



Programmer's Guide to the JDK Flight Recorder

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JDK Flight Recorder

- Records events from the JVM, the JDK and applications
 - unified way to inspect the entire software stack
 - correlate events across different software layers and components
- Part of the JVM
- Low overhead
- Designed to be "always on"

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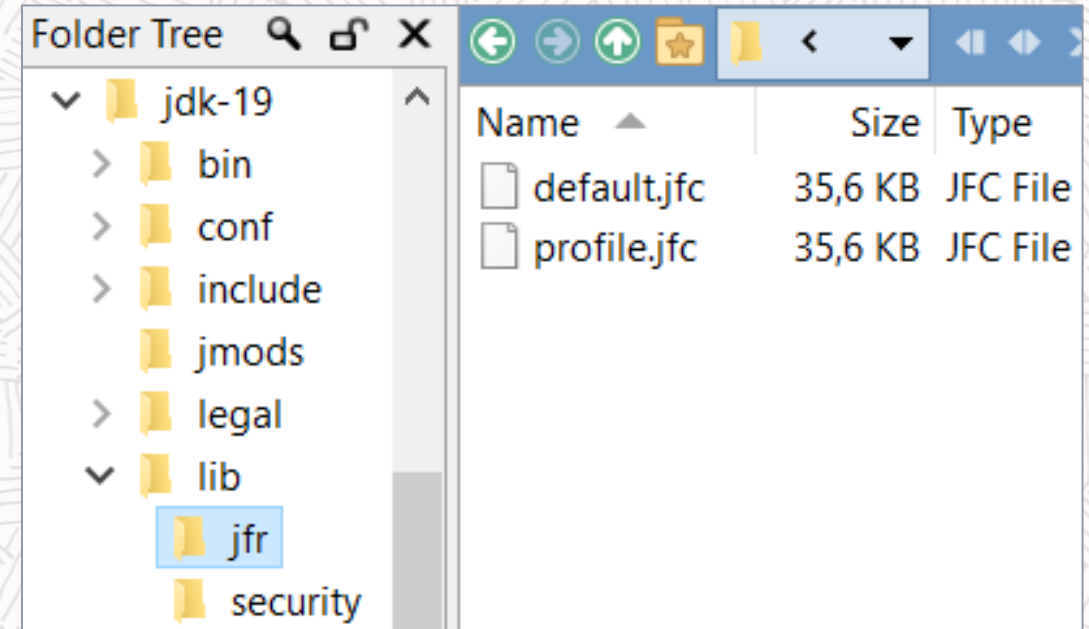
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Designed to be always on

- Two profiles shipped with the JVM
 - **default.jfc**
 - less than 1% overhead
 - designed for continuous recording, "always on"
 - **profile.jfc**
 - can have slightly more overhead (<2%)
 - slightly changed thresholds
 - a few more stack traces



Tip: don't alter these files!

- Make copies if needed
 - Use `jfr` commandline tool!
- Store custom settings together with app settings

Designed to be always on

- Always start your JVM with Flight Recording!
 - Default profile has less than 1 % overhead

`java -XX:StartFlightRecording`

Continuous recording

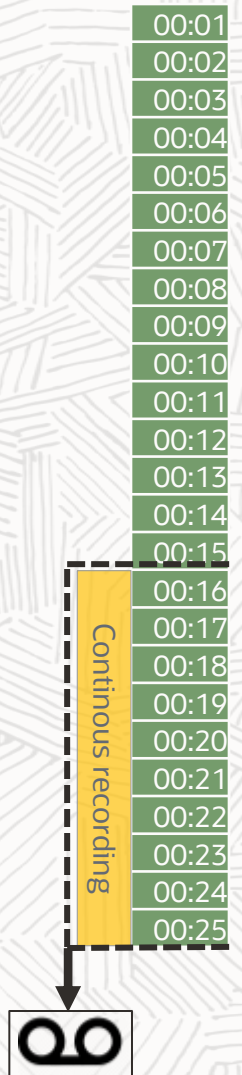
00:01
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00:19
00:20
00:21
00:22
00:23
00:24
00:25

Designed to be always on

- Always start your JVM with Flight Recording!
 - Default profile has less than 1 % overhead

```
java -XX:StartFlightRecording:maxage=10m,maxsize=750M
```

hotspot_1854_202030208.jfr



Designed to be always on

- Always start your JVM with Flight Recording!
 - Default profile has less than 1 % overhead

```
java -XX:StartFlightRecording:dumponexit=true,\
      filename=/var/log/rec_%p_%t.jfr
```

- **dumponexit=true**
 - will write JFR on JVM exit
- default name: **hotspot_<pid>_<timestamp>.jfr**
 - **filename** can be
 - directory
 - filename
 - **%p** for Process ID
 - **%t** for timestamp

/var/log/rec_1854_202030208.jfr



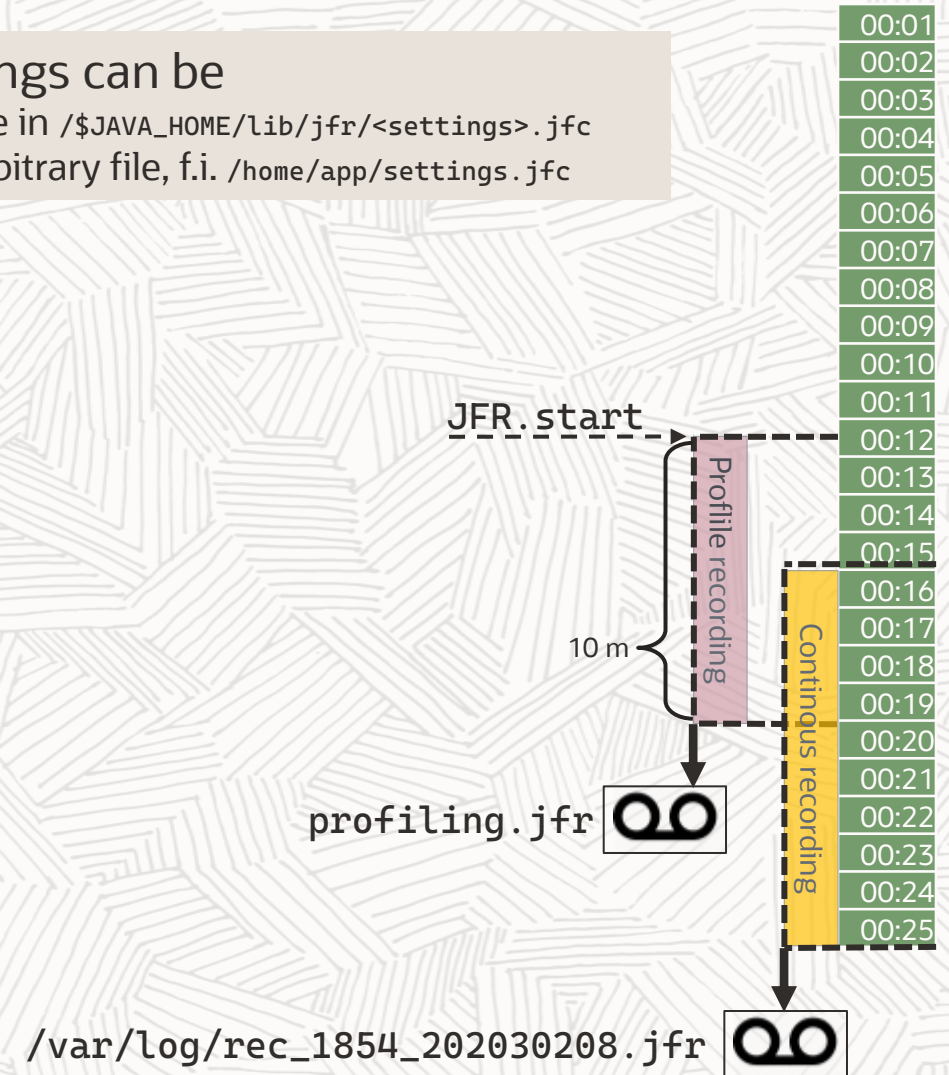
Start a recording during runtime

- Start recording using the “profile” setting:

```
$ jcmd <pid> JFR.start settings=profile \  
    filename=profiling.jfr \  
    duration=10m
```

settings can be

- file in /\$JAVA_HOME/lib/jfr/<settings>.jfc
- arbitrary file, f.i. /home/app/settings.jfc



Using JCMD to control JFR recordings

- Start recording

```
$ jcmd <pid> JFR.start
```

- Write recording to disk

```
$ jcmd <pid> JFR.dump
```

- Stop recording

```
$ jcmd <pid> JFR.stop
```

- Check active recordings

```
$ jcmd <pid> JFR.check
```

30496:

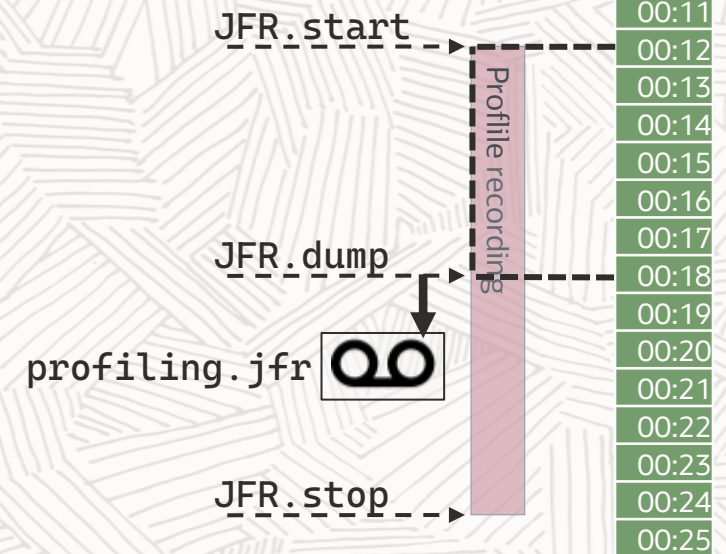
Recording 1: name=1 maxsize=250,0MB (running)

List all running JVMs pids:

```
$ jcmd
```

List all jcmd commands:

```
$ jcmd <pid> help
```



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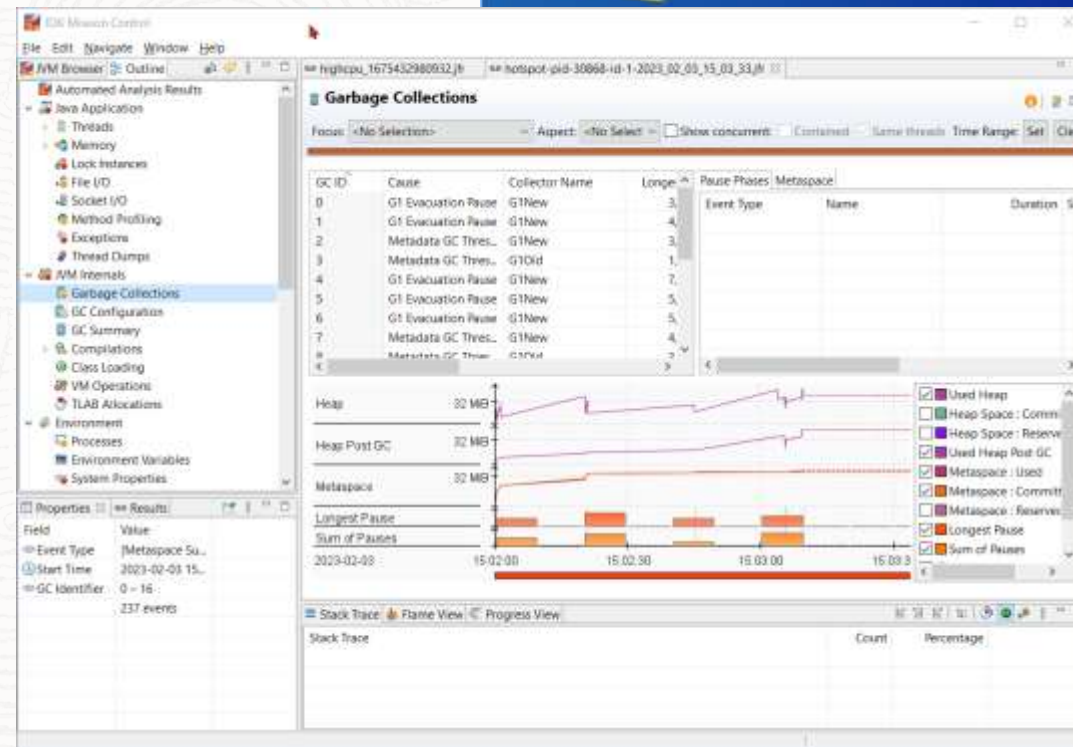
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Examining the JFR recording

JDK Mission Control 8, “JMC”

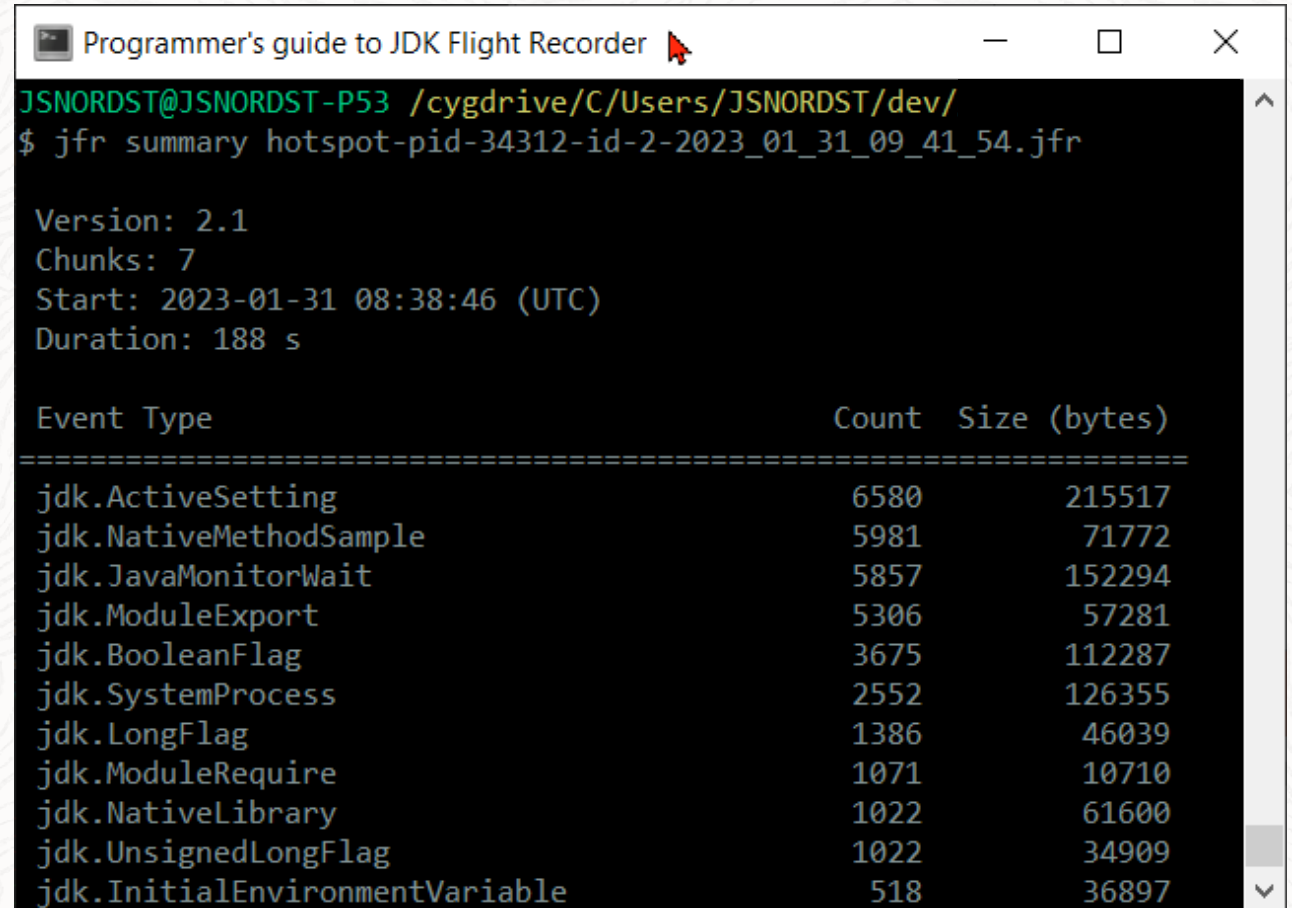
- Graphical interface to analyze recordings
- Separate download:
oracle.com/java/technologies/jdk-mission-control.html



Examining the JFR recording

JFR commandline tool

- Available in the JDK
- List events, output as text/JSON
- Create .jfc configuration files
- Disassemble chunks from recording
 - If you have very large JFR recording
- Assemble leftover JFR chunks
- Scrub events from recording



```
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JSNORDST@JSNORDST-P53 /cygdrive/C/Users/JSNORDST/dev/
$ jfr summary hotspot-pid-34312-id-2-2023_01_31_09_41_54.jfr

Version: 2.1
Chunks: 7
Start: 2023-01-31 08:38:46 (UTC)
Duration: 188 s

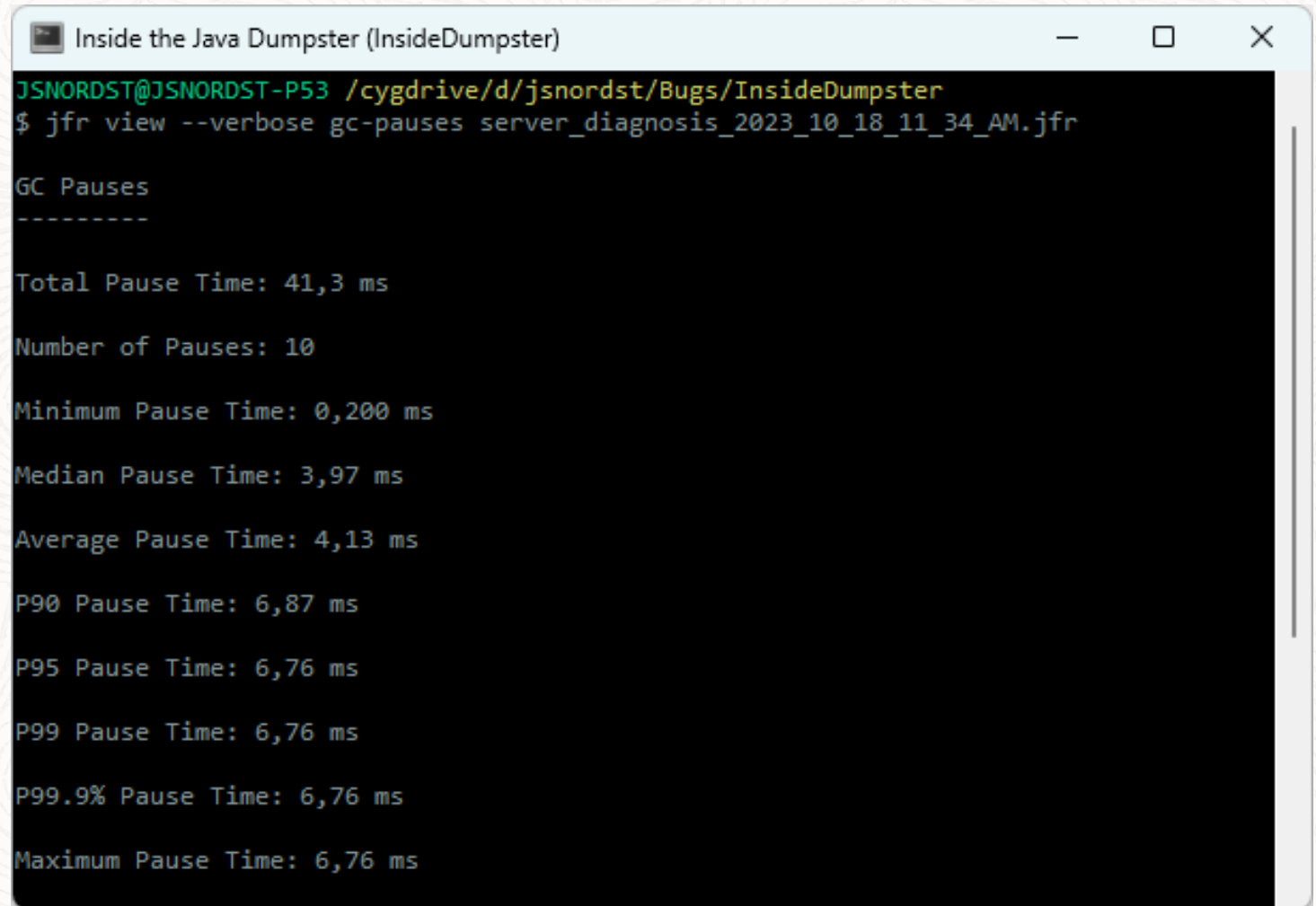
Event Type                                     Count  Size (bytes)
=====
jdk.ActiveSetting                             6580    215517
jdk.NativeMethodSample                       5981     71772
jdk.JavaMonitorWait                          5857   152294
jdk.ModuleExport                             5306     57281
jdk.BooleanFlag                              3675    112287
jdk.SystemProcess                            2552   126355
jdk.LongFlag                                 1386     46039
jdk.ModuleRequire                             1071     10710
jdk.NativeLibrary                             1022     61600
jdk.UnsignedLongFlag                         1022     34909
jdk.InitialEnvironmentVariable                 518     36897
```


Viewing on-going JFR recordings

JFR “views” shows aggregated event data

- On-going, live recordings
`jcmd <pid> JFR.view <view>`
- File recordings
`jfr view <view> recording.jfr`

JDK 21 has 70 predefined views



```
Inside the Java Dumpster (InsideDumpster)
JSNORDST@JSNORDST-P53 /cygdrive/d/jsnordst/Bugs/InsideDumpster
$ jfr view --verbose gc-pauses server_diagnosis_2023_10_18_11_34_AM.jfr

GC Pauses
-----

Total Pause Time: 41,3 ms
Number of Pauses: 10
Minimum Pause Time: 0,200 ms
Median Pause Time: 3,97 ms
Average Pause Time: 4,13 ms
P90 Pause Time: 6,87 ms
P95 Pause Time: 6,76 ms
P99 Pause Time: 6,76 ms
P99.9% Pause Time: 6,76 ms
Maximum Pause Time: 6,76 ms
```

Read more: <https://egahlin.github.io/2023/05/30/views.html>


```
$ jfr help view
```

```
Java virtual machine views:
```

class-modifications	gc-concurrent-phases	longest-compilations
compiler-configuration	gc-configuration	native-memory-committed
compiler-phases	gc-cpu-time	native-memory-reserved
compiler-statistics	gc-pause-phases	safepoints
deoptimizations-by-reason	gc-pauses	tlabs
deoptimizations-by-site	gc-references	vm-operations
gc	heap-configuration	

```
Environment views:
```

active-recordings	cpu-information	jvm-flags
active-settings	cpu-load	native-libraries
container-configuration	cpu-load-samples	network-utilization
container-cpu-throttling	cpu-tsc	recording
container-cpu-usage	environment-variables	system-information
container-io-usage	events-by-count	system-processes
container-memory-usage	events-by-name	system-properties

```
Application views:
```

allocation-by-class	exception-count	native-methods
allocation-by-site	file-reads-by-path	object-statistics
allocation-by-thread	file-writes-by-path	pinned-threads
class-loaders	finalizers	socket-reads-by-host

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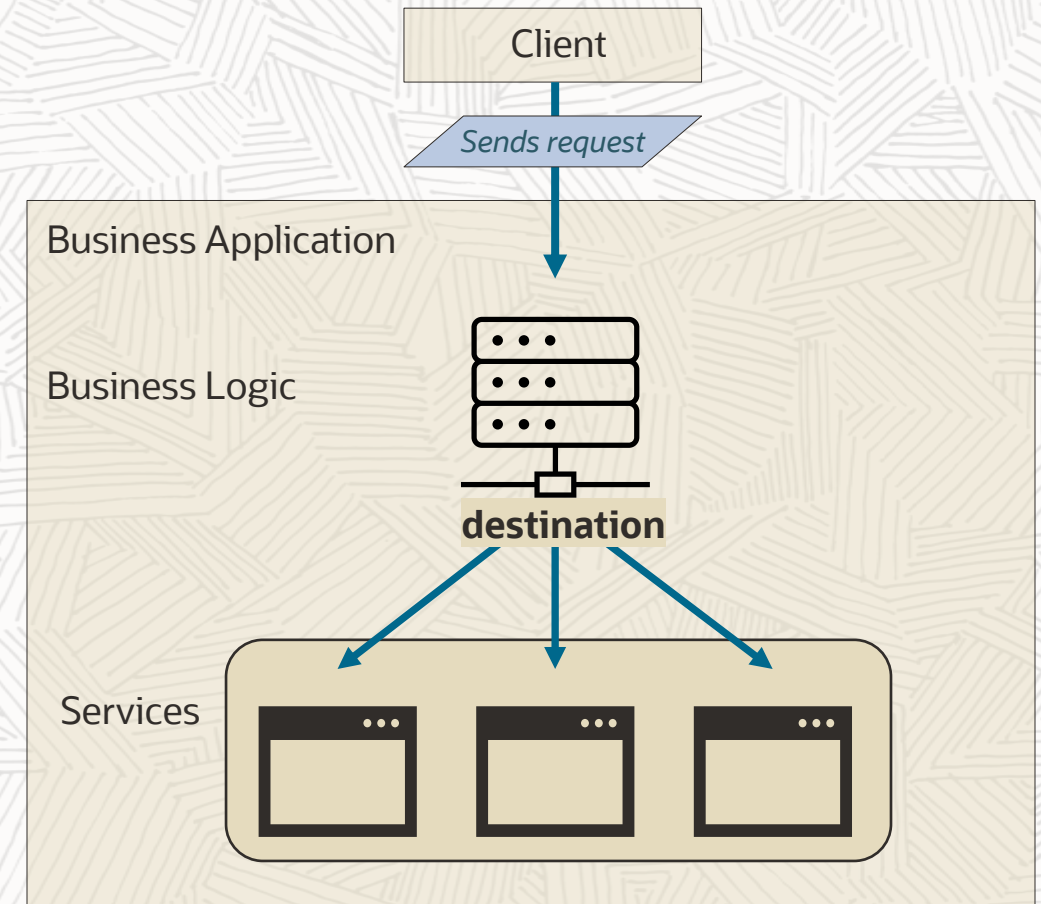
Our Business Application -- Inside the Java Dumpster

Mimics a real world system

- Server application
 - (Jetty, Micronaut, Tomcat, WebLogic, etc)
- JDK 21

Client sends request to Business Application

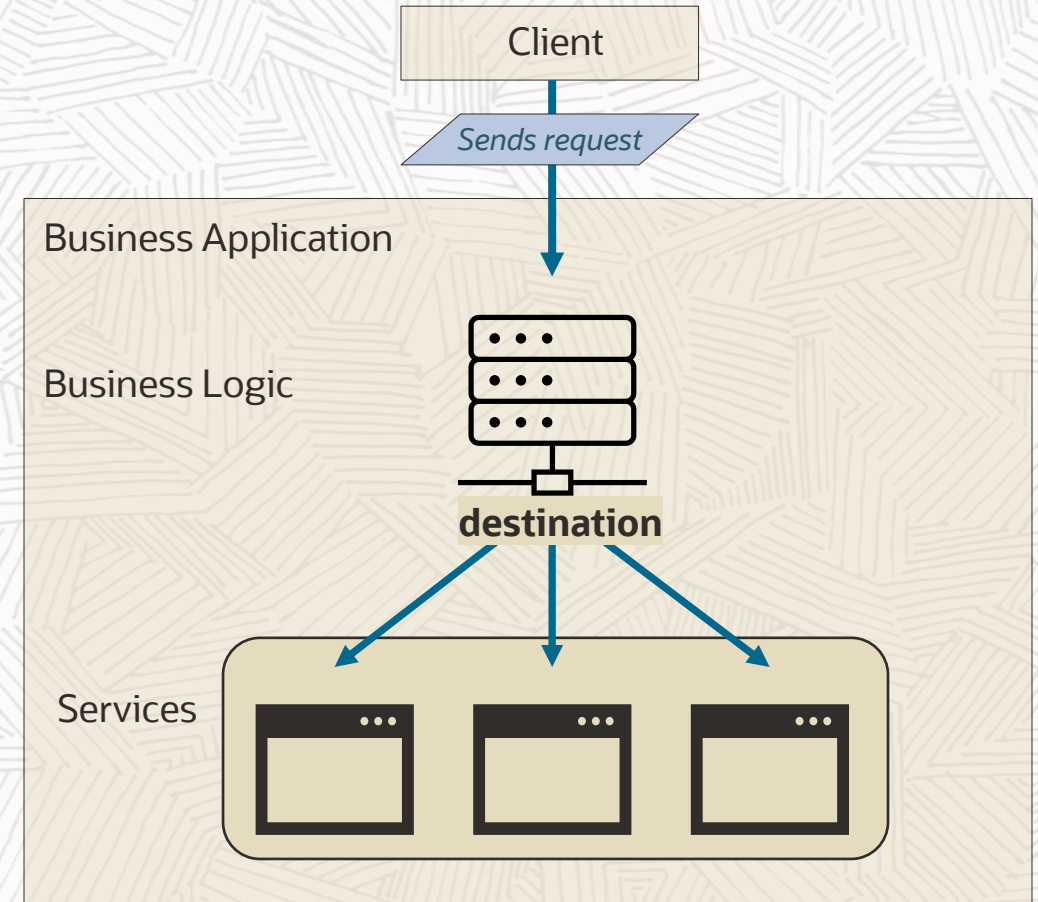
Business Logic decides based on **destination**
which service should handle the request



Our Business Application -- Inside the Java Dumpster

Requirements

- Monitor service calls
- Catch unhandled destinations



```
package inside.dumpster.monitoring.event;
```

```
public class ServiceCallEvent {
```

```
    public String destination;
```

```
    public Class serviceImplClass;  
}
```



```
package inside.dumpster.monitoring.event;
```

```
public class ServiceCallEvent extends jdk.jfr.Event {
```

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```

package inside.dumpster.monitoring.event;

@Name("inside.dumpster.ServiceCall")
@Label("Service Call")
@Category({"Business Application", "Services"})
public class ServiceCallEvent extends jdk.jfr.Event {
    @Label("Service Destination")
    public String destination;

    @Name("serviceClass")
    @Label("Service Implementation Class")
    public Class serviceImplClass;
}

```

@Name

- unique
- use reverse domain-name notation
 - com.acme.Application

@Label

- capitalized
- human-readable

@Name (for a field)

- start with lowerCase

@Category

- capitalized
- descriptive
- unique
- create a logic hierarchy

```
public BusinessLogicService lookupService(Destination destination) {  
    final BusinessLogicService service;  
  
    switch(destination) {  
        case Comp3:  
            service = new UploadImageService();  
            break;  
        ...  
    }  
  
    return service;  
}
```

```
public BusinessLogicService lookupService(Destination destination) {  
    final BusinessLogicService service;  
  
    ServiceCallEvent serviceCallEvent = new ServiceCallEvent();  
    serviceCallEvent.destination = destination.name();  
    serviceCallEvent.begin();  
    switch(destination) {  
        case Comp3:  
            service = new UploadImageService();  
            break;  
        ...  
    }  
    serviceCallEvent.serviceImplClass = service.getClass();  
    serviceCallEvent.commit();  
  
    return service;  
}
```



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    serviceCallEvent.destination = destination.name();  
    serviceCallEvent.begin();  
    switch(destination) {  
        case Comp3:  
            service = new UploadImageService();  
            break;  
        ...  
        case Unknown:  
        default:  
            UnhandledServiceCallEvent unhandledServiceEvent = new UnhandledServiceCallEvent();  
            unhandledServiceEvent.destination = destination.name();  
            unhandledServiceEvent.commit();  
  
            return null;  
    }  
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- Java Application
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 - File I/O
 - Socket I/O
 - Method Profiling
 - Exceptions
 - Thread Dumps
- JVM Internals
 - Garbage Collections
 - GC Configuration
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 - VM Operations
 - TLAB Allocations
- Environment
 - Processes
 - Environment Variables
 - System Properties
 - Native Libraries
 - Recording
- Event Browser

diagnosis_2022_10_11_10_02_AM.jfr

Event Browser

<No Selection> Aspect: <No Selection> ☐ Show concurrent: ☐ Contained ☒ Same threads

Event Types Tree

Search the tree

- > Business Application 525
 - > Data 155
 - > Services 370
 - > Invocation 181
 - Service Call 185
 - Unhandled Service Call 4
 - > Flight Recorder 1 725
 - > Java Application 3 731
 - > Java Development Kit 0
 - > Java Virtual Machine 8 271

Start Time	Event Type
2022-10-11 10:02:36	Object Allocation Sample
2022-10-11 10:03:00	Object Allocation Sample
2022-10-11 10:03:05	Object Allocation Sample

Stack Trace

Stack Trace

- void java.lang.Thread
- void io.netty.util.conc
- void io.netty.util.inter
- void io.netty.util.concurrent.SingleThreadEventExecutor\$4.run():986
- void io.netty.channel.nio.NioEventLoop.run():460
- int io.netty.channel.nio.NioEventLoop.select(long):813
- int io.netty.channel.nio.SelectedSelectionKeySetSelector.select():68
- int sun.nio.ch.SelectorImpl.select():146
- int sun.nio.ch.SelectorImpl.lockAndDoSelect(Consumer, long):129
- int sun.nio.ch.WEPollSelectorImpl.doSelect(Consumer, long):111
- int sun.nio.ch.WEPoll.wait(long, long, int, int):-1

Properties Results

0 Biased Locking Revocation +

N/A DMS Incidents +



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- > Flight Recorder 1 725
- > Java Application
- > Java Development Kit 0
- > Java Virtual Machine 8 271
- > Operating System

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2022-10-11 10:03:05	Object Allocation Sample

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Consuming events programmatically

`jdk.jfr.consumer.EventStream`

- Stream events from recording

`jdk.jfr.Recording`

- Configure, start, stop, dump recording

`jdk.jfr.consumer.RecordingStream`

- Stream events

`jdk.management.jfr.RemoteRecordingStream`

- Stream events from remote source

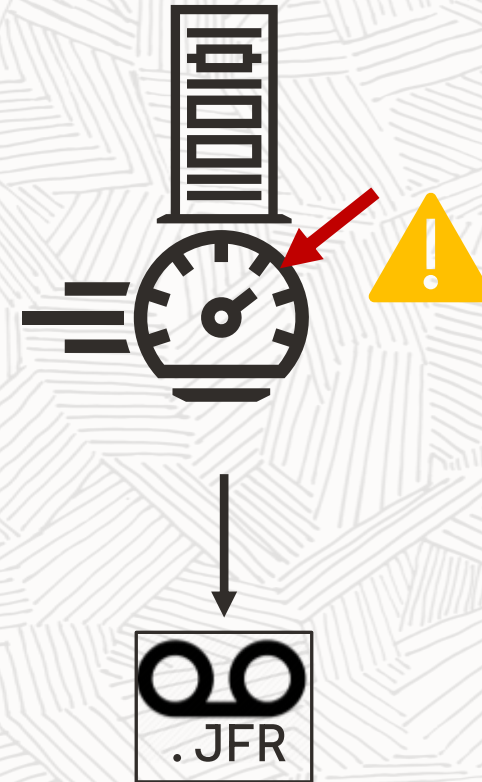
Monitoring CPU level using RecordingStream

Problem

- Our JVM takes up a lot of CPU, and we don't know why

Action

- When the CPU load is high, dump a JFR recording to analyze why this happens



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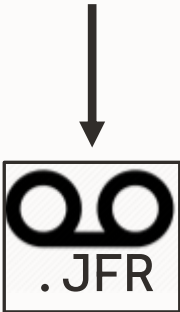
```
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6. void startCPULoadMonitor(Path dumpPath) throws Exception {
7.     Configuration conf = Configuration.getConfiguration("default");
8.     try (var stream = new RecordingStream( conf )) {
9.
10.         stream.enable("jdk.CPULoad").withPeriod(Duration.ofSeconds(1));
11.         stream.onEvent("jdk.CPULoad", event -> {
12.             float cpuLoad = event.getFloat("jvmUser");
13.             if (cpuLoad > 0.8) {
14.                 stream.dump(dumpPath);
15.             }
16.         });
17.         stream.start();
18.     }
19. }
```

RecordingStream has no events enabled without Configuration

- enable events explicitly, or
- add Configuration

Since we want a JFR file to analyze, we want as many events as possible – use Configuration

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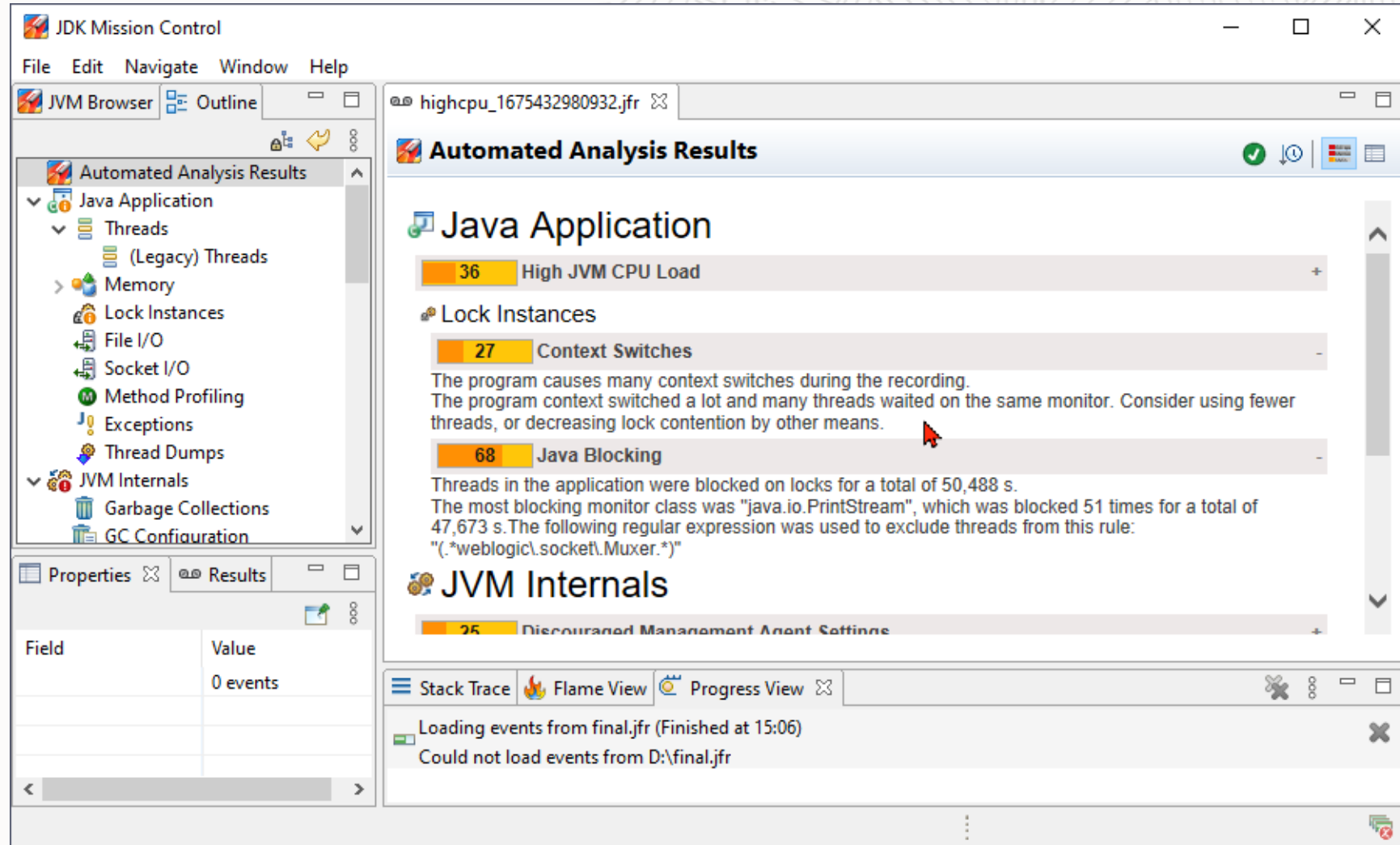
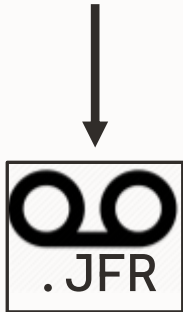


```
Inside the Java Dumpster (InsideDumpster)
$ jfr view thread-cpu-load highcpu_1675432980932.jfr

Thread CPU Load

Thread                                     System  User
-----
CreditCrunch 17                           0,00%  3,34%
CreditCrunch 16                           0,00%  3,15%
CreditCrunch 11                           0,00%  3,13%
CreditCrunch 4                            0,00%  3,09%
CreditCrunch 5                            0,00%  3,08%
CreditCrunch 10                           0,00%  2,98%
CreditCrunch 0                            0,00%  2,82%
N/A                                        0,00%  2,65%
CreditCrunch 0                            0,00%  2,58%
CreditCrunch 1                            0,00%  2,56%
CreditCrunch 2                            0,00%  2,49%
CreditCrunch 9                            0,00%  2,48%
CreditCrunch 14                           0,00%  2,45%
CreditCrunch 6                            0,00%  2,40%
CreditCrunch 15                           0,00%  2,35%
CreditCrunch 12                           0,00%  2,28%
CreditCrunch 2                            0,00%  2,26%
CreditCrunch 6                            0,00%  2,20%
```

Monitoring CPU level using RecordingStream

The screenshot displays the JDK Mission Control (JDK MC) interface. The title bar reads "JDK Mission Control". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "Navigate", "Window", and "Help". The "JVM Browser" tab is active, showing a tree view of the recording data. The tree is expanded to "Automated Analysis Results", which includes "Java Application", "Threads", "(Legacy) Threads", "Memory", "Lock Instances", "File I/O", "Socket I/O", "Method Profiling", "Exceptions", "Thread Dumps", "JVM Internals", "Garbage Collections", and "GC Configuration". The "Properties" tab is also visible, showing a table with "Field" and "Value" columns, currently displaying "0 events". The main pane shows the "Automated Analysis Results" for the recording "highcpu_1675432980932.jfr". It features a "Java Application" section with three metrics: "36 High JVM CPU Load", "27 Context Switches", and "68 Java Blocking". Each metric has a description and a link to further details. The "JVM Internals" section shows "25 Discouraged Management Agent Settings". At the bottom, there are tabs for "Stack Trace", "Flame View", and "Progress View". A status bar at the bottom indicates "Loading events from final.jfr (Finished at 15:06)" and "Could not load events from D:\final.jfr".

Monitoring CPU level using RecordingStream

The screenshot displays the JDK Mission Control interface. On the left, the 'JVM Browser' pane shows a tree of monitoring categories, with 'Event Browser' selected under 'Recording'. The 'Properties' pane at the bottom left shows details for the selected event: Thread CPU Load, Start Time (2023-02-03 15:02:57.881), Event Thread (CreditCrunch 17), and User Mode CPU (3.34 %).

The main 'Event Browser' pane shows a table of events. A context menu is open over the first row, with the option 'Store and Set As Focused Selection' highlighted. The table has the following data:

Start Time	Event Thread	System ...	User Mode...
2023-02-03 15:02:57.881	CreditCrunch 17	0 %	3,34 %
2	Sort Columns	>	3,15 %
2	Visible Columns	>	3,13 %
2	Copy	Ctrl+C	3,13 %
2	Clipboard Settings	>	3,1 %
2	Store Selection		3,09 %
2	Store and Set As Focused Selection		3,08 %
2	Show Filter		
2	Show Search		

Monitoring CPU level using RecordingStream

The screenshot shows the JDK Mission Control (JDK MC) interface. The left sidebar contains a tree view with categories like GC Configuration, Compilations, Class Loading, VM Operations, TLAB Allocations, Environment, Processes, Environment Variables, System Properties, Native Libraries, Recording, Event Browser, and WebLogic. The 'Event Browser' is selected, and the 'Properties' pane at the bottom left shows details for a selected event: Event Type (Thread CPU Load), Start Time (2023-02-03 15:02:57.881), Event Thread (CreditCrunch 17), and User Mode CPU... (3.34 %).

The main window displays the 'Event Browser' for the file 'highcpu_1675432980932.jfr'. The 'Focus' is set to '4: Event Browser Selection' and the 'Aspect' is 'Selected event'. The 'Show concurrent' checkbox is checked. Below this, the 'Event Types Tree' shows a search bar and a tree view with 'Processor 50' expanded, listing various CPU-related events like CPU Information, CPU Load, CPU Throttling, CPU Time Stamp Co, CPU Usage, and Thread CPU Load 50.

The 'Filter the table' section shows a table with the following data:

Start Time	Event Thread	System ...	User Mode...
2023-02-03 15:02:57.881	CreditCrunch 17	0 %	3,34 %
2023-02-03 15:02:57.881	CreditCrunch 16	0 %	3,15 %
2023-02-03 15:02:57.881	CreditCrunch 3	0 %	3,13 %
2023-02-03 15:02:57.881	CreditCrunch 11	0 %	3,13 %
2023-02-03 15:02:57.881	CreditCrunch 8	0 %	3,1 %
2023-02-03 15:02:57.881	CreditCrunch 4	0 %	3,09 %
2023-02-03 15:02:57.881	CreditCrunch 5	0 %	3,08 %

The bottom of the window features tabs for 'Stack Trace', 'Flame View', and 'Progress View'. The 'Stack Trace' tab is active, showing a stack trace for the selected event.



Monitoring CPU level using RecordingStream

The screenshot displays the JDK Mission Control interface for a process named `highcpu_1675432980932.jfr`. The left sidebar shows the navigation tree with 'Thread Dumps' selected under 'Automated Analysis Results'. The main panel shows a list of thread dumps for 'CreditCrunch 17' threads, which are in a BLOCKED state. The selected thread dump details show the thread is waiting for a monitor entry, specifically on the `inside.dumpster.credits.EarnCreditsService` class. The bottom panel shows the 'Stack Trace' view.

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 - GC Summary

Properties Results

Field	Value
Event Type	Thread Dump
Start Time	2023-02-03 15:02
Thread Dump	[2023-02-03 15:02]
	2 events

highcpu_1675432980932.jfr

Thread Dumps

Focus: 4: Event Browser Selection Aspect: 'Thread Name' ☐ Show concurrent: ☐ Contained ☒

Search the tree

- 2023-02-03 15:02:52.024
 - CreditCrunch 17
 - CreditCrunch 17
 - CreditCrunch 17
- 2023-02-03 15:03:01.318
 - CreditCrunch 17
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"CreditCrunch 17" #187 prio=5 os_prio=0 cpu=0.00ms elapsed=0.41s tid=0x000001fdcaf69f50 nid=0x7d68 waiting for monitor entry [0x000000d5d5cfe000]
java.lang.Thread.State: BLOCKED (on object monitor)
at java.io.PrintStream.writeln
at java.base@17.0.5/PrintStream.java:718
- waiting to lock <0x000000060416efc0> (a java.io.PrintStream)
at java.io.PrintStream.println
at java.base@17.0.5/PrintStream.java:1028
at inside.dumpster.credits.EarnCreditsService
SCPUConsumer.run(EarnCreditsService.java:50)
at java.lang.Thread.run(java.base@17.0.5/Thread.java:833)

Stack Trace Flame View Progress View

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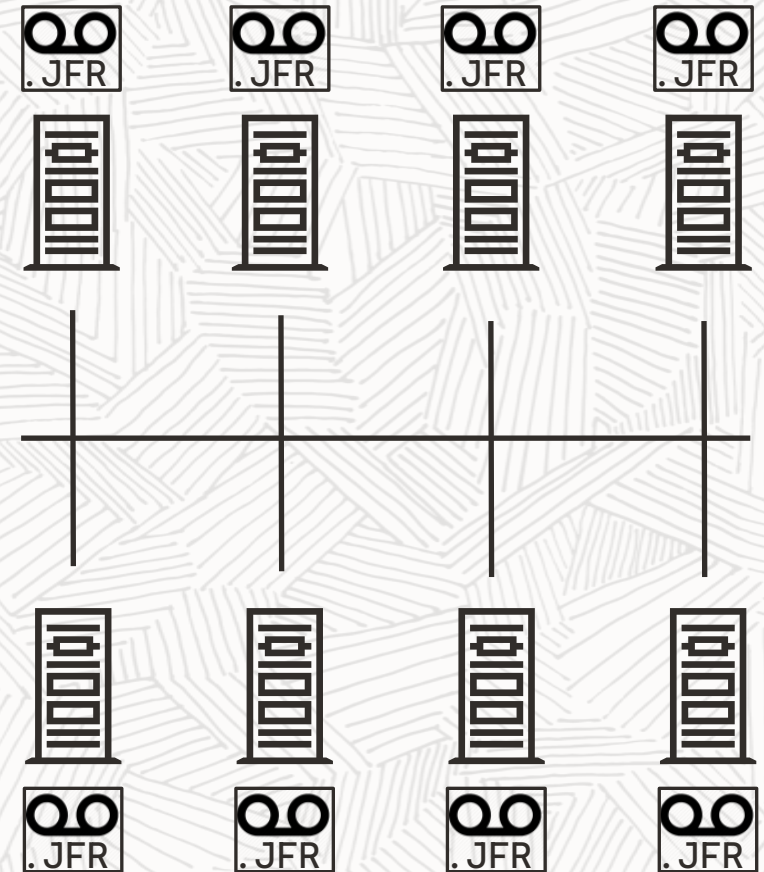
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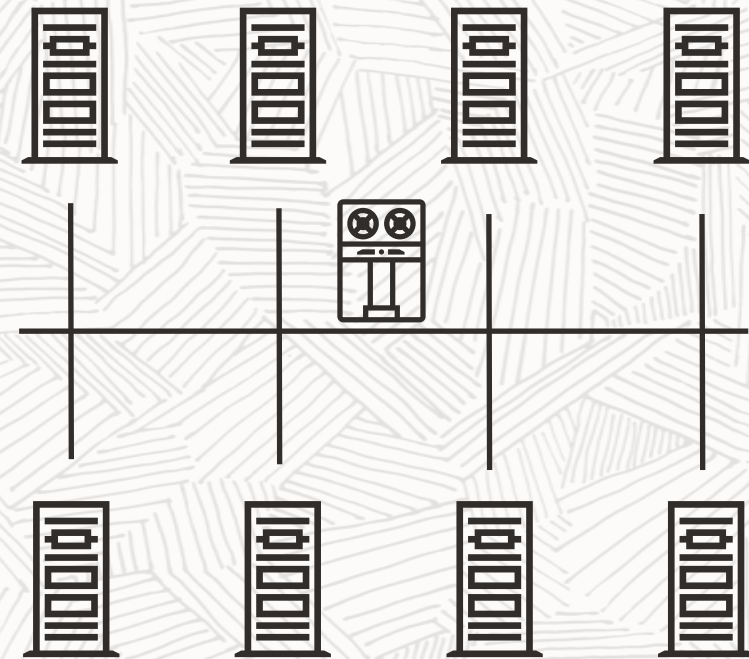
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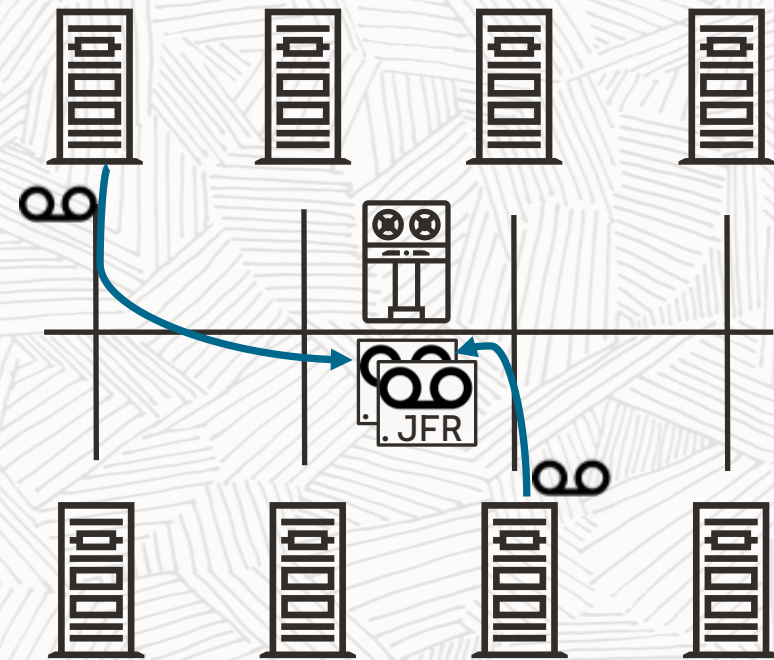
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```
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6. void startCPULoadMonitor(Path dumpPath) throws Exception {
7.
8.     try (var stream = new RecordingStream()) {
9.
10.        stream.enable("jdk.CPULoad").withPeriod(Duration.ofSeconds(1));
11.        stream.onEvent("jdk.CPULoad", event -> {
12.            float cpuLoad = event.getFloat("jvmUser");
13.            if (cpuLoad > 0.8) {
14.                stream.dump(dumpPath);
15.            }
16.        });
17.        stream.start();
18.    }
19. }
```

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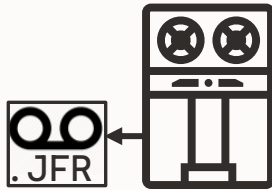
```
1. void startCPULoadMonitor(String host, Path dumpPath) throws Exception {
2.     JMXServiceURL u = new JMXServiceURL(
3.         "service:jmx:rmi:///jndi/rmi://" + host + "/jmxrmi");
4.     JMXConnector c = JMXConnectorFactory.connect(u,
5.         Map.of("jmx.remote.credentials", new String[]{user, pwd}));
6.     MBeanServerConnection conn = c.getMBeanServerConnection();
7.
8.     try (var stream = new RemoteRecordingStream( conn )) {
9.         stream.setMaxAge(Duration.ofMinutes(10));
10.        stream.enable("jdk.CPULoad").withPeriod(Duration.ofSeconds(1));
11.        stream.onEvent("jdk.CPULoad", event -> {
12.            float cpuLoad = event.getFloat("jvmUser");
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Javadoc:

It's highly recommended that a max age or max size is set before starting the stream.

This means we'll keep 10 minutes worth of data on the client.

Remotely monitoring CPU level using RemoteRecordingStream



Client side

```
java -jar RemoteMonitor.jar server12:12345
```



Server side

```
java -XX:StartFlightRecording  
-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.port=12345  
-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.authenticate=true  
-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.password.file=jmx.pwd  
-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.access.file=jmx.acs  
-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.ssl=false  
-Djava.rmi.server.hostname=127.0.0.1  
-jar server.jar
```

JMX setup link:

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/21/management/monitoring-and-management-using-jmx-technology.html>

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JEP 421: Deprecate Finalization for Removal

Finalizers are deprecated for removal

New JFR event:

- `jdk.FinalizerStatistics` events are emitted for each instantiated class with a non-empty `finalize()` method

Problem

- Developers keep adding finalizers in their services.

Solution

- Add a testcase that captures all `jdk.FinalizerStatistics` events

```
@Override
protected void finalize() throws Throwable {
    if (fw != null) fw.close();
    if (file != null) file.delete();
}
```

Using JFR events in unit tests -- RecordingStream



JDK 20

```
1. @Test
2. public void testNoServicesUsesFinalizers throws Exception {
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.
11.
12.
13.
14.     assertTrue(classesWithFinalizers.isEmpty());
15. }
```

Using JFR events in unit tests -- RecordingStream



JDK 20

```
1. @Test
2. public void testNoServicesUsesFinalizers throws Exception {
3.     try (var stream = new RecordingStream()) {
4.         stream.enable("jdk.FinalizerStatistics");
5.         stream.onEvent("jdk.FinalizerStatistics", (event) -> {
6.             classesWithFinalizers.add(event.getClass("finalizableClass").getName());
7.         });
8.         stream.startAsync();
9.
10.        callAllServices();
11.
12.        stream.stop();           // new in JDK 20
13.    }
14.    assertTrue(classesWithFinalizers.isEmpty());
15. }
```


Using JFR events in unit tests -- Recording



JDK 11

```
1. @Test
2. public void testNoServicesUsesFinalizers throws Exception {
3.     try (Recording record = new Recording()) {
4.         record.enable("jdk.FinalizerStatistics");
5.         record.start();
6.         callAllServices();
7.         record.stop();
8.         record.dump(tempFile);
9.         try (EventStream stream = EventStream.openFile(tempFile)) {
10.             stream.onEvent("jdk.FinalizerStatistics", (event) -> {
11.                 classesWithFinalizers.add(event.getClass("finalizableClass").getName());
12.             });
13.             stream.start();
14.         }
15.         Files.delete(tempFile);
16.     }
17.     assertTrue(classesWithFinalizers.isEmpty());
18. }
```


Using JFR events in unit tests -- JFRUnit

Not part of the JDK!

JFRUnit

- Framework by Gunnar Morling
- JDK 16 and up
- <https://github.com/moditect/jfrunit>

```
1. public JfrEvents jfrEvents = new JfrEvents();
2. @Test
3. @EnableEvent(FinalizerStatistics.EVENT_NAME)
4. public void testNoServicesUsesFinalizers() throws Exception {
5.
6.     callAllServices();
7.     jfrEvents.awaitEvents();
8.
9.     assertEquals(0, jfrEvents.filter(FINALIZER_STATISTICS).count());
10. }
```

Enabling/disabling events

```
@Name("backend.io.BytesRead")  
@Label("Bytes Read")  
@Category({"Backend", "IO"})
```

```
public class BytesRead extends Event {  
    @Label("Bytes Read")  
    @DataAmount  
    public long bytes;  
  
}
```

Some other annotations:
@MemoryAddress
@Frequency
@Percentage

```
for (int pos : backend.getNext()) {  
    byte arr[] = backend.read(pos);  
  
    frontend.addBytes(arr);  
}
```

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```

```
for (int pos : backend.getNext()) {  
    var event = new BytesProcessed();  
    event.begin();  
    byte arr[] = backend.read(pos);  
    event.end();  
    event.bytes = b.length();  
    event.commit();  
  
    frontend.addBytes(arr);  
}
```


Enabling/disabling events

```
@Name("backend.io.BytesRead")  
@Label("Bytes Read")  
@Category({"Backend", "IO"})  
@Enabled(false)
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    public long bytes;

    public String detail;
}
```

```
for (int pos : backend.getNext()) {
    var event = new BytesProcessed();
    event.begin();
    byte arr[] = backend.read(pos);
    event.end();
    event.bytes = b.length();

    if (event.isEnabled()) {
        // possibly costly call
        event.detail = backend.getDetails();
    }

    event.commit();

    frontend.addBytes(arr);
}
```

Enabling/disabling events

```
@Name("backend.io.BytesRead")
@Label("Bytes Read")
@Category({"Backend", "IO"})
@Enabled(false)
@Threshold("50 ms")
public class BytesRead extends Event {
    @Label("Bytes Read")
    @DataAmount
    public long bytes;

    public String detail;
}
```

```
for (int pos : backend.getNext()) {
    var event = new BytesProcessed();
    {
        event.begin();
        byte arr[] = backend.read(pos);
        event.end();
        event.bytes = b.length();
    }

    if (event.shouldCommit()) {
        // possibly costly call
        event.detail = backend.getDetails();
    }

    event.commit();

    frontend.addBytes(arr);
}
```



Enabling in a test

```
@Name("backend.io.BytesRead")
@Label("Bytes Read")
@Category({"Backend", "IO"})
@Enabled(false)
```

```
public class BytesRead extends Event {
    @Label("Bytes Read")
    @DataAmount
    public long bytes;
}
```

```
1.  @Test
2.  public void testBytesRead throws Exception {
3.      try (var stream = new RecordingStream()) {
4.          stream.enable("backend.io.BytesRead");
5.          stream.onEvent("backend.io.BytesRead",
6.              (event) -> {
7.                  assertWhatever(event);
8.              });
9.          stream.startAsync();
10.         doStuff();
11.         stream.stop();
12.     }
13.     assertTrue(allIsGood);
14. }
```


Enabling for a recording

```
@Name("backend.io.BytesRead")  
@Label("Bytes Read")  
@Category({"Backend", "IO"})  
@Enabled(false)
```

```
public class BytesRead extends Event {  
    @Label("Bytes Read")  
    @DataAmount  
    public long bytes;  
  
}
```

```
$ jcmd 23544 JFR.start \
```

```
+backend.io.BytesRead#enabled=true
```

```
23544:
```

```
Started recording 6. No limit specified, using  
maxsize=250MB as default.
```

```
Use jcmd 23544 JFR.dump name=6 filename=FILEPATH to  
copy recording data to file.
```


Enabling in a configuration

```
@Name("backend.io.BytesRead")
@Label("Bytes Read")
@Category({"Backend", "IO"})
@Enabled(false)
```

```
public class BytesRead extends EventConfiguration {
    @Label("Bytes Read")
    @DataAmount
    public long bytes;
}
```

```
$ jfr configure \
  --input profile.jfc \
  +backend.io.BytesRead#enabled=true \
  --output highprofile.jfc
```

Configuration written successfully to: highprofile.jfc

```
$ jcmd 23544 JFR.start settings=highprofile.jfc
23544:
Started recording 7. No limit specified, using
maxsize=250MB as default.
```



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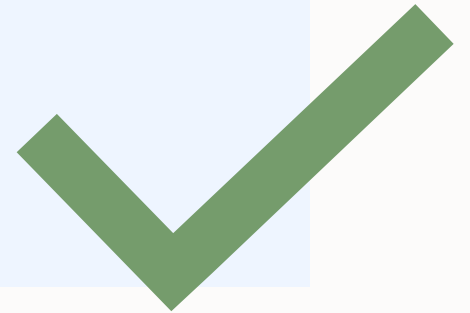
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