

Homework

Task 1. memoryleak app with LOH allocations

- we will be using the same **memoryleak** app so I just skip how it should be prepared.
- this time we will be using its **/loh** endpoint
- run the app and also start the load test:

```
> .\sb.exe -y 100 -n 10000000 -c 64 -u http://localhost:5000/api/loh
```

- now, let's use **the new shiny toy** from Maoni (🤖) - **GCRealTimeMon** available at <https://github.com/Maoni0/realmon>
- you can just install it as a global tool:

```
> dotnet tool install -g dotnet-gcmon
```

- and run it during our load test:

```
> dotnet-gcmon -n MemoryLeak
```

Note: With the help of **s** you can print detailed info about the recent GC.

- what are the result? What GC are triggered and why? What are the generation sizes in time?

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- let's prepare custom **dotnet-gcmon** configuration file for displaying more LOH-related data - run

```
> dotnet-gcmon -g lohanalysis.yaml
```

- ... and select there **type, gen, reason, peak size, promoted, LOH size, LOH survival rate, LOH frag ratio**
- as you will see you can additionally setup the heaps stats timer and filtering GCs based on pause duration - let's skip it for now
- use generated file to run the tool:

```
> dotnet-gcmon -c .\lohanalysis.yaml -n MemoryLeak
```

- what are the result? What's LOH fragmentation and survival rate?
- we know that those FullGCs are happening because of **AllocLarge**, which means - most probably - the LOH allocation budget has been exceeded. Let's confirm that by recording **dotnet-trace** session and dig in into *GCStats*. If so, what allocation budgets are calculated for LOH?

Task 2. AssemblyLoadContext and static fields

- use the course repository to pull `.\Module07-Roots-Generations-And-Memory-Leaks\PluginApp` application - it implements a very simple "plugins" functionality with the help of custom **AssemblyLoadContext**
- look around in the code. **TestCommand** contains **static InternalIdentifier** that we will investigate in memory. Because the main application loads the *TestPlugin* twice, it will be interesting to observe how it behaves.
- build the application **from the level of sln file** (because of dependencies between projects):

```
> dotnet build -c Release
```

and then run it from the same folder:

```
> dotnet run -c Release --project .\WebWorkerApp\WebWorkerApp.csproj
```

- after seeing **Processing...**, take a memory dump with **dotnet-dump** tool
- open the dump with the help of **dotnet-dump analyze** and look what's keeping **InternalIdentifier** instance(s) alive. In which generations those instance(s) live?
- also use **dumpalc** (use **help**) for looking what information you can get about the corresponding assembly context

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- convert our regular dump file into PerfView's Heap Snapshot by double clicking **.dmp** file from PerfView - *Collecting Memory Data* dialog should open for making conversion to **gcDump** format. Click *Dump GC Heap* there. A result file should be immediately opened. Look for **InternalIdentifier** in the *Heap Stacks* report.
- (optional) open the dump in Visual Studio to see how **InternalIdentifier** instances are presented there.