

# Overview of Spring WebMVC

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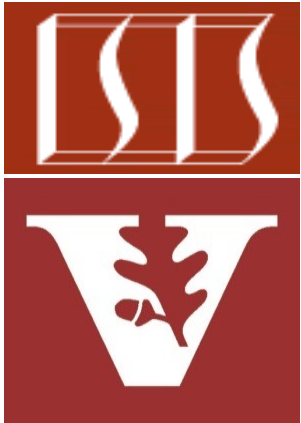
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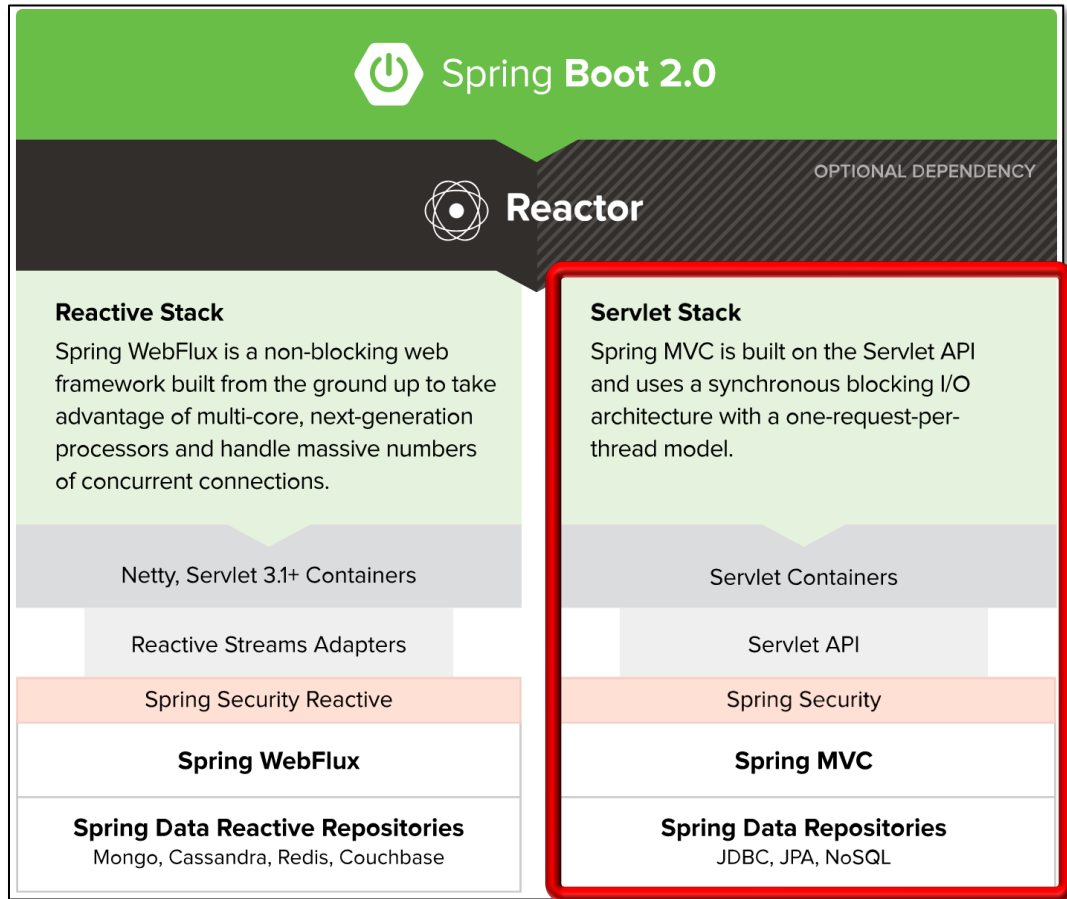
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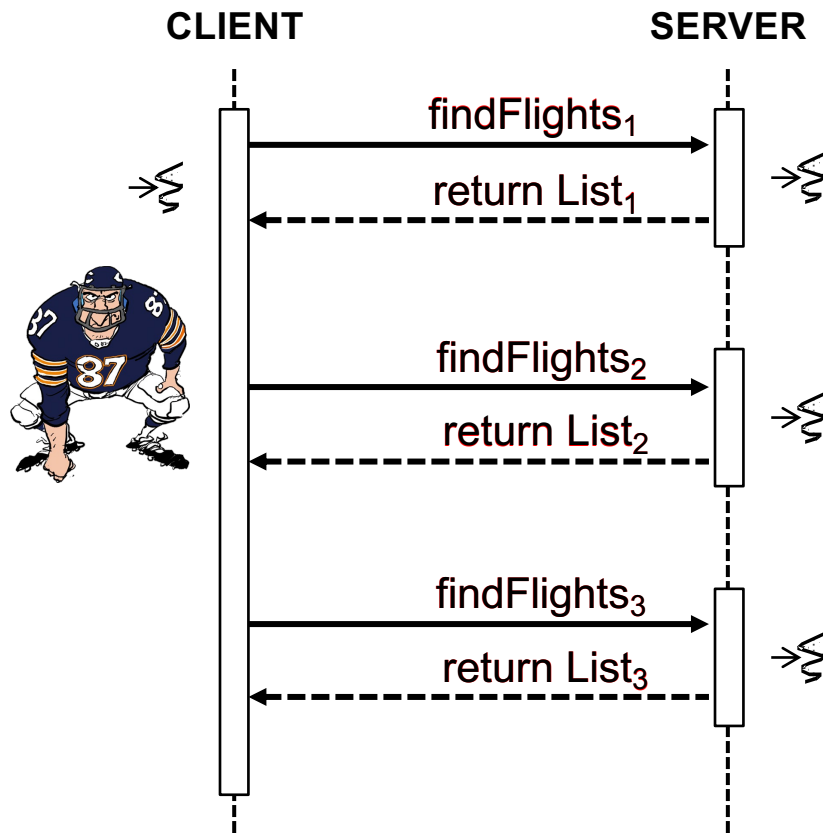
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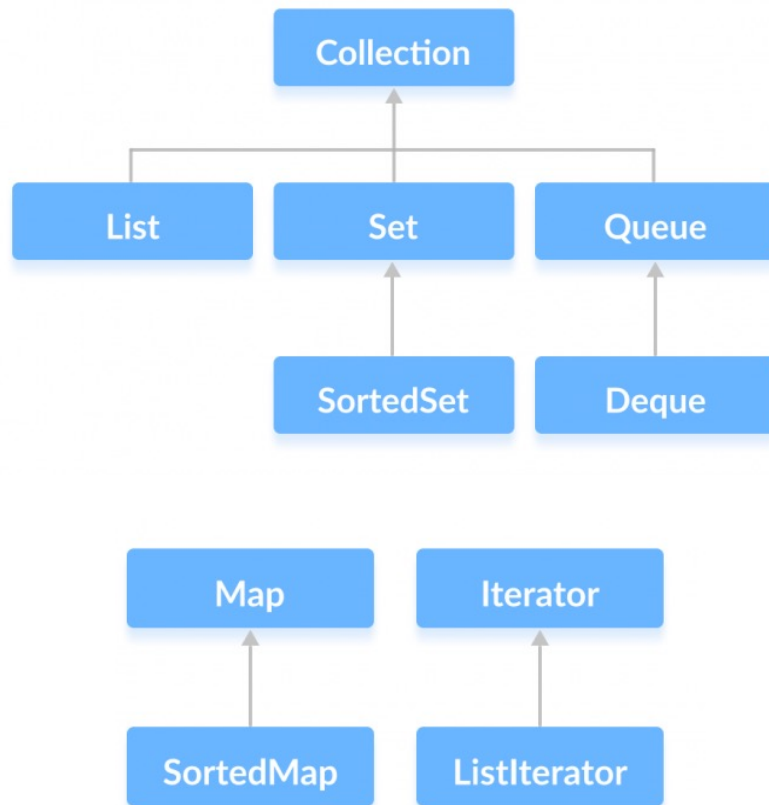
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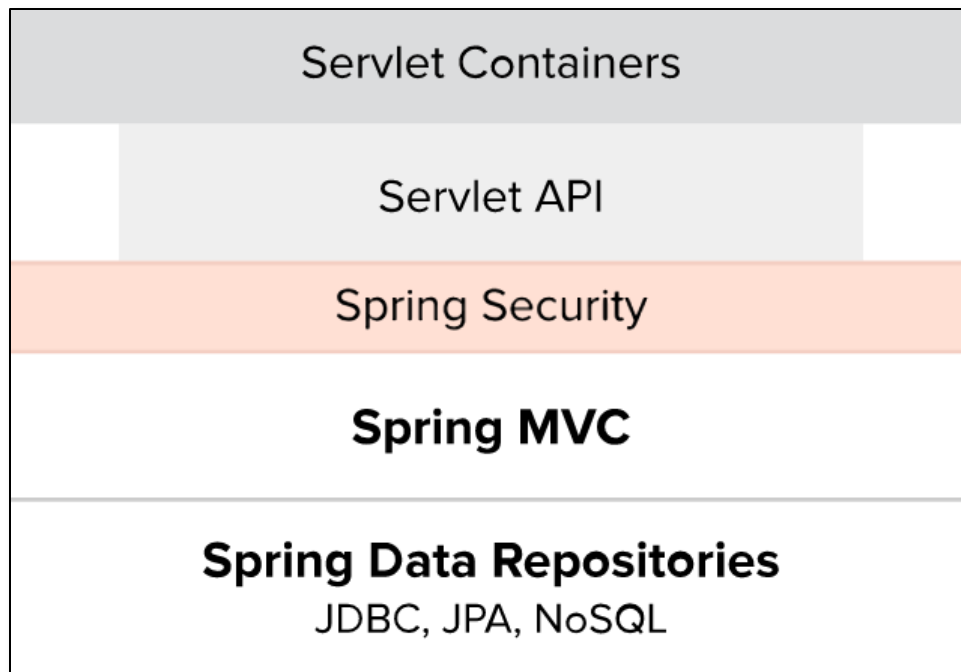


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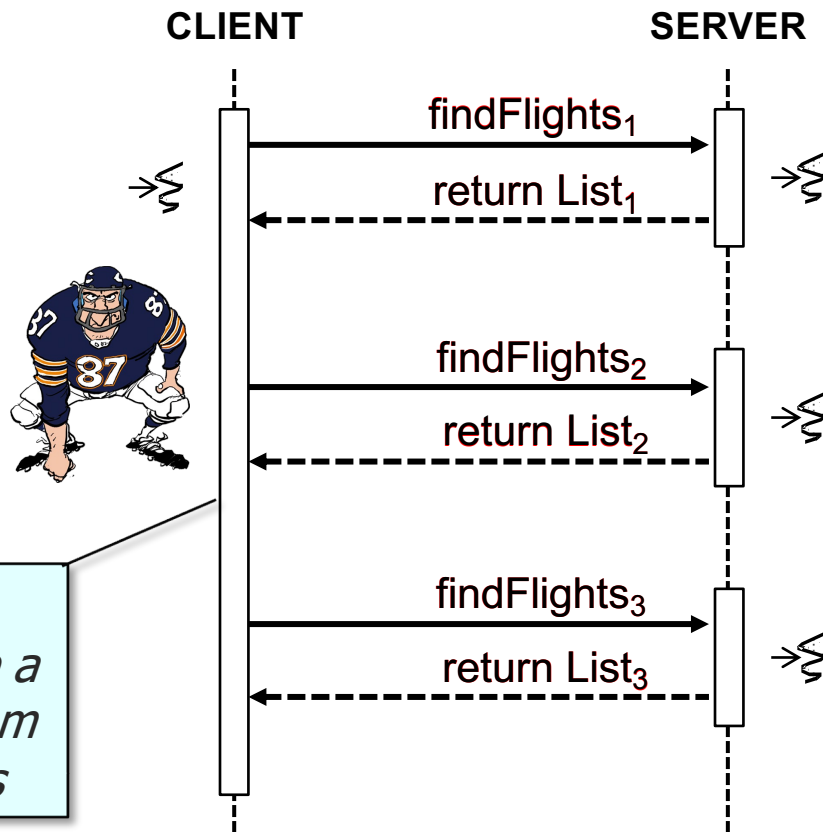
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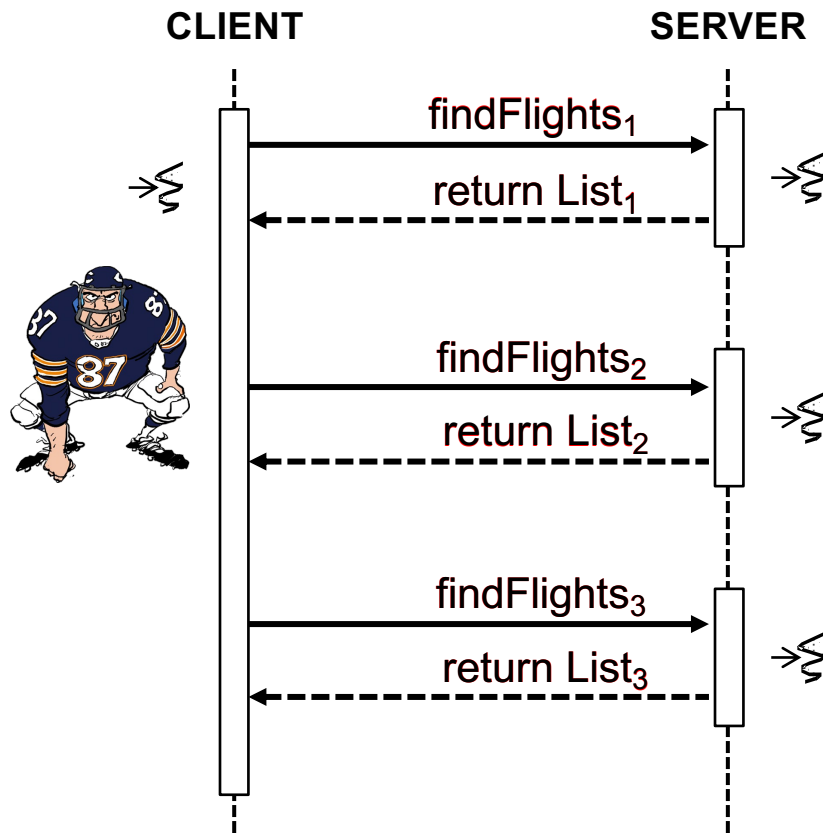


*A request to a list of flights from a database over the network might take a few seconds, which blocks threads from servicing other requests & responses*

See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blocking\\_\(computing\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blocking_(computing))

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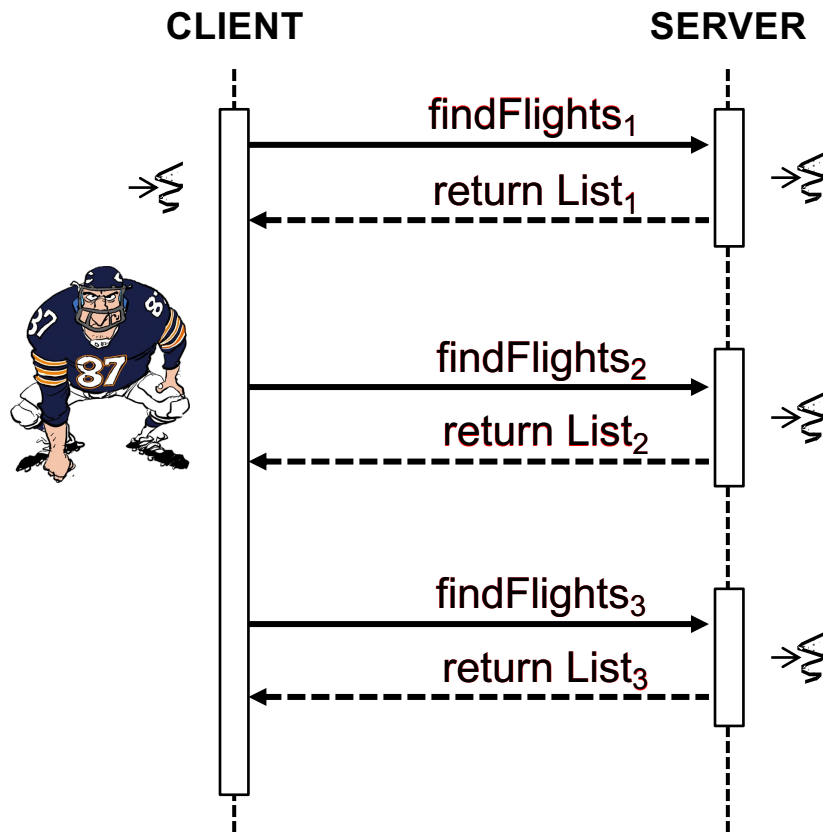
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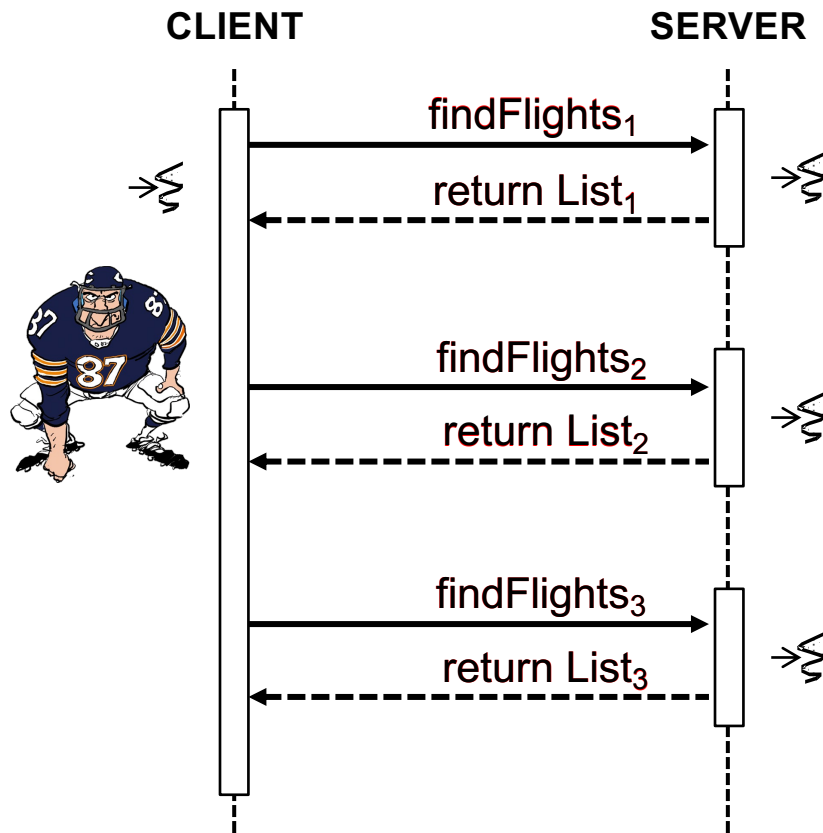
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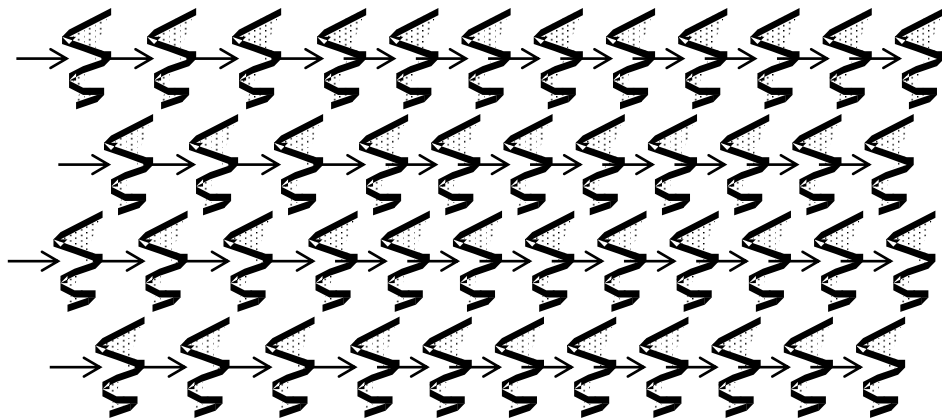
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    - Eliminates the need for end-to-end rate control



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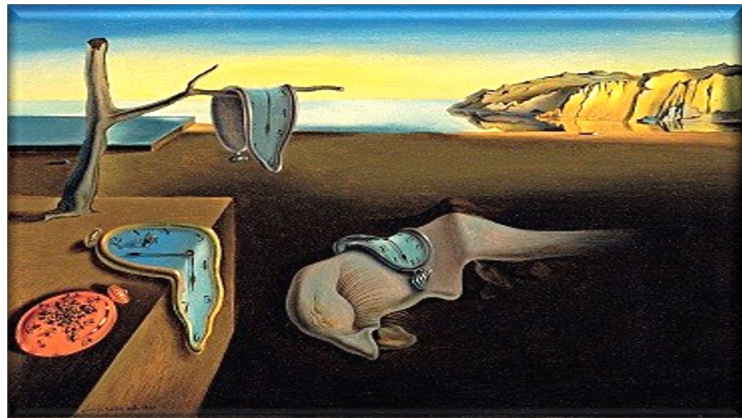
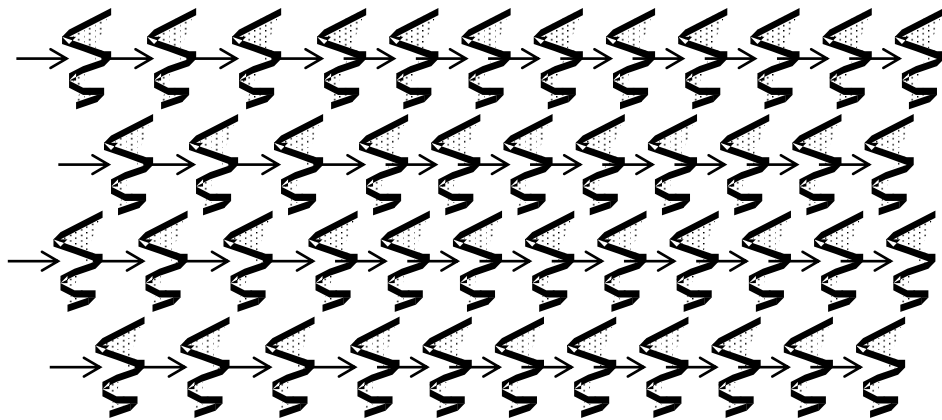
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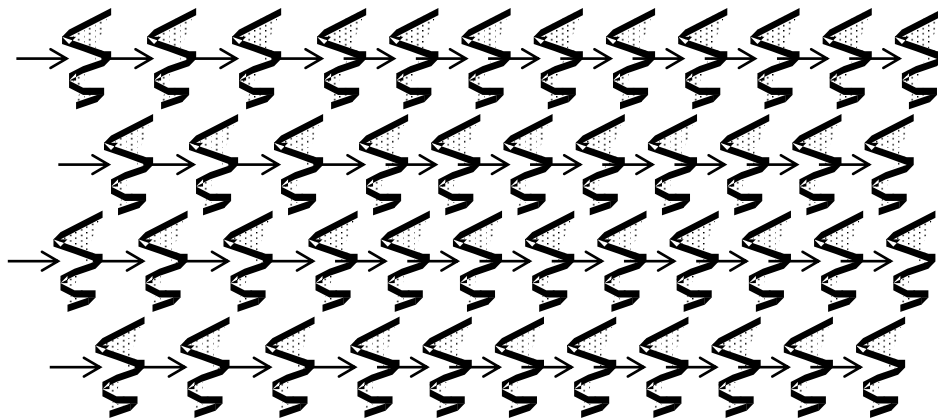
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    - Traditional Java Thread objects consume non-trivial system resources..



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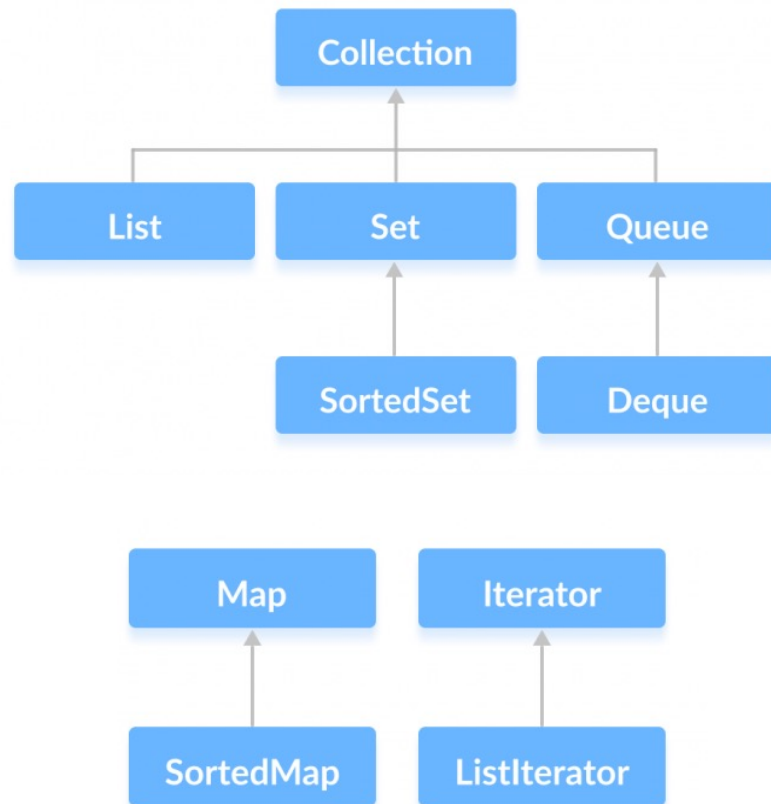
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    - e.g., Java String & Integer objects, as well as List & Map collections

```
public class FlightController {  
    ...  
    @GetMapping(AIRPORTS)  
    List<Airport> getAirports() {  
        return flightService  
            .getAirports();  
    }  
    ...  
}
```



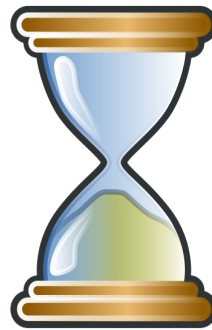
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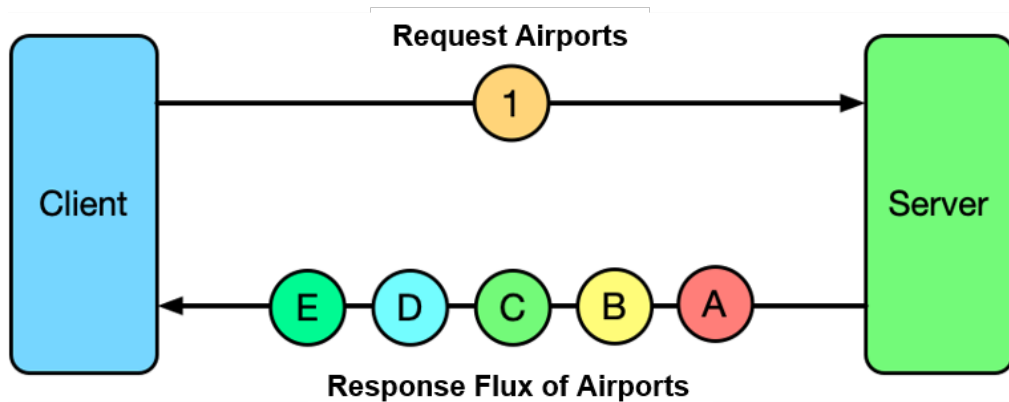
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  - Addressed by Spring WebFlux & reactive programming



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