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WHO WE ARE

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About BellSoft

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BellSoft was founded in 2017 by Java and Linux experts with 15+ years of experience working in Sun/Oracle. Headquarters in San Jose, California.

Members of:

- JCP Executive Committee
- OpenJDK Vulnerability Group
- GraalVM Advisory Board
- Linux Foundation
- Cloud Native Computing Foundation



CLOUD NATIVE
COMPUTING FOUNDATION



GraalVM™

OpenJDK™

Our products

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Java



Liberica JDK

Liberica JDK is a 100% open-source vanilla Java 8, 11, 17 and 21 implementation.



Liberica
Native Image Kit

Liberica Native Image Kit JDK is a GraalVM based tool for creating performant native images.

Release schedule for all the products conforms to the LTS roadmap. All products are available for a large number of platforms.

Linux



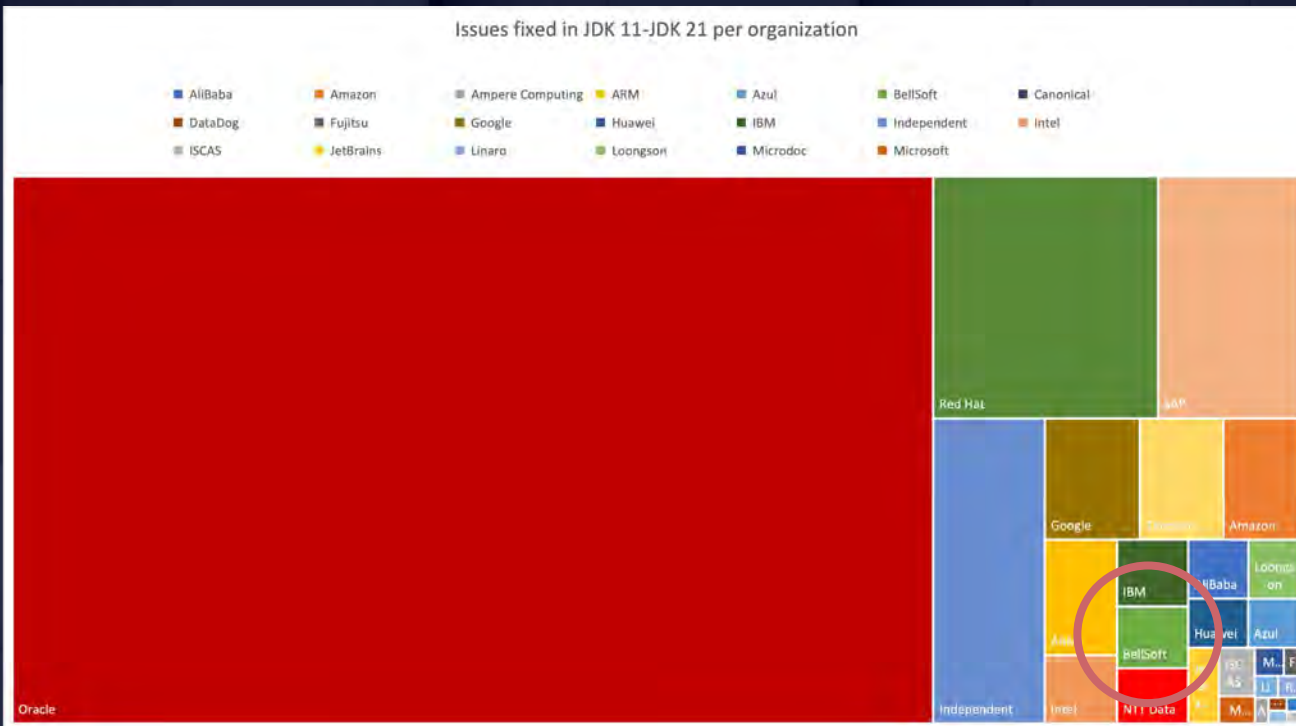
Alpaquita

Alpaquita Linux is 100% Alpine compatible, secure, and optimized for Java.

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BellSoft's contributions to OpenJDK

- Leading OpenJDK contributor
- JEP 315 (aarch64 optimization)
- JEP 386 (Alpine Linux port)
- Maintain the upstream Arm port
- Brought musl libc support to GraalVM





GraalVM Native Image

Standalone executable

- No OpenJDK runtime
- Closed world assumption
- Special treatment of dynamic features

Benefits

- Instant warmup
- Lower footprint
- High performance
- Great for the Cloud

OPTIMIZE APPLICATION?



TIME FOR PROFILING



THE APP



Spring Boot PetClinic

3.5.0-SNAPSHOT

Liberica NIK 24.0.1+11-24.2.1

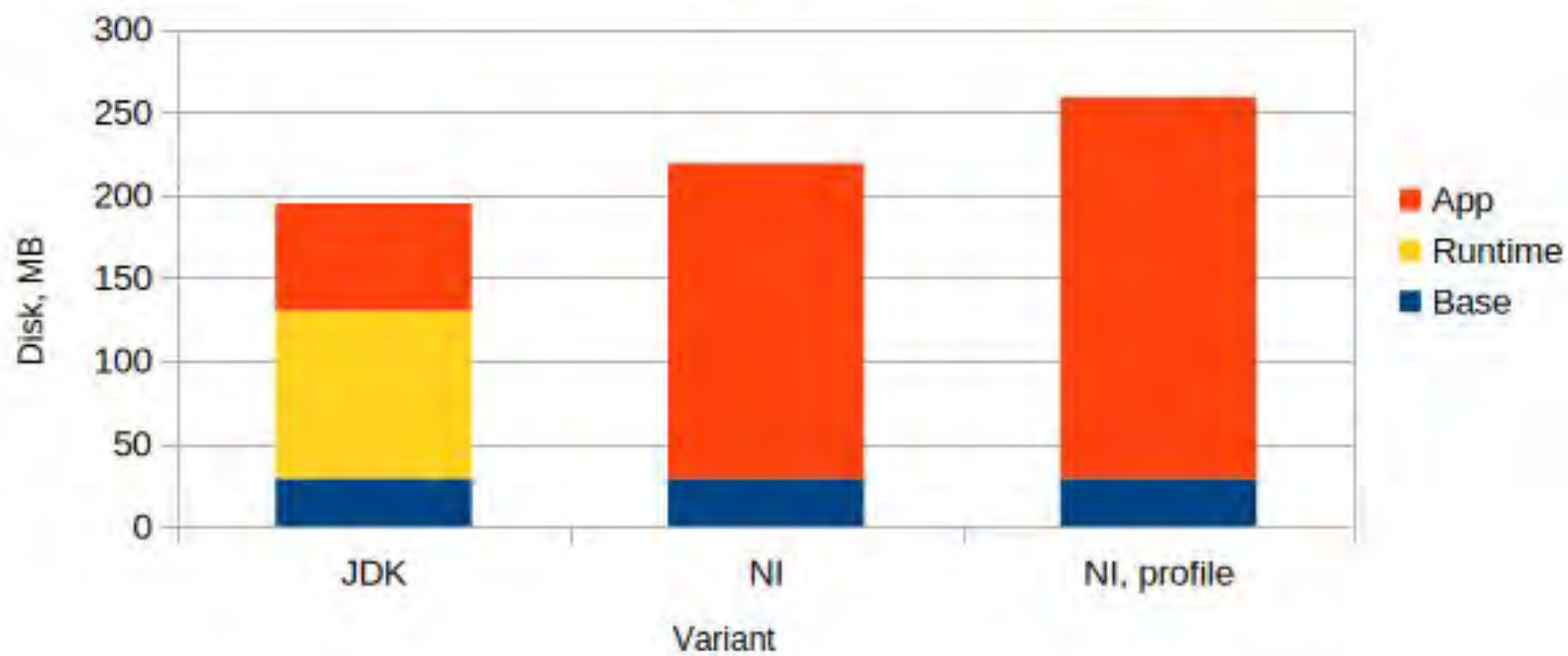
Liberica JDK 24.0.1

pom.xml /build/plugins

```
<plugin>
  <groupId>org.graalvm.buildtools</groupId>
  <artifactId>native-maven-plugin</artifactId>
  <configuration>
    <buildArgs>
      <buildArg>--enable-monitoring=all</buildArg>
      <buildArg>-H:+PreserveFramePointer</buildArg>
      <buildArg>-g</buildArg>
      <buildArg>-H:+SourceLevelDebug</buildArg>
      <buildArg>-H:-DeleteLocalSymbols</buildArg>
    </buildArgs>
  </configuration>
</plugin>
```

Container

glibc

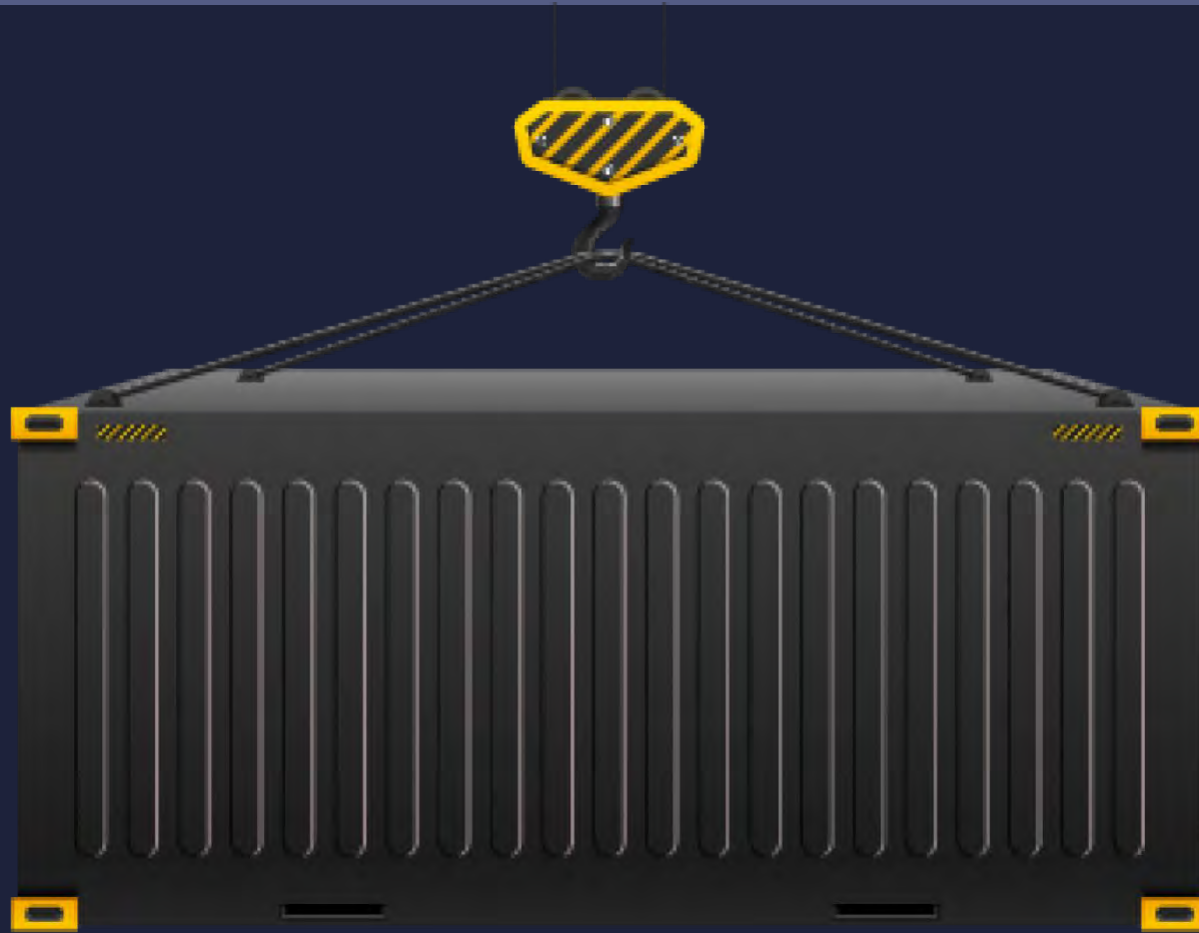


Tunings Parity

- XX:+UseSerialGC
- XX:MaxRAMPercentage=80
- XX:+UnlockDiagnosticVMOptions
- XX:+PreserveFramePointer
- XX:+DebugNonSafepoints
- XX:NativeMemoryTracking=summary
- XX:+PrintNMTStatistics

- XX:MaximumHeapSizePercent=80
- XX:+PrintNMTStatistics

4 CPUs 8GB (no swap)



Service Load

WRK2 + HdrHistogram

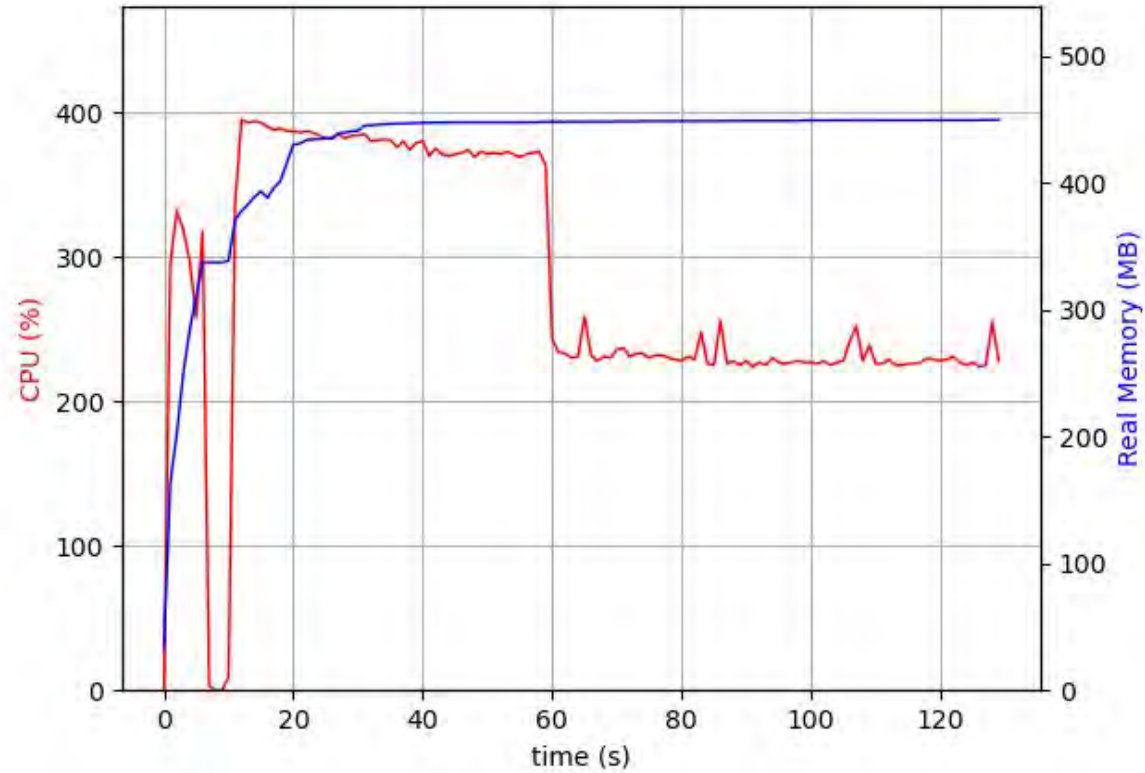
Fixed rate (500 RPS)

Query all default pet owners
– Low GC pressure

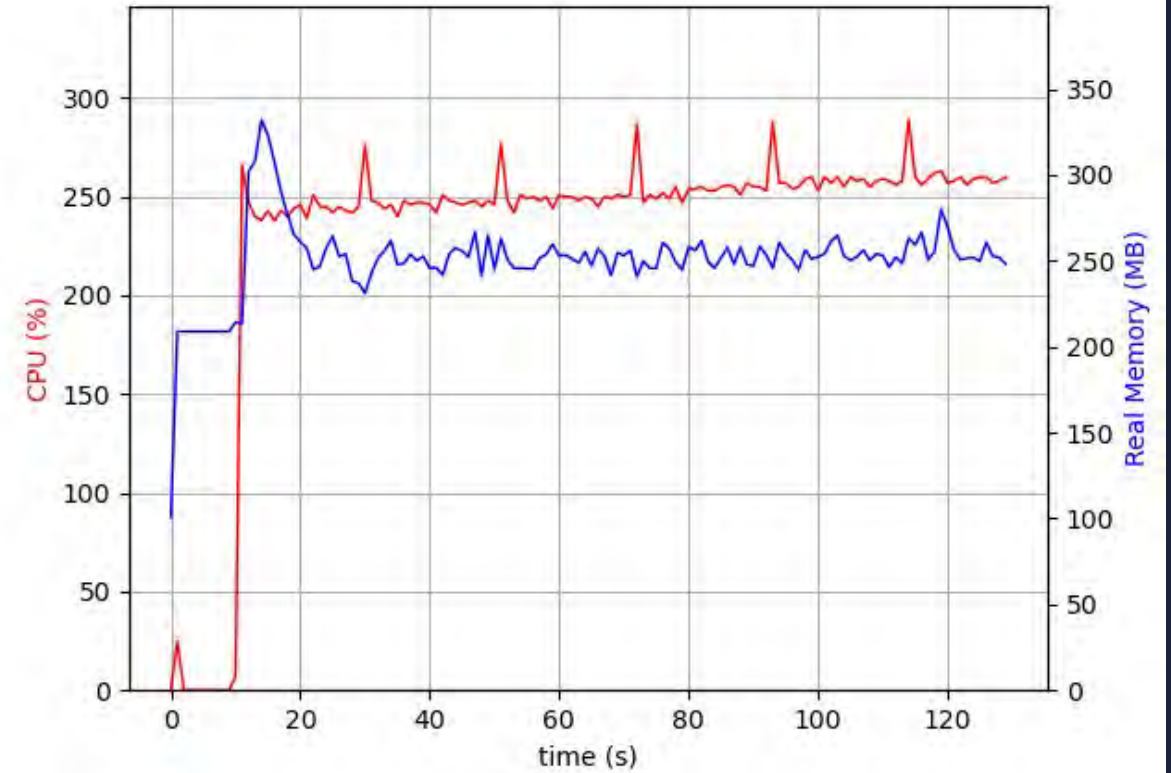
Warmup study

Latency measurement
2 wrk threads, 10 connections

Server VM

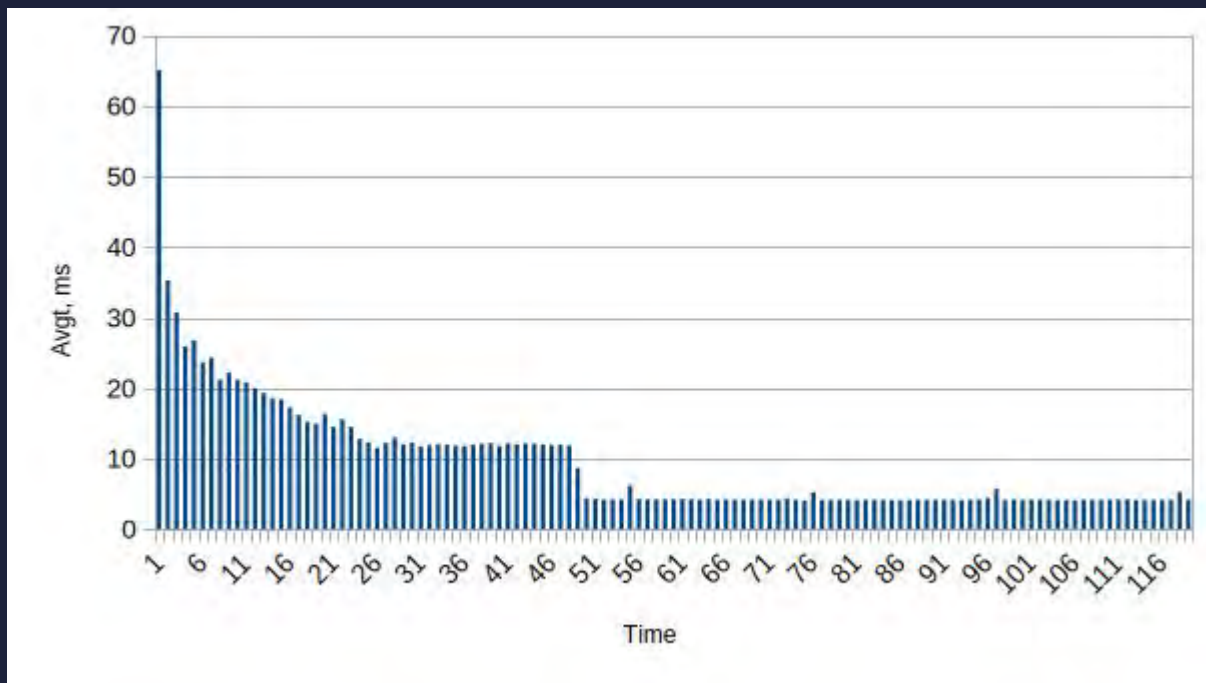


Native Image (release)



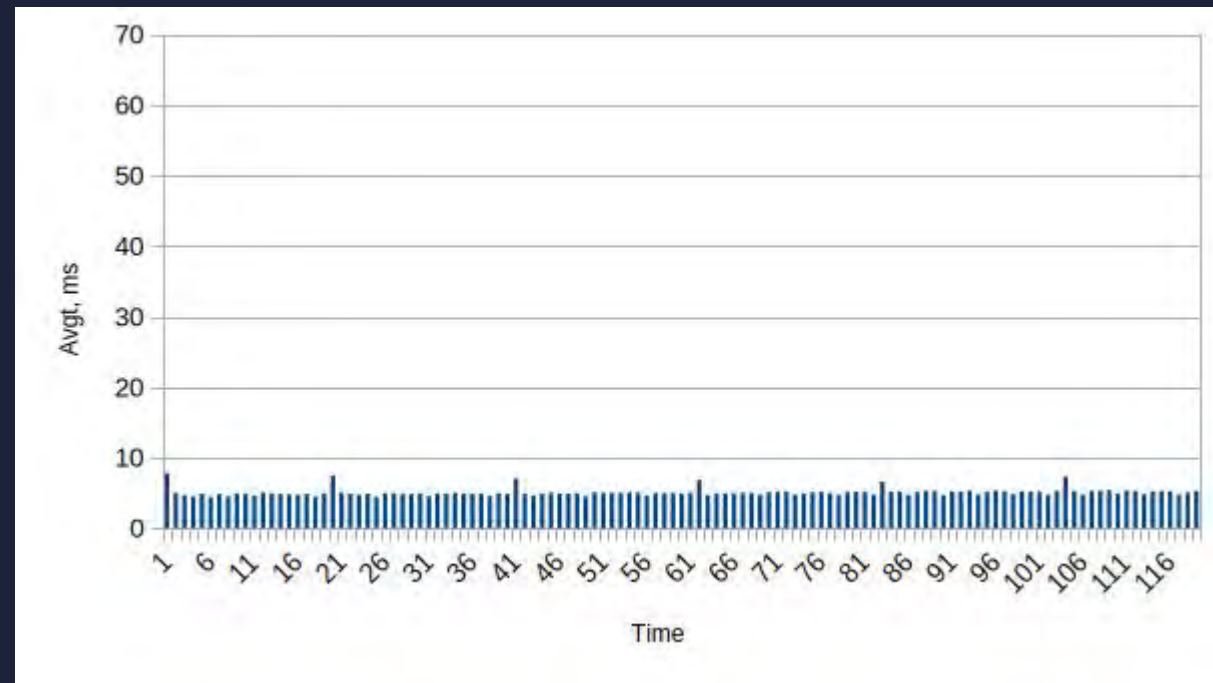
Run time. psrecord

Server VM



p99.9 (warm) 34.14ms

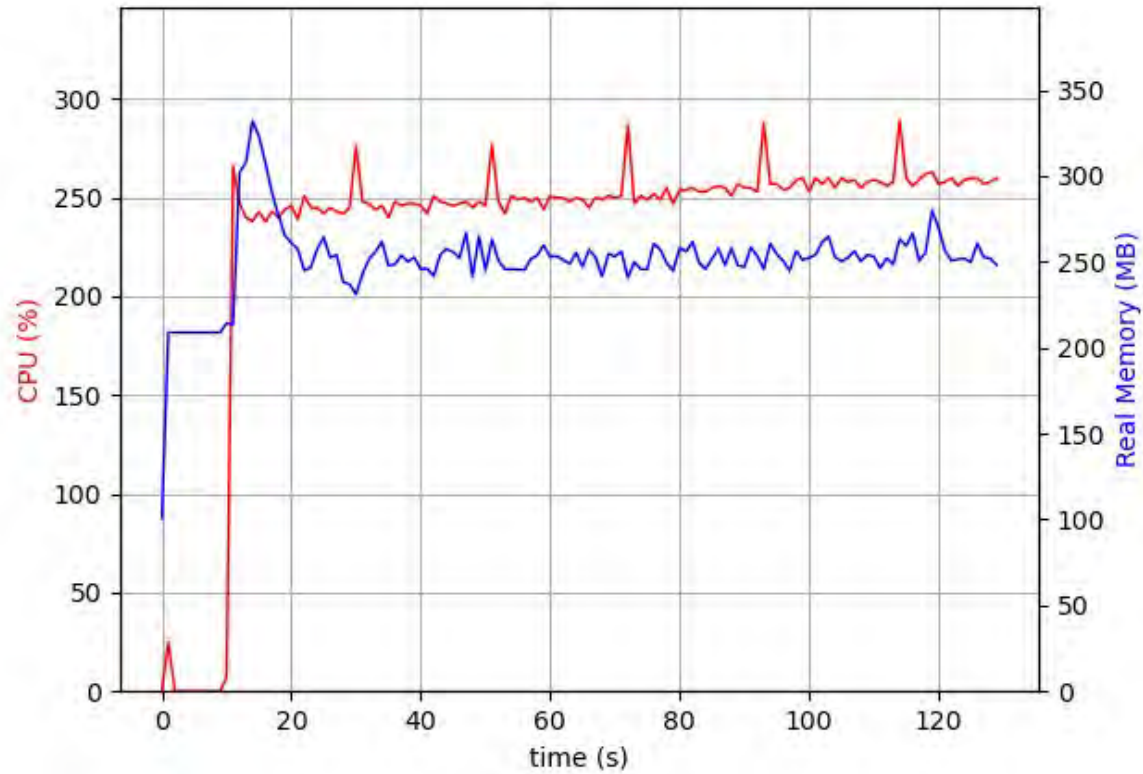
Native Image (release)



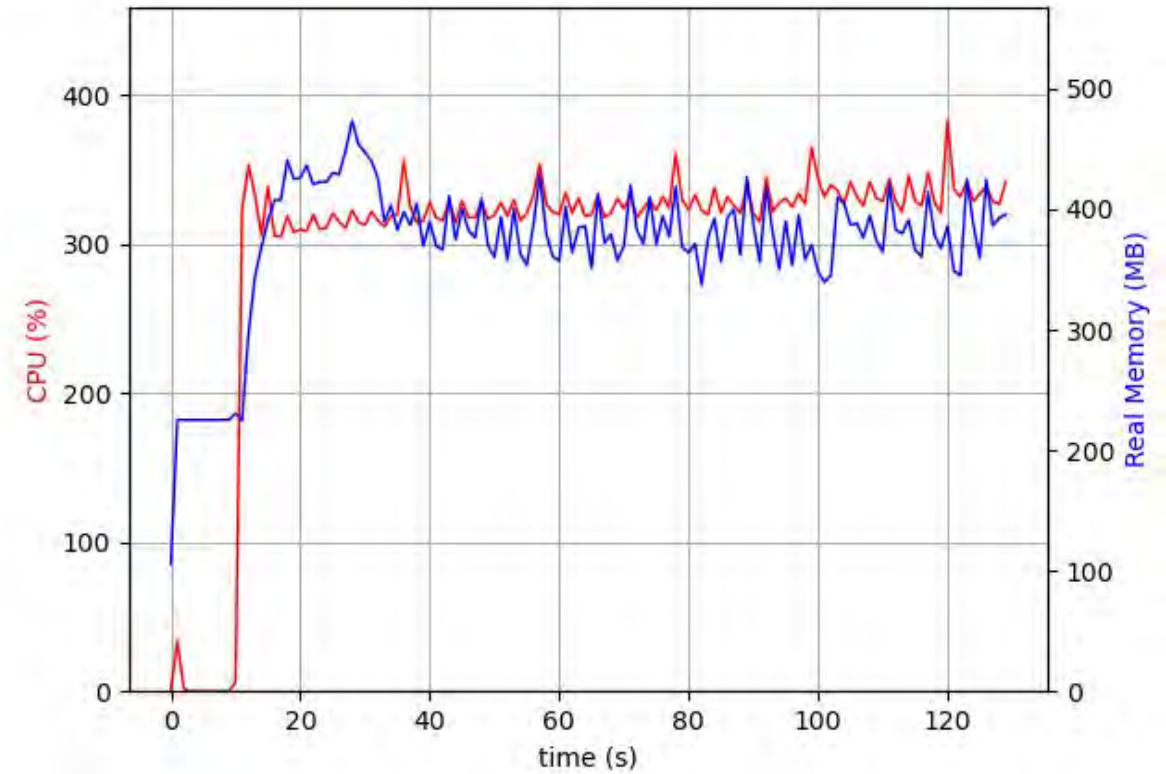
p99.9 48.38ms

Run time. access logs, hdr

Native Image (release)

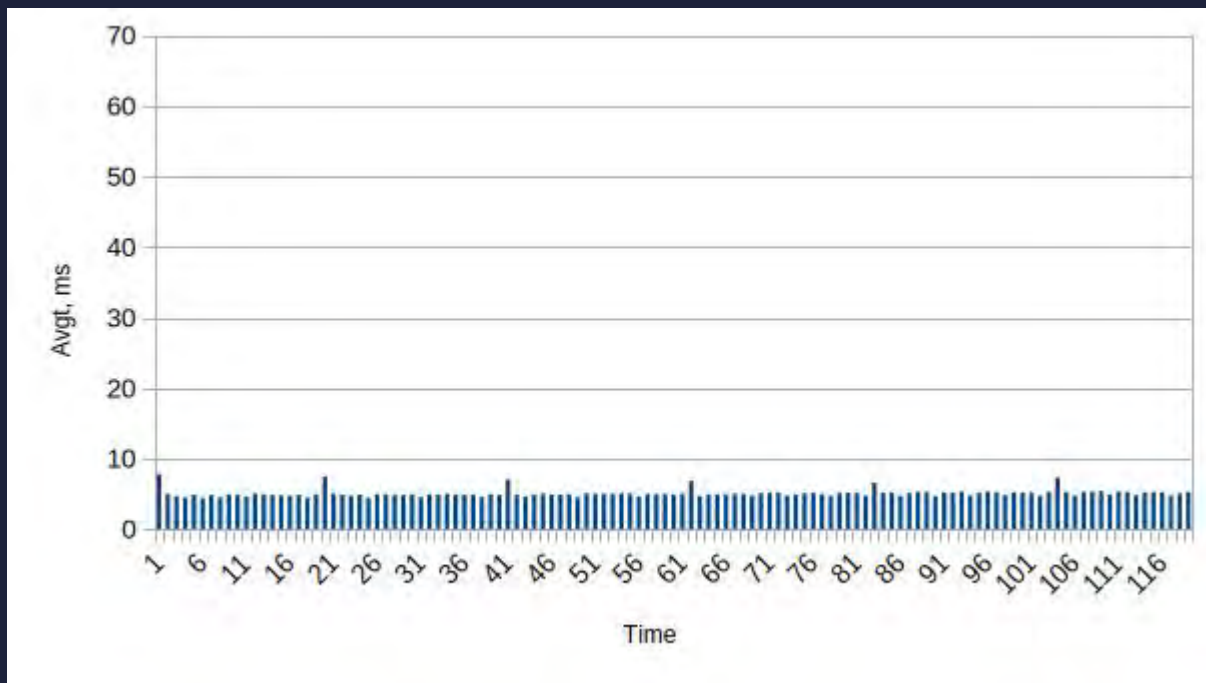


Native Image (full diagnostics)



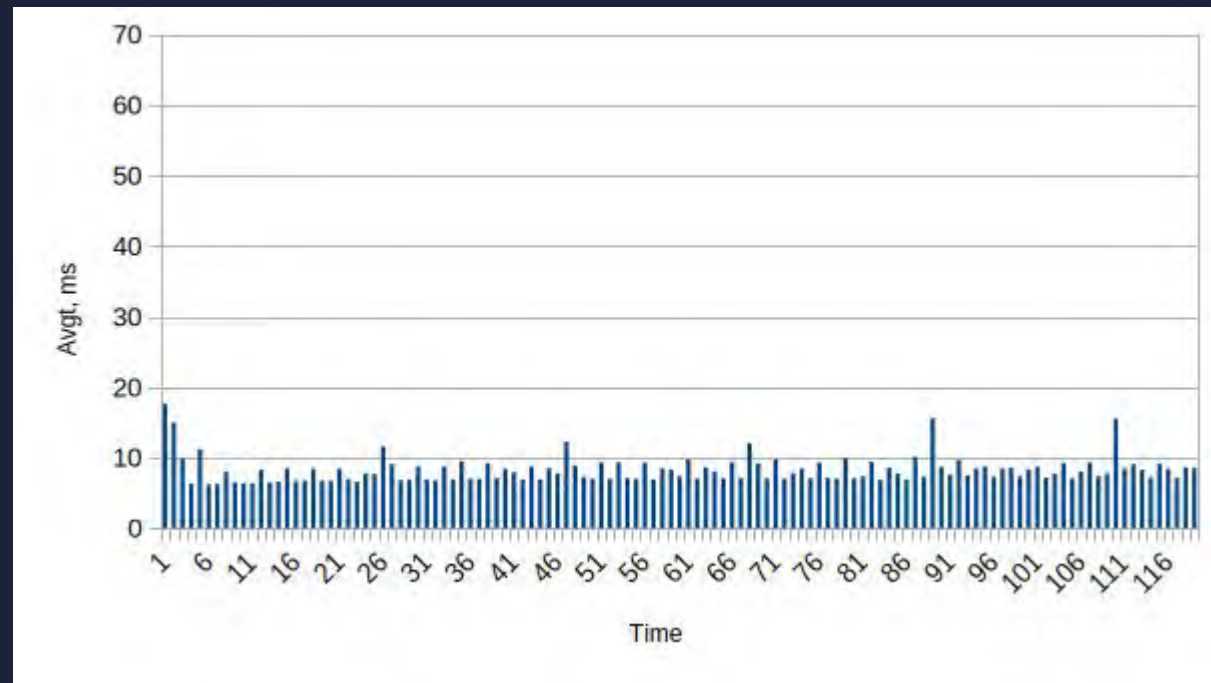
Run time. psrecord

Native Image (release)



p99.9 48.38ms

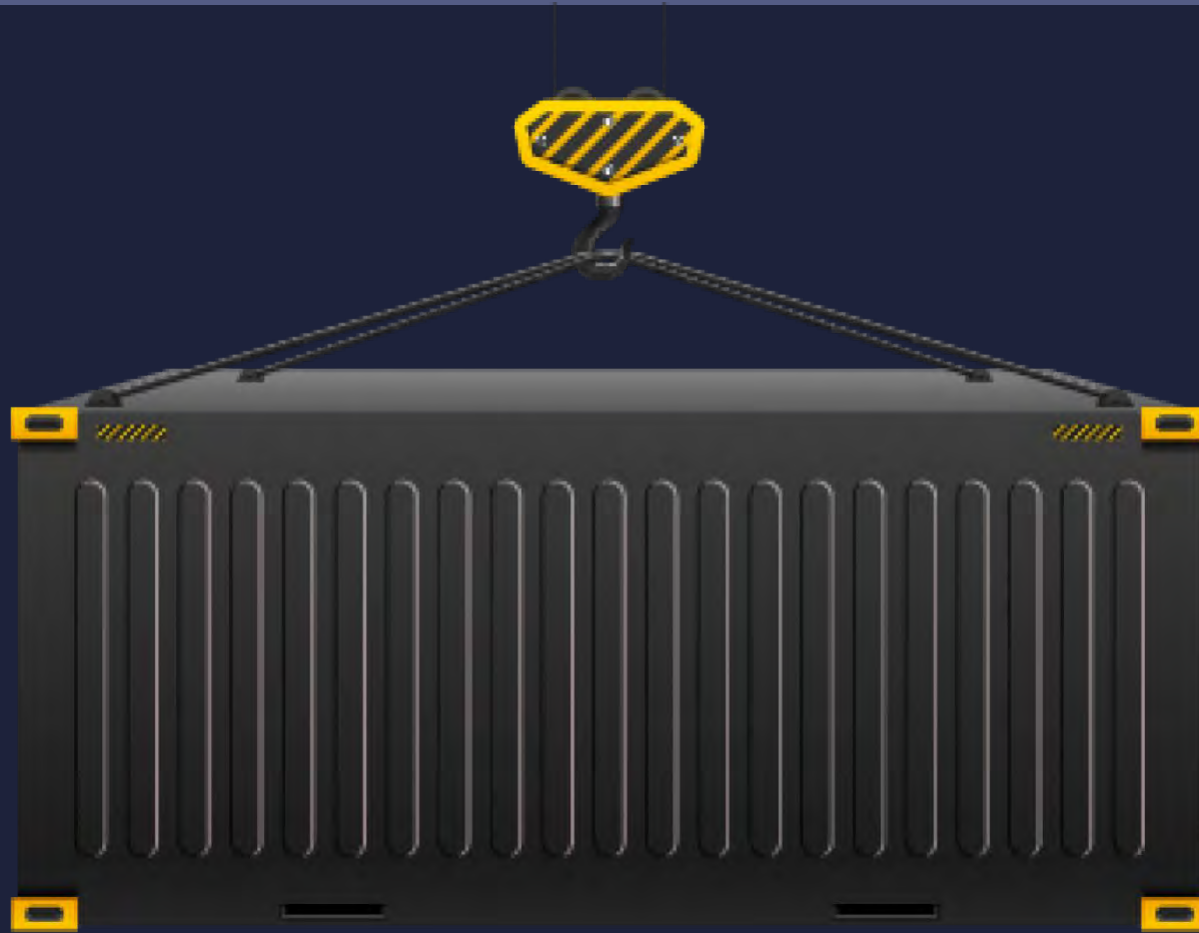
Native Image (full diagnostics)



p99.9 107.33ms

Run time. access logs, hdr

2 CPUs 1GB (no swap)



Service Load

WRK2 + HdrHistogram

Fixed rate (250 RPS)

Query all default pet owners
– Low GC pressure

Warmup study

Latency measurement
2 wrk threads, 10 connections

More Diagnostics in Containers

`-p 9010:9010`

- `-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.authenticate=false`
- `-Djava.rmi.server.hostname=localhost`
- `-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote`
- `-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.port=9010`
- `-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.rmi.port=9010`
- `-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.ssl=false`
- `-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.local.only=false`

The background image is a dark, atmospheric scene of a futuristic interior. It features a large, central, cylindrical column that rises from a circular platform. The ceiling is curved and has a complex, layered design. On the walls, there are several large, curved display screens showing various images, including what appears to be a cityscape and a landscape. The overall color palette is dark blue and black, with some highlights from the screens and ambient lighting.

VISUALVM

Some CLI First

```
$ jps  
587980 Jps
```

```
$ sudo jps  
587305 PetClinicApplication  
588017 Jps  
587172 spring-petclinic-3.5.0-SNAPSHOT.jar
```

Some CLI First

```
$ sudo jstat -gc <jvm|ni>
```

S0C	S1C	S0U	S1U	EC	EU	OC	OU	MC	MU	CCSC	CCSU	YGC	YGCT	FGC	FGCT	CGC	CGCT	GCT
7744.0	7744.0	0.0	76.5	62400.0	59372.0	155648.0	35573.5	104512.0	103858.8	11008.0	10741.6	2003	2.861	4	0.161	-	-	3.022

Stack Traces

```
sudo kill -3 <jvm>
```

```
Full thread dump OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (24.0.1+13 mixed mode):
```

```
Threads class SMR info:
```

```
_java_thread_list=0x00007746800027e0, length=28, elements={  
0x00007746e40e66a0, 0x00007746e40e7e80, 0x00007746e40f27e0,  
0x00007746e40ea300,
```

```
.....
```

```
    at java.lang.Thread.run(java.base@24.0.1/Thread.java:1447)
```

```
"VM Thread" os_prio=0 cpu=3111.86ms elapsed=2652.01s tid=0x00007746e40724d0  
nid=9 runnable
```

```
"VM Periodic Task Thread" os_prio=0 cpu=1414.07ms elapsed=2652.02s  
tid=0x00007746e4054c90 nid=8 waiting on condition
```

```
JNI global refs: 12, weak refs: 0
```

```
Heap
```

```
  DefNew      total 70144K, used 943K [0x00000000526a0000, 0x0000000052b61000,
```

Stack Traces

```
sudo kill -3 <ni>
```

Full thread dump:

```
"http-nio-8080-exec-13" #75 daemon thread=0x0000783960000b80 state=WAITING
....
   A   SP 0x0000783995efee60 IP 0x00000000000fb8a27 size=32
com.oracle.svm.core.thread.PlatformThreads.threadStartRoutine(PlatformThreads.
java:813)
   A   SP 0x0000783995efee80 IP 0x00000000000e0a604 size=96
com.oracle.svm.core.code.IsolateEnterStub.PlatformThreads_threadStartRoutine_Z
5jZ9wXZGDAvr0CL8KrT0A(IsolateEnterStub.java:0)
```

\$ sudo jcmd <host pid> help

```
Compiler.CodeHeap_Analytics
Compiler.codecache
Compiler.codelist
Compiler.directives_add
Compiler.directives_clear
Compiler.directives_print
Compiler.directives_remove
Compiler.memory
Compiler.perfmap
Compiler.queue
GC.class_histogram
GC.finalizer_info
GC.heap_dump
GC.heap_info
GC.run
GC.run_finalization
JFR.check
JFR.configure
JFR.dump
JFR.start
JFR.stop
JFR.view
JVMTI.agent_load
JVMTI.data_dump
ManagementAgent.start
ManagementAgent.start_local
ManagementAgent.status
ManagementAgent.stop
System.dump_map
System.map
System.native_heap_info
System.trim_native_heap
Thread.dump_to_file
Thread.print
Thread.vthread_pollers
Thread.vthread_scheduler
VM.cds
VM.class_hierarchy
VM.classes
VM.classloader_stats
VM.classloaders
VM.command_line
VM.dynlibs
VM.events
VM.flags
VM.info
VM.log
VM.metaspace
VM.native_memory
VM.set_flag
VM.stringtable
VM.symboltable
VM.system_properties
VM.systemdictionary
VM.uptime
VM.version
help
```

```
GC.heap_dump
GC.run
JFR.start
JFR.stop
JFR.check
JFR.dump
Thread.dump_to_file
Thread.print
VM.command_line
VM.native_memory
VM.system_properties
VM.uptime
VM.version
help
```

Applications x

Local

VisualVM

org.springframework.samples.petclinic.PetCli

spring-petclinic-3.5.0-SNAPSHOT.jar (pid 1)

spring-petclinic-3.5.0-SNAPSHOT.jar (pid 5980)

localhost:9012 (pid 1)

Remote

VM Coredumps

JFR Snapshots

Snapshots

Start Page x spring-petclinic-3.5.0-SNAPSHOT.jar (pid 1) x localhost:9012 (pid 1) x

Overview Monitor Threads Sampler

spring-petclinic-3.5.0-SNAPSHOT.jar (pid 1)

Sampler

Settings

Sample: CPU Memory Stop

Status: sampling inactive

CPU samples Thread CPU time

Results: Statistics: Threads Count:36 Total Time (CPU):168,217 ms

Thread Dump

Name	Thread Time (CPU)	Thread Time (CPU) / sec
http-nio-8080-exec-8	13,493 ms (8%)	94.9 ms (9.5%)
http-nio-8080-exec-4	13,410 ms (8%)	105 ms (10.6%)
http-nio-8080-exec-9	13,391 ms (8%)	93.9 ms (9.4%)
http-nio-8080-exec-10	13,360 ms (7.9%)	111 ms (11.2%)
http-nio-8080-exec-1	13,343 ms (7.9%)	109 ms (11%)
http-nio-8080-exec-5	13,328 ms (7.9%)	104 ms (10.4%)
http-nio-8080-exec-11	13,202 ms (7.8%)	76.3 ms (7.6%)
http-nio-8080-exec-3	13,195 ms (7.8%)	83.1 ms (8.3%)
http-nio-8080-exec-2	13,016 ms (7.7%)	88.9 ms (8.9%)
http-nio-8080-exec-7	13,012 ms (7.7%)	87.7 ms (8.8%)
http-nio-8080-exec-12	12,936 ms (7.7%)	105 ms (10.5%)
http-nio-8080-exec-6	12,880 ms (7.7%)	95.7 ms (9.6%)
DestroyJavaVM	5,247 ms (3.1%)	0.0 ms (0%)
RMI TCP Connection(12)-172.17.0.1	1,942 ms (1.2%)	34.3 ms (3.4%)
http-nio-8080-Poller	1,111 ms (0.7%)	7.65 ms (0.8%)
RMI TCP Connection(13)-172.17.0.1	486 ms (0.3%)	0.0 ms (0%)
Notification Thread	270 ms (0.2%)	2.9 ms (0.2%)



Applications ×

Local

VisualVM

org.springframework.samples.petclinic.PetClinic

spring-petclinic-3.5.0-SNAPSHOT.jar (pid 1)

spring-petclinic-3.5.0-SNAPSHOT.jar (pid 5980)

localhost:9012 (pid 1)

Remote

VM CoreDumps

JFR Snapshots

Snapshots

Start Page × spring-petclinic-3.5.0-SNAPSHOT.jar (pid 1) × localhost:9012 (pid 1) ×

Overview Monitor Threads

localhost:9012 (pid 1)

Monitor

Uptime: 23 min 16 sec

☒ CPU ☒ Memory ☒ Classes ☒ Threads

Perform GC Heap Dump

CPU

CPU usage: 98.2%

GC activity: 1.1%



Heap N/A

Size: 262,275,112 B

Used: 50,987,048 B

Max: 12,236,357,632 B



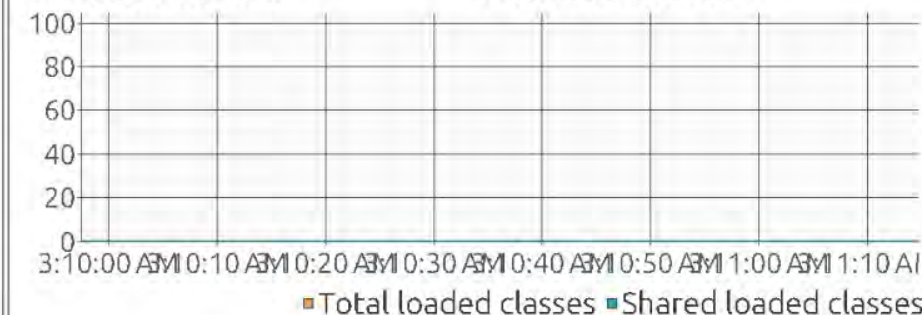
Classes

Total loaded: 0

Shared loaded: 0

Total unloaded: 0

Shared unloaded: 0



Threads

Live: 28

Daemon: 24

Live peak: 30

Total started: 42





JFR

JFR

```
$ sudo jcmd <host pid> JFR.start \  
    filename=/target/jdk.jfr settings=profile duration=30s
```

Server VM



Native Image (full diagnostics)



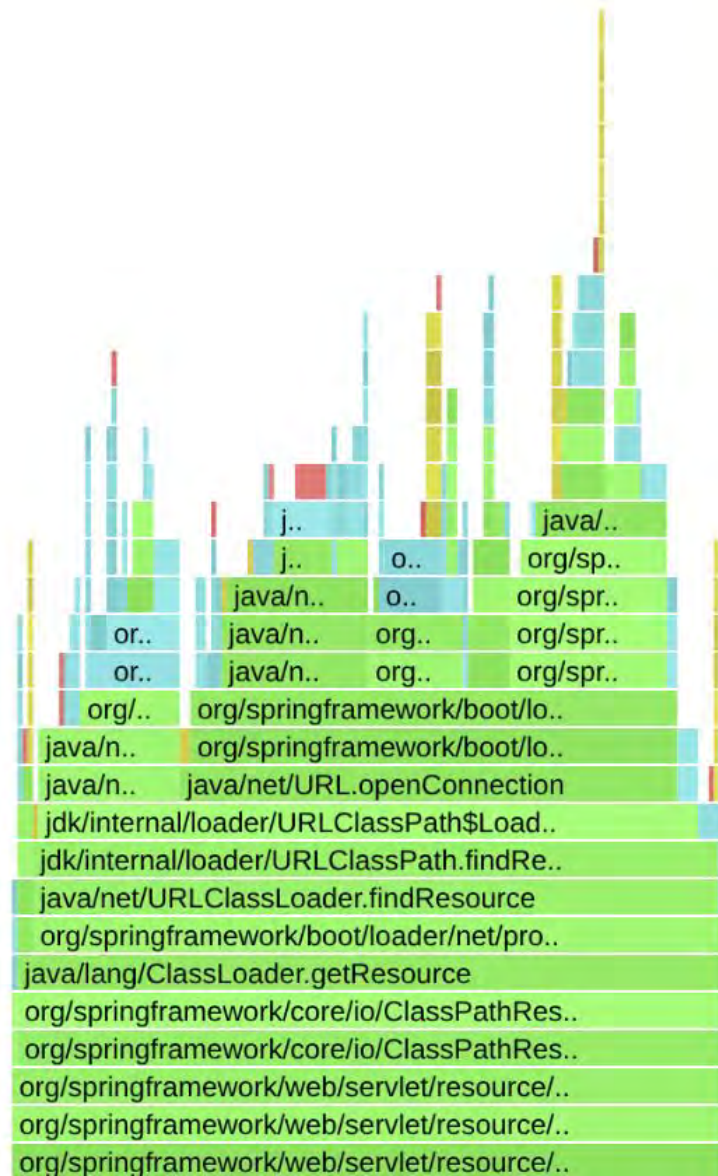
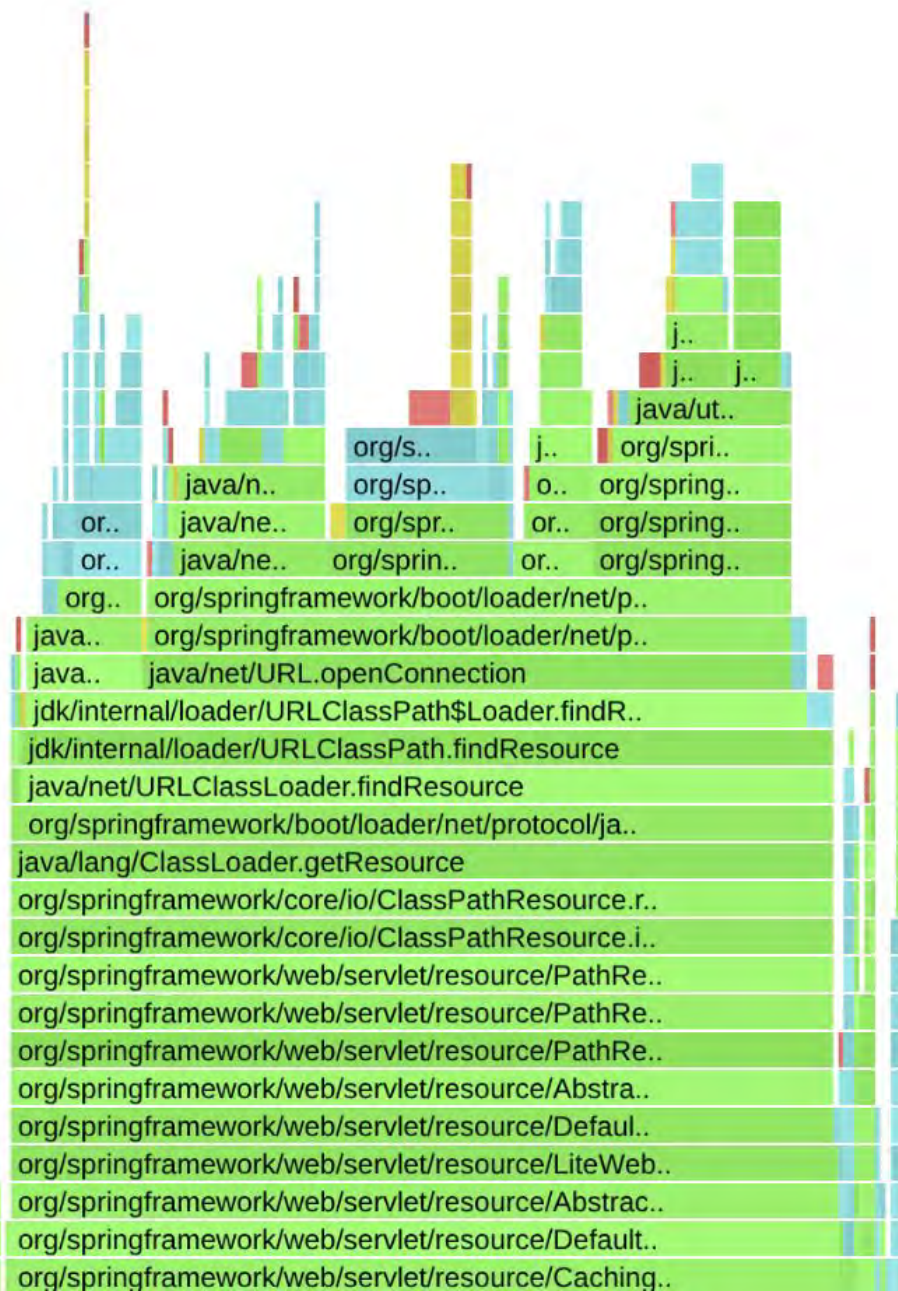
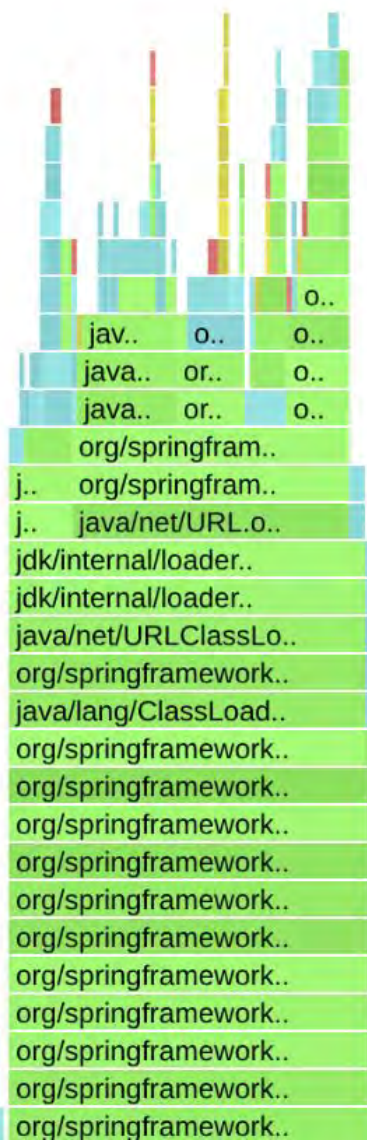
The background image is a dark, futuristic interior, likely a control room or a high-tech facility. It features a large, central, cylindrical column that rises from a circular platform. The ceiling is curved and has a complex, layered design. On the sides, there are several large, curved display screens showing various data and images. The overall color scheme is dark blue and black, with some highlights from the screens and ambient lighting.

NATIVE TOOLS

async-profiler – JDK only

```
$ sudo async-profiler-4.0-linux-x64/bin/asprof \  
  --libpath /target/async-profiler-4.0-linux-x64/lib/libasyncProfiler.so \  
  -d 30 \  
  -e wall \  
  -f /target/async-jdk-wall.html <host pid>
```

[illegible]



Linux perf etc.

<https://github.com/flamegraph-rs/flamegraph>

```
$ sudo flamegraph -o stack-trace.svg -c "record -F 99 -g" --pid <host pid>
```

perf-map agent
is needed
for JVM

But not for
native image

[illegible]

..ptor::invoke	..sion.SimpleExpression::executeSimple	void org.thymeleaf.engine.Model::process	..r::do
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..ptor::invoke	void org.thymeleaf.engine.Model::process	boolean org.thymeleaf.engine.GatheringModelProcessable::process	
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..cessFindForm	void org.thymeleaf.engine.OpenElementTag::beHandled		
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..vokeHandlerMethod	void org.thymeleaf.spring6.view.ThymeleafView::render		
..r::handleInternal	void org.springframework.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet::render		
..odAdapter::handle	void org.springframework.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet::processDispatchResult		
	void org.springframework.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet::doDispatch		
	void org.springframework.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet::doService		
	void org.springframework.web.servlet.FrameworkServlet::processRequest		
	void jakarta.servlet.http.HttpServlet::service		
	void org.springframework.web.servlet.FrameworkServlet::service		
	void jakarta.servlet.http.HttpServlet::service		
	void org.apache.catalina.core.ApplicationFilterChain::internalDoFilter		
	void org.apache.tomcat.websocket.server.WsFilter::doFilter		
	void org.apache.catalina.core.ApplicationFilterChain::internalDoFilter		
	void org.springframework.web.servlet.resource.ResourceUrlEncodingFilter::doFilter		
	void org.apache.catalina.core.ApplicationFilterChain::internalDoFilter		
	void org.springframework.web.filter.RequestContextFilter::doFilterInternal		
	void org.springframework.web.filter.OncePerRequestFilter::doFilter		
	void org.apache.catalina.core.ApplicationFilterChain::internalDoFilter		
	void org.springframework.web.filter.FormContentFilter::doFilterInternal		

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Conclusions

Try at home

- Refer the documentation at graalvm.org
- Profiling theory & practice
- Platform tools may need baking target
- Java tools may need that too
- Java tools may work differently
- There are many limitations



Thank you for your
attention!



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A large, modern conference room with a curved wooden table, blue chairs, and a large glass dome ceiling. The room is dimly lit, with light coming from the glass panels and some ambient lighting. The text "be//soft" is overlaid in the upper center.

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Q & A