Introduction to Java Performance Optimization

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Oracle Course: Java Performance Tuning and Optimization

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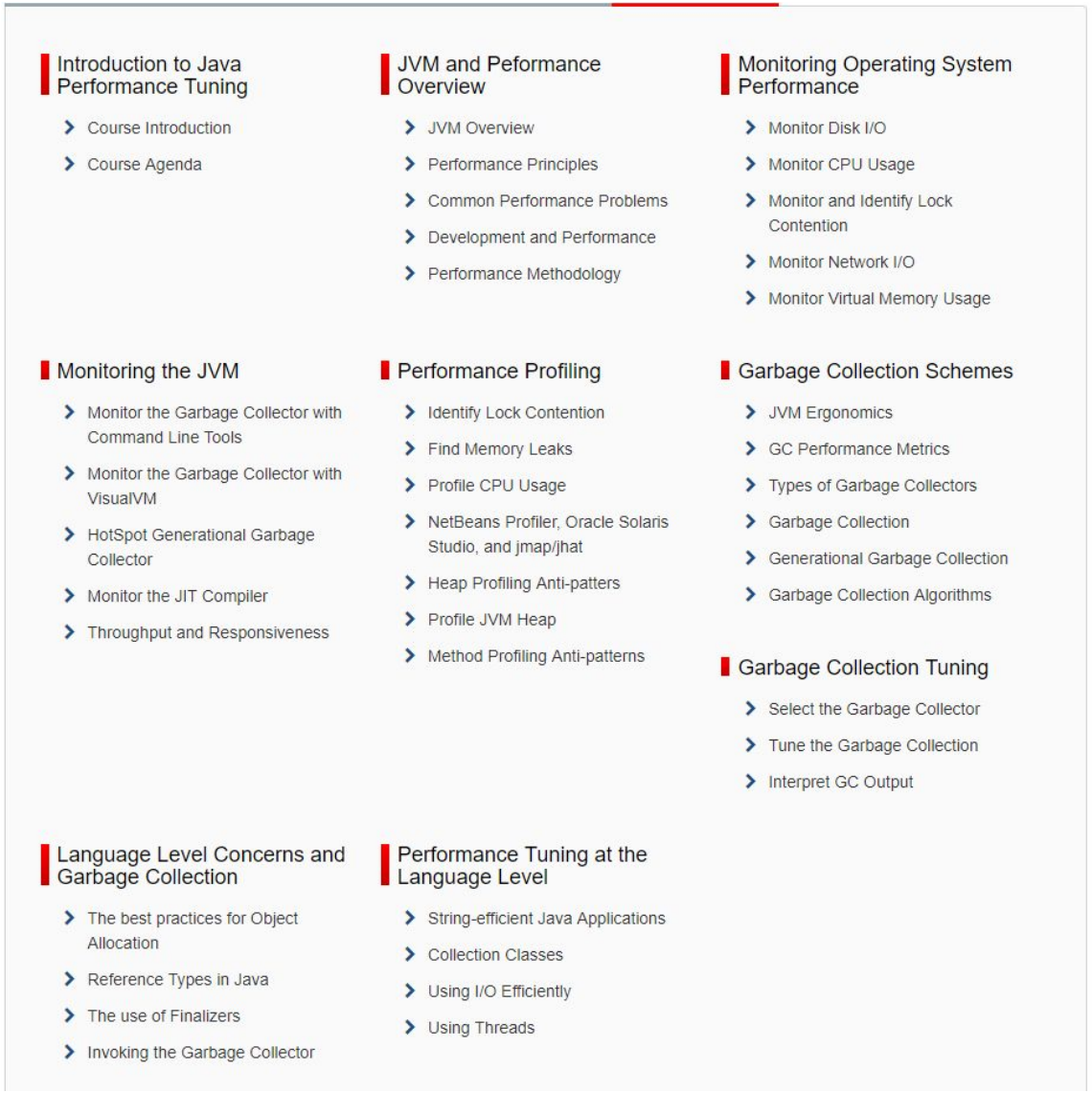


Introduction to Java Performance Tuning

- Course Introduction
- Course Agenda

JVM and Peformance Overview

- JVM Overview
- Performance Principles
- Common Performance Problems
- Development and Performance
- Performance Methodology

Monitoring Operating System Performance

- Monitor Disk I/O
- Monitor CPU Usage
- Monitor and Identify Lock Contention
- Monitor Network I/O
- Monitor Virtual Memory Usage

Monitoring the JVM

- Monitor the Garbage Collector with Command Line Tools
- Monitor the Garbage Collector with VisualVM
- HotSpot Generational Garbage Collector
- Monitor the JIT Compiler
- Throughput and Responsiveness

Performance Profiling

- Identify Lock Contention
- Find Memory Leaks
- Profile CPU Usage
- NetBeans Profiler, Oracle Solaris Studio, and jmap/jhat
- Heap Profiling Anti-patters
- Profile JVM Heap
- Method Profiling Anti-patterns

Garbage Collection Schemes

- JVM Ergonomics
- GC Performance Metrics
- Types of Garbage Collectors
- Garbage Collection
- Generational Garbage Collection
- Garbage Collection Algorithms

Garbage Collection Tuning

- Select the Garbage Collector
- Tune the Garbage Collection
- Interpret GC Output

Language Level Concerns and Garbage Collection

- The best practices for Object Allocation
- Reference Types in Java
- The use of Finalizers
- Invoking the Garbage Collector

Performance Tuning at the Language Level

- String-efficient Java Applications
- Collection Classes
- Using I/O Efficiently
- Using Threads

Agenda

- Optimization that matters
- JVM, Heap, Garbage Collector
- Responsiveness & Throughput
- Java Visual VM
- Get Heap Dump
- Get Thread Dump
- IBM Thread and Monitor Analyzer for Java
- Eclipse Memory Analyzer (MAT)
- Sampling, Profiling

Optimization that matters

1. When should I optimize?
2. What should I optimize?
3. When should I stop optimizing?

Premature Optimization

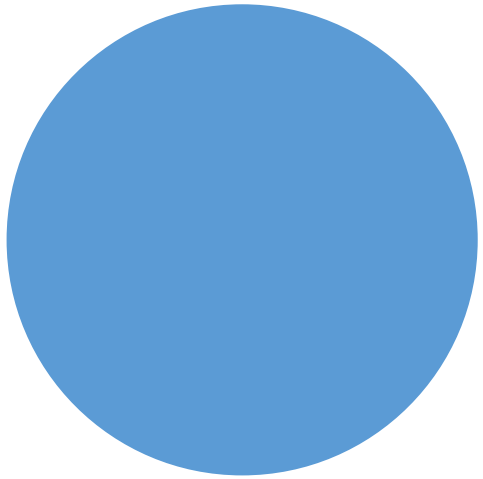
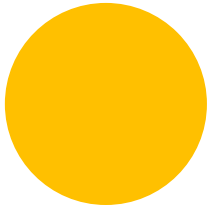
- We should forget about small efficiencies, say about 97% of the time; premature optimization is the root of all evil.

  Donald Knuth

- Don’t let out-of-context dogma from pioneering heroes prevent you from thinking about the code you are writing.

  Java Performance: The Definitive Guide

  Scott Oaks

Optimization that matters

Java 1.1.8 performance was eight times faster than Java 1.0 performance.

Optimize for the common case

01

Write Better Algorithms

(Consider Big O)

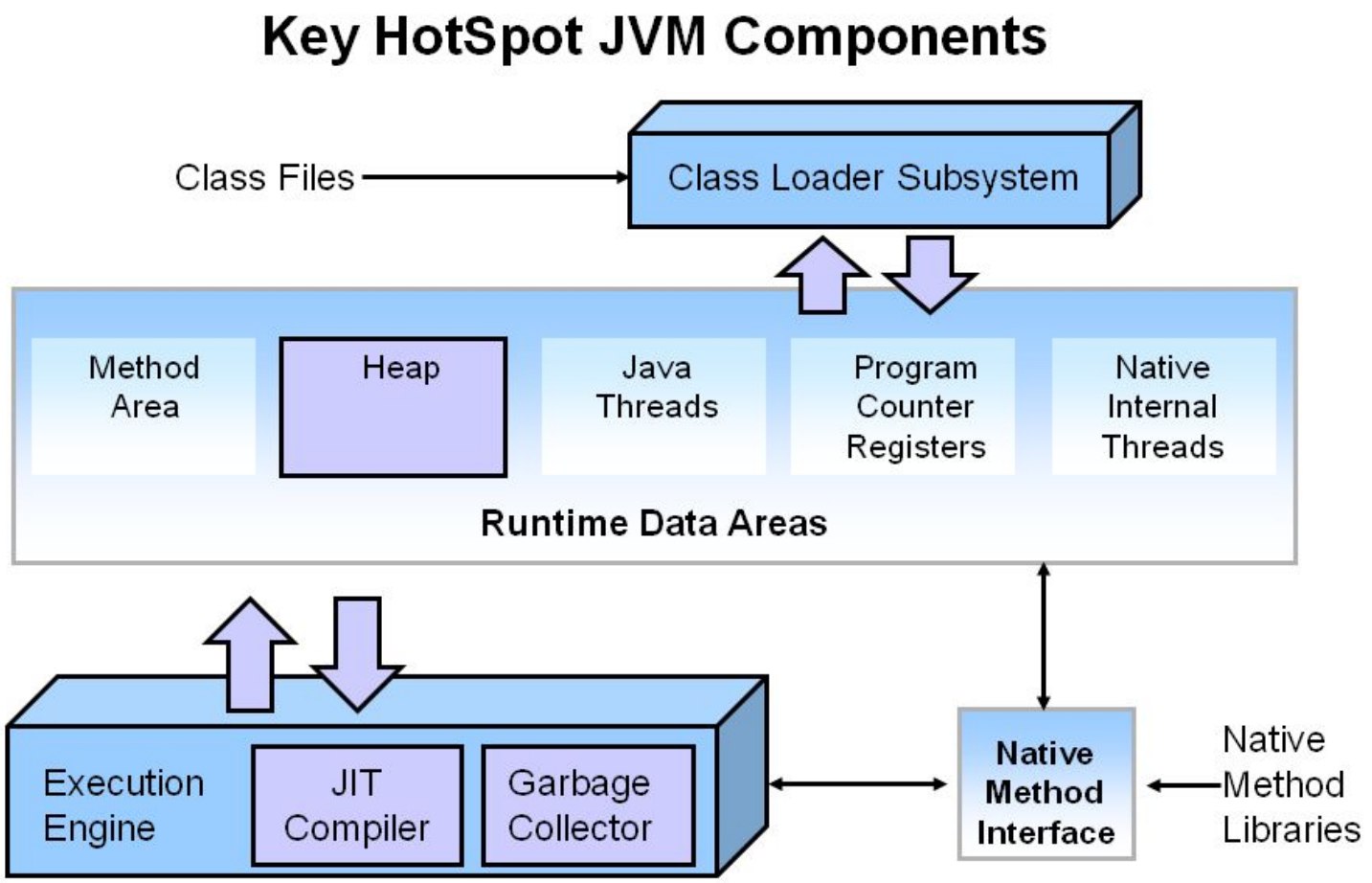
02

Write Less Code

03

Look elsewhere: Database, File IO, Network IO, etc.

Java Performance, The Definitive Guide.



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Heap

- Memory for all class instances and arrays is allocated.
- May be of a fixed size or may be expanded as required.
- Heap storage for objects is reclaimed by an automatic storage management system (known as a *garbage collector*); objects are never explicitly deallocated.

Manual Memory Management

```
int send_request() {
    size_t n = read_size();
    int *elements = malloc(n * sizeof(int));

    if(read_elements(n, elements) < n) {
        // elements not freed!
        return -1;
    }

    // …

    free(elements)
    return 0;
}
```

https://plumbr.io/handbook/what-is-garbage-collection

Automatic Garbage Collection

Automatic garbage collection is the process of looking at heap memory, identifying which objects are in use and which are not, and deleting the unused objects.

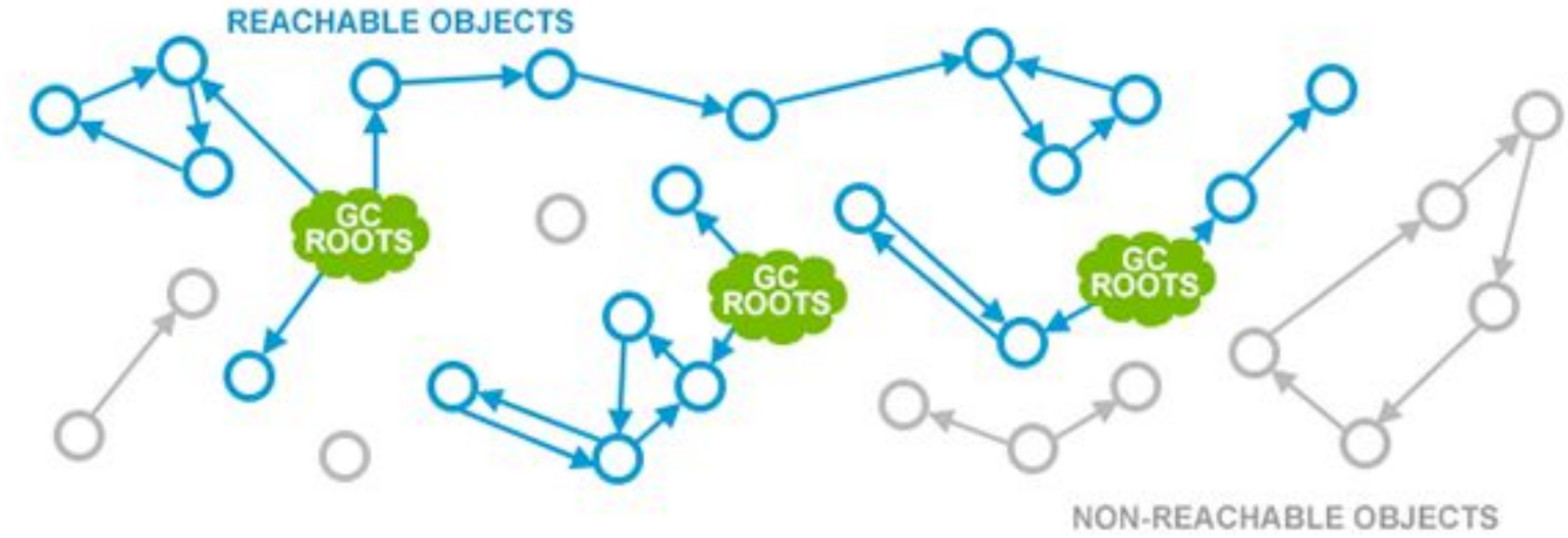
Unused objects = no reference (Soft references doesn't count)

Stops the world in application (Pause Time)

Types: Minor GC, Major GC

Many Implemantations: …..

Mark, Sweep



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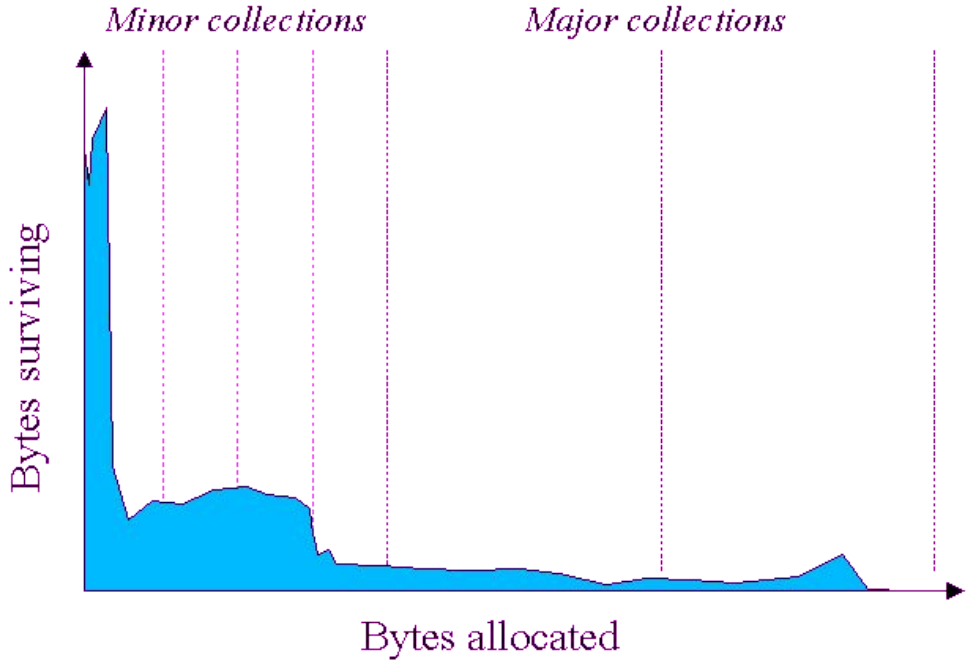
Why Generational Garbage Collection?



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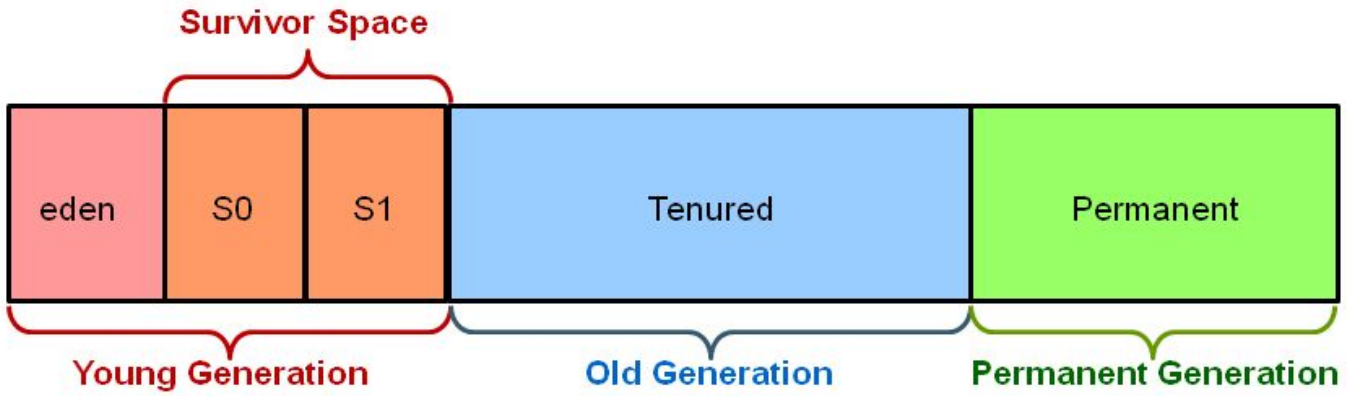
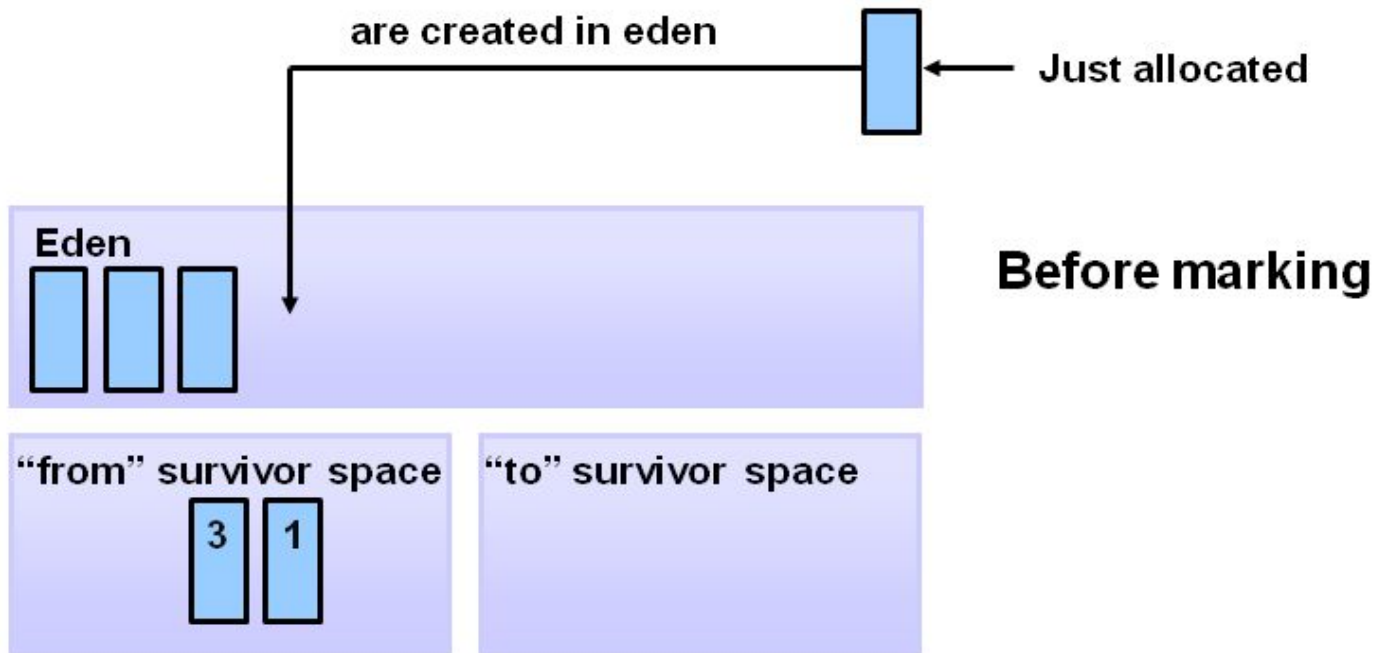
Hotspot Heap Structure



Prior to Java 8

Object Allocation



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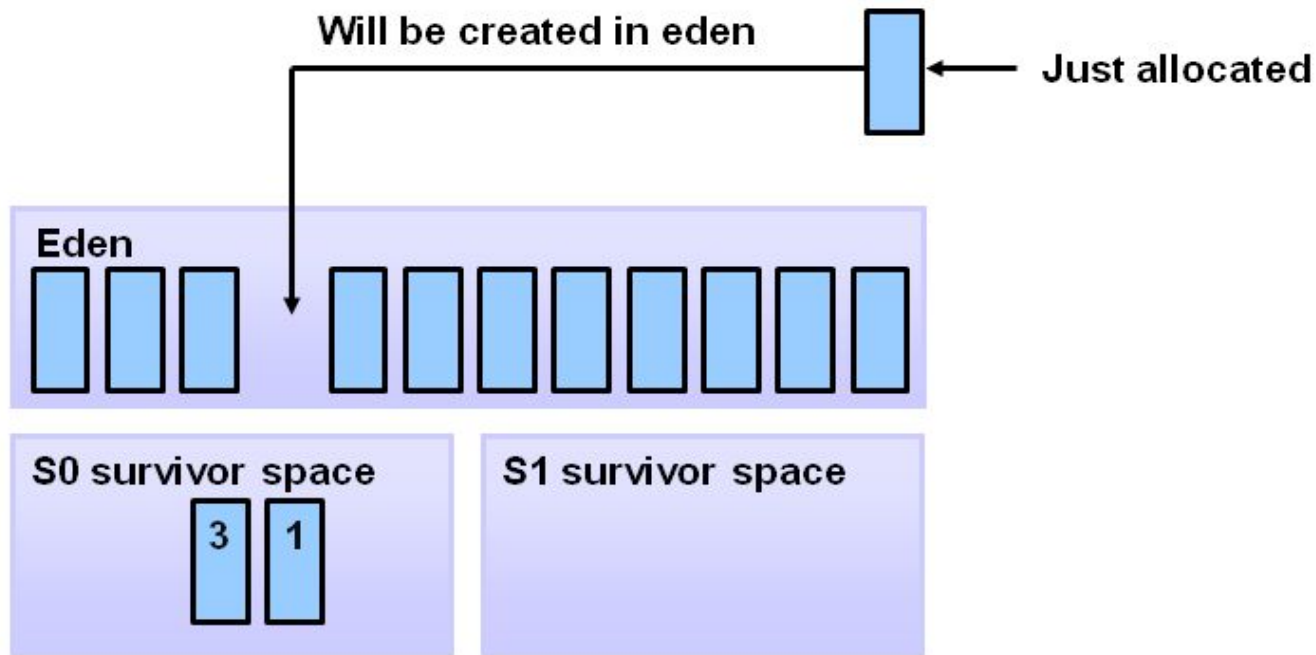
Filling the Eden Space



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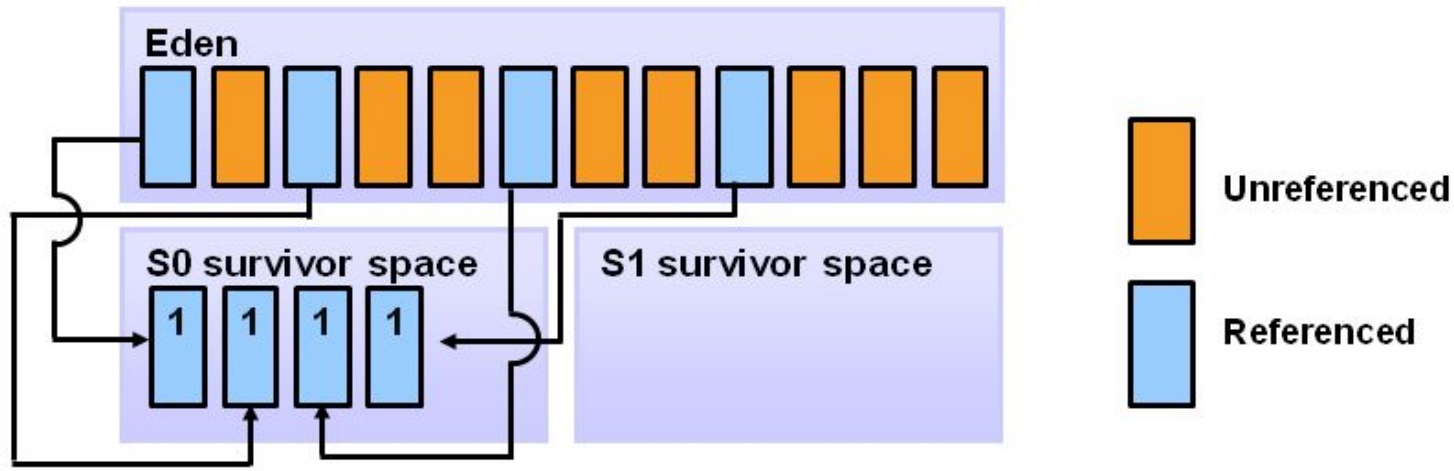
Copying Referenced Objects



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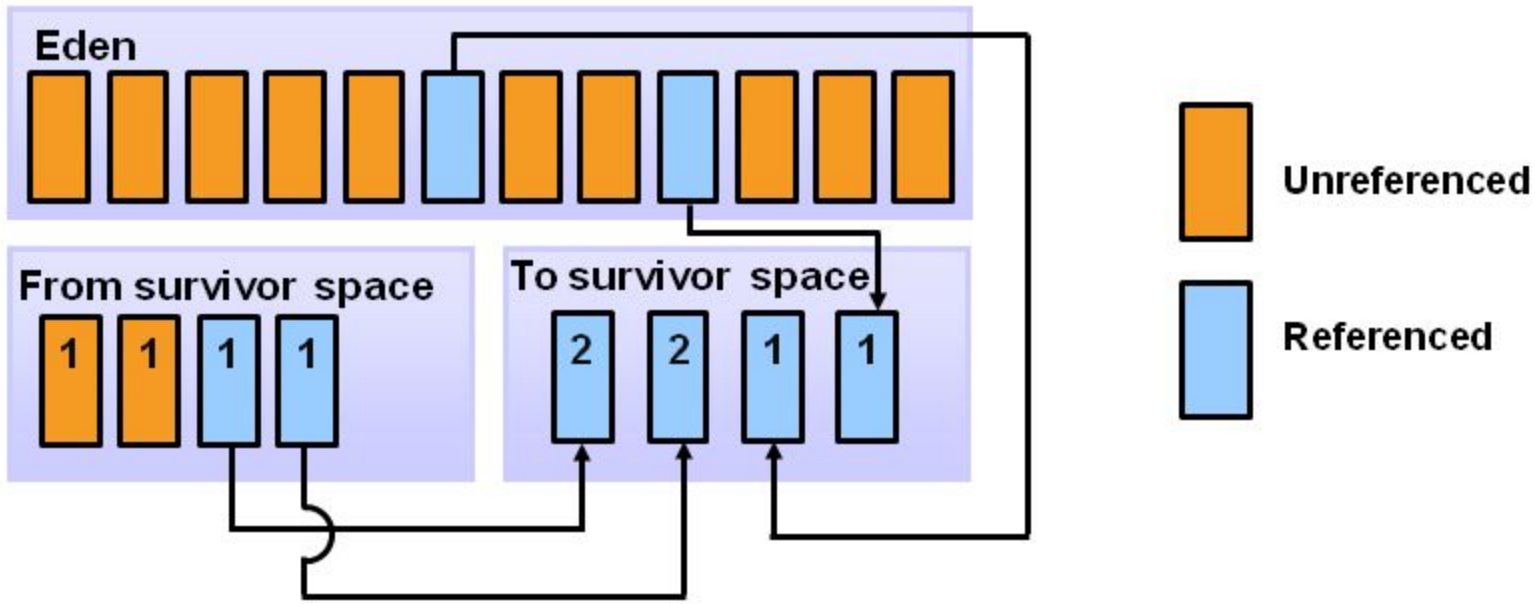
Object Aging



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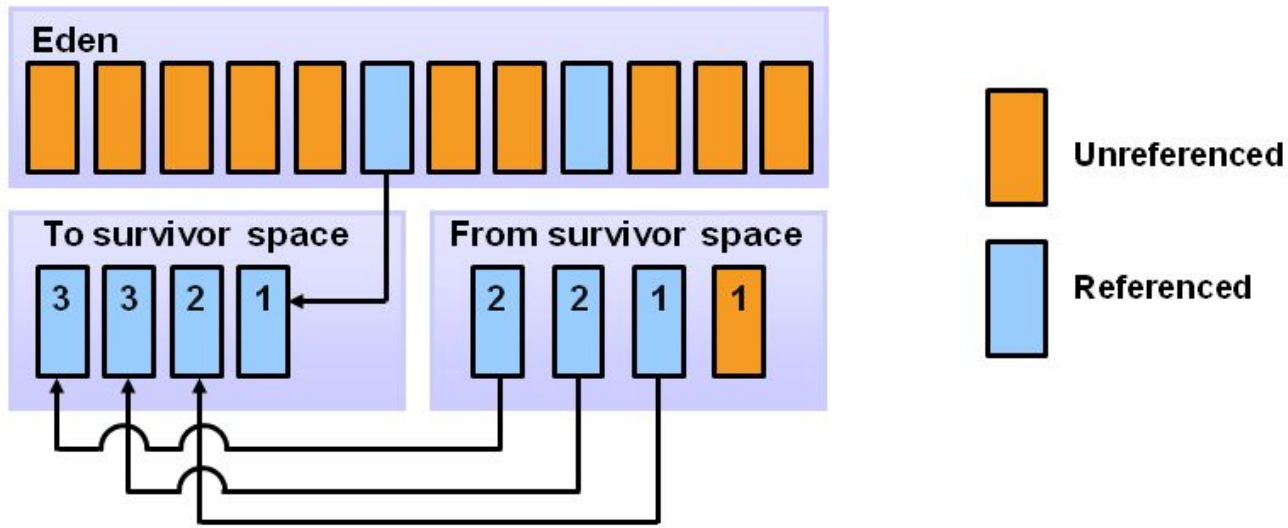
Additional Aging



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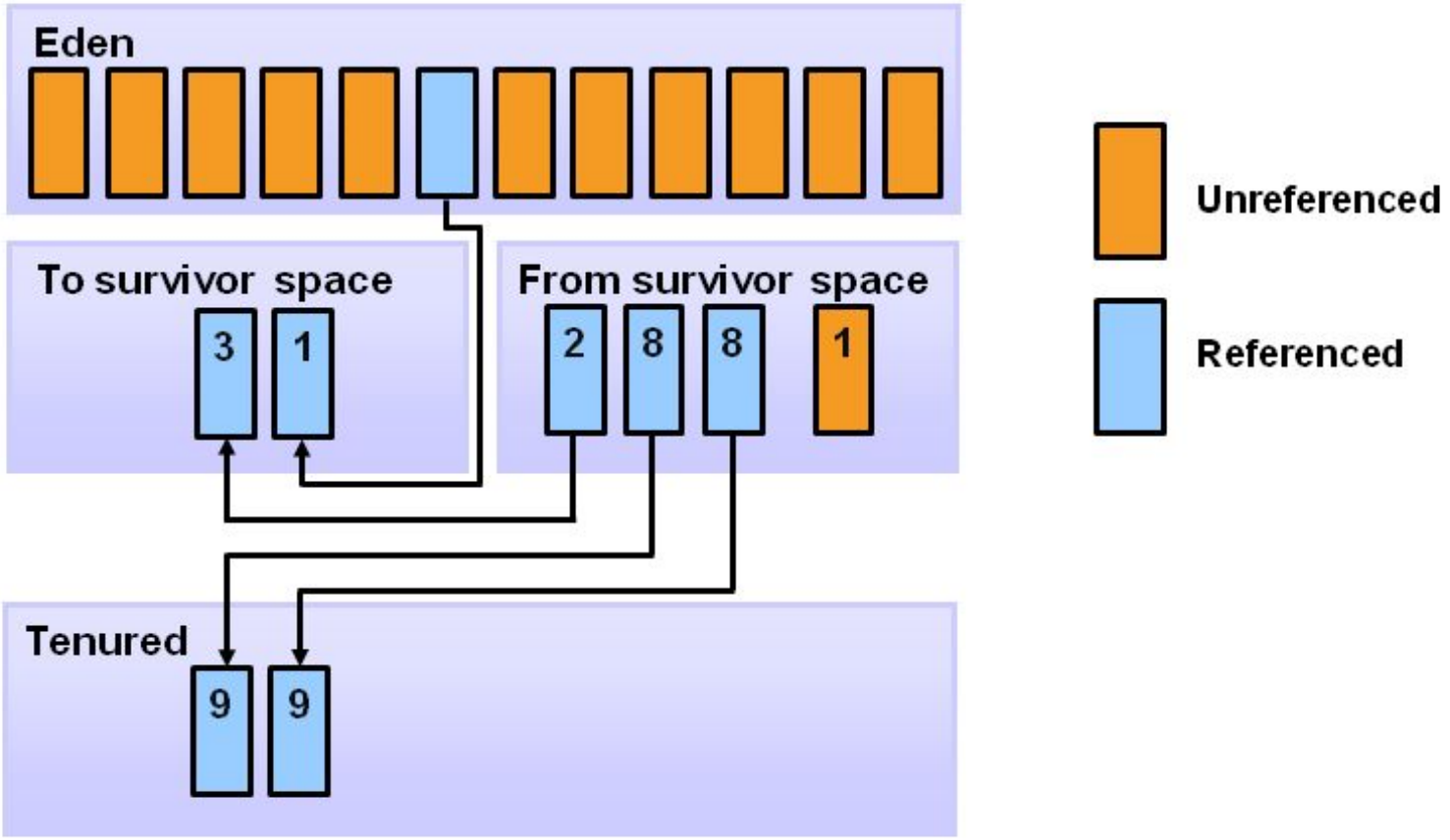
Promotion



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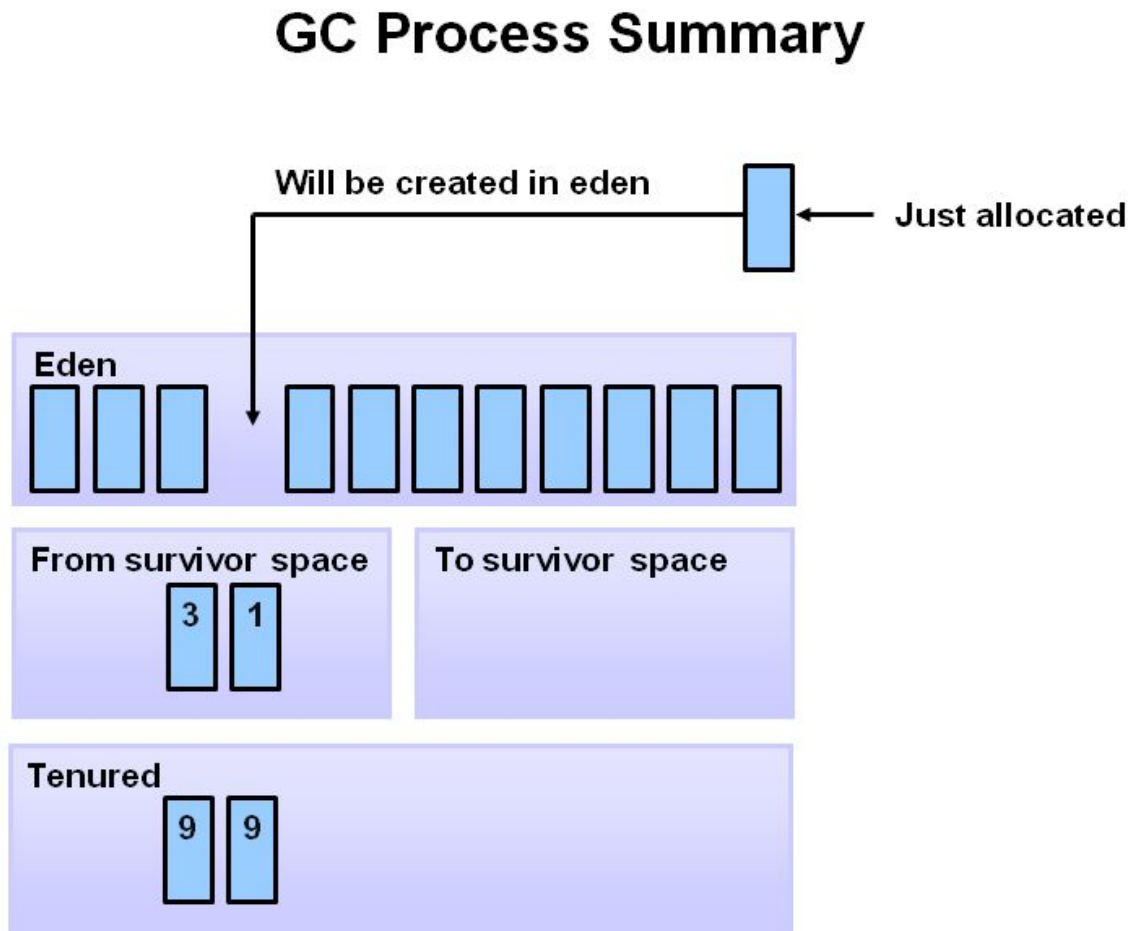

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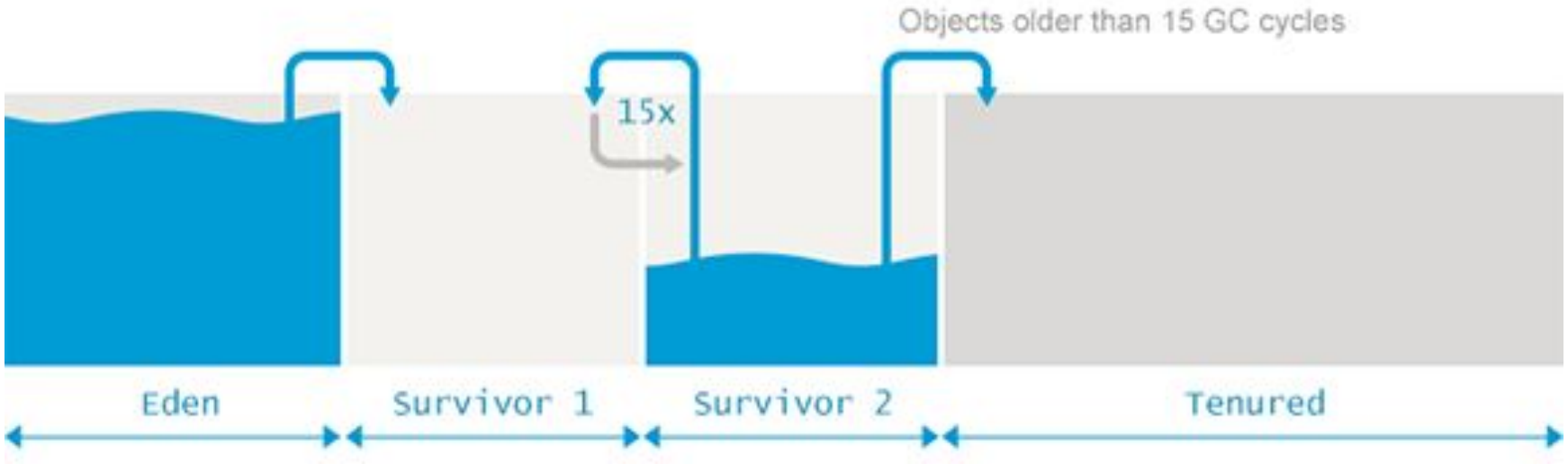

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Thread Local Allocation Buffer (TLAB)

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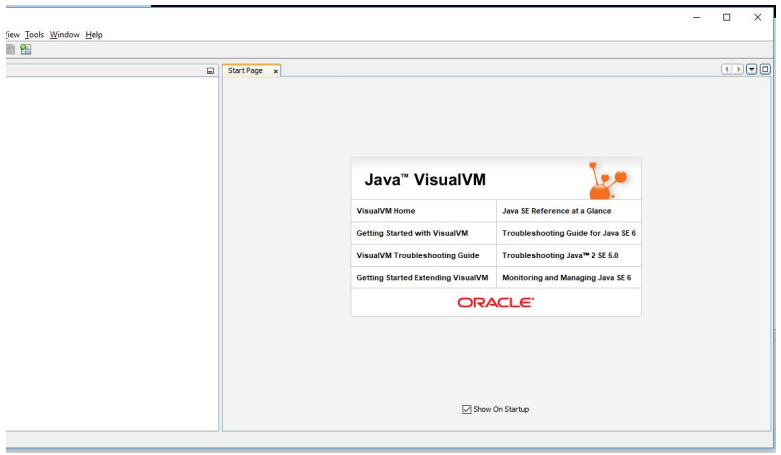
Responsiveness & Throughput

Considering pause time



Java VisualVM

- Looking inside your application
- Useful plugins
- Local & Remote Connection

Opening JMX Port for Remote

- java -Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote -Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.port=1617 -Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.authenticate=false -Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.ssl=false -cp target\classes com.murat.memoryproblem.ApplicationProblem

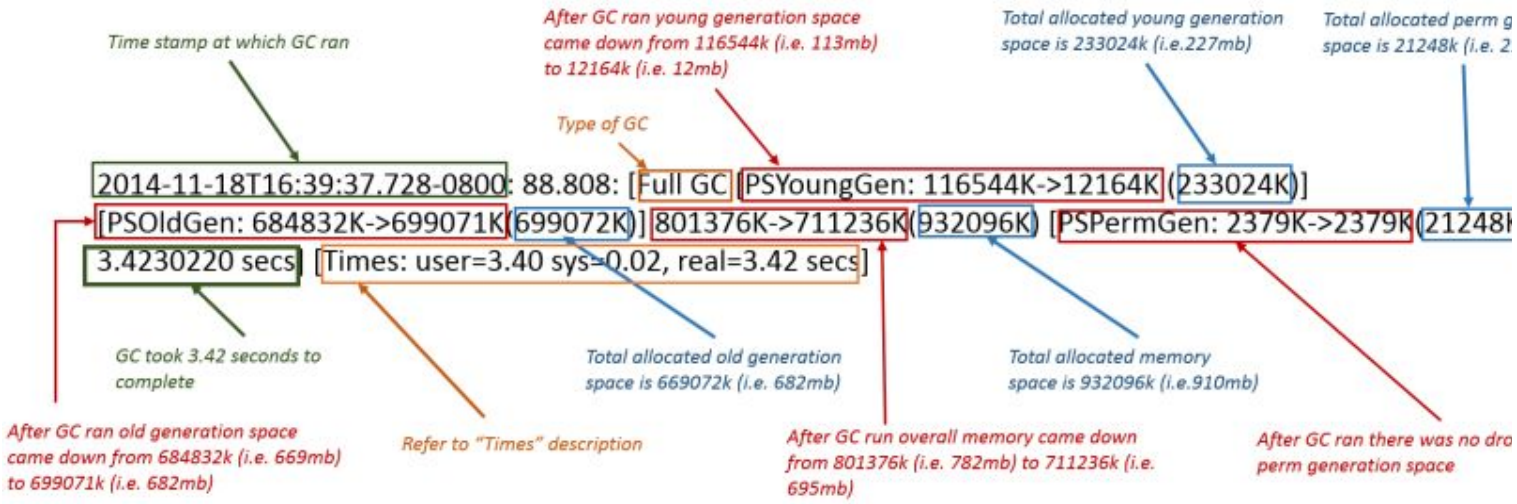
Seeing garbage collector activity in a java app

java -XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCDateStamps -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps -Xloggc:<filename> -cp target\classes com.murat.memoryproblem.ApplicationProblem

java -verbose:gc -cp .\classes com.murat.memoryproblem.ApplicationProblem

Get Statistics:

- jstat -gc -t PID 1ss



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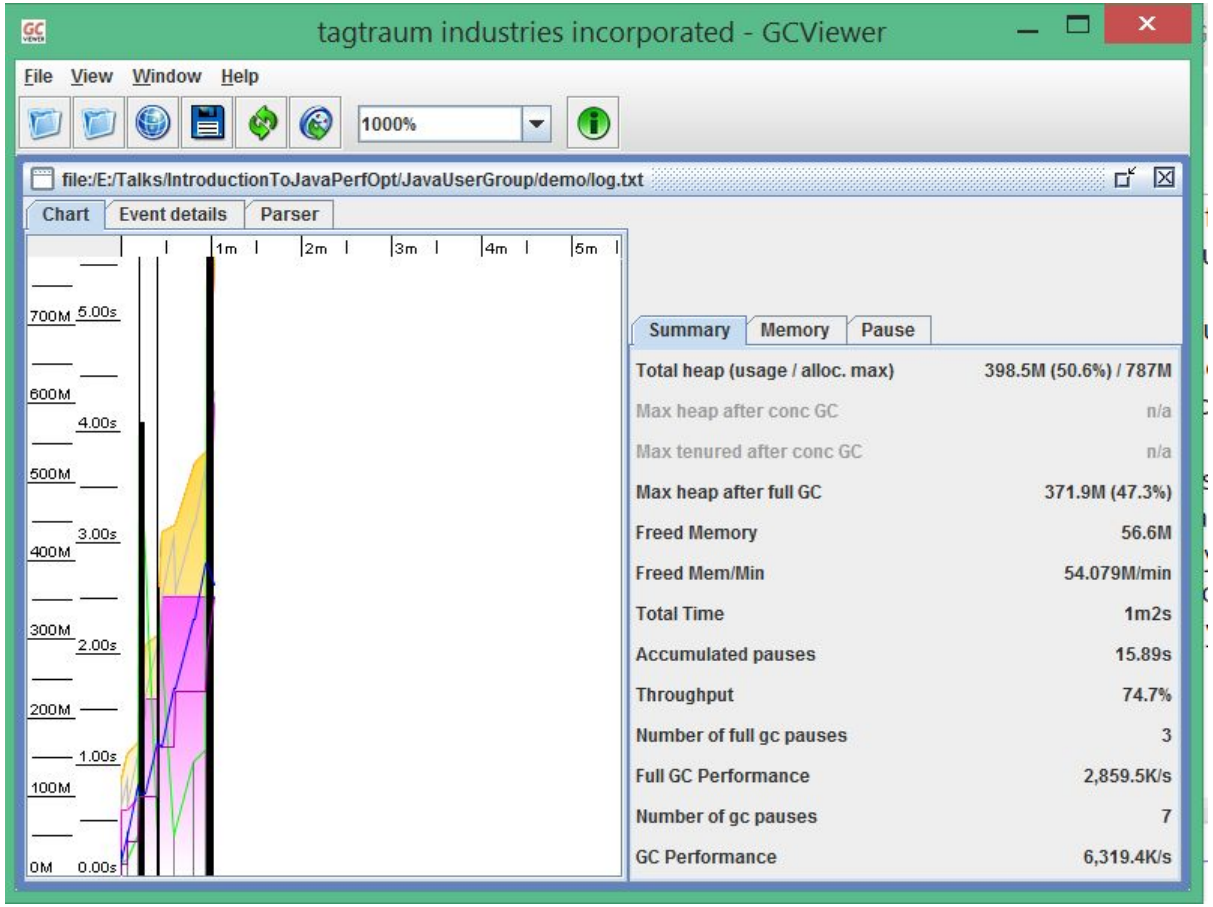
GCViewer

Visualising garbage collector



https://github.com/chewiebug/GCViewer

Heap Dump

- Get Java Process Id
  - jps
- Get Heap Dump
  - jmap -dump:format=b,file=<file_path> pid

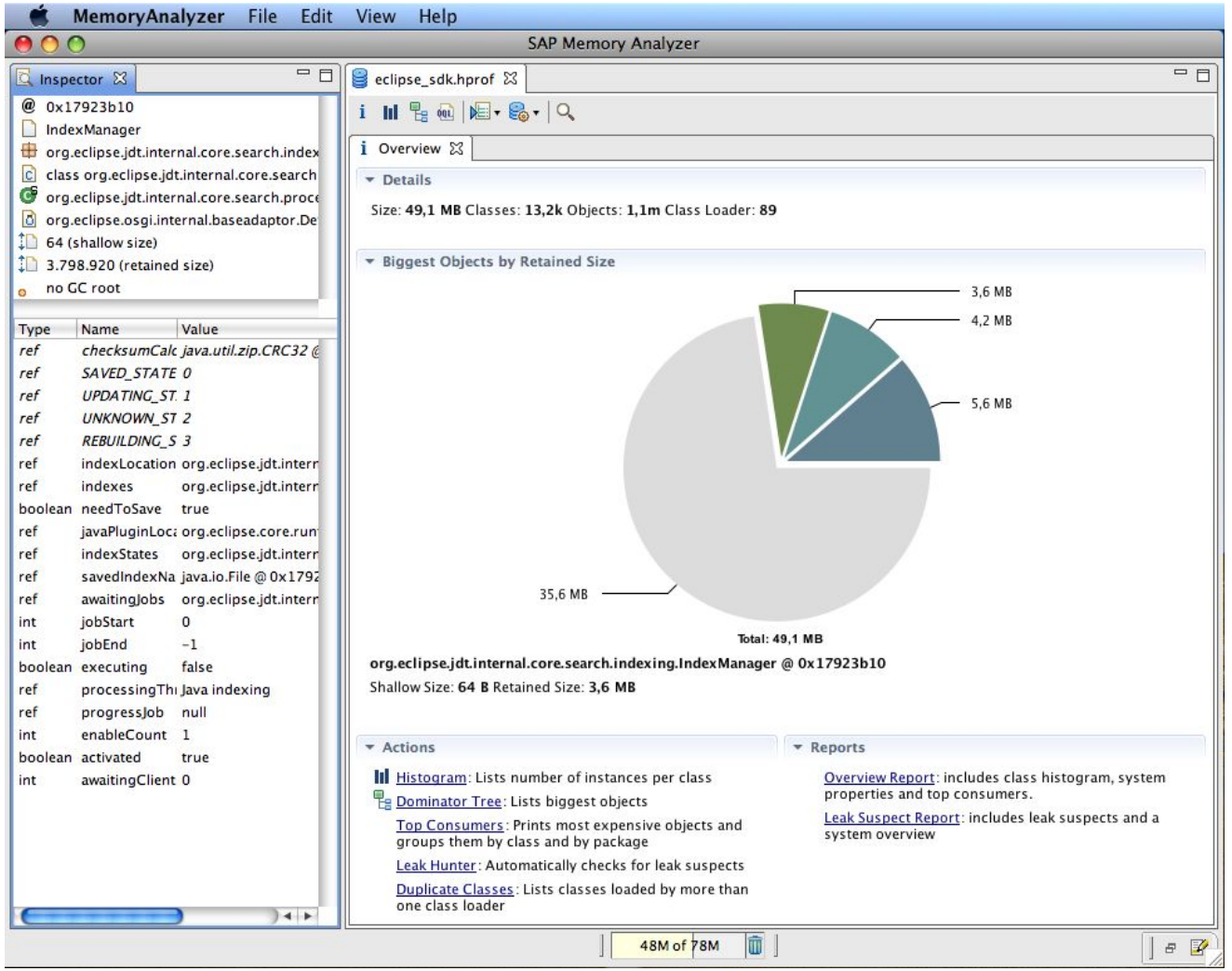
  or
  - jcmd pid GC.heap_dump <file_path>
- Get Heap Dump on out of memory
  - -XX:+HeapDumpOnOutOfMemoryError

    -XX:HeapDumpPath=path

jcmd

- Get Java Process Id
  - jps
- Get Heap Dump
  - jcmd pid GC.heap_dump <file_path>
- Run GC
  - jcmd pid GC.run <file_path>
- Many Useful commands
  - jcmd pid help

Eclipse Memory Analyzer (MAT)

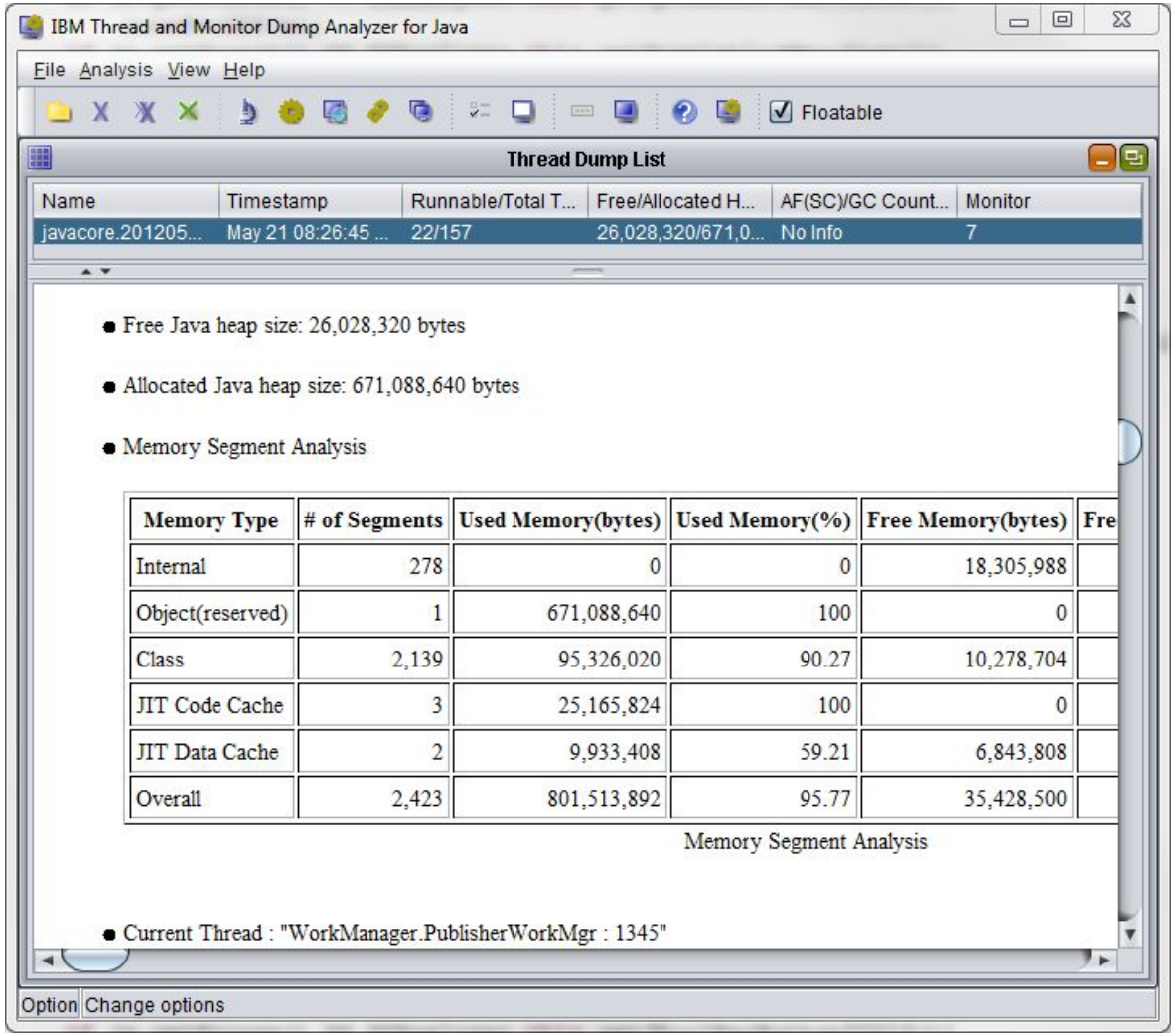


Thread Dump

- Get Java Process Id
  - jps
- Get Thread Dump
  - jstack pid > <file_path>

  or
  - jcmd pid Thread.print <file_path> > <file_path>

IBM Thread and Monitor Dump Analyzer for Java



Sampling vs Profiling

- Sampling: periodically statistical data, low overhead
- Profiling: Instrumentation (Probes), overhead and exact numbers.

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