Java 9 - 14

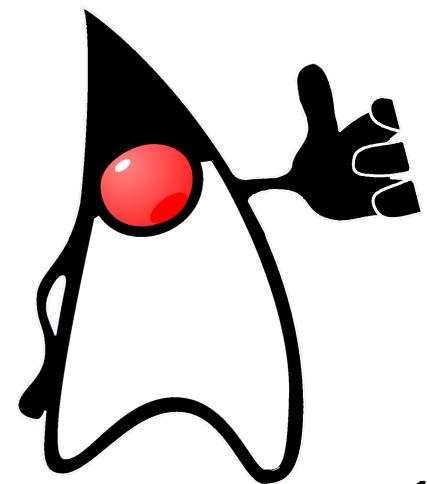
Key Features and Enhancements

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#WorksFineWithJavaNine



- Released: Sep. 2017
- => Java 8 was Mar. 2014
- 150 new features and enhancements
- One of the largest upgrades to Java
- https://openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk9/
- https://speakerdeck.com/cguntur/java-9-new-features



Private Methods in Interfaces (1)

- To share common code between methods
- Methods with bodies: static and default
- private default & private abstract not valid
- Originally in Java 8 experimental, dropped
- https://bugs.openjdk.java.net/browse/JDK-8071453

Writeup: https://cguntur.me/2017/09/02/java-9-features-private-interface-methods/



Private Methods in Interfaces (2)

Java support in interfaces

	Java 7	Java 8	Java 9
constants			
abstract methods			
default methods			
public static methods			
private methods			
private static methods			

Writeup: https://cguntur.me/2017/09/02/java-9-features-private-interface-methods/



Collections - Factory Methods

- Allow ease of declaration/instantiation
- Examples:
 - List.of("one", "two");
 - Map.of("key1", "val1", "key2, "val2");
- JEP 269 Convenience Collection Factory Methods: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/269
- https://blogs.oracle.com/java/collections-refueled



G1GC - Default Garbage Collector

- Introduced in Java 7, targeted for Java 8
- JVM now uses a Metaspace instead of PermGen
- GC focusses on garbage-heavy regions
- JEP 248 Make G1 the default collector: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/248
- https://blogs.oracle.com/java/collections-refueled

https://docs.oracle.com/javase/9/gctuning/garbage-first-garbage-collector.htm



Version String Scheme

- Scheme in Java 9 is \$MAJOR.\$MINOR.\$SECURITY_PATCH
- Replaces confusing mix of version and build numbers
- Deemed temporary, changes in future versions
- JEP 223 Version-String Scheme: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/223
- https://mreinhold.org/blog/forward-faster



JShell - Java REPL

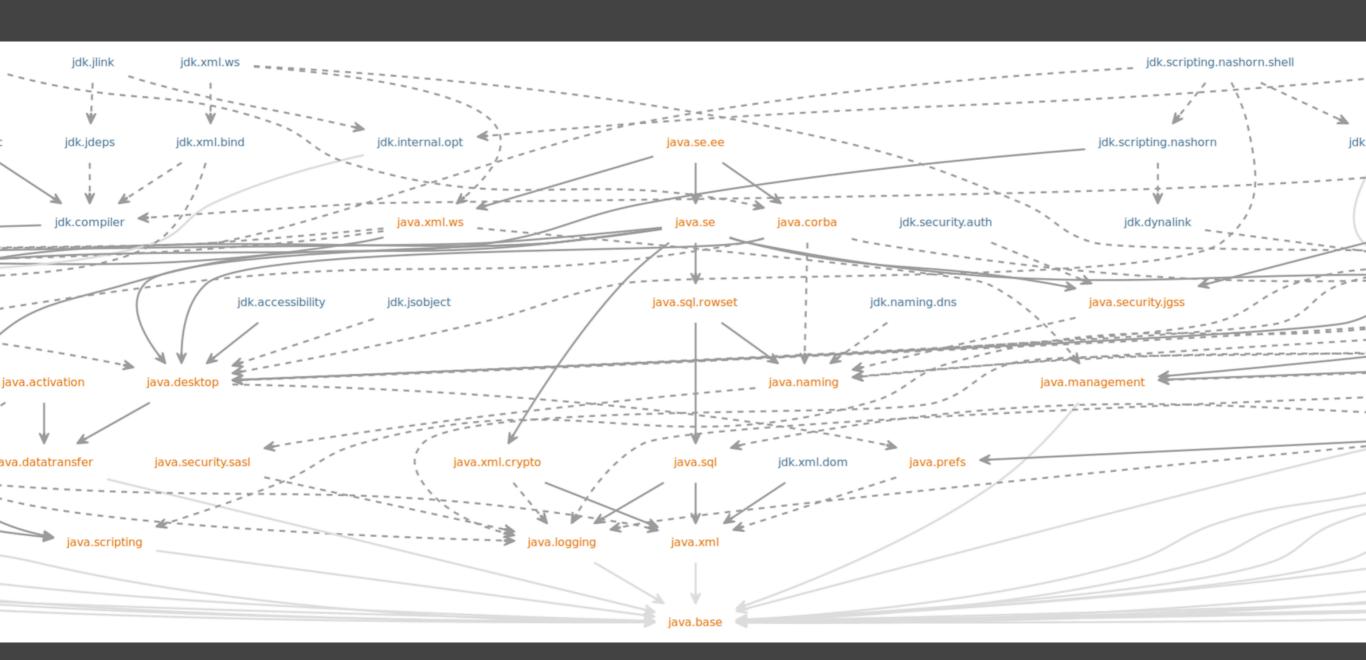
- Read-Eval-Print-Loop for a transcript evaluation
- Great teaching tool
- Originally targeted for Java 7
- Built on JShell API
- JEP 222 jshell The Java Shell: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/222
- http://cr.openjdk.java.net/~rfield/tutorial/JShellTutorial.html



Java Platform Modularity System (1)

- Reduce the large and growing java package size
- Also aims to remove/deprecate vestigial packages
- Allows splitting the JDK in smaller units (modules)
- Root module called java.base
- Dependencies packaged as .jmod files
- Module path to replace classpath







Java Platform Modularity System (2)

- Java 9 itself is a modular system
- Restructures JDK and JRE runtime images as modules
- No more rt.jar and tools.jar in libs
- Enables Compact Profiles: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/161
- jlink responsible for assembly and optimizing modules
- jlink produces custom runtime images



Java Platform Modularity System (3)

```
JPMS (JSR 376):
http://openjdk.java.net/projects/jigsaw/spec/
JEP 261 - Module System:
http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/261
JEP 200 - The Modular JDK:
http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/200
JEP 220 - Modular Run-Time Images:
http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/220
JEP 260 - Encapsulate Internal APIs:
http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/260
```



Other Important enhancements

- java.util.Optional new methods added
- java.util.stream.Stream new methods added
- java.util.concurrent.* reactive and futures
- Compact Strings major fixes to compressed strings
- Deprecation added forRemoval & since attributes
- Compiler new flags to compile (--release)



#WorksWhenOnJavaTen



- Released: Mar. 2018
- First release in the 6-month release model
- Fewer features and enhancements
- Marked as a feature-release, not LTS
- https://openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/10/



Local Variable Type Inference (1)

- Introduction of var as a variable type
- Examples:
 - var list = new ArrayList<String>();// infers ArrayList<String>
 - var stream = list.stream(); // infers Stream<String>
- Requires initialization of the variable
- JEP 286 Local-variable Type Inference: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/286



Local Variable Type Inference (2)

• Incorrect Examples:

```
❖ var x; // cannot infer type for local
```

```
var f = () -> { }; // cannot infer type for local
```

- ❖ var g = null; // cannot infer type for local
- (var x, var y) -> x.process(y) // not supported

https://openjdk.java.net/projects/amber/LVTIstyle.html



Application Class-Data Sharing

- Improves startup and memory footprint
- Extends existing CDS (JDK 5) to application classes
- Allows loading to custom class loaders as well
- Use -XX:+UseAppCDS to enable Application CDS
- JEP 310 Application Class-Data Sharing: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/310



Experimental Java-Based JIT Compiler

- Enables Graal Ahead-of-time JIT Compiler
- First step for Project Metropolis
- Extends the compiler via a JVM Compiler Interface
- Use with -XX:+UseJVMCICompiler to enable
- JEP 317 Experimental Java-Based JIT Compiler: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/317

Metropolis: http://mail.openjdk.java.net/pipermail/announce/2017-September/000233.html



Time-Based Release Versioning

- New scheme: \$FEATURE.\$INTERIM.\$UPDATE.\$PATCH
- Also added a java.version.date System property
- Make it easy for a developer or end user to figure out how old a release is
- JEP 322 Time-Based Release Versioning: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/322



Other Features

- JEP-296: Consolidate the JDK Forest into a Single Repository
- JEP-304: Garbage-Collector Interface
- JEP-307: Parallel Full GC for G1
- JEP-312: Thread-Local Handshakes
- JEP-313: Remove the Native-Header Generation Tool (javah)
- JEP-314: Additional Unicode Language-Tag Extensions
- JEP-316: Heap Allocation on Alternative Memory Devices
- JEP-319: Root Certificates



#WorksLikeHeavenWithJavaEleven



- Released: Sep. 2018
- Marked as a feature-release, not LTS
- https://openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/11/



Local-Variable Syntax for Lambda Parameters

- Fixes issues with var usage in lambda parameters
- Great addition for annotating params in lambdas
- Examples:
 - (var x, var y) -> x.process(y)
 - (@Nonnull var x, @Nullable var y) -> x.process(y)
- JEP 323 Local-Variable Syntax for Lambda Parameters: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/323



Launch Single-File Source-Code Programs

- Enables launching a single file Java program
- Automatically compiles and runs Java file
- Example: java HelloWorld.java (instead of javac)
- Great tool for students and new beginners
- JEP 330 Launch Single-File Source-Code Programs: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/330



Remove the Java EE and CORBA Modules

- Removes Java EE & CORBA modules deprecated in Java 9
- Source code deleted from OpenJDK repository
- Binaries do not include these modules
- Related to the separation of Java SE and Jakarta EE
- JEP 320 Remove the Java EE and CORBA Modules: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/320



Java 11 E

Epsilon Garbage Collector

- Experimental No-Op memory allocator without any GC
- Very useful for:
 - Performance testing
 - Memory pressure testing
 - Extremely short-lived jobs
 - Other deeper JVM development
- JEP 318 Epsilon: A No-Op Garbage Collector: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/318



Java 11 E

Z Garbage Collector

- Experimental Low latency scalable garbage collector
- Main features:
 - Guaranteed pause times (10ms)
 - Handles range of small (few MB) to very large memory (TBs)
 - Foundation for future GC features and optimizations
 - Concurrent, single-generation, region-based, NUMA-aware, compacting collector
- JEP 333 ZGC: A Scalable Low-Latency Garbage Collector: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/333



Other Features (1)

- JEP-181: Nest-Based Access Control
- JEP-309: Dynamic Class-File Constants
- JEP-315: Improve Aarch64 Intrinsics
- JEP-321: HTTP Client (Standard)
- JEP-324: Key Agreement with Curve25519 and Curve448
- JEP-327: Unicode 10



Other Features (2)

- JEP-328: Flight Recorder
- JEP-329: ChaCha20 and Poly1305 Cryptographic Algorithms
- JEP-331: Low-Overhead Heap Profiling
- JEP-332: Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.3
- JEP-335: Deprecate the Nashorn JavaScript Engine
- JEP-336: Deprecate the Pack200 Tools and API



#TheBestDelvelsJavaTwelve



- Released: Mar. 2019
- Marked as a feature-release, not LTS
- https://openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/12/



Switch Expressions (Preview)

Preview for switch used as statement or expression

```
public class Quarter {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       Month month = Month.SEPTEMBER;
       int quarter = switch (month) {
           case JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH -> 1;
           case APRIL, MAY, JUNE
                                            -> 2;
           case JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER
                                            -> 3;
           case OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER -> 4;
       System.out.println("--> Q" + quarter);
```

JEP 325 - Switch Expressions (Preview): http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/325



Compact Number Formatting

```
public class TwitterStats {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      final Locale locale = new Locale(language: "en", country: "US");
     NumberFormat impressions = NumberFormat
            impressions.setMaximumFractionDigits(1);
     NumberFormat followers = NumberFormat
            followers.setMaximumFractionDigits(2);
     System.out.println("~ "
            + impressions.format(number: 76092) + " impressions & "
                  + followers.format( number: 2011) + " followers");
```

~ 76.1K impressions & 2.01 thousand followers

JDK-8188147 - Compact Number Formatting support: https://bugs.java.com/bugdatabase/view_bug.do?bug_id=8188147



Java 11 E

Shenandoah Garbage Collector

- Experimental Tiny & consistent pause-time garbage collector
- Main features:
 - Adds an indirection pointer to every Java object
 - Concurrent marking and compacting
 - Optimized to never interrupt the running program
 - Pause Java threads only to scan thread stacks to find & update object graph
- JEP 189 Shenandoah: A Low-Pause-Time Garbage Collector: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/189



Microbenchmark Suite

- Based on the Java Microbenchmark Harness (JMH)
- Easy to add new benchmarks, to build and to run
- Targeted for continuous performance testing
- JEP 230 Microbenchmark Suite: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/230



Other Features

● JEP-350: Java Constants API

● JEP-340: One AArch64 Port, Not Two

● JEP-341: Default CDS Archives

● JEP-344: Abortable Mixed Collections for G1

● JEP-346: Promptly Return Unused Committed Memory from G1



#AllGreenWithJavaThirteen



- Released: Sep. 2019
- Marked as a feature-release, not LTS
- https://openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/13/



Dynamic CDS Archives

- Extends AppCDS to archive at application exit
- Further speeds up startup times
- CDS and AppCDS were static, still exist
- Use -XX:ArchiveClassesAtExit=my.jsa to enable
 Use -XX:SharedArchiveFile=my.jsa to load
- JEP 350 Dynamic CDS Archives: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/350



Switch Expressions (Preview)

2nd Preview for switch used as statement or expression

```
public class Quarter {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
       Month month = Month.SEPTEMBER;
       int quarter = switch (month) {
           case JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH: yield 1;
                                 yield 2;
           case APRIL, MAY, JUNE:
           case JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER: yield 3;
           case OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER: yield 4;
       System.out.println("--> Q" + quarter);
```

-> Q3

JEP 354 - Switch Expressions (Preview): http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/354



Text Blocks (Preview)

Preview for multi-line text blocks

JEP 355 - Text Blocks (Preview): http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/355



Other Features

● JEP-351: ZGC: Uncommit Unused Memory

● JEP-353: Reimplement the Legacy Socket API







- Released: Mar. 2020
- Many new and exciting features !!!
- https://openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/14/



Pattern Matching for instanceof (Preview)

Example:

```
if (obj instanceof String s) {
    // can use s here
} else {
    // can't use s here
}
```

JEP 305 - Pattern matching for instanceof (Preview): http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/305



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Helpful NullPointerExceptions

- Offer helpful information about the premature termination of a program
- Example:

```
if (obj instanceof String s) {
    // can use s here
} else {
    // can't use s here
}
```

JEP 358 - Helpful NullPointerExceptions: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/358



Other Features

● JEP-351: ZGC: Uncommit Unused Memory

● JEP-353: Reimplement the Legacy Socket API

