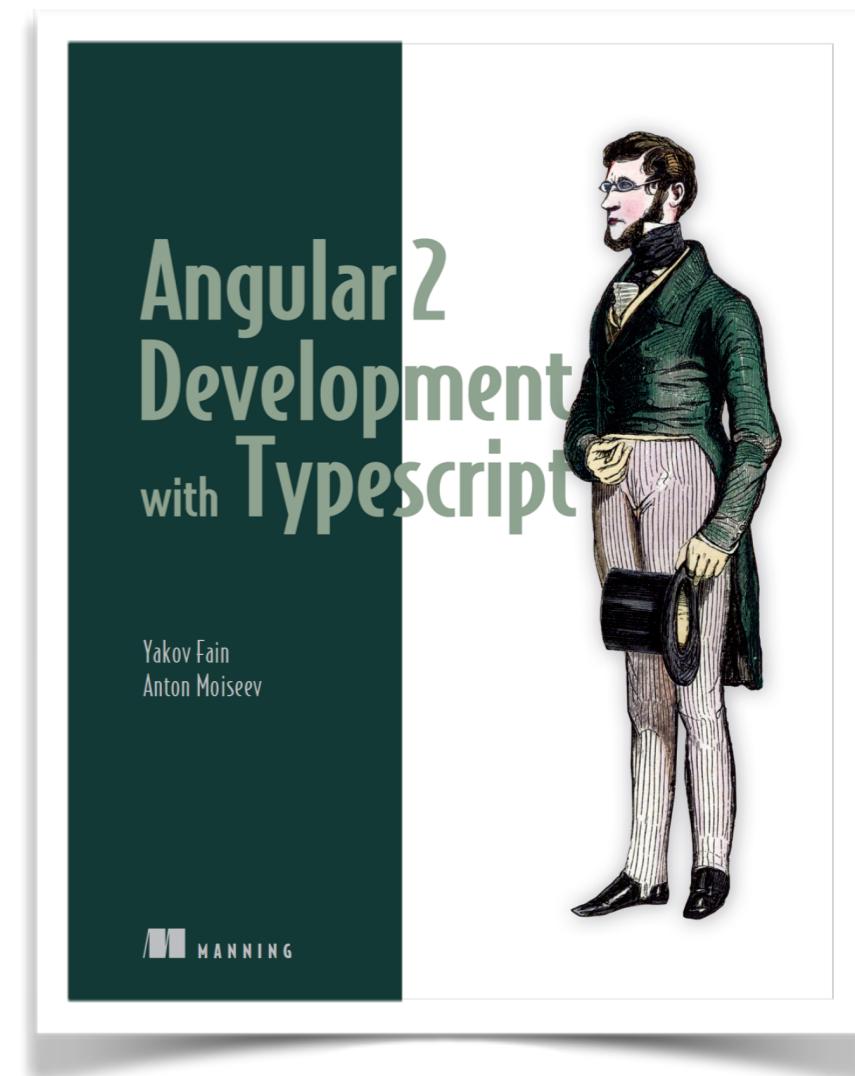
# Http and Observables

```
class AppComponent {  
  products: Array<string> = [];  
  
  constructor(private http: Http) {  
  
    this.http.get('http://localhost:8080/products')  
      .map(res => res.json())  
      .subscribe(  
        data => {  
          this.products = data;  
        },  
        err =>  
          console.log("Can't get products. Error code: %s, URL: %s ",  
                     err.status, err.url),  
        () => console.log('Product(s) are retrieved')  
      );  
  }  
}
```

A vertical red box on the left contains the word "Observer" vertically, with each letter connected by a red arrow pointing right towards the corresponding part of the code. The letters are O, b, s, e, r, v, e, r.

# Links

- Code samples:  
<https://github.com/yfain/rxjava>
- Our company: [faratasystems.com](http://faratasystems.com)
- Blog: [yakovfain.com](http://yakovfain.com)
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