

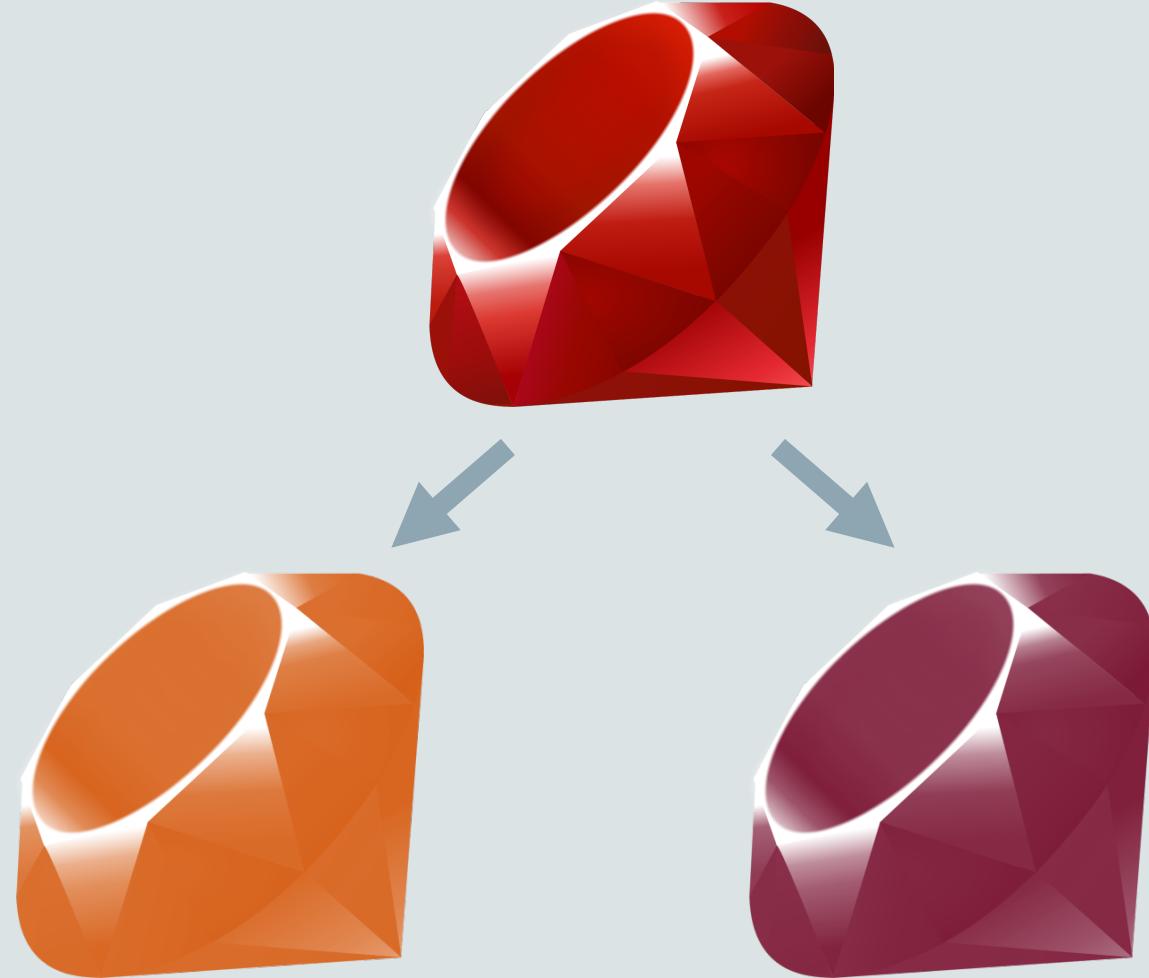
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# Faster Ruby and JS with Graal/Truffle

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*One virtual machine  
to rule them all*

## [JavaScript: One language to rule them all | VentureBeat](#)



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by Peter Yared - in 23 Google+ circles

Jul 29, 2011 - Why code in two different scripting languages, one on the client and one on the server? It's time for **one language to rule them all**. Peter Yared ...

## [PDF] [Python: One Script \(Language\) to rule them all - Ian Darwin](#)

[www.darwinsys.com/python/python4unix.pdf](#) ▾

Another **Language?** ▶ Python was invented in 1991 by Guido van. Rossum. ▷ Named after the comedy troupe, not the snake. ▶ Simple. ▷ They **all** say that!

## [Q & Stuff: One Language to Rule Them All - Java](#)

[qstuff.blogspot.com/2005/10/one-language-to-rule-them-all-java.html](#) ▾

Oct 10, 2005 - **One Language to Rule Them All - Java**. For a long time I'd been hoping to add a scripting language to LibQ, to use in any of my (or other ...

## [Dart : one language to rule them all - MixIT 2013 - Slideshare](#)

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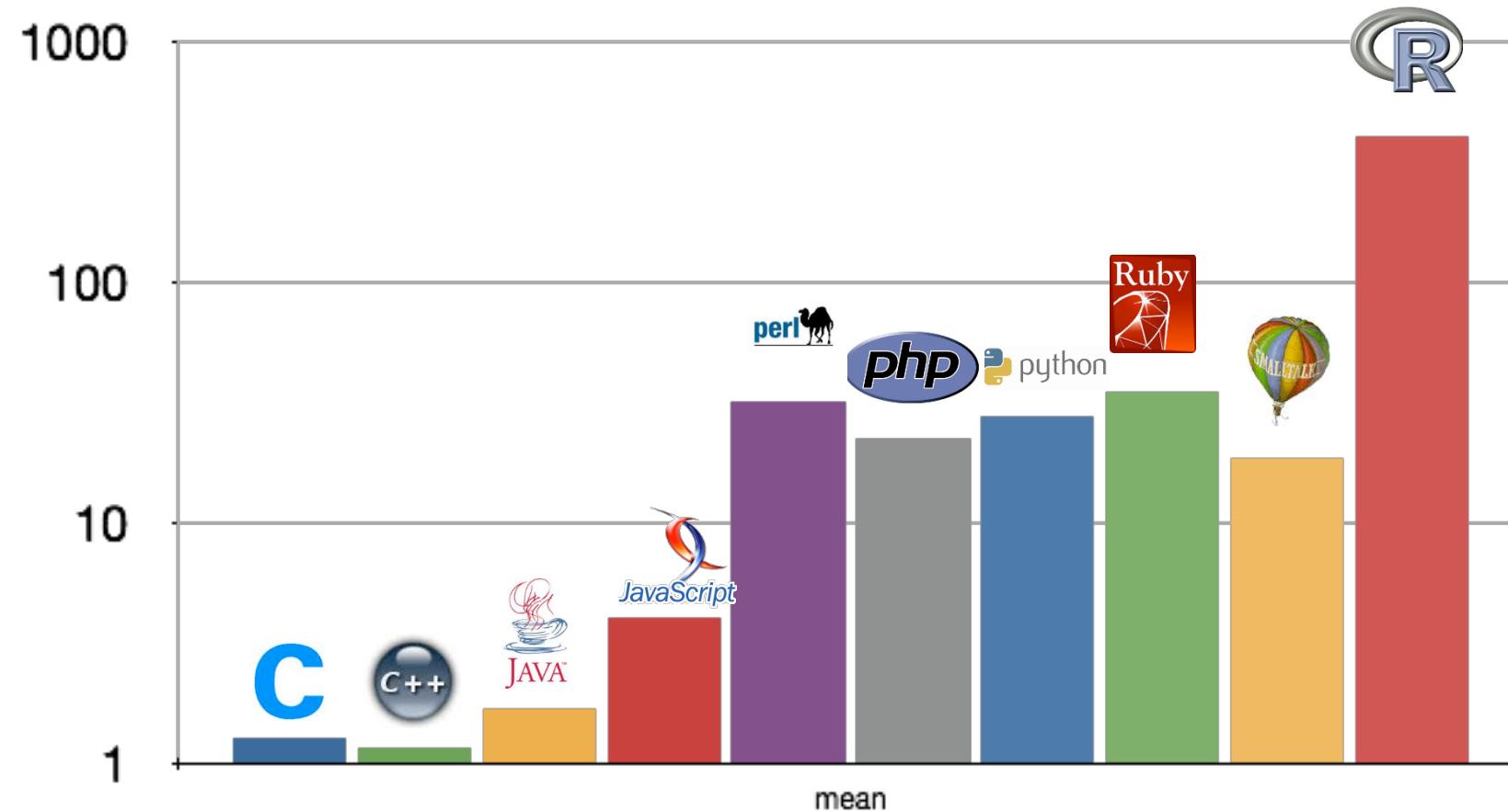
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## Why can't there be an “ultimate” programming language?

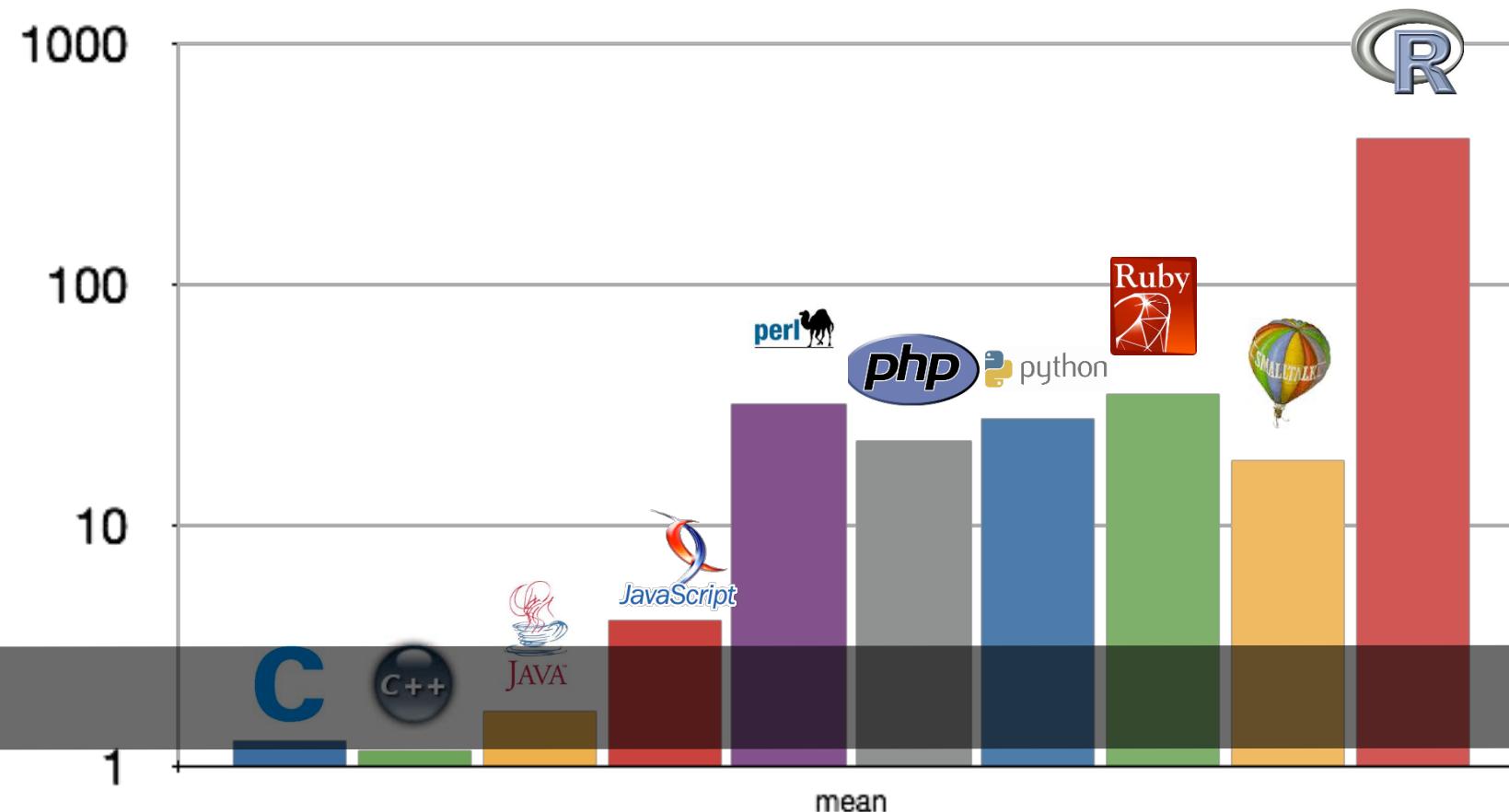
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# Computer Language Benchmarks Game



# Computer Language Benchmarks Game

Goal:



## Current situation

## How it should be

Prototype a new language

Parser and language work to build syntax tree (AST), AST Interpreter

Write a “real” VM

In C/C++, still using AST interpreter, spend a lot of time implementing runtime system, GC, ...

People start using it

People complain about performance

Define a bytecode format and write bytecode interpreter

Performance is still bad

Write a JIT compiler  
Improve the garbage collector

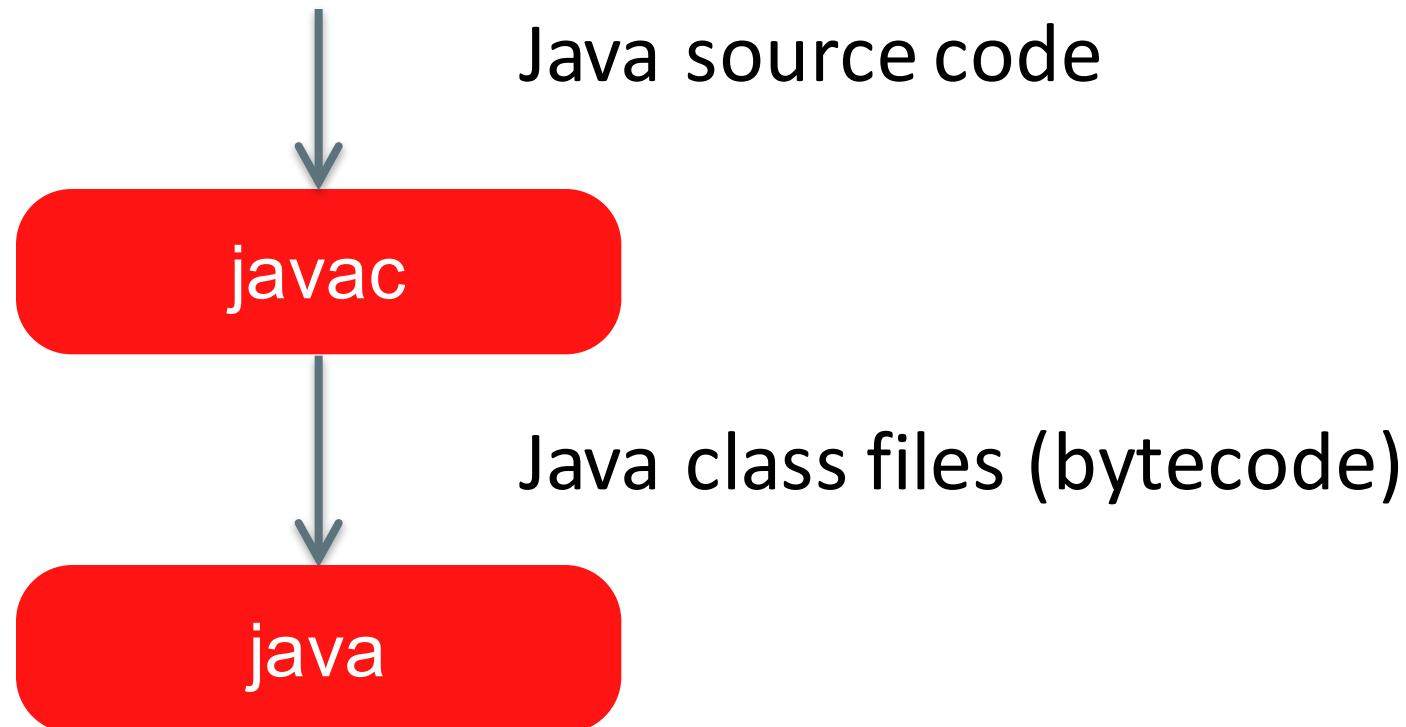
Prototype a new language in Java

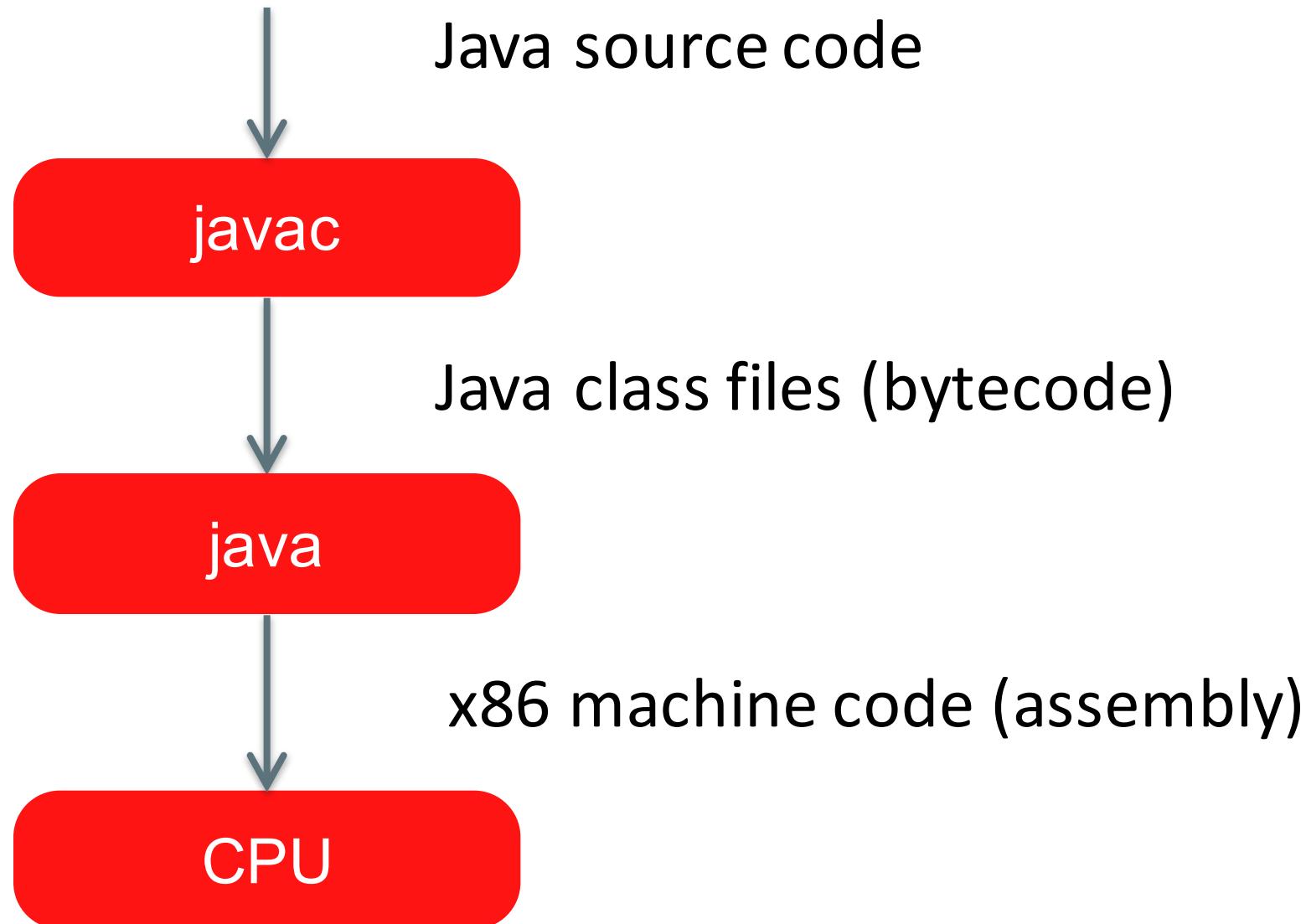
Parser and language work to build syntax tree (AST)  
Execute using AST interpreter

People start using it

And it is already fast

# *Java internals basics*





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## Illusion: Bytecodes Are Fast

- JVMs eventually JIT bytecodes
  - To make them fast!
  - Some JITs are high quality optimizing compilers
    - Amazingly complex beasties in their own rights
  - i.e. JVMs bring "gcc -O2" to the masses
- But cannot use "gcc"-style compilers directly:
  - Tracking OOPs (ptrs) for GC
  - Java Memory Model (volatile reordering & fences)
  - New code patterns to optimize

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## A JVM Does That?



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# *Truffle*

# Guest Language

Bytecode



JVM

## Guest Language



Java IR, machine code cache,  
invalidation and deoptimisation,  
optimisation phases, replacements,  
etc... etc...

## Graal VM

Guest Language



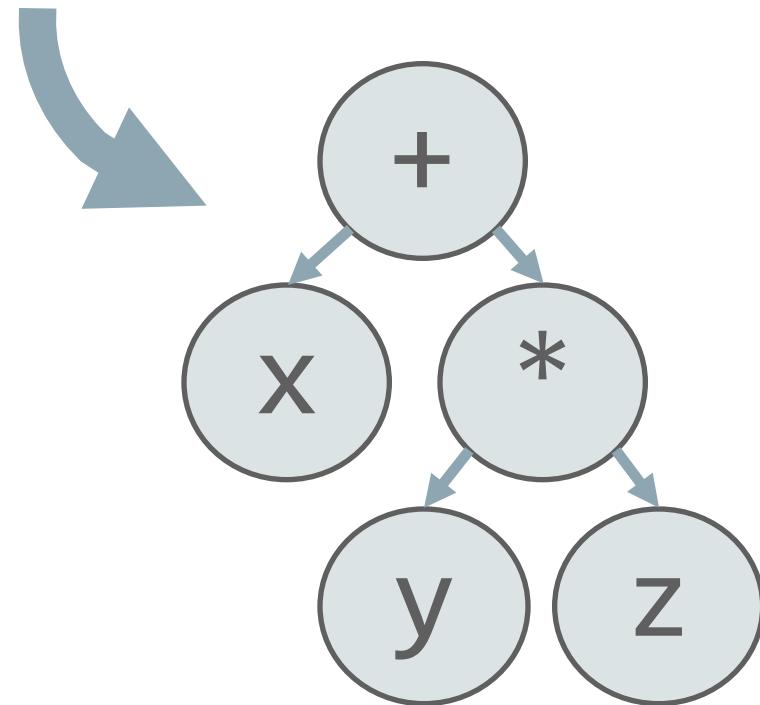
AST interpreter

Truffle

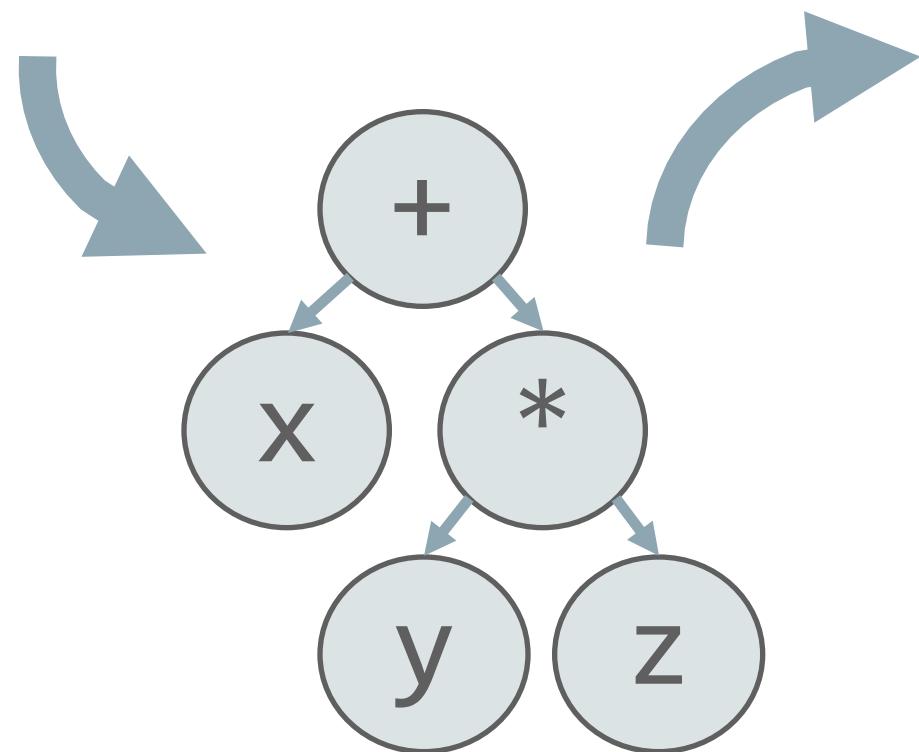


Graal VM

x + y \* z

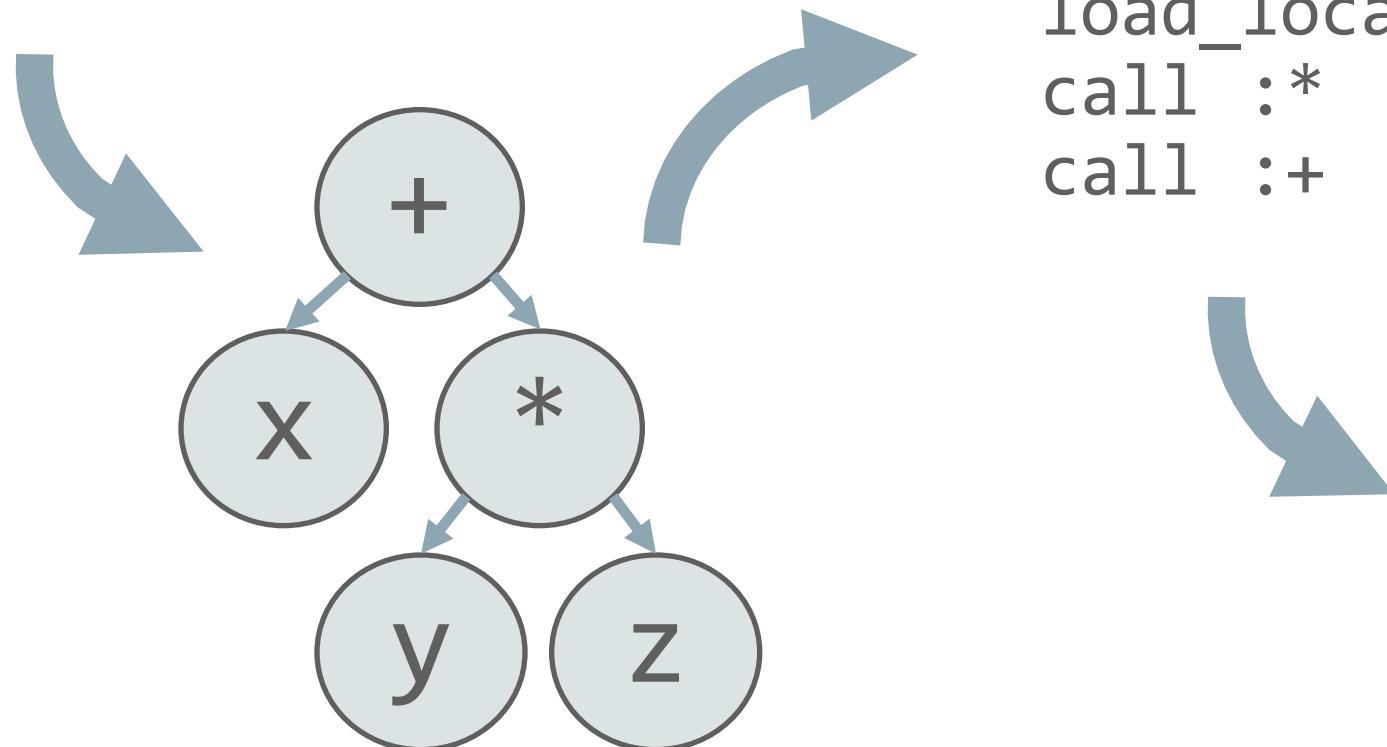
$x + y * z$ 

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```
load_local x  
load_local y  
load_local z  
call :*  
call :+
```

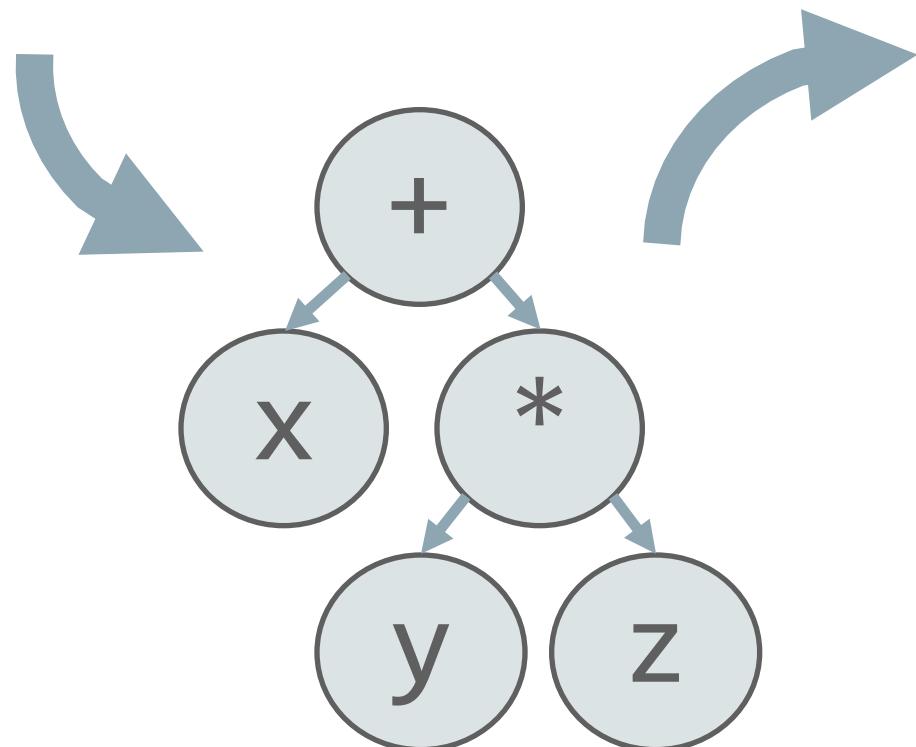
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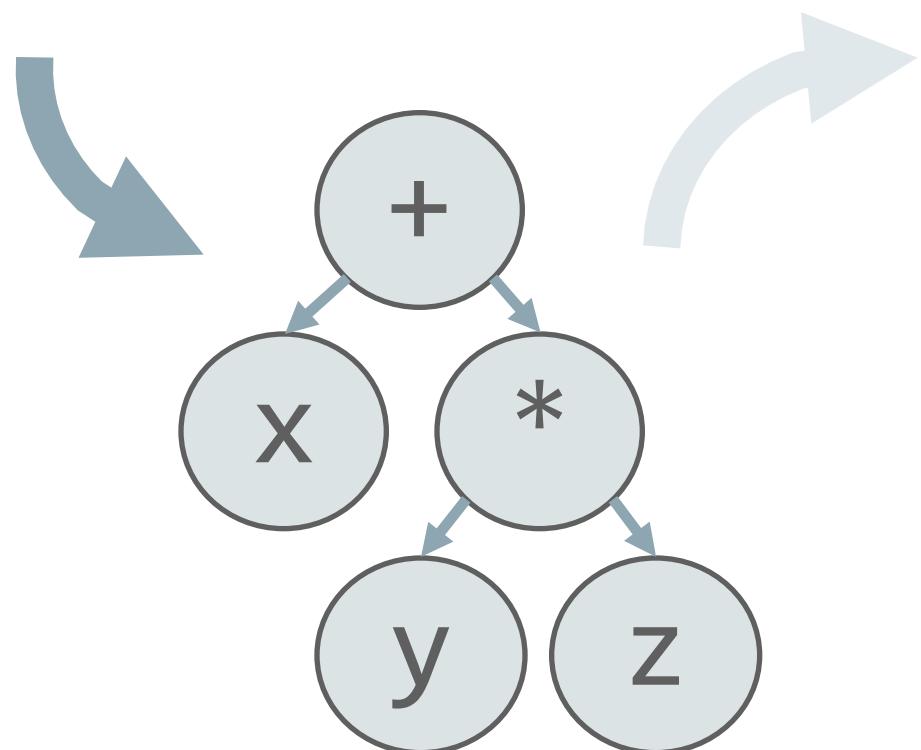
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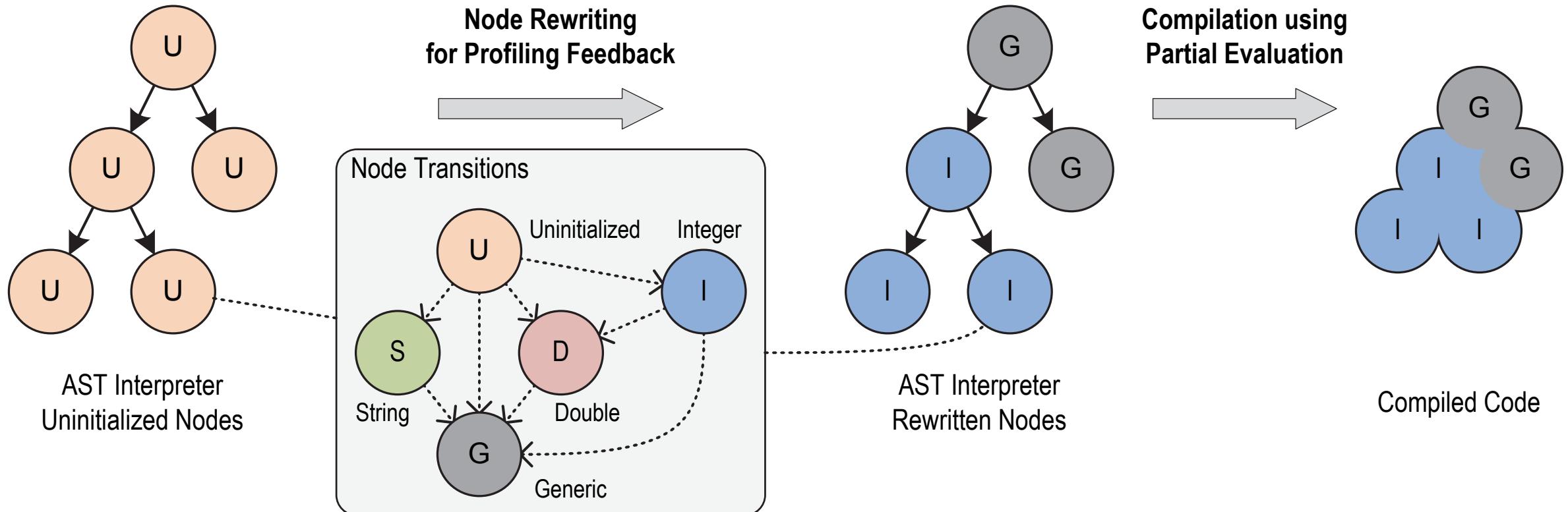
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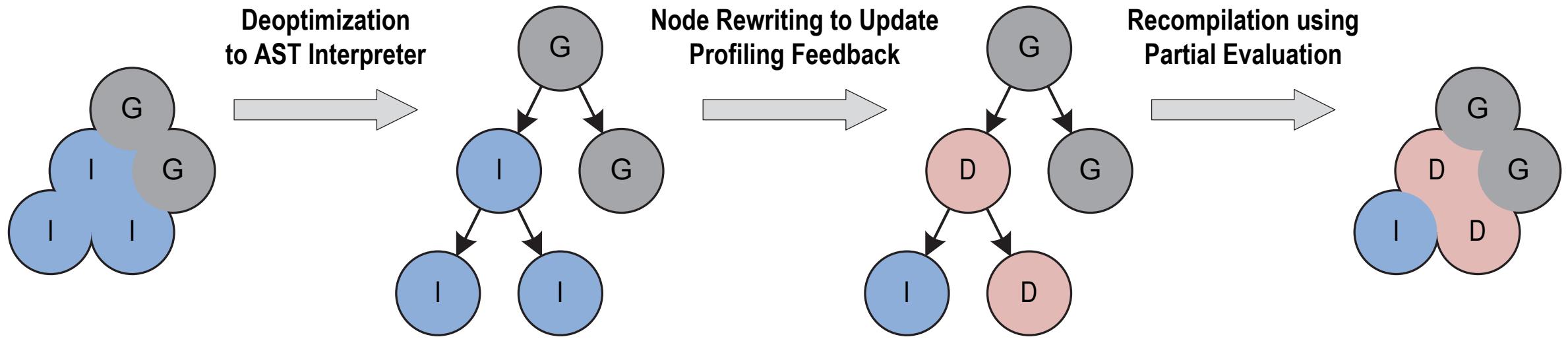
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# *Graal*



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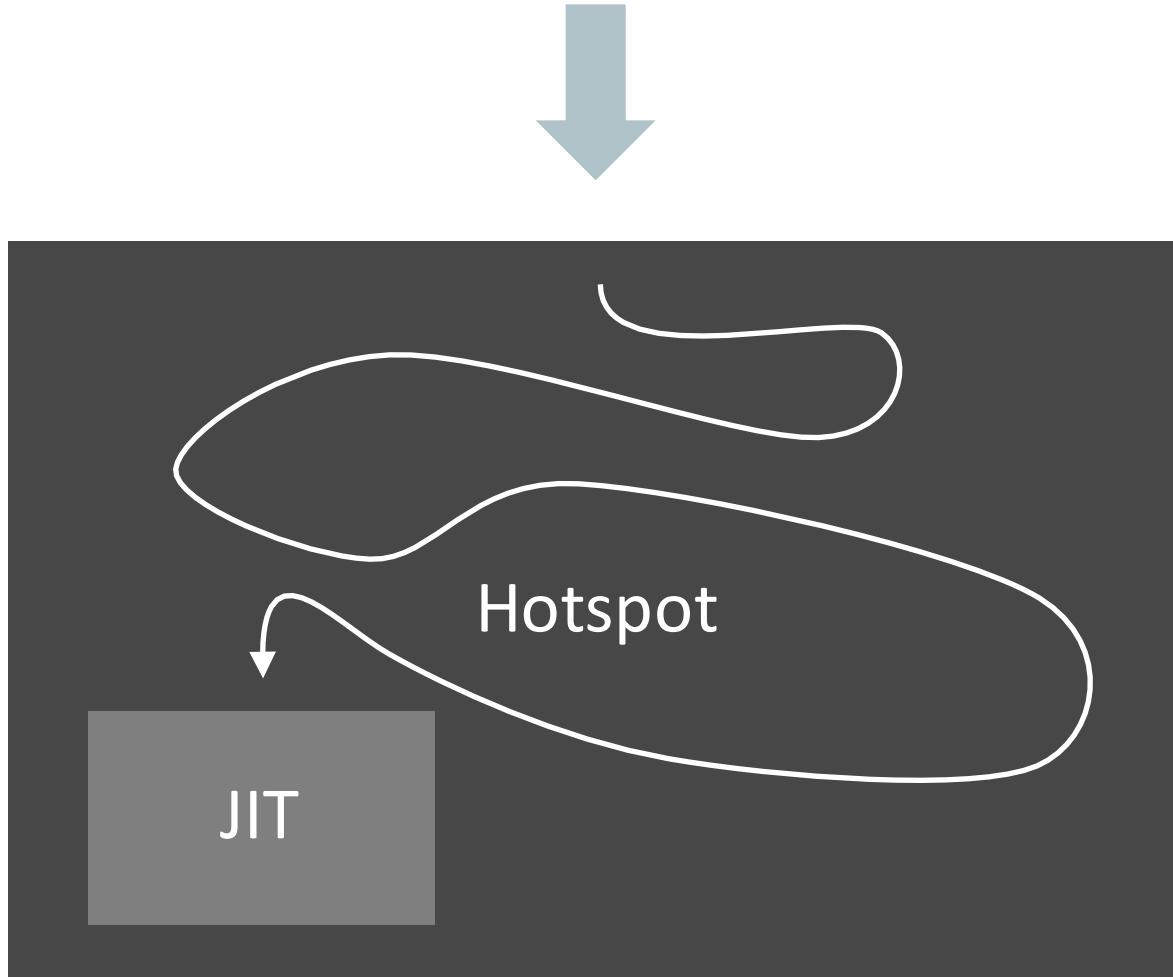


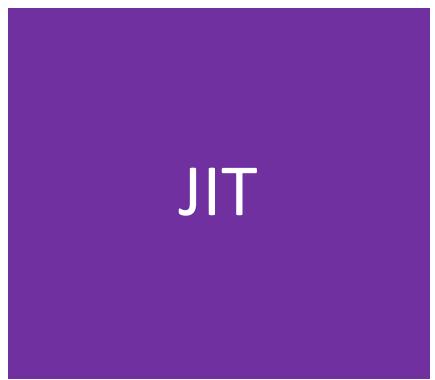
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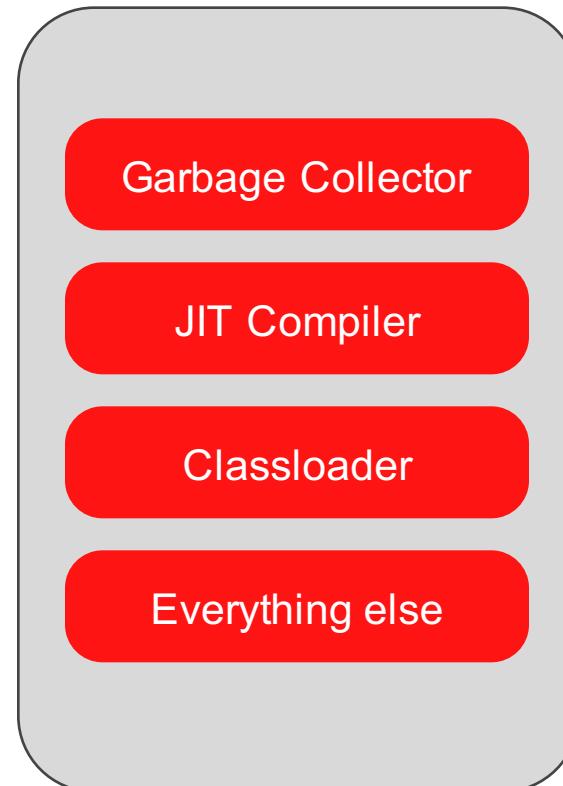
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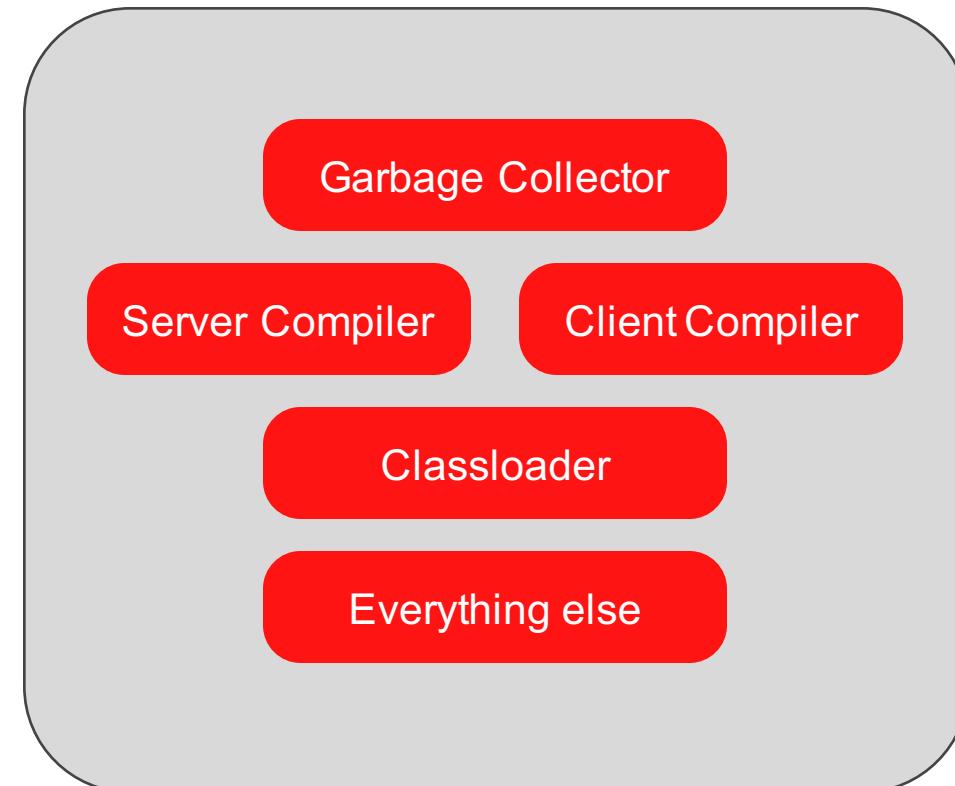




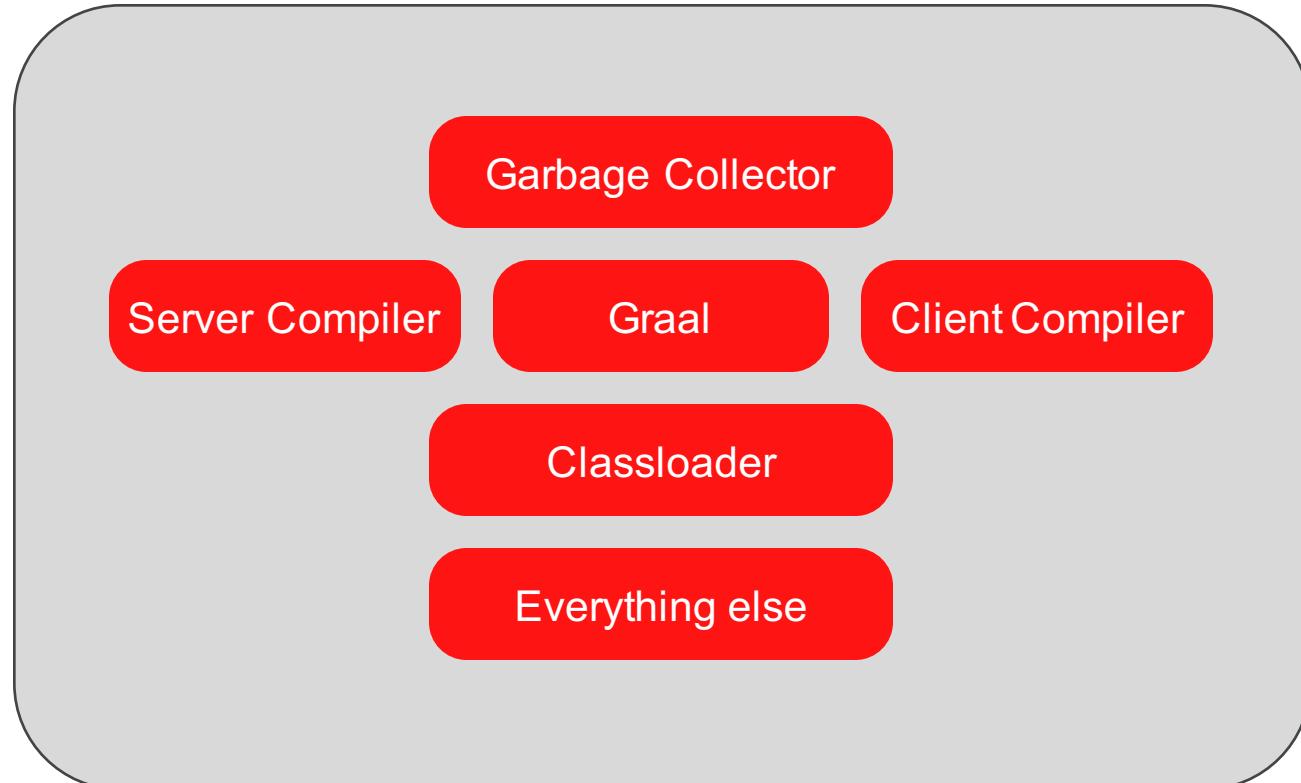
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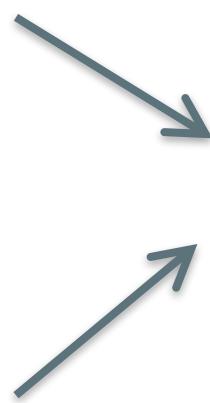
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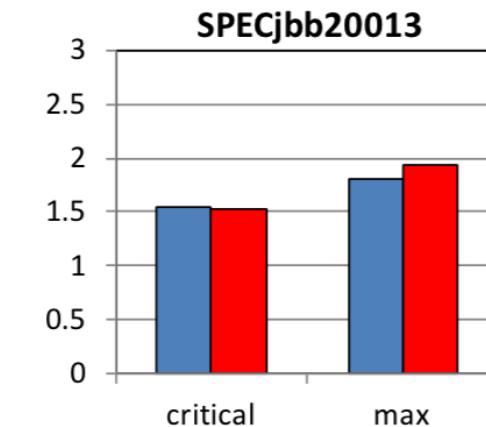
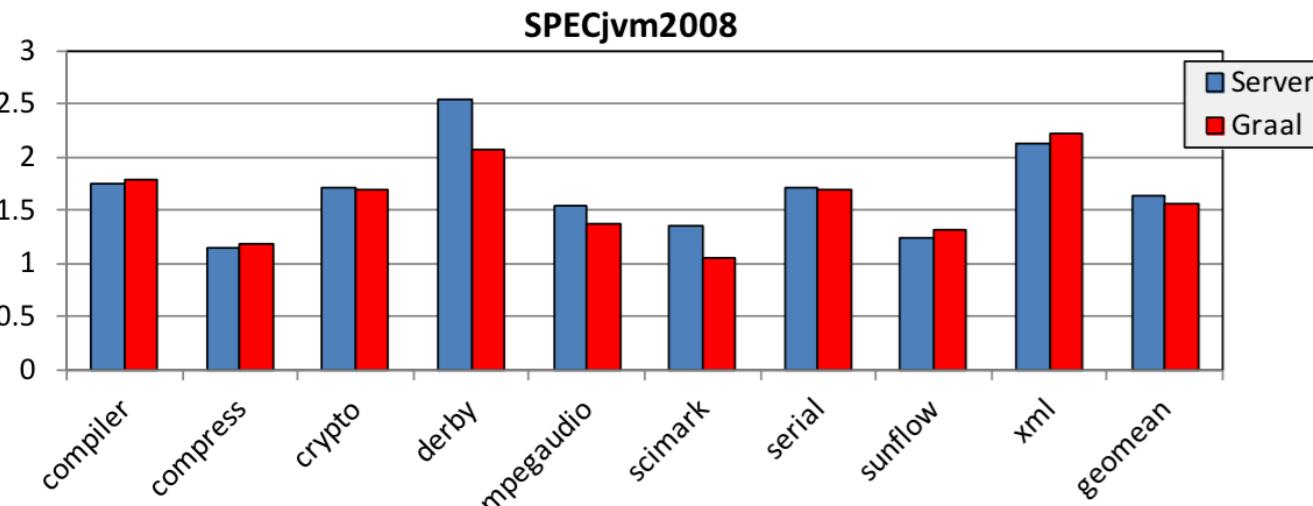
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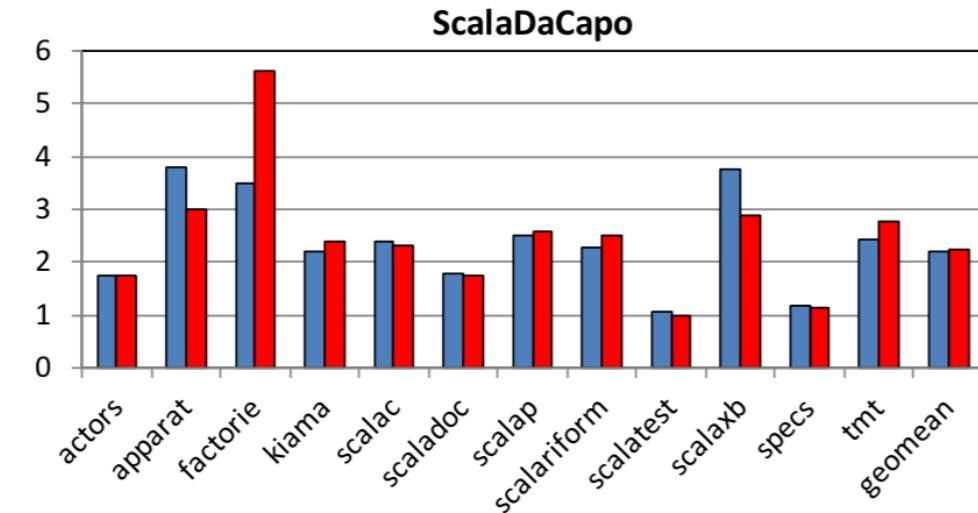
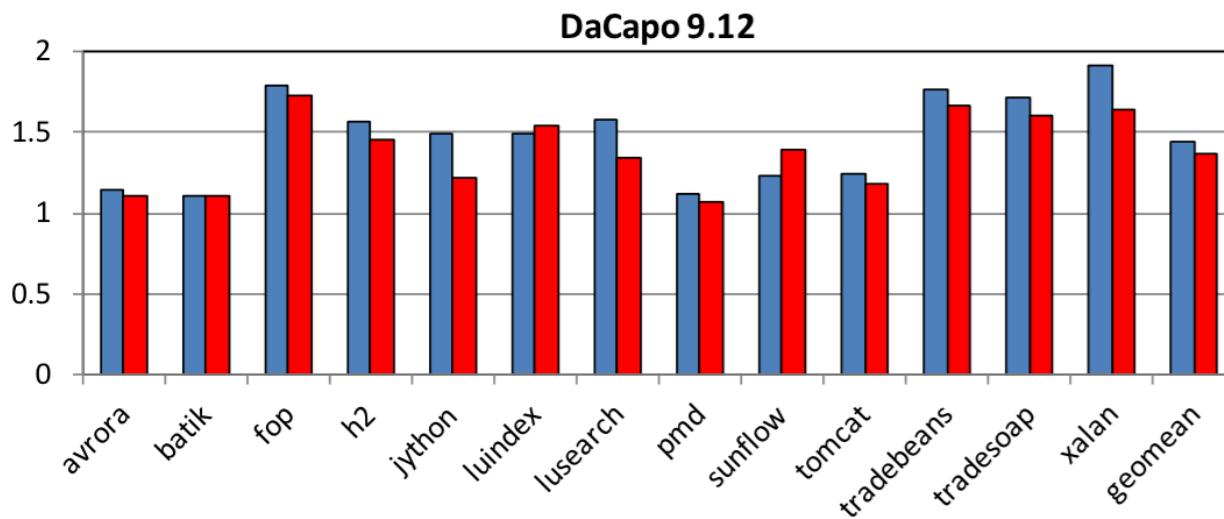
Graal

→ byte[]

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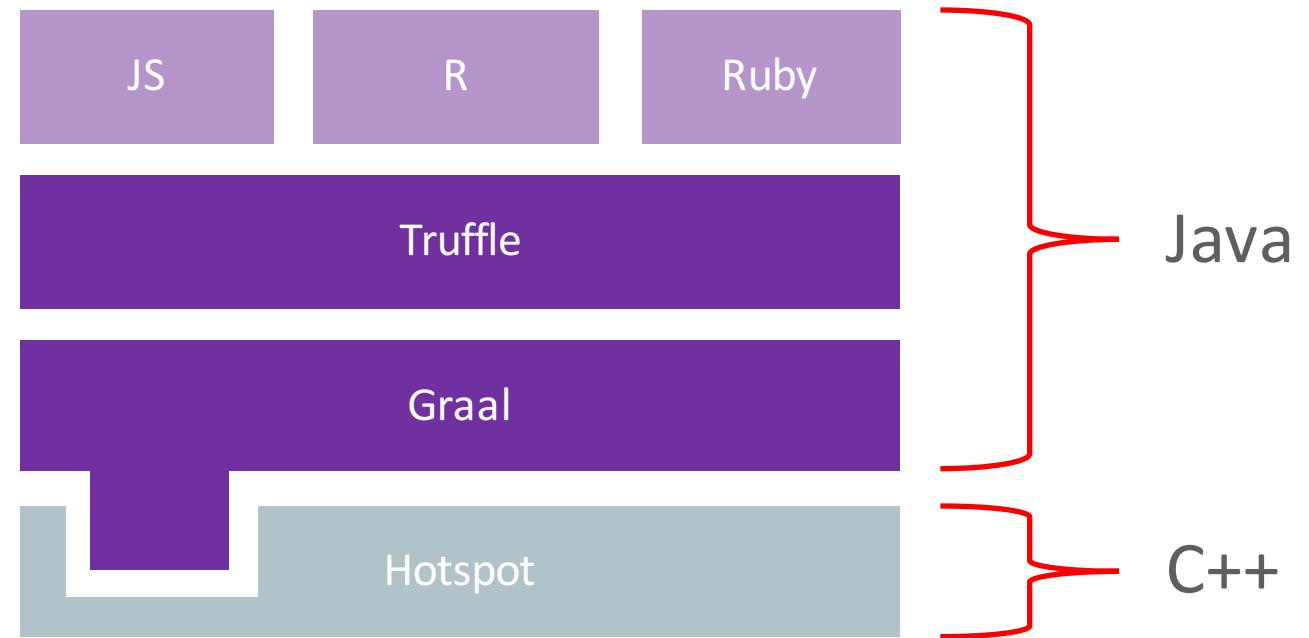


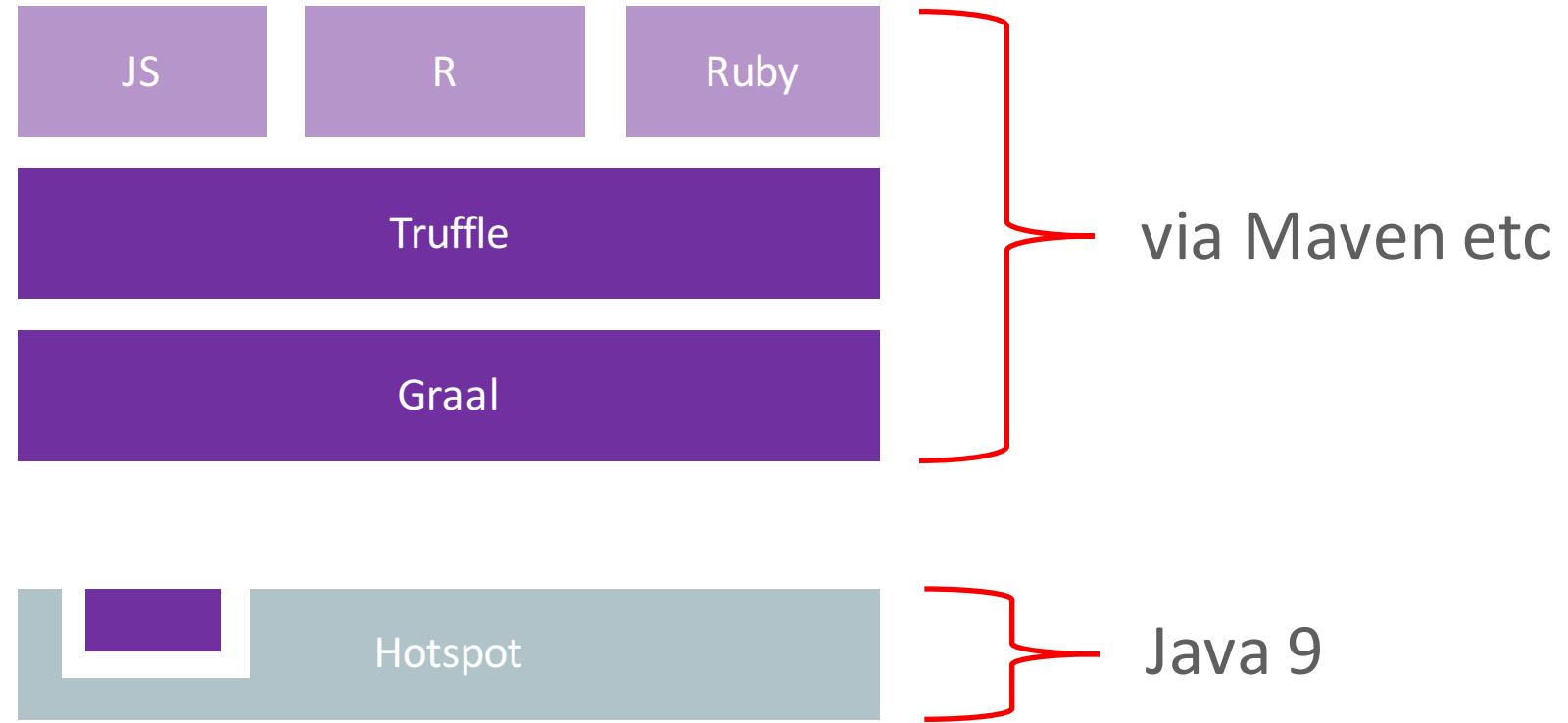
Higher is better,  
normalized to  
Client compiler.  
  
Results are not SPEC  
compliant, but follow the  
rules for research use.



C. Wimmer, Graal Tutorial, 2015.

JVMCI  
(JVM Compiler Interface)







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## Oracle Labs GraalVM & Truffle/JS Downloads

Thank you for downloading this release of the Oracle Labs GraalVM & Truffle/JS. With this release, one can execute Java applications with Graal, as well as JavaScript applications with our Truffle-based JavaScript engine.

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### How to install GraalVM

Unpack the downloaded \*.tar.gz file on your machine. You can then use the *java* and the *trufflejs* executables to execute Java and Javascript programs. Both are in the *bin* directory of GraalVM. Typically, you want to add that directory to your path.

More detailed getting started instructions are available in the README file in the download.

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“otn graal”



## graalvm / graal-core

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Graal Compiler &amp; Truffle Partial evaluator

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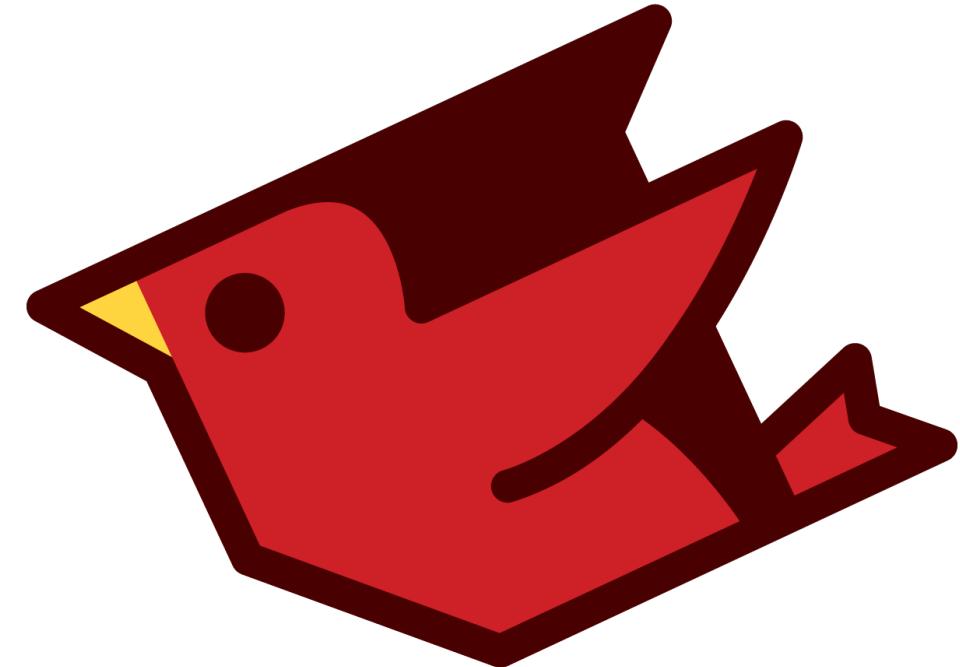
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# *Ruby*

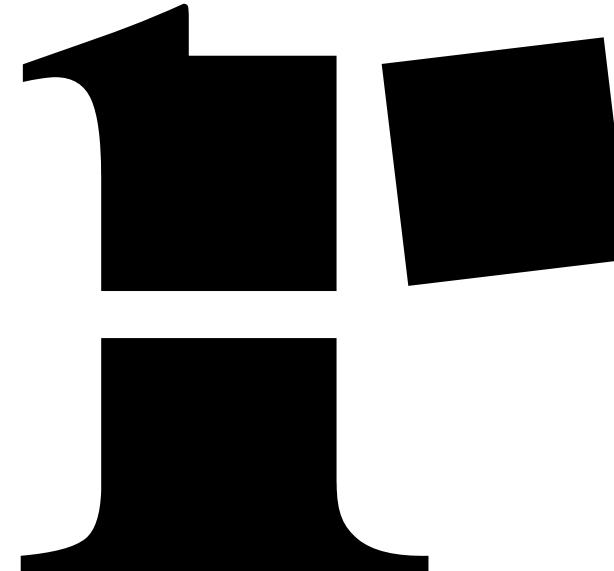
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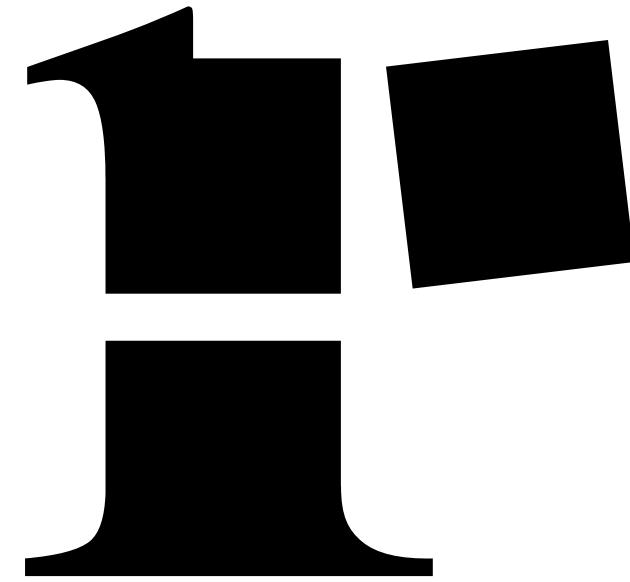
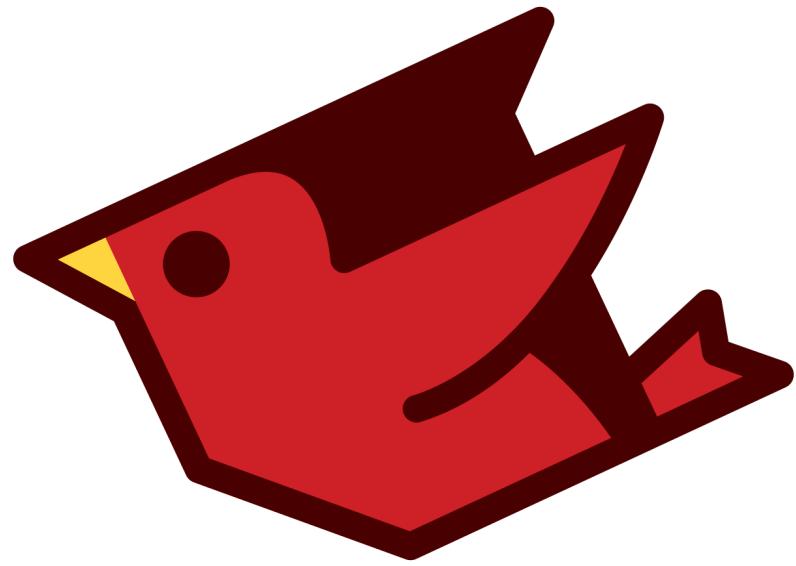
JITs by emitting JVM bytecode  
VM in Java  
Core library mostly in Java



# Rubinius

JITs by emitting LLVM code  
VM in C++  
Core library mostly in Ruby





+ Truffle and Graal

# 100%

Compatibility with the  
language (spec/ruby)

# 90%

Compatibility with the core  
library (spec/ruby)

*But does it run Rails?*





```
HTML sanitization stubbed
=> Booting WEBrick
=> Rails 4.2.5.1 application starting in development on http://localhost:3000
=> Run `rails server -h` for more startup options
=> Ctrl-C to shutdown server
[2016-04-11 03:53:14] INFO  WEBrick 1.3.1
[2016-04-11 03:53:14] INFO  ruby 2.3.0 (2016-04-10) [java]
[2016-04-11 03:53:14] INFO  WEBrick::HTTPServer#start: pid=31212 port=3000
Started POST "/people.json" for 127.0.0.1 at 2016-04-11 03:53:39 +0100
Processing by PeopleController#create as JSON
  Parameters: {"name"=>"Anybody", "email"=>"ab@example.com"}
<Person id: 1, name: "Anybody", email: "ab@example.com", 0> created
Completed 200 OK in 107ms (Views: 5.5ms)
```

*Why is it apparently so hard to make Ruby fast?*

# *How do people want to write Ruby?*

```
class Object
  # An object is blank if it's false, empty, or a whitespace string.
  # For example, '', ' ', +nil+, [], and {} are all blank.
  def blank?
    respond_to?(:empty?) ? !!empty? : !self
  end
end
```

```
def hard_mix(fg, bg, opts={})
    return apply_opacity(fg, opts)
    if fully_transparent?(bg)

    return bg if fully_transparent?(fg)

mix_alpha, dst_alpha = calculate_alphas(
    fg, bg, DEFAULT_OPTS.merge(opts))

new_r = blend_channel(r(bg), (r(bg)
    + r(fg) <= 255) ? 0 : 255, mix_alpha)
new_g = blend_channel(g(bg), (g(bg)
    + g(fg) <= 255) ? 0 : 255, mix_alpha)
new_b = blend_channel(b(bg), (b(bg)
    + b(fg) <= 255) ? 0 : 255, mix_alpha)

rgba(new_r, new_g, new_b, dst_alpha)
end

def method_missing(method, *args, &block)
    return ChunkyPNG::Color.send(method, *args)
    if ChunkyPNG::Color.respond_to?(method)
        normal(*args)
    end
```

```
def grayscale_entry(bit_depth)
  value = ChunkyPNG::Canvas.send(
    :"decode_png_resample_#{bit_depth}bit_value",
    content.unpack('n')[0])
  ChunkyPNG::Color.grayscale(value)
end
```

```
class Duration
  attr_accessor :value

  def initialize(value)
    @value = value
  end

  def as_json
    ...
  end

  def inspect
    ...
  end

  def method_missing(method, *args, &block)
    value.send(method, *args, &block)
  end
end
```

```
def delegate(method)
  method_def = (
    "def #{method}(*args, &block)\n" +
    "  delegated.#{method}(*args, &block)\n" +
    "end"
  )
  module_eval(method_def, file, line)
end
```

```
def clamp(num, min, max)
  [min, num, max].sort[1]
end
```

```
#  
# Executes the generated ERB code to produce a completed template, returning  
# the results of that code. (See ERB::new for details on how this process  
# can be affected by _safe_level_.)  
#  
# _b_ accepts a Binding object which is used to set the context of  
# code evaluation.  
#  
def result(b=new_toplevel)  
  if @safe_level  
    proc {  
      $SAFE = @safe_level  
      eval(@src, b, (@filename || '(erb)'), @lineno)  
    }.call  
  else  
    eval(@src, b, (@filename || '(erb)'), @lineno)  
  end  
end
```

```
require 'benchmark/ips'

Benchmark.ips do |x|
  x.report( "direct",           "14 + 2"          )
  x.report( "send-symbol",     "14.send(:+, 2)"   )
  x.report( "send-string",     "14.send('+', 2)"  )
  x.report( "eval",            "eval('14 + 2')"  )
  x.compare!
end
```

direct: 37299872.6 i/s  
send-symbol: 13060179.1 i/s - 2.86x slower  
send-string: 4974575.3 i/s - 7.50x slower  
eval: 171835.9 i/s - 217.07x slower

# Throwing away metaprogramming

- Crystal – throws away metaprogramming entirely to make a faster Ruby
- Rubinius – doesn't support `set_trace_func`
- JRuby – doesn't support `set_trace_func` or `ObjectSpace`
- RubyMotion – doesn't support `eval`, `Binding`
- A real shame, and not necessary

# *How does Truffle + Graal solve this?*

# *Escape analysis and partial evaluation*

```
def min(a, b)
  [a, b].sort[0]
end
```

```
puts min(2, 8)
```

```
def min(a, b)
  [a, b].sort[0]
end
```

```
puts [2, 8].sort[0]
```

```
t0 = 2 <=> 8  
t1 = t0 < 0 ? 2 : 8  
t2 = t0 > 0 ? 8 : 2  
t3 = [t1, t2]
```

```
puts t3[0]
```

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t3 = [t1, t2]
```

puts **t1**

```
t0 = -1
```

```
t1 = t0 < 0 ? 2 : 8
```

```
puts t1
```

~~t0 = -1~~

t1 = **-1** < 0 ? 2 : 8

puts t1

```
t1 = true ? 2 : 8
```

```
puts t1
```

t1 = 2

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```
t0 = a <=> b  
t1 = t0 < 0 ? a : b
```

```
puts t1
```

$t_0 = a \leq b$

$t_1 = (a \leq b) < 0 ? a : b$

puts t1

```
t1 = (a <=> b) < 0 ? a : b
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```
puts (a <=> b) < 0 ? a : b
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puts (a <=) b) < 0 ? a : b

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direct: 73099792.5 i/s  
send-symbol: 73458837.7 i/s - difference within err  
send-string: 66882023.8 i/s - difference within err  
eval: 67024838.3 i/s - difference within err

# *An extreme example*

```
module Foo
  def self.foo(a, b, c)
    hash = {a: a, b: b, c: c}
    array = hash.map { |k, v| v }
    x = array[0]
    y = [a, b, c].sort[1]
    x + y
  end
end

class Bar
  def method_missing(method, *args)
    if Foo.respond_to?(method)
      Foo.send(method, *args)
    else
      0
    end
  end
end

bar = Bar.new
loop do
  start = Time.now
  1_000_000.times do
    bar.foo(14, 8, 6)
  end
  puts Time.now - start
end
```

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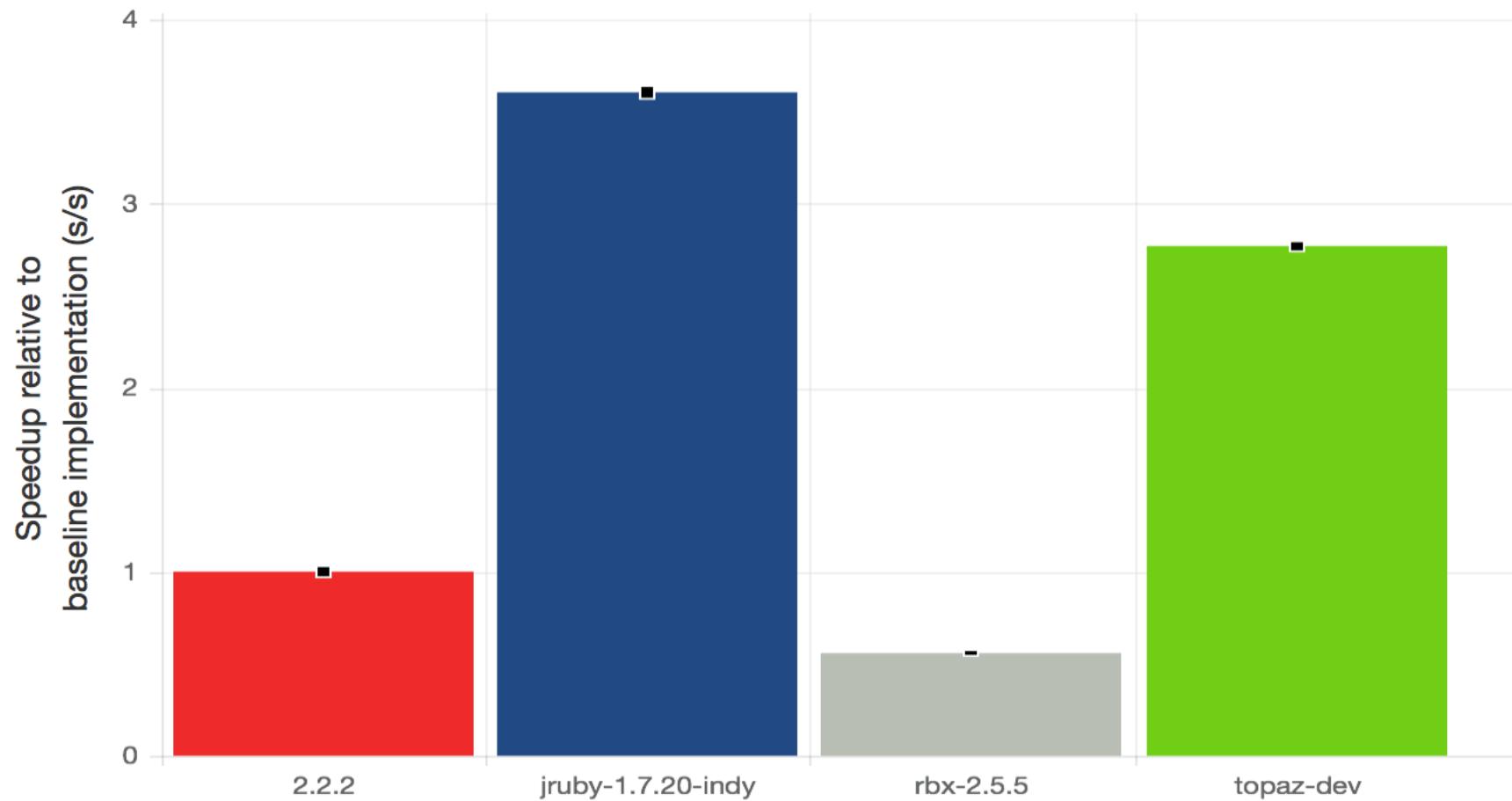
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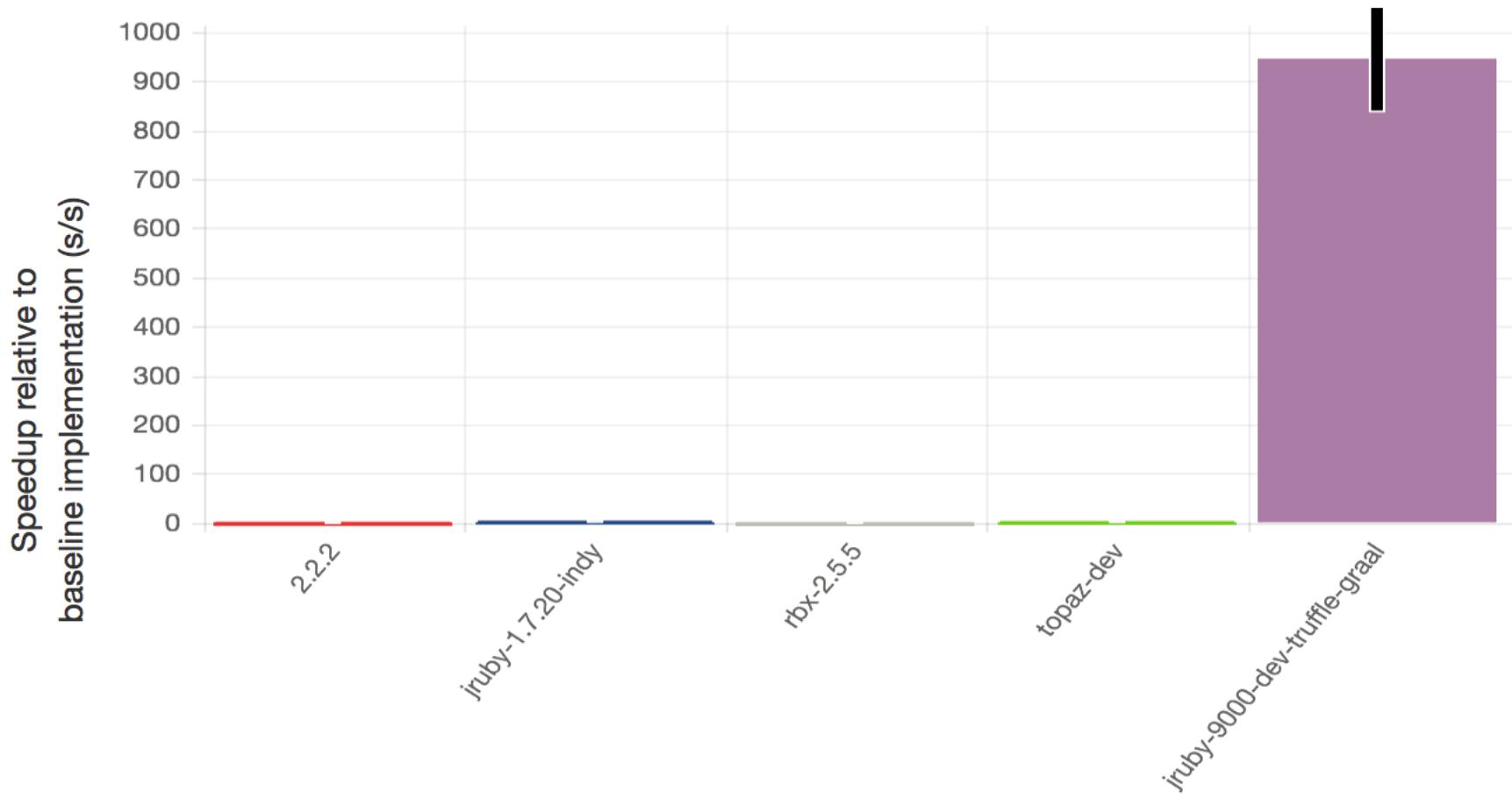
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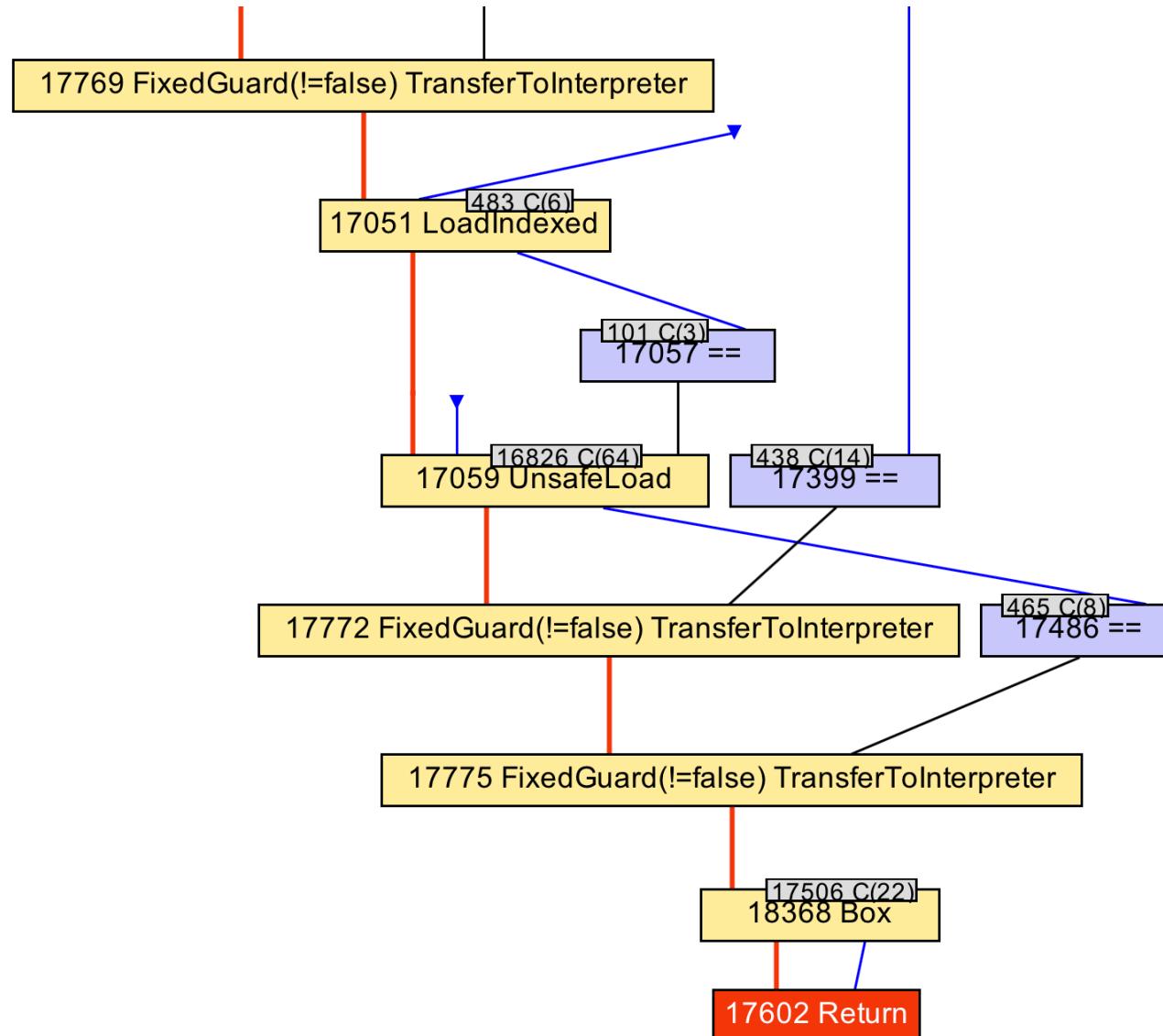
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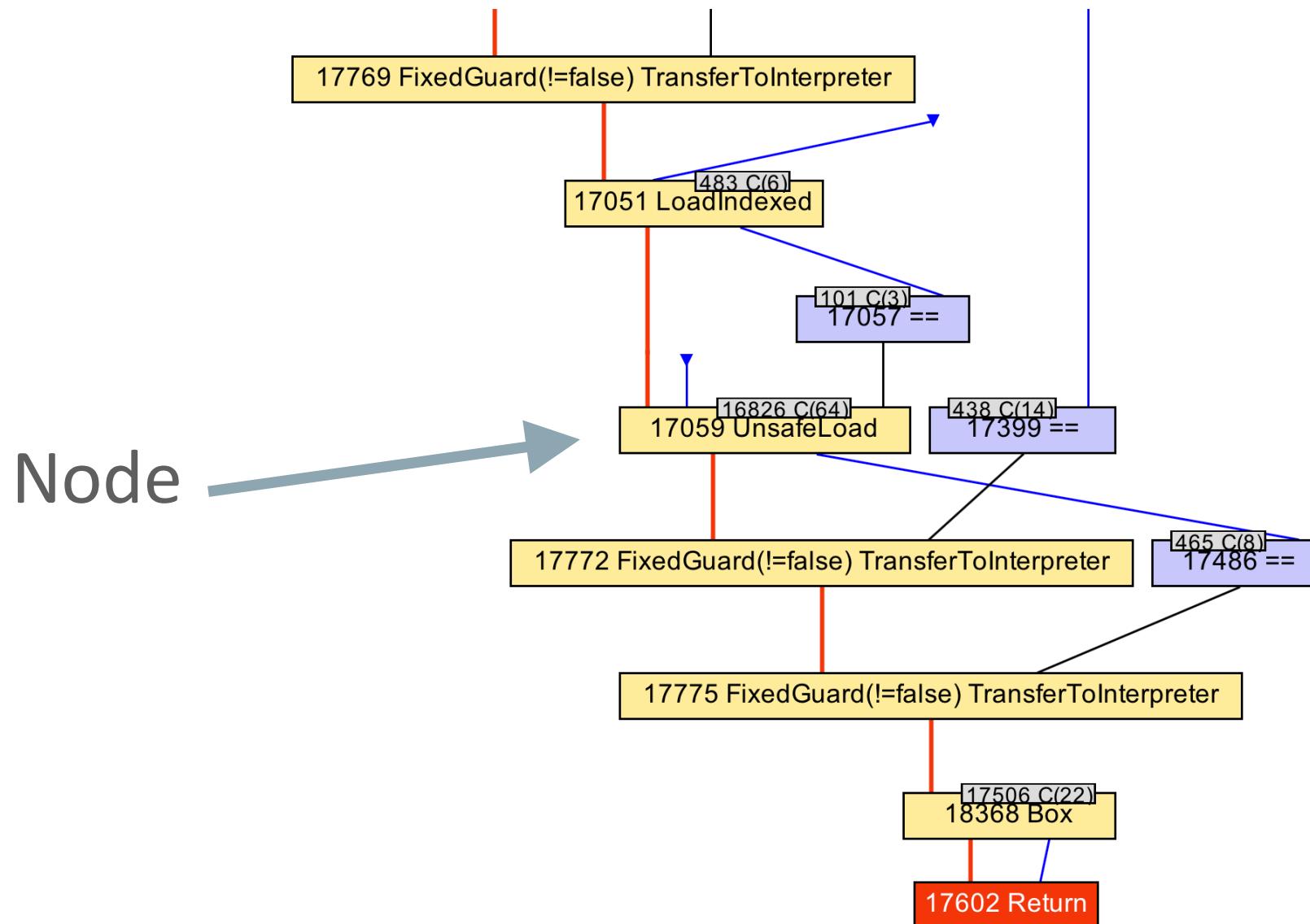
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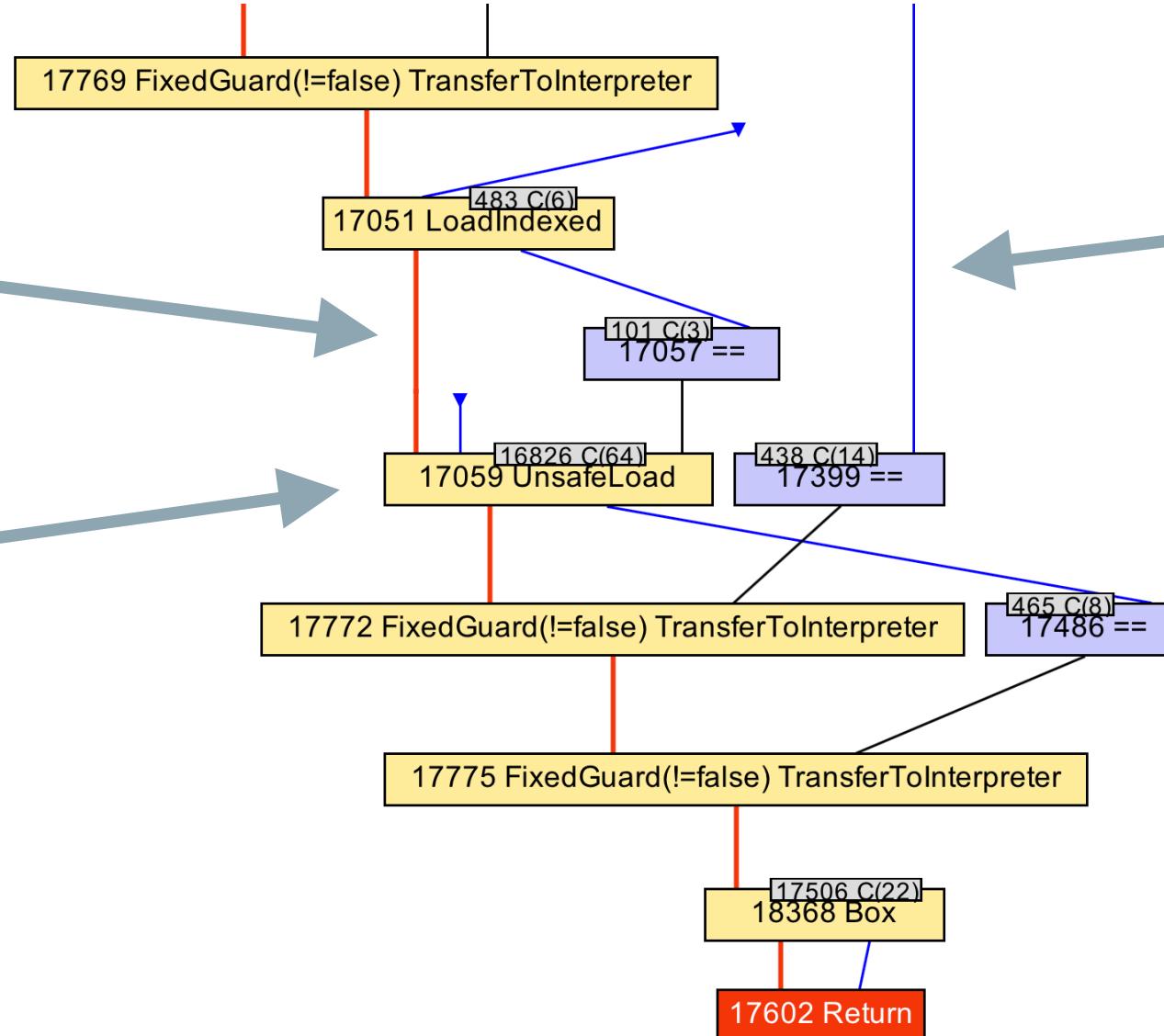


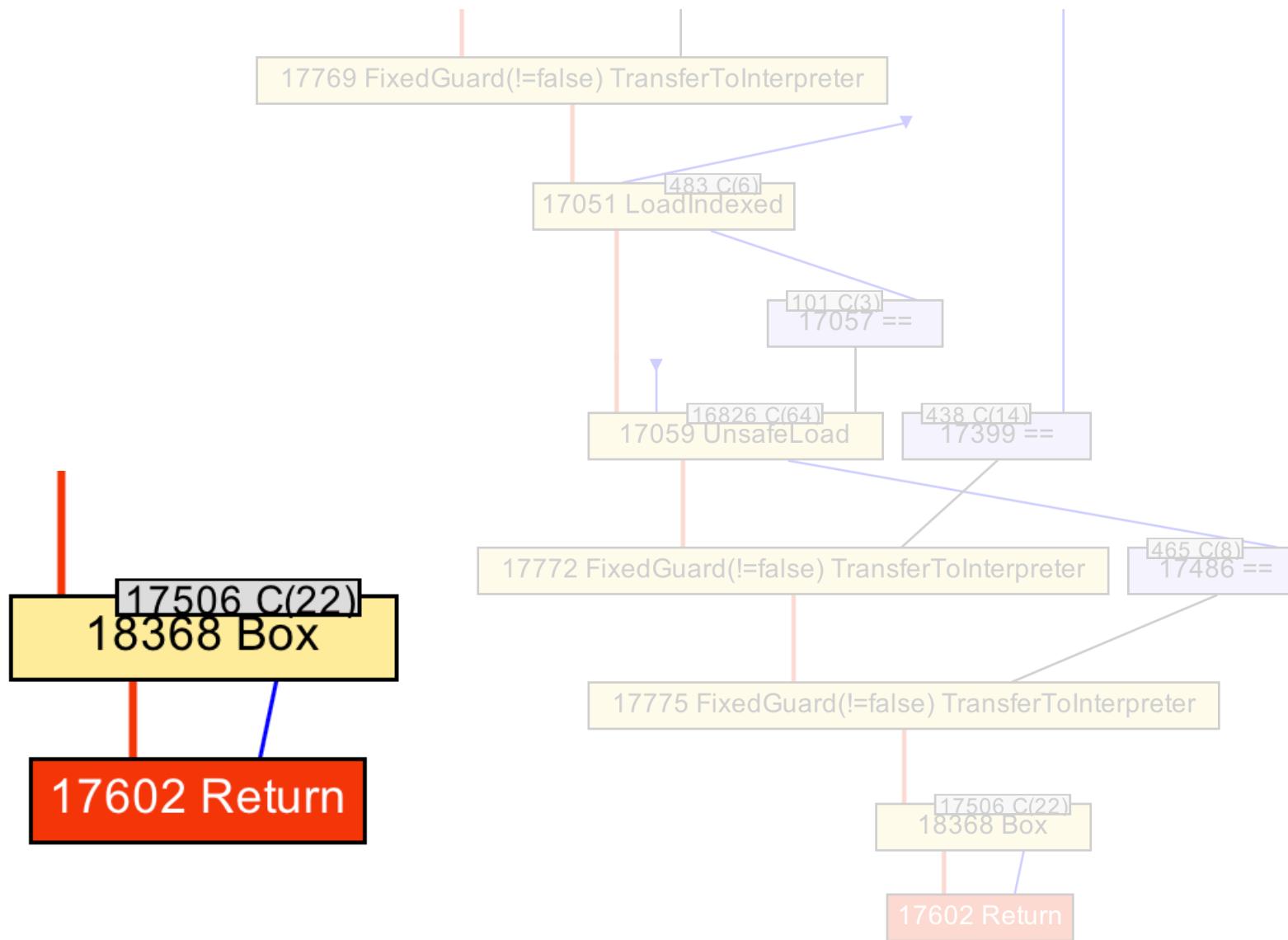


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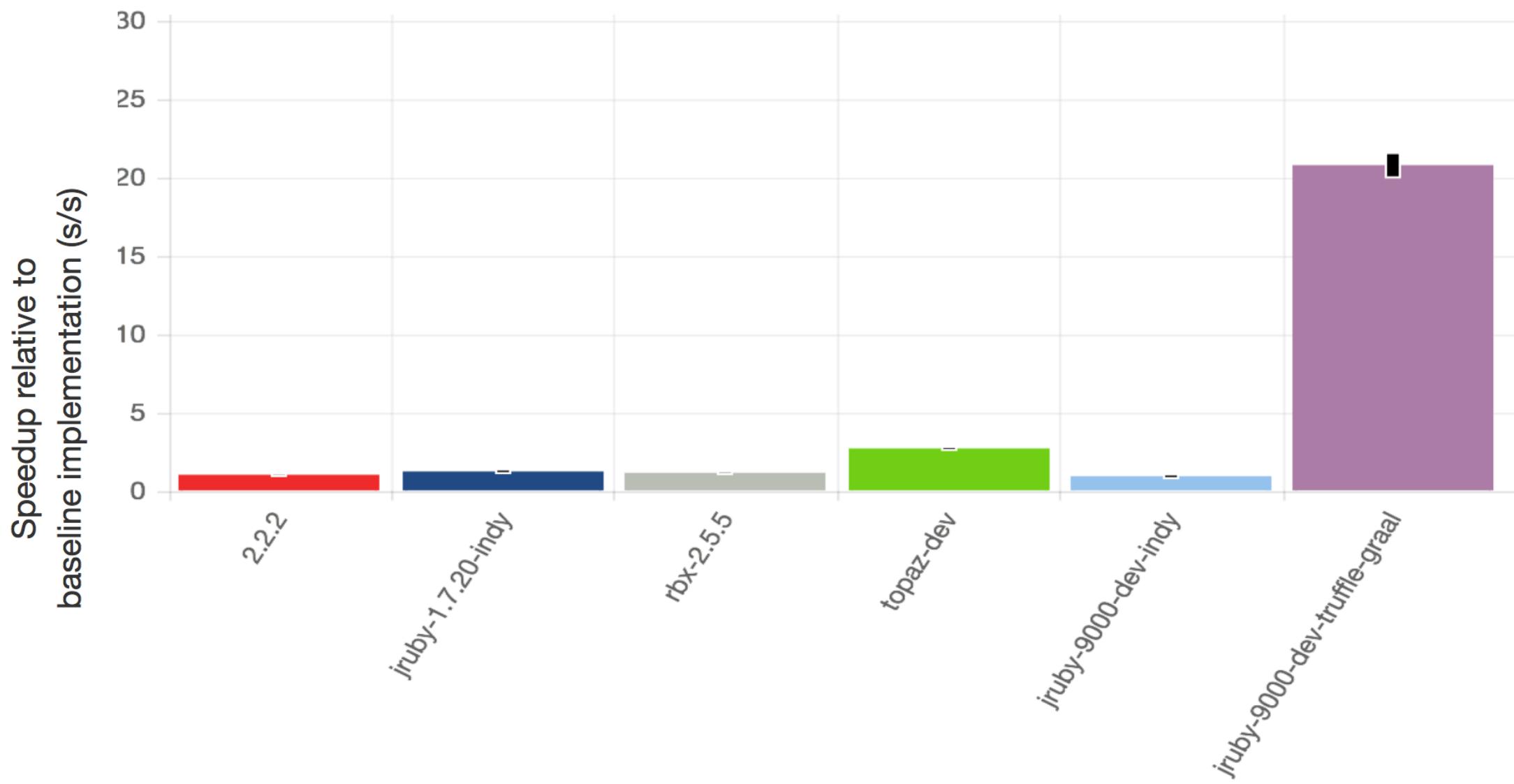
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```
...
movabs 0x11e2037a8, %rax ; {oop(a 'java/lang/Integer' = 22)}
...
retq
```



# *Polyglot*

14 + 2

ExecJS.eval('14 + 2')

```
$ ruby ../benchmark.rb
```

```
Warming up -----
```

ruby	136.694k	i/100ms
js	307.000	i/100ms
ruby	128.815k	i/100ms
js	319.000	i/100ms
ruby	130.160k	i/100ms
js	343.000	i/100ms

```
Calculating -----
```

ruby	12.031M	(± 7.3%) i/s -	59.743M
js	3.350k	(± 9.9%) i/s -	16.807k
ruby	11.731M	(± 8.1%) i/s -	58.182M
js	3.251k	(±12.5%) i/s -	16.121k
ruby	11.638M	(± 8.0%) i/s -	57.791M
js	3.397k	(± 9.0%) i/s -	17.150k

```
Comparison:
```

ruby:	11637704.4	i/s
js:	3396.9	i/s - 3426.02x slower

```
$ jt run --graal --js -I ~/.rbenv/versions/2.3.0/lib/ruby/gems/2.3.0/gems/benchmark-ips-2.5.0/lib -I ~/  
$ JAVACMD=/Users/chrisseaton/Documents/graal/graal-workspace/jvmci/jdk1.8.0_74/product/bin/java /Users/  
Warming up -----  
      ruby    1.455k i/100ms  
      js     12.623k i/100ms  
      ruby   35.037k i/100ms  
      js    51.736k i/100ms  
      ruby   54.371k i/100ms  
      js    53.943k i/100ms  
Calculating -----  
      ruby   54.096M (± 6.5%) i/s - 237.547M  
      js    49.630M (± 20.0%) i/s - 230.175M  
      ruby   54.360M (± 1.0%) i/s - 266.200M  
      js    47.452M (± 24.6%) i/s - 214.046M  
      ruby   54.283M (± 3.0%) i/s - 264.950M  
      js    49.368M (± 20.8%) i/s - 227.316M  
  
Comparison:  
      ruby: 54282673.0 i/s  
      js: 49368107.5 i/s - same-ish: difference falls within error
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### How to install GraalVM

Unpack the downloaded \*.tar.gz file on your machine. You can then use the *java* and the *trufflejs* executables to execute Java and Javascript programs. Both are in the *bin* directory of GraalVM. Typically, you want to add that directory to your path.

More detailed getting started instructions are available in the README file in the download.

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CHANGELOG.md	CompileTheWorld now includes class initializers (i.e., <clinit>).	2 months ago
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# JRuby+Truffle



JRuby+Truffle started as my internship project at [Oracle Labs](#) in early 2013. It is an implementation of the [Ruby](#) programming language on the JVM, using the [Graal dynamic compiler](#) and the [Truffle AST interpreter framework](#). JRuby+Truffle can achieve peak performance well beyond that possible in JRuby at the same time as being a significantly simpler system. In early 2014 it was open sourced and integrated into [JRuby](#).

This page links to the literature and code related to the project. Note that any views expressed are my own and not those of Oracle.

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- [Flip-Flops — the 1-in-10-million operator](#). Do people actually use flip-flops?
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