

Overview of RSocket

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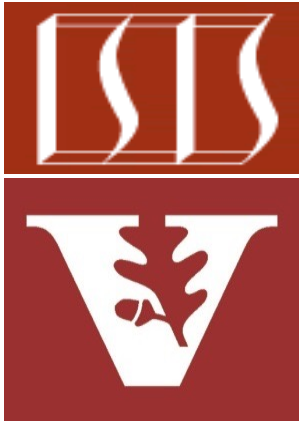
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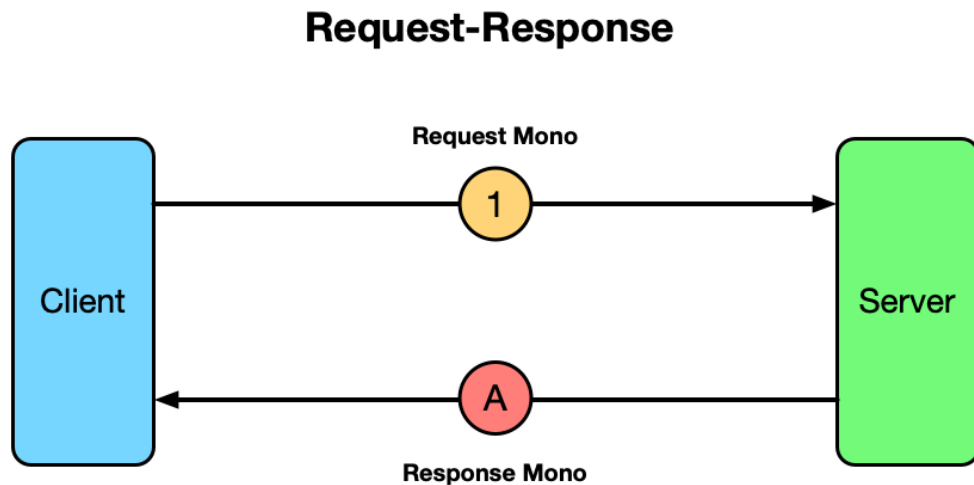
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See rsocket.io

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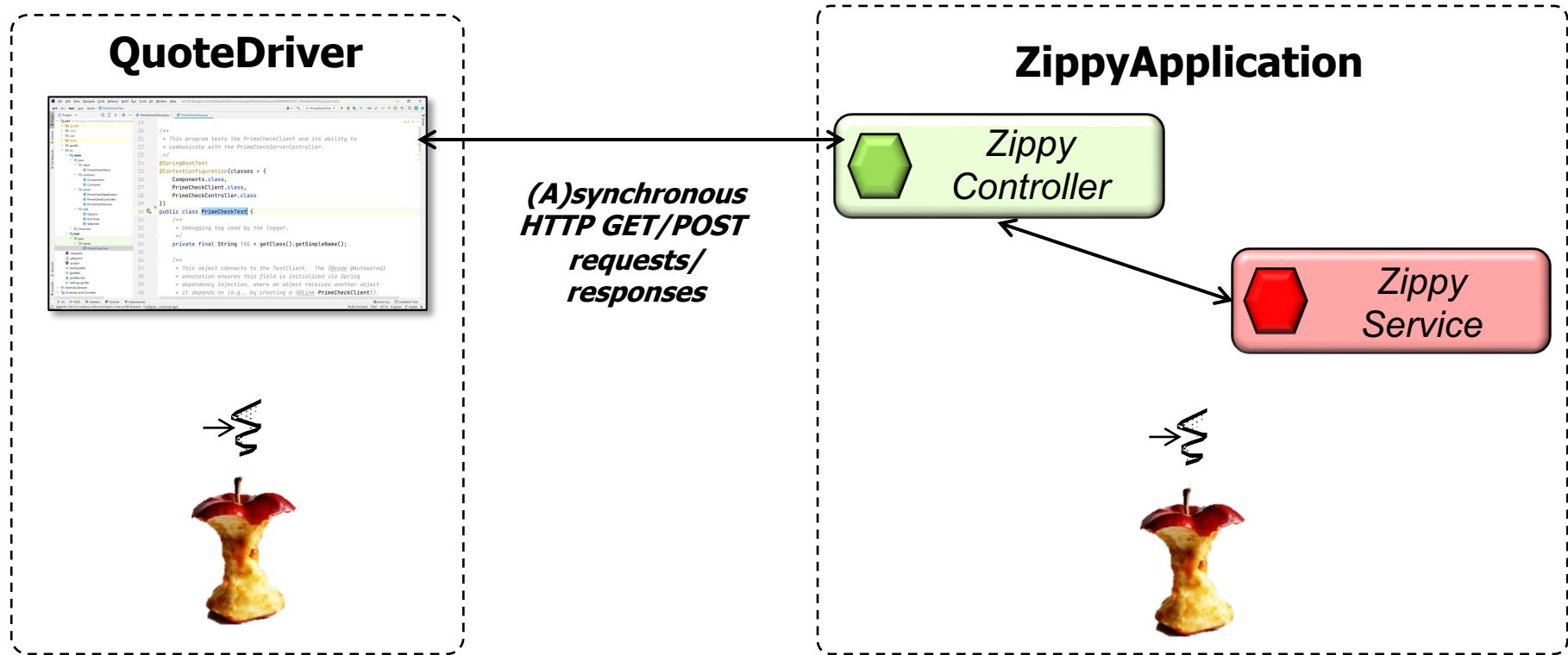
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See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Communication_protocol#Binary

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- Thus far our focus has been on using Spring endpoint handler methods to send/receive synchronous & asynchronous requests/responses via HTTP

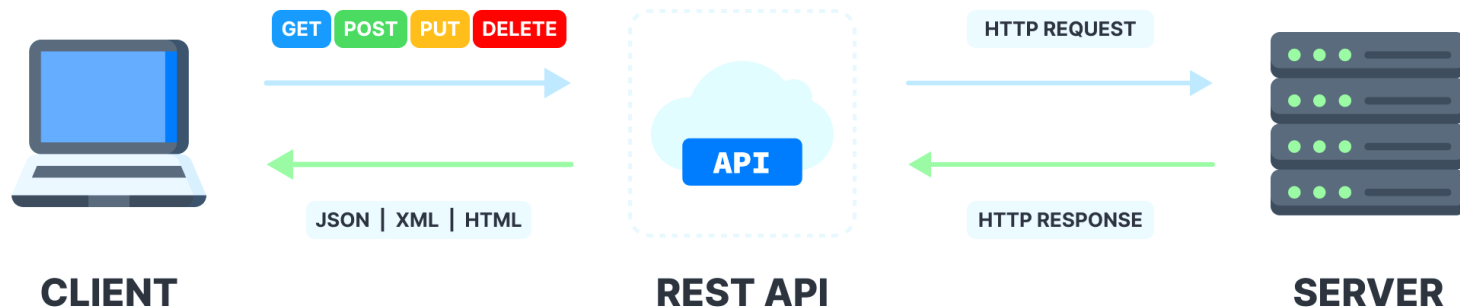


See github.com/douglasraigschmidt/LiveLessons/tree/master/WebFlux/ex3

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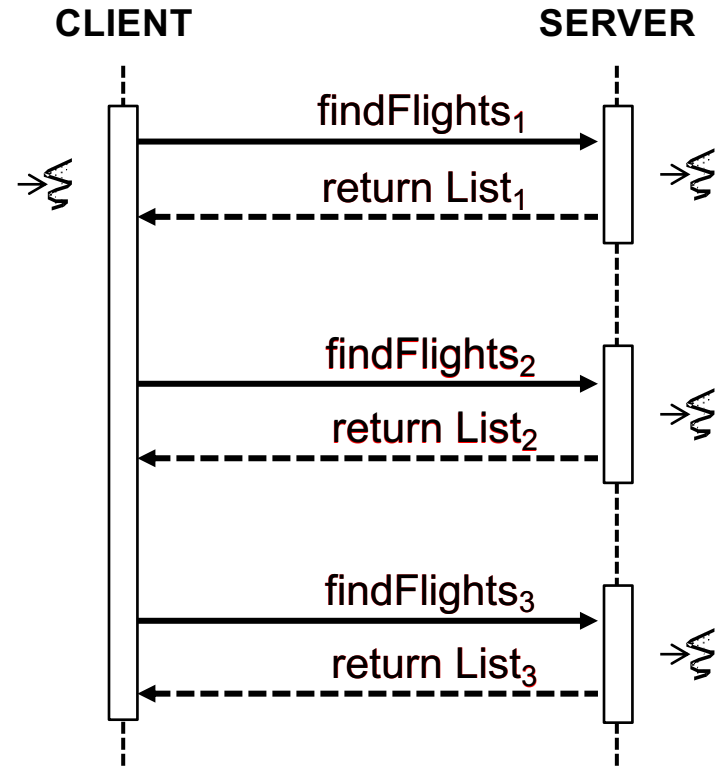
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RESTful API Model



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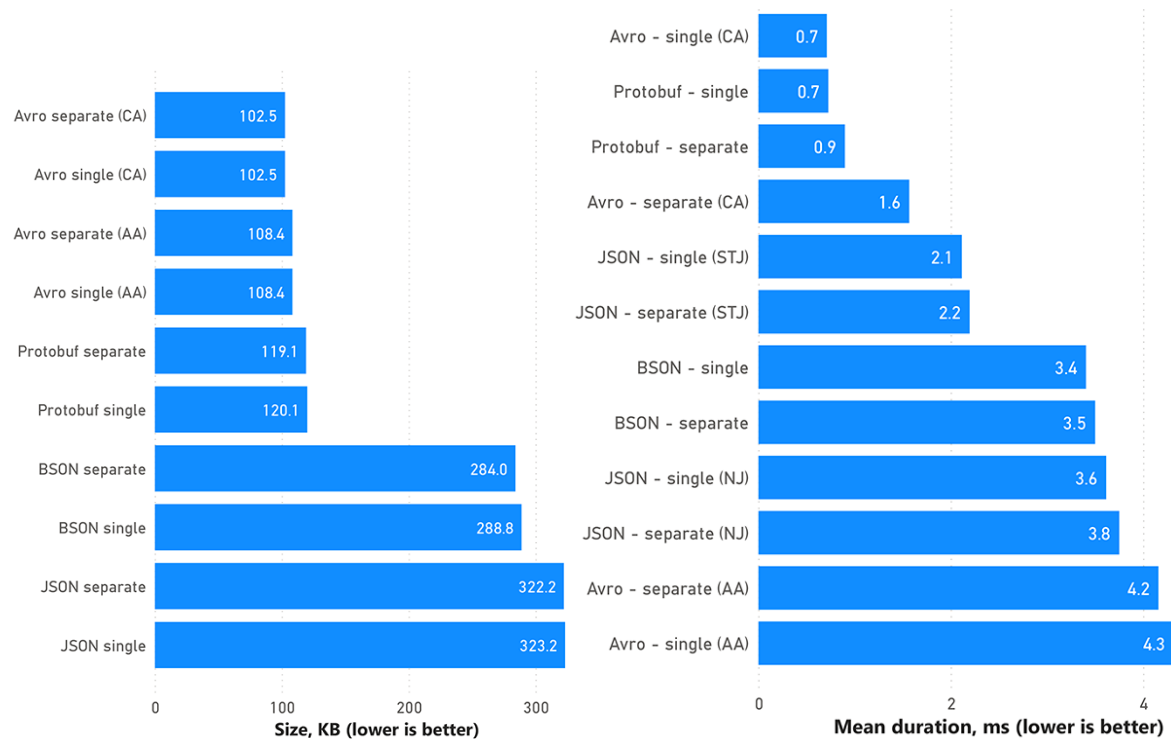
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 - Does not support bidirectional communication or other interaction models



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- AA — Apache.Avro
- CA — Chr.Avro
- NJ — Newtonsoft.Json
- STJ — System.Text.Json



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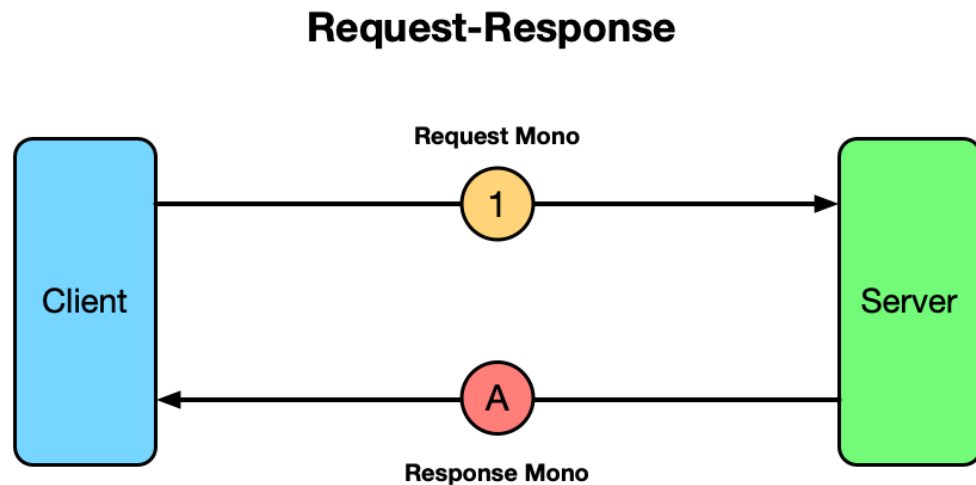
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 - No built-in support for resumable streams
 - If a connection is lost, the client can resume the stream from the point where it was interrupted, without losing data



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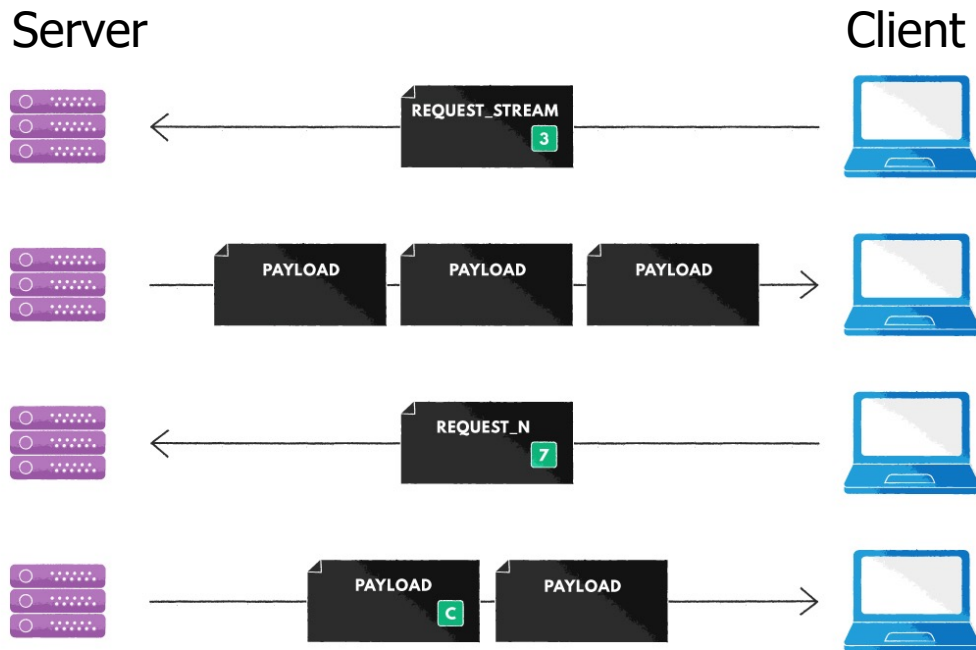


See rsocket.io/about/motivations

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 - e.g., HTTP using non-binary encodings like XML & JSON

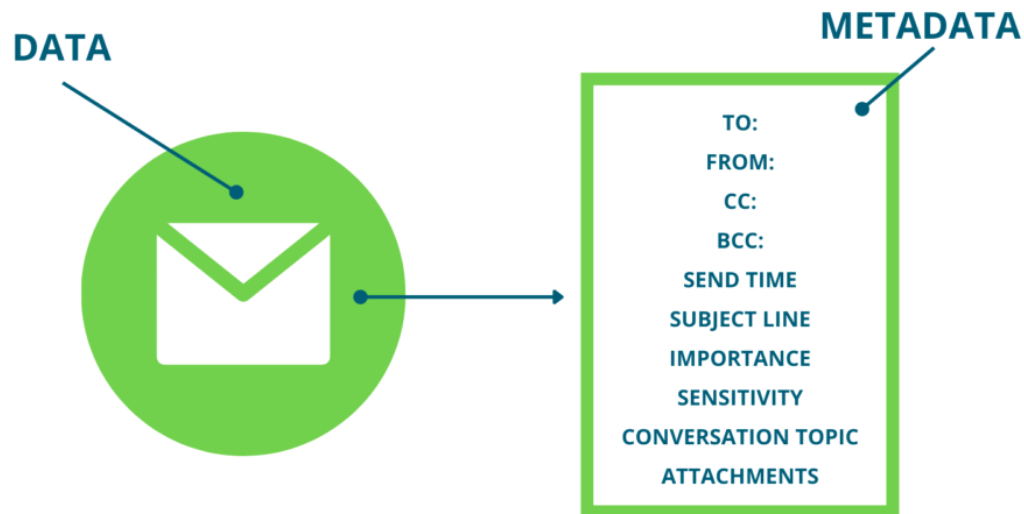
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09:01:43.907 INFO [or-http-epoll-8] w.CountMessagingController : Serving via RSocket with delay 100
09:01:43.908 DEBUG [or-http-epoll-8] p.p.model.CountService : Network request #1
09:01:43.908 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 0
09:01:43.914 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.CountService : Network request #255
09:01:44.014 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 1
09:01:44.115 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 2
09:01:44.217 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 3
09:01:44.318 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 4
09:01:44.420 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 5
09:01:44.521 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 6
09:01:44.622 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 7
09:01:44.724 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 8
09:01:44.825 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 9
09:01:44.927 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 10
09:01:45.028 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 11
09:01:45.129 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 12
09:01:45.230 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 13
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09:01:45.432 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 15
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09:01:45.737 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 18
09:01:45.838 DEBUG [Thread-13] p.p.model.DelayedProducer : Producing 19
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pkubowicz@nexo0411:~/dev/pr/valent.jar r 70 100
1296 Requested 922337203685477
1463 Requesting 20 elements from RSocket
1535 First element in 254 ms
1606 Consuming 0
1693 Consuming 1
1794 Consuming 2
1896 Consuming 3
1998 Consuming 4
2098 Consuming 5
2200 Consuming 6
2302 Consuming 7
2403 Consuming 8
2505 Consuming 9
2606 Consuming 10
2705 Consuming 11
2807 Consuming 12
2909 Consuming 13
3009 Consuming 14
3112 Consuming 15
3213 Consuming 16
3314 Consuming 17
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3548 Finished in 2,267 ms
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See nexocode.com/blog/posts/rsocket-why

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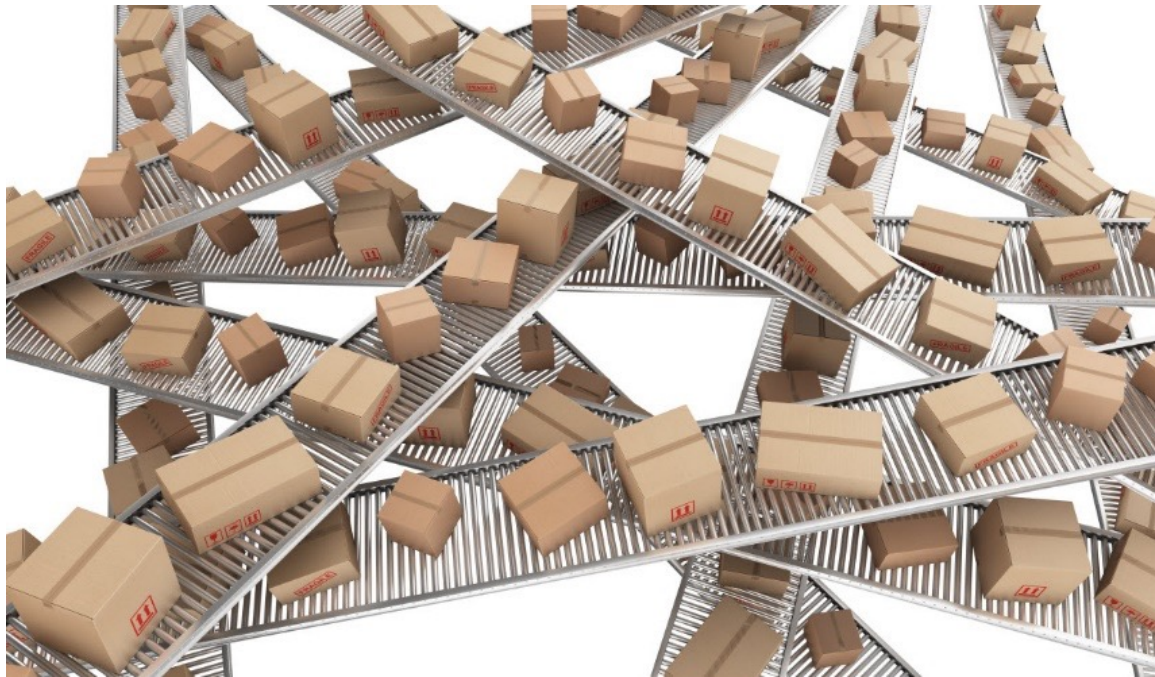
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See docs.spring.io/spring-framework/docs/5.3.5/reference/pdf/rsocket.pdf

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 - e.g., an endpoint specified via the @MessageMapping annotation in Spring

```
@Target ( {TYPE ,METHOD } )  
@Retention ( RUNTIME )  
@Documented  
@Reflective ( MessageMappingReflectiveProcessor.class )  
public @interface MessageMapping
```

Annotation for mapping a `Message` onto a message-handling method by matching the declared `patterns` to a destination extracted from the message. The annotation is supported at the type-level too, as a way of declaring a pattern prefix (or prefixes) across all class methods.

@MessageMapping methods support the following arguments:

- @Payload method argument to extract the payload of a message and have it de-serialized to the declared target type. @Payload arguments may also be annotated with Validation annotations such as @Validated and will then have JSR-303 validation applied. Keep in mind the annotation is not required to be present as it is assumed by default for arguments not handled otherwise.
- @DestinationVariable method argument for access to template variable values extracted from the message destination, e.g. /hotels/{hotel}. Variable values may also be converted from String to the declared method argument type, if needed.

See [springframework/messaging/handler/annotation/MessageMapping.html](https://springframework.org/messaging/handler/annotation/MessageMapping.html)

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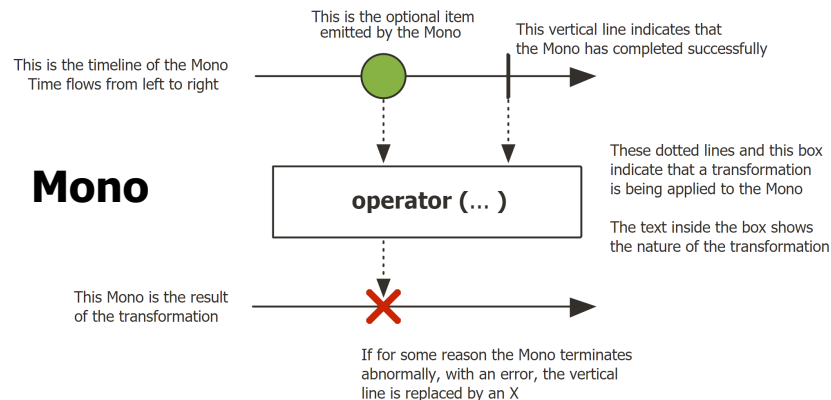
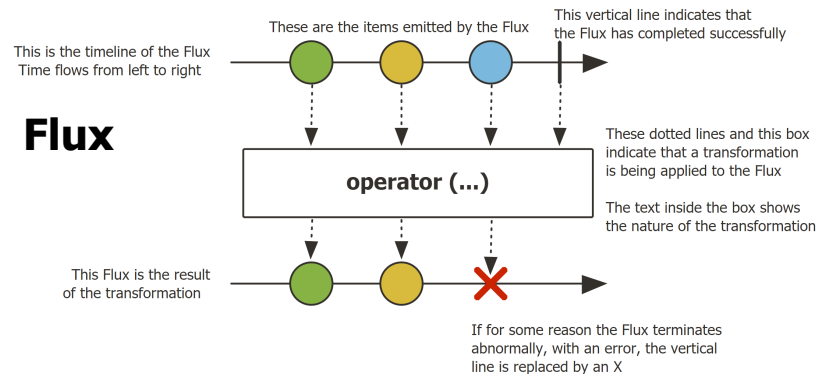


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 - e.g., specified via Mono or Flux reactive types



Project Reactor



See spring.io/blog/2016/04/19/understanding-reactive-types

End of Overview of RSocket