

Overview of the Java Reactive Streams API (Part 1)

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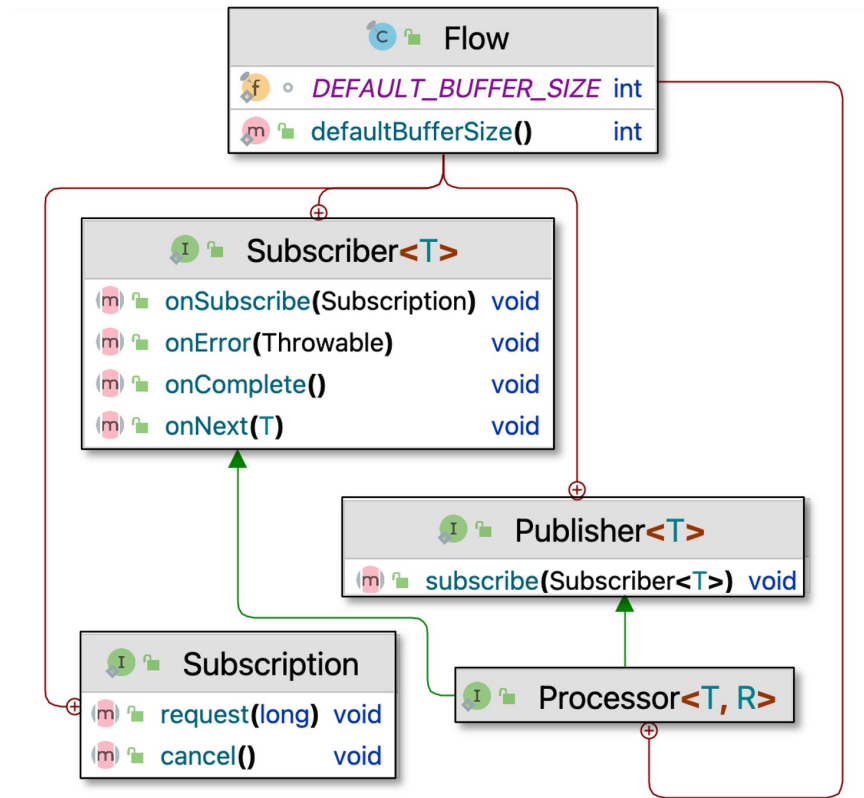
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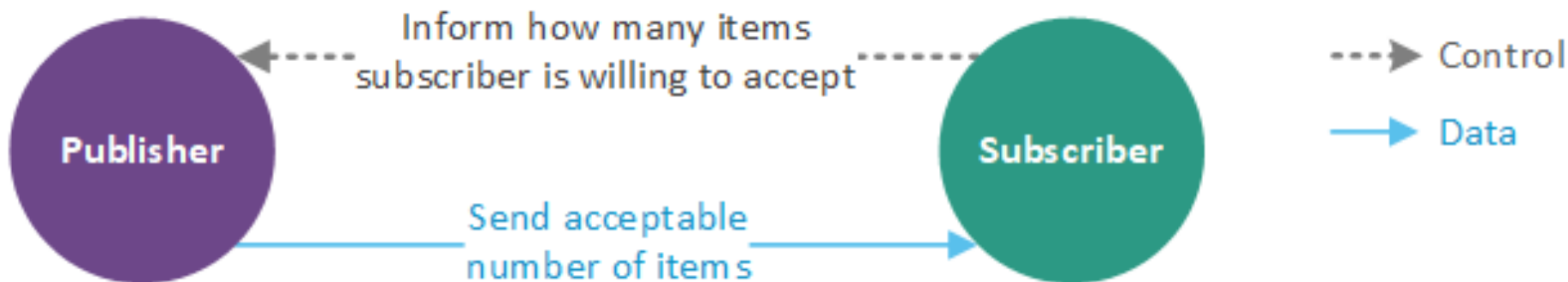
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See community.oracle.com/docs/DOC-1006738

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 - Be aware of key patterns



Java Reactive Streams API & Key Patterns

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- Java 9+ supports reactive programming via Reactive Streams & the Flow API

Class Flow

```
java.lang.Object  
  java.util.concurrent.Flow
```

```
public final class Flow  
  extends Object
```

Interrelated interfaces and static methods for establishing flow-controlled components in which Publishers produce items consumed by one or more Subscribers, each managed by a Subscription.

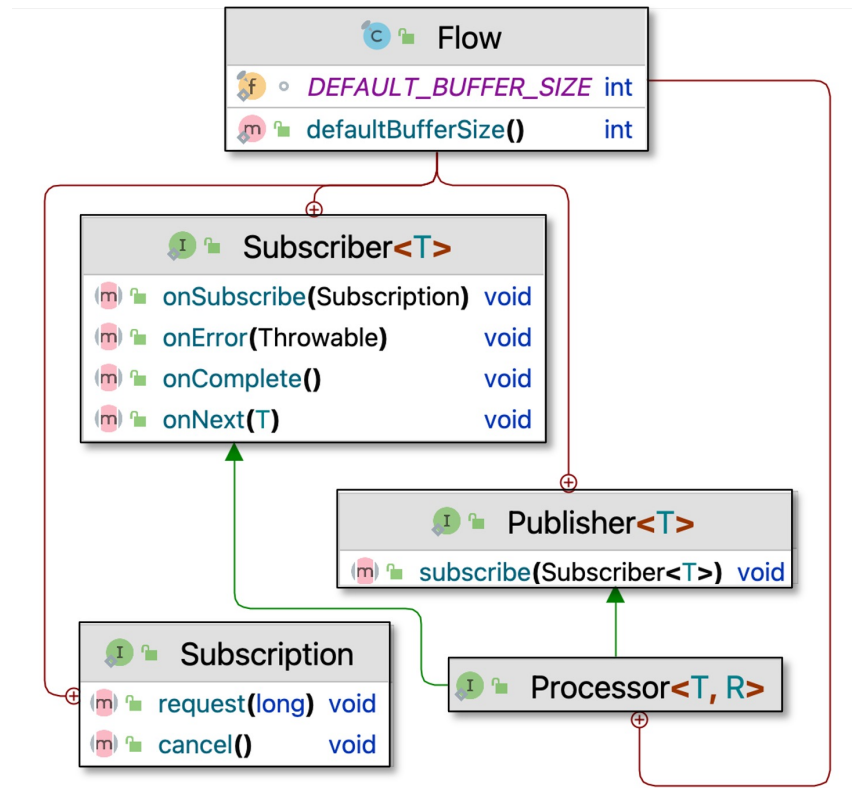
These interfaces correspond to the reactive-streams specification. They apply in both concurrent and distributed asynchronous settings: All (seven) methods are defined in void "one-way" message style. Communication relies on a simple form of flow control (method `Flow.Subscription.request(long)`) that can be used to avoid resource management problems that may otherwise occur in "push" based systems.

Examples. A `Flow.Publisher` usually defines its own `Flow.Subscription` implementation; constructing one in method `subscribe` and issuing it to the calling `Flow.Subscriber`. It publishes items to the subscriber asynchronously, normally using an `Executor`. For example, here is a very simple publisher that only issues (when requested) a single TRUE item to a single subscriber. Because the subscriber receives only a single item, this class does not use buffering and ordering control required in most implementations (for example `SubmissionPublisher`).

See docs.oracle.com/javase/9/docs/api/java/util/concurrent/Flow.html

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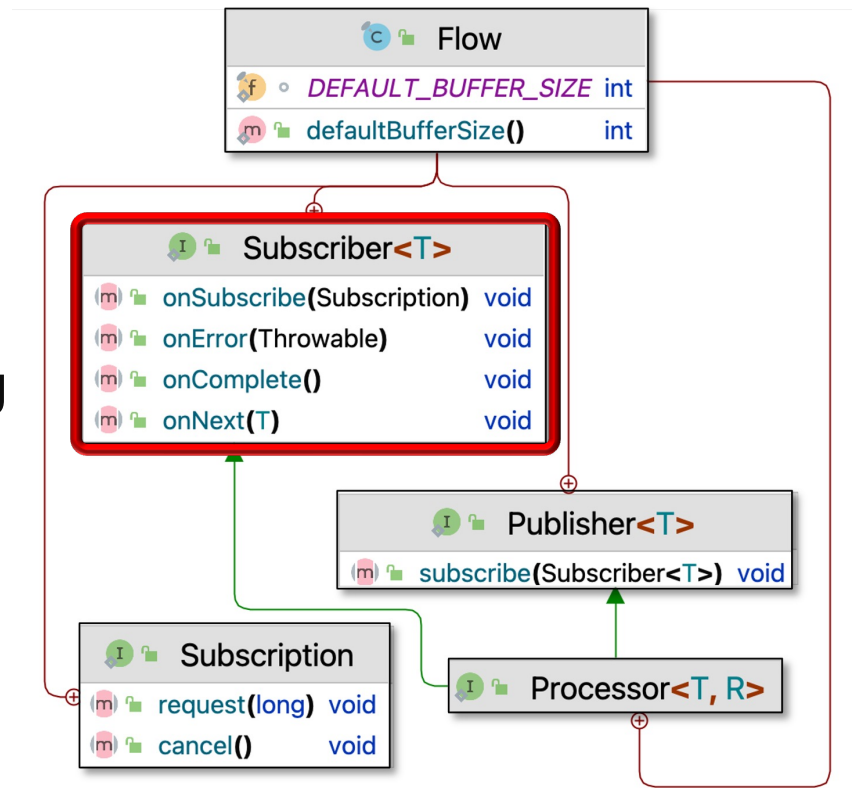
See www.reactive-streams.org

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- Subscriber**

- Defines methods that a data receiver must implement to get data from a Publisher
- These methods include handling subscription, error events, completion, & data arrival



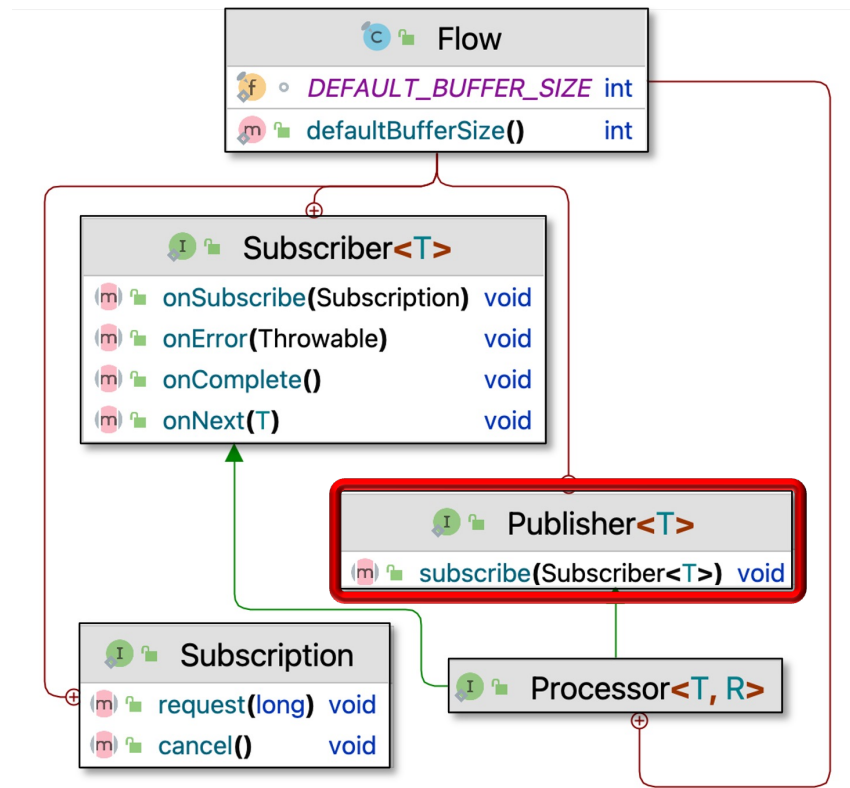
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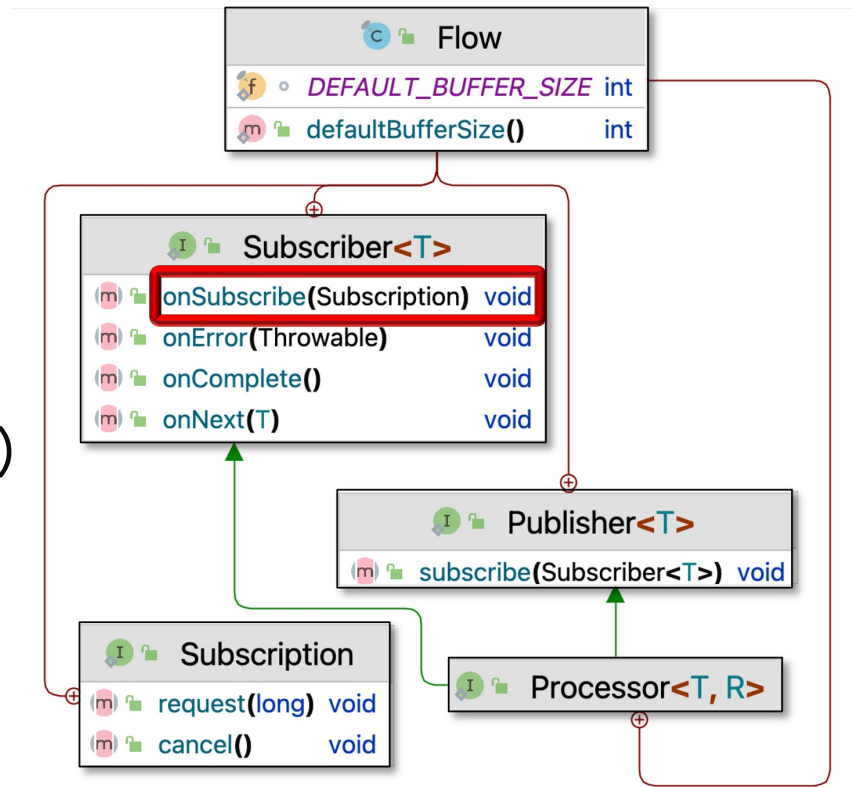
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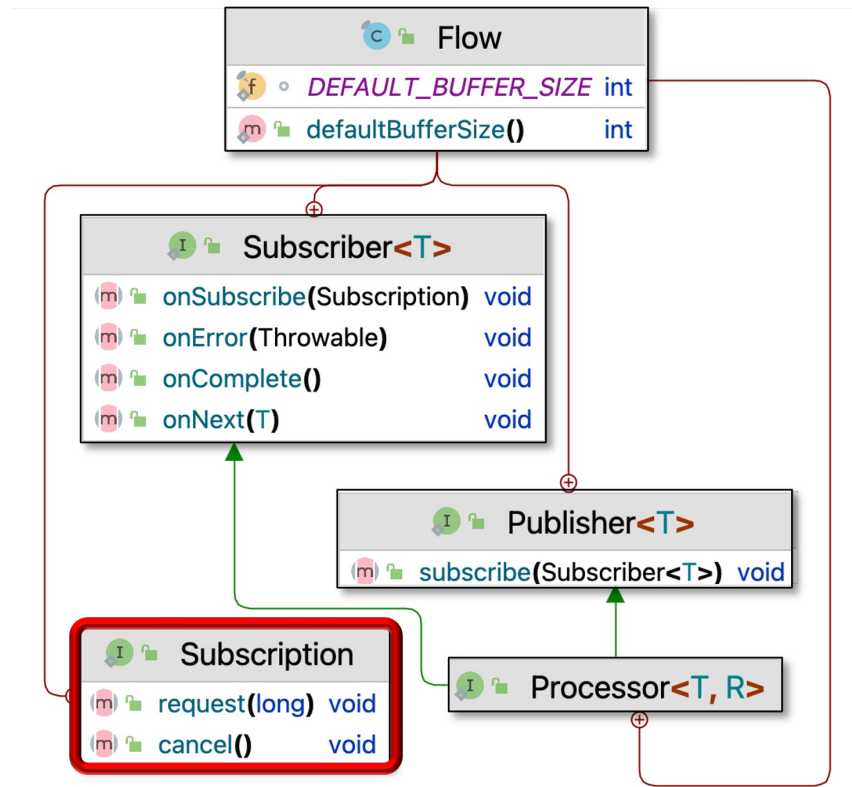


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- Subscription**

- A link between a Publisher & Subscriber
- It allows the Subscriber to control the flow of data from the Publisher by requesting more data or cancelling the subscription

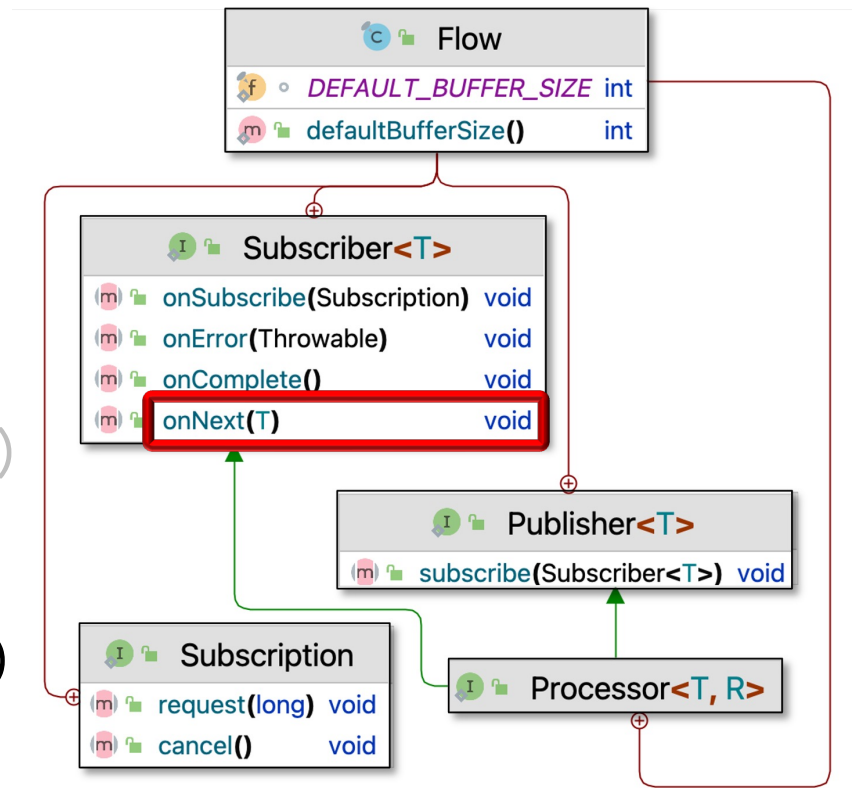


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 - The Publisher provides data by calling the Subscriber `onNext(T)` hook method

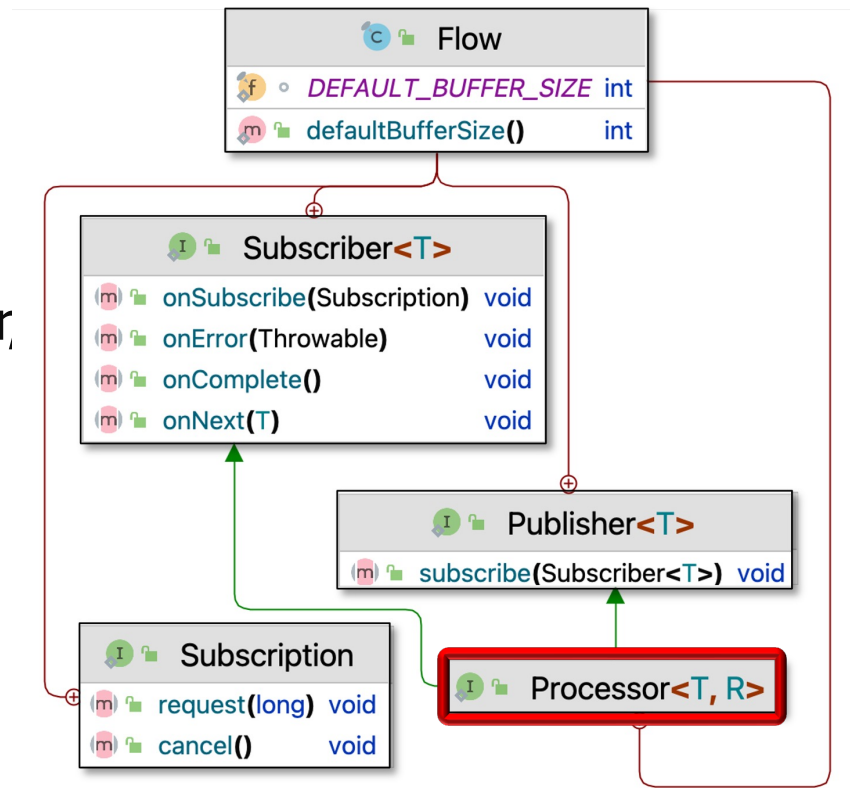


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- Processor**

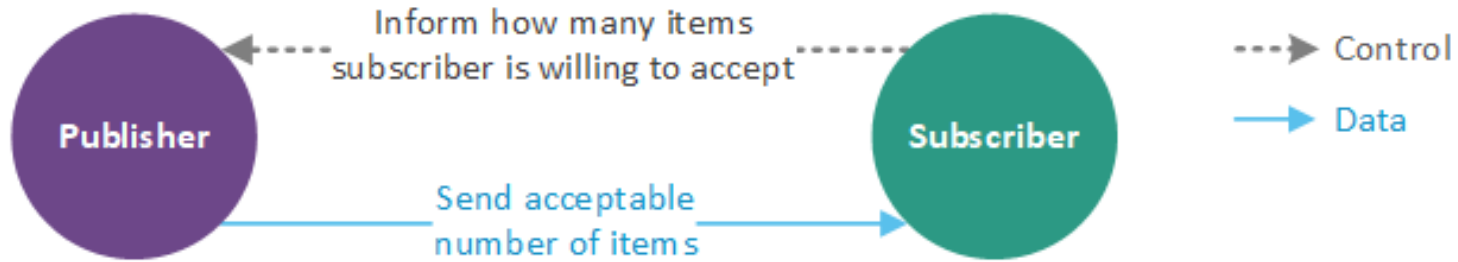
- Acts both as a Subscriber & Publisher
- It receives data from a Publisher, processes it, & publishes the results to its Subscribers



See docs.oracle.com/javase/java/util/concurrent/Flow.Processor.html

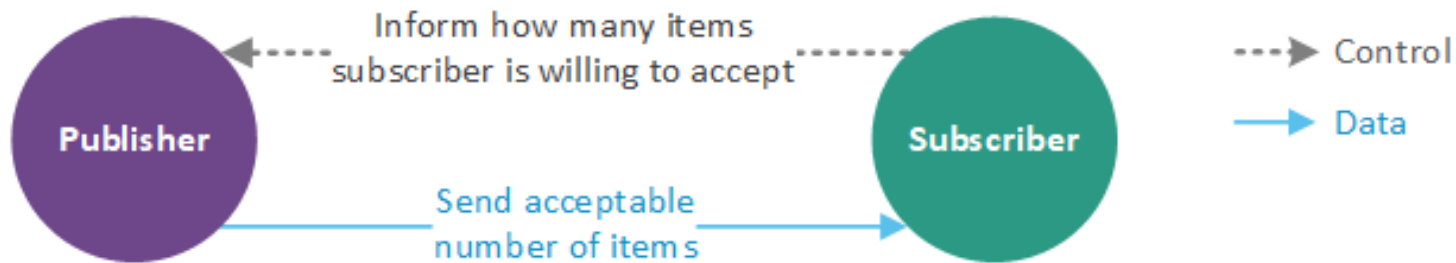
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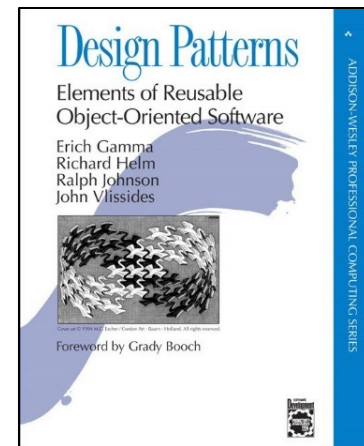


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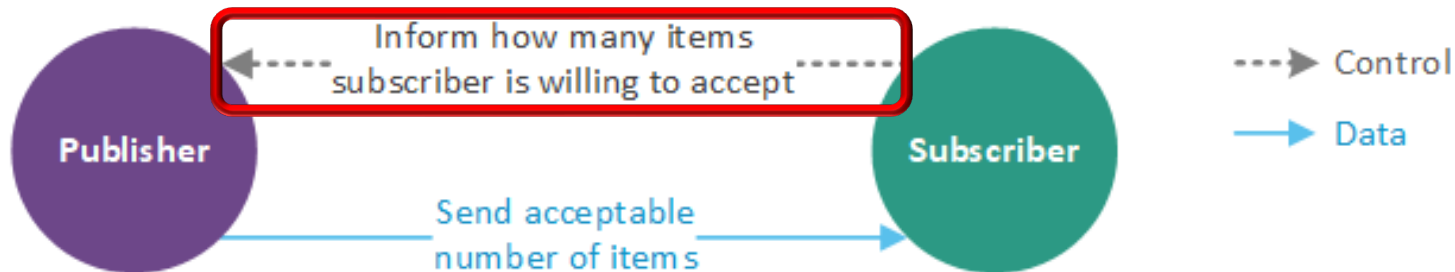
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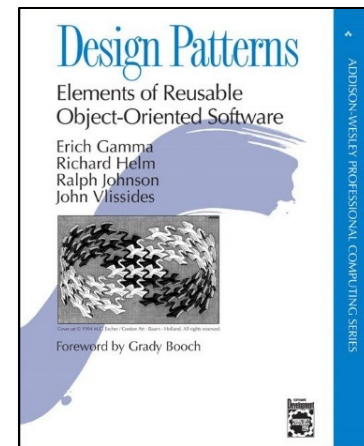
See www.journaldev.com/20723/java-9-reactive-streams

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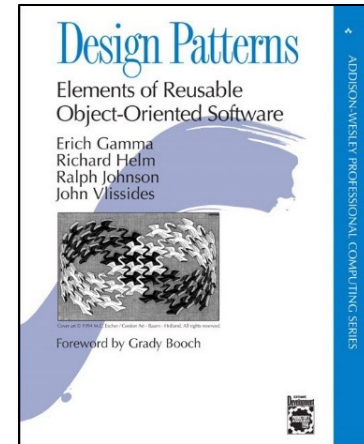
See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iterator_pattern

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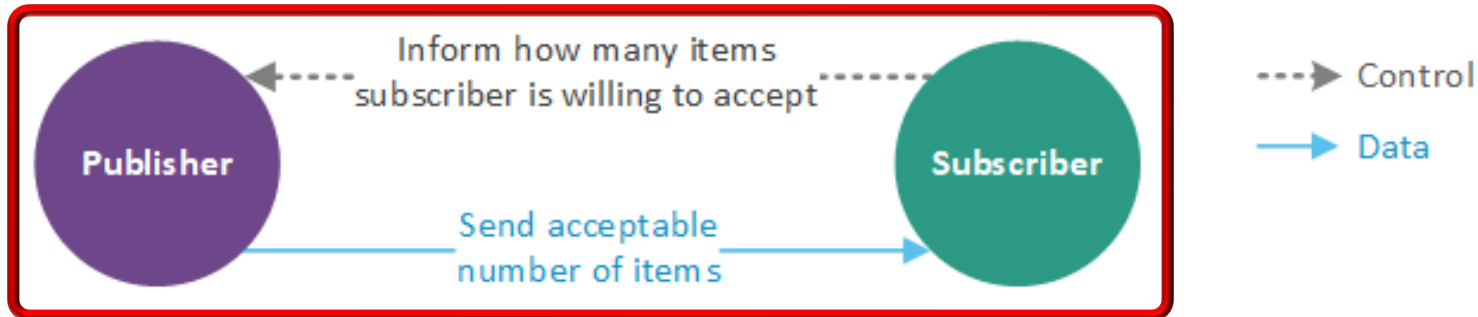
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 - Iterator*, which applies a “pull model” where app subscriber(s) pull items from a publisher source
 - Observer*, which applies a “push model” that reacts when a publisher source pushes an item to subscriber sink(s)



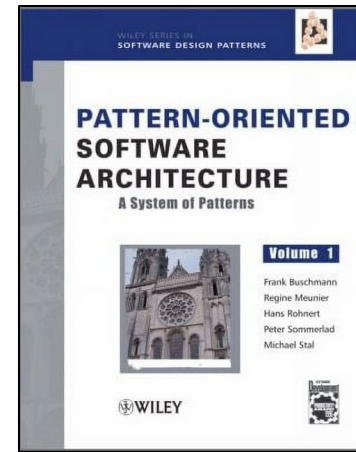
See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Observer_pattern

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- Combines two patterns
- Yields the Publisher/Subscriber pattern
 - Enable publisher(s) to announce events to interested subscriber(s) asynchronously, without tightly coupling publishers with subscribers



See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Publish-subscribe_pattern

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