

# Applying Key Methods in the Single Class

## (Part 2)

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# Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

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- Recognize key methods in the Single class & how they are applied in the case studies
  - Case study ex1
  - Case study ex2

```
return Single
    .fromCallable(reduceFraction)

    .subscribeOn(Schedulers.single())

    .map(convertToMixedString)

    .doOnSuccess(printResult)

    .ignoreElement();
```

See [github.com/douglasraigschmidt/LiveLessons/tree/master/Reactive/Single/ex2](https://github.com/douglasraigschmidt/LiveLessons/tree/master/Reactive/Single/ex2)

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- ex2 shows how to apply RxJava features *asynchronously* to perform various Single operations

- e.g., fromCallable(), doOnSuccess(), ignoreElement(), subscribeOn(), map(), blockingGet(), & Schedulers.single()

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## Class Scheduler

`java.lang.Object`  
`io.reactivex.rxjava3.core.Scheduler`

Direct Known Subclasses:  
`TestScheduler`

```
public abstract class Scheduler
extends Object
```

A Scheduler is an object that specifies an API for scheduling units of work provided in the form of `Runnable`s to be executed without delay (effectively as soon as possible), after a specified time delay or periodically and represents an abstraction over an asynchronous boundary that ensures these units of work get executed by some underlying task-execution scheme (such as custom `Threads`, event loop, `Executor` or `Actor` system) with some uniform properties and guarantees regardless of the particular underlying scheme.

See [reactivex.io/RxJava/3.x/javadoc/io/reactivex/rxjava3/core/Scheduler.html](https://reactivex.io/RxJava/3.x/javadoc/io/reactivex/rxjava3/core/Scheduler.html)

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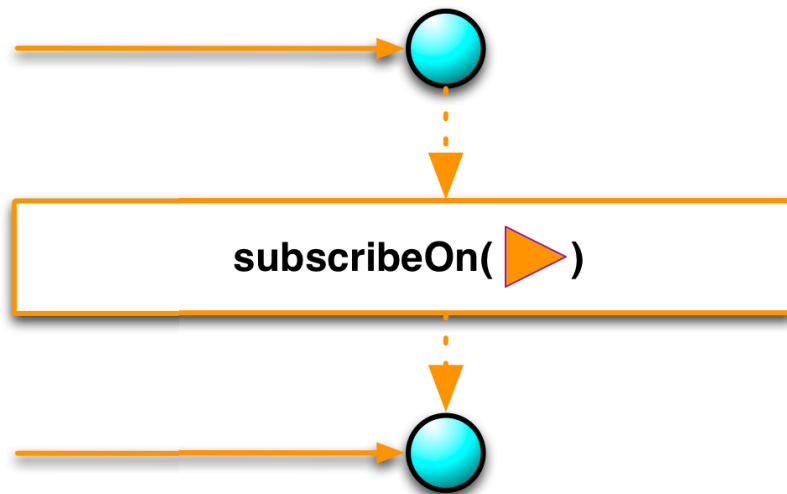
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- The `subscribeOn()` method
  - Run `subscribe()`, `onSubscribe()`, & `request()` on the specified Scheduler worker
    - The scheduler param indicates what thread to perform the operation on
  - Returns the Single requesting async processing

```
Single<T> subscribeOn (Scheduler  
scheduler)
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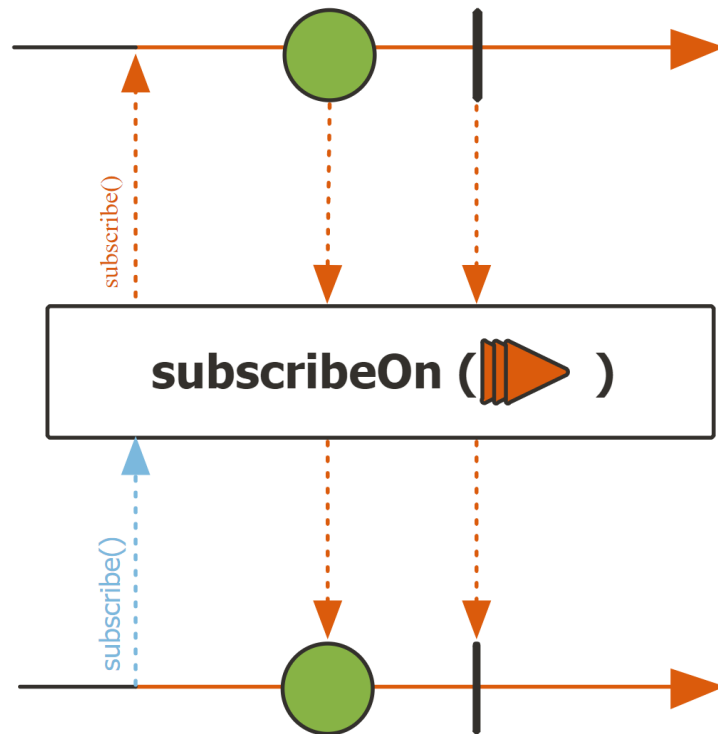
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  - Run `subscribe()`, `onSubscribe()`, & `request()` on the specified Scheduler worker
- The semantics of `subscribeOn()` are a bit unusual
  - Placing this operator in a chain impacts the execution context of the `onNext()`, `onError()`, & `onComplete()` signals
    - i.e., from beginning of chain up to next occurrence of a `observeOn()`



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return Single
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- Project Reactor's method `Mono.subscribeOn()` works the same way



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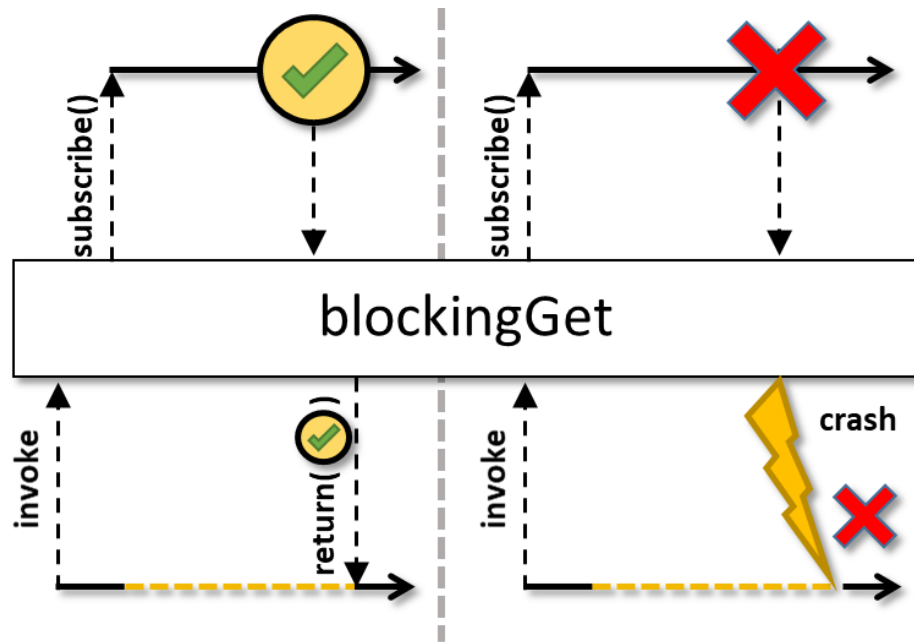
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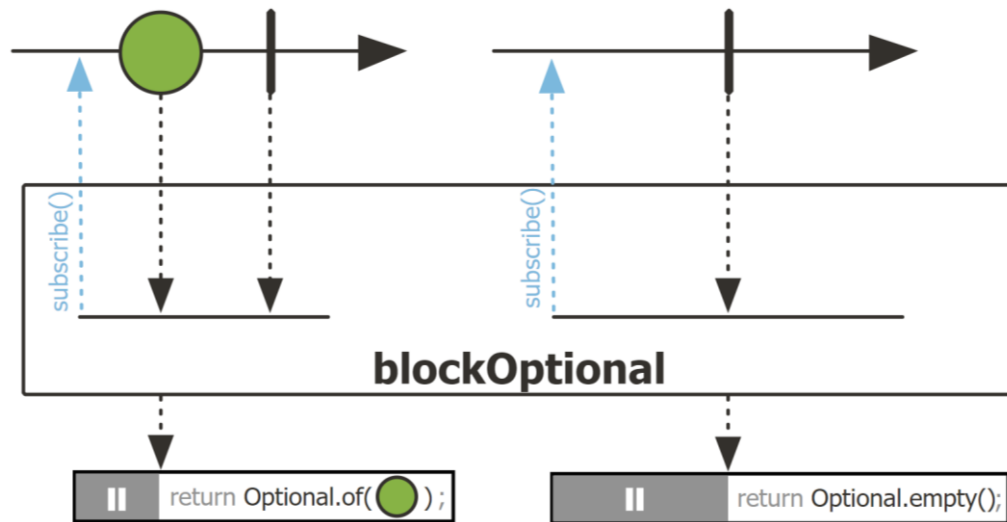
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- The blockingGet() method
  - Block until the current Single signals a success value (which is returned) or an exception (which is propagated)
  - If the source signals an error, the operator wraps a checked exception into a Runtime Exception & throws that



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- The `blockingGet()` method
  - Block until the current Single signals a success value (which is returned) or an exception (which is propagated)
- Project Reactor's method `Mono.blockOptional()` is similar
  - i.e., it block indefinitely until a next signal is received or the Mono completes empty



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- The Schedulers.single() method
  - Hosts a single-threaded Executor Service-based worker that runs concurrently wrt the caller

```
static Scheduler single()
```

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  - Optimized for low-latency calls that all run in one (& only one) background thread

## Class Schedulers

```
java.lang.Object  
io.reactivex.rxjava3.schedulers.Schedulers
```

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```
public final class Schedulers  
extends Object
```

Static factory methods for returning standard Scheduler instances.

The initial and runtime values of the various scheduler types can be overridden via the `RxJavaPlugins.setInit(scheduler name)SchedulerHandler()` and `RxJavaPlugins.set(scheduler name)SchedulerHandler()` respectively.

See [reactivex.io/RxJava/3.x/javadoc/io/reactivex/rxjava3/schedulers/Schedulers.html](https://reactivex.io/RxJava/3.x/javadoc/io/reactivex/rxjava3/schedulers/Schedulers.html)

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- The `Schedulers.single()` method
  - Hosts a single-threaded Executor Service-based worker that runs concurrently wrt the caller
    - Optimized for low-latency calls that all run in one (& only one) background thread
  - Implemented via a daemon thread that won't prevent the app from exiting even if its work isn't done





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- The `Schedulers.single()` method
  - Hosts a single-threaded `ExecutorService`-based worker that runs concurrently wrt the caller
- Project Reactor's `Schedulers.single()` method works the same

## single

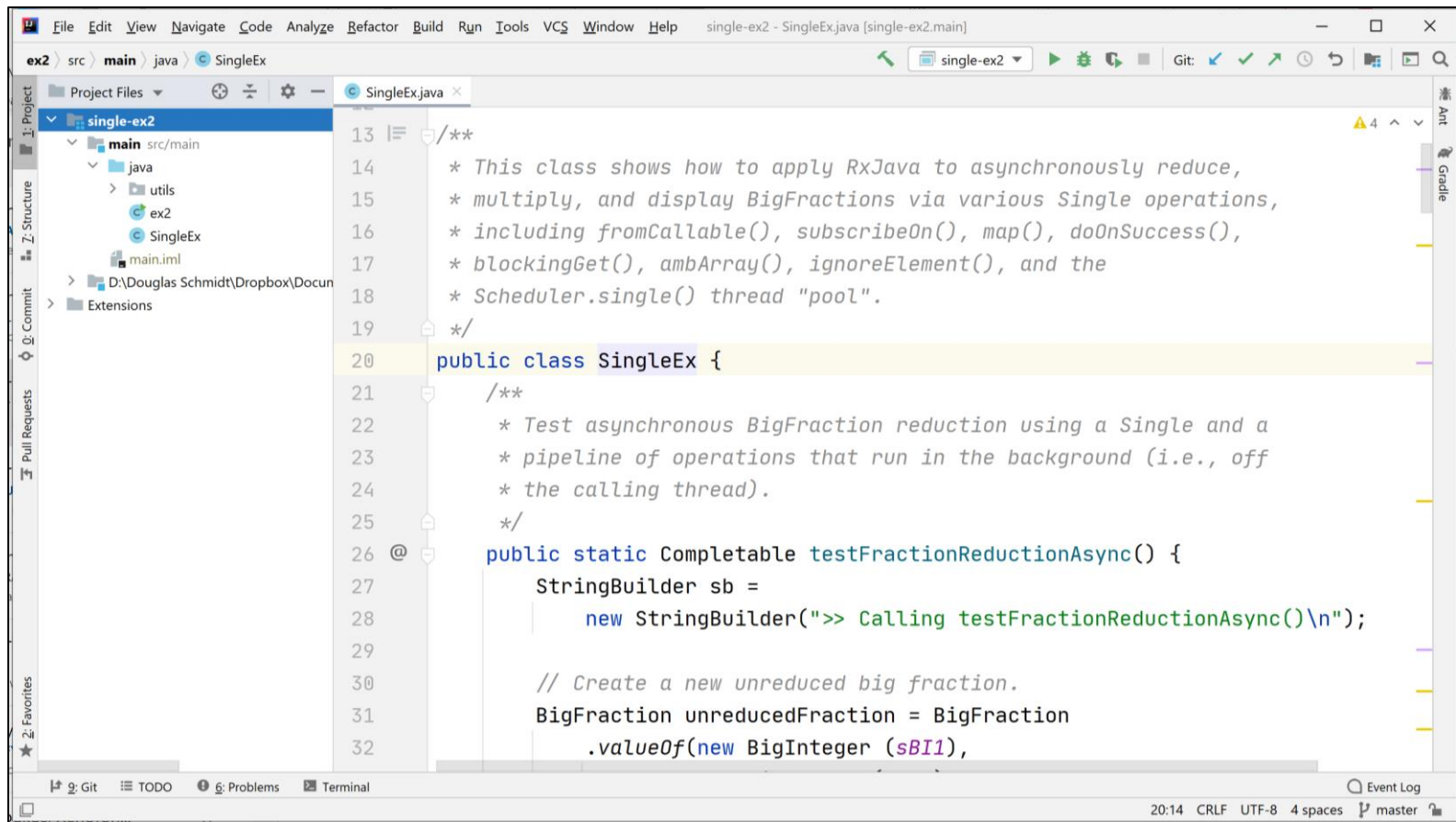
```
public static Scheduler single()
```

`Scheduler` that hosts a single-threaded `ExecutorService`-based worker and is suited for parallel work. Will cache the returned schedulers for subsequent calls until dispose.

### Returns:

default instance of a `Scheduler` that hosts a single-threaded `ExecutorService`-based worker

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```
13 /**
14  * This class shows how to apply RxJava to asynchronously reduce,
15  * multiply, and display BigFractions via various Single operations,
16  * including fromCallable(), subscribeOn(), map(), doOnSuccess(),
17  * blockingGet(), ambArray(), ignoreElement(), and the
18  * Scheduler.single() thread "pool".
19  */
20 public class SingleEx {
21     /**
22      * Test asynchronous BigFraction reduction using a Single and a
23      * pipeline of operations that run in the background (i.e., off
24      * the calling thread).
25      */
26     @ public static Completable testFractionReductionAsync() {
27         StringBuilder sb =
28             new StringBuilder(">> Calling testFractionReductionAsync()\n");
29
30         // Create a new unreduced big fraction.
31         BigFraction unreducedFraction = BigFraction
32             .valueOf(new BigInteger (sBI1),
```

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