

OpenJDK – The Future of Open Source Java on GNU/Linux

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#### Java Implementations Become Open Source





#### Why now?



Java is everywhere



F/OSS growing globally



Faster progress through participation



#### Why GNU/Linux?



Freedom as a core value



Free Software above and below the JVM



Increasing demand for Java integration



#### Who profits?



New markets, new possibilities



More innovations, reduced risk

Sun

Mindshare, anchoring Java in GNU/Linux



#### License

#### GPL v2

- No proprietary forks
- Popular & trusted license
- Compatible with GNU/Linux
- Fostering adoption

- + Classpath Exception (for SE, EE)
- Programs can have any license
- Improvements remain in the community
- FSFs license for GNU Classpath



#### A Little Bit Of History

Jun 1996: Work on gcj starts

Nov 1996: Work on Kaffe starts

Feb 1998: First GNU Classpath Release

Mar 2000: GNU Classpath and libgcj merge

Dec 2002: Eclipse runs on gcj/Classpath

Oct 2003: Kaffe switches to GNU Classpath

Feb 2004: First FOSDEM Java Libre track

Apr 2004: Richard Stallman on the 'Java Trap'

Jan 2005: OpenOffice.org runs on gcj

Mai 2005: Work on Harmony starts



#### Sun & Open Source Java Rls

Juni 2005: Java EE RI Glassfish goes Open Source Mai 2006: First Glassfish release Mai 2006: Java announced to go Open Source November 2006: Java ME RI PhoneME goes Open Source November 2006: Java SE RI Hotspot und Javac go Open Source Mai 2007: The rest of Java SE follows suit



#### Status: JavaOne, Mai 2007

#### OpenJDK can be fully built from source, 'mostly' Open Source

25,169 Source code files

894 (4%) Binary files ("plugs")

1,885 (8%) Open Source, though not GPLv2

The rest is GPLv2 (+ CP exception)

Sun couldn't release the 4% back then as free software.

"Encumbrancies"



#### **Encumbrancies (2007)**

Font rasterizer **Graphics rasterizer** Sound engine Crypto providers Some SNMP code **Imaging APIs** 



#### Status 2008: Fixed Encumbrancies

# Font rasterizer Graphics rasterizer Sound engine Crypto providers

**Imaging APIs** 



#### Leftover Encumbrancies (2008)

#### Some SNMP code

(Any volunteers?)



#### Contributing

- Sign the SCA (See http://sca.dev.java.net for FAQ)
- Pick an issue from the bugtracker (Currently http://bugs.sun.com)
- Or pick a project to contribute to
- Or send us your patches for OpenJDK
- Or start a new project with your idea
- Pick the right mailing list from your project's web site
- If in doubt: discuss@openjdk.java.net
- IRC: #openjdk on irc.oftc.net



#### 8 May 2007, 9:29am PDT

OpenJDK source code published



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OpenJDK source code published Gentoo OpenJDK ebuild



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Quelltext des JDK publiziert
Gentoo OpenJDK ebuild
Fedora source RPM



#### 7 Juni 2007

## IcedTea icedtea.classpath.org

"We intend this build repository, based on OpenJDK, to provide a basis on which to experiment. It's not a fork from OpenJDK, and doesn't contain the OpenJDK source code."

— Andrew Haley





#### **9 August 2007**

## OpenJDK Community TCK License



For 'substantially derived' implementations

Have to be distributed under GPLv2

Gratis access to the TCK

Compatible implementations may use the "Java Compatible" brand under a separate trade mark license agreement



For testing compatibility to Java SE 6

TCK is not Open Source

Licensees may help each other

But the test code is confidential

No claims of relative compatibility (x

%, etc.)



- Apply at the Conformance Group's website in OpenJDK for access
- Sign the OpenJDK CTLA
- Get access to the TCK
- Set the TCK up (the official docs are online, as well as Red Hat's)
- Feedback and Support: Conformance Group
- OpenJDK Java Compatible Trademark License



- Red Hat & several others
- Initial setup took Red Hat 3 months
- Status: passing all the tests on x86/ x86 64 on Fedora
- Published a 'JDK distilled' document
- Cut setup time to days
- Red Hat's patches are continously going back to OpenJDK
- So that other distributions can follow suit



#### **Regression Tests**

- Part of OpenJDK
- Getting published as well
- Test tools are Open Source, too
- Jtharness seit 2007
- Jtreg seit 2008
- Included in GNU/Linux distribution builds in IcedTea
- Build logs bei Ubuntu & Fedora



#### December 2007

## New source code management system: Mercurial

#### Allow us to have external committers

12/4/07: Read-only repositories

2/27/08: Read/write repositories

April 2008: First external committers

~20 now

http://hg.openjdk.java.net

http://selenic.com/mercurial



#### January 2008

- OpenJDK Community Innovator's Challenge
  - > Up to \$175,000 for up to 7 projects
  - > Proposals were due until mid-March
  - Projects ran until beginning of August
  - > Lone developers as well as teams
  - > Proposals accepted in selected areas:
    - > API, Java language or OpenJDK Implementation improvements
    - > Replacing encumbered code
    - > Ports to new platfoms
    - > Academia



#### March 2008: Innovator's Challenge

- Closures for Java Neal Gafter
- Implement XRender pipeline for Java2D Clemens Eisserer
- Provide date and time library from JSR-310 Stephen Colebourne, Michael Nascimento Santos
- Portable GUI backends (Caciocavallo) Roman Kennke, Mario Torre
- Virtual Machine Interface Andrew John Hughes
- Free Software synthesizer implemention for OpenJDK -Karl Helgason
- OpenJDK on Windows Ted Neward



#### October 2008: Challenge Results

- Gold (USD 75k): Implement XRender pipeline for Java2D - Clemens Eisserer
- Silver (USD 50k): Closures for Java Neal Gafter
- Bronze (USD 25k): Provide date and time library from JSR-310 - Stephen Colebourne, Michael Nascimento Santos
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#### February 2008

Developer's Guide: http://openjdk.java.net/guide

### OpenJDK 6

**FOSDEM 2008 and Java Libre Devroom** 



#### OpenJDK 6

- Only Free Software No encumbered code
- Stable Support by the GNU/Linux distributions
  - > Patched for security, compatibility and ugly issues
  - > Remove/replace non-free code in OpenJDK
  - > Better Java Integration with GNU/Linux distributions
- Compatibility getting very close
  - > A handful of failures left to verify as fixed for b13
- Quality close to Java SE 6, tested using applications like NetBeans, GlassFish, Tomcat

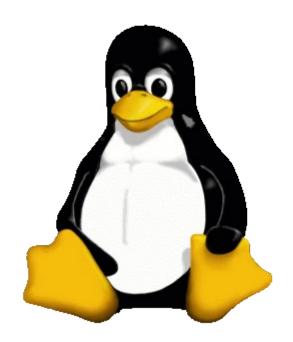
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#### **New Groups and Projects**

- Groups
  - > Porters
  - > Conformance
- Projects
  - > Type annotations, Compiler Grammar
  - > Multi-language VM
  - > JDK 6
  - > VisualVM
  - > BSD port, Haiku port, MIPS port, Zero
  - > Modules
  - > Closures







#### OpenJDK in GNU/Linux

- Requirements
  - Only Free Software
  - > (Mostly) complete
  - > Packaging done right
  - > Tested and accepted by distros

Goal: Get into (main) distribution repositories ... step by step.

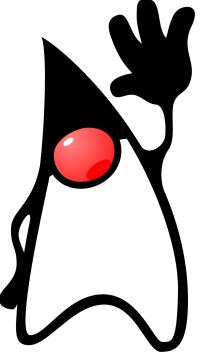


## OpenJDK

















#### What's next?

- OpenJDK as the foundation for other code to follow
  - > NetBeans
  - >GlassFish
  - >Available in Ubuntu since version 8.04
  - >Your open source project?

Goal: allow Java developers to be as productive on Linux out of the box as everyone else is



#### 2008-2009

Improving the infrastructure Code Reviews, Wiki, Opengrok, Bugzilla Externalize processes & tools Replace the SNMP code Deployment Code (plugin, webstart) Grow the Community: Ports, Committers, Projects Governance



#### The Java Community Process stays









OpenJDK, GlassFish, Mobile&Embedded Community



#### OpenJDK has a positive effect

OpenJDK allows expert groups to develop
Reference implementations for JSRs
(Destined for Java SE 6+X)
In the open, transparently with their users

JSR 277 (Modulsystem),
JSR 292 (MLVM, Invokedynamic),
JSR for new NIO APIs,
JSR 308 (Annotations on types)



#### Into the Future

Java is becoming a piece of GNU/Linux Part of the Linux toolchain JVM as a core component of distributions Full, Free Java Stack Packages for commonly used libraries 'apt-get install' for Java applications ... it's there, and it just works



Thanks!

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