



Real-World JavaScript Performance

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```
var _sunSpiderStartDate = new Date();

bitwiseAndValue = 4294967296;
for (var i = 0; i < 600000; i++)
    bitwiseAndValue = bitwiseAndValue & i;

var _sunSpiderInterval = new Date() - _sunSpiderStartDate;
record(_sunSpiderInterval);
```

The web is evolving and so should the JavaScript benchmarks that measure its performance. Today, we are releasing ***Octane***, a JavaScript benchmark suite that aims to measure a browser's performance when running the *complex and demanding web applications that users interact with daily*.

Most of the existing JavaScript benchmarks run artificial tests that were created on an ad-hoc basis to stress a specific JavaScript feature. Octane breaks with this tradition and extends the former V8 Benchmark Suite with 5 new benchmarks created from *full, unaltered, well-known web applications and libraries*. A high score in the new benchmarks *directly translates to better and smoother performance in similar web applications*.

Octane: the JavaScript benchmark suite for the modern web,
Chromium Blog, 2012

[Summary]:

ticks	total	nonlib	name
828	85.4%	86.2%	JavaScript
125	12.9%	13.0%	C++
40	4.1%	4.2%	GC

Unoptimized

[JavaScript]:

ticks	total	nonlib	
144	14.9%	15.0%	~L.SolveVelocityConstraints box2d.js:288:370
87	9.0%	9.1%	Stub: BinaryOpICStub
47	4.9%	4.9%	Stub: BinaryOpICStub {2}
29	3.0%	3.0%	Stub: LoadFieldStub
29	3.0%	3.0%	Stub: BinaryOpICStub {1}
27	2.8%	2.8%	~L.SolvePositionConstraints box2d.js:294:65
26	2.7%	2.7%	~u.Initialize box2d.js:302:292
26	2.7%	2.7%	CallFunction_ReceiverIsNotNullOrUndefined
22	2.3%	2.3%	~k.SynchronizeTransform box2d.js:208:81

Score: 6009



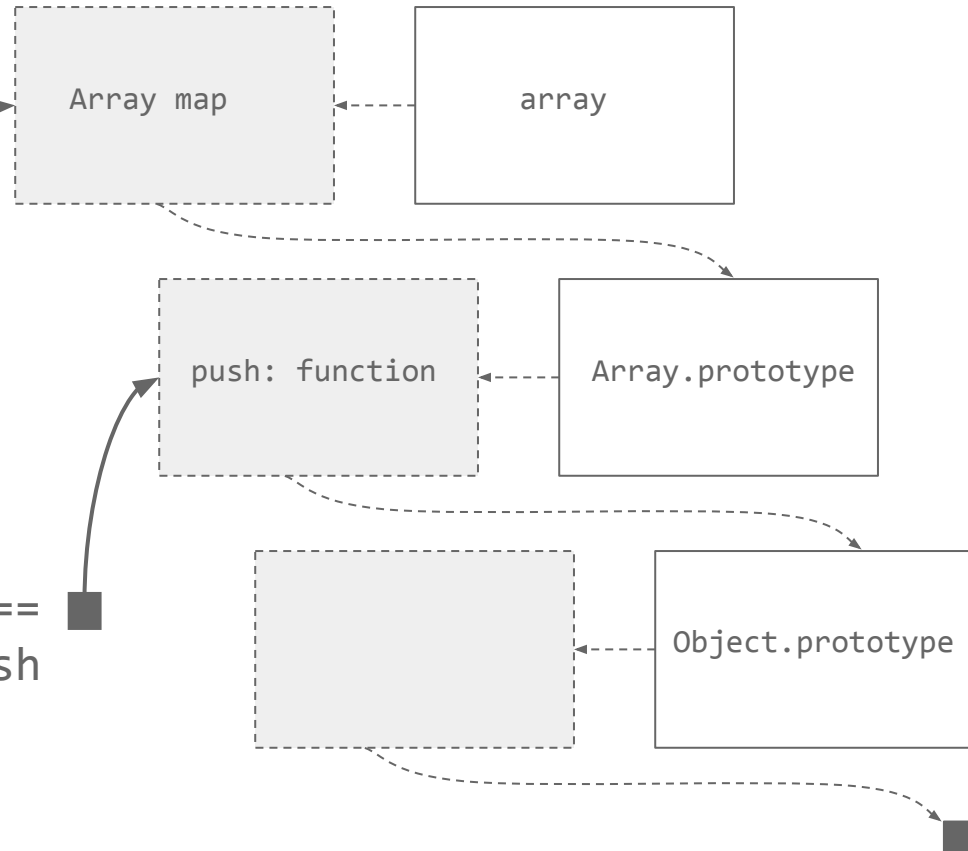
```
array.push(1)
```

```
this[this.length] = 1
```

```
function ArrayPush() {  
  // Check for null or undefined.  
  CHECK_OBJECT_COERCIBLE(this, "Array.prototype.push")  
  
  var array = TO_OBJECT(this)  
  var n = TO_LENGTH(array.length)  
  var m = arguments.length  
  
  if (m > 253 - 1 - n) throw new TypeError  
  
  for (var i = 0; i < m; i++) {  
    array[i+n] = arguments[i]  
  }  
  
  var new_length = n + m  
  array.length = new_length  
  return new_length  
}
```

`array.push(1)`

`if array.map == ■
 && array.prototype.map == ■
 return Array.prototype.push`



compile-time prechecks

`this[this.length] = value`

```
case kArrayPush: {
  if (!CanInlineArrayResizeOperation(receiver_map)) return false;
  ElementsKind elements_kind = receiver_map->elements_kind();

  // If there may be elements accessors in the prototype chain, the fast
  // inlined version can't be used.
  if (receiver_map->DictionaryElementsInPrototypeChainOnly()) return false;
  Handle<JSObject> prototype(JSObject::cast(receiver_map->prototype()));
  BuildCheckPrototypeMaps(prototype, Handle<JSObject>());

  // Protect against adding elements to the Array prototype, which needs to
  // route through appropriate bottlenecks.
  if (isolate()->IsFastArrayConstructorPrototypeChainIntact() &&
      !prototype->IsJSArray()) {
    return false;
  }

  const int argc = args_count_no_receiver;
  if (argc != 1) return false;

  HValue* value_to_push = Pop();
  HValue* array = Pop();
  Drop(1); // Drop function.

  HInstruction* new_size = NULL;
  HValue* length = NULL;

  {
    NoObservableSideEffectsScope scope(this);

    length = Add<HLoadNamedField>(
      array, nullptr, HObjectAccess::ForArrayLength(elements_kind));
    new_size = AddUncasted<HAdd>(length, graph()->GetConstant1());
    bool is_array = receiver_map->instance_type() == JS_ARRAY_TYPE;
    HValue* checked_array = Add<HCheckMaps>(array, receiver_map);
    BuildUncheckedMonomorphicElementAccess(
      checked_array, length, value_to_push, is_array, elements_kind,
      STORE, NEVER_RETURN_HOLE, STORE_AND_GROW_NO_TRANSITION);
    if (last_context()->IsEffect()) Push(new_size);
    Add<HSimulate>(ast_id, REMOVABLE_SIMULATE);
    if (last_context()->IsEffect()) Drop(1);
  }
  ast_context()->ReturnValue(new_size);
  return true;
}
```


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252	26.3%	26.5%	C++
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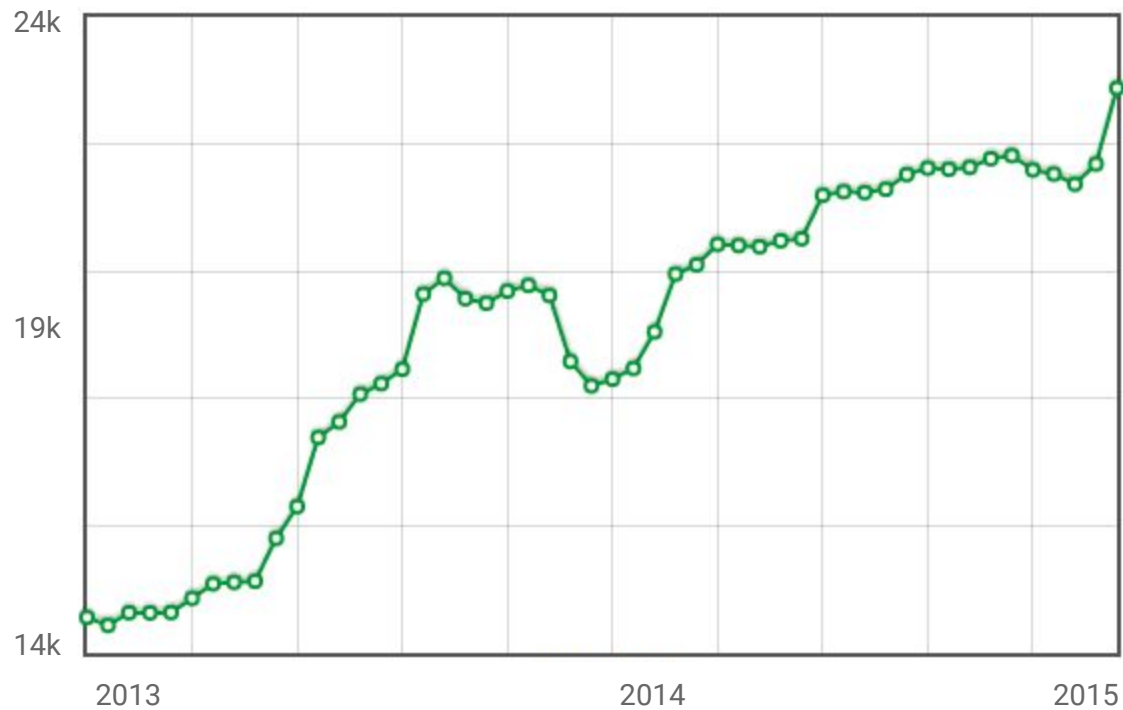
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32	3.3%	3.4%	*k.SynchronizeTransform box2d.js:208:81
29	3.0%	3.1%	*M.CollidePolygons box2d.js:62:303
21	2.2%	2.2%	Builtin: ArgumentsAdaptorTrampoline

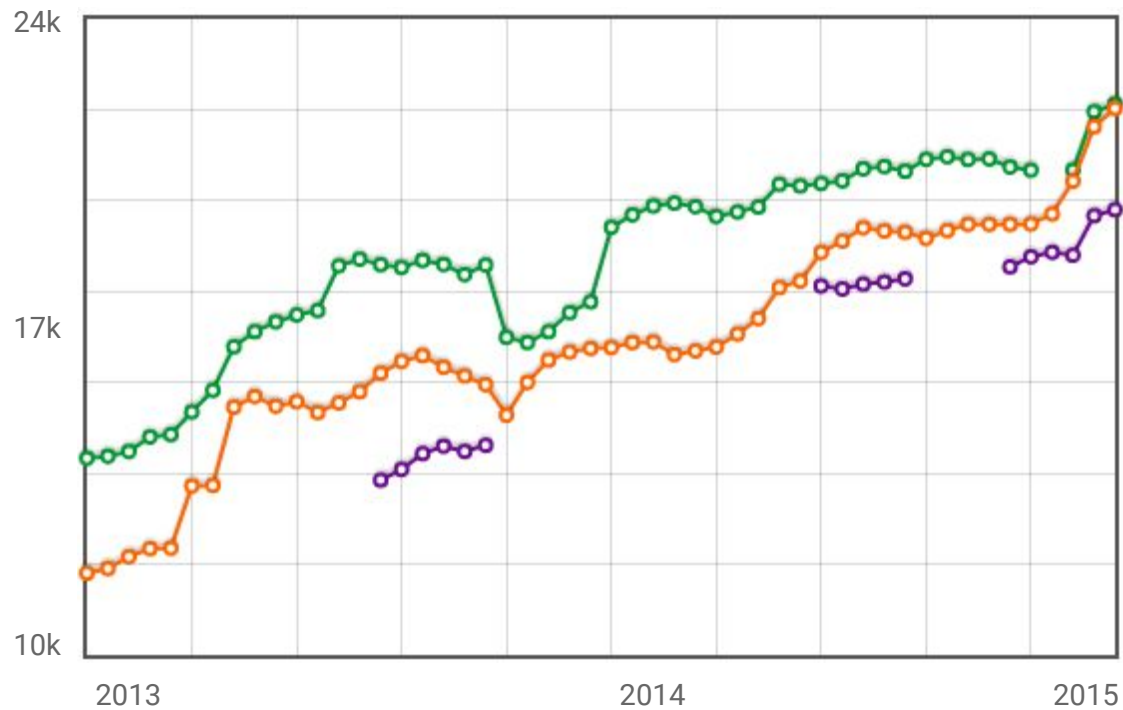
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Octane Score



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What if the benchmarks aren't representative of actual workloads?

Compiler writers would be steered towards implementing optimizations that have little effect in the real world.

*An Analysis of the Dynamic Behavior of JavaScript Programs,
PLDI 2010*

What makes a good benchmark? (stable, reproducible, single number)

... for VM developers? (priorities, meaningful insights)

... for “benchmarking”? (cross-browser, not gameable)

... for application developers? (represents patterns I want to use, cross-browser)

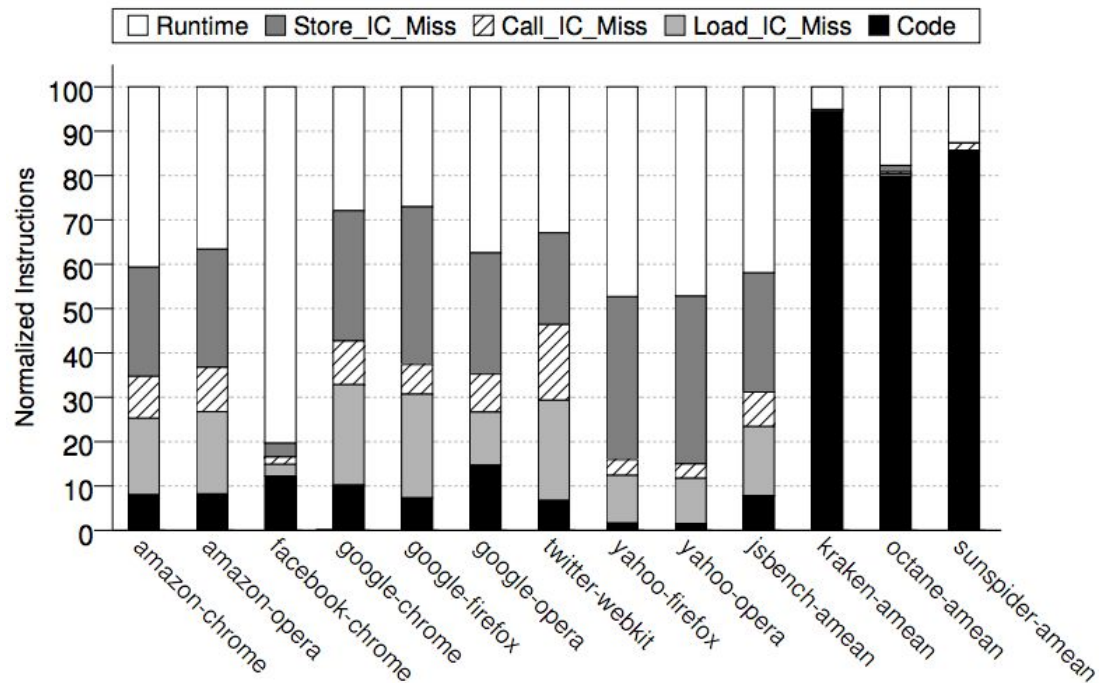
... for users? (improvements positively affect my entire experience)

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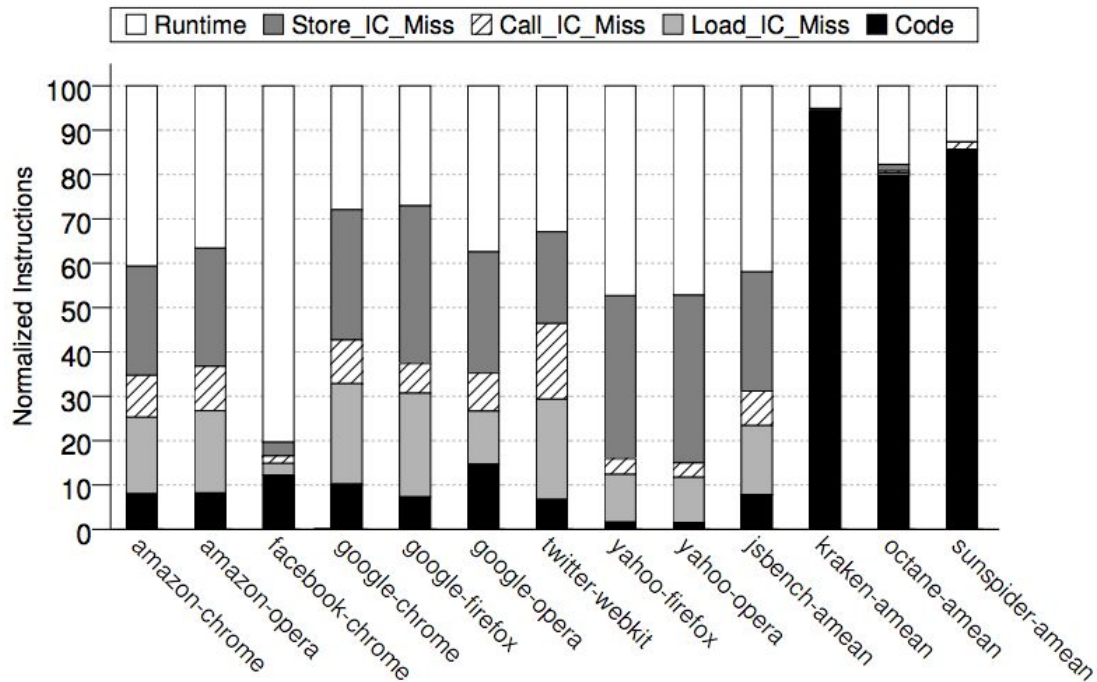
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- Global scope, forgetting var
- bitwiseAndValue & X == 0, X & 0 == 0
- Self-timed
- OSR

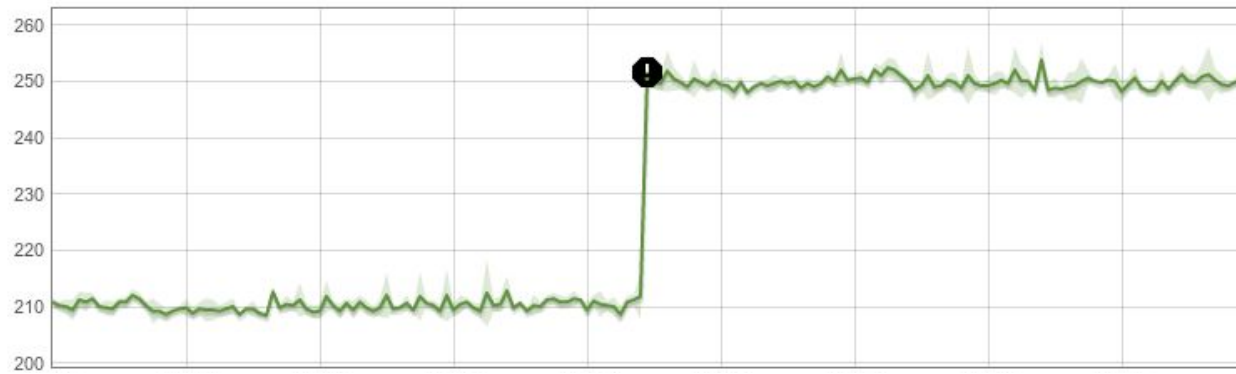


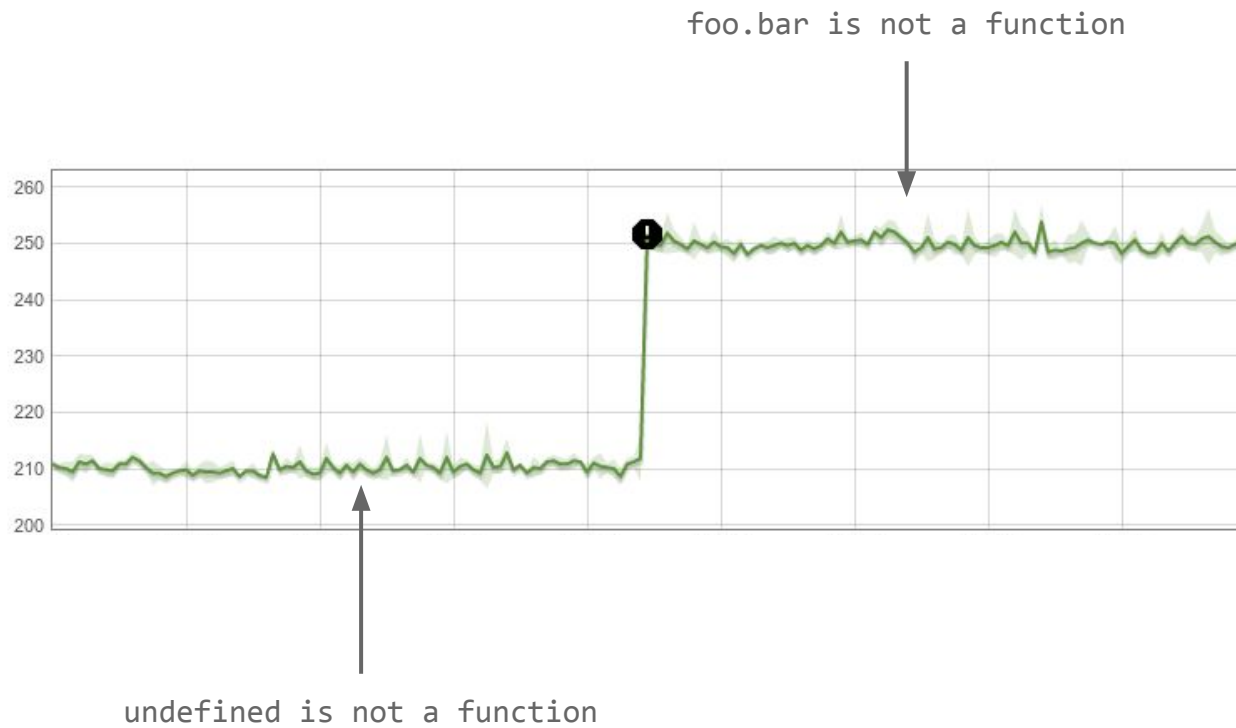
*Improving JavaScript Performance by Deconstructing the Type System,
PLDI 2014*



Makes JSBench 36% faster,
Ignores optimizing compiler
(e.g., 8.5x slower on Box2D)

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speedometer

Speedometer is a browser benchmark that measures the responsiveness of Web applications. It uses demo web applications to simulate user actions such as adding to-do items.

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[About Speedometer](#)

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[JavaScript]:

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26	1.3%	1.3%	KeyedLoadIC
21	1.0%	1.1%	*get ember.js:1917:19
10	0.5%	0.5%	~superWrapper ember.js:1227:24
9	0.4%	0.5%	KeyedLoadIC
8	0.4%	0.4%	Stub: FastNewSloppyArgumentsStub
8	0.4%	0.4%	CallFunction_ReceiverIsNotNullOrUndefined
8	0.4%	0.4%	CallFunction_ReceiverIsAny
7	0.3%	0.4%	Stub: CEntryStub
7	0.3%	0.4%	~propertyDidChange ember.js:2568:27
6	0.3%	0.3%	ArgumentsAdaptorTrampoline
5	0.2%	0.3%	Stub: ToBooleanICStub

[C++]:

ticks	total	nonlib	name
79	3.9%	4.0%	LookupInRegularHolder
52	2.5%	2.7%	focusMethodCallback
40	2.0%	2.0%	__pthread_cond_timedwait
30	1.5%	1.5%	_IO_vfprintf
17	0.8%	0.9%	removeChildMethodCallback

Speedometer

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Result

Group-Key:

details 4.29% 22 prologue.js:21 ~ImportNow+49

type [top 20]

details 100% 22 KeyedLoadIC

category [top 20]

details 100% 22 Load

file [top 20]

details 100% 22 prologue.js:21

state [top 20]

details 81.82% 18 (N->N)

details 9.09% 2 (.->1)

details 9.09% 2 (1->N)

key [top 20]

details 100% 22 map=0x1dcb4b0092c9

isNative [top 20]

details 100% 22 true

details 1.17% 6 forof.js:91 ~ForOf+287

details 0.78% 4 array-iterator.js:51 ~next+614

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details 0.78% 4 string-iterator.js:37 ~next+336

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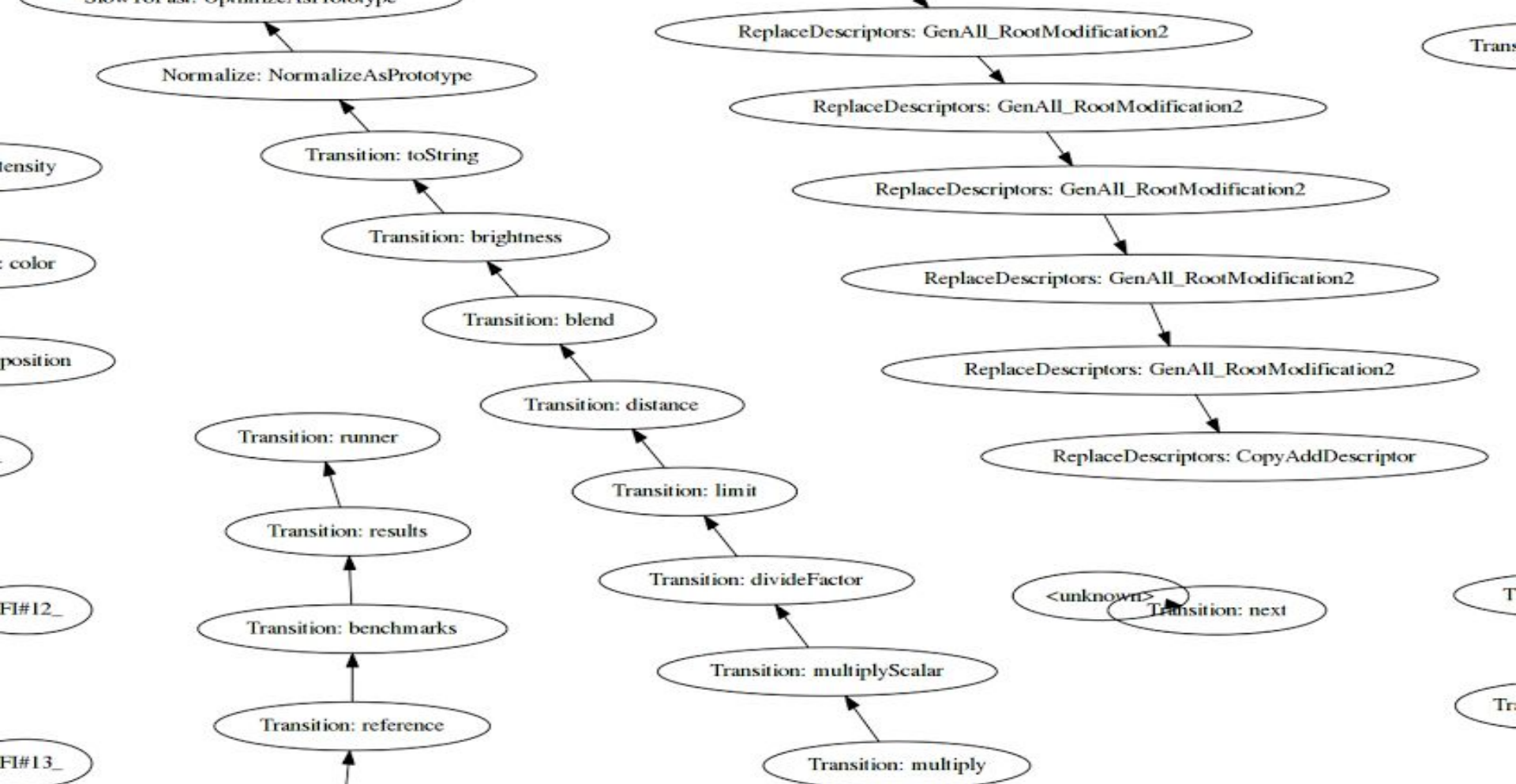
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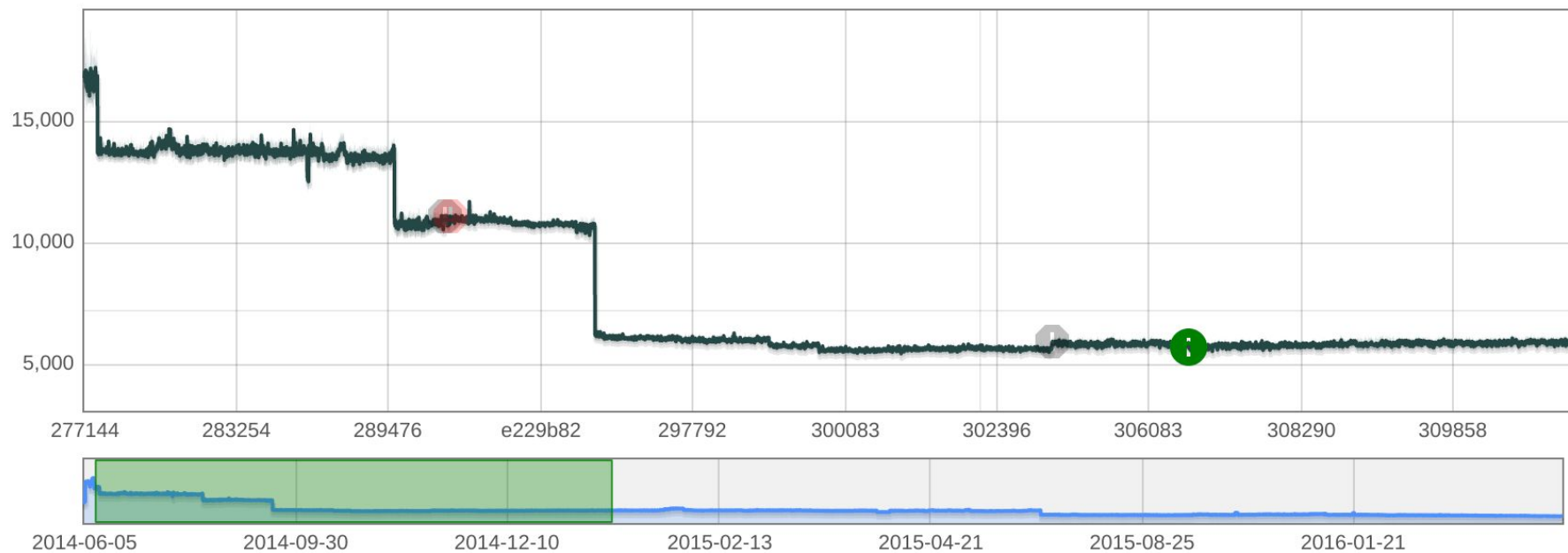
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details 0.58% 3 prologue.js:195 ~PostExperimentals+367

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details	12.8%	18935	(0->.)
details	9.22%	13638	(.->1)
details	0.93%	1382	(1->P)
details	0.81%	1204	(P->P)
details	0.44%	656	(^->1)
details	0.4%	587	(0->1)







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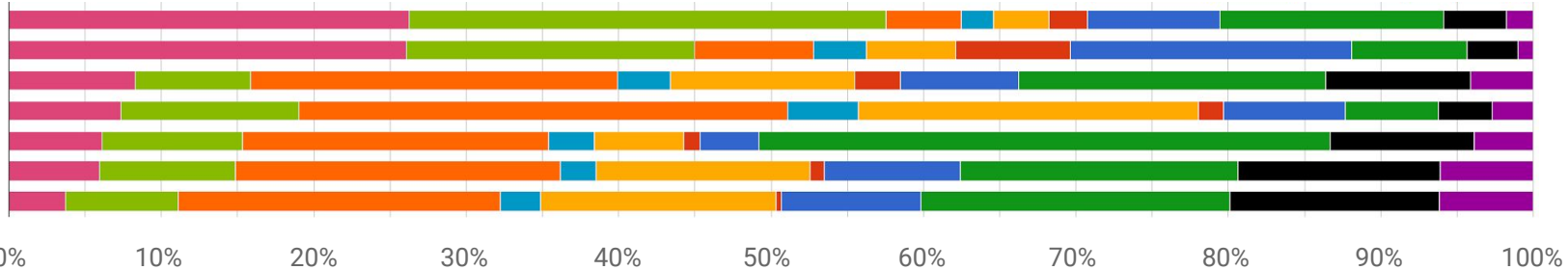
[C++ entry points]:

ticks	cpp	total	name
207	15.1%	10.1%	v8::internal::Runtime_KeyedLoadIC_Miss
192	14.0%	9.4%	v8::internal::Runtime_KeyedStoreIC_Miss
145	10.6%	7.1%	v8::internal::Runtime_CompileOptimized_Concurrent
125	9.1%	6.1%	v8::internal::Runtime_CompileLazy
111	8.1%	5.4%	v8::internal::Runtime_LoadIC_Miss
93	6.8%	4.5%	v8::internal::Builtin_HandleApiCall
74	5.4%	3.6%	v8::internal::Runtime_StoreIC_Miss
54	3.9%	2.6%	v8::internal::Runtime_KeyedGetProperty
49	3.6%	2.4%	v8::internal::Runtime_StackGuard
41	3.0%	2.0%	v8::internal::Runtime_SetProperty
18	1.3%	0.9%	v8::internal::Runtime_StringSplit
18	1.3%	0.9%	v8::internal::Runtime_AllocateInTargetSpace
17	1.2%	0.8%	v8::internal::Runtime_GetProperty
16	1.2%	0.8%	v8::internal::Builtin_ObjectDefineProperty
15	1.1%	0.7%	v8::internal::Runtime_TryInstallOptimizedCode
14	1.0%	0.7%	v8::internal::Builtin_ObjectProtoToString
12	0.9%	0.6%	v8::internal::Builtin_ObjectCreate

Octane



Speedometer



JavaScript

Callback

Parse

Runtime

Compile

IC

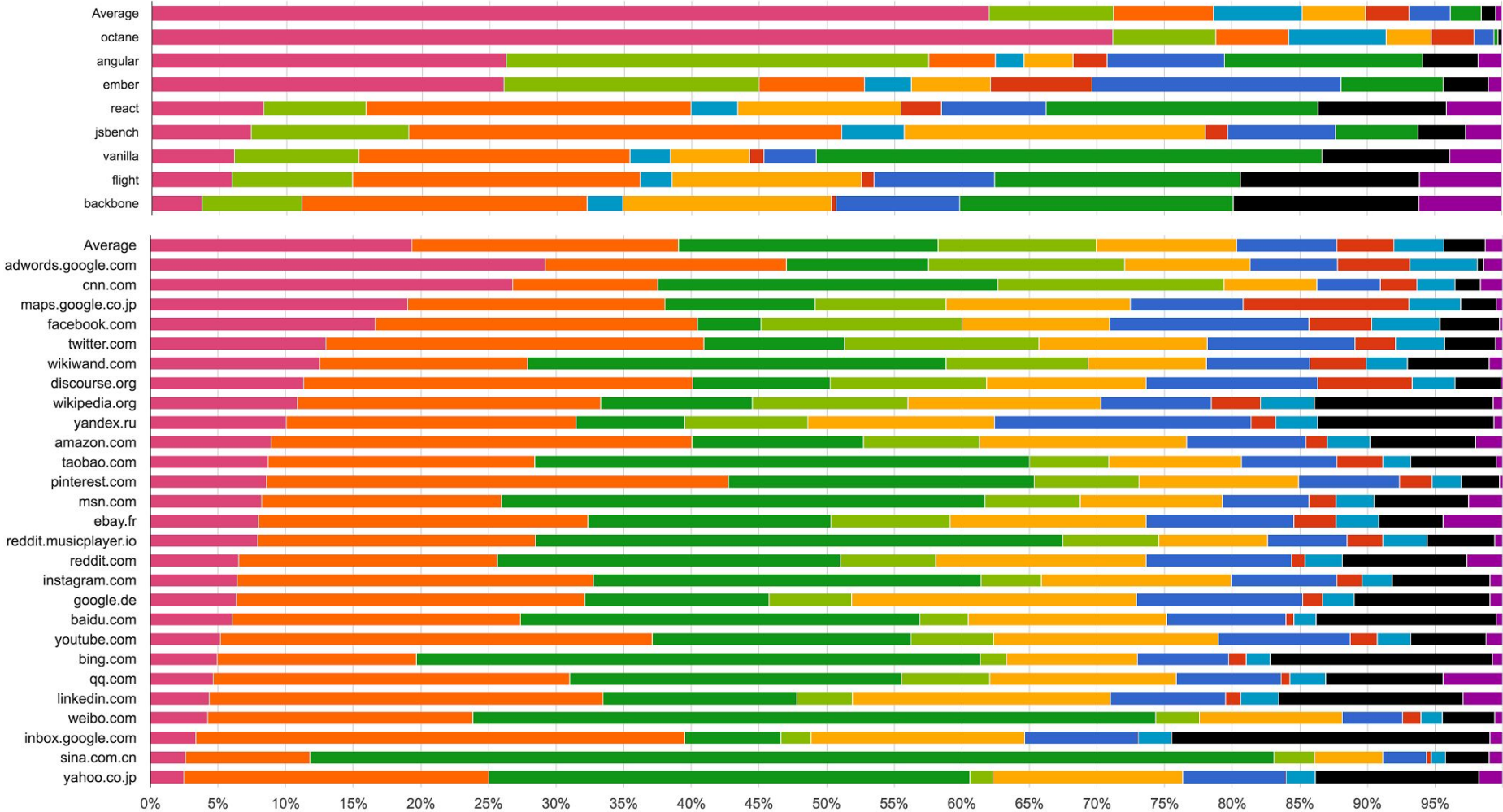
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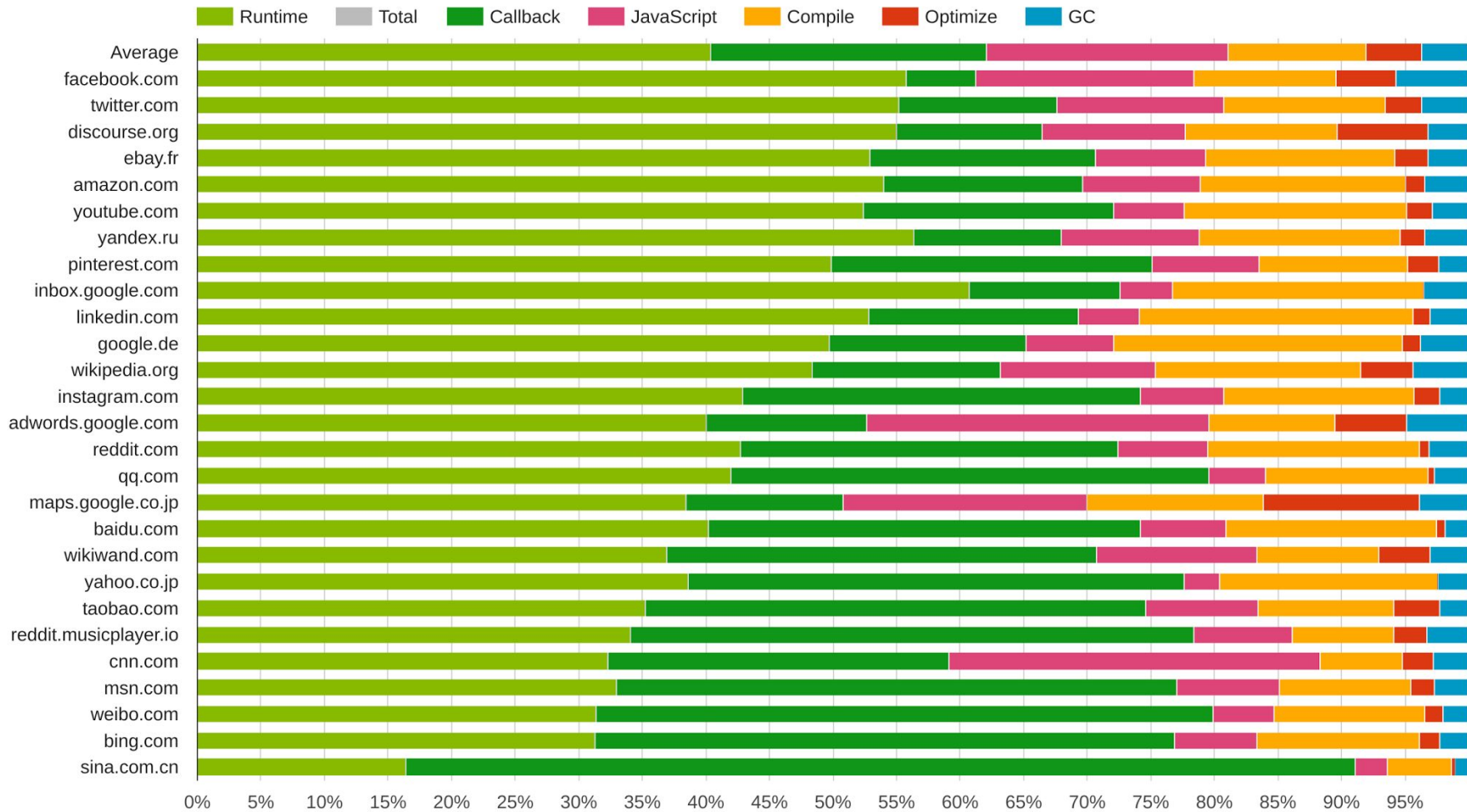
Optimize

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API

JavaScript Total Runtime Parse GC Compile Optimize IC Callback Unclassified API





Name	Time	Percent	Count
Group-Runtime	292.3ms	20.60%	762490#
GetPropertyNamesFast	66.8ms	4.70%	5166#
Map_TransitionToDataProperty	41.4ms	2.90%	49629#
ForInFilter	28.4ms	2.00%	412154#
CreateObjectLiteral	18.6ms	1.30%	20118#
KeyedGetProperty	17.5ms	1.20%	74721#
ObjectAssign	17.5ms	1.20%	4145#
FunctionPrototypeBind	11.5ms	0.80%	7753#
ArrayPush	7.0ms	0.50%	18237#
GetProperty	5.7ms	0.40%	13102#
ArrayConcat	5.4ms	0.40%	3713#
SetProperty	5.1ms	0.40%	5495#
ObjectKeys	4.8ms	0.30%	470#
NewClosure	4.6ms	0.30%	8353#
CreateArrayLiteralStubBailout	4.3ms	0.30%	3125#
PrototypeMap_TransitionToDataProperty	3.7ms	0.30%	3140#
NewObject	3.2ms	0.20%	1926#
StringReplaceGlobalRegExpWithString	2.8ms	0.20%	5413#
NewStrictArguments	2.7ms	0.20%	2948#
RegExpExec	2.7ms	0.20%	662#
HasOwnProperty	2.5ms	0.20%	18450#

`Object.assign`

`Object.keys`

`Object.prototype.hasOwnProperty`

`Object.prototype.toString`

`in` operator

`Array.prototype.toString` / `.join`

`Array.prototype.push`

`Function.prototype.bind`

First runtime, then stubs

foo.hasOwnProperty("bar")

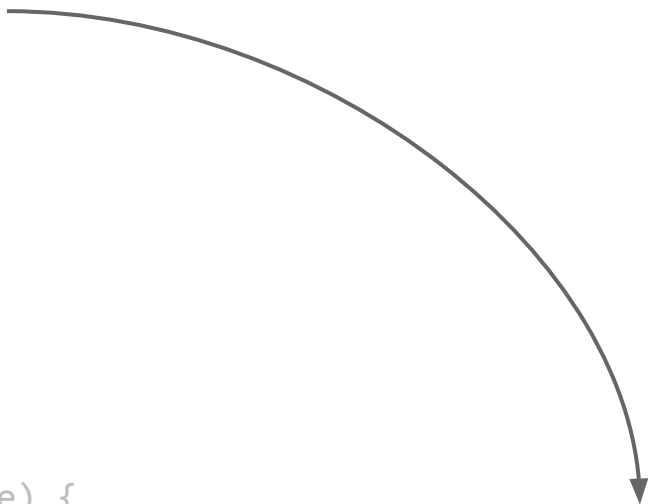


```
function ObjectHasOwnProperty(value) {  
  var name = TO_NAME(value);  
  var object = TO_OBJECT(this);  
  return %HasOwnProperty(object, name);  
}
```



C++

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CodeStub
Assembler

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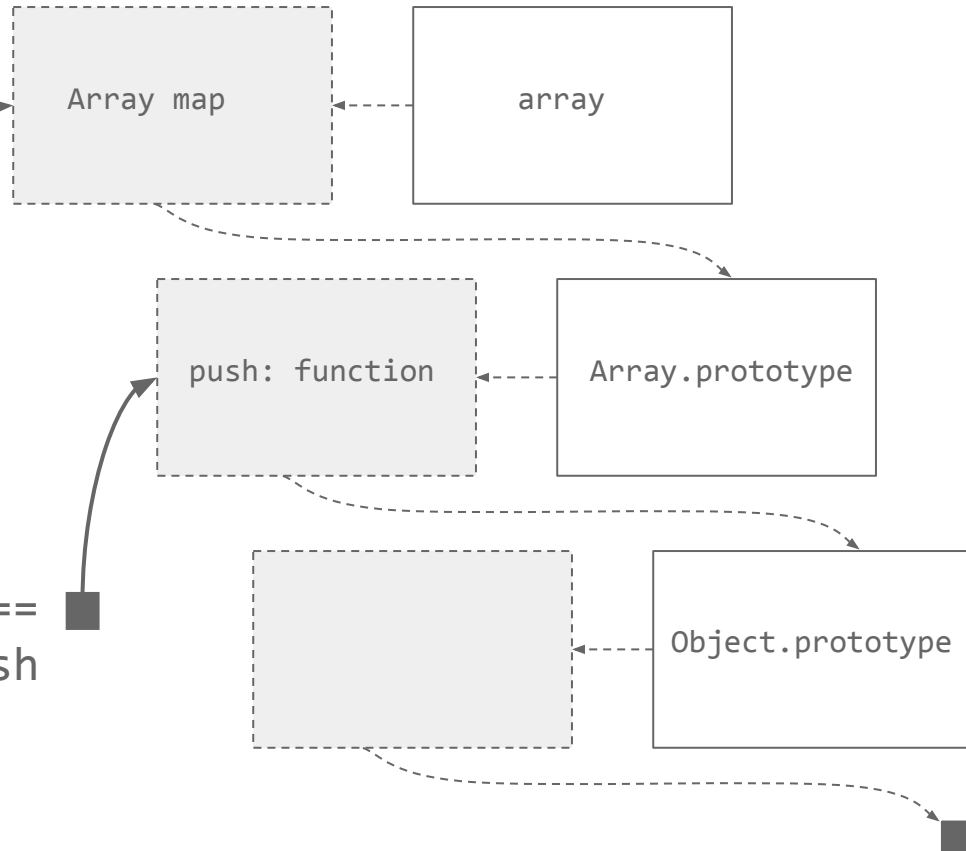


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`if array.map == ■
 && array.prototype.map == ■
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```
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```
function push(array, v) {  
    array[array.length] = v  
}
```

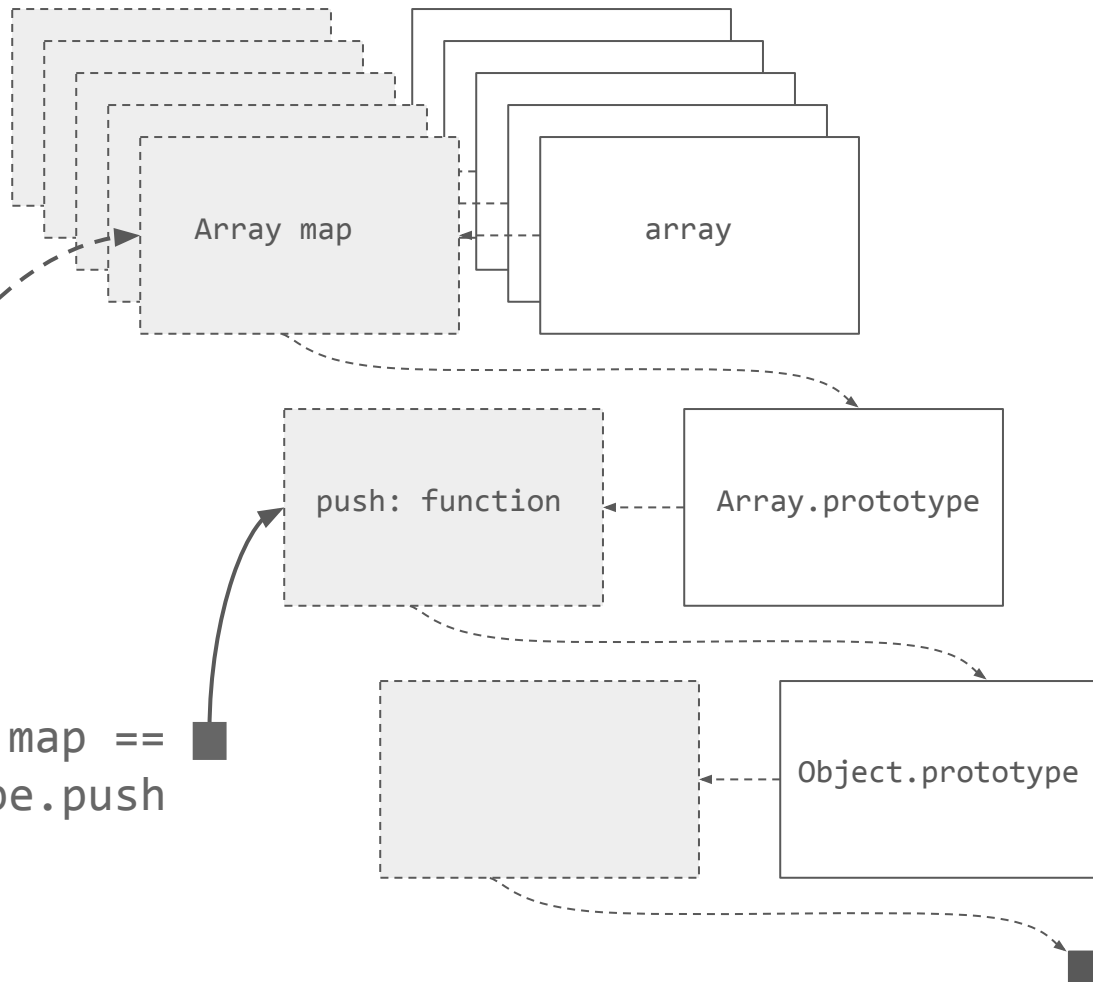
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```
a1 = [ 1 ]  
a2 = [ 1.1 ]  
a3 = [ "foo" ]  
a4 = [ 1,, ]  
a5 = [ 1.1,, ]  
a6 = [ "foo",, ]  
a7 = [ ]; a7[1024*1024] = 1;
```

`array.push(1)`

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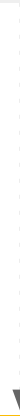



```
Array.prototype.push = function() {...}  
Array.prototype[1] = "a good idea"  
Object.prototype.length = "wut?"  
Array.prototype = new JSProxy(...)
```

`array.push(1)`



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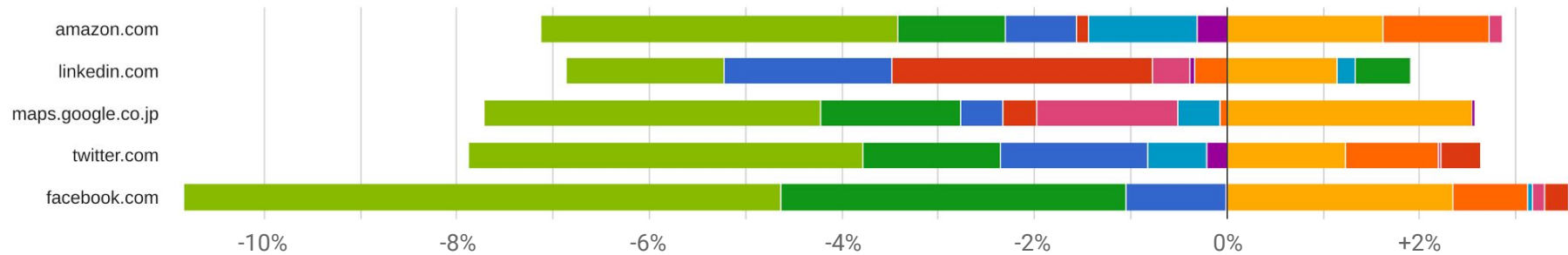
C++

runtime prechecks

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M49 vs. M53



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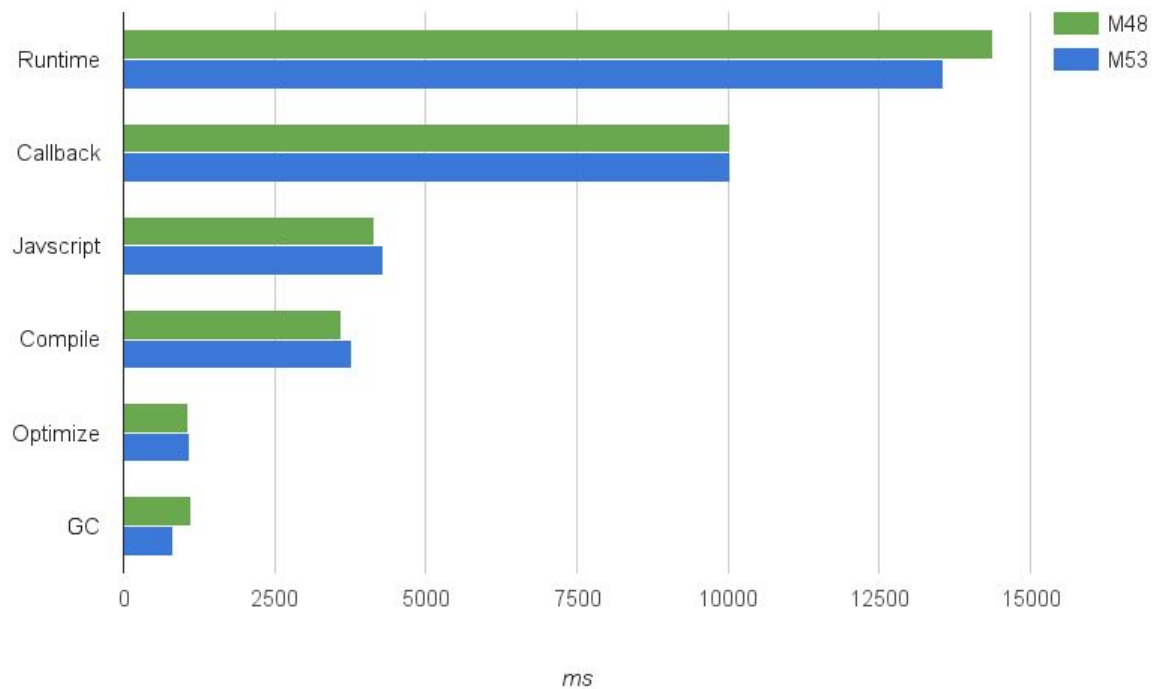
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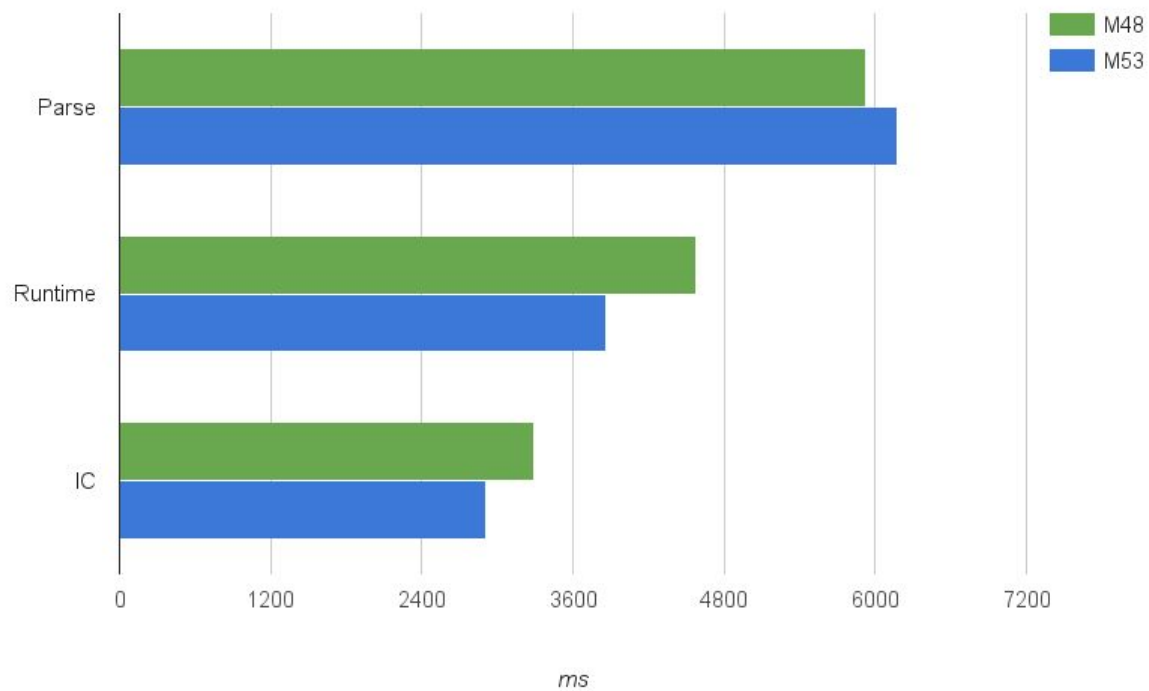
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