



Pseudocode for the  
Observable Class.

## Behind the Scenes



```
setChanged() {  
    changed = true  
}  
  
notifyObservers(Object arg) {  
    if (changed) {  
        for every observer on the list {  
            call update (this, arg)  
        }  
        changed = false  
    }  
}  
  
notifyObservers() {  
    notifyObservers(null)  
}
```

The setChanged() method sets a changed flag to true.

notifyObservers() only notifies its observers if the changed flag is TRUE.

And after it notifies the observers, it sets the changed flag back to false.