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The Value of Quarkus

A developer's perspective

Let's explore
Quarkus

What is Quarkus?

Supersonic. Subatomic. Java



Kube-native

- Single-step Deployment
- Application Configuration
- Health & Metrics
- Tracing and Debugging
- Remote Development



Cloud-native

- Kubernetes
- Fast start-up time
- Reduced reflection usage
- GraalVM Native Support



Imperative and Reactive Code

- Microservices (REST/SOAP)
- Reactive Programming
- Function-as-a-Service (FaaS) and Serverless
- Event-driven Architecture

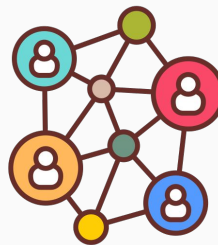
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Developer-centric

- Live reload/coding
- Remote Development
- Dev UI/Services
- Continuous Testing
- Extensions



Standards

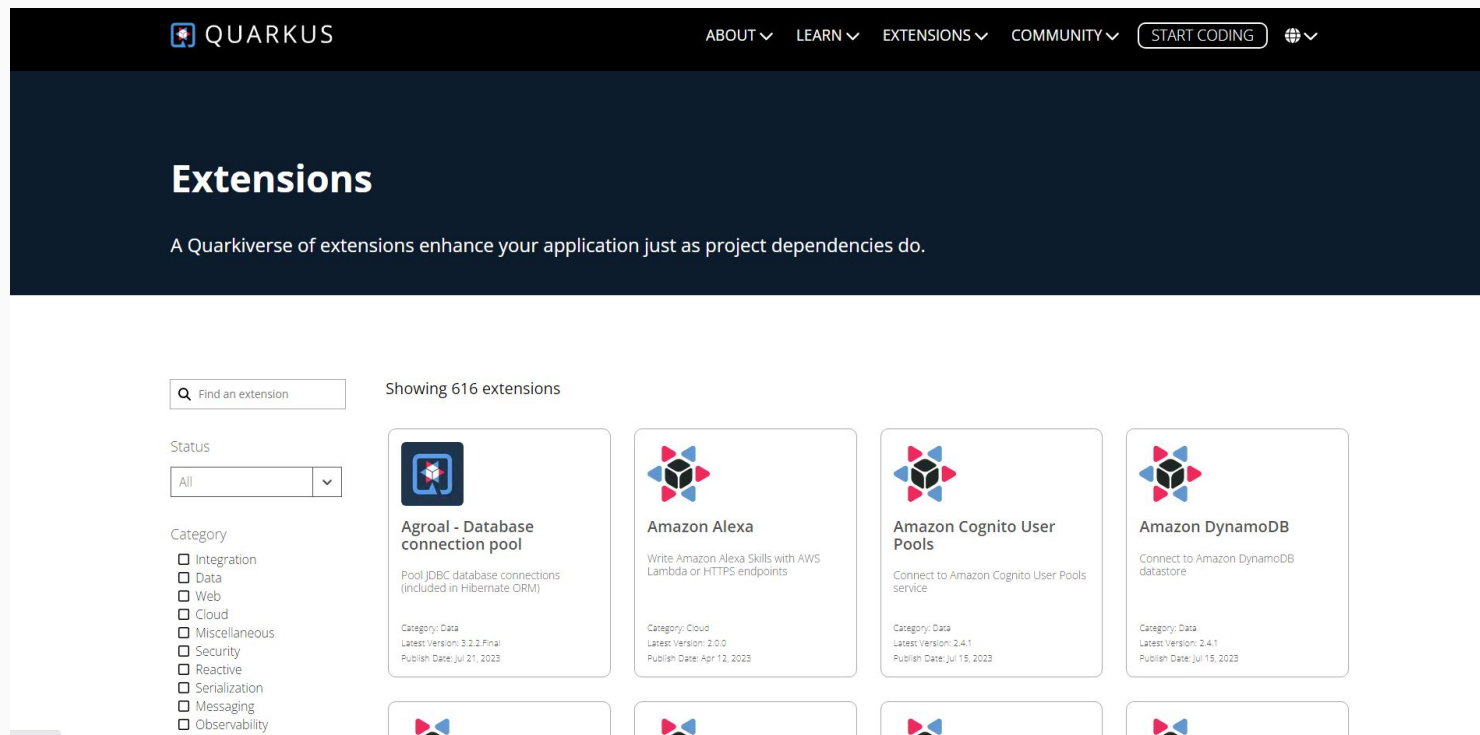
- Vert.x
- Eclipse Microprofile
- Micrometer
- Jakarta EE

Extensions

Quarkus Platform and Quarkiverse

<https://github.com/quarkiverse>

<https://github.com/quarkusio/quarkus-platform>



The screenshot shows the Quarkus Extensions website. The header is dark blue with the Quarkus logo and navigation links: ABOUT, LEARN, EXTENSIONS, COMMUNITY, and a START CODING button. The main heading is "Extensions" with a subtitle: "A Quarkiverse of extensions enhance your application just as project dependencies do." Below this, there's a search bar labeled "Find an extension" and a status filter set to "All". A category list on the left includes Integration, Data, Web, Cloud, Miscellaneous, Security, Reactive, Serialization, Messaging, and Observability. The main content area displays "Showing 616 extensions" and lists four featured extensions: Agroal - Database connection pool, Amazon Alexa, Amazon Cognito User Pools, and Amazon DynamoDB. Each extension card includes the Quarkus logo, title, description, category, latest version, and publish date.

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- ☐ Messaging
- ☐ Observability


Showing 616 extensions



Agroal - Database connection pool

Pool JDBC database connections (included in Hibernate ORM)


Category: Data
Latest Version: 3.2.2.Final
Publish Date: Jul 21, 2023



Amazon Alexa

Write Amazon Alexa Skills with AWS Lambda or HTTPS endpoints


Category: Cloud
Latest Version: 2.0.0
Publish Date: Apr 12, 2023



Amazon Cognito User Pools

Connect to Amazon Cognito User Pools service

Category: Data
Latest Version: 2.4.1
Publish Date: Jul 15, 2023




Amazon DynamoDB


Connect to Amazon DynamoDB datastore

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Quarkus RedHat Build

<https://code.quarkus.redhat.com/>

 **QUARKUS** 2.13
code.quarkus.redhat.com

 **Red Hat** < Back to code.quarkus.io

CONFIGURE YOUR APPLICATION

Group	org.acme	Version	1.0.0-SNAPSHOT
Artifact	code-with-quarkus	Java Version	17
Build Tool	Maven	Starter Code	Yes























 CLOSE

 **Generate your application (alt + ⌘)**

Filters

Q origin:platform

Web

- ☐ **RESTEasy Reactive** [quarkus-resteasy-reactive]  STARTER-CODE SUPPORTED 
A JAX-RS implementation utilizing build time processing and Vert.x. This extension is not compatible with the quarkus-resteasy extension, or any of the extensions that depend on it.
- ☐ **RESTEasy Reactive Jackson** [quarkus-resteasy-reactive-jackson]  SUPPORTED 
Jackson serialization support for RESTEasy Reactive. This extension is not compatible with the quarkus-resteasy extension, or any of the extensions that depend on it.
- ☐ **RESTEasy Reactive JSON-B** [quarkus-resteasy-reactive-jsonb]  SUPPORTED 
JSON-B serialization support for RESTEasy Reactive. This extension is not compatible with the quarkus-resteasy extension, or any of the extensions that depend on it.
- ☐ **RESTEasy Reactive JAXB** [quarkus-resteasy-reactive-jaxb]  TECH-PREVIEW 
JAXB serialization support for RESTEasy Reactive. This extension is not compatible with the quarkus-resteasy extension, or any of the extensions that depend on it.
- ☐ **RESTEasy Reactive Kotlin Serialization** [quarkus-resteasy-reactive-kotlin-serialization]  STARTER-CODE 
Kotlin Serialization support for RESTEasy Reactive. This extension is not compatible with the quarkus-resteasy extension, or any of the extensions that depend on it.
- ☐ **RESTEasy Reactive Qute** [quarkus-resteasy-reactive-qute]  STARTER-CODE SUPPORTED 
Qute integration for RESTEasy Reactive. This extension is not compatible with the quarkus-resteasy extension, or any of the extensions that depend on it.
- ☐ **RESTEasy Reactive Links** [quarkus-resteasy-reactive-links]  
Web Links support for RESTEasy Reactive. Inject web links into response HTTP headers by annotating your endpoint resources.
- ☐ **REST Client Reactive** [quarkus-rest-client-reactive]  SUPPORTED 
Call REST services reactively
- ☐ **REST Client Reactive Jackson** [quarkus-rest-client-reactive-jackson]  SUPPORTED 
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JSON-B serialization support for REST Client Reactive
- ☐ **REST Client Reactive JAXB** [quarkus-rest-client-reactive-jaxb]  

What can it offer?

Quarkus' Industry Value



Cost Savings

Low memory footprint, fast startup-time, lesser disk footprint, and serverless deployments



Speed and Agility

Developer productivity, extensions, competitive edge



Standard and Support

Cloud Native Computing Foundation, RedHat, Kubernetes, Eclipse, Jakarta EE

Active community, RedHat build support



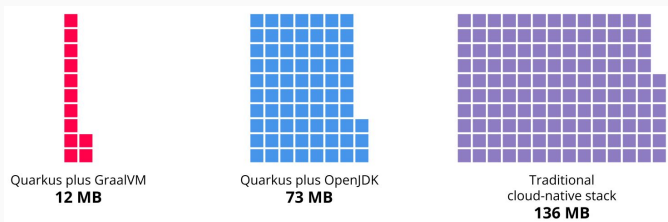
Sustainability

Deploy greener applications, Minimize carbon footprint

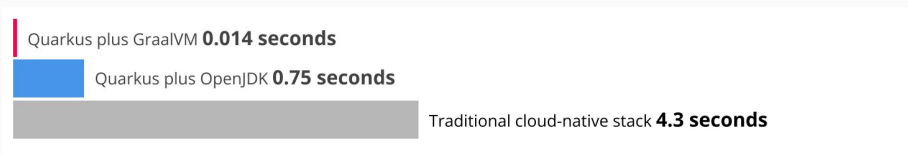
Cost Savings

Efficient framework in the cloud

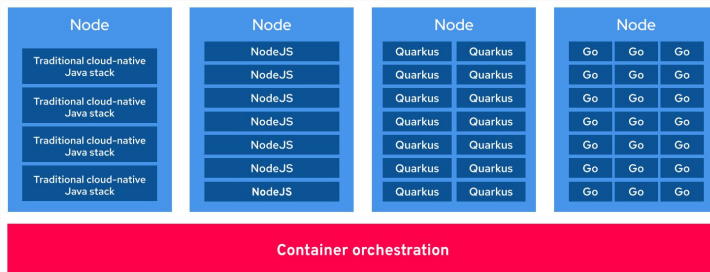
Small Memory Footprint



Fast start-up time



Less Disk Footprint



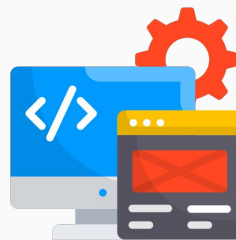
Speed and Agility

Faster time to market

Developers can leverage their existing Java expertise to build modern and cloud-native solutions.



Developer productivity using extensions to create applications quicker



Crafted from well-known libraries such as Spring, Hibernate, Microprofile and Micrometer

Standard and Support

Reliable technology with active community and enterprise support

Quarkus 3.2 is the first LTS release version.



Enterprise build support from RedHat



Active community with regular releases



Kubernetes/Cloud-native technology
stack

Performance

Framework Comparison



VS



The Problem

Spring Boot is a well-known and stable framework for creating microservice, event-driven and serverless application.

Unfortunately, it has struggles in memory and startup-times. The root cause of this is due to *Reflection*.

Reflection

Inspect the internal properties of your Java program and modify its behavior upon execution or during runtime.

*java.lang.reflect.**

The Solution

Quarkus uses build-time
dependency injection based on CDI
2.0

This is implemented in *Quarkus ArC*.

Metrics

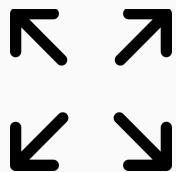


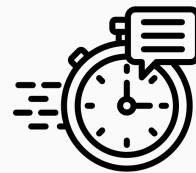
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STARTUP TIME



MEMORY USAGE



RESPONSE TIME

JIT vs AOT

Just in Time compilation

- Default compiler strategy
- Dynamic compilation
- Generate metadata during runtime

Ahead of Time Compilation

- GraalVM (Native)
- Compile required metadata in build time
- Reduce application size and optimal throughput
- Caveat: [GraalVM Supported Libraries](#)

Source

Bytecode

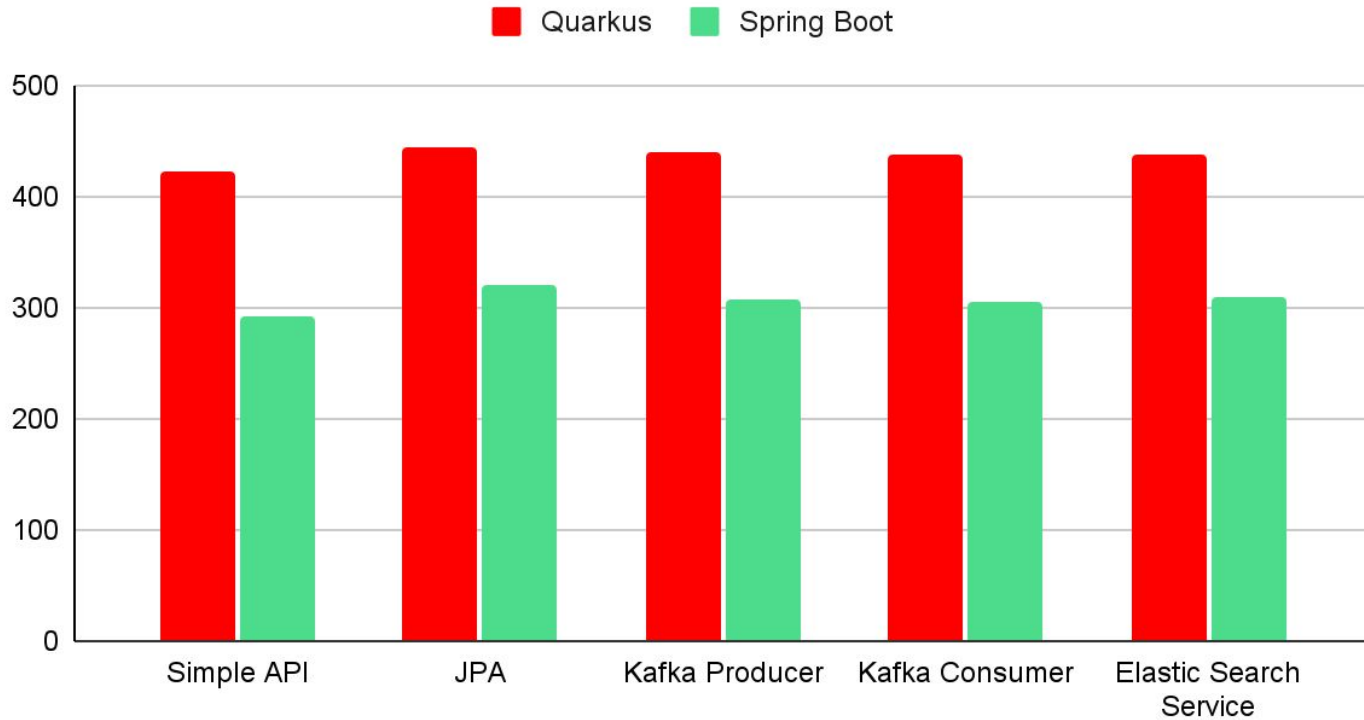
Native Code

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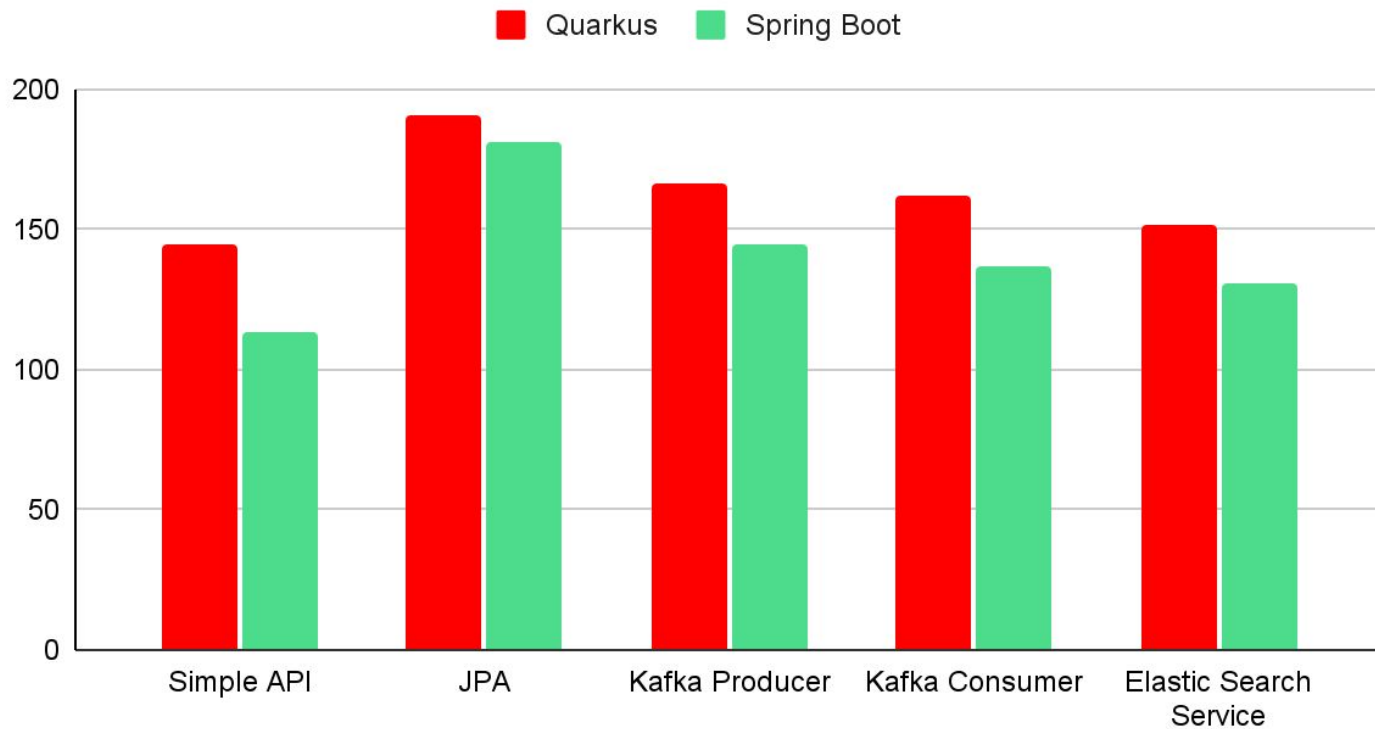
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Image Size

JVM Image Size (MB)



Native Image Size (MB)

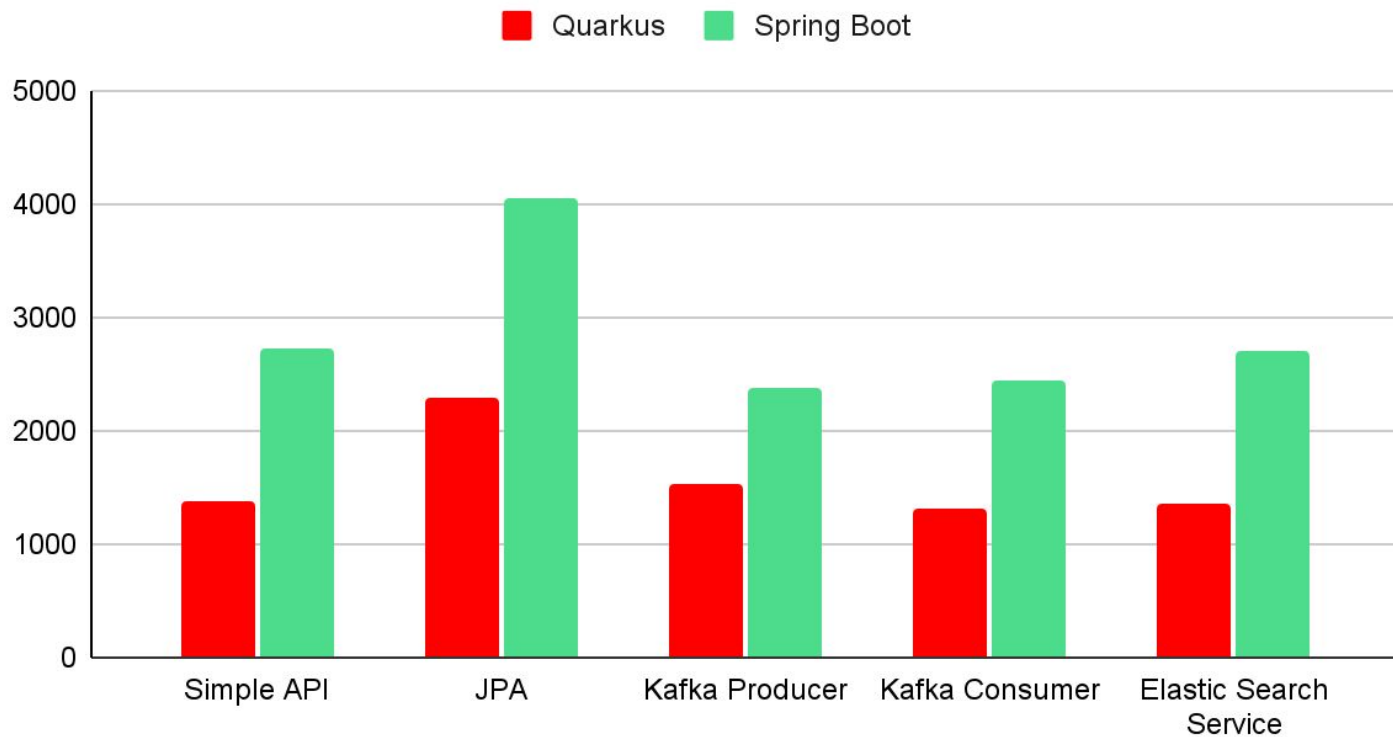


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Startup Time

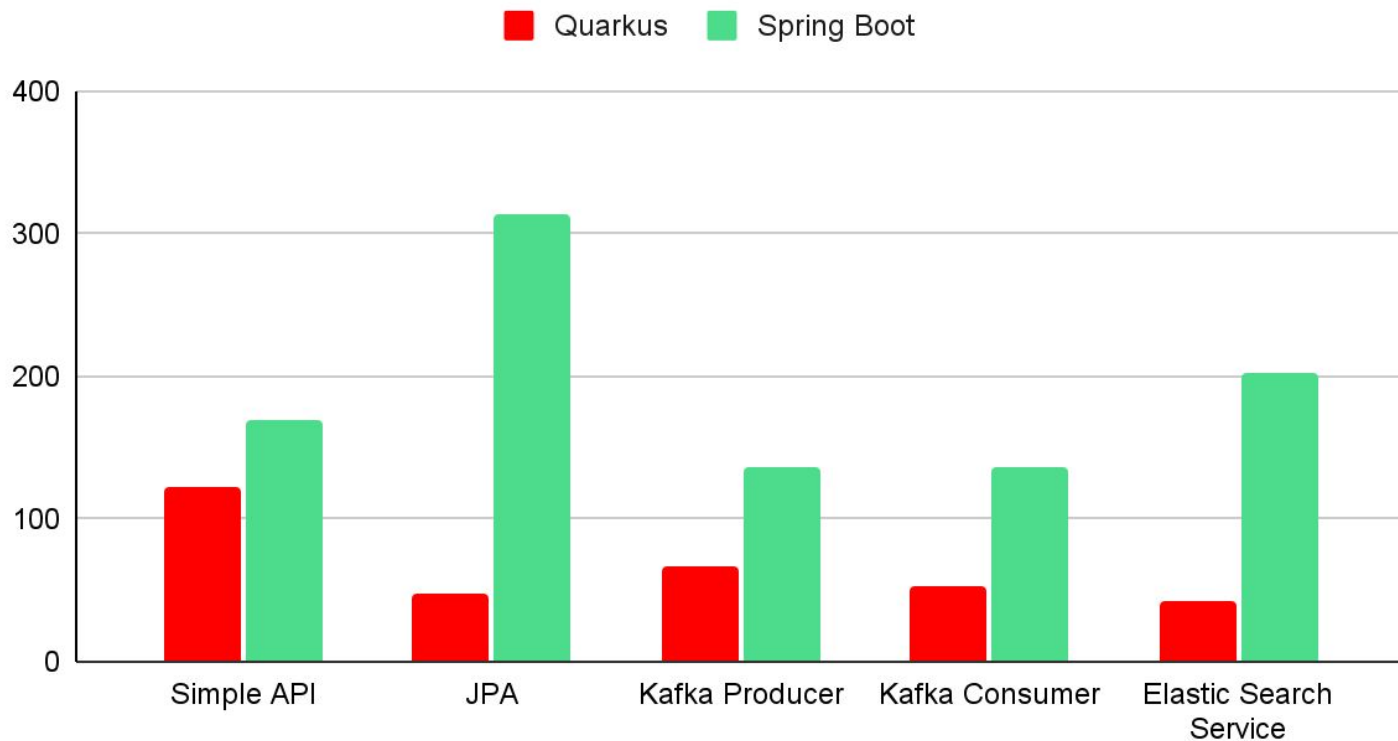
JVM Startup Time (ms)



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Native Startup Time (ms)

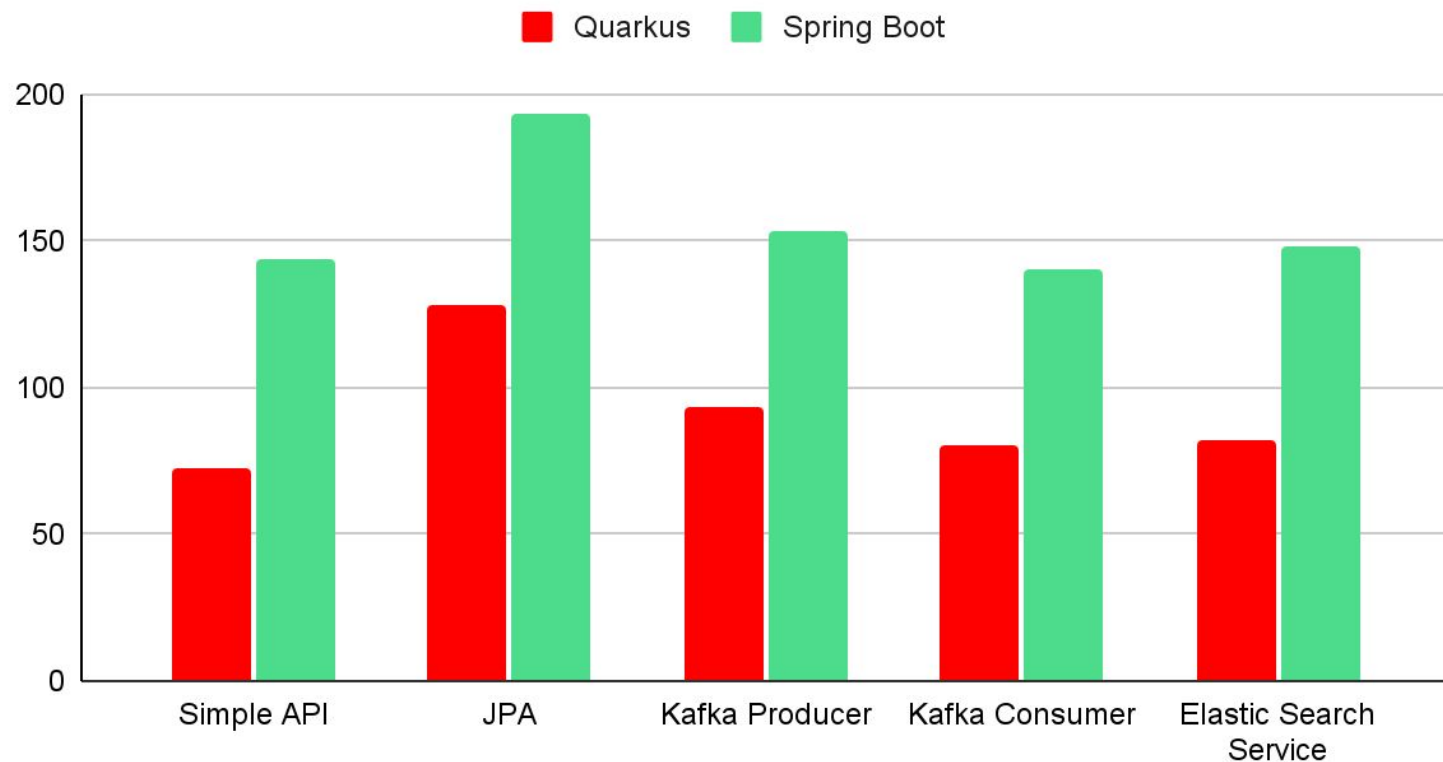


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Memory Usage

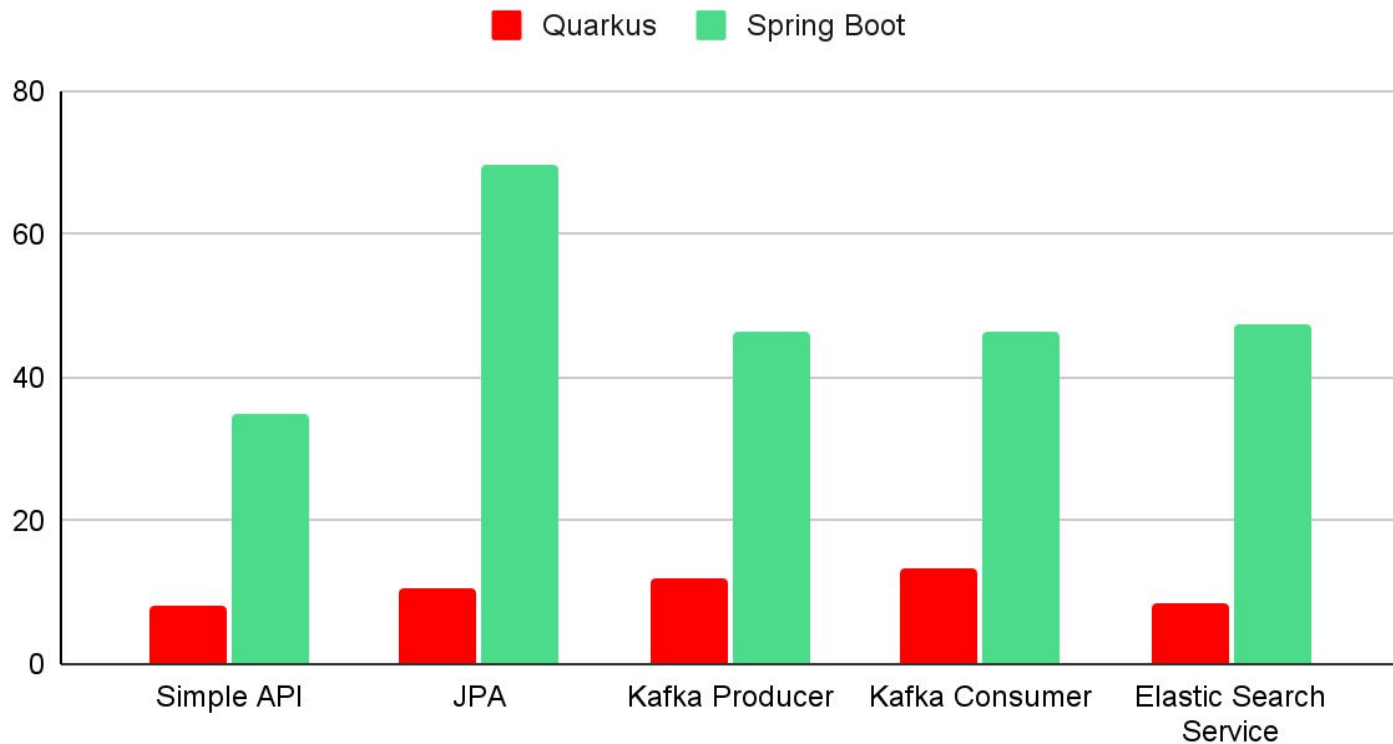
JVM Memory Usage (MiB)



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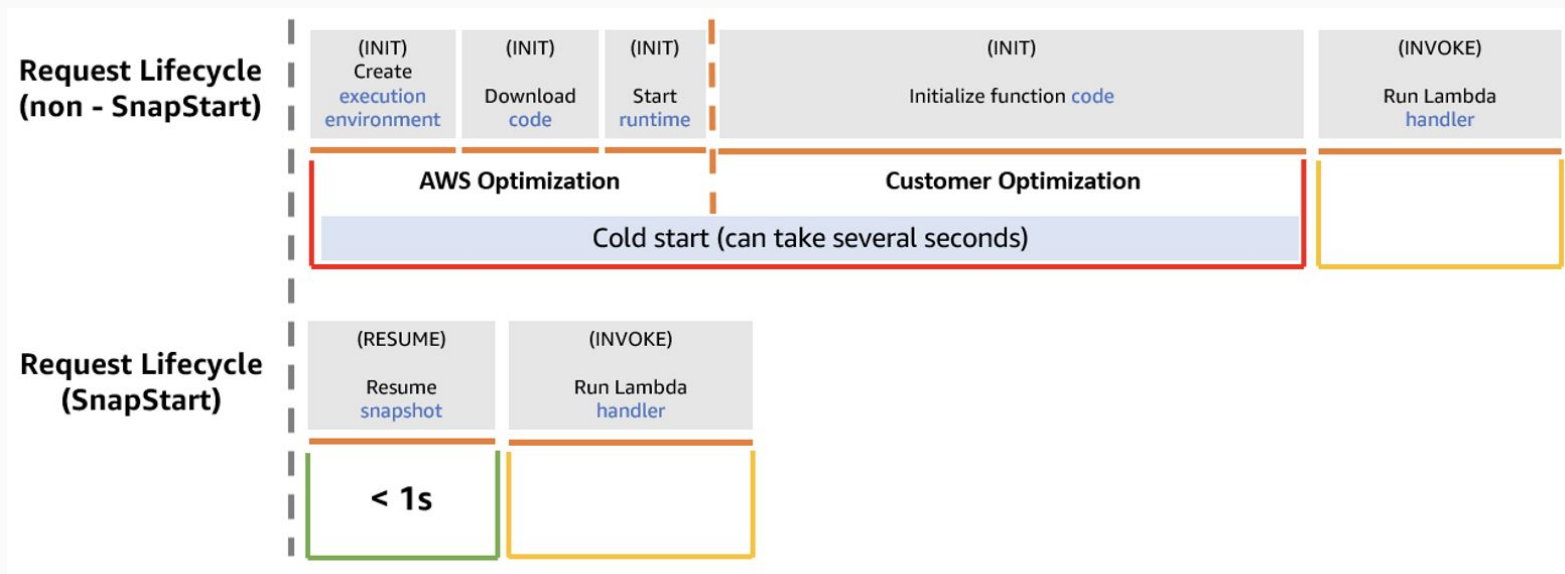
Native Memory Usage (MiB)



Experimentation in AWS

Response Time

AWS Lambda SnapStart



Source: [Starting up faster with AWS Lambda Snapstart](#)

Performance in AWS Lambda

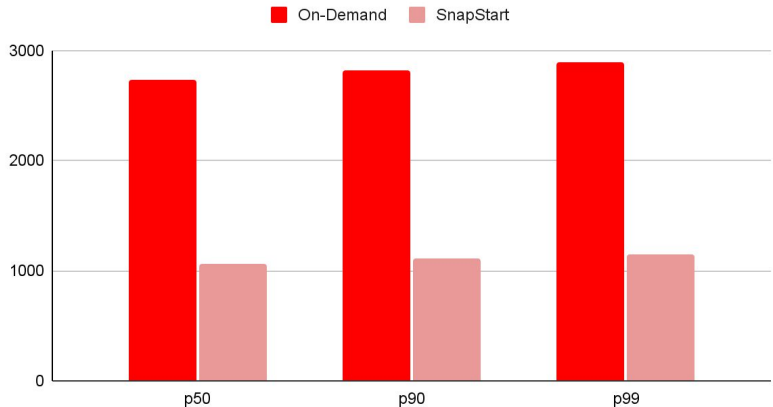
Observe the Cold start performance of Quarkus in On-Demand and SnapStart API Invocation using Quarkus.

The memory used for Lambda performance comparison is 512 MB. It was done with 100 requests with 10 iterations.

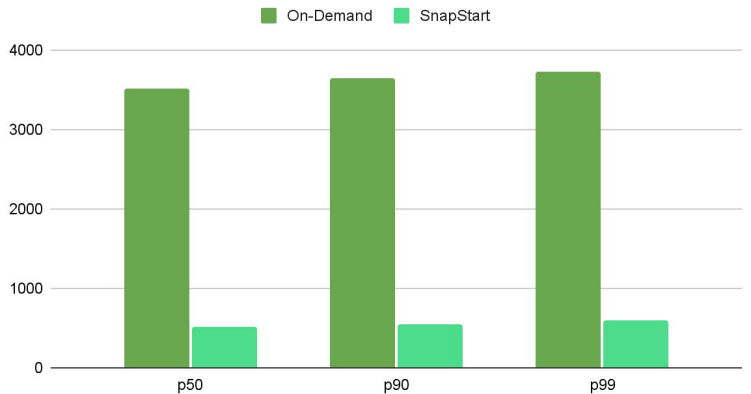
Spring Boot had the significant result when using SnapStart with 6x more efficient and 2x for Quarkus.

Source: [Cold Start with SnapStart Comparison](#)

Quarkus Response Times (ms)



Spring Boot Response Times (ms)



Spring to Quarkus

Supported Spring features in Quarkus

- Spring Boot Properties
- Spring Cache
- Spring Cloud
- Spring Data & Data Rest
- Spring Dependency Injection
- Spring Scheduled
- Spring Security
- Spring Web

Sustainability

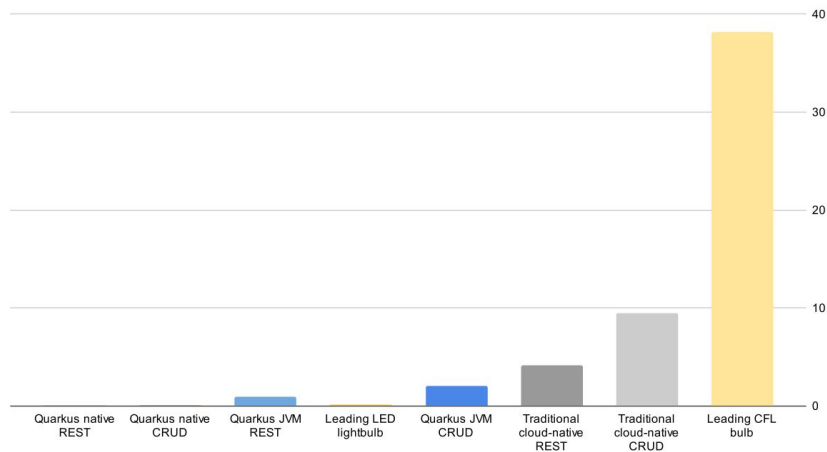
Greener Applications

Quarkus' impact in the environment

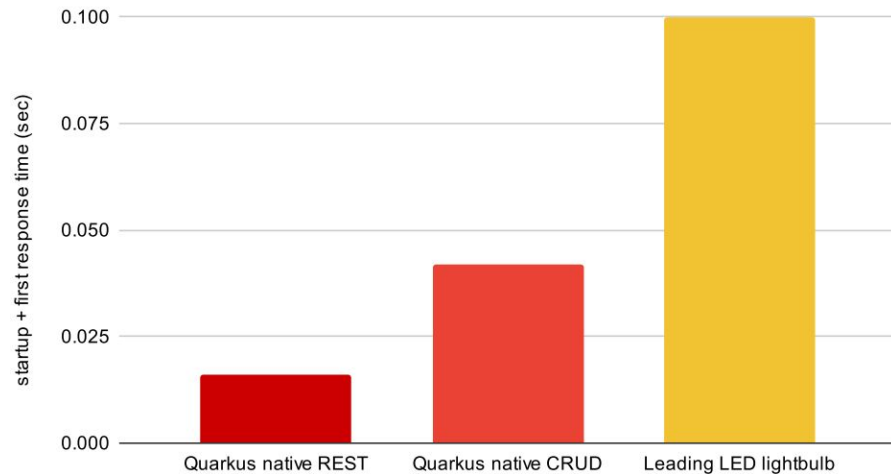
- Efficient handling in energy
- Reduce carbonization
- High Density

Quarkus vs Light Bulb

Start-up times for popular Java frameworks and light bulbs



Start-up times for popular Java frameworks and light bulbs

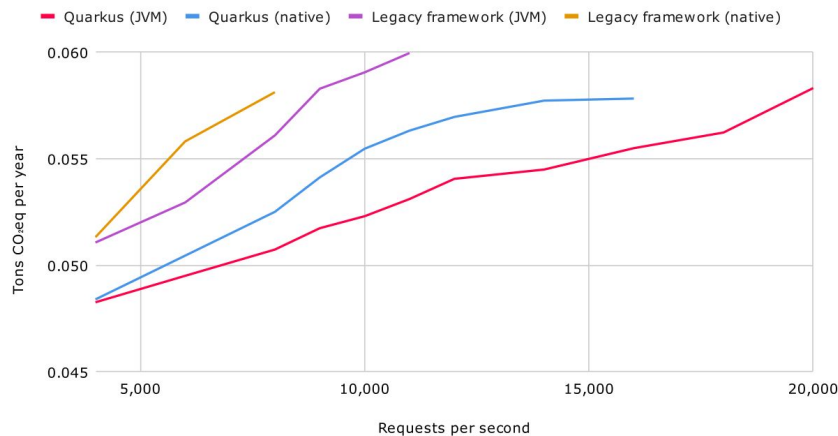


Frameworks: Boot up time plus 1st response time

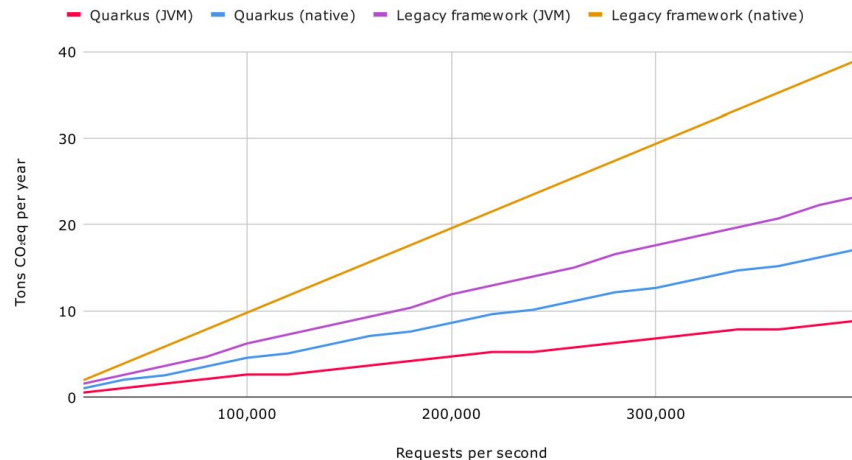
Light Bulb: up to full brightness

Power Consumption

CRUD climate impact at low load (single instances)



CRUD climate impact at high load (multiple instances)



The machine was a two CPU machine, with 16 cores per CPU. The application's CPU affinity was set to four specific cores on one CPU, and the application was the only process running on those cores. The heap was not pinned, and could go up to 12G.

The CO₂-eq figures are based on the U.S. energy mix.

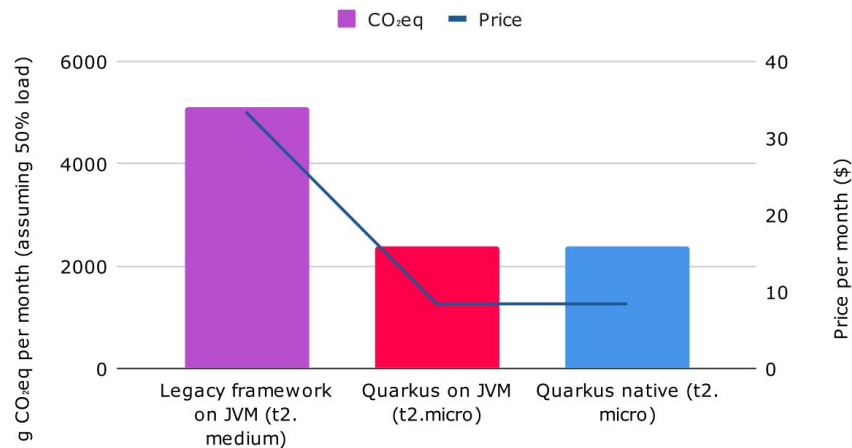
Density

Quarkus team deployed an application to the cloud, and loaded with 800 requests per minute over 20 days for multiple instances. It assumes using the datacenter, us-east-1 datacenter and a 50% load.

Table 1. Comparing traditional framework on JVM to Quarkus

Framework	Instance Type	Price per hour	CO2-eq per hour
Legacy framework on JVM	t2.medium (2 vCPU, 4GB)	\$33.40	5112 g
Quarkus on JVM	t2.micro (1 vCPU, 1GB)	\$8.40	2376 g
Quarkus native	t2.micro (1 vCPU, 1GB)	\$8.40	2376 g

Cloud carbon impact of framework choice



Summary

Conclusion

- Quarkus showed cloud-native characteristics and industry values
- Quarkus has higher image size but significantly lower in memory usage and startup time compared to Spring Boot
- Spring Boot was significantly optimized compared to Quarkus in AWS Lambda SnapStart
- Quarkus has an environmental benefits and significant savings
- Quarkus 3.2, the first LTS version

It's up to you to
decide if Quarkus
is suitable in your
use case

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