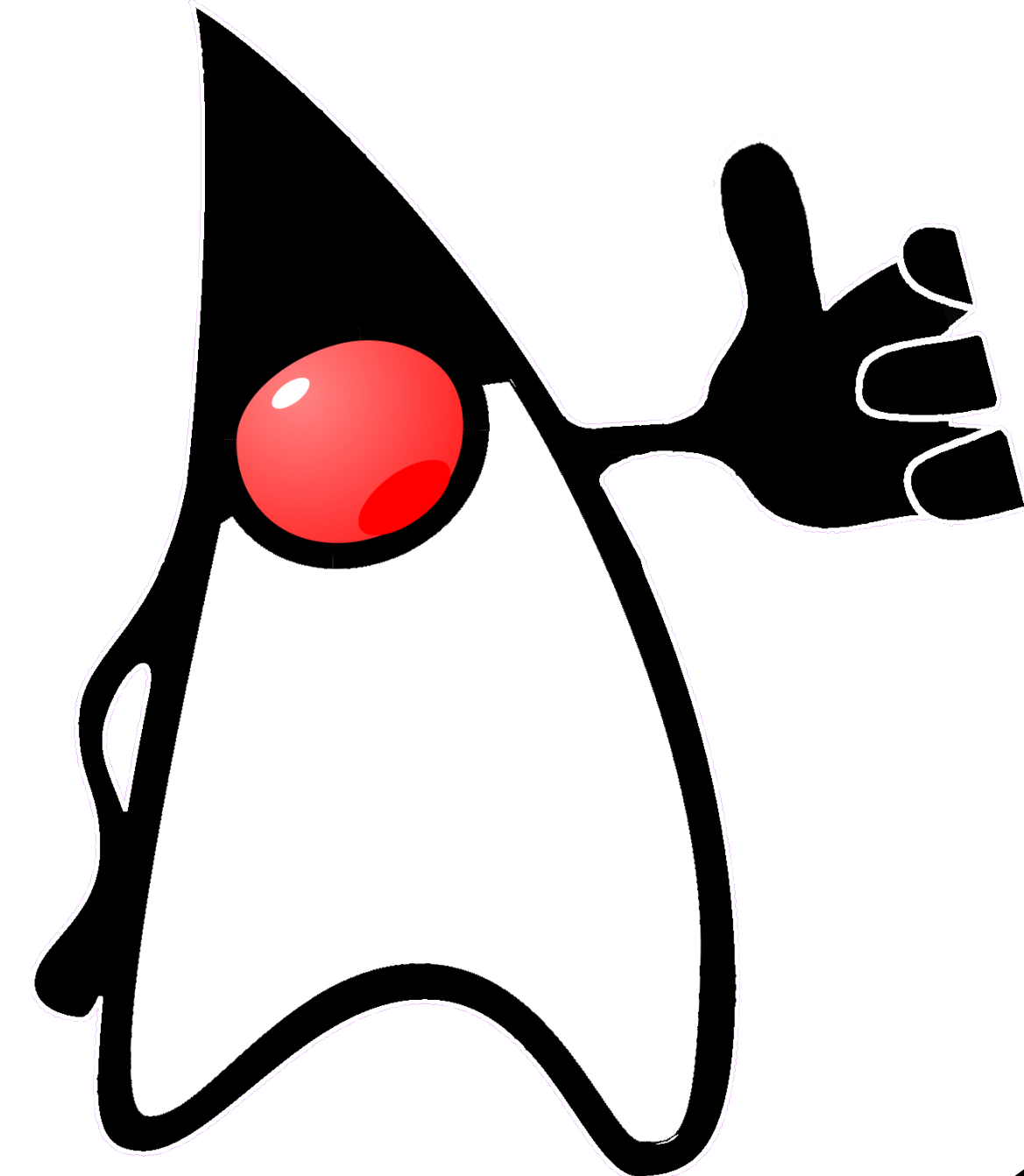


Java 9 – 14

Key Features and Enhancements

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Java 9

#WorksFineWithJavaNine



Java 9

- 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

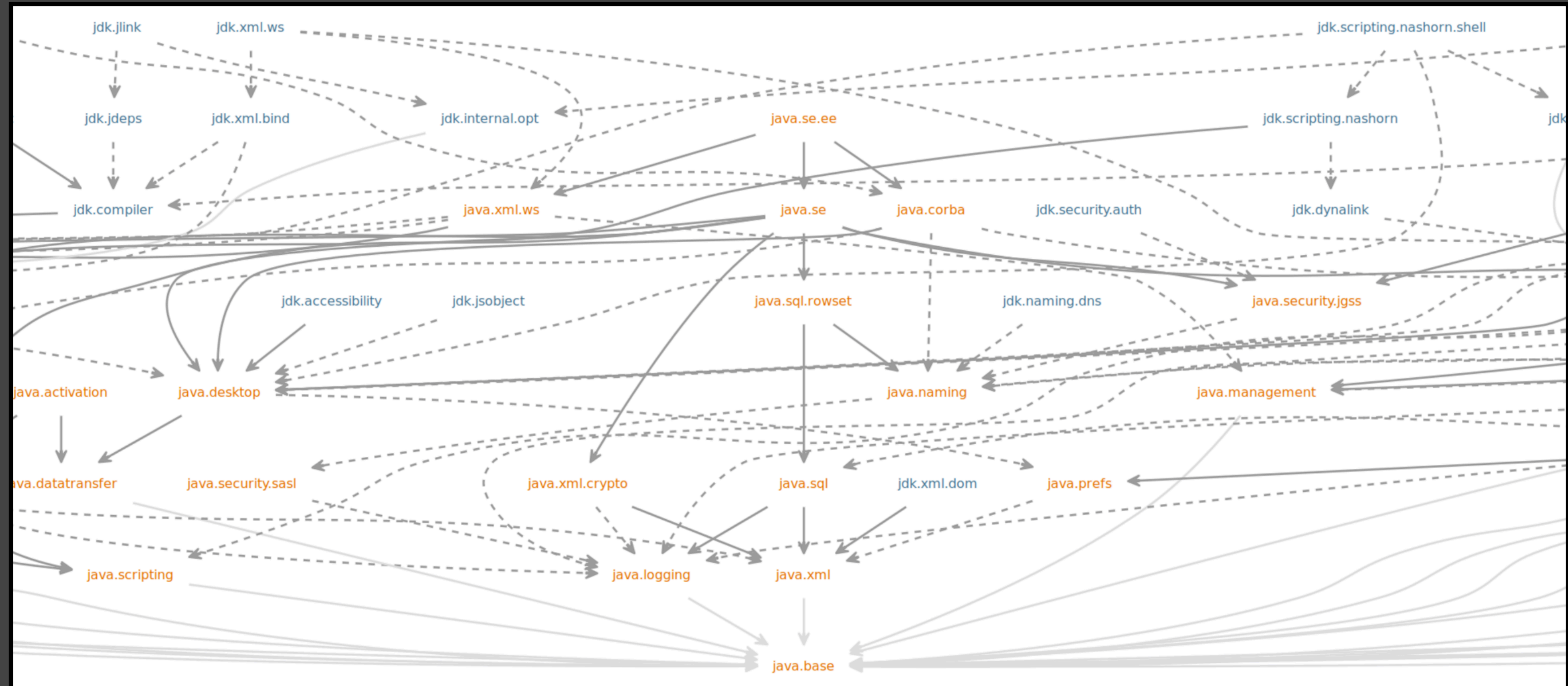
- Read-Eval-Print-Loop for a transcript evaluation
- Great teaching tool
- Originally targeted for Java 7
- Built on JShell API
- **JEP 222** - jshell - The Java Shell:
<http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/222>

<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 9



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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`)

Java 10

#WorksWhenOnJavaTen



Java 10

- 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 k = { 1 , 2 }; // 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

Java 11

#WorksLikeHeavenWithJavaEleven



Java 11

- Released: Sep. 2018
- Marked as Long Term Support release, not FR
- <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)` // Works in Java 11

✿ `(@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` (no need for `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>

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>

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

Java 12

#TheBestDelvesJavaTwelve



Java 12

- 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);  
    }  
}
```

-> Q3

- 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("en", "US");  
  
        NumberFormat impressions = NumberFormat  
            .getCompactNumberInstance(locale, formatStyle: SHORT);  
        impressions.setMaximumFractionDigits(1);  
  
        NumberFormat followers = NumberFormat  
            .getCompactNumberInstance(locale, formatStyle: LONG);  
        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

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

Java 13

#AllGreenWithJavaThirteen



Java 13

- 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;  
            case APRIL, MAY, JUNE:            yield 2;  
            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

```
@Test
void noTalksYet() {
    String expected = ""
        <conference name="OracleCodeOne">
        </conference>
        "";

    String actual = XmlHelper.generateXml();

    assertEquals(expected: expected, actual: actual);
}
```

- 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

Java 14

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Java 14

- Released: Mar. 2020
- Marked as a feature-release, not LTS
- 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>



Helpful NullPointerExceptions

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

```
a.b.c.i = 99;
```

- Results in:
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NullPointerException:
Cannot read field "c" because "a.b" is null at Prog.main(Prog.java:5)
- 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