

# Overview of Key Classes in the RxJava API

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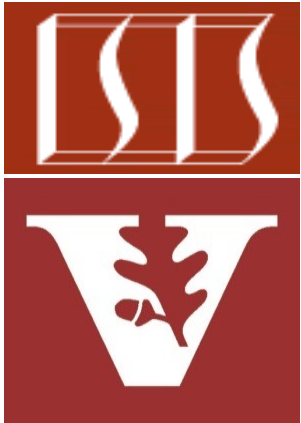
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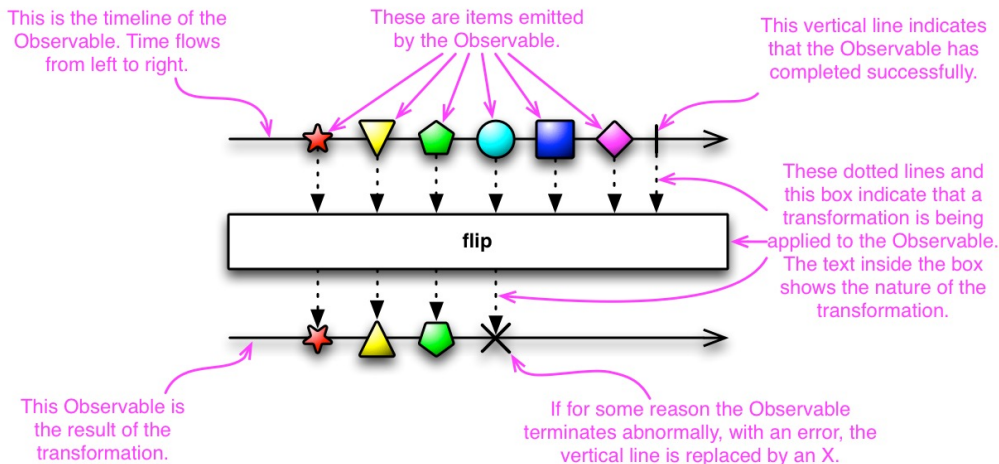
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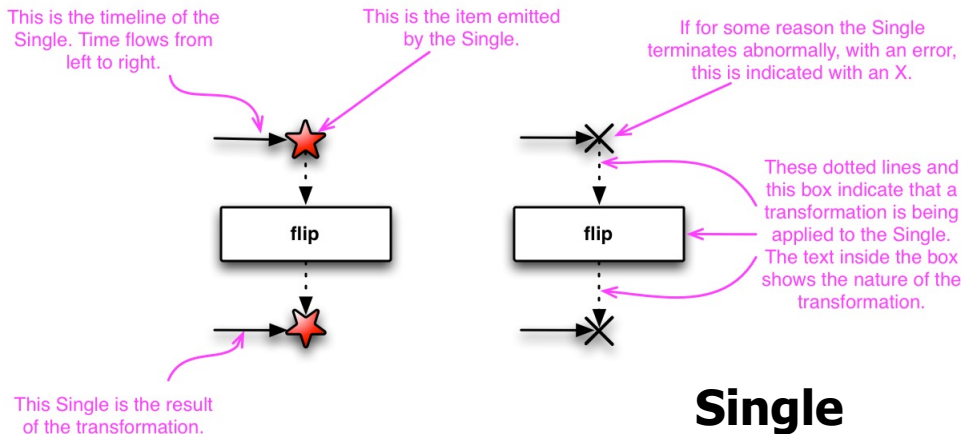


# Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Understand key classes in the RxJava API
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## Flowable & Observable



## Single

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## Class Single<T>

```
java.lang.Object  
io.reactivex.rxjava3.core.Single<T>
```

### Type Parameters:

T - the type of the item emitted by the Single

### All Implemented Interfaces:

SingleSource<T>

### Direct Known Subclasses:

SingleSubject

```
public abstract class Single<T>  
extends Object  
implements SingleSource<T>
```

The Single class implements the Reactive Pattern for a single value response.

Single behaves similarly to Observable except that it can only emit either a single successful value or an error (there is no onComplete notification as there is for an Observable).

The Single class implements the SingleSource base interface and the default consumer type it interacts with is the SingleObserver via the subscribe(SingleObserver) method.

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

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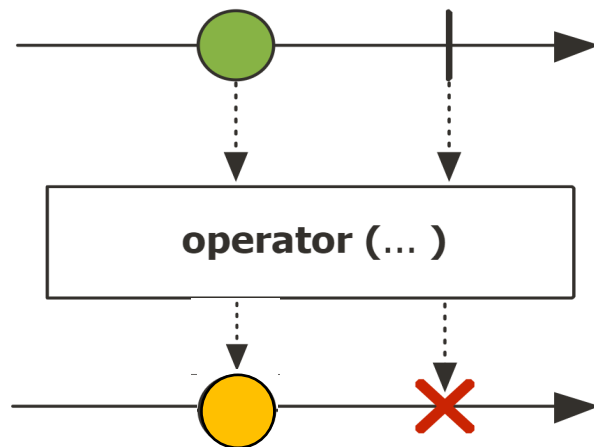
```
BigFraction unreducedFraction =  
    makeBigFraction(...);
```

## Single

```
.fromCallable(() -> BigFraction  
    .reduce(unreducedFraction))  
.subscribeOn  
    (Schedulers.single())  
.map(result ->  
    result.toMixedString())  
.doOnSuccess(result ->  
    System.out.println  
        ("big fraction = "  
        + result + "\n"));
```

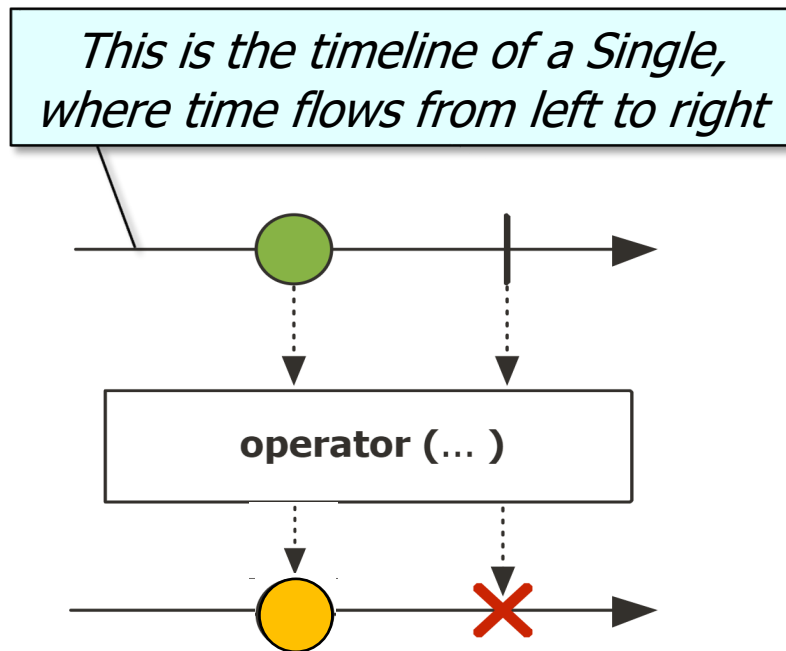
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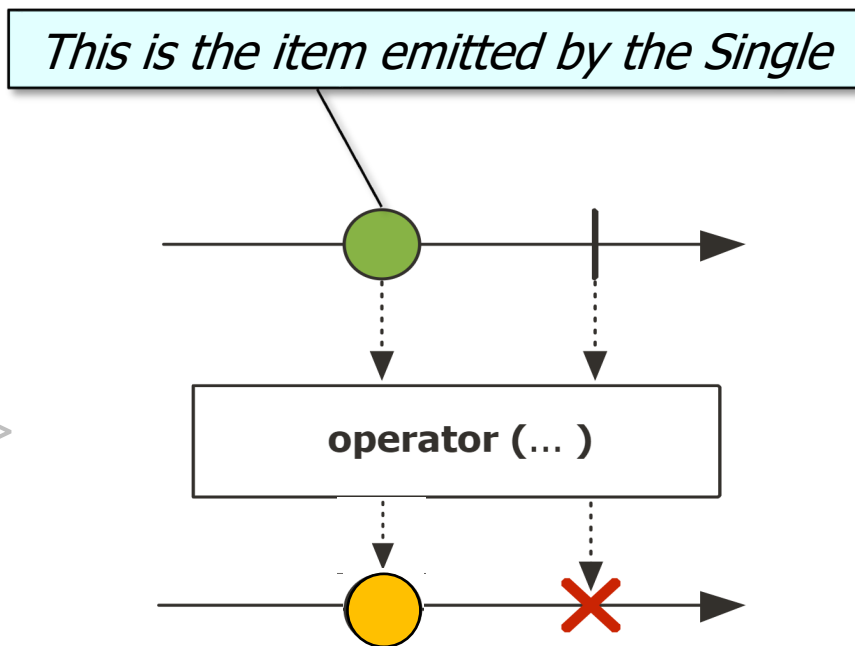
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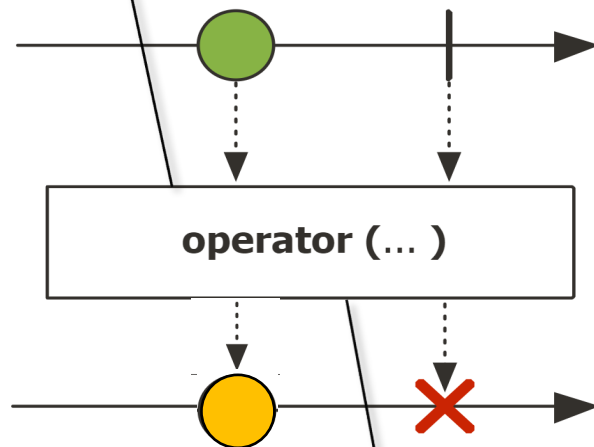
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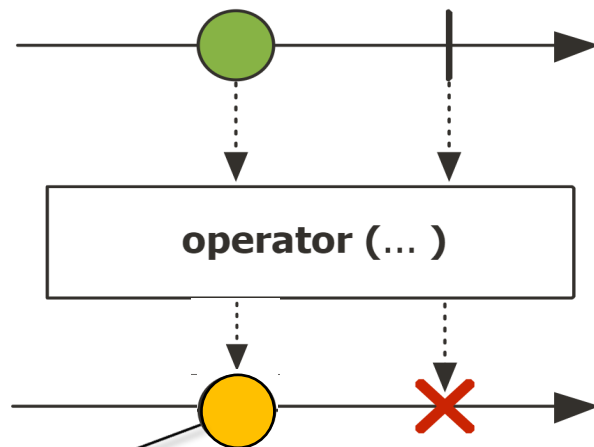
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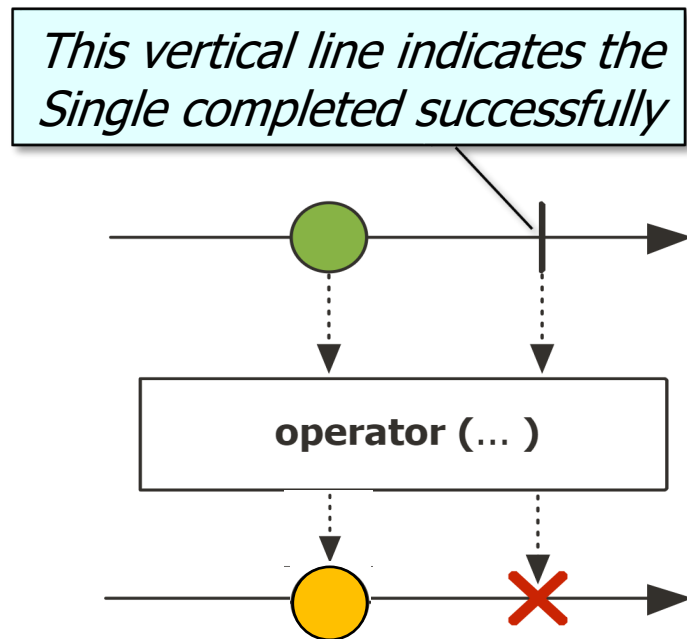
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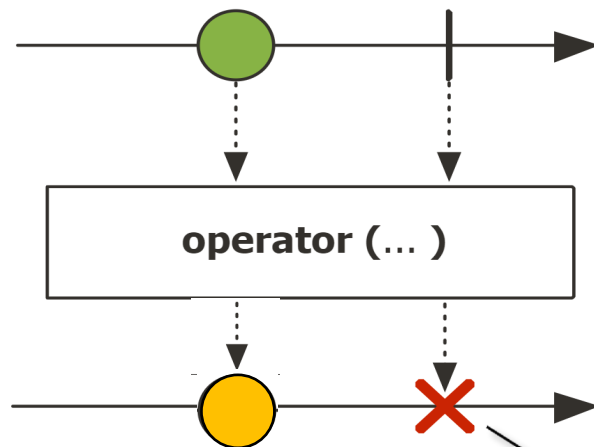
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*If the Single terminates abnormally the vertical line is replaced by an X*

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    - Maybe is a variant of Single

## Class Maybe<T>

java.lang.Object  
io.reactivex.rxjava3.core.Maybe<T>

### Type Parameters:

T - the value type

### All Implemented Interfaces:

MaybeSource<T>

### Direct Known Subclasses:

MaybeSubject

```
public abstract class Maybe<T>  
extends Object  
implements MaybeSource<T>
```

The Maybe class represents a deferred computation and emission of a single value, no value at all or an exception.

The Maybe class implements the `MaybeSource` base interface and the default consumer type it interacts with is the `MaybeObserver` via the `subscribe(MaybeObserver)` method.

The Maybe operates with the following sequential protocol:

```
onSubscribe (onSuccess | onError | onComplete)?
```

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

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    - Maybe is a variant of Single
      - It may emit a single value, no value at all, or an exception

```
BigInteger factorial(BigInteger n) {  
    return Observable  
        .rangeLong(1, n.longValue())  
        .map(BigInteger::valueOf)  
        .reduce(BigInteger::multiply)  
        .blockingGet(BigInteger.ONE);  
}
```

*reduce() returns a Maybe, which may contain no value at all if n is 0*



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## Class Observable<T>

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java.lang.Object  
io.reactivex.rxjava3.core.Observable<T>
```

### Type Parameters:

T - the type of the items emitted by the Observable

### All Implemented Interfaces:

ObservableSource<T>

### Direct Known Subclasses:

ConnectableObservable, GroupedObservable, Subject

```
public abstract class Observable<T>  
extends Object  
implements ObservableSource<T>
```

The Observable class is the non-backpressured, optionally multi-valued base reactive class that offers factory methods, intermediate operators and the ability to consume synchronous and/or asynchronous reactive dataflows.

Many operators in the class accept ObservableSource(s), the base reactive interface for such non-backpressured flows, which Observable itself implements as well.

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

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    - Similar to an async Java stream
      - i.e., completable futures used with a Java stream

```
return Observable
    .fromArray(bigFractionList)

    .subscribeOn(scheduler)

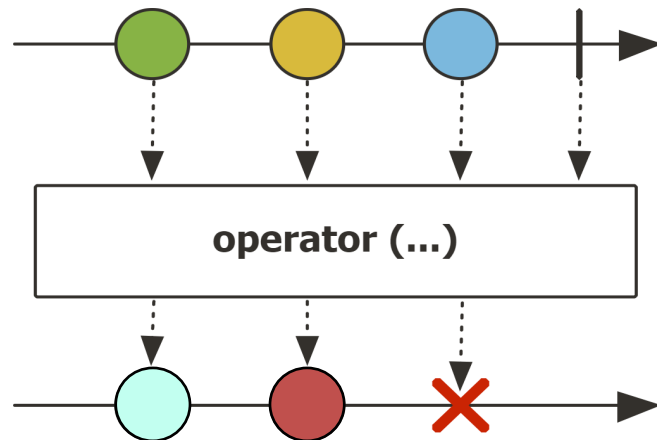
    .flatMap(reducedFraction ->
        Observable
            .fromCallable(() ->
                reducedFraction.multiply
                    (sBigReducedFraction))

        .subscribeOn
            (scheduler))

    .reduce(BigFraction::add);
```

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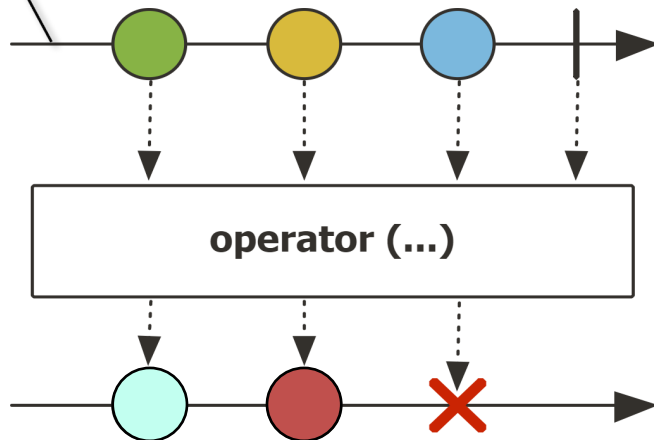
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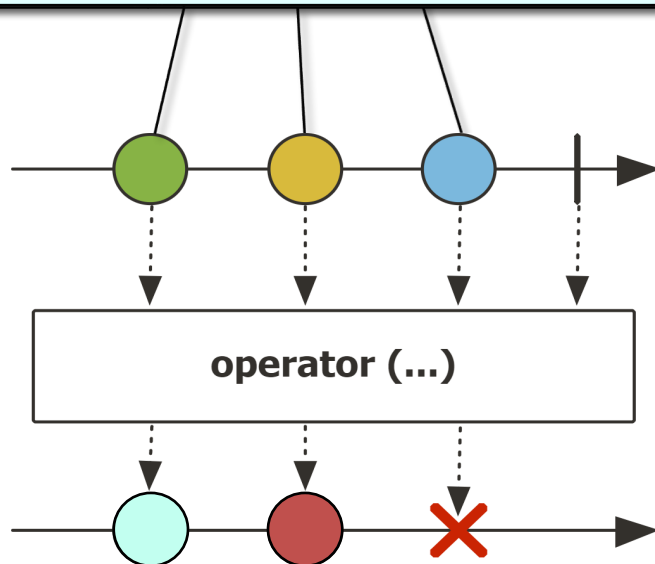
*This is the timeline of an Observable, where time flows from left to right*



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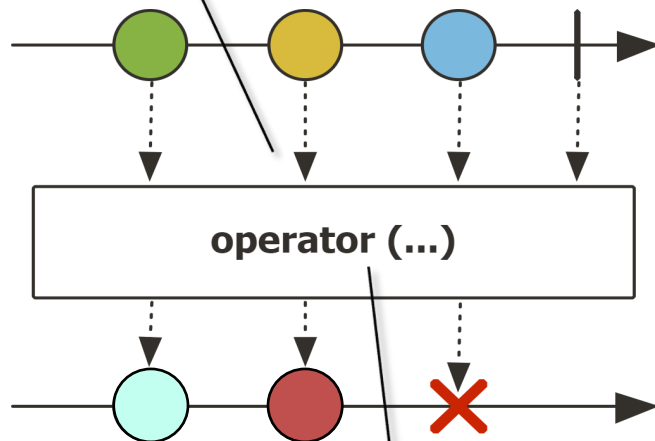
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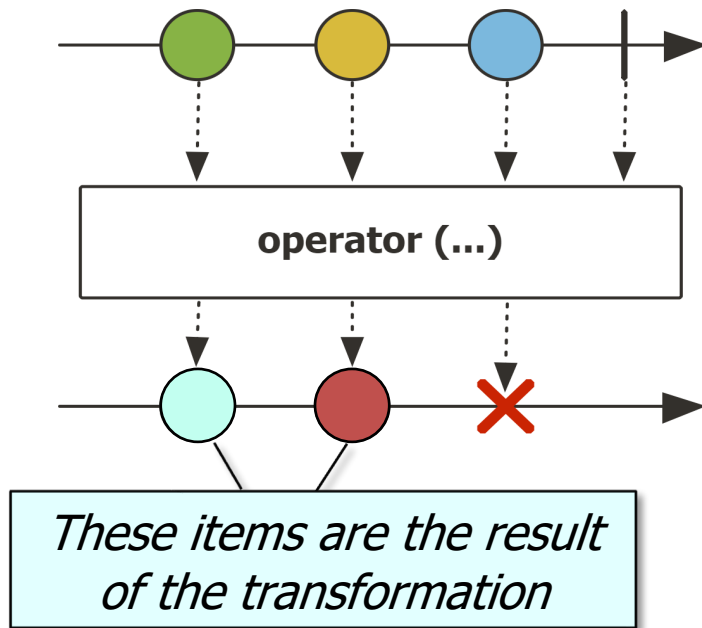
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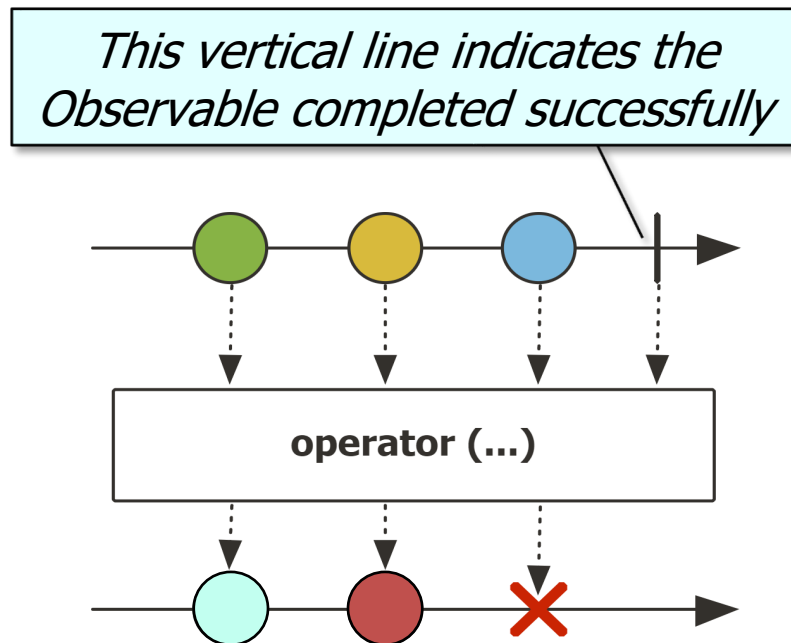
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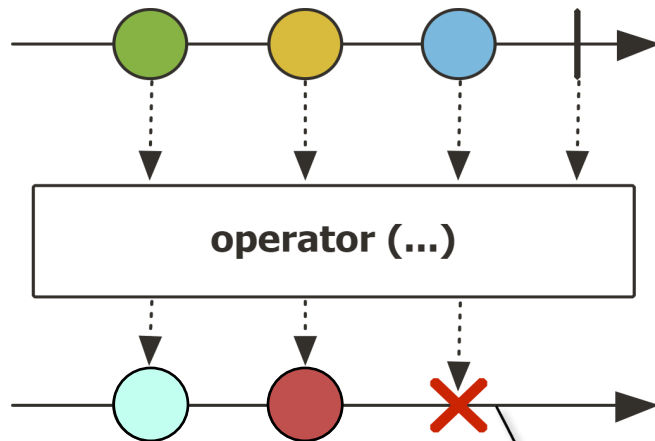
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## Class Flowable<T>

```
java.lang.Object  
io.reactivex.rxjava3.core.Flowable<T>
```

### Type Parameters:

T - the type of the items emitted by the Flowable

### All Implemented Interfaces:

Publisher<T>

### Direct Known Subclasses:

ConnectableFlowable, FlowableProcessor, GroupedFlowable

```
public abstract class Flowable<T>  
extends Object  
implements Publisher<T>
```

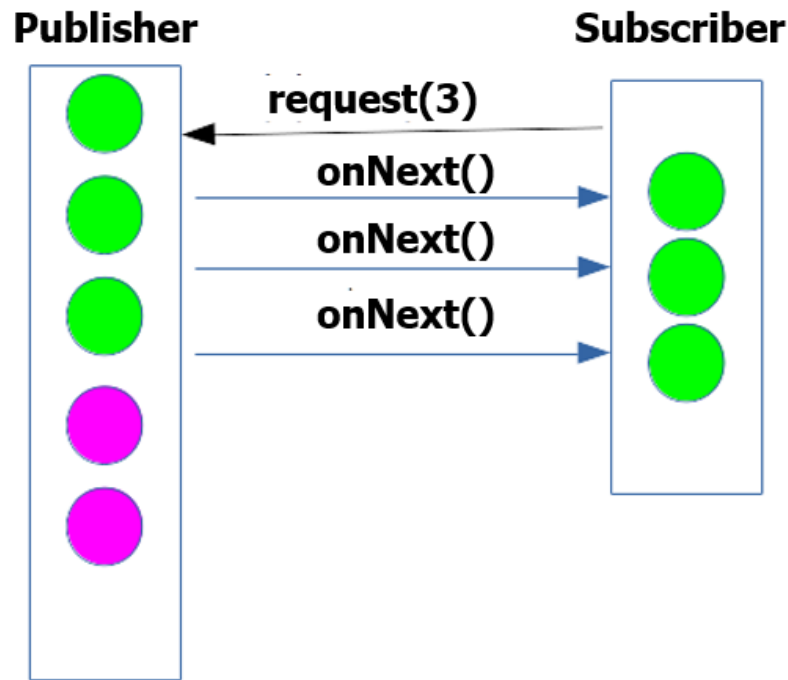
The Flowable class that implements the Reactive Streams Publisher Pattern and offers factory methods, intermediate operators and the ability to consume reactive dataflows.

*Reactive Streams* operates with Publishers which Flowable extends. Many operators therefore accept general Publishers directly and allow direct interoperation with other *Reactive Streams* implementations.

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    - The subscriber indicates to the publisher how much data it can consume
    - A Flowable can be converted to a ParallelFlowable

```
return Flowable
    .fromArray(bigFractions)
    .parallel()
    .runOn(scheduler)
    .flatMap(bigFraction ->
        bigFraction.multiply
            (sBigReducedFraction))
    .sequential()
    .reduce(BigFraction::add)
    ...
```

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