

Singleton

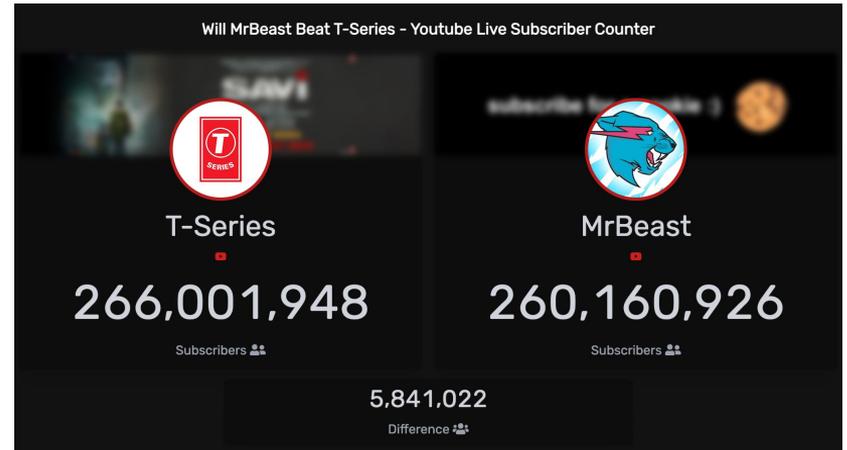
Creational patterns



Agenda

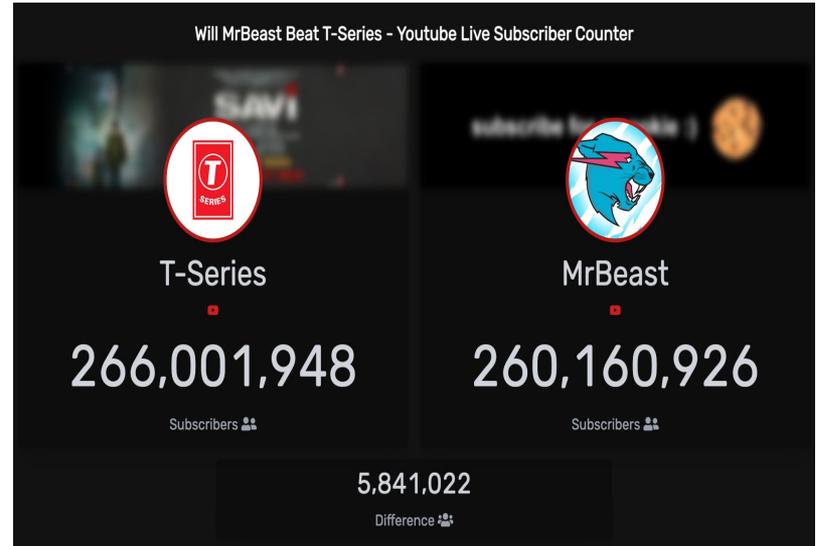
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Problem



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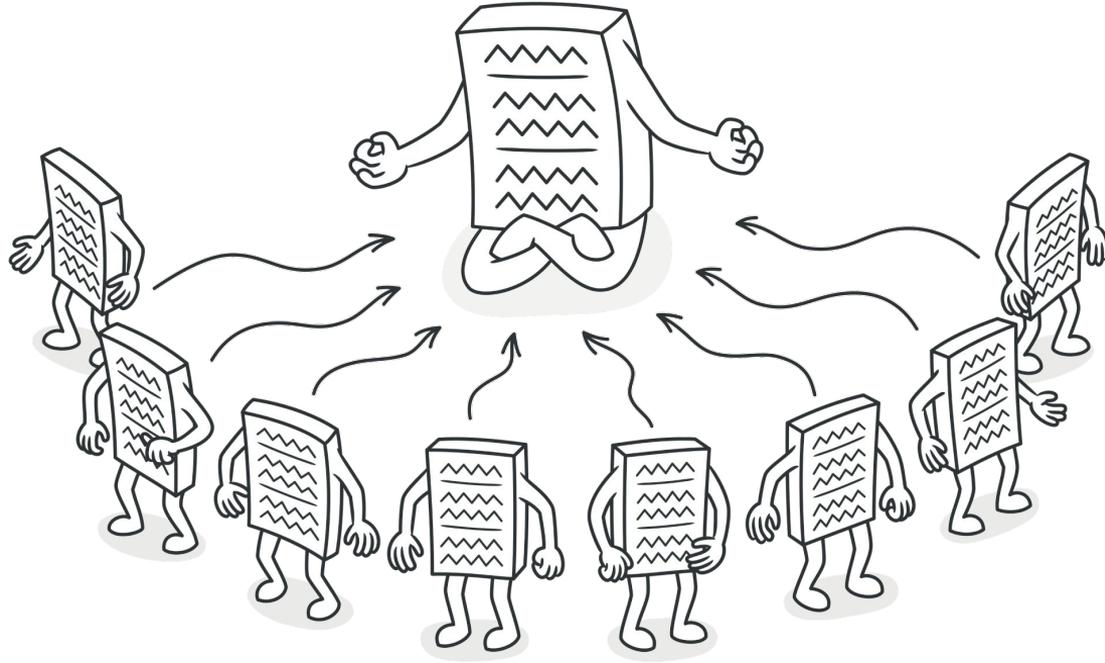
- Different counters are being used for different viewers
- Existing counter can be accidentally resetted when there is a new viewer



Characteristics

- 1 class/type - 1 instance
- Provide global access to that single instance
- Thread-safe instantiation

Applicability



Pros & Cons

- Manage one & only shared resource

- Violates Single Responsibility Principle
- Tightly coupled codebase
- Complex to debug and test

Pseudocode - Eager

```
var instance *counter = &counter{}  
  
func getCounter() *counter {  
    return instance  
}  
  
func (v *viewer) addView() {  
    lock.Lock()  
    defer lock.Unlock()  
    v.views++  
    v.seq = v.views  
}  
  
func (v *viewer) getViews() int {  
    return v.views  
}
```

Pseudocode - Lazy

```
var instance *counter

func getCounter() *counter {
    // instance has not been initialized
    if instance == nil {
        // lock to avoid multiple instances are created
        lock.Lock()
        defer lock.Unlock()

        // need to recheck because first check can be passed by multiple goroutines
        if instance == nil {
            instance = &counter{}
        }
    }

    // when instance has already been initialized -> return
    return instance
}
```

Thanks for listening!

