

# AMC Workshop

## RxJS

**Filter Operator**

Emit only those Observable stream values that pass a predicate test

```
graph LR; A((2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)) --> B((12, 13, 15)); A -- "filter(x => x > 10)" --> B;
```

filter( $x \Rightarrow x > 10$ )

Stackblitz Demo

**RxJS Lab 1: Basic Search**

Contacts

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- Add Search input controls above contacts lists
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# Reactive JavaScript: RxJS

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Understanding **observable** and **operator** concepts and how they play a role in Angular applications is critical for successful Angular development.

In this course, developers will learn how to create, compose, and consume observables as streams for data-push process.

# Observables

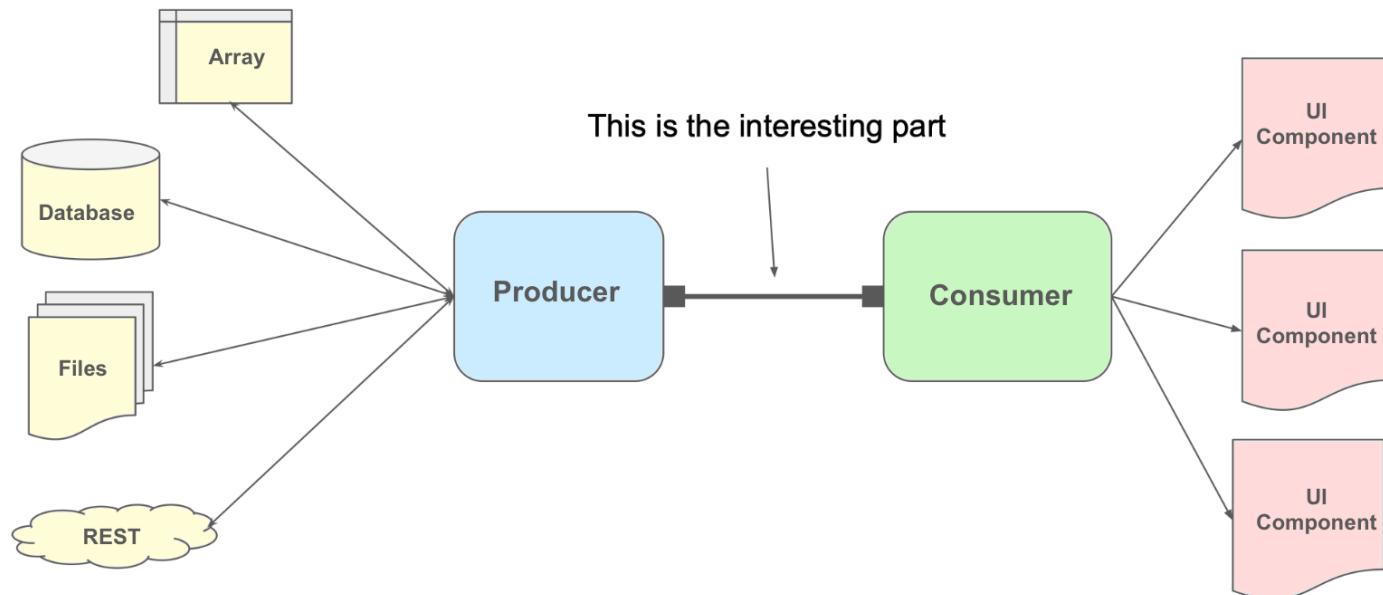
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Give us a powerful way to **encapsulate**, **transport**, and  
**transform** data from user interactions to create powerful &  
immersive experiences.

# What we will cover?

- 1 Observable Concepts
- 2 Consuming Observables
- 3 RxJS Operators
- 4 Creation Operators

# Data: Producers and Consumers



This connection is almost always asynchronous.

**Pulling data from** the producer is easy.... we do this already.

**Push data from** the producer is much harder... here, we must 'react'.

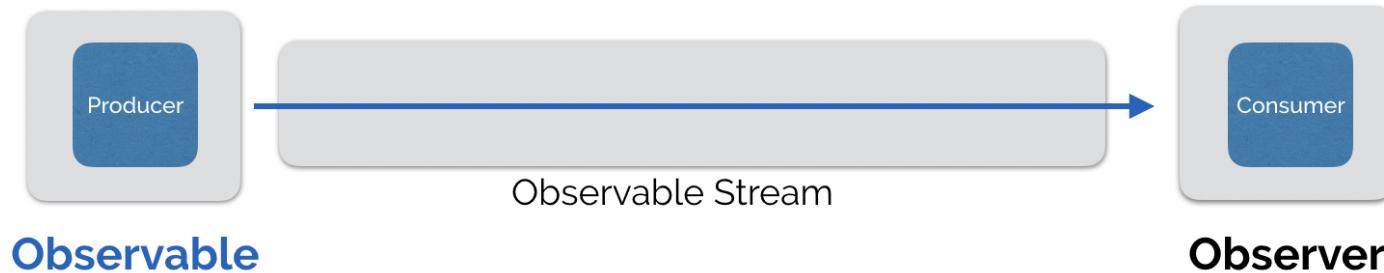
# What are **Observables**?

- Are **proxies** for future values
- Way of managing **sequences** of values or events
- **From producer, lazy push** stream of multiple values over time



- Consumer **Reacts** to values emitted from observable pipe

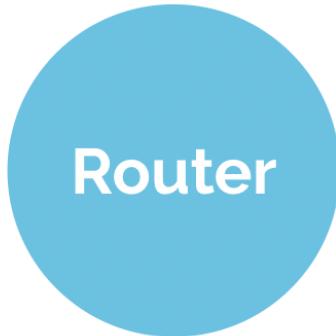
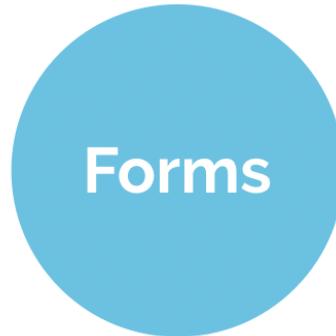
# What are Observables?



Values are emitted **synchronously** or **asynchronously**

# Observables can be found in Angular

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A light blue circle containing the word "Http".A light blue circle containing the word "Router".A light blue circle containing the word "Forms".A dark blue circle containing the word "NgRx".

And change detection optimization using **ngZones!**

# Why are **Observables** useful?

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## Flow

can control **when**, **how**, and **what** values output

## Transformation

can **change the values** that pass through

## Purity

produce values using **pure functions**; less prone to error

# Pure Functions ?

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- Analogous to **mathematical functions**
- A given input will always yield exactly the same out.
- No **mutation** and no **side effects**
- **Testability**
- **Composability**
- **Parallelism**

# Push vs Pull

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	<b>Single</b>	<b>Multiple</b>
<b>Pull</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Iterator</b>
<b>Push</b>	<b>Promise</b>	<b>Observable</b>

# Functions and Observables

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## Function

deferred (lazy) evaluated computation  
that **synchronously** returns a single  
value

(pull mechanism)

## Observable

deferred computation that can  
**synchronously or asynchronously**  
returns **0 - n values**

(push mechanism)

## Speaker notes

The only way to defer a computation is to wrap it in a function!

Functions produces data when called

Observables may produce value(s) when called, may defer producing

# Events, Promises, & Observables

Data Pull			
	Event Listeners	Promises	Observables
Single-Event	✓	✓	✓
Multi-Event	✓	---	✓
Chain	---	✓	✓
Object Inst	---	✓	✓
Sync	✓	---	✓
Async	---	✓	✓
Cancellable	✓	---	✓
Lazy	---	---	✓

## Speaker notes

Promise delivers data to callbacks on the promise's time (if it feels like calling us back)

(Mention how they compare to events)

Events track subscribers, share side effects, and have eager execution regardless of subscribers

# Observables are functions...

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returns 0 - n values

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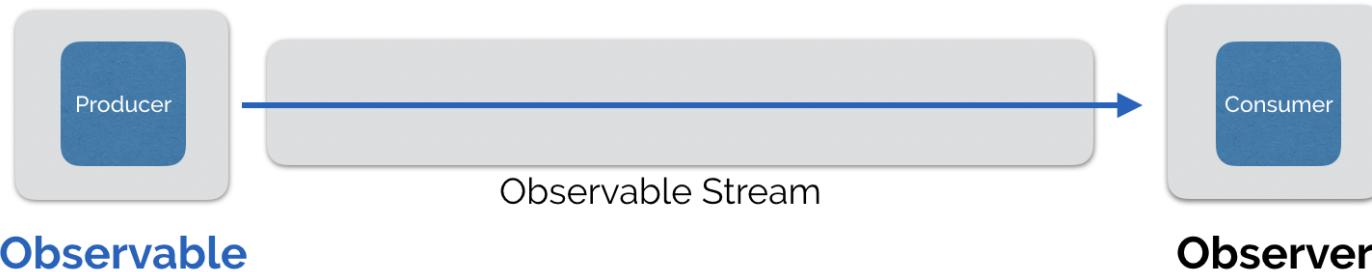
## Speaker notes

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# Creation: Observables are Functions



Observables are **functions**<sup>1</sup> that accept an **observer** and returns a (cancellation) **function**

Accepts an **observer** in order to notify the external observer about internal activity....

1) Functions can be lazy triggered...

# Observables are Functions

```
● ● ●  
function myObservable( observer ) {  
  
    // Producer Activity  
    // Notify observer using callbacks  
  
    return ( ) => {  
  
        // Cancel Connection to Producer  
        // Stop Producer activity (optional)  
  
    };  
  
}
```

## Speaker notes

So if an Observable is a function, how do we add meta features to it?

- \* lazy
- \* composition (chaining), etc
- \* Use Observable creation functions

# Observables are Functions

```
const myObservable$ = Observable.create( observer => {

    // Producer Activity
    // Notify observer using callbacks

    return () => {

        // Cancel Connection to Producer
        // Stop Producer activity (optional)

    };
});
```

## Speaker notes

Observable.create() creates object instance with ` .subscribe( )`

Observable.create() is used

to support LAZY activating Producer notifications,

to support cancellations to stop Producer connections

## Promise(s)

```
let myPromise = new Promise(( resolve, reject ) => {  
    // Producer Activity  
  
    resolve(  
        /* Notify observer using callbacks */  
    );  
  
});
```

Producer activity is started immediately

## Observable(s)

```
const myObservable$ = Observable.create( observer => {  
  
    // Producer Activity  
    // Notify observer using callbacks  
  
    return () => {  
  
        // Cancel Connection to Producer  
        // Stop Producer activity (optional)  
  
    };  
  
});
```

Producer activity is deferred

## Speaker notes

Observable.create() creates object instance with ` .subscribe( )`

Observable.create() is used

- \* to support LAZY activating Producer notifications,
- \* to support cancellations to stop Producer connections

Use `<instance\$>.subscribe( )` nothing happens

# Observables are Functions

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Like a function with zero (0) arguments that allow  
returning multiple values... over time.

Trigger the observable by using **.subscribe()**

## Speaker notes

You “call” it but can’t pass any params to it (the observer doesn’t count)

If you don’t call subscribe, nothing will happen

calling subscribe is analogous to calling a function

Two subscribes can trigger two separate side effects

Event emitters share the same side effects and have eager execution

# The Observer Interface

```
export interface Observer<T> {  
  next      : (value: T) => void;  
  error     : (err: any) => void;  
  complete  : ()           => void;  
}
```

**Observable.subscribe( watcher: Observer )**

The Observer interface is a contract to register notification callbacks.

next \* (error | complete)?

## Speaker notes

The API contract for an Observable. This is the behavior we can expect to see.

Sends next notifications zero to infinite amount of times until it sends either error or complete

Strictly adheres to this contract (no more next after an error or complete)

The error|complete is optional...could just keep going until you disconnect

- \* Next sends a value like number, string, object, etc
- \* Error sends a JavaScript error or exception

# Observable Execution

An observable execution is a lazy computation that happen  
**for EACH** Observer that subscribes.



```
Observable.create(observer => {  
    try {  
        observer.next(1);  
        observer.next(2);  
        observer.next(3);  
        observer.complete();  
    } catch (err) {  
        observer.error(err);  
    }  
});
```

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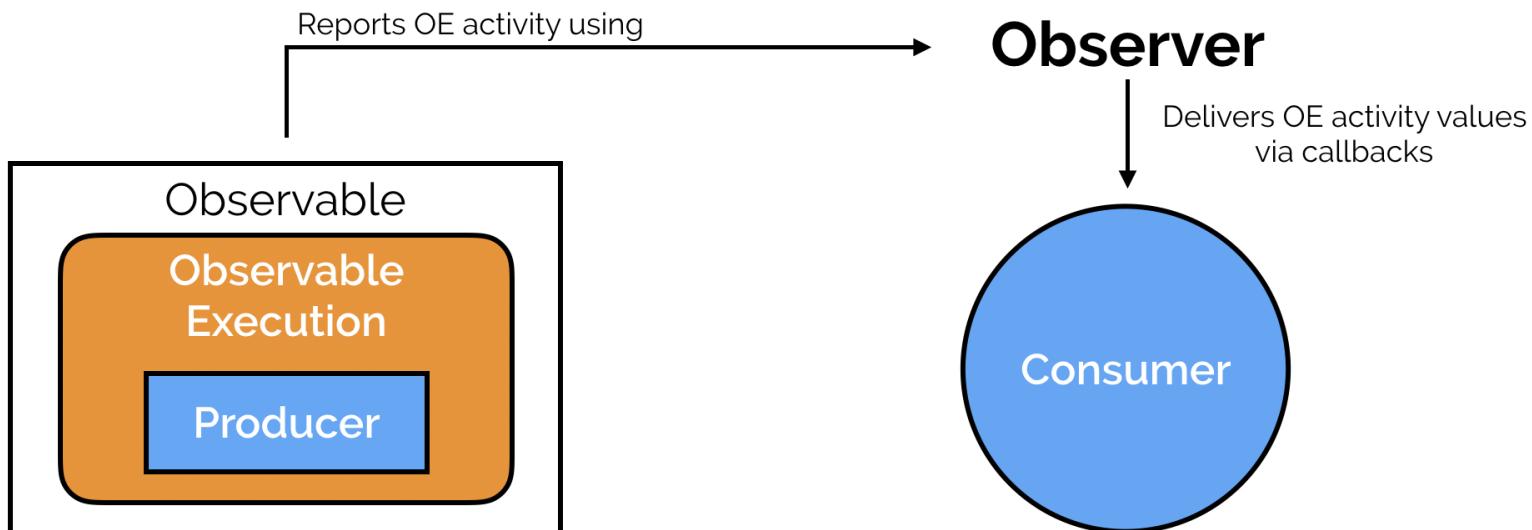
So something is going to produce these values...the observable execution

Plain Observables are unicast and get their own independent execution

An observer is simply a set of callback functions that the Observable execution can call

And a call to subscribe can run that observable execution

# Producers & Consumers



## Speaker notes

- \* Producers are those observables found in Angular (forms, router, httpclient, etc) and ones we make
- \* Consumers are the subscriptions to those, where we get pushed the values and react to them

# What we will cover?



Observable Concepts



Consuming Observables



RxJS Operators



Creation Operators

## Speaker notes

- Let's start with the consumer side of things, since this is the most common work we will find ourselves doing with RxJS in Angular

# Consume Observables using Subscriptions

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Subscribing to an Observable is analogous to  
calling a Function

Observables are able to deliver values either  
**synchronously** or **asynchronously**.

## Speaker notes

A subscription either starts the observable execution or connects to a running one (depending on the observable type)

That may result in the delivery of value(s), it may continue with values after that, or it may even deliver value(s) and complete right away. That is the rules of the observable contract, right?

# Observers

**Consumers** can listen for emitted Observable values using **callbacks**.

Three (3) callbacks or an object can used as arguments to the **subscribe()** function

```
● ● ●  
export declare class Observable<T> {  
  
    static create: Function;  
  
    subscribe(  
        next?: (value: T) => void,  
        error?: (error: any) => void,  
        complete?: () => void  
    ) : Subscription;  
  
}
```

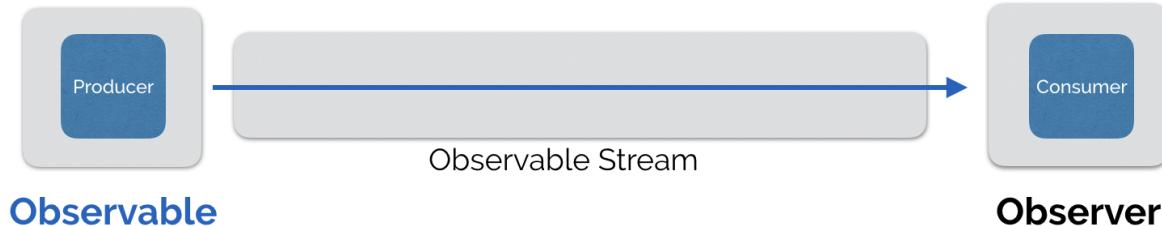
## Speaker notes

A subscribe call takes up to 3 callback functions that will get used as an observer

These are callbacks that will get run based on the event the observable execution runs

Can hand it an object, multiple params that are the callback for each (subscribe is an overloaded method)

# Common **Subscribe()** Example



```
const source$ = Observable
  .create(observer => {
    // Announce producer activity
    observer.next(1);
    observer.complete();
  });

```

Producer uses the **observer channel** to push values to a single consumer



```
// Only watch for emitted values

source$.subscribe(value => {
  // Report producer activity
  console.log(value);
});

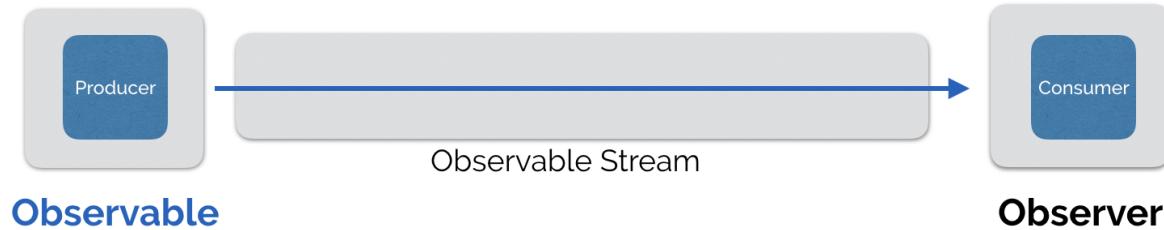
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The subscribe registers a **callback bridge** to the consumer. **Consumer** listens and reacts to values

## Speaker notes

The most common way to subscribe is to hand it the callback for the next event to work with values pushed

# Error Handling



```
const source$ = Observable
  .create(observer => {
    observer.next(1);
    observer.error("oops");
  });

```



```
source$.subscribe(
  value  => console.log(value),
  message => console.error(message)
);
```

Watch for emitted values AND **errors**

## Speaker notes

We can also include a second callback function for errors.

Now there are several ways to do it, a lengthly lesson in its own right

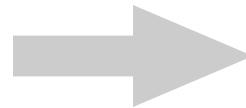
- \* Can handle errors here
- \* Can leverage operators to catch, retry, etc.

Just want to mention it here to make you aware...

# Disposing on Observable Execution

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Connect to Producer  
Save the **Subscription**



```
const connection : Subscription = source$.subscribe(  
  value => this.item = value;  
)
```

source\$ mediates access to the producer...

Disconnects from Producer  
Aborts **Observable Execution**



```
connection.unsubscribe();
```

## Speaker notes

When we subscribe, we need to think about the need to unsubscribe

Not unsubscribing can lead to memory leaks

The observable is in charge of what it does in its observable execution, also in charge of cleaning up if unsubscribe is called

The subscribe call returns an object with an unsubscribe method. Calling that method will tell the observable that you are done with it. Hopefully it will clean up after itself!

# Unsubscribe... When or Always ?

## Must Unsubscribe

FormControl

Custom Observables      (depends)

3rd-Party Observables      (depends)

## Unsubscribe Not Needed

HttpClient

Router

Some operators; eg. **take**

When using the **async** pipe!

## Speaker notes

Unsubscribe

Control, Group and Array

(depends) if that observable execution completes

Note the HttpClient completes

Router params, data, etc all have some Angular lifecycle hooks that clean themselves up

Will talk about operators later

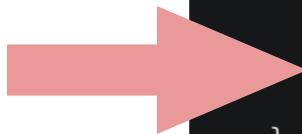
# Code without the **async** pipe...

```
@Component({
  selector : 'ticket-map',
  template : `
    <ticket-card *ngIf="ticket"[data]="ticket">
    </ticket-card>

    <button (click)="loadTicket()">Load All Tickets</button>
  `
})
export class NxWorkshopMap {
  ticket : Ticket;
  constructor(private ticketHttp : TicketService) { }

  loadTicket(ticketId = 0) {
    const pendingTicket$ = this.ticketHttp.loadTicket(ticketID);

    pendingTicket$.subscribe(
      (ticket) => this.ticket = ticket
    );
  }
}
```



## Speaker notes

Here's a typical pattern we may find ourselves doing, we subscribe to get to the value and then use that value.

What are the problems here:

- \* Manual extraction of data
- \* No cancellations
- \* No cleanup on ngOnDestroy()
- \* Zombies

# Power with the **async** pipe...



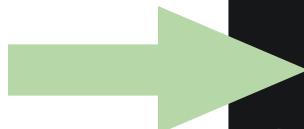
```
<ticket-card
    *ngIf="(ticket$ | async) as currentTicket"
    [dataProvider]="currentTicket" >
</ticket-card>
```



```
export class NxWorkshopMap {
  ticket$ : Observable<Ticket>;

  constructor(private ticketService : TicketService) {
    this.loadTicket(1);
  }

  loadTicket(ticketId) {
    this.ticket$ = this.ticketService.loadTicket(ticketId);
  }
}
```



## Speaker notes

Can feed it an observable

The async pipe does the subscribe call

It also does the unsubscribe call when component is destroyed!

And because it's working with Observables, new values pushed to it will mark for check

Can use the `as` syntax to get a handle to the value from it for use in template

# Power with the **async** pipe...



```
<ticket-card
  *ngIf="(ticket$ | async) as currentTicket"
  [dataProvider] = "currentTicket" >
</ticket-card>

<button (click)="loadTicket(2)">
  Load All Tickets
</button>
```



```
export class TicketsExplorer {
  ticket$ : Observable<Ticket>;
  constructor(private ticketService : TicketService) {
    this.loadTicket(1);
  }
  loadTicket(ticketId) {
    this.ticket$ = this.ticketService.loadTicket(ticketId);
  }
}
```

A change to the expression (eg a new Observable) is auto-handled by the **async** pipe!

## Speaker notes

It will also handle unsubscribing and subscribing if we change the expression value

So if we had a button click to load a different ticket...

It will unsubscribe on change to expression

And subscribe to the new expression value

# Traditional **Unsubscribe()**

```
export class NxWorshopMap implements OnDestroy {
  ticket : Ticket;
  constructor(private ticketService: TicketService) {}

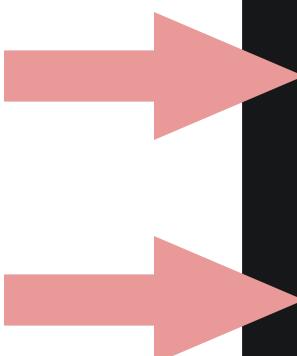
  private subscription: Subscription;

  loadTicket(ticketID = 0) {
    const results$ = this.ticketService.loadTicket(ticketID);

    this.stopWatching();
    this.subscription = results$.subscribe(ticket => {
      this.ticket = ticket;
    });
  }

  ngOnDestroy() {
    this.stopWatching();
  }

  stopWatching() {
    if ( this.subscription ) {
      this.subscription.unsubscribe();
    }
  }
}
```



This is a typical solution seen in the community.

**This is horrible... don't do it!**

# Using the `untilViewDestroyed` operator



```
export class TicketsExplorer {
  ticket : Ticket;

  constructor(
    private ticketService: TicketService,
    private elRef: ElementRef) {

    this.loadTicket(1);
  }

  loadTicket(ticketId) {
    const ticket$ = this.ticketService.loadTicket(ticketId);
    ticket$.pipe(
      untilViewDestroyed(this.elRef)
    )
    .subscribe(ticket => {
      this.ticket = ticket
    })
  }
}
```



# untilViewDestroyed RxJS Operator

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```
44  export function untilViewDestroyed<T>(element: ElementRef): (source: Observable<T>) => Observable<T> {
45    const destroyed$ = watchElementDestroyed(element.nativeElement);
46    return (source: Observable<T>) => source.pipe(takeUntil(destroyed$));
47  }
48
49  /**
50   * Unique hashkey
51   */
52  const destroy$ = 'destroy$';
53
54  /**
55   * Use MutationObserver to watch for Element being removed from the DOM: destroyed
56   * When destroyed, stop subscriptions upstream.
57   */
58  function watchElementDestroyed(nativeEl: Element, delay: number = 20): Observable<boolean> {
59    if (!nativeEl[destroy$]) {
60      const stop$ = new ReplaySubject<boolean>();
61      const hasBeenRemoved = isElementRemoved(nativeEl);
62
63      nativeEl[destroy$] = stop$.asObservable();
64      setTimeout(() => {
65        const domObserver = new MutationObserver((records: MutationRecord[]) => {
66          if (records.some(hasBeenRemoved)) {
67            stop$.next(true);
68            stop$.complete();
69
70            domObserver.disconnect();
71            nativeEl[destroy$] = null;
72          }
73        });
74
75        domObserver.observe(nativeEl.parentNode, { childList: true });
76      }, delay);
77    }
78
79    return nativeEl[destroy$];
80  }
~~
```

[Gist Source](#)

# HttpClient

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- Event-driven **stream** of notifications
  - Enables functional programming structures
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- Auto-conversion to **JSON** objects
  - **Strong-typing** for request and response objects
  - Request and Response **interceptors**
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- Improved **Error Handling** w/ retry()
  - **Progress Events** (upload & download)

## Speaker notes

Okay, so let's talk about the HttpClient in Angular

It is a great use case of Observables

It does the http call stuff real well (json handling, strong typing, extension through interceptors)

And we can do advanced stuff like retry and progressive up/down

# HttpClient

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- Returns **Observables** for get, post, put, delete
- They are not active
- Designed to **auto-complete**

## Speaker notes

And when it comes to http methods, it makes use of observables

These are observables with an observable execution just waiting to be run

And the observable execution will complete once its done with its logic

# Subscribe to start & complete...

Configure the Http observable to **prepare to call**, then **start** and **complete** by calling **.subscribe()**



```
const url = `${this.apiEndpoint}/tickets/${ticketID}`;

// Configure pending HTTP call
const ticket$ = this.http.get<Ticket>(url);

// Start and complete HTTP call
ticket$.subscribe(
  (ticket:Ticket) => this.ticket = ticket
);
```

In this case ^, the **Observable Execution** will be the actual internal call to the remote REST endpoint

## Speaker notes

So we can think of the subscribe as the function call to do the get, post, put, delete :)

And if you remember your function call training!

The HttpClient observable, when you call subscribe, will run its observable execution which will make an async call and upon finish will next and complete

And for the HttpClient, each call starts its own observable execution

- \* Two subscribes can equal two network requests

# RxJS Lab 1: Basic Search

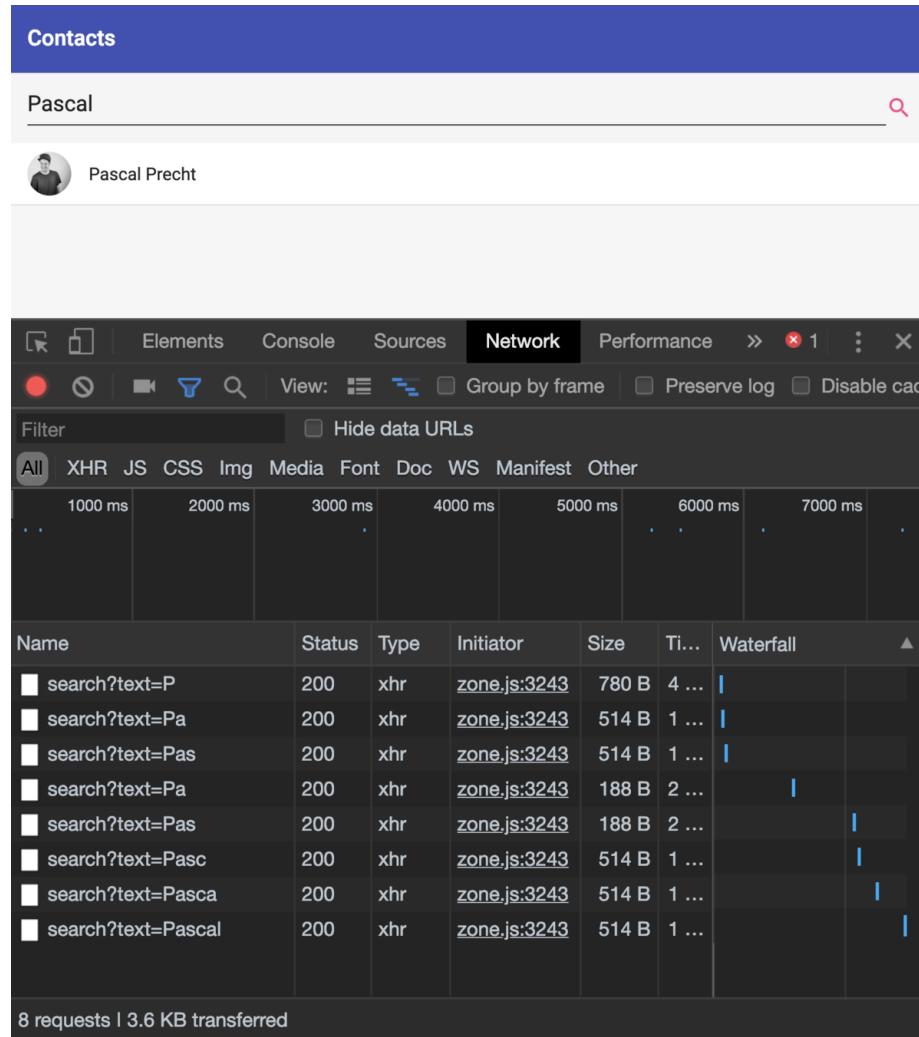
The screenshot displays a contact list interface. At the top, a blue header bar contains the word "Contacts". Below it is a white search bar with a pink magnifying glass icon on its right side. The main content area lists five contacts, each with a small circular profile picture on the left and the contact's name to the right:

- Christoph Burgdorf
- Pascal Precht
- Nicole Hansen
- Zoe Moore
- Diane Hale

- Add Search input controls above contacts lists
- Listen for input control value changes and call search()
- Update contacts\$ with search() results

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# Problems with Basic Search



The screenshot shows a browser's developer tools Network tab. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Pascal". Below the search bar, a list of contacts is displayed, with one entry "Pascal Precht" shown. The Network tab is selected, and the timeline shows several XHR requests for the URL "search?text=P" followed by variations of "Pa", "Pas", "Pasc", "Pasca", and "Pascal". All these requests have a status of 200 and are initiated from "zone.js:3243". The "Waterfall" column shows the sequence of these requests. The bottom of the Network tab displays the message "8 requests | 3.6 KB transferred".

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search?text=Pa	200	xhr	zone.js:3243	514 B	1 ...	
search?text=Pas	200	xhr	zone.js:3243	514 B	1 ...	
search?text=Pa	200	xhr	zone.js:3243	188 B	2 ...	
search?text=Pas	200	xhr	zone.js:3243	188 B	2 ...	
search?text=Pasc	200	xhr	zone.js:3243	514 B	1 ...	
search?text=Pasca	200	xhr	zone.js:3243	514 B	1 ...	
search?text=Pascal	200	xhr	zone.js:3243	514 B	1 ...	

8 requests | 3.6 KB transferred

This simple search implementation comes with a couple of problems:

# Problems with Basic Search

The top part of the image shows a mobile application interface titled "Contacts". A search bar at the top contains the text "Pascal". Below the search bar is a list of contact results, with the first result being "Pascal Precht" accompanied by a small profile picture. The bottom part of the image is a screenshot of a browser's developer tools Network tab. The tab is set to the "Network" tab and shows a list of XHR (XMLHttpRequest) requests. The requests are all for URLs starting with "search?text=" followed by different search terms like "P", "Pa", "Pas", etc. All these requests have a status code of 200 and are of type "xhr". The "Initiator" column shows they all originated from "zone.js:3243". The "Size" column indicates the response size for each request. There are 8 requests listed in total.

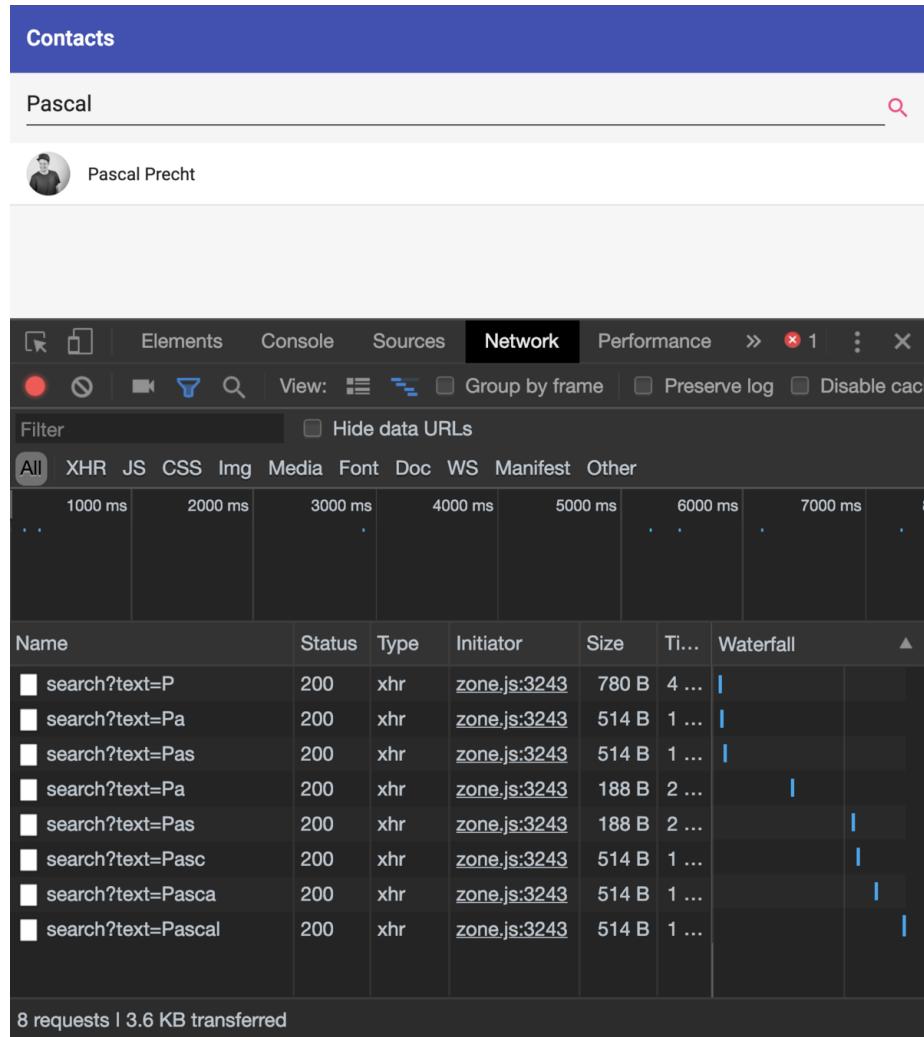
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- We hit the server on every keystroke

# Problems with Basic Search



The screenshot shows a browser window with a search bar containing "Pascal". Below the search bar is a contact card for "Pascal Precht". The browser's developer tools Network tab is open, showing a list of XHR requests. The requests are all for the URL "search?text=Pascal" and have a status code of 200. The initiator for all these requests is "zone.js:3243". The "Waterfall" section shows the requests as vertical bars, indicating they were sent sequentially. The total number of requests is 8, and the transferred data is 3.6 KB.

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This simple search implementation comes with a couple of problems:

- We hit the server on every keystroke
- We hit the server unnecessarily

# Solutions with Basic Search

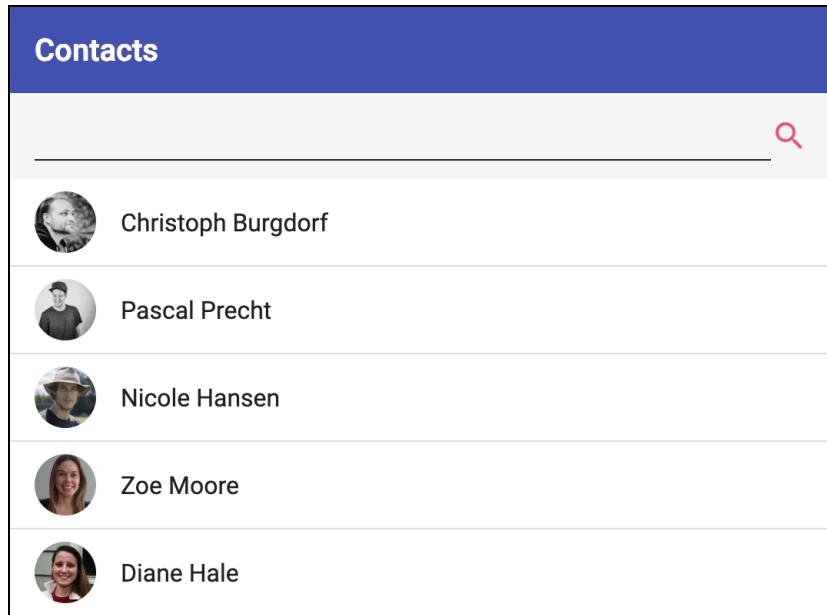
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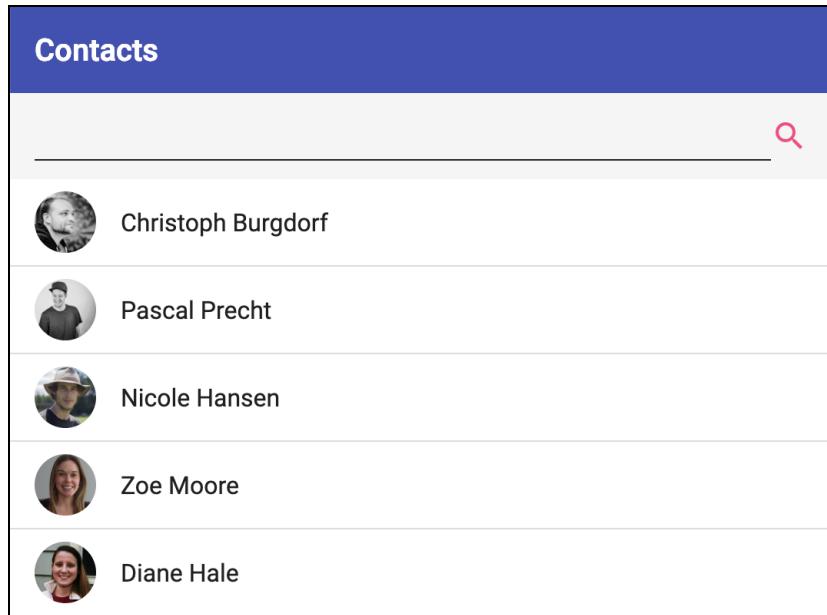
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To get input values via an Observable stream, we could use:

- Reactive **FormControl**s
- Use a **Subject** to create a stream that emits input value changes

# But first...

- 1 Observable Concepts
- 2 Consuming Observables
- 3 RxJS Operators
- 4 Creation Operators

## Speaker notes

So we learned how to subscribe and what is going on there.

Let's talk about operators, and how they give us, as consumers, a ton of power

# RxJS Operators

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A function that creates a **new** Observable based on the current observable.

## Why ?

Allows custom projection functions to **project** or *block* each value in the stream into another value

# RxJS Operators

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- Are pure functions
- **Input **read-only**** observable
- **Output **new**** observable (generated)
- Used to **chain** observables

## Why ?

**Immutability**: the input Observable remains  
**unchanged** and can be **reused**!

# RxJS Operators

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Operator chaining is an implementation of  
the **Pipeline** pattern

- Operators support **chaining** observables
- Each operator is applied to the **output observable** from the **previous** operator.
- Operator **order** is important

## Speaker notes

A value produced at the source, will sequentially flow through the operators of an observable chain.

Each operator in the chain decides if it will emit the value again (filter) and/or if it will modify the value (transformation).

Operators may also choose to append or prepend values to the stream or combine it with another stream.

# RxJS Operators: Subscription Avalanche



```
const source$ = Rx.Observable.from([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);

source$.pipe(
  map(i => i * i),
  filter(i => i > 10),
  take(1)
)
.subscribe(value => console.log(value));
```

- Each operator **subscribes to the incoming Observable**
- Each operator **outputs a new Observable**

A chain of RxJs operators is a chain of subscribers...

# Observable Data Flows

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## Push vs Pull

- Data is **pulled** from a Array
- Data is transformed with operations: **map(), filter(), reduce()**

Observables are similar to Lists...

- Data is **pushed** through an Observable
- Data is transformed with operations: **map(), filter(), reduce()**

Speaker notes

Previous Observable stays unmodified

## Consider traditional Array **Operators**:

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```
[1, 2, 3, 4].filter(i => i % 2);
```

```
['a', 'b', 'c'].map(i => i.toUpperCase());
```

## Speaker notes

RxJS Operators are inspired by these

But more than just Array-like ones...

(might want to try and explain how this can trip you up though, because Observable filter will get 1 then 2 then 3.)

The array filter will get the entire set at once. Array operators [in general] iterate the entire list...

# RxJS comes with a bunch of Operators

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> 105 operators...

## Speaker notes

So many operators... plus it is super easy to create our own custom operators.  
Like the `untilViewDestroyed()` operator.

# Types of Operators

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- Transformation
- Filtering
- Combination
- Many others...

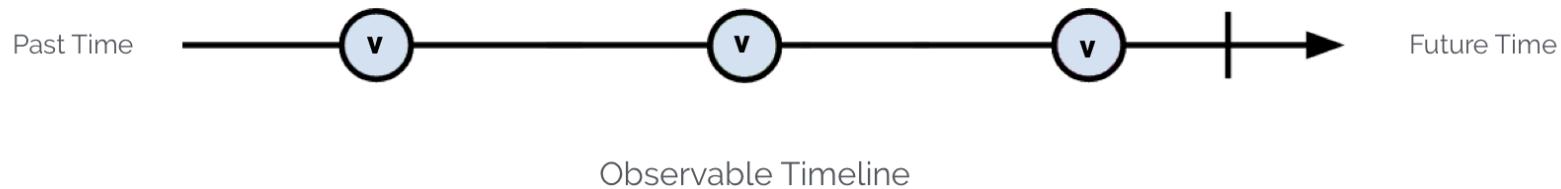
Developers really only need to know **4 - 6 operators** to get started!

## Marble Diagrams

Diagrams help visualize Observable events and RxJS operators!

[RxMarbles.com](https://RxMarbles.com)

# Marble Diagrams



## Marble Diagrams - Text Based

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Marble syntax is a string that represents events happening over **virtual** time.

```
- 1 - - 2 - - 3 - - |
```

## Speaker notes

This syntax is very useful for marble testing... more later

## Observer Interface -> Marble Diagrams

**next \* ( error | complete )?**

1 , 2 , 3      #      |

## Speaker notes

Within the marble sequence, we can represent the observable contract for the observer:

- \* Values for the next
- \* Hash for the error
- \* Pipe for the complete

# Observable Visualizations

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```
Observable.create(observer => {  
    observer.next(1);  
    observer.next(2);  
    observer.next(3);  
  
    observer.complete();  
});|
```



- 1 - - 2 - - 3 - |

## Speaker notes

Three values then complete

In the text one, dashes can be used to simulate an amount of time (for testing)

# Observable Visualizations

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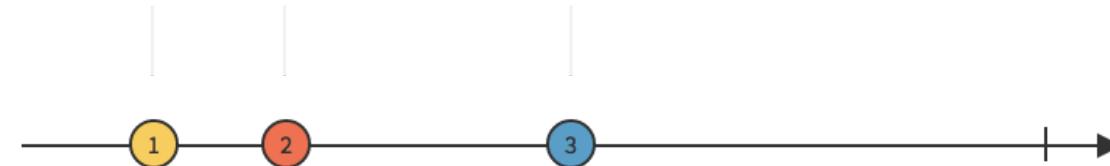
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Observable.create(observer => {  
  observer.next(1);  
  observer.next(2);  
  observer.error('oops!');  
});
```



- 1 - - 2 - - #

## Map Operator

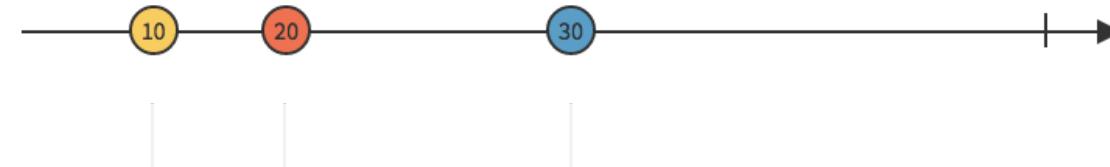
**Transform** the items emitted by an Observable by applying a function to each item



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```
map(x => 10 * x)
```

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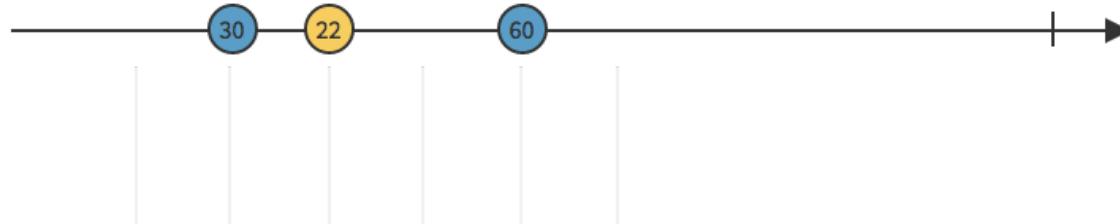


## Filter Operator

**Emit** only those Observable stream values that pass a predicate test

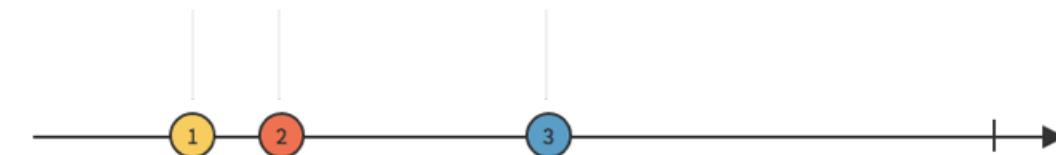


`filter(x => x > 10)`

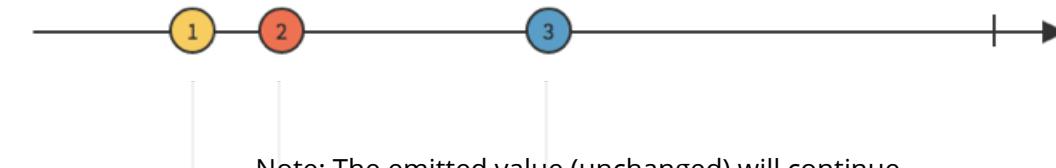


# Tap Operator

**Register** an action to take for each value emitted from an Observable



```
tap(x => console.log(x))
```



Note: The emitted value (unchanged) will continue to propagate through the pipe.

# Importing RxJS Operators

ReactiveX

Code

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```
import 'rxjs/add/operator/map';
```



Don't do this...Why?

These ^ imports monkey-patch the Observable prototype!

Speaker notes

Import them where you use them

Different from how it used to be (if you are familiar with that)

Will get compile errors if you don't...so that's a win!

# Importing RxJS Operators



```
import { Observable, of } from 'rxjs';
import { map, filter } from 'rxjs/operators';
```

## Speaker notes

When it comes to using operators we can import them

Will get compile errors if you don't...so that's a win!

Make sure you get the path rxjs/operators...do not use `rxjs/add/operators`

# Using RxJS Operators

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- RxJS 5.x introduced a **.pipe()** used to chain multiple (1...n) operators
- Can compose multiple **operators** into one (1) statement
- Composing operators keeps together
  - easy to reuse
  - easy to maintain

## Speaker notes

Developers must use the pipe to chain operators BEFORE the subscribe()

# Function **Chaining** == Function **Composition**

```
// Function chaining  
// requires each f() to return `x`  
  
const v1 = x.f1().f2().f3()
```

```
// Function composition  
  
const v2 = f3(f2(f1(x)));
```

## Speaker notes

As English left-to-right readers, function chaining is more intuitive and natural...

# RxJS Operator chaining is composition...

RxJS has a **pipe()** method that makes it easy to compose a chain of multiple operators into a single operation.

```
● ● ●  
notifications$.pipe(  
  filter(m => m.forUserId === 1),  
  map(m => m.body)  
)
```

## Speaker notes

So we use the pipe method and pass it a list of operators we want to run in an order  
And each operator will return an observable that will get handed to the next operator

# RxJS Operator Composition

```
● ● ●

const ticket$ : Observable<Ticket> = this.http.get<Ticket>(url);

const details$: Observable<string> = ticket$.pipe(
    filter(t => t.ticketID === 1),
    map(t => t.details)
);

details$.subscribe(
    // extract the value from the stream to
    // render in the template

    (details:string) => this.ticketDetails = details
);
```

- **filter()** conditionally blocks stream propagation
- **map()** allows us to extract specific data parts or transform data

## Using HttpClient - **Problem #1**

```
● ● ●  
const usersSearch$ = this.assignedToUser.valueChanges;  
  
this.subscription = usersSearch$.subscribe( criteria => {  
    const results$ = this.userService.users(criteria);  
  
    results$.subscribe(users => {  
        this.users = users;  
    }):  
  
});
```

**Problem:** code calls to the server EVERY keystroke

We also have 2 other issues... any guesses?

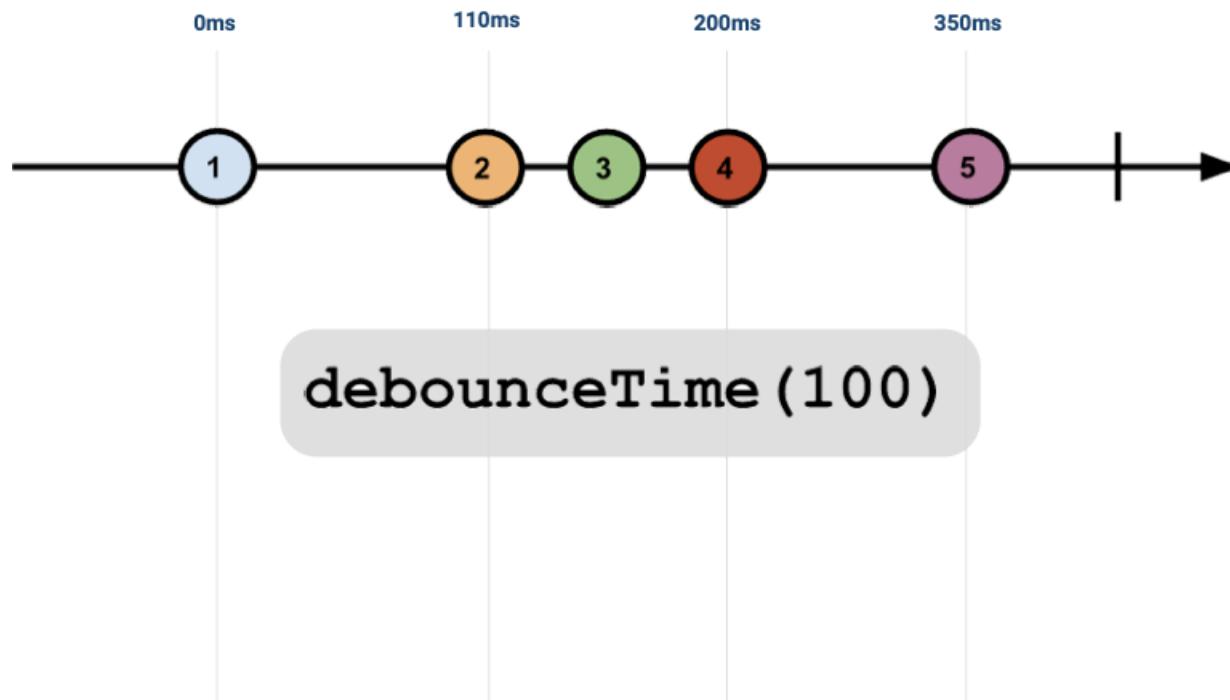
## Speaker notes

Beyond just doing some transformation or filter, we can use operators to build elegant solutions  
So we have this issue right now with our implementation...we are constantly making http calls  
(show problem in browser)

Issues: need debounce, need distinctUntilChanged, guard against out-of-order

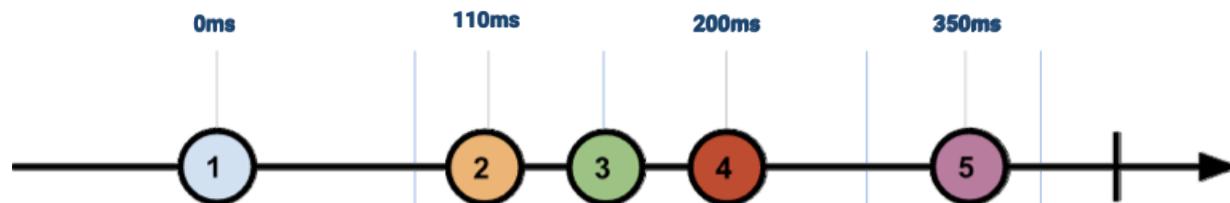
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`debounceTime(100)`



## Speaker notes

With debounceTime we are saying, send me a value and as soon as I get one I am going to do something with it... and I'm going to bounce any other value that comes through within the next x amount of milliseconds

Oh and if you do send me another value within that time, guess what, I'm starting the timer all over again and won't accept another value for ANOTHER x milliseconds. :)

## DebounceTime Operator

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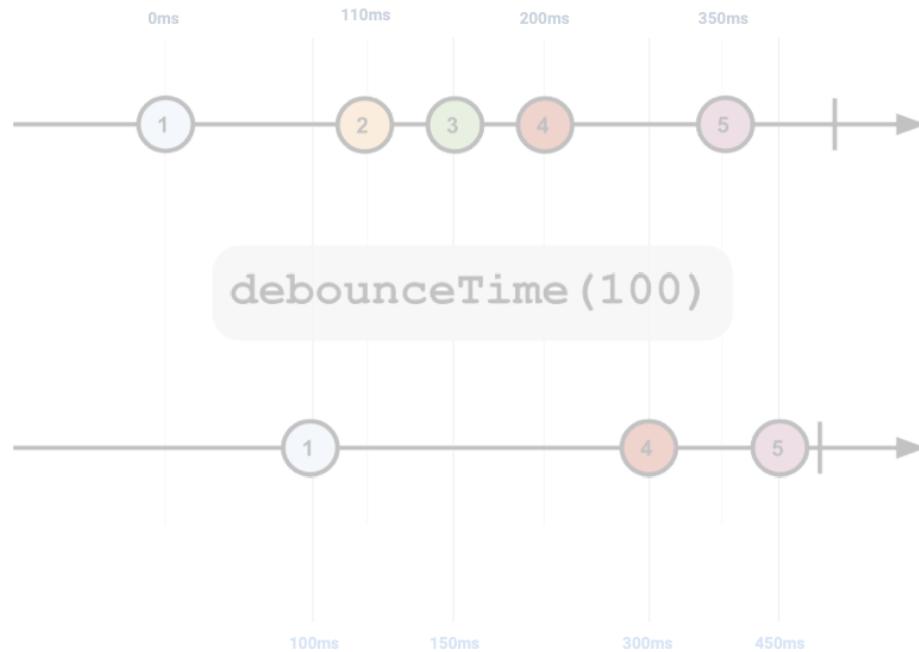
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## Fix Using HttpClient

```
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class ContactsListComponent implements OnInit {
    term$: Observable<string>;           // stream of values from input control

    ngOnInit() {
        const validCriteria$ = this.terms$.pipe(
            debounceTime(400),
        );

        validCriteria$.subscribe(term => {
            this.contacts$ = this.search(term)
        });
    }
}
```

**Fix:** debounce the call to wait until the user stops typing

## Speaker notes

But we can solve that with operators!

The fix is to debounce to wait for a break in keystrokes

Operator to do that logic

debounceTime

## Using HttpClient - Problem #2

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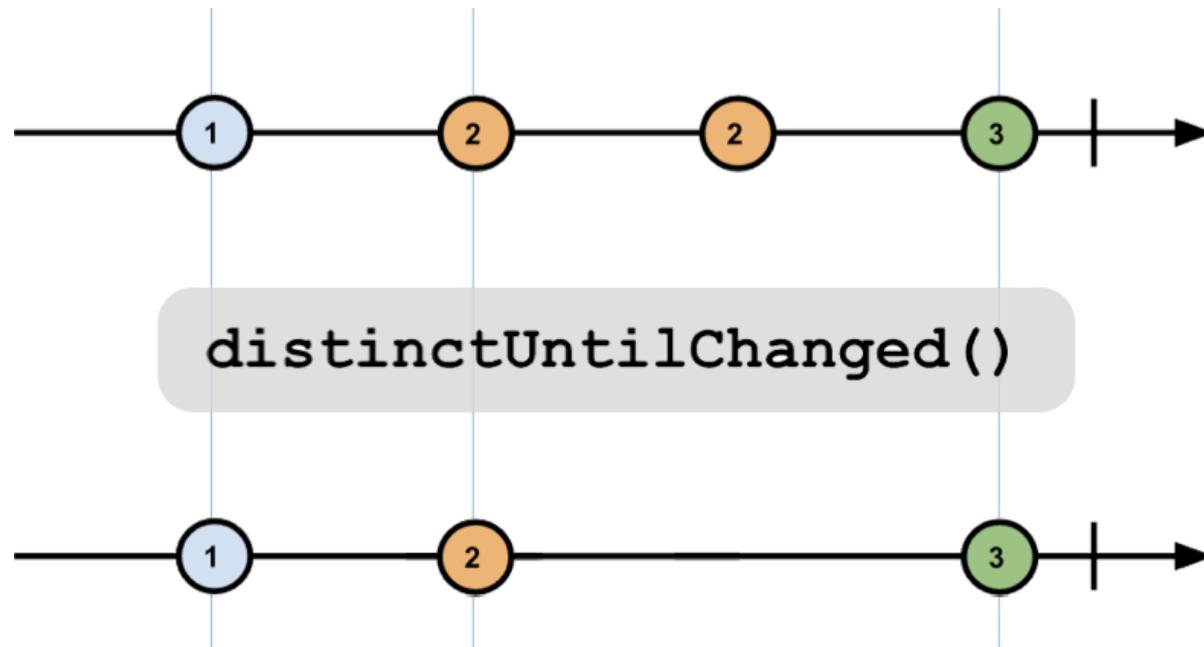
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```

**Problem:** user can type, then delete, and retype... with the same value after debounce.

## DistinctUntilChanged Operator

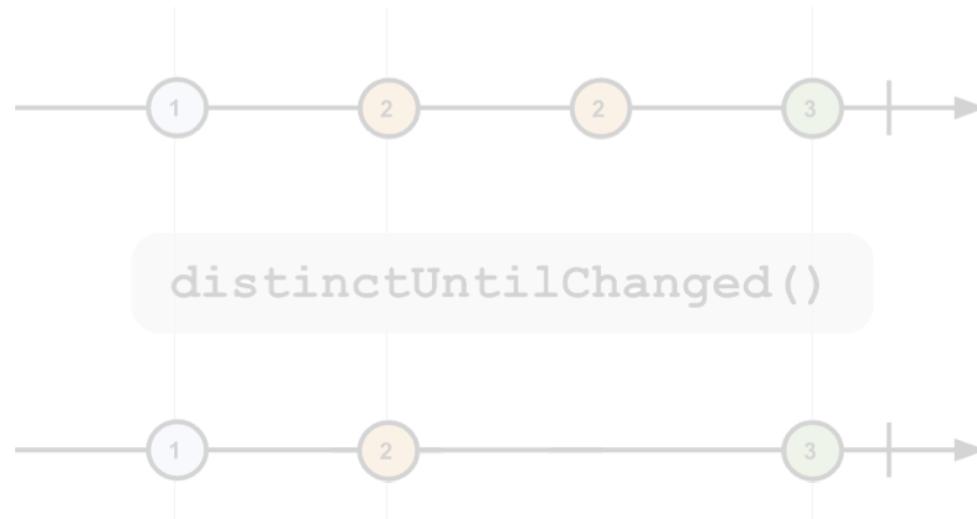
**SUPPRESS** duplicate items emitted consecutively by an Observable.



## DistinctUntilChanged Operator

The **distinctUntilChanged** operator works by temporarily, internally caching the last emitted value and comparing to the current value. This means that `distinctUntilChanged` internally **manages state**.

Imagine doing this without an operator... !



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  }
}
```

**Fix:** on call server with a value if it is different than the previous value.

## Speaker notes

But now we have a new scenario that is not ideal...if the user does some typing and deleting and then stops on the same value that they started with, the value pushes through and the same http call we just made gets made again.

Operator to do that logic

distinctUntilChanged

# How do we consume DOM Events as a Stream

```
<mat-toolbar>

  <mat-form-field dividerColor="accent" class="trm-search-container">
    <input matInput (input)="search($event.target.value)" type="text">
  </mat-form-field>

  <mat-icon color="accent">search</mat-icon>
</mat-toolbar>
<mat-list>
  ...
</mat-list>
```

```
@Component({})
class ContactsListComponent implements OnInit {
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}
```

## Speaker notes

To use the power of RxJS operators, we need observables.

How do we listen of input events and send those through an observable stream?

# RxJS Subject<T>

Subject implements both **Observable** and **Observer** interfaces.

- Use Observer interface to **emit** values using **next()**
- Use Observable **read** values using **pipe()** and **subscribe()**

```
import {Subject, Observable} from 'rxjs';

@Component({})
class ContactsListComponent implements OnInit {
  contacts$ : Observable<Contact[]>;

  ngOnInit() {
    const terms$ = this.channel.asObservable().pipe(
      debounceTime(400)
      distinctUntilChanged()
    );

    term$.subscribe(term => {
      this.contacts$ = this.search(term)
    });
  }

  private channel = new Subject<string>();
}
```

## Speaker notes

Here in our imperative code, we prepare a stream to receive `search terms` and call the `HttpService/REST` server

# Subject<T>

contact-list.component.html

```
<mat-toolbar>
  <mat-input-container>

    <input matInput
      (input)="channel.next($event.target.value)">

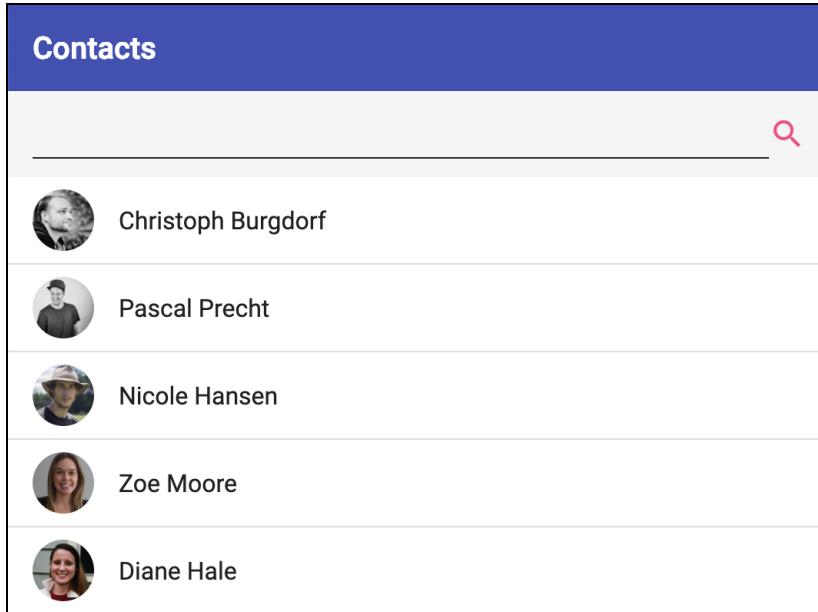
  </mat-input-container>
</mat-toolbar>

<mat-list>
  ...
</mat-list>
```

## Speaker notes

When the values of the input control change,  
we use the native DOM event to + the `channel` to emit the new search term.

# RxJS Lab 2: Throttle Search Requests



- Reduce server thrashing
- Use RxJS operators: **debounceTime**, **distinctUntilChanged**
- Use **Subject<T>**

Lab Exercise

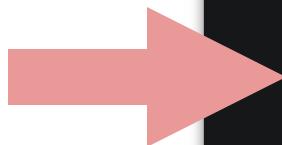
# Bad subscribe()

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    );
    term$.subscribe(term => {
      this.contacts$ = this.contactService.search(term)
    });
  }

  private channel = new Subject<string>();
}
```



## Speaker notes

When using the async pipe, we **SHOULD** avoid using `subscribe()`

# Refactor to remove subscribe...

---

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    );

    this.contacts$ = term$.pipe(
      map(term => this.contactService.search(term))
    )
  }

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```

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```

Speaker notes

This looks much cleaner. Cool...

## Problem #1: Nested Observables

---

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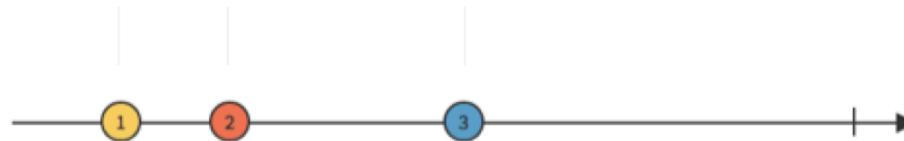
}
```

## Speaker notes

Except this does not work... why?

The stream is supposed to return Contact[], yet map returns an Observable instead of a array

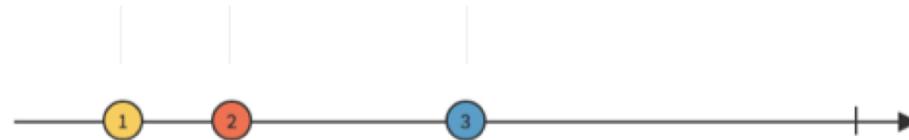
# Types coming through Observable streams



An observable may emit value of **any** JavaScript type:

- number
- string
- boolean
- object
- class instance
- etc.

# Types coming through Observable streams



Since observables may emit value of **any** JavaScript type:

What if the types emitted are **Observables**?

## Speaker notes

But they don't have to be your basic types...they could be anything, including observables! What???

# Types coming through Observable streams

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  );

}
```

This will not work because **contactsService.search()** returns an observable.

## Speaker notes

So you could imagine, and maybe you have got into this situation (I certainly did a lot)...

We can use this pipe and these operators to set up the flow of our observable work to be catered towards what we need, surely we could do something there to not have to subscribe to multiple streams? Let's just use map to get the incoming form value and change it to return the users from that user service stream...

But this doesn't work the way we might think...

# Types coming through Observable streams

## 1st Order

- Observable of standard types
- Easy to work with values
- Single Subscribe()

```
-- 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - - - - - |
```

```
map(x => x * 2)
```

```
-- 2 - 4 - 6 - 8 - - - - - |
```

## Higher Order

- Observable of Observable
- Could use nested subscribes()... **No!**
- Need to flatten if we want to get values

```
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```

```
map(e => observableB$)
```

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```

+ is an inner observable

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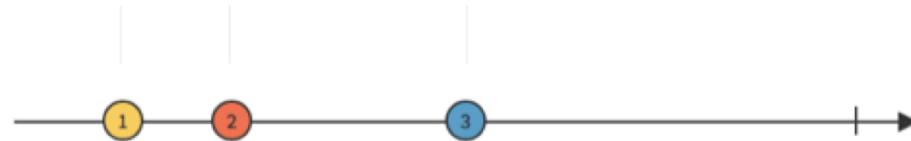
Need to understand these because we can easily get confused as we start to try different operators...  
So we can classify observables based on what types they return...first order for those basic values and higher order for ones that return observables.

Using first order is common for transforming data

Higher order example is new data from form field that needs to subscribe to httpclient observable

Consider the userSearch we did earlier: the `assignedToUser.valueChange` observable is subscribed and the value

## Common **1st-Order** Operators



**map, filter, reduce**

(when working with an emitted value)

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we use these all the time

Can find ourselves returning a value from here...or could find ourselves returning an observable

## Common **Higher Order** Values

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If we do a **map( e => observableB\$ )**  
and end up with a higher order...

We could manually flatten to get the value(s) from  
those inner observables. This would require a nested  
**subscribe()**...

How do we avoid nested **subscribes()** **AND** flatten the  
nested observables?

# Flattening and Mapping **Higher-Order** Operators

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**switchMap, mergeMap, concatMap, forkJoin**

(when you need to combine multiple observables into  
a single operation and get their nested values)

## Higher-Order Scenarios

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### **switchMap, mergeMap, concatMap, forkJoin**

- Nested subscribes...
- Combining observables...
- Cancelling observable in favor of another...
- Sequencing observables...

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So how do we get ourselves into these scenarios where we have higher order observables?

Well we can see it in the code we just wrote where we subscribe to the form value and then subscribe to the http call

We also end up in scenarios where we want to work with values from multiple streams

And we will have times where we want to start a new instance of an existing stream and cancel the previous.

## Problem #1: Nested Observables

```
import {Subject, Observable} from 'rxjs';

@Component({})
class ContactsListComponent implements OnInit {
  private channel = new Subject<string>();
  private term$ = this.channel.asObservable();

  contacts: Contact[];

  ngOnInit() {
    this.term$.pipe(
      debounceTime(400)
      distinctUntilChanged()
      map(term => this.contactsService.search(term))
    ).subscribe(contacts => {
      this.contacts = contacts;
    });
  }
}
```

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Here we are not using a async pipe, so we subscribe to manually extract the raw data  
But this does not work because map() returns an Observable.

# Bad Solution:

## Use Nested Subscribes

```
export class ContactsListComponent {
  contacts: Contacts[];

  ngOnInit() {
    const searchCriteria$ = this.channel.asObservable();

    searchCriteria$.pipe(
      map(criteria => {
        let pending: Subscription;
        const cancelPending = () => {
          if (pending) pending.unsubscribe();
          pending = null;
        };

        cancelPending();

        return Observable.create(observer => {
          try {
            const response$ = this.contactsService.search(criteria);

            pending = response$.subscribe(contacts => {
              observer.next(contacts);
              observer.complete();
            });

            } catch (e) {
              observer.error(e);
            }

            return () => {
              cancelPending();
              observer.complete();
            };
          });
        })
      );
    }
}
```

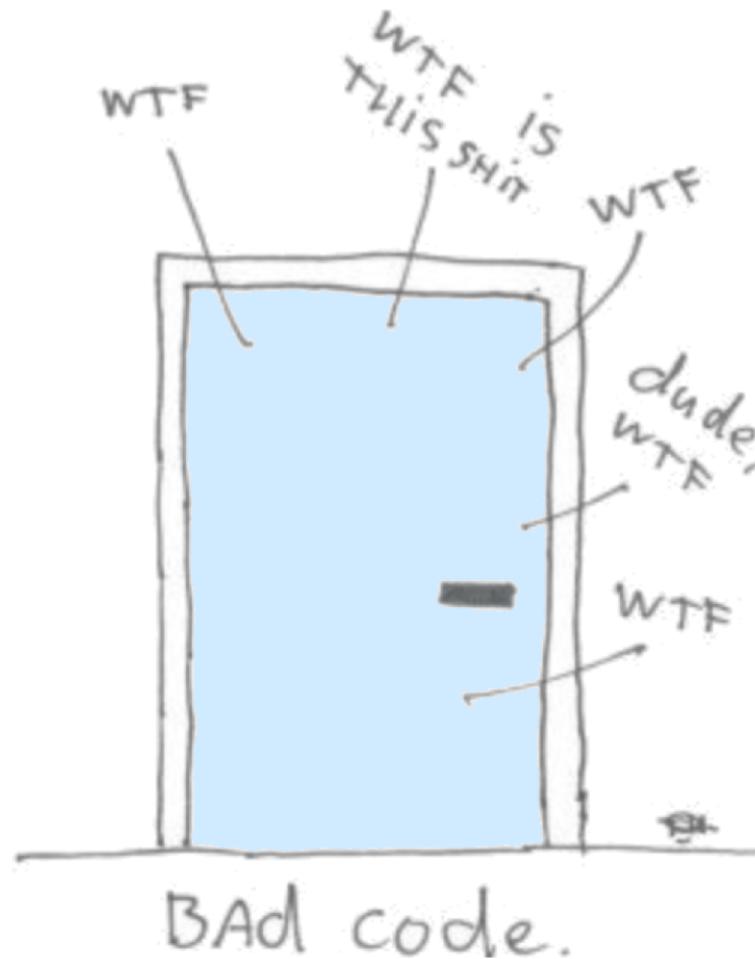
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Take a moment to study this code...

Not only is this `nasty` code, we also  
have an out-of-order potential issue here. Bad!

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Use Nested Subscribes



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Use Nested Subscribes

```
export class SearchTicketsComponent {  
  users: string[];  
  
  ngOnInit() {  
    const searchCriteria$ = this.assignedToUser.valueChanges;  
  
    searchCriteria$.pipe(  
      map(criteria => {  
        let pending: Subscription;  
        const cancelPending = () => {  
          if (pending) pending.unsubscribe();  
          pending = null;  
        };  
  
        cancelPending();  
  
        return Observable.create(observer => {  
          try {  
            const response$ = this.userService.users(criteria);  
  
            pending = response$.subscribe(list => {  
              observer.next(list);  
              observer.complete();  
            });  
  
          } catch (e) {  
            observer.error(e);  
          }  
  
          return () => {  
            cancelPending();  
            observer.complete();  
          };  
        });  
      })  
    );  
  }  
}
```

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Let's walk through this code.

I am sure you will agree that this is non-trivial code. A better solution is needed...

## Good Solution: Using **switchMap** operator.

```
import {Subject, Observable} from 'rxjs';

@Component({})
class ContactsListComponent implements OnInit {
  private channel = new Subject<string>();
  private term$ = this.channel.asObservable();

  contacts: Contact[];

  ngOnInit() {
    this.term$.pipe(
      debounceTime(400)
      distinctUntilChanged()
      switchMap(term => this.contactsService.search(term))
    ).subscribe(contacts => {
      this.contacts = contacts;
    });
  }
}
```

When we get a new value...

switch to watch a nested observable

and use that nested observable's data

## Best Solution: SwitchMap + **async** pipe

```
import {Subject, Observable} from 'rxjs';

@Component({})
class ContactsListComponent implements OnInit {
  private channel = new Subject<string>();
  private term$ = this.channel.asObservable();

  contacts$: Observable<Contact[]> = this.term$.pipe(
    debounceTime(400)
    distinctUntilChanged()
    switchMap(term => this.contactsService.search(term))
  );
}
```

```
<mat-list>
  <a mat-list-item
      title="View {{contact.name}} details"
      [routerLink]="['/contact', contact.id]"
      *ngFor="let contact of contacts$ | async; trackBy:trackById">

    <img mat-list-avatar
        class="circle"
        alt="Picture of {{contact.name}}"
        [src]= "contact.image" >
    <h3 mat-line>{{contact.name}}</h3>
  </a>
</mat-list>
```

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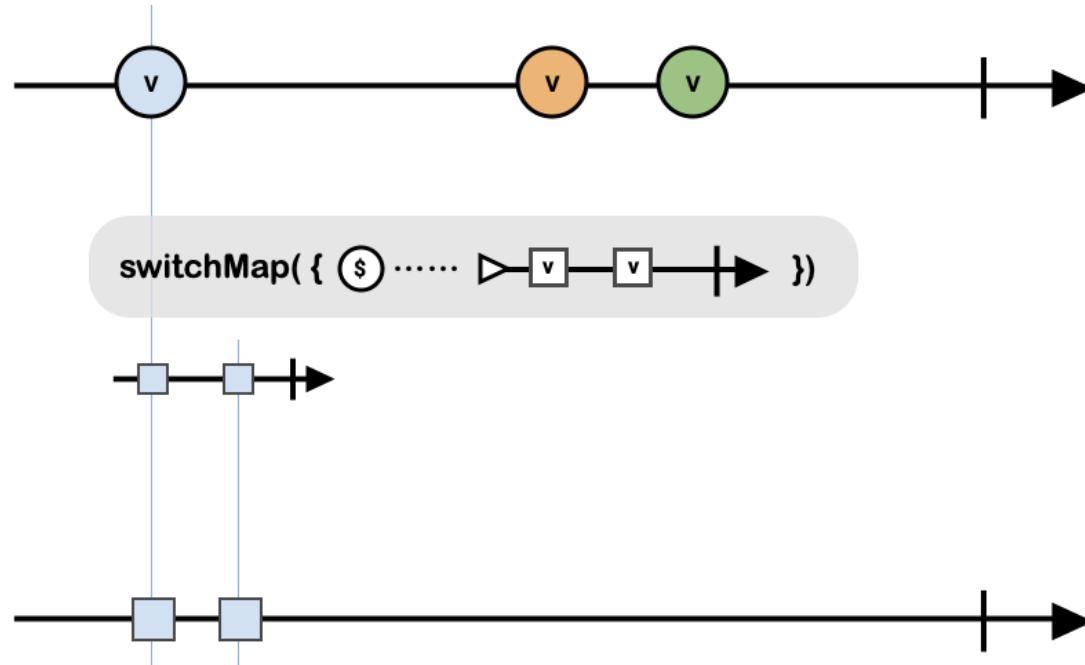
The previous solution had a memory leak... were still missing subscription management.  
Here we solved some stuff with operators so now by the time we call subscribe we have the data shape we want...  
so we can ditch that subscribe in the class in favor of the async pipe!

No subscription management

We are simply composing the workflow for the data we care about

## switchMap Operator

**Transform** the items emitted by an Observable into inner Observables, complete previous inner Observable, emit values of the inner observable.



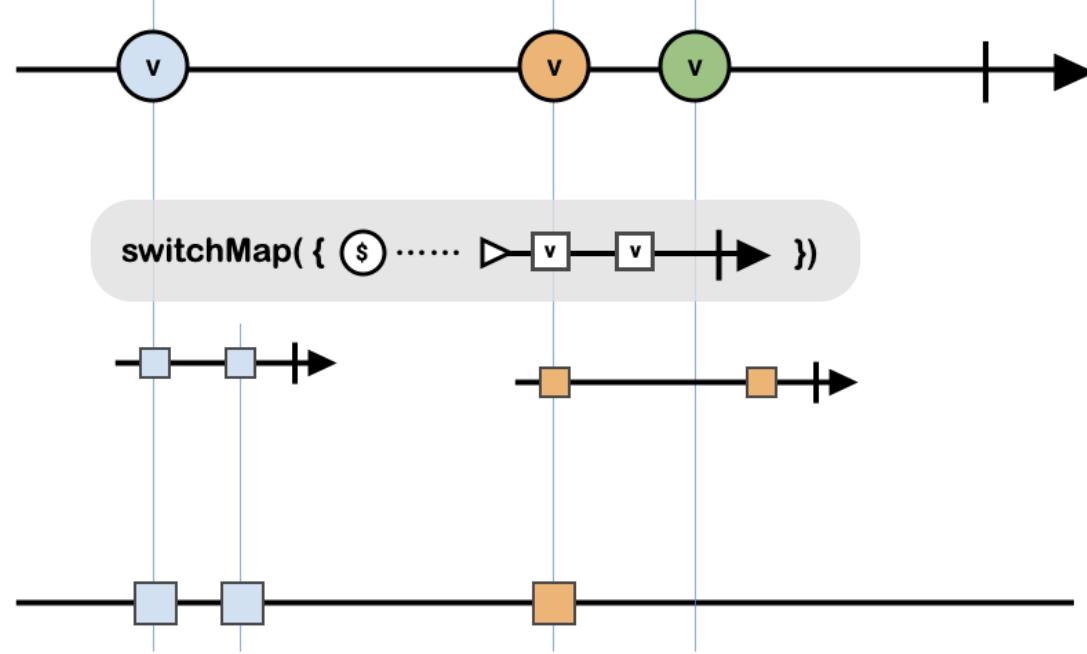
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Let's break down what switchMap is doing...

So if we are subscribed to new values coming from a form field, and we use each new value to call an Http service that returns a set of items...

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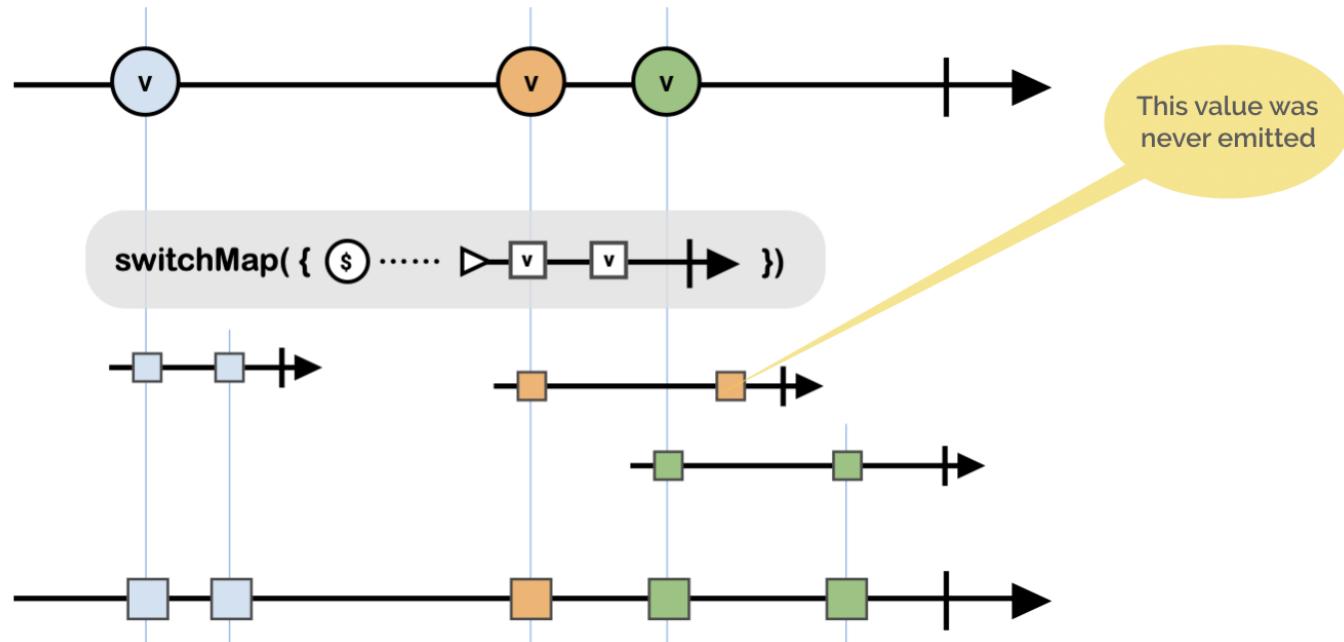
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When a new value comes in it will unsubscribe from the previous observable, then will switch to subscribe to the new one

And remember, the unsubscribe will start a teardown, so if that observable has teardown logic it will run that (the HttpClient will cancel its call in its Observable execution) winner winner chicken dinner!

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And if we happen to use switchMap on an observable that keeps running even if you unsubscribe, well that's fine. It can keep doing its thing...but our flow is no longer connected to it, so it won't receive any additional values from it.

Let's look at a scenario in which switchMap would be useful.

If our application's cart shows the total cost of the items plus the shipping, each change to the cart's content would

## Other common operators

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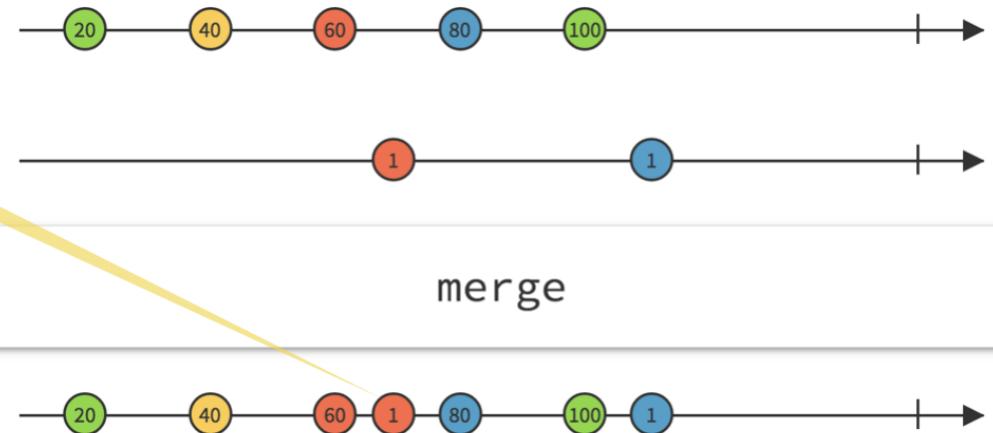
### **switchMap, mergeMap, concatMap, forkJoin**

- Nested subscribes...
- Combining observables...
- Cancelling observable in favor of another...
- Sequencing observables...

# Merge

Combine multiple observables by merging their emissions.

The order of emitted values is not enforced



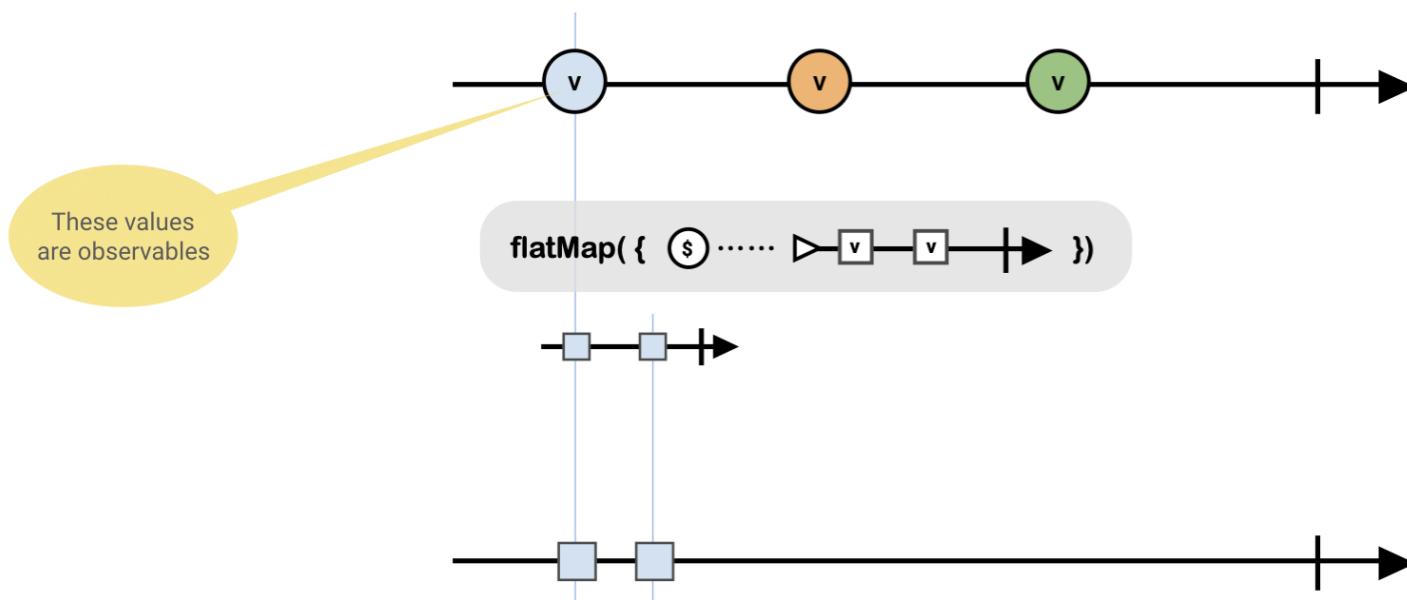
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We can get the values from multiple observables fed through a single observable  
(read bubble)

What does it solve

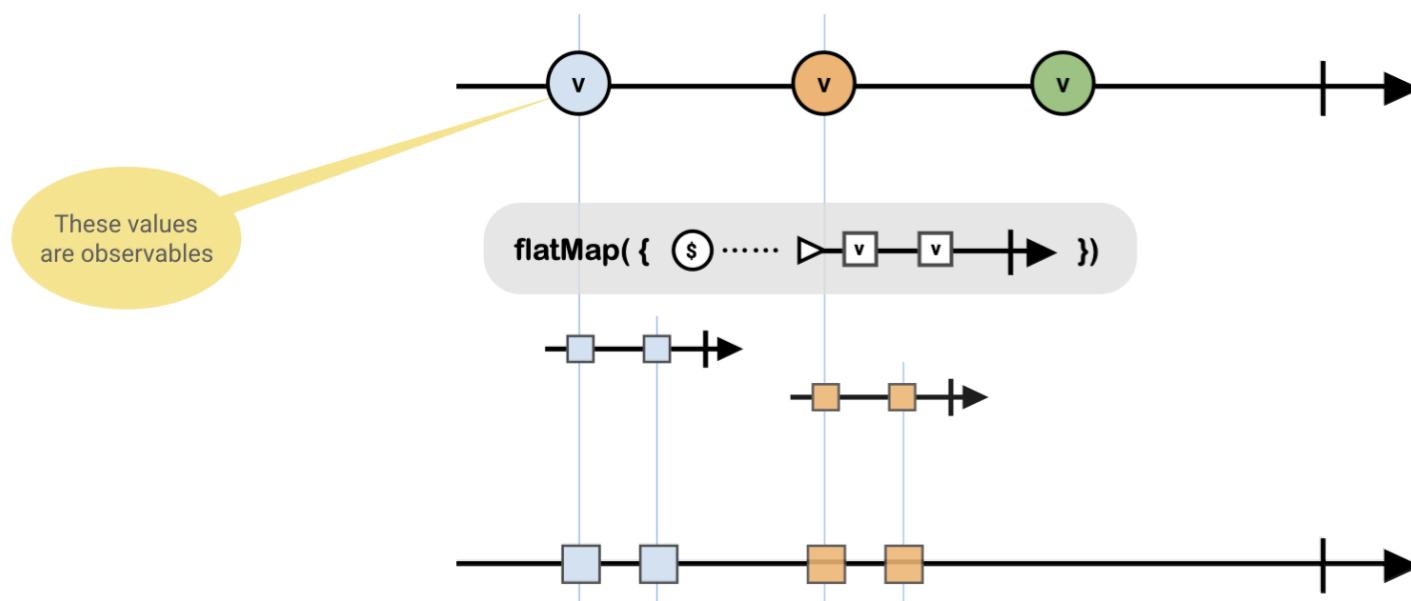
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When the items emitted by an Observable are **inner observables**, then **merge** the items of those inner observables into the outer stream.



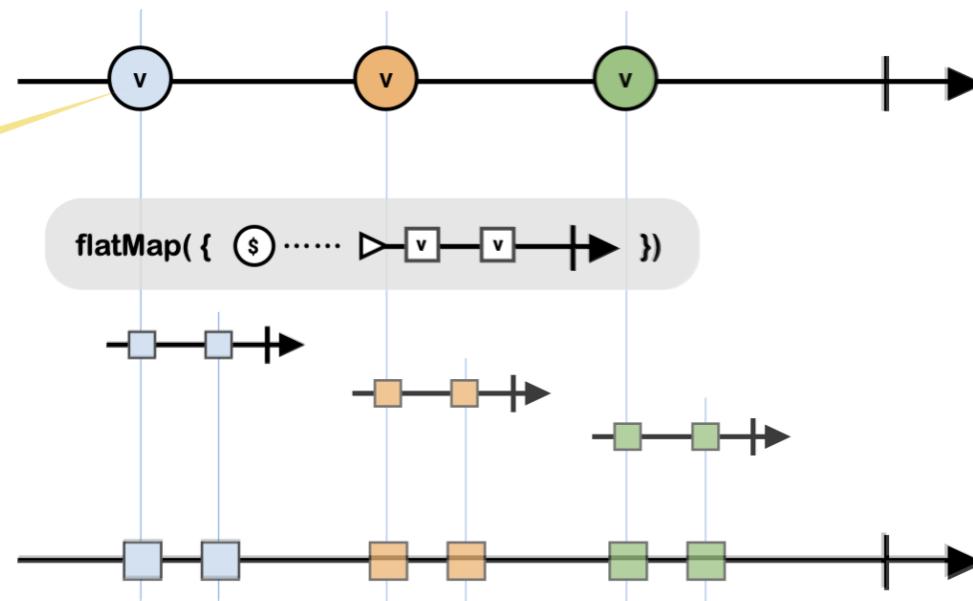
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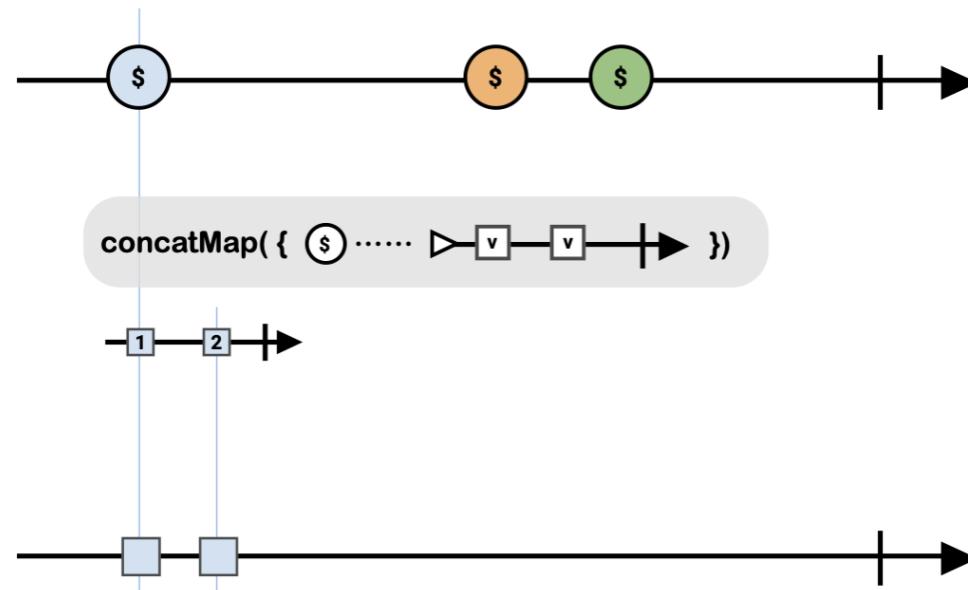
For example, if the user clicks the remove buttons of the first and second items of a Cart.

It's possible that the removal of the second item might occur before the removal of the first.

With our cart, the ordering of the removals doesn't matter, so using `mergeMap` instead of `switchMap` fixes a bug where the remove was cancelled.

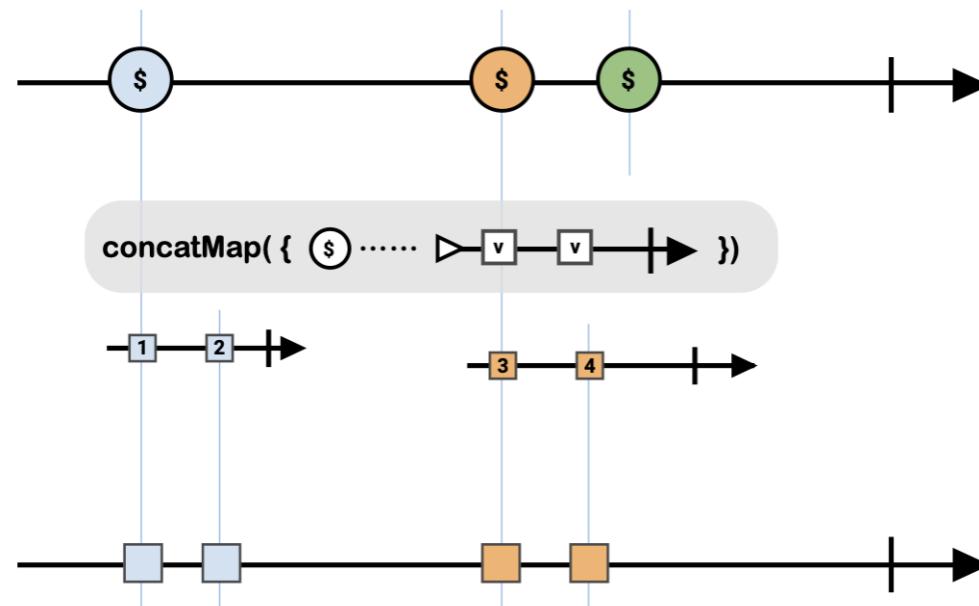
## concatMap Operator

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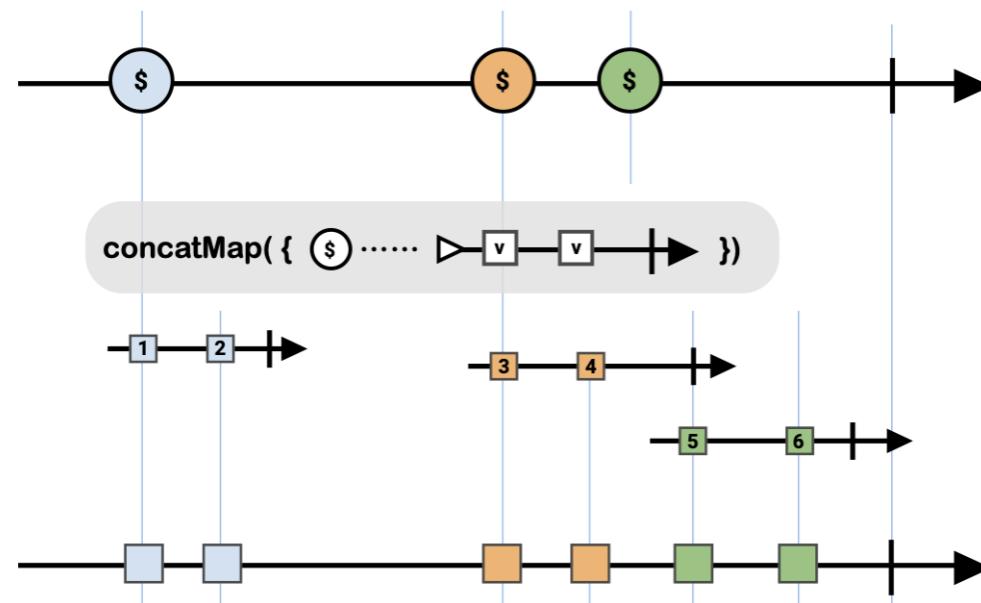
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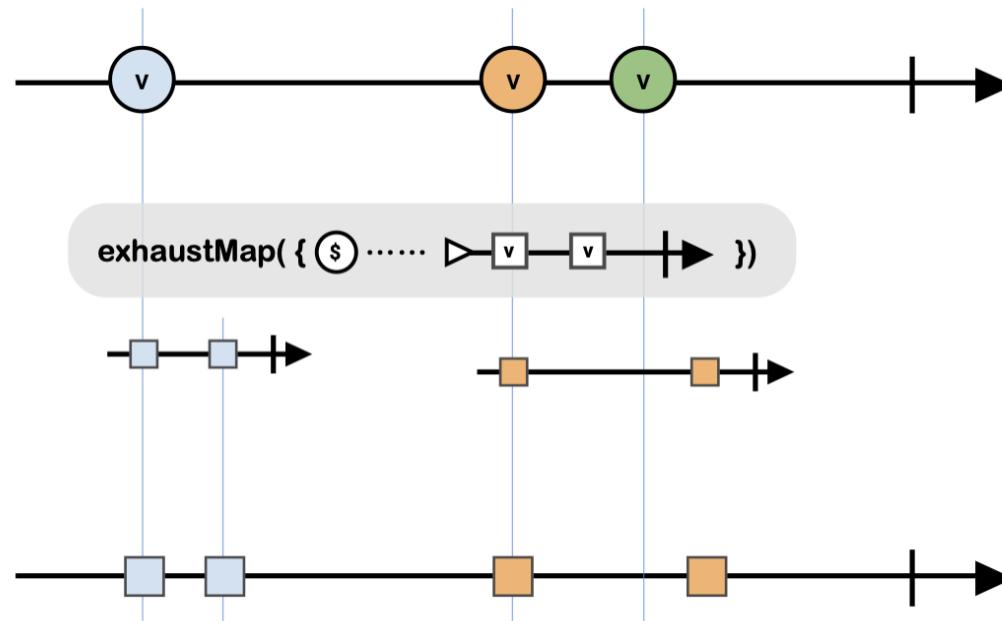
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For example, if our shopping cart has a button for increasing an item's quantity, it's important that the dispatched actions are handled in the correct order.

Otherwise, the quantities in the frontend's cart could end up out-of-sync with the quantities in the backend's cart.

# exhaustMap Operator

Subscribe **first** to the inner Observables; ignore all other outer events until inner completes. Do not queue pending events.



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Let's look at a scenario in which exhaustMap could be used.

There's a particular type of user with whom developers should be familiar: the incessant button Refresh clicker.

When the incessant button clicker clicks a button and nothing happens, they click it again. And again. And again.

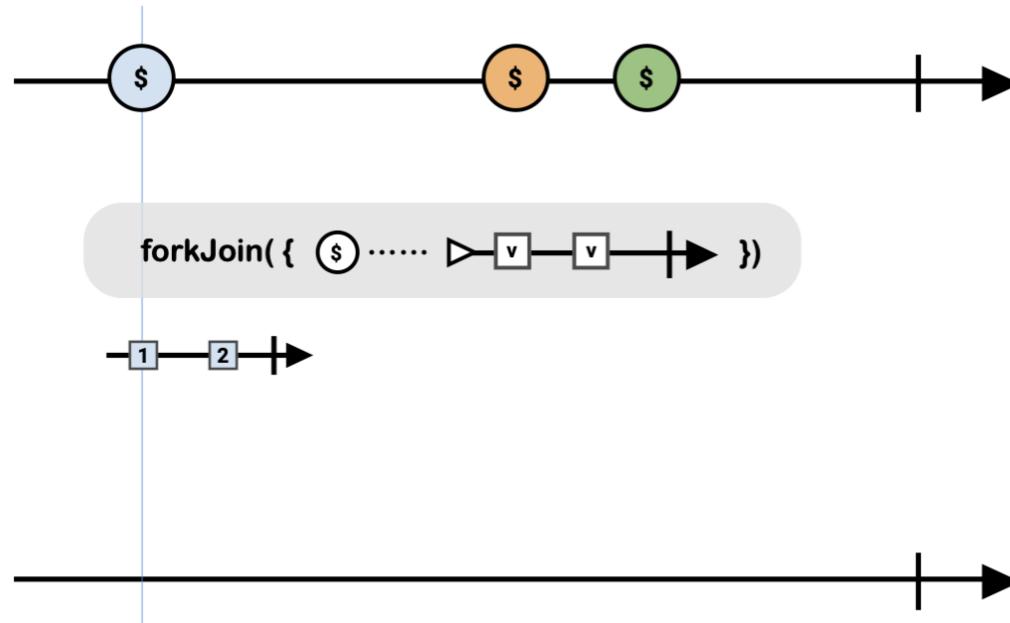
## When you need a **Higher-Order** operator

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- use **concatMap** with events should be sequenced with ordering preserved... events are **not aborted** nor ignored
- use **mergeMap** with events when ordering is unimportant.  
... events are **not aborted** nor ignored
- use **switchMap** with events that should be **aborted** when another event of the same type arrives.
- use **exhaustMap** with events that should ignored while an event of the same type is still pending (**not complete**).

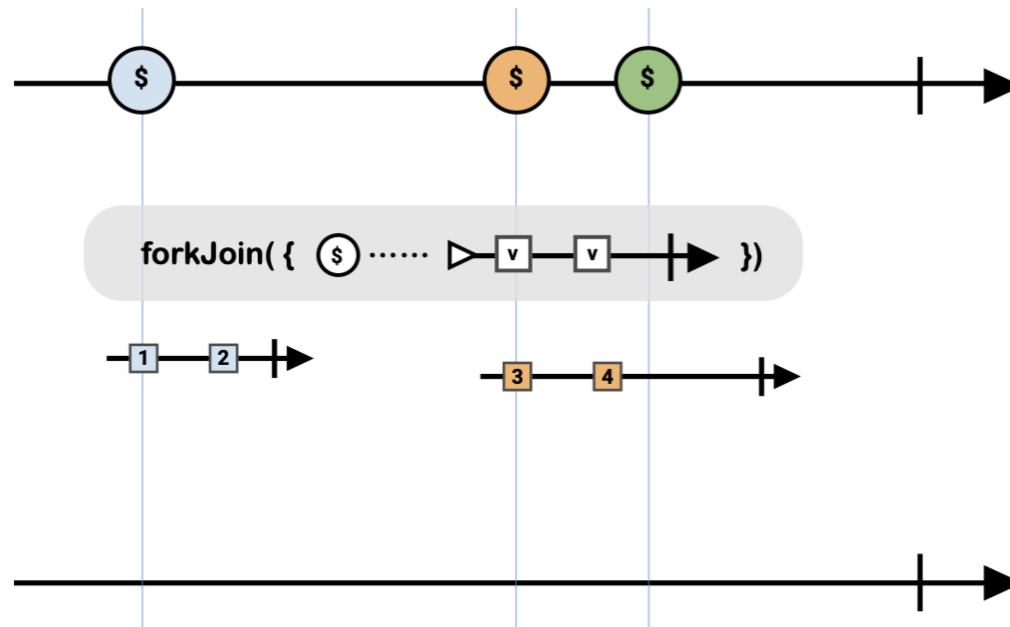
## forkJoin Operator

When **all** of the Observables **complete** then an array of the the last value emitted from each.



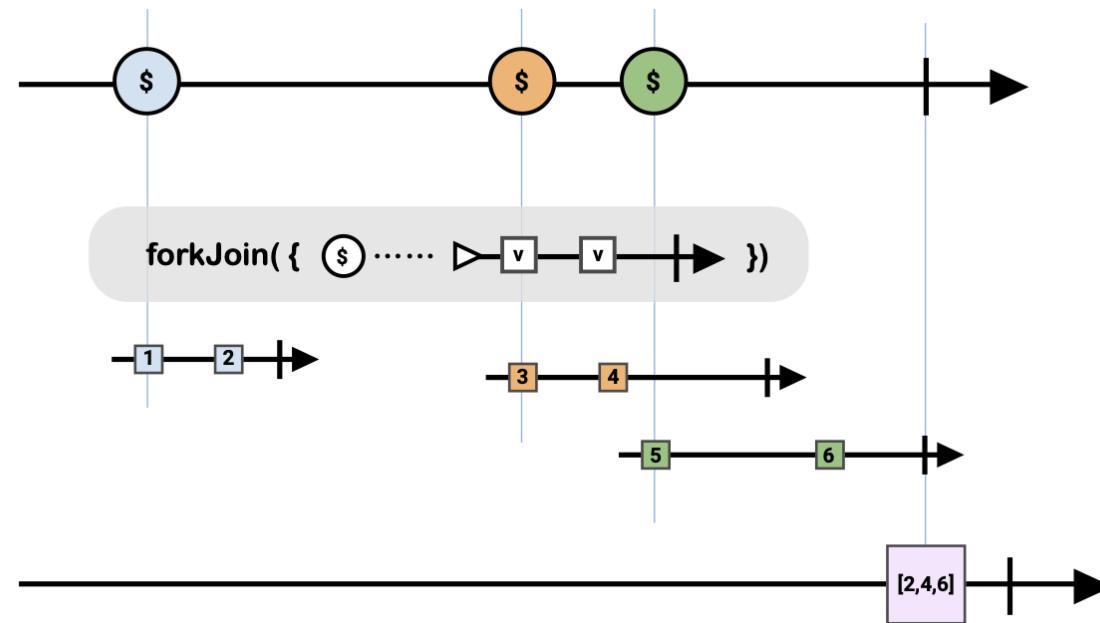
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# RxJS Lab 3: Use switchMap

```
import {Subject, Observable} from 'rxjs';

@Component({})
class ContactsListComponent implements OnInit {
  private channel = new Subject<string>();
  private term$ = this.channel.asObservable();

  contacts$: Observable<Contact[]> = this.term$.pipe(
    debounceTime(400)
    distinctUntilChanged()
    switchMap(term => this.contactsService.search(term))
  );
}
```

- Use **switchMap** operator
- Use **merge(...)** for initial loads + search loads
- Keep using **async** pipe
- Remove use of **subscribe()**

[Lab Exercise](#)

# RxJS Lab 4: Refactor to Service

```
@Component({
  selector: 'trm-contacts-list',
  templateUrl: './contacts-list.component.html',
  styleUrls: ['./contacts-list.component.css']
})
export class ContactsListComponent implements OnInit {

  contacts$: Observable<Array<Contact>>;
  private terms$ = new Subject<string>();

  constructor(private contactsService: ContactsService) {}

  ngOnInit () {
    this.contacts$ = merge(
      this.contactsService.search(this.terms$),
      this.contactsService.getContacts()
    );
  }
}
```

[Lab Exercise](#)

# What we will cover?

- 1 Observable Concepts
- 2 Consuming Observables
- 3 RxJS Operators
- 4 Creation Operators

# Why would we **create** Observables?

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- Need to deliver values over time
- Some async operation
- Shared State
- Testing (mocks)
- Cancelable operations

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### A timer

Long running computation that we may want to cancel or transform

Something we can change and have other components get pushed updates

Mocking observables like http calls, forms, etc

## Ways to **create** Observables:

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- **of( )**
- **from( )**
- **interval( )**
- **timer()**
- **fromEvent( )**
- **Observable.create( )**
- **new Observable( )**

... and more

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creation operators are great for testing, easy to create mock streams

.create method is usually what we'll use when we want to roll our own observable logic (observable execution)

# Using creation **of( )** operator

```
● ● ●  
 TestBed.configureTestingModule({  
   providers : [  
     {  
       provide: TicketService,  
       useValue: {  
         ticketById: (id:number) => {  
           return of({  
             id,  
             title: 'test ticket'  
           });  
         }  
       }  
     ]  
   }  
 })
```

Here we are building a mock HttpClient service!

# Creating your Own Observable

```
● ● ●  
import { Observable } from 'rxjs';  
  
const custom$ = Observable.create( observer => {  
  
  observer.next(1);  
  observer.next(2);  
  observer.next(3);  
  
  observer.complete();  
  
});
```

Contains our custom lo

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What we're doing here is using the `.create` method to build the observable wrapper around a function we give it (so it can do its observable things)...

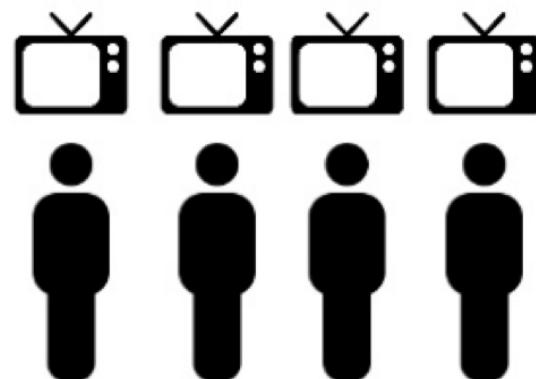
The function we give it is going to be what the observable runs when the call to `.subscribe` is made

And as you can see, that function we create takes in an observer, which is that set of callbacks a consumer provides when they call `subscribe`.

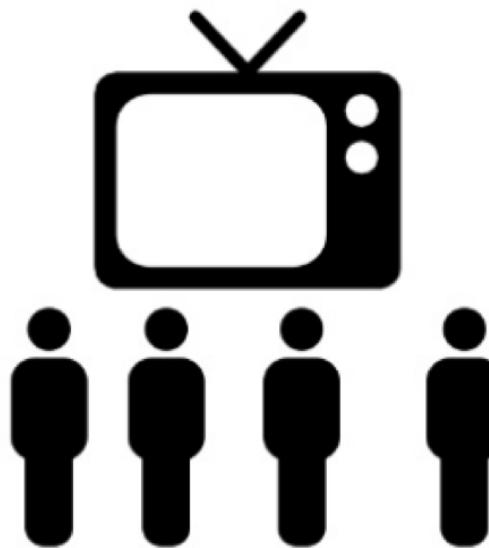
(consider switching over to IDE and writing this, then naming that function “`subscribe`”, break it down like Andre

By default, Observable are **COLD**

**Cold Observable**  
recorded tv show



**Hot observable**  
Live streaming  
*eg World Cup Final*



## Things to consider:

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- **Try/catch** around next calls that may throw errors
- Return a **tear-down function** and use it to dispose internal resources

## A "Responsible" Custom Observable

```
import { Observable } from 'rxjs';

const custom$ = Observable.create( observer => {

    const intervalId = setInterval(() => {
        try {

            observer.next(server.getStatus());

        } catch (e) {
            observer.error('oops');
        }
    }, 1000);

    // Tear-down function...
    return () => {
        clearInterval( intervalId );
    };
});
```

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here we have an observable that will run a setInterval, so it should handle cleaning that up in the teardown function  
And its observable execution makes use of some external code that could fail, so try/catch to be able to emit the error if need be

# Unicast vs Multicast

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## Unicase

Observable only send notifications to a single Observer.

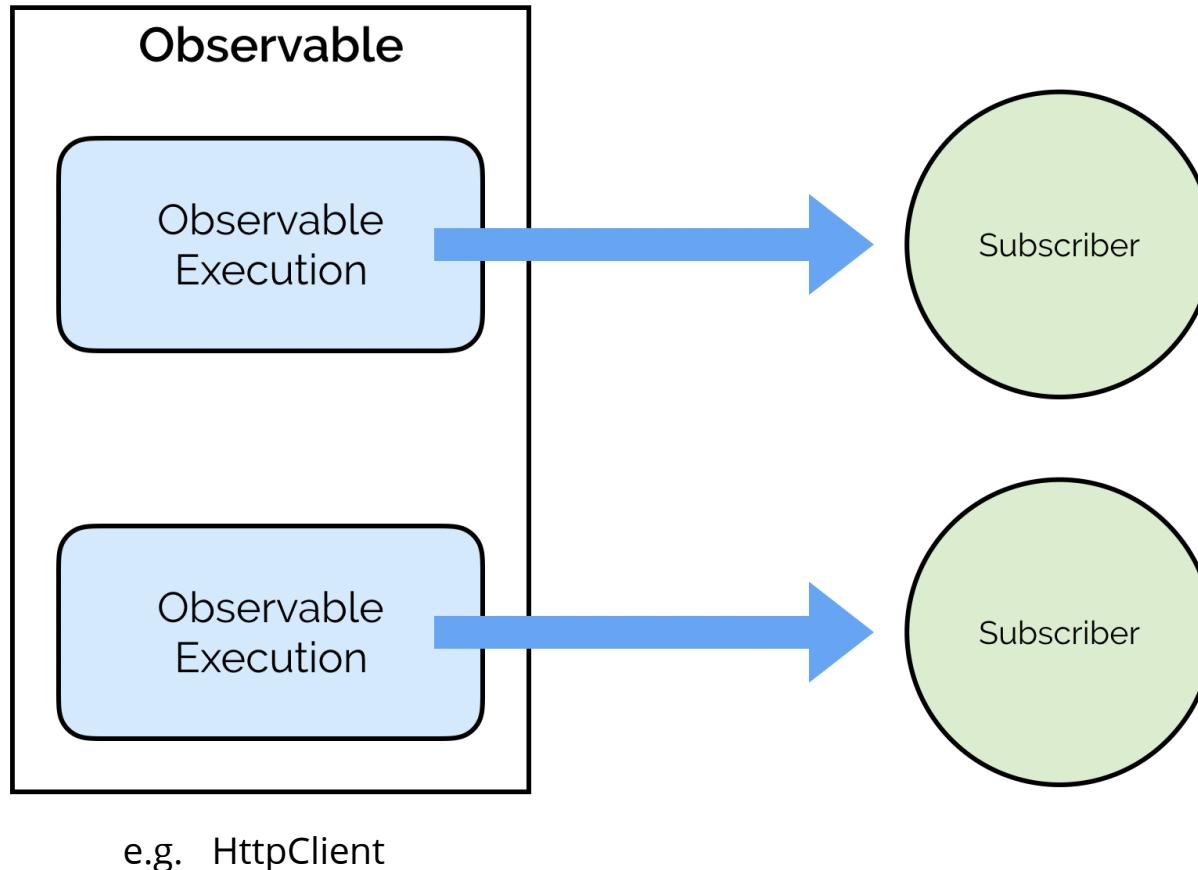
e.g. HttpClient

## Multicast

Observable emits values from a Subject: which may have many subscribers

e.g. **EventEmitter** on @Output

## Unicast



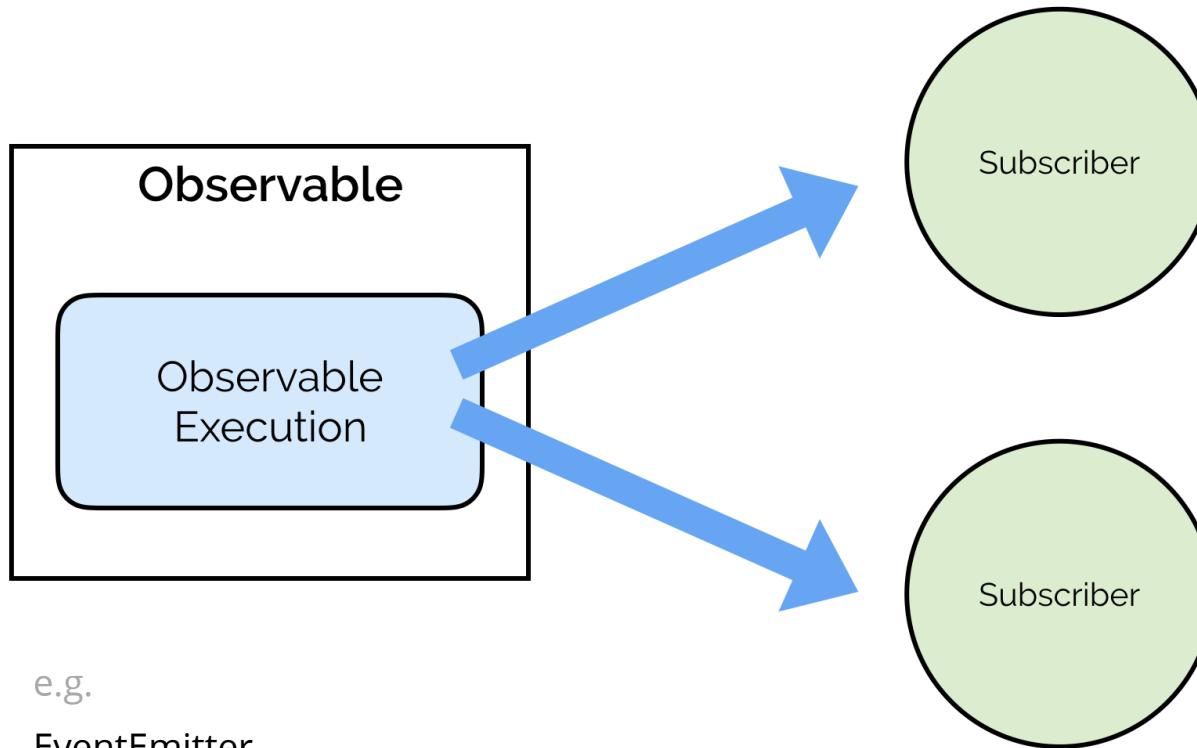
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Each subscribe runs a new observable execution

HttpClient methods do this.

Now we see why an `HttpService` could be called multiple times...

## Multicast



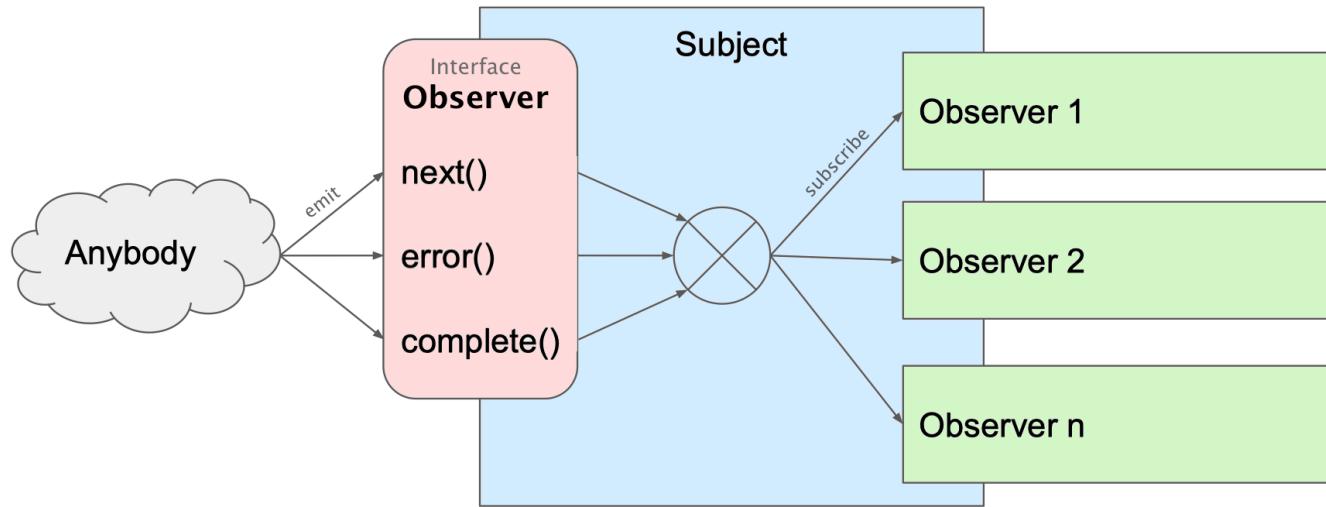
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multicast share an Observable Execution amongst subscribers

Like EventEmitters they retain a registry of listeners

FormControl.valueChanges

# Multicast: Subject



- Subjects are **hybrids**
- **Subject implements Observable** ( consumers can subscribe )
- **Subject implements Observer** ( producers can emit )

## Multicast: **Subject** & **BehaviorSubject**

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**Subject** starts with **no** values...

**BehaviorSubject** starts with **initial value**...  
uses **last-emitted value** for new subscribers...

# Multicast: Subject

```
● ● ●  
@Component({  
    ...  
})  
export class TicketList {  
  
    @Output selectedItem = new EventEmitter<boolean>();  
  
    onSelectItem(checked = true) {  
        this.selectedItem.emit(checked);  
    }  
}
```

```
● ● ●  
export class EventEmitter<T> extends Subject<T> {  
    ...  
    emit(value?: T) { super.next(value); }  
    ...  
}
```

# Using **Subject** for Subscription cleanup...

```
● ● ●  
destroyed$ = new Subject<boolean>();  
  
constructor(service: StateService) {  
  
    service.items().pipe(  
        takeUntil(this.destroyed$)  
    ).subscribe(console.log);  
  
}  
  
ngOnDestroy() {  
    this.destroyed$.next(true);  
    this.destroyed$.complete();  
}
```

Be sure to use the [rxjs-no-unsafe-takeuntil](#) tsLint rule.

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Subject to be able to produce next and complete  
takeUntil will end the subscription when the destroyed\$ emits a value OR completes

## Better to use the *cleanup* operator

```
● ● ●  
constructor(service: StateService) {  
  service.items().pipe(  
  
    untilViewDestroyed(this);  
  
  ).subscribe(console.log);  
}
```

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# Multicast: BehaviorSubject

```
import { BehaviorSubject } from 'rxjs';

const source$ = new BehaviorSubject(10);

source$.subscribe(v => console.log(`Observer #1: ${v}`));
source$.next(20);
source$.next(30);

source$.subscribe(v => console.log(`Observer #2: ${v}`));
source$.next(40);
```



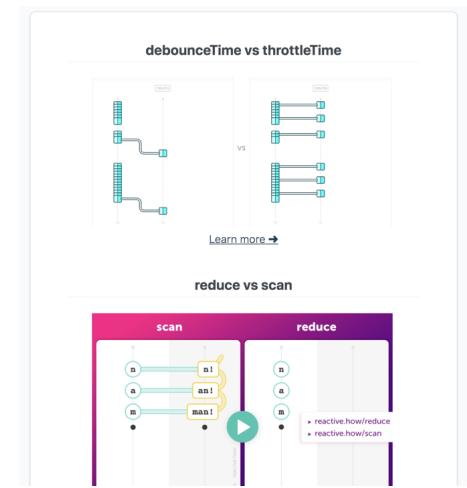
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Observer 1 is going to log 10 as soon as it subscribes, then 20 and 30 and 40

Observer 2 on subscribe will log 30 then 40

# Resources

- RxJS Overview  
<http://reactivex.io/rxjs/manual/overview.html>
- RxJS 5 Book  
<https://chrисnoring.gitbooks.io/rxjs-5-ultimate/content/>
- RxJS Don't Unsubscribe  
<https://medium.com/@benlesh/rxjs-dont-unsubscribe-6753ed4fda87>
- The Observer Pattern  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Observer\\_pattern](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Observer_pattern)



# Resources

- Reactive How  
<http://reactive.how/>
- Interactive Diagrams of Rx Observables  
<http://rxmarbles.com>
- Learn RxJS  
<http://www.learnrxjs.io>

