Jaws Tutorial

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1 Introduction

Jaws is a library written in OCaml, relying on the Javalib to provide a high level representation of Java byte-code programs. Whereas Javalib is dedicated to class per class loading, Jaws introduces a notion of program thanks to control flow algorithms. For instance, a program can be loaded using various algorithms like Class Reachability Analysis (a variant of CHA algorithm) or Rapid Type Analysis (RTA). For now, RTA is the best compromise between loading time and precision of the call graph. A version of XTA is coming soon.

In Jaws, classes and interfaces are represented by interconnected nodes belonging to a common hierarchy. For example, given a class node, it's easy to access its super class, its implemented interfaces or its children classes. The next chapters will give more information about the nodes and program data structures.

Moreover, Jaws provides some stack-less intermediate representations of code, called JBir and A3Bir. Such representations open the way to many analyses which can be built upon them more naturally, better than with the byte-code representation (e.g. Live Variable Analysis). The transformation algorithm, common to these representations, has been formalized and proved¹.

Jaws also provides functions to map a program using a particular code representation to another.

2 Global architecture

In this section, we present the different modules of *Jaws* and how they interact together. While reading the next sections, we recommend you to have a look at *Jaws* API at the same time.

2.1 JProgram module

This module defines:

- the types representing the class hierarchy.
- the program structure.
- some functions to access classes, methods and fields (similar to *Javalib* functions).
- some functions to browse the class hierarchy.
- a large set of program manipulations.

¹D. Demange, T. Jensen and D. Pichardie. *A Provably Correct Stackless Intermediate Representation For Java Bytecode*. Research Report 7021, INRIA, 2009. See http://irisa.fr/celtique/ext/bir/

Classes and interfaces are represented by **class_node** and **interface_node** record types, respectively. These types are parametrized by the code representation type, like in *Javalib*. These types are private and cannot be modified by the user. The only way to create them is to use the functions **make_class_node** and **make_interface_node** with consistent arguments. In practice, you will never need to build them because the class hierarchy is automatically generated when loading a program. You only need a read access to these record fields.

The program structure contains:

- a map of all the classes referenced in the loaded program. These classes are linked together through the node structure.
- a map of parsed methods. This map depends on the algorithm used to load the program (CRA, RTA, ...).
- a static lookup method. Given the calling class name, the calling method signature, the invoke kind (virtual, static, ...), the invoked class name and method signature, it returns a set of potential couples of (class_name, method_signature) that may be called.

2.2 JCRA, JRTA and JRRTA modules

Each of these modules implements a function **parse_program** (the signature varies) which returns a program parametrized by the **Javalib.jcode** representation.

In *RTA*, the function **parse_program** takes at least, as parameters, a classpath and a program entry point. The **default_entrypoints** value represents the methods that are always called by *Sun JVM* before any program is launched.

In *CRA*, the function **parse_program** takes at least, as parameters, a classpath and a list of classes acting as entry points. The **default_classes** value represents the classes that are always loaded by *Sun JVM*.

JRRTA is a refinement of RTA. It first calls RTA and then prunes the call graph.

2.3 JNativeStubs module

This module allows to define stubs for native methods, containing information about native method calls and native object allocations. Stubs can be stored in files, loaded and merged. The format to describe stubs looks like:

JRTA admits a stub file as optional argument to handle native *methods.

2.4 JControlFlow module

JControlFlow provides many functions related to class, field an method resolution. Static lookup functions for invokevirtual, invokeinterface, invokestatic and invokespecial are also present.

This module also contains an internal module **PP** which allows to navigate through the control flow graph of a program.

2.5 JBir and A3Bir modules

These modules both declare a type \mathbf{t} defining an intermediate code representation. Both representations are stack-less. A3Bir looks like a three-address code representation whereas expressions in JBir can have arbitrary depths.

Each module defines a function **transform** which takes as parameters a concrete method and its associated **JCode.code**, and returns a representation of type **t**. This function coupled with **JProgram.map_program2** can be used to transform a whole program loaded with *RTA* algorithm for example.

2.6 JPrintHtml module

This module provides a main function <code>pp_print_program_to_html_files</code> to dump a program into a set of <code>.html</code> files (one per class) related together by the control flow graph. This function takes as parameters the program, the name of the output directory and a type <code>info</code>. The type <code>info</code> is used to insert custom annotations at different levels: class, method, field and program point. A value <code>void_info</code> is also given and can be used by default.

3 Tutorial

To begin this tutorial, open an *OCaml* toplevel, for instance using the *Emacs* tuareg-mode, and load the following libraries in the given order:

```
#load "str.cma"
#load "unix.cma"
```

```
#load "extLib.cma"
#load "zip.cma"
#load "ptrees.cma"
#load "javalib.cma"
#load "jaws.cma"
```

Don't forget the associated **#directory** directives that allow you to specify the paths where to find these libraries.

You can also build a toplevel including all these libraries using the command **make ocaml** in the sources repository of *Jaws*. This command builds an executable named **ocaml** which is the result of the **ocamlmktop** command.

3.1 First steps: loading and printing a program

In this section, we present how to load a program with *Jaws* and some basic manipulations we can do on it to recover interesting information.

In order to test the efficiency of Jaws, we like to work on huge programs. For instance we will use Soot, a Java Optimization Framework written in Java, which can be found at http://www.sable.mcgill.ca/soot. Once you have downloaded Soot and its dependencies, make sure that the \$CLASSPATH environment variable contains the corresponding .jar files and the Java Runtime rt.jar. The following sample of code loads Soot program, given its main entry point:

It can be interesting to generate the .html files corresponding to the parsed program **prta**. We first need to build an **info** type.

```
(fun cn ms ->
        let m = get_method (get_node prta cn) ms in
           match m with
            | AbstractMethod _ -> ["Abstract Method"]
            | ConcreteMethod cm ->
              let cms = make_cms cn ms in
              let parse =
                if ClassMethodMap.mem cms prta.parsed_methods then
                  "Parsed" else "Not parsed" in
                ["Concrete Method "; parse]
      )
    (* There is no field annotation. *)
    let p_field = (fun _ _ -> [])
    (* There is no program point annotation. *)
    let p_pp = (fun _ _ _ -> [])
    (* This is the info type. *)
   let simple_info =
      { JPrintHtml.p_class = p_class;
        JPrintHtml.p_field = p_field;
        JPrintHtml.p_method = p_method;
        JPrintHtml.p_pp = p_pp }
Then we just need to call the printing function:
    let output = "/tmp/soot"
    let() =
      JPrintHtml.pp_print_program_to_html_files prta
        output simple_info
```