



# Building Your Memory Analysis Toolkit

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Inspecting the VM

Heap Dumps

Memory Profiling



# How to Inspect the JVM

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# Demo



`jps`

**Ships with the JVM**

**Can list running JVMs**

**Commandline Tool**



# Demo



JvisualVM

Ships with the JVM

Very versatile tool

GUI



# Object Histogram

A listing of how much memory is used by different types of objects



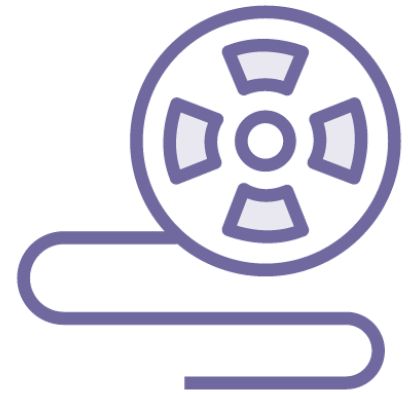
# Object Histograms



**Snapshot**  
What is in the heap  
currently



**Quick**  
Very fast to collect



**Low Detail**  
Doesn't list cause or  
objectrelationships



```
jmap -histo:[live,] <pid>
```

## Seeing an Object Histogram



# Heap Dumps

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# Heap Dump

A copy of all live objects in the application's heap



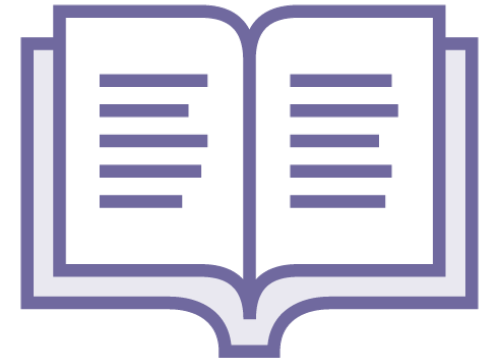
# What is a Heap Dump?



**Snapshot**  
What is in the heap  
currently



**Slow & Large**  
Requires space to  
store and time to take  
the dump



**High Detail**  
Object relationships  
and per object  
memory

```
jmap -dump:[live,] file=/path/to/dump <pid>
```

## Recording a Heap Dump

**Also possible using JVisualVM**



- XX:+HeapDumpOnOutOfMemoryError
  - XX:HeapDumpPath=/path/to/dump
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## Heap Dump on Out of Memory

**Performs a heap dump when you run out of memory (or spends too long performing GC)**

Can be useful, but care is needed



# Eclipse Mat

## Free Heap Dump Analyzer

<http://eclipse.org/mat>

## Other Tools Usable

JVisualVM, jhat



# Memory Profiling

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# Memory Profiling



**Event Driven**

**See patterns of activity**

**Records memory allocations and related information**



# Memory Profilers

## JVisualVM

Free, Open Source Tool

Ships with JDK

Includes a Memory Profiler

Can disable escape analysis

## Java Mission Control

Free for use in Development

Ships with Java 8+

Includes a Memory Profiler

More accurate



# Summary



## Learned about memory tooling

- Memory Profiling with JVisual VM and Mission Control
- Heap Dumps with MAT
- jmap
- jps

Time to solve some problems!

