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VM Functional Units			
Frame	Local variables	int[]	local variables; addressed by indexing; parameters passed as local variables on method invocation
	Operand Stack	int[]	LIFO operand stack; used to pass parameters to methods and to receive method results
	Constant Pool	cp_info[]	a per-class or per-interface run-time representation of the constant_pool table in a class file
	Code	byte[]	instructions; accessed by byte offsets
	pc	wide enough to hold a native pointer	per-thread; contains the address of the Java Virtual Machine instruction currently being executed
	JVM stack	frame[]	stores frames; analogous to the stack of a conventional language such as C
	Heap	byte[]	the run-time data area from which memory for all class instances and arrays is allocated

Instruction Formats (big endian)	
Opcode	1 byte
Explicit operands	stored in instruction memory, 1 byte per <i>parameter</i> (wide iinc <i>parameters</i> use 2 bytes, also marked with the 2-prefix)
Implicit operands	stored on the operand stack, in this representation the stack grows from left to right, and the -> shows the result stack

Method Invocation	
Class method caller	pushes the args on the operand stack and calls <code>invokestatic</code> ; args are popped, result is pushed
Class method callee	params are stored in the local variables starting from index 0, pushes result to the operand stack and calls <code>return</code>
Instance method caller	pushes the objectref and the args to the operand stack and calls <code>invokevirtual</code> ; objectref and args are popped, result is pushed
Instance method callee	params are stored in the local variables starting from index 1, <code>this</code> is stored at index 0, pushes result to the operand stack and calls <code>return</code>

Class File Structure		
u4	magic	magic number 0xCAFEBAE
u4	u2 minor_version, u2 major_version	version number (Java 14: major 58, minor 0 or 65535)
u2	constant_pool_count	number of entries in the constant_pool table plus one
cp_info	constant_pool[constant_pool_count - 1]	representing various string constants, class and interface names, field names, and other constants
u2	access_flags	denotes access permissions to and properties of this class or interface
u2	this_class	valid index into the constant_pool table representing the class or interface defined by this file
u2	super_class	valid index into the constant_pool table representing the direct superclass of this file
u2	interfaces_count	the number of direct superinterfaces of this class or interface type
u2	interfaces[interfaces_count]	each value must be a valid index into the constant_pool table
u2	fields_count	the number of field_info structures in the fields table
field_info	fields[fields_count]	each value must be a field_info structure giving a complete description of a field
u2	methods_count	the number of method_info structures in the methods table
method_info	methods[methods_count]	each value must be a method_info structure giving a complete description of a method
u2	attributes_count	the number of attributes in the attributes table of this class

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attribute_info		attributes[attributes_count]		each value of the attributes table must be an attribute_info structure	
Opcode		Mnemonic	Format	Stack	Operation
Constants	0x02	iconst_ <i>i</i>	iconst_m1	... --> ..., -1	Push int constant -1
	0x03	iconst_ <i>i</i>	iconst_0	... --> ..., 0	Push int constant 0
	0x04	iconst_ <i>i</i>	iconst_1	... --> ..., 1	Push int constant 1
	0x05	iconst_ <i>i</i>	iconst_2	... --> ..., 2	Push int constant 2
	0x06	iconst_ <i>i</i>	iconst_3	... --> ..., 3	Push int constant 3
	0x07	iconst_ <i>i</i>	iconst_4	... --> ..., 4	Push int constant 4
	0x08	iconst_ <i>i</i>	iconst_5	... --> ..., 5	Push int constant 5
	0x10	bipush	bipush <i>byte</i>	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Push byte
	0x11	sipush	sipush <i>byte1 byte2</i>	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Push short
	0x12	ldc	ldc <i>index</i>	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Push item from run-time constant pool
	0x13	ldc_w	ldc <i>indexbyte1 indexbyte2</i>	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Push item from run-time constant pool (wide index)
Loads	0x15	iload	iload <i>index</i>	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Load int from local variable
	0x19	aload	aload <i>index</i>	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Load reference from local variable
	0x1a	iload_ <i>n</i>	iload_0	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Load int from local variable
	0x1b	iload_ <i>n</i>	iload_1	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Load int from local variable
	0x1c	iload_ <i>n</i>	iload_2	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Load int from local variable
	0x1d	iload_ <i>n</i>	iload_3	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Load int from local variable
	0x2a	aload_ <i>n</i>	aload_0	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Load reference from local variable
	0x2b	aload_ <i>n</i>	aload_1	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Load reference from local variable
	0x2c	aload_ <i>n</i>	aload_2	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Load reference from local variable
	0x2d	aload_ <i>n</i>	aload_3	... -> ..., <i>value</i>	Load reference from local variable
	0x2e	iaload	iaload	..., <i>arrayref</i> , <i>index</i> -> ..., <i>value</i>	Load int from array
	0x32	aaload	aaload	..., <i>arrayref</i> , <i>index</i> -> ..., <i>value</i>	Load reference from array
	0x33	baload	baload	..., <i>arrayref</i> , <i>index</i> -> ..., <i>value</i>	Load byte or boolean from array
	0x36	istore	istore <i>index</i>	..., <i>value</i> -> ...	Store int into local variable
Stores	0x3a	astore	astore <i>index</i>	..., <i>value</i> -> ...	Store reference into local variable
	0x3b	istore_ <i>n</i>	istore_0	..., <i>value</i> -> ...	Store int into local variable
	0x3c	istore_ <i>n</i>	istore_1	..., <i>value</i> -> ...	Store int into local variable
	0x3d	istore_ <i>n</i>	istore_2	..., <i>value</i> -> ...	Store int into local variable
	0x3e	istore_ <i>n</i>	istore_3	..., <i>value</i> -> ...	Store int into local variable
	0x4b	astore_ <i>n</i>	astore_0	..., <i>value</i> -> ...	Store reference into local variable

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Stores	0x4c	astore_n	astore_1	..., value -> ...	Store reference into local variable
	0x4d	astore_n	astore_2	..., value -> ...	Store reference into local variable
	0x4e	astore_n	astore_3	..., value -> ...	Store reference into local variable
	0x4f	iastore	iastore	..., arrayref, index, value -> ...	Store into int array
	0x53	aastore	aastore	..., arrayref, index, value -> ...	Store into reference array
	0x54	bastore	bastore	..., arrayref, index, value -> ...	Store into byte or boolean array
Stack	0x57	pop	pop	..., value -> ...	Pop the top operand stack value
	0x59	dup	dup	..., value -> ..., value, value	Duplicate the top operand stack value
	0x5f	swap	swap	..., value1, value2 -> ..., value2, value1	Swap the top two operand stack values
Math	0x60	iadd	iadd	..., value1, value2 -> ..., result	Add int
	0x64	isub	isub	..., value1, value2 -> ..., result	Subtract int
	0x68	imul	imul	..., value1, value2 -> ..., result	Multiply int
	0x6c	idiv	idiv	..., value1, value2 -> ..., result	Divide int
	0x70	irem	irem	..., value1, value2 -> ..., result	Remainder int
	0x74	ineg	ineg	..., value -> ..., result	Negate int
	0x78	ishl	ishl	..., value1, value2 -> ..., result	Shift left int
	0x7a	ishr	ishr	..., value1, value2 -> ..., result	Arithmetic shift right int
	0x84	iinc	iinc index const	[no change]	Increment local variable by constant
Comparison	0x99	ifcond	ifeq branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value -> ...	Branch if int comparison with zero succeeds
	0x9a	ifcond	ifne branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value -> ...	Branch if int comparison with zero succeeds
	0x9b	ifcond	iflt branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value -> ...	Branch if int comparison with zero succeeds
	0x9c	ifcond	ifge branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value -> ...	Branch if int comparison with zero succeeds
	0x9d	ifcond	ifgt branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value -> ...	Branch if int comparison with zero succeeds
	0x9e	ifcond	ifle branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value -> ...	Branch if int comparison with zero succeeds
	0x9f	if_icmpcond	if_icmpeq branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value1, value2 -> ...	Branch if int comparison succeeds
	0xa0	if_icmpcond	if_icmpne branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value1, value2 -> ...	Branch if int comparison succeeds
	0xa1	if_icmpcond	if_icmplt branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value1, value2 -> ...	Branch if int comparison succeeds
	0xa2	if_icmpcond	if_icmpge branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value1, value2 -> ...	Branch if int comparison succeeds
	0xa3	if_icmpcond	if_icmpgt branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value1, value2 -> ...	Branch if int comparison succeeds
	0xa4	if_icmpcond	if_icmple branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value1, value2 -> ...	Branch if int comparison succeeds
	0xa5	if_acmpcond	if_acmpeq branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value1, value2 -> ...	Branch if reference comparison succeeds
	0xa6	if_acmpcond	if_acmpne branchbyte1 branchbyte2	..., value1, value2 -> ...	Branch if reference comparison succeeds

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Control	0xa7	goto	goto <i>branchbyte1 branchbyte2</i>	[no change]	Branch always
	0xac	ireturn	ireturn	..., value -> [empty]	Return int from method
	0xb0	areturn	areturn	..., objectref -> [empty]	Return reference from method
	0xb1	return	return	... -> [empty]	Return void from method
References	0xb2	getstatic	getstatic <i>indexbyte1 indexbyte2</i>	... -> ..., value	Get static field from class
	0xb3	putstatic	putstatic <i>indexbyte1 indexbyte2</i>	..., value -> ...	Set static field in class
	0xb4	getfield	getfield <i>indexbyte1 indexbyte2</i>	..., objectref -> ..., value	Fetch field from object
	0xb5	putfield	putfield <i>indexbyte1 indexbyte2</i>	..., objectref, value -> ...	Set field in object
	0xb6	invokevirtual	invokevirtual <i>indexbyte1 indexbyte2</i>	..., objectref, [arg1, [arg2, ...]] -> [retVal], ...	Invoke instance method; dispatch based on class
	0xb7	invokespecial	invokespecial <i>indexbyte1 indexbyte2</i>	..., objectref, [arg1, [arg2, ...]] -> [retVal], ...	Invoke instance method; instance initialization methods
	0xb8	invokestatic	invokestatic <i>indexbyte1 indexbyte2</i>	..., [arg1, [arg2, ...]] -> ...	Invoke a class (static) method
	0xbb	new	new <i>indexbyte1 indexbyte2</i>	... -> ..., objectref	Create new object
	0xbc	newarray	newarray <i>aType</i>	..., count -> ..., arrayref	Create new array
	0xbd	anewarray	anewarray <i>indexbyte1 indexbyte2</i>	..., count -> ..., arrayref	Create new array of reference
	0xc5	multianewarray	multianewarray <i>2indexbytes dimensions</i>	..., count1, [count2, ...] -> ..., arrayref	Creates a new multidimensional array
	0xbe	arraylength	arraylength	..., arrayref -> ..., length	Get length of array
Wide			wide <i>opcode indexbyte1 indexbyte2</i>		Extend local variable index by additional bytes (opcode: iload / istore)
	0xc4	wide	wide <i>iinc 2indexbytes 2constbytes</i>	[Same as modified instruction]	