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JEP 470 — PEM Encodings of Cryptographic Objects (Preview)

- Encode/decode keys, certs, CRLs to/from PEM via simple encoder/decoder APIs.
- Supports PKCS#8, X.509; encryption/decryption of private keys; reusable, thread-safe.

```
var enc = PEMEncoder.of();
String pubText = enc.encodeToString( publicKey );

var dec = PEMDecoder.of();
ECPublicKey key = dec.decode( pubText, ECPublicKey.class );

// Encrypted private key
String pem = enc.withEncryption( password ).encodeToString( privateKey
);
ECPrivateKey pk = dec.withDecryption( password ).decode( pem,
ECPrivateKey.class );
```



JEP 502 — Stable Values (Preview)

- Defer initialization safely; JVM treats set values as constants for folding.
- Thread-safe at-most-once initialization via `StableValue` and suppliers.
- Enable with `--enable-preview` (JDK 25).

```
private final StableValue<Logger> logger = StableValue.of();
Logger log() { return logger.orElseSet(() ->
    Logger.create(getClass())); }

// Or at declaration site
private final Supplier<Logger> LOG = StableValue.supplier( () ->
    Logger.create( getClass() ) );
void use() { LOG.get().info("hello"); }
```



JEP 503 — Remove the 32-bit x86 Port

- Drops source/build support for 32-bit x86 to simplify HotSpot and infra.
- Unblocks new features lacking 32-bit fallbacks; does not affect other 32-bit ports.
- Migration: use 64-bit JDKs; older releases retain 32-bit x86 where present.

```
// No code changes required.  
// Build/CI environments should target 64-bit x86 or other supported  
arches.  
// Example: docker image switch to amd64, aarch64, riscv64 as needed.
```



JEP 505 — Structured Concurrency (Fifth Preview)

- Treat related tasks as one unit: simpler cancellation, error handling, observability.
- Static factory `open()`; policies via `Joiner`; integrates with virtual threads.
- Enable with `--enable-preview` (JDK 25).

```
try (var scope = StructuredTaskScope.open()) {  
    var u = scope.fork(() -> findUser());  
    var o = scope.fork(() -> fetchOrder());  
    scope.join(); // cancels sibling on failure  
    return new Response( u.get(), o.get() );  
}
```



JEP 506 — Scoped Values (Final)

- Share immutable data down-call and to child threads safely and efficiently.
- Cleaner than ThreadLocal; works great with virtual threads and structured concurrency.

```
static final ScopedValue<Context> CTX = ScopedValue.newInstance();

where(CTX, ctx).run(() -> {
    service.handle();
});
```

// CTX.get() available here

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JEP 507 — Primitive Types in Patterns, instanceof, and switch (Third Preview)

- Use primitive type patterns in instanceof/switch; safe, non-lossy matching.
- switch now supports long, float, double, boolean; instanceof works with primitives.
- Enable with --enable-preview (JDK 25).

```
if (i instanceof byte b) { use(b); }           // only if exact, no data
loss
switch (v) {
    case 0f -> out(5f);
    case float x when x == 1f -> out(6f + x);
    case float x -> out(7f + x);
}
if (json instanceof JsonNumber(int age)) { ... }
// safe narrowing inside record pattern
```



JEP 508 — Vector API (Tenth Incubator)

- Express vector computations that compile to optimal SIMD on x64/AArch64.
- Links math funcs via FFM; adds Float16 autovectorization; shuffles with MemorySegment.

```
static final VectorSpecies<Float> S = FloatVector.SPECIES_PREFERRED;
for (int i = 0; i < S.loopBound(n); i += S.length()) {
    var a = FloatVector.fromArray(S, A, i);
    var b = FloatVector.fromArray(S, B, i);
    a.mul(a).add(b.mul(b)).neg().intoArray(C, i);
}
```


JEP 509 — JFR CPU-Time Profiling (Experimental)

- JFR samples per CPU time on Linux for accurate CPU profiles, incl. native code.
- New `jdk.CPUTimeSample` event; throttle via time or rate; stream or record.

```
// At launch  
java  
-XX:StartFlightRecording=jdk.CPUTimeSample#enabled=true,filename=profile.jfr ...  
  
// Later, with jcmd  
jcmd <pid> JFR.start settings=/tmp/cpu_profile.jfc duration=4m  
jfr view cpu-time-hot-methods profile.jfr
```



JEP 510 — Key Derivation Function API (Final)

- Standard `javax.crypto.KDF` for HKDF (and future KDFs like Argon2).
- Derive keys/data deterministically; provider-extensible; supports PKCS#11 HKDF.

```
KDF hkdf = KDF.getInstance( "HKDF-SHA256" );  
var params = HKDFParameterSpec.ofExtract()  
  
    .addIKM(ikm).addSalt(salt).thenExpand(info, 32);  
SecretKey key = hkdf.deriveKey( "AES", params );  
byte[] bytes = hkdf.deriveData(params);
```



JEP 511 — Module Import Declarations (Final)

- `import module M`; brings all exported packages of a module into scope.
- Coexists with normal imports; resolves via specificity; great for prototyping.

```
import module java.base;    // List, Path, Stream, etc.
import module java.sql;     // java.sql.*, javax.sql.* and indirect
                             exports

// Disambiguate when needed
import java.sql.Date;
Date d = new Date(System.currentTimeMillis());
```



JEP 512 — Compact Source Files & Instance Main Methods (Final)

- Write tiny programs without boilerplate; instance main(); implicit class in compact files.
- java.lang.IO for simple console I/O; auto-import of java.base in compact files.

```
// Compact source file
void main() {
    String name = IO.readLine("Name: ");
    IO.println("Hello, " + name + "!");
    var nums = List.of(1,2,3);
    nums.forEach(n -> IO.println(n));
}

// Regular class with instance main
class App { void main() { IO.println("Hi"); } }
```



JEP 513 — Flexible Constructor Bodies (Final)

- Statements may appear before `super()/this()`; no reference to uninitialized `this`.
- Validate args early; init subclass fields before superclass sees them; safer construction.

```
class Employee extends Person {  
    String officeID;  
    Employee(int age, String officeID) {  
        if (age < 18 || age > 67) throw new IllegalArgumentException();  
        this.officeID = officeID; // allowed in prologue  
        super(age);               // call after safe setup  
        // epilogue ...  
    }  
}
```

JEP 514 — AOT Command-Line Ergonomics

- One-step training **and** cache creation:
`-XX:AOTCacheOutput=app.aot`
- Temp AOT config is handled for you (no leftover file)
- Keep 2-step when needed; pass creation-only flags via
`JDK_AOT_VM_OPTIONS`
- Takeaway: simpler workflow → easier, faster startup with AOT caches

JEP 515 — Ahead-of-Time Method Profiling

- Saves **method execution profiles** from training runs **into the AOT cache**
- JIT compiles hot methods **immediately at startup** → shorter warmup
- Still adapts at runtime if behavior changes
- No code changes; tiny cache growth for a notable warmup win

JEP 518 — JFR Cooperative Sampling

- Samples stacks **only at safepoints** via cooperative requests (no risky heuristics)
- **More stable & scalable** JFR stack walking; fewer crashes
- **Minimizes safepoint bias**; falls back when in native code
- Net: better profiling fidelity with low risk

JEP 519 — Compact Object Headers

- Promoted to **product feature** (no `-XX:+UnlockExperimentalVMOptions`)
- Enable with `-XX:+UseCompactObjectHeaders`
- Wins: **smaller heap, fewer GCs, lower CPU** in many workloads
- Not the default header layout

JEP 520 — JFR Method Timing & Tracing

- **Bytecode instrumentation** to time/trace selected methods exactly
- Filter by method/class/annotation (e.g., `HashMap::resize`, `@jakarta.ws.rs.GET`)
- Configure via `StartFlightRecording` (`method-timing`, `method-trace`) or JMX
- Use surgically—**higher overhead** than sampling; great for hotspots

JEP 521 — Generational Shenandoah

- **Generational mode** is now a **product feature**
- Enable: `-XX:+UseShenandoahGC`
`-XX:ShenandoahGCMode=generational`
- Benefits: better young/old separation → improved pauses/throughput
- Not the default; single-gen remains default