

# How Parallel Programs are Developed in Java (Part 3)

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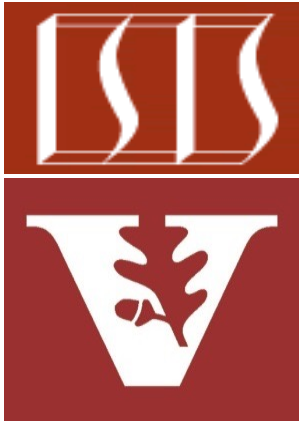
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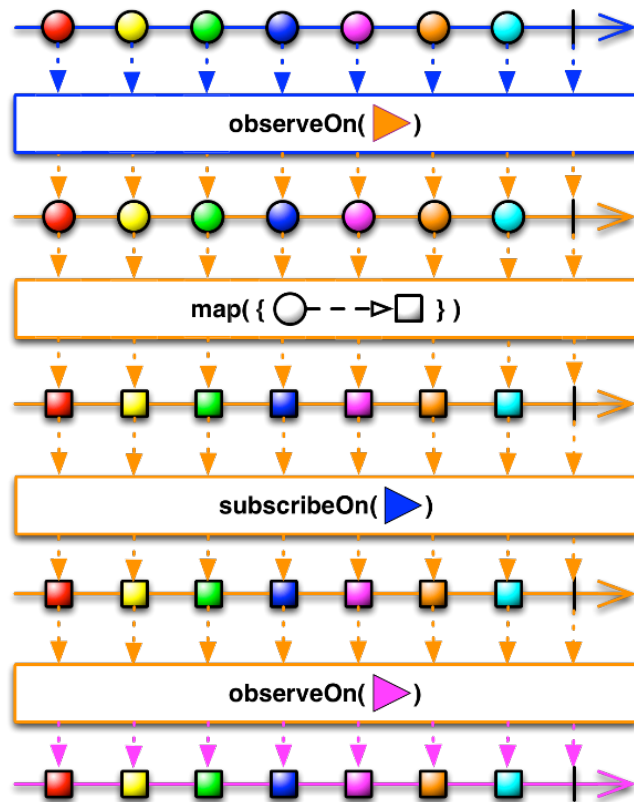
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# Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Recognize the parallelism frameworks supported by Java, e.g.
  - **Fork-join pools**
  - **Parallel streams**
  - **Completable futures**
  - **Reactive streams**
    - An async programming paradigm concerned with processing data streams & propagating changes between publishers & subscribers



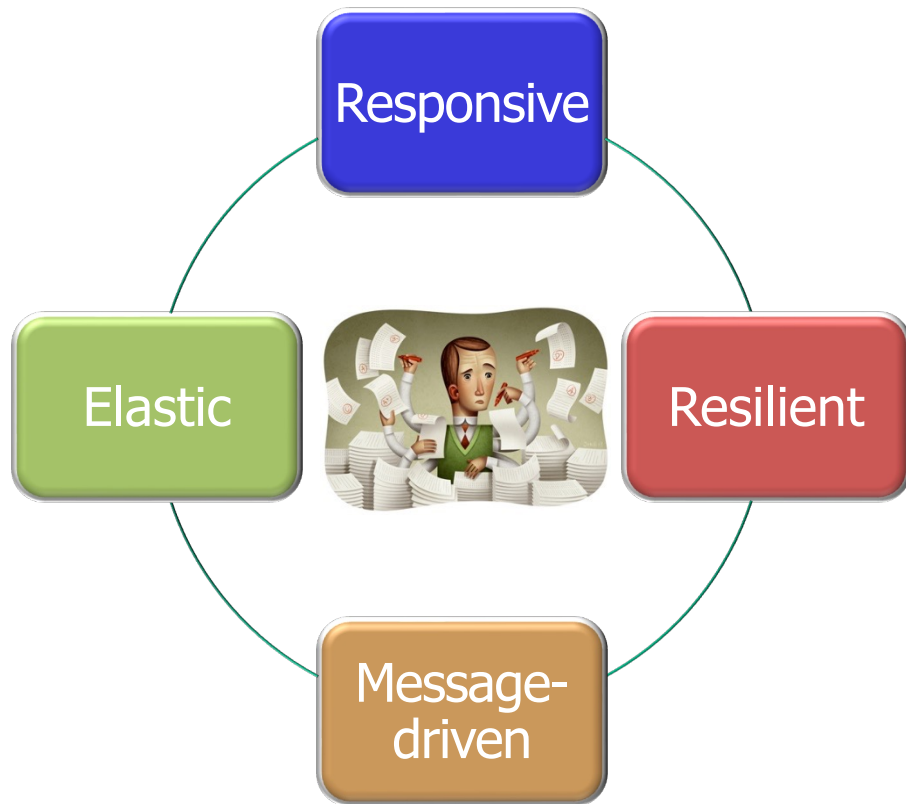
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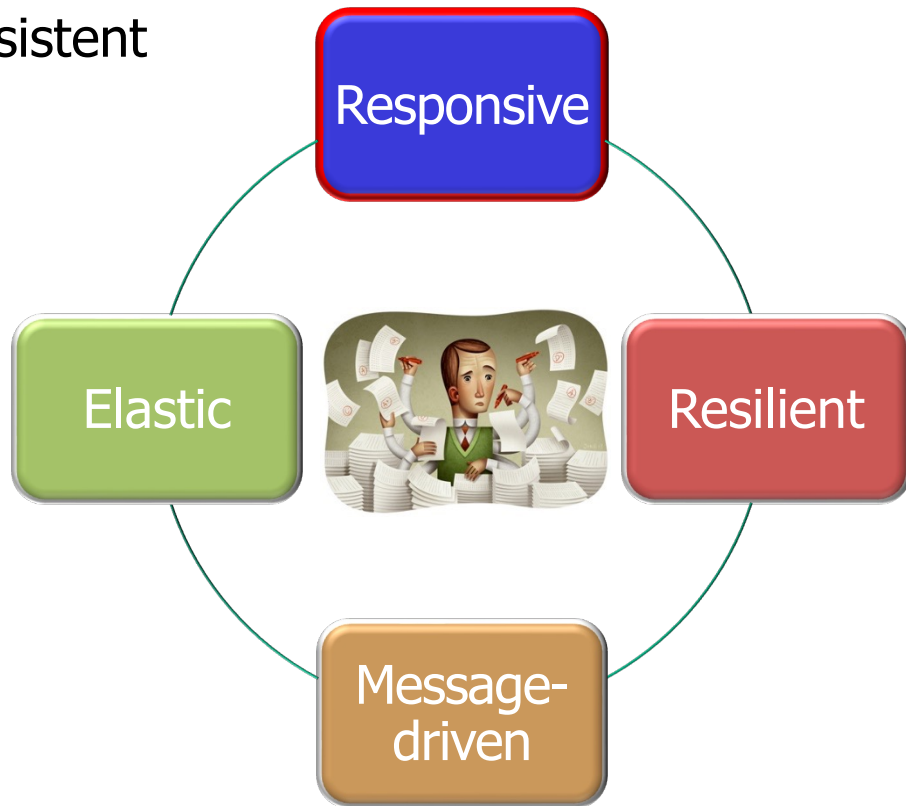


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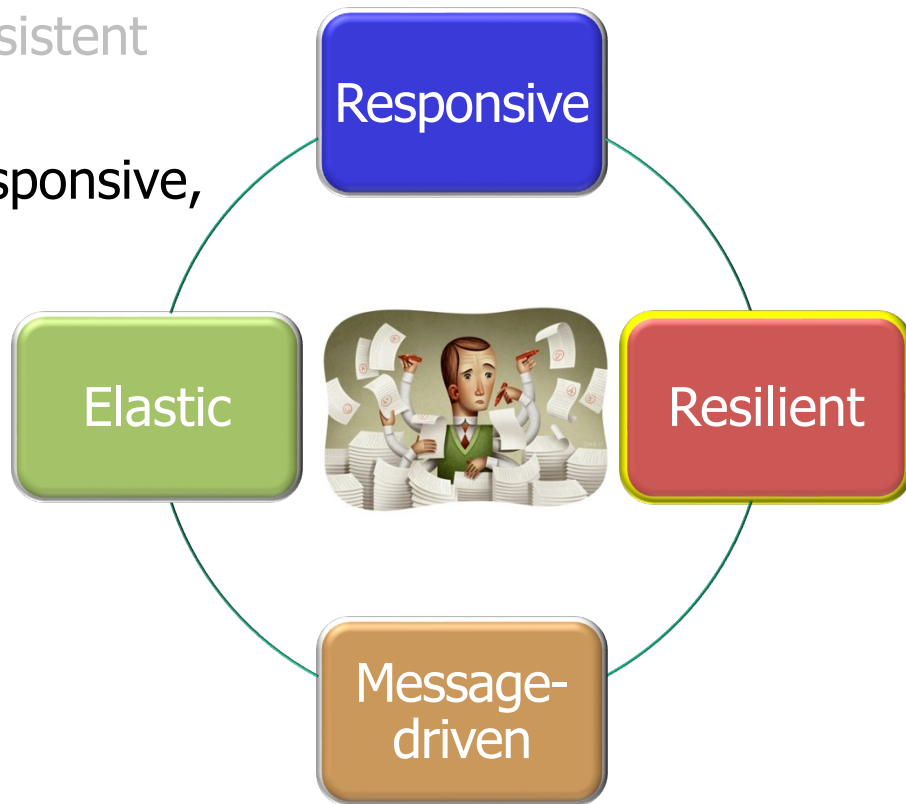
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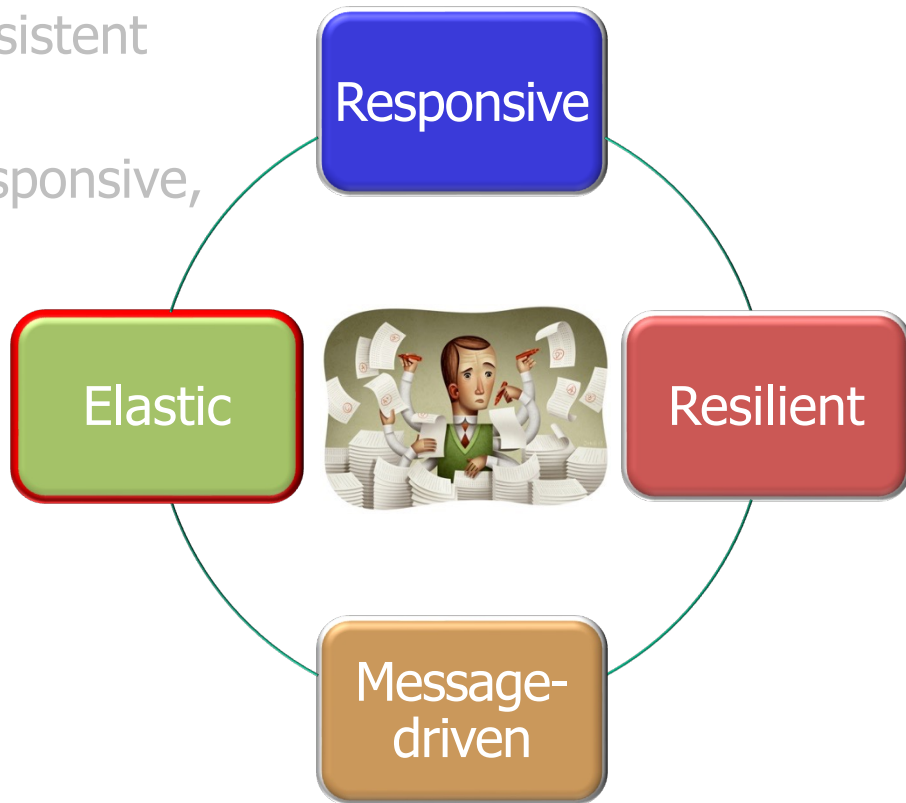


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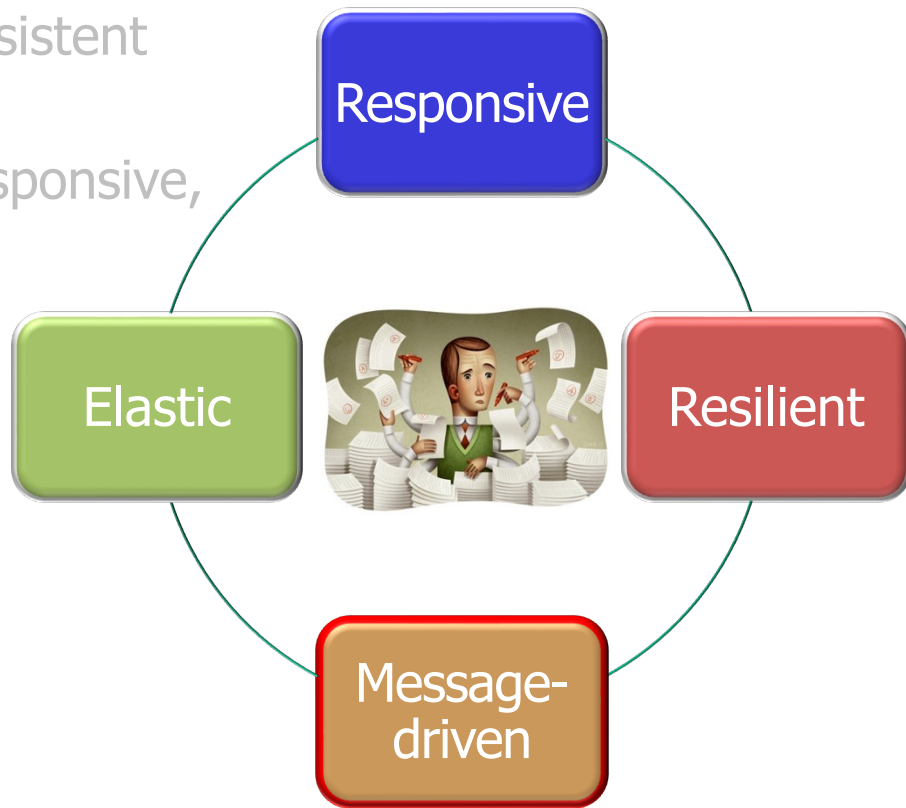
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- 4. Message-driven** – asynchronous message-passing to ensure loose coupling, isolation, & location transparency between components



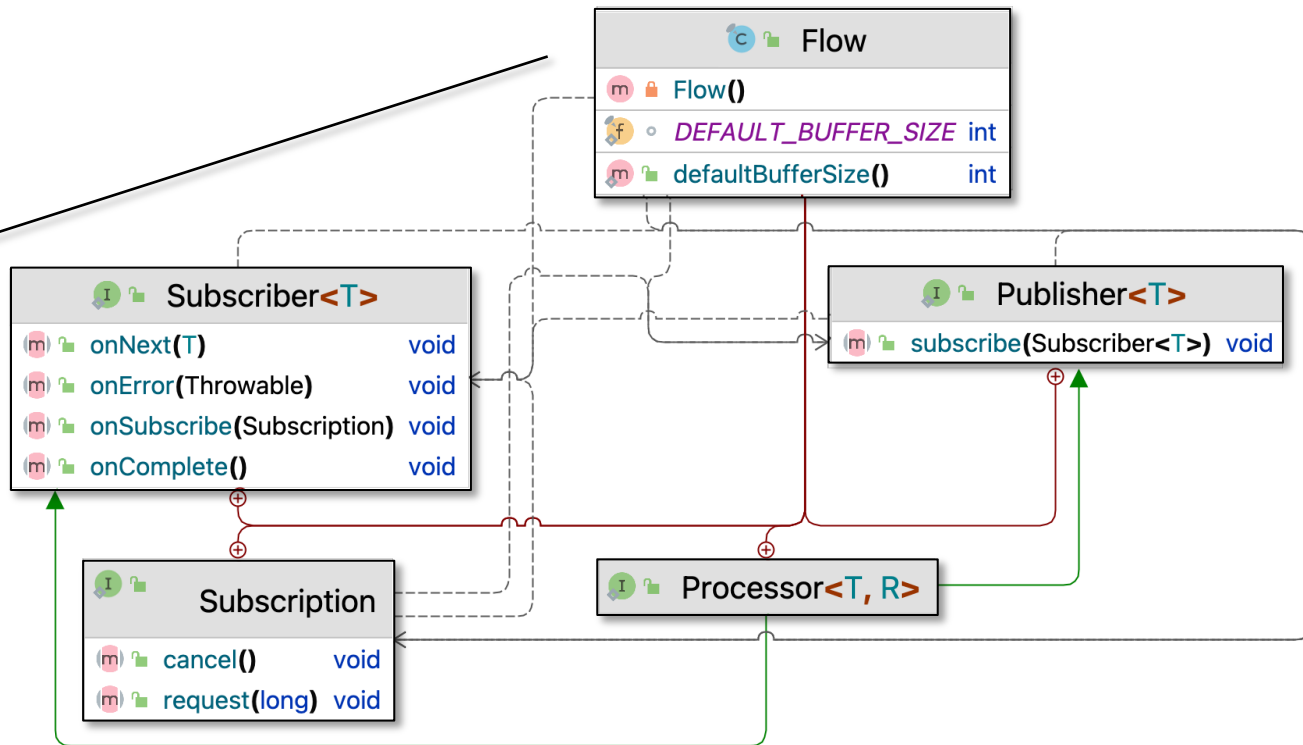


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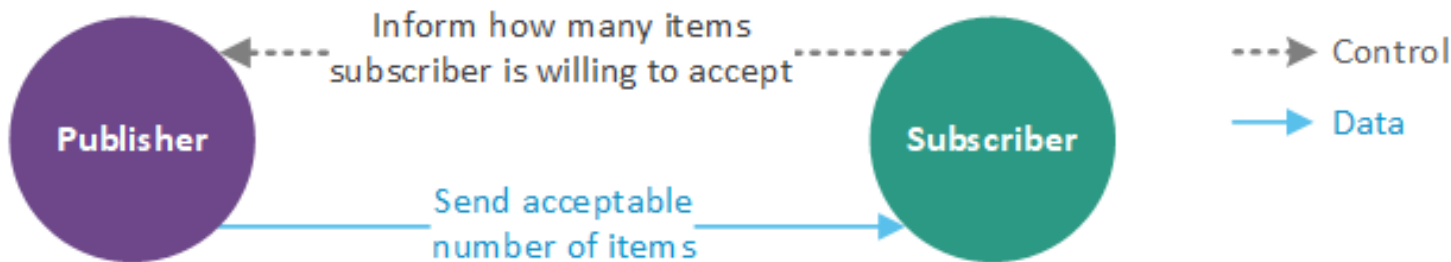


*The Flow API was added in Java 9*



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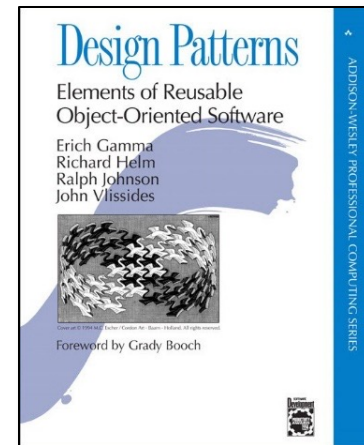


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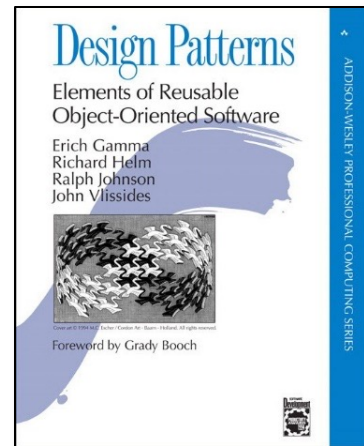
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- *Iterator*
- *Observer*
  - Applies a “push model” that reacts when a publisher source pushes items to subscriber sink(s)



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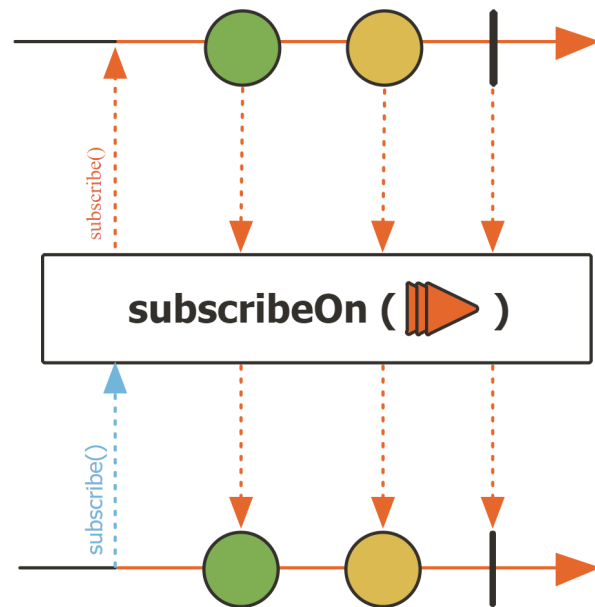
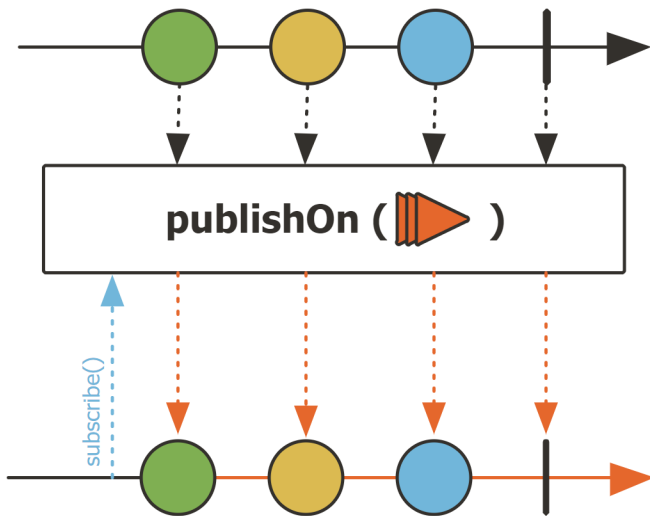
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See [www.baeldung.com/rx-java](http://www.baeldung.com/rx-java) & [projectreactor.io](http://projectreactor.io)

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See [zoltanaltfatter.com/2018/08/26/subscribeOn-publishOn-in-Reactor](https://zoltanaltfatter.com/2018/08/26/subscribeOn-publishOn-in-Reactor)

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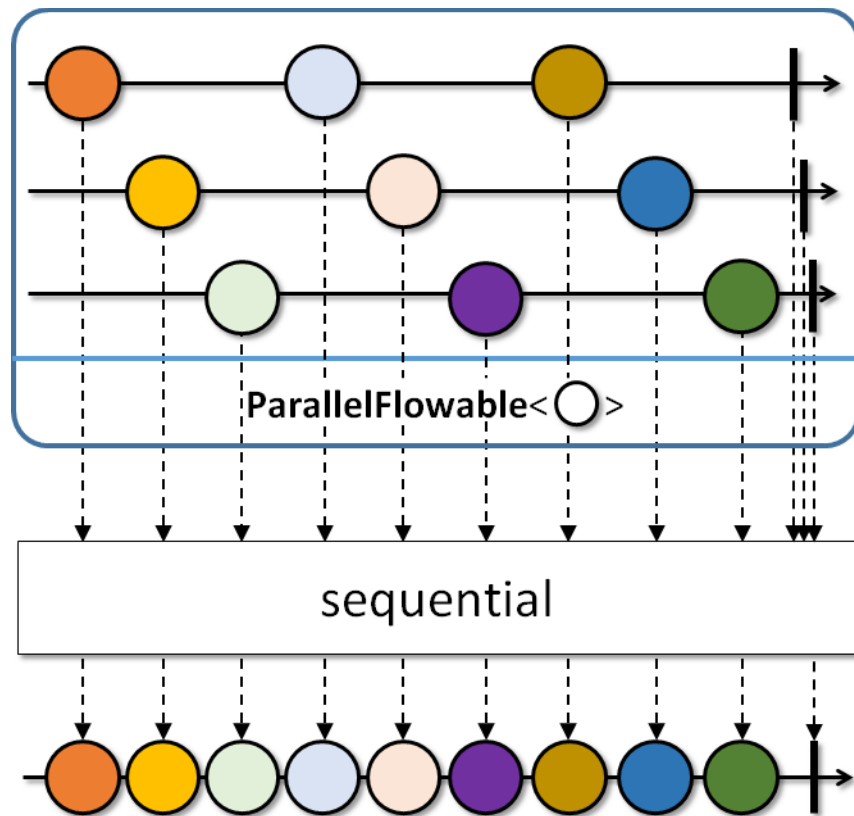
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See [reactivex.io/RxJava/3.x/javadoc/io/reactivex/rxjava3/schedulers/Schedulers.html](https://reactivex.io/RxJava/3.x/javadoc/io/reactivex/rxjava3/schedulers/Schedulers.html)

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  - There are also specialized parallel processing classes





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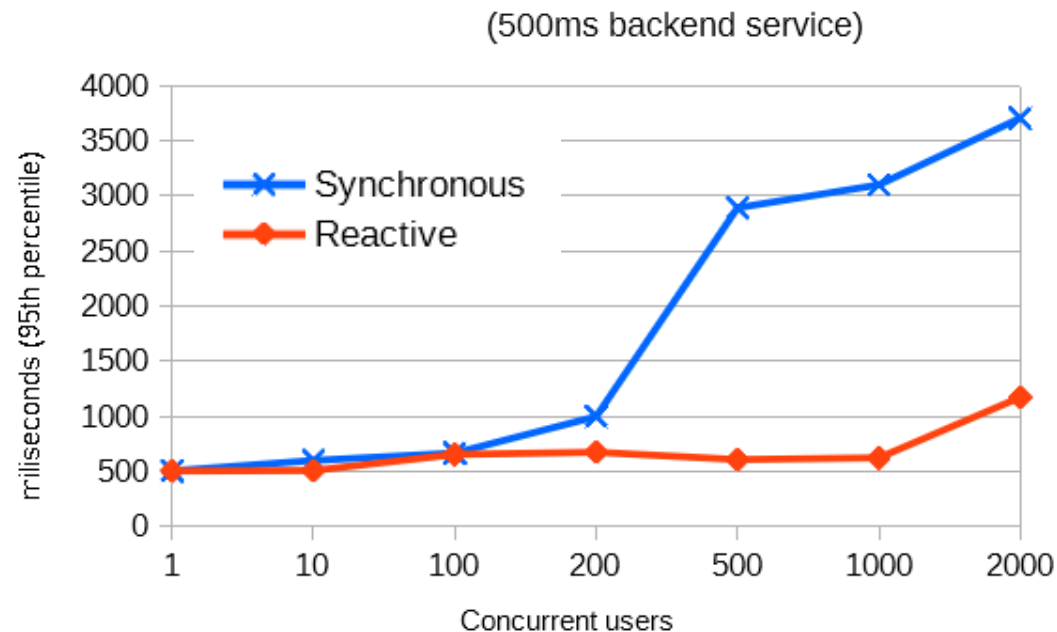
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- Pros of the reactive streams programming frameworks
  - Support parallelism with a minimal number of threads via a range of thread pools
  - Scale up performance with relatively few resources



See [dzone.com/articles/spring-boot-20-webflux-reactive-performance-test](https://dzone.com/articles/spring-boot-20-webflux-reactive-performance-test)

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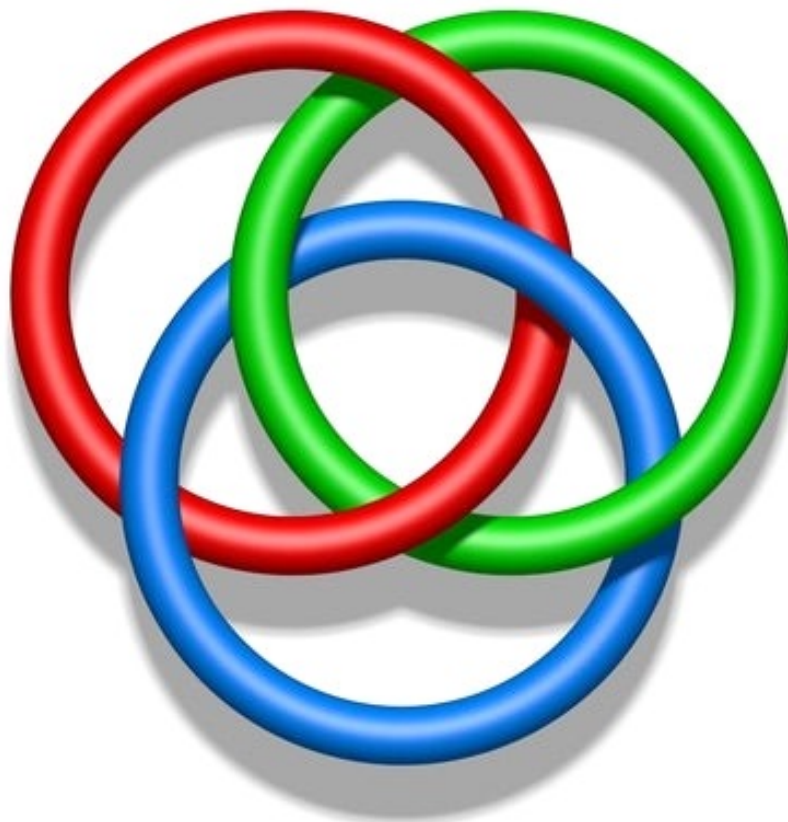
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Alleviates many accidental & inherent complexities of concurrency/parallelism

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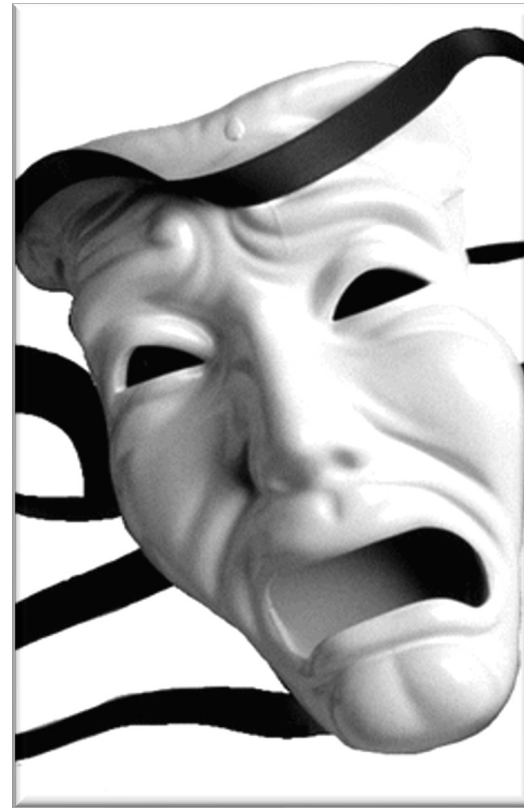
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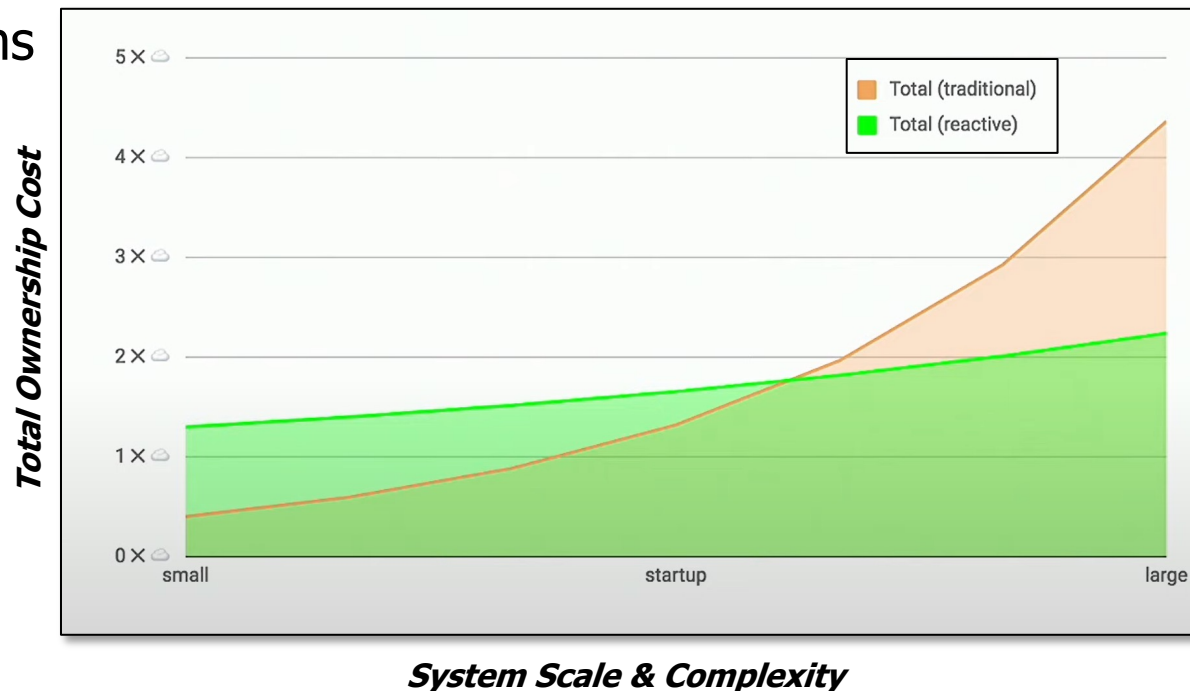
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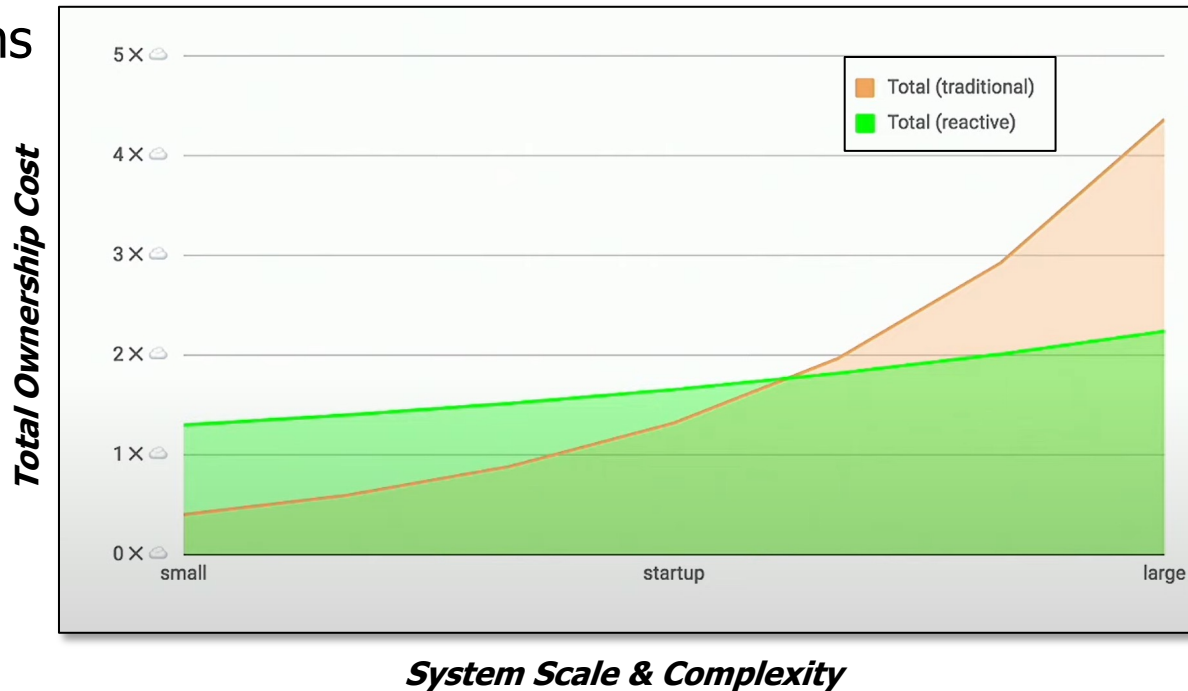


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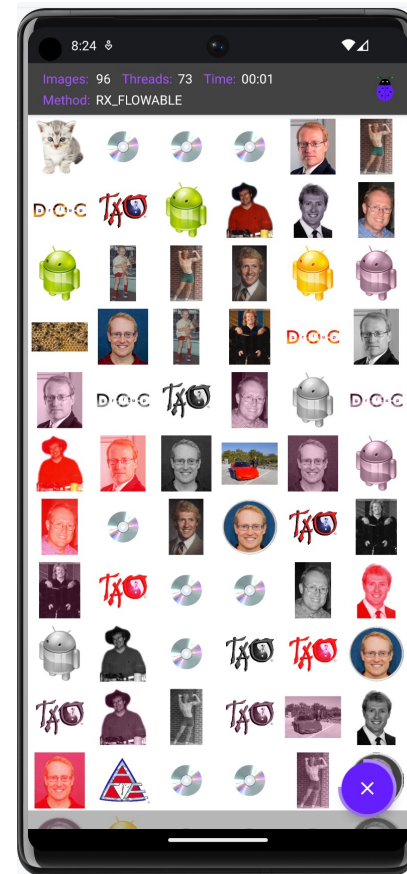
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STEEP  
LEARNING  
CURVE AHEAD



*Reactive programming can have a fairly steep learning curve to the uninitiated*

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- Cons of the reactive streams programming frameworks
  - It isn't appropriate in all situations
  - We emphasize reactive streams programming later in this course to show where & when to apply it



See upcoming module on Reactive Streams & RxJava

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# End of How Parallel Programs Are Developed in Java (Part 3)