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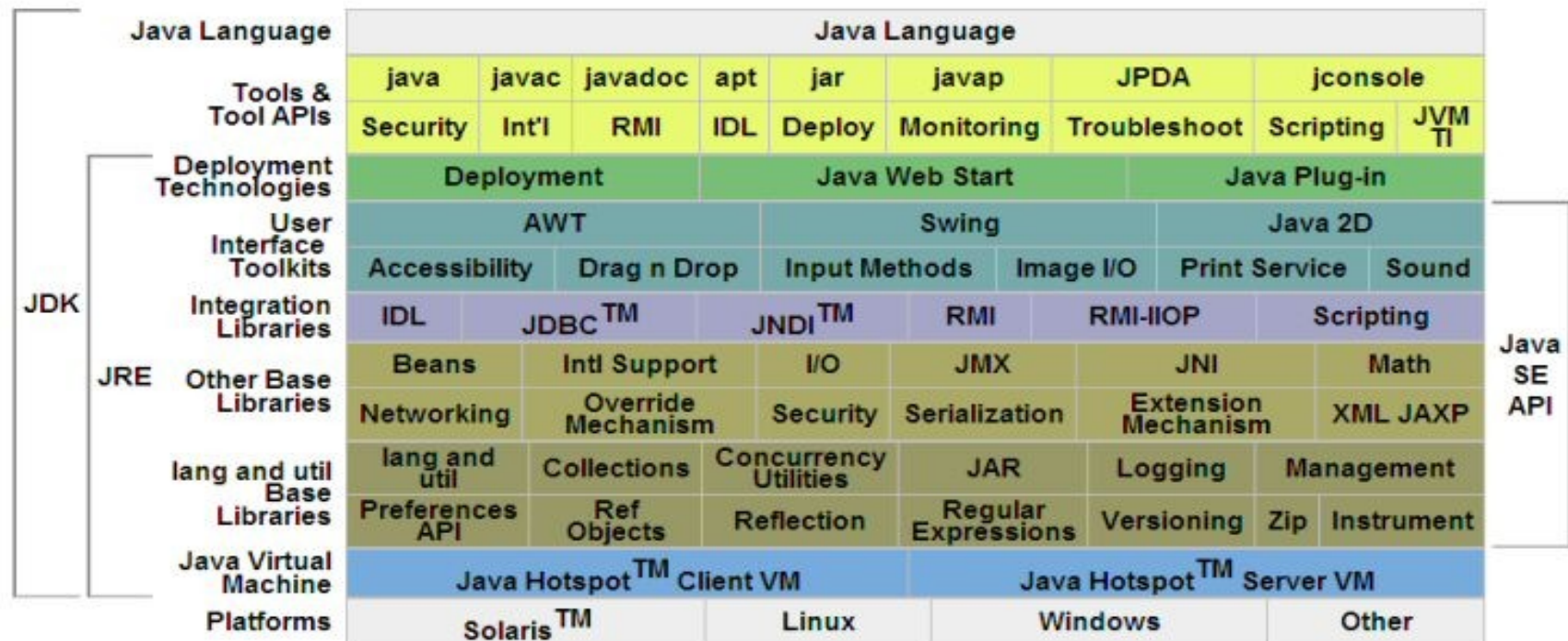


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# Java Virtual Machine

- Part of the Java Platform
- Runs your Java application by implementing a virtual machine model, virtualized environment



# Java Virtual Machine, cont.

- Java Runtime Environment, JRE:
  - a virtual machine
  - a set of standard class libraries
  - usually used to run Java applications
  - not intended for development
- Java Development Kit, JDK:
  - intended for development
  - includes the JRE

# Java Virtual Machine, cont.

- Example JREs
  - Java Runtime Environment (JRE) 6 Update 4
  - Java Runtime Environment (JRE) 5.0 Update 14
- Example JDKs
  - JDK 6 Update 4
  - JDK 5.0 Update 14
- <http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/?intcmp=1281>
- [http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index\\_jdk5.jsp](http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index_jdk5.jsp)

# Java Virtual Machine, cont.

- Java Community Process
  - over 1000 corporate and individual participants
  - developer community
  - <http://jcp.org/en/home/index>
- Open Source: OpenJDK
  - source code available, anyone can participate
  - <https://openjdk.dev.java.net/>
  - <http://www.sun.com/software/opensource/java/>



# Java Virtual Machine, cont.

- Programs which run inside a JVM must be compiled in a portable binary format (your *.class* file)
- A set of *.class* files can be combined into a jar
- Safety: no user should be able to crash the host machine (Sandbox model, bytecode verification)
- The VM runtime subsystem executes the class or the jar file

# Java Virtual Machine, cont.

- Execution can be interpretation or just-in-time compile
- Interpretation is a slower approach
- Just-In-Time compilation
  - turns the bytecode into native code for that machine
  - is one of the most common methods of execution inside a VM
  - a short delay in the startup caused by the initial bytecode compilation



# Java Virtual Machine, cont.

- Examples:
  - Sun Java Virtual Machine, HotSpot
  - IBM Java Virtual Machine, J9 VM
  - BEA Java Virtual Machine, JRockit
  - Apache Java Virtual Machine, Harmony



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# HotSpot architecture

- HotSpot is Sun's Java Virtual Machine technology, the foundation for Java Standard Edition
- HotSpot technology: the VM continuously analyses the program performance for **hot spots**, frequent part of the program which are executed
- Hot spots are then highly optimized, excluding the less performance code

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **HotSpot Client VM:** used for light applications, reducing memory footprint and startup time
- **HotSpot Server VM:** used for enterprise applications, maximizing the speed
- Both options: *-server* or *-client* share the same HotSpot runtime, but use different compilers internally !

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **-client:** does less computation, analyzing and compiling the code, resulting in a faster startup
- **-server:** advanced static analysis and compilation techniques resulting in faster execution time for long lasting applications

## Note:

Check your production environment VM options !  
Are you running HotSpot VM using client or server compilers !?



# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- HotSpot Client VM:

```
java version "1.5.0_11"
Java(TM) 2 Runtime Environment, Standard Edition (build 1.5.0_11-b03)
Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM (build 1.5.0_11-b03, mixed mode, sharing)
```

- HotSpot Server VM:

```
java version "1.5.0_11"
Java(TM) 2 Runtime Environment, Standard Edition (build 1.5.0_11-b03)
Java HotSpot(TM) Server VM (build 1.5.0_11-b03, mixed mode)
```



# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Operation mode:** interpreted, compiled or mixed
- **Native thread support:** using the operating system's stack and threading model
- **Garbage Collection:** based on generational model, support several algorithms to manage the objects in different generations. Objects allocated on heap. Automatically freeing unused objects – *when the objects are not referenced anymore by the application*

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **64bit safe:** when needed large heaps, on server class machines with lots of RAM. This is selectable via `-d32` or `-d64` options and applicable for HotSpot Server VM
- **Adaptive Optimizations:** the code first run through an interpreter and then is analyzed to detect the hot spots, the most called parts of the code. Finally the hot spots are then processed by a native-code optimizer. This way the memory footprint is decreased

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Method inlining:** the hot spots are native compiled and the Java VM performs method inlining for that code. Reduces the time of method invocations
- **Dynamic deoptimization:** new classes might be loaded anytime into the VM. The Java VM should be able to reorganize during this process: dynamically deoptimize and then apply the optimizations if needed. Server and Client VM supports deoptimization

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Scalability:** the new ergonomics model found in Java 5. The Java VM automatically adjusts itself based on server configuration: a client or server VM will be started and a GC algorithm will be selected
- **Serviceability:** Integration for profiling tools, debuggers or monitors using JVM Tools Interface. Supports full speed debugging, error reporting from JVM.

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- Memory Management in HotSpot
  - automatic memory management
  - objects allocated and deallocated from Heap
  - memory is managed in generations, pools of objects
  - the Garbage Collector, GC is managing the process when one pool of objects fills up
  - easy to control the VM memory settings using several JVM options

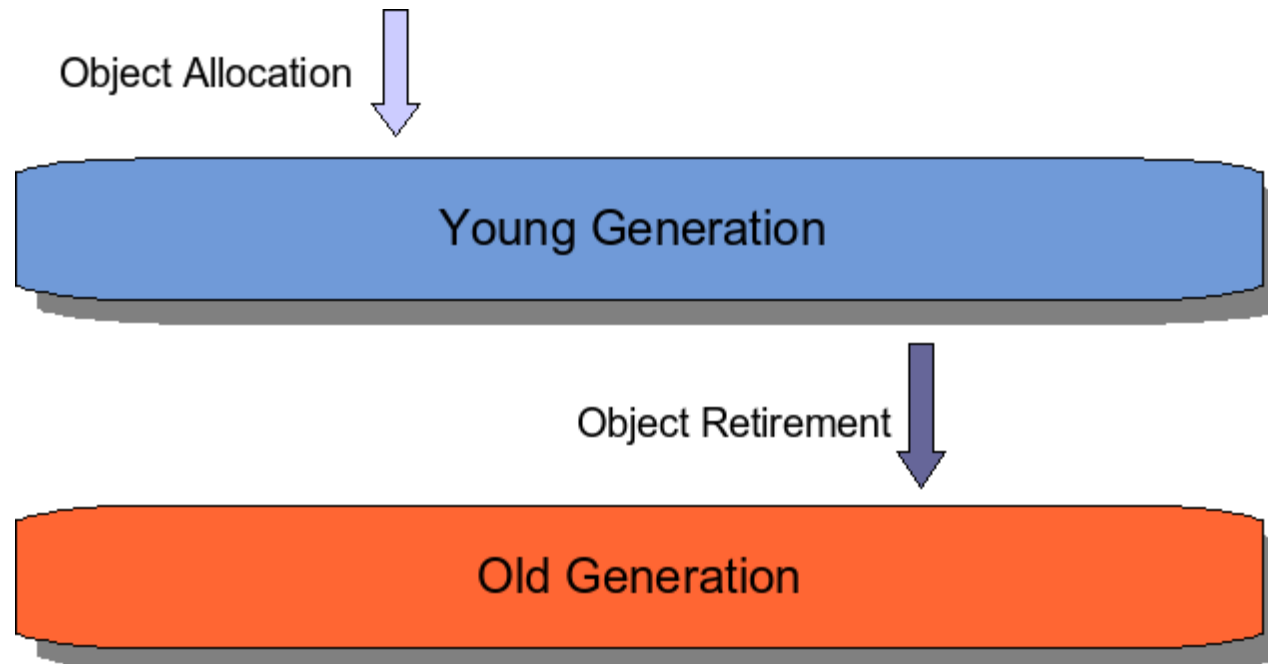
# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- The Garbage Collector
  - based on a generational model
  - responsible for: allocating memory, making sure all referenced objects are in memory and freeing the memory after the objects are no longer referenced
  - objects: live and dead
  - GC will try to garbage all dead objects
  - Several GC algorithms
  - easy control for each GC algorithm, using JVM options

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- The Garbage Collector
  - Safe and Efficient: all live objects must never be freed and the time for collection should not take very long
  - In real life it very much depends: time, space and frequency
  - Fragmentation: the memory which has been freed could be found in different places. This will make harder to allocate a large object. Compaction will help during GC activity
  - Scalability: for large CPU servers GC should be scalable and it should not turn into a bottleneck

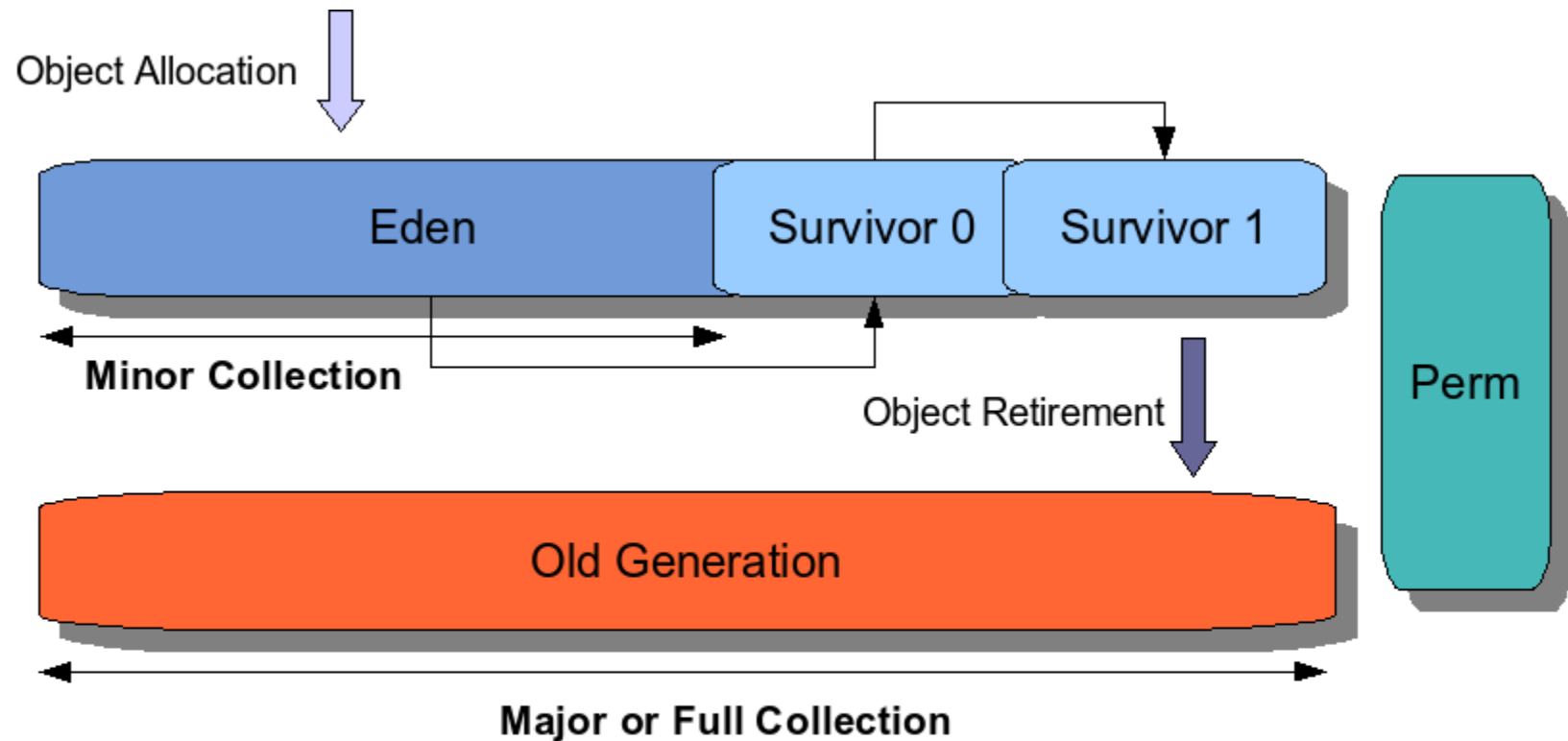
# HotSpot architecture, cont.



The generational model of Garbage Collection



# HotSpot architecture, cont.



The mechanics of Garbage Collection

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- The Garbage Collector goals
  - **Throughput**: the total time **not** spent in garbage collection
  - **Pause Time**: the time during the application is paused which garbage collection takes place
  - **Frequency of collection**: how often the GC is working
  - **Footprint**: the Heap size



# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Serial Collection**

- Only one thing happens at the time. If the Serial collector is used on a multi CPU machine only one CPU is utilized

- **Parallel Collection**

- The garbage collector job is spread across multiple jobs and multiple CPUs if available
- The execution is faster but at the expenses of fragmentation

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Stop-the-World Collection**
  - the execution of the application is totally suspended during this phase.
  - very simple, the entire Heap is frozen
- **Concurrent Collection**
  - many garbage collection jobs can be executed at the same time the application is running
  - some of the work is done concurrently some is done as a short Stop-of-World collections
  - operates on live and large heaps

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

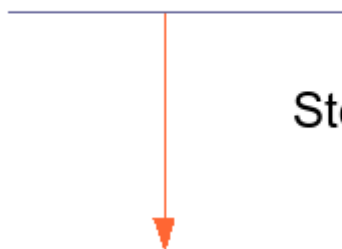
- **Compacting Collection**
  - The memory is compacting, resulting in easy and fast allocations
  - Moves all live objects to a contiguous space
- **Non-Compacting Collection**
  - Does not move all live objects
  - Finishes faster
  - Expensive allocations in this mode. Searches for contiguous area of memory

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Serial Collector**

- Young and Old generations are collected serially

Serial Collector



Stop-the-world-collection

- default on client type of hardware or manually using `-XX:+UseSerialGC` option
- the application is paused during this operation , the collection is being done serially, using one CPU, stop-the-world method

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

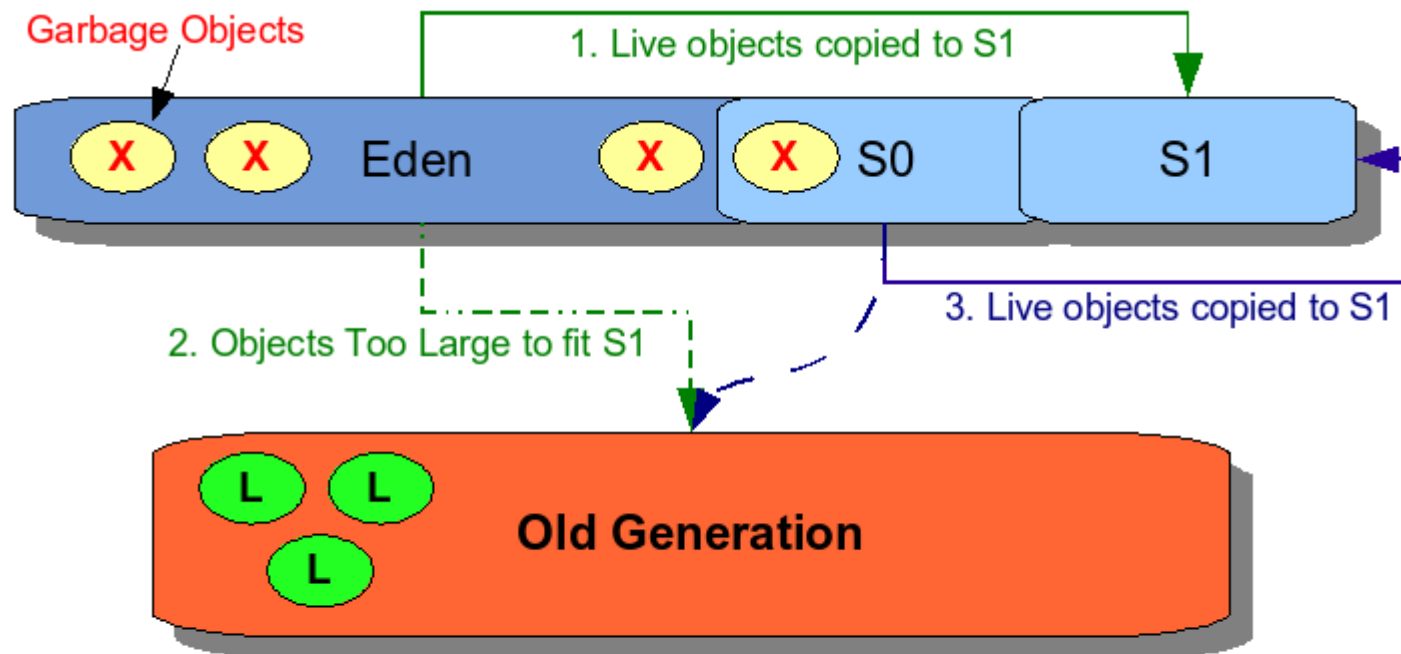
- **Serial Collector**

- usage: applications which run in a client type of hardware and don't have a requirement for low pause times
- Young generation collection
  - live objects from Eden are copied to the initial free survivor space S1, the larger ones are moved directly to Old
  - The live objects from occupied survivor space S0 are copied to the S1, the old ones retire to Old

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

## • Serial Collector

- Objects marked with X will be garbage and space freed, S1 and S0 swap positions at the end



Serial Collector in Young Generation



# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Serial Collector**

- Old generation collection

- Old and Permanent generations are done using mark-sweep-compact method
    - Mark phase: marks all live objects
    - Sweep phase: sweeps over the heap identifying the garbage
    - Slide phase: the GC performs a sliding compaction, sliding the live objects towards the start of the Heap and maintaining the rest compact. This help future allocations.

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Serial Collector, -verbose:gc**

[GC 4692K->4278K(5220K), 0.0018318 secs]

[GC 4790K->4445K(5220K), 0.0022160 secs]

[GC 4957K->4597K(5220K), 0.0021238 secs]

[GC 5109K->4777K(5348K), 0.0020124 secs]

**[Full GC 4777K->3682K(5348K), 0.0907230 secs]**

[GC 4193K->3715K(6716K), 0.0013422 secs]

[GC 4672K->4652K(6716K), 0.0011858 secs]

**[Full GC 4652K->4509K(6716K), 0.0848523 secs]**

[GC 6484K->6467K(8160K), 0.0011248 secs]

**[Full GC 6467K->6467K(8160K), 0.0877565 secs]**

[GC 10803K->10474K(11676K), 0.0019494 secs]

**[Full GC 10366K->6250K(11676K), 0.0947010 secs]**

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Serial Collector, -verbose:gc -XX:+PrintGCDetails**

[GC [DefNew: 576K->64K(576K), 0.0032166 secs] 3645K->3310K(3944K), 0.0034281 secs]

**[GC [DefNew: 576K->64K(576K), 0.0031091 secs][Tenured: 3423K->3061K(3496K), 0.0702154 secs]  
3822K->3061K(4072K), 0.0737055 secs]**

[GC [DefNew: 512K->64K(576K), 0.0025877 secs] 3573K->3237K(5680K), 0.0027977 secs]

[GC [DefNew: 567K->64K(576K), 0.0049749 secs] 3740K->3407K(5680K), 0.0050272 secs]

[GC [DefNew: 576K->64K(576K), 0.0022290 secs] 4805K->4446K(5680K), 0.0022749 secs]

**[GC [DefNew: 576K->64K(576K), 0.0040543 secs][Tenured: 5209K->4170K(5232K), 0.1937438 secs]  
5591K->4170K(5808K), 0.1980173 secs]**

[GC [DefNew: 512K->63K(576K), 0.0037735 secs] 4682K->4234K(7528K), 0.0038244 secs]

**[GC [DefNew: 177K->59K(576K), 0.0015195 secs][Tenured: 6530K->6582K(6952K), 0.0866866 secs]  
6611K->6582K(7528K), 0.0884189 secs]**

**[GC [DefNew: 156K->55K(896K), 0.0013317 secs][Tenured: 10400K->6586K(10972K), 0.0854252  
secs] 10525K->6586K(11868K), 0.0868328 secs]**

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Serial Collector**, `-verbose:gc -XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps`

```
1.680: [GC 1.680: [DefNew: 512K->64K(576K), 0.0023637 secs] 2746K->2342K(4304K), 0.0026758 secs]
1.772: [GC 1.772: [DefNew: 576K->64K(576K), 0.00533333 secs] 2854K->2436K(4304K), 0.0056777 secs]
1.819: [GC 1.819: [DefNew: 576K->63K(576K), 0.0023710 secs] 2948K->2580K(4304K), 0.0027122 secs]
2.085: [GC 2.086: [DefNew: 576K->64K(576K), 0.0032957 secs] 3550K->3153K(4304K), 0.0036396 secs]
2.117: [GC 2.117: [DefNew: 575K->64K(576K), 0.0037193 secs] 3665K->3337K(4304K), 0.0040632 secs]
2.144: [GC 2.144: [DefNew: 576K->64K(576K), 0.0033613 secs] 3849K->3512K(4304K), 0.0037018 secs]
2.235: [GC 2.235: [DefNew: 576K->64K(576K), 0.0050588 secs]2.240: [Tenured: 3815K->3152K(3856K), 0.0756689 secs] 4210K->3152K(4432K), 0.0809025 secs]
```



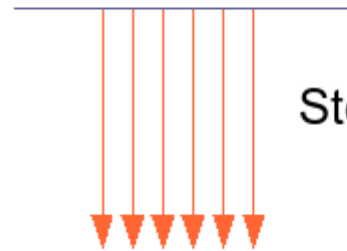
# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- Xloggc:gc.log
- XX:+PrintGCDetails
- XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Parallel Collector**

Parallel Collector



Stop-the-world-collection

- used to collect Young and the Old generation, using a stop-of-world type of collection
- also known as the throughput collector

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Parallel Collector**

- default on server type of hardware or manually using `-XX:+UseParallelGC` option
- the application is still paused during this operation, but the collection is performed in parallel on multiple CPUs
- usage: applications which run on servers with more than one CPU and which don't have time constraints: batch processing, billing, payroll, scientific computing



# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Parallel Collector**

- Young generation collection

- a parallel version of the Serial collector
    - performs the collection in parallel, using many CPUs
    - increases application throughput

- Old generation collection

- similar as for Serial Collector



# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Parallel Collector**

- Xloggc:gc.log -XX:+PrintGCDetails

- XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps

1.369: [GC [PSYoungGen: 3072K->501K(3584K)] 3072K->622K(36352K), 0.0089261 secs]

1.918: [GC [PSYoungGen: 3573K->505K(3584K)] 3694K->1108K(36352K), 0.0068211 secs]

221.580: [GC [PSYoungGen: 9984K->3522K(19392K)] 26144K->22754K(56256K), 0.0270233 secs]

221.744: [GC [PSYoungGen: 19093K->3112K(20032K)] 38324K->28918K(56896K), 0.0176338 secs]

221.900: [GC [PSYoungGen: 18681K->3112K(20480K)] 44487K->37370K(57344K), 0.0202805 secs]

**221.921: [Full GC [PSYoungGen: 3112K->0K(20480K)] [PSOldGen: 34258K->23454K(57344K)] 37370K->23454K(77824K) [PSPermGen: 15535K->15535K(36864K)], 0.1227910 secs]**

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Parallel Compacting Collector**
  - new GC algorithm with J2SE 5.0 Update 6
  - used to collect the Young or Old generations using a totally new algorithm, support compacting
  - enabled using `-XX:+UseParallelOldGC` option
  - usage: applications which run on machines with more than one CPU and have a requirement for low pause times. Not suitable for large machines where many applications are running at the same time – a single application which can use the entire CPU capacity

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Parallel Compacting Collector**
  - Young generation collection
    - similar method as in Parallel collector
  - Old generation collection
    - each generation is given a certain fixed size region
    - Mark phase: all live objects are marked in parallel, and the data for the object's region is updated
    - Summary phase: operates on regions and not objects
    - Compaction phase:

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Concurrent Mark-Sweep Collector**
  - The low-latency collector, important for fast response time
  - Application is paused for very short periods of time
  - It is not a compacting collector
  - enabled using `-XX:+UseConcMarkSweepGC` option
  - used usually with large heaps – the application is allowed to run during the collection phase, meaning the Old generation can grow in size

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Concurrent Mark-Sweep Collector**
  - supports an incremental mode: concurrent phases are processed incremental
  - usage: applications which require short garbage collection pauses and which can share the CPU, the CMS collector takes CPU cycles from the application for its own GC activity, web servers, app servers – applications with large Old generations and long lived data objects

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Concurrent Mark-Sweep Collector**
  - Young generation collection
    - same as the Parallel collector
  - Old generation collection
    - decreases dramatically the old generation pause time
    - starts a collection early enough to avoid a Full GC
    - **Initial mark phase** – identifies the initial set of live objects, STW (stop-the-world)
    - **Concurrent Marking phase** – marks all live objects; some of the objects might not be marked so a second cycle is needed to make sure all objects are marked

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Concurrent Mark-Sweep Collector**
  - Old generation collection
    - **Precleaning phase** – tries to minimize the Remark phase time, by marking all objects which were previously modified by the application threads
    - **Remark phase** – STW, rescans all objects, by revisiting any object which was modified in the previous phase. Here the collector uses multiple threads to finish faster the remark phase
    - **Sweep phase** – sweeps over the heap to reclaim all the garbage which has been identified

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

## • Concurrent Mark-Sweep Collector

14.505: [GC 14.505: [DefNew: 3968K->0K(4032K), 0.0147255 secs] 9382K->6234K(16320K), 0.0148194 secs]

14.523: [GC [1 **CMS-initial-mark**: 6234K(12288K)] 6247K(16320K), 0.0017829 secs]

14.524: [CMS-concurrent-mark-start]

14.587: [**CMS-concurrent-mark**: 0.063/0.063 secs]

14.587: [**CMS-concurrent-preclean-start**]

14.588: [CMS-concurrent-preclean: 0.000/0.000 secs]

14.588: [GC[YG occupancy: 13 K (4032 K)]14.588: [Rescan (non-parallel) 14.588: [grey object rescan, 0.0001824 secs]14.588: [root rescan, 0.0007562 secs], 0.0009850 secs]14.589: [weak refs processing, 0.0018470 secs] [1 CMS-remark: 6234K(12288K)] 6247K(16320K), 0.0029740 secs]

14.595: [**CMS-concurrent-sweep-start**]

14.603: [CMS-concurrent-sweep: 0.007/0.007 secs]

14.624: [**CMS-concurrent-reset-start**]

14.627: [CMS-concurrent-reset: 0.004/0.004 secs]

22.807: [GC 22.807: [DefNew: 3968K->0K(4032K), 0.0090208 secs] 9109K->5890K(16320K), 0.0091121 secs]



# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- Concurrent Mark-Sweep Collector**

24.626: [GC [1 CMS-initial-mark: 8881K(12288K)] 10035K(16320K), 0.0007227 secs]

24.627: [CMS-concurrent-mark-start]

24.682: [CMS-concurrent-mark: 0.055/0.055 secs]

24.682: [CMS-concurrent-preclean-start]

24.682: [CMS-concurrent-preclean: 0.000/0.000 secs]

24.683: [GC[YG occupancy: 1154 K (4032 K)]24.683: [Rescan (non-parallel) 24.683: [grey object rescan, 0.0002292 secs]24.683: [root rescan, 0.0007530 secs], 0.0010290 secs]24.684: [weak refs processing, 0.0023396 secs] [1 CMS-remark: 8881K(12288K)] 10035K(16320K), 0.0034769 secs]

24.686: [CMS-concurrent-sweep-start]

24.695: [CMS-concurrent-sweep: 0.009/0.009 secs]

24.695: [CMS-concurrent-reset-start]

24.699: [CMS-concurrent-reset: 0.004/0.004 secs]

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

## • Concurrent Mark-Sweep Collector

58.456: [GC 58.456: [DefNew: 3456K->0K(4032K), 0.0078289 secs] 40036K->38255K(45704K), 0.0079163 secs]

58.466: [GC [1 CMS-initial-mark: 38255K(41672K)] 38854K(45704K), 0.0006956 secs]

58.467: [CMS-concurrent-mark-start]

58.523: [CMS-concurrent-mark: 0.056/0.056 secs]

58.523: [CMS-concurrent-preclean-start]

58.523: [CMS-concurrent-preclean: 0.000/0.000 secs]

58.525: [GC[YG occupancy: 598 K (4032 K)]58.525: [Rescan (non-parallel) 58.525: [grey object rescan, 0.0003533 secs]58.525: [root rescan, 0.0006906 secs], 0.0010895 secs]58.526: [weak refs processing, 0.0024445 secs] [1 CMS-remark: 38255K(41672K)] 38854K(45704K), 0.0036423 secs]

58.530: [CMS-concurrent-sweep-start]

58.535: [CMS-concurrent-sweep: 0.005/0.005 secs]

58.535: [CMS-concurrent-reset-start]

58.538: [CMS-concurrent-reset: 0.003/0.003 secs]

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

## • Concurrent Mark-Sweep Collector

58.558: [Full GC 58.558: [CMS: 13971K->13842K(41672K), 0.1547712 secs] 14579K->13842K(45704K), [CMS Perm : 14788K->14748K(24648K)], 0.1551333 secs]

58.789: [GC 58.789: [DefNew: 3965K->0K(4032K), 0.0051317 secs] 17807K->17395K(45704K), 0.0058756 secs]

58.856: [GC 58.856: [DefNew: 2562K->0K(4032K), 0.0016115 secs] 19958K->17396K(45704K), 0.0016866 secs]

58.869: [GC 58.869: [DefNew: 3908K->0K(4032K), 0.0049839 secs] 21304K->21303K(45704K), 0.0050737 secs]

58.957: [GC 58.957: [DefNew: 3968K->0K(4032K), 0.0063983 secs] 25271K->24592K(45704K), 0.0064776 secs]

59.275: [Full GC 59.275: [CMS: 24592K->16145K(41672K), 0.1323715 secs] 26912K->16145K(45704K), [CMS Perm : 14832K->14832K(24648K)], 0.1361513 secs]

59.752: [GC 59.752: [DefNew: 3690K->0K(4032K), 0.0059947 secs] 19836K->18431K(45704K), 0.0063151 secs]

59.803: [Full GC 59.803: [CMS: 18431K->14558K(41672K), 0.1263113 secs] 20150K->14558K(45704K), [CMS Perm : 14833K->14833K(24776K)], 0.1268321 secs]

60.018: [GC 60.019: [DefNew: 3608K->0K(4032K), 0.0038720 secs] 18166K->16791K(45704K), 0.0041940 secs]

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Concurrent Mark-Sweep Collector**

***CMS-initial-mark*** – marks all living objects. A STW phase

***CMS-concurrent-mark-start*** – the application starts to run at the same time the GC is marking additional objects. Not very exact operation in marking all objects

***CMS-concurrent-preclean-start*** – a cleaning operation before the remark phase; similar as the remark but processed in parallel, with multiple threads. The goal is to check again all objects, which were changed in previous phase and mark them – minimizing the time for remark operation

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Concurrent Mark-Sweep Collector**

***CMS-remark*** – re-scanning the objects which were changed by application threads. It is the longest phase. A STW phase

***CMS-concurrent-sweep-start*** – sweeps over the heap for all dead objects. Performs in parallel with all the other threads running. Here might occur compaction problems, objects are not compacted properly since the CMS is a non-compacting collector

***CMS-concurrent-reset-start*** – prepare for the next cycle of collection

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Concurrent Mark-Sweep Collector**

- Concurrent-mode-Failure, collection of the Old generation did not finish before it was already full !

- Long living objects take too much space in Old, there is not enough free space in Old

- Signal the GC to start enough earlier a concurrent collection using:-

- `X:CMSInitiatingOccupancyFraction=XX`

- Fragmentation

- Space in Old generation can be scattered resulting in poor allocation rate Young/Old

- Young GC will backout if there is not enough space in Old

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Concurrent Mark-Sweep Collector**
  - Fragmentation
    - Make sure you run Java 5
    - Try to run with a bigger Heap size, -XmsXXX and -XmxXXX
    - Smaller Young generation
    - During night time, try to schedule a System.gc() - this will compact all heap

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Ergonomics in Java 5**

- the JVM automatically setting the Heap, GC, and compiler VM: client or server
- dynamically tune the Heap, for the parallel collector, no need to specify the Heap size
- Maximum pause time goal
  - `-XX:MaxGCPauseMillis=N`, the Parallel GC will adjust the heap size in order to keep this requirement
- Throughput goal
  - `-XX:GCTimeRatio=N`, where N is a ratio which defines the total time spent in GC



# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Ergonomics in Java 5**

- Throughput goal

- `-XX:GCTimeRatio=N`

- Application time: time not spent in GC

- GC time: time spent in GC activity

- the ratio GC time to App time =  $1 / (1 + N)$

- ratio,  $N=29$  will set the goal to 3% as of the total time to be allowed in GC ! `-XX:GCTimeRatio=29`

- if the target goal can't be met then all generations will be increased, in an effort to keep the goal

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Ergonomics in Java 5**
- **Server class machine**
  - A computer with 2+ CPUs and 2GB+ of memory
  - Exception 32bit Windows platforms
  - Hotspot Server VM selected
  - Initial Heap size:  $1/64^{\text{th}}$  of the physical memory, up to 1GB
  - Maximum Heap Size:  $1/4^{\text{th}}$  of the physical memory, up to 1GB

# HotSpot architecture, cont.

- **Client class machine**
  - A computer which is not a server class machine
  - Hotspot Client VM selected
  - GC: the serial collector
  - Heap size: 4MB initial up to 64MB maximum



# Heap Sizing



- I've never heard of this. Java does automatically this !
- Why do I need to tune the JVM ? The vendor takes care of that.
- Who will do this operation ? I will take care of this later on !
- It is not important, the contracting company does these sort of things !
- Should I stop profiling my application ?
- Hmm..., do I **really** need to tune the JVM ?



# Heap Sizing, cont.

**STAY IN CONTROL !**

# Heap Sizing, cont.

- WHY ?
  - Default settings, usually, not suitable for real life applications
  - To understand – your application might work, but you have to clear see how does it work
  - To avoid downtime and wasting time understanding what's going on
  - To observe closely how your application works in different conditions
- Define a tuning procedure
- Goals: throughput and footprint



# Heap Sizing, cont.

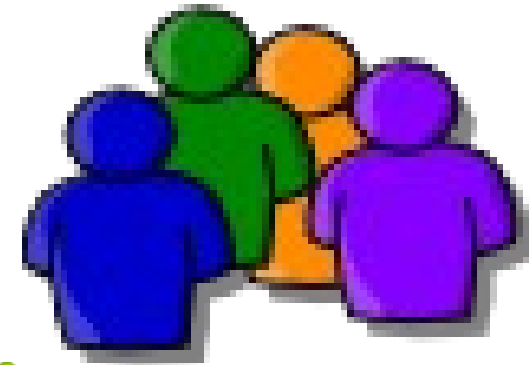
- WHO ?
  - System Administrators or AppServer Administrators
  - Performance Testing Team
  - Java Development Team
- WHEN ?
  - Before releasing a new major version in Production
  - New features are needed to be developed
  - Business has communicated that the expected usage will triple during next 6 months

## External Contractors

Java developers



Testing Team



# JVM Tuning

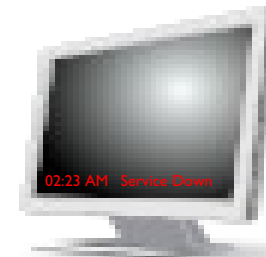




# System Administrator



**<Error> java.lang.OutOfMemoryError: PermGen space**  
**02:23 AM Service Down**





# Heap Sizing, cont.

**SO, IT REALLY MATTERS !**

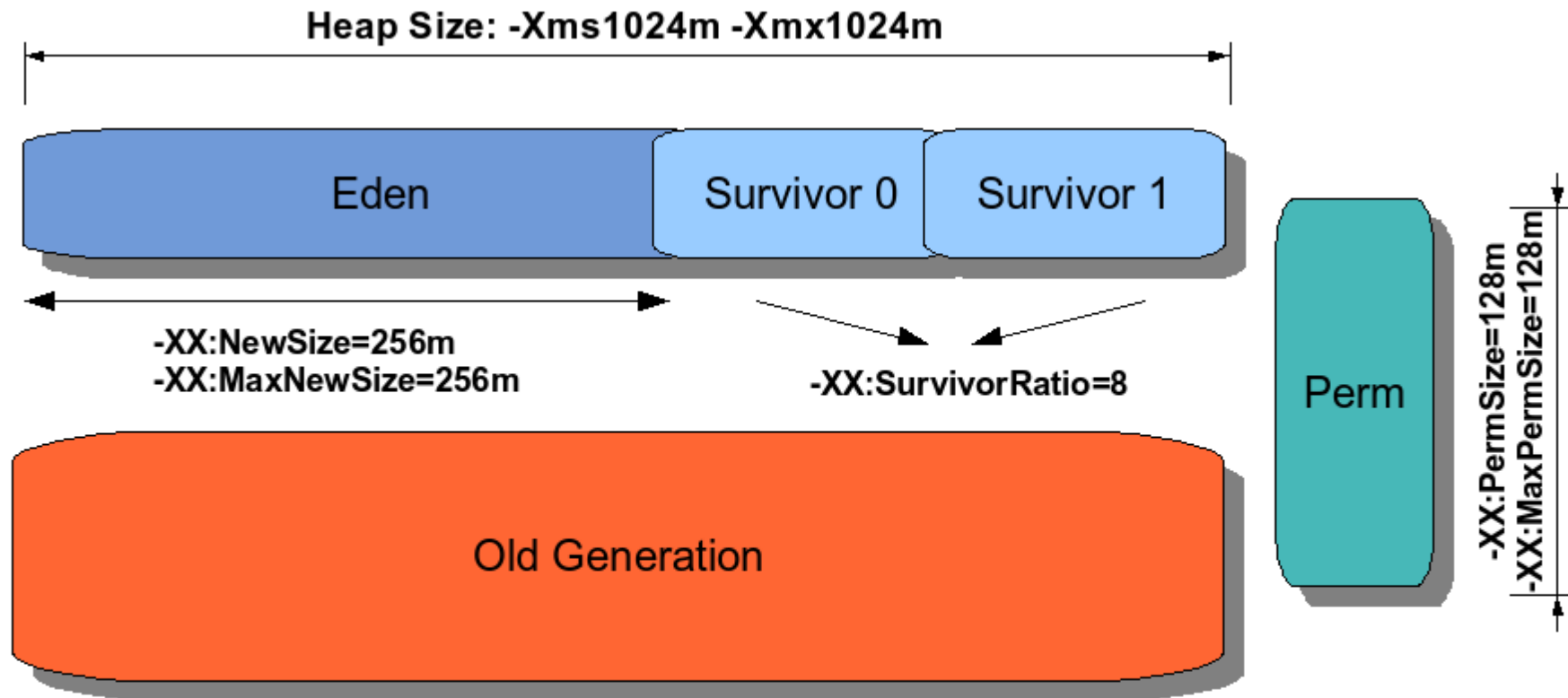


# Heap Sizing, cont.



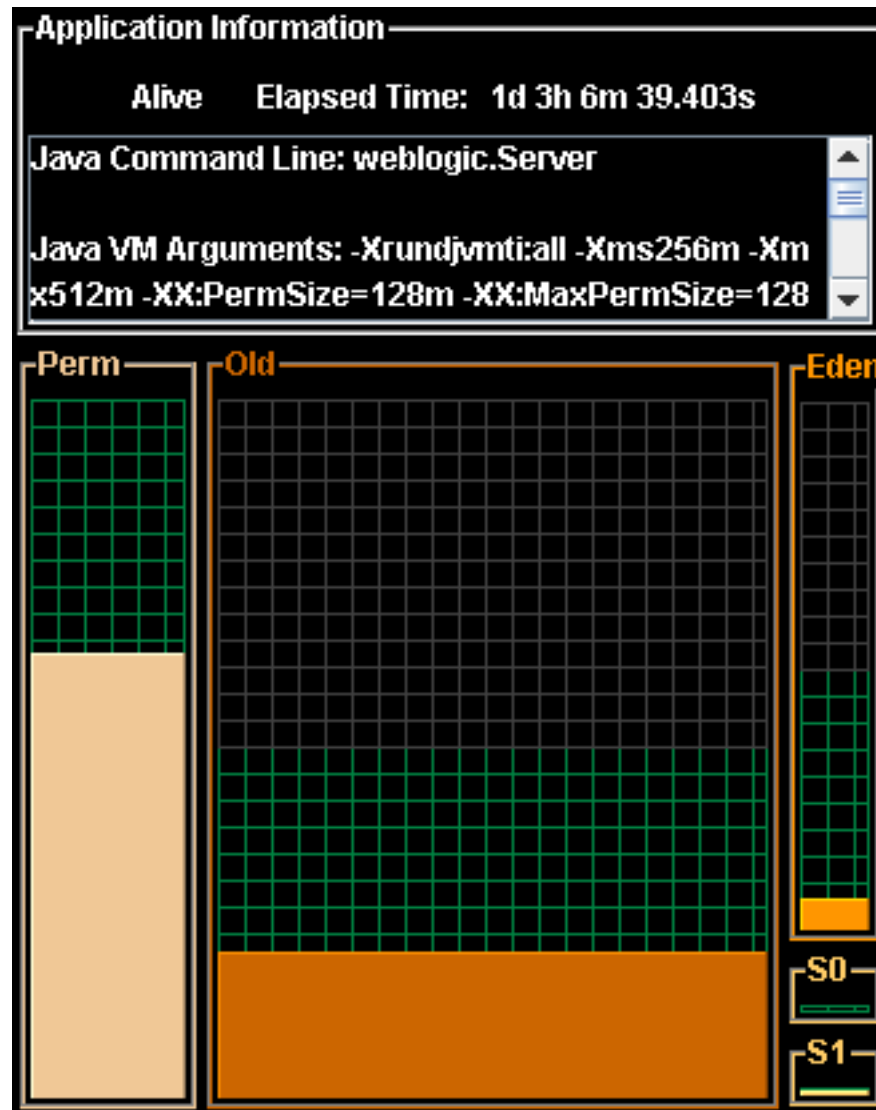
- Tools needed
  - Load injection: JMeter/LoadRunner
  - Monitoring JVM:
    - visualGC(jvmstat)
    - jmap
    - jstack, jstat
  - Monitoring OS:
    - netstat, vmstat, sysperfstat, nicstat
    - prstat
    - pstack/pmap
    - DTrace, DTraceToolkit

# Heap Sizing, cont.



The Java Heap

# Heap Sizing, cont.



The Java Heap

# Heap Sizing, cont.

- Prepare JMeter or LoadRunner performance scripts and run them against your application
- Start by allocating enough memory to the initial Heap, `-XmsXXX -XmxXXX`
- Observe how many minor and major collections (Full GC) are performed
- Adjust the memory settings and change to a different GC algorithm if needed
- Repeat until you will minimize the number of major collections and the response time is ok

# Heap Sizing, cont.

- NewRatio
  - Ratio between Young/Old
  - Very important how your objects will be transitioned
  - NewRatio=2, Old 2/3 of Heap and Young 1/3
  - Flags: -XmnXXX similar as -XX:NewSize=XXX and -XX:MaxNewSize=XXX
  - What value !?
  - It very much depends: if your application has a lot of long lived objects, Old > Young to hold all data

# Heap Sizing, cont.

- Young generation: define and experiment with different sizes for the Young generation using:
  - `-XX:NewSize=value` and
  - `-XX:MaxNewSize=value`
- Permanent generation: start with a big enough to hold all classes. Stores JVM's metadata. If the applications loads a large number of classes then this generation might require resizing using `-XX:PermSize=value` and `-XX:MaxPermSize=value`



# Heap Sizing, cont.

- For large applications set the Heap size for both options the same. This avoids extra allocations. Apply the same principle for the Young generation
- Finally: run several tests with different values for Heap and with different GC algorithms. Choose the ones they fit best your requirement: throughput, footprint, etc.
- Run several times the steps defined in the tuning procedure and review the results with your team

# Heap Sizing, cont.

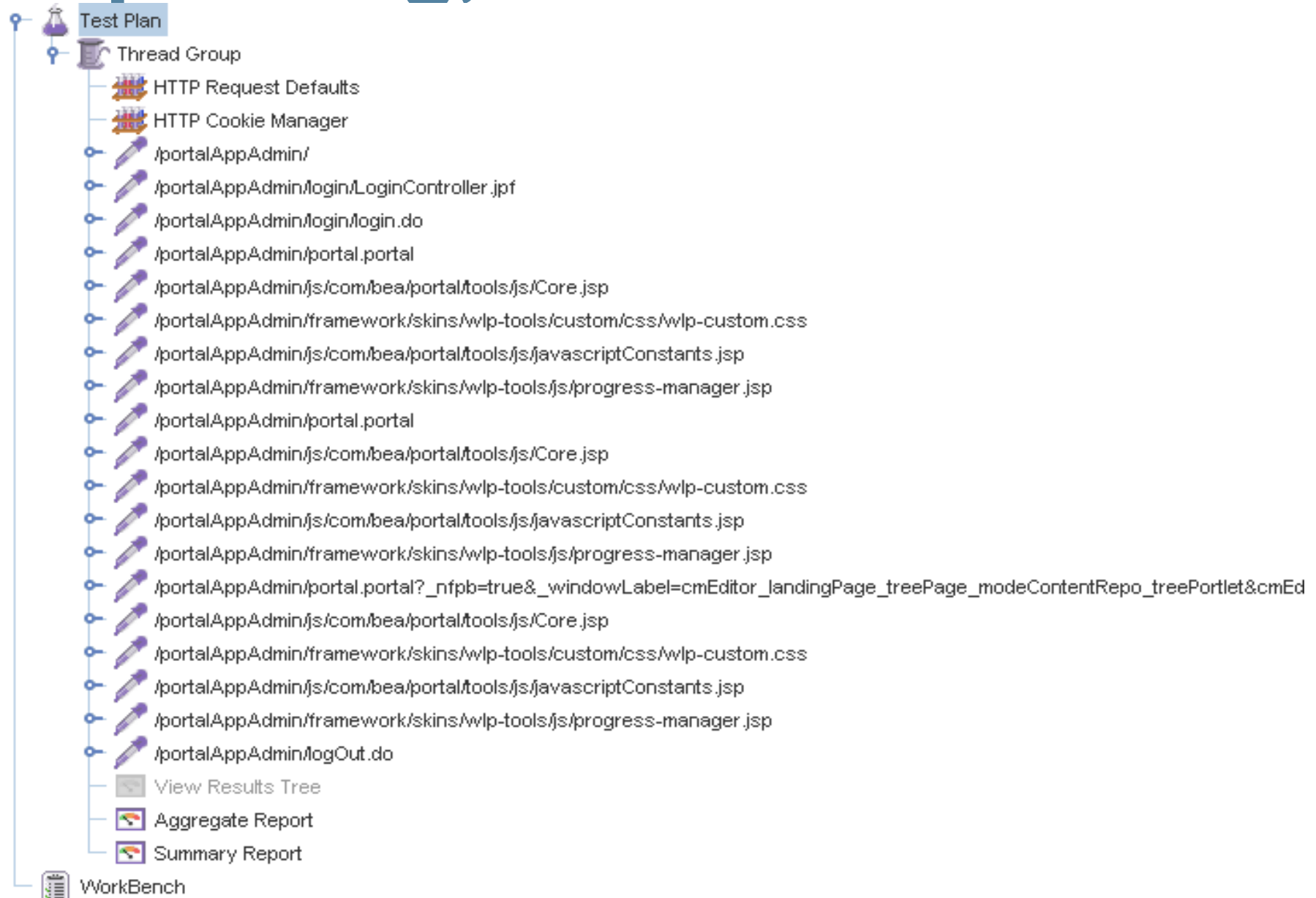
- Example
  - BEA Weblogic Portal 10 sample application, portalAppAdmin
  - Jdk-1.5.0\_14
  - Heap: 512 – 1024MB
  - Permanent generation: 256MB
  - Default GC
- Observe and Identify bottlenecks
- Tune



# Heap Sizing, cont.

- JMeter script
  - define a simple script which will simulate concurrent users for portalAppAdmin application
  - for complex applications try to define a much realistic script
- Start with a minimal payload, 1-5 VUs
  - if you are confident about your application use a bigger payload from start, 10-50VUs
  - think time, ramp-up time
- Examine the GC logs and visualGC screen

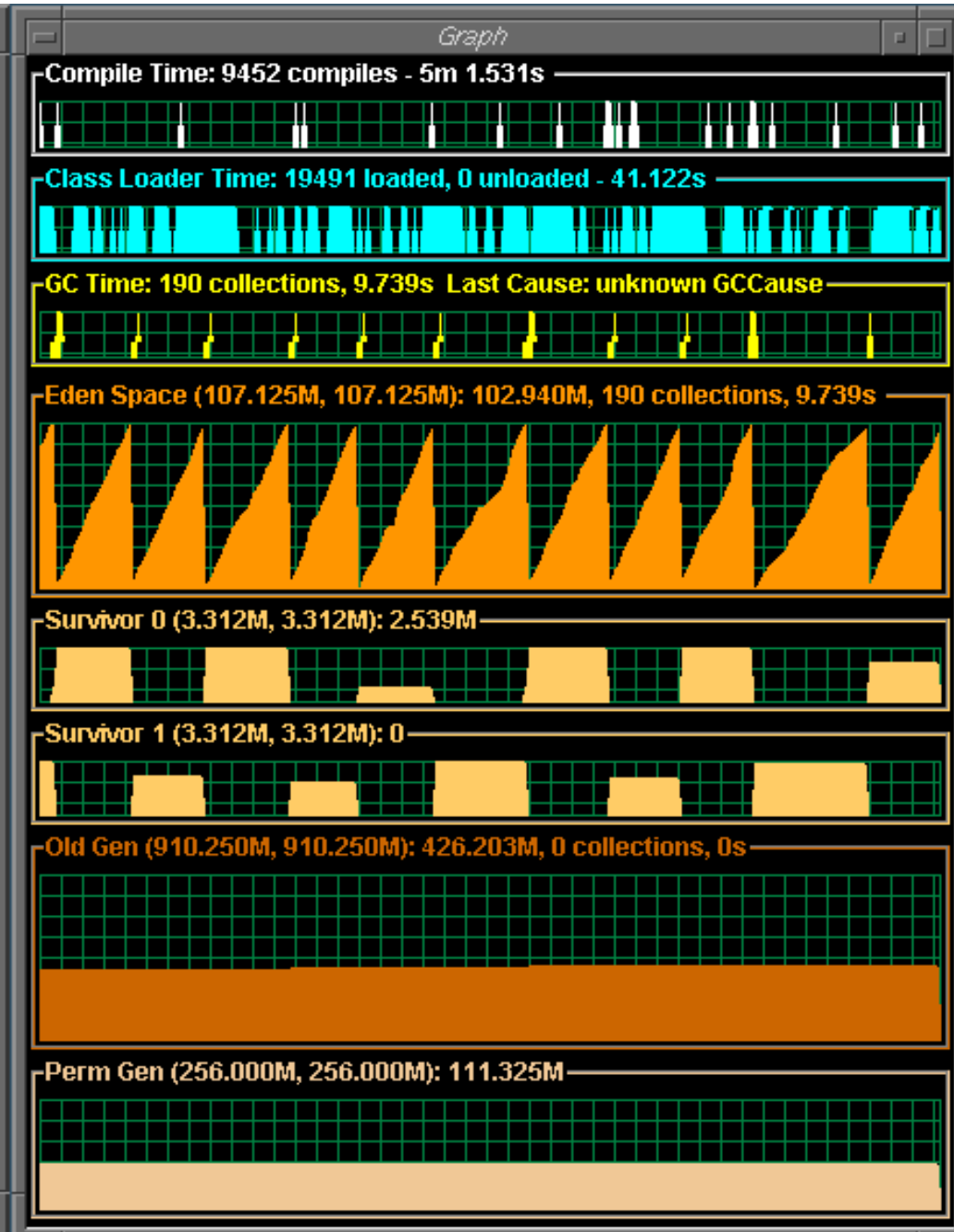
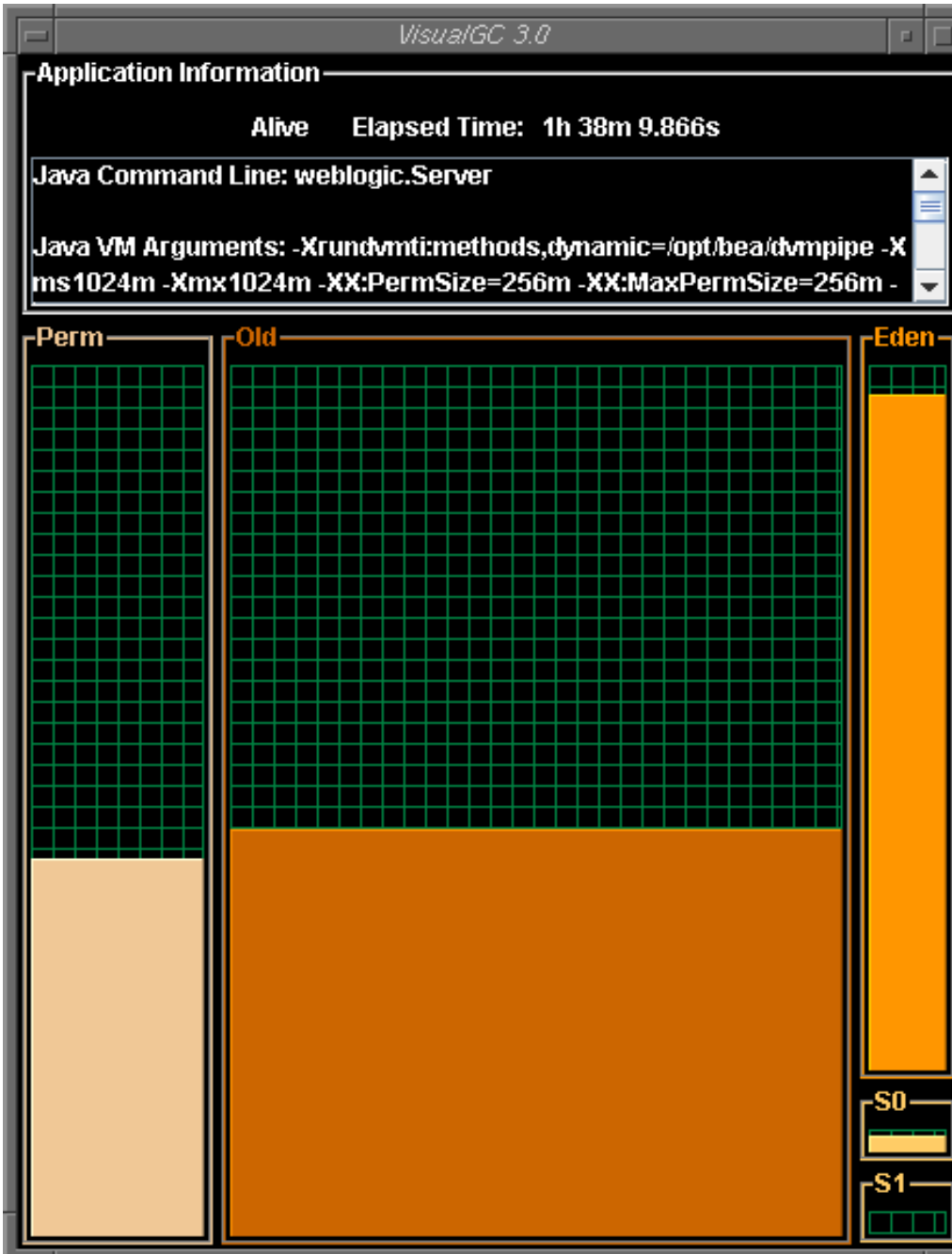
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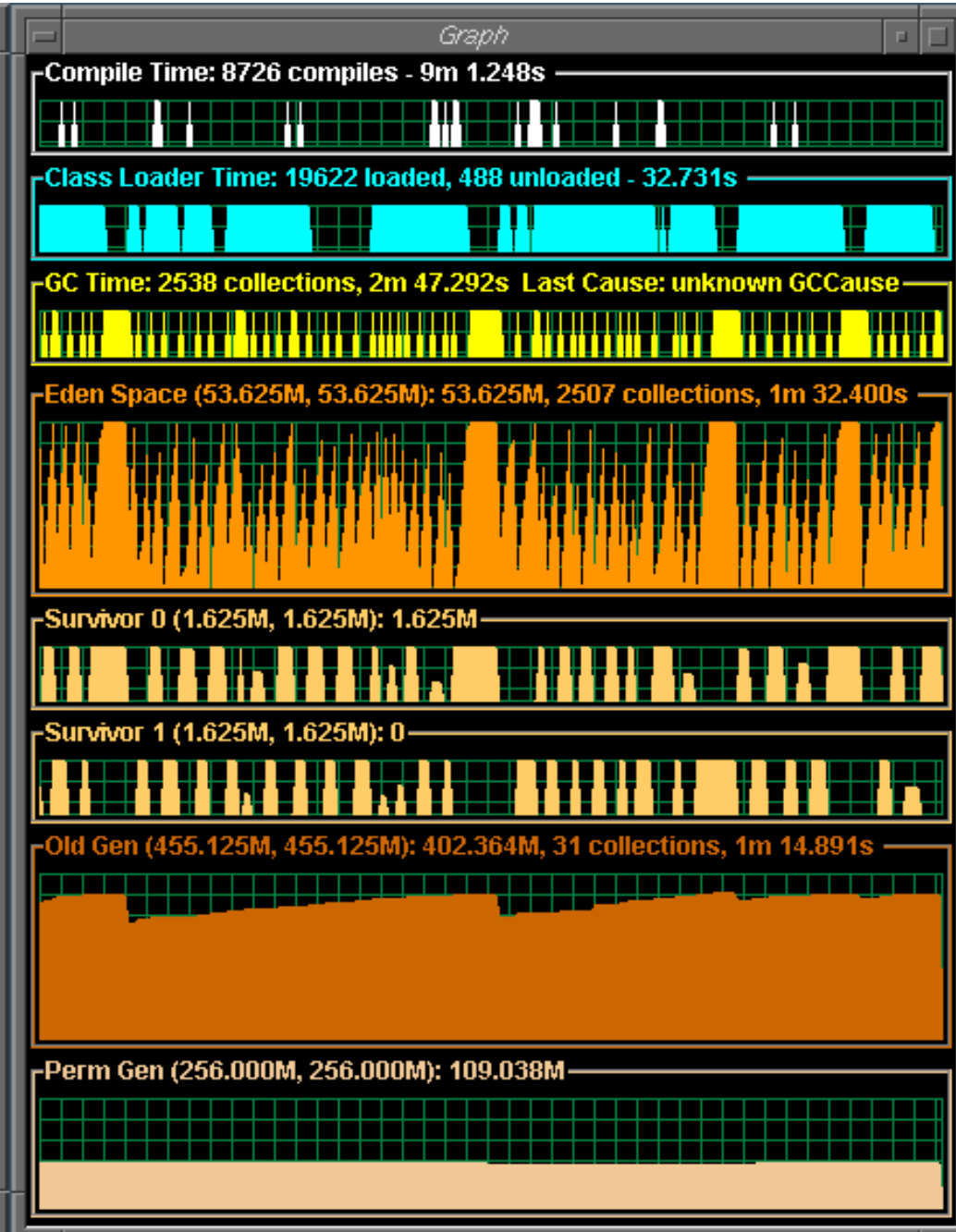
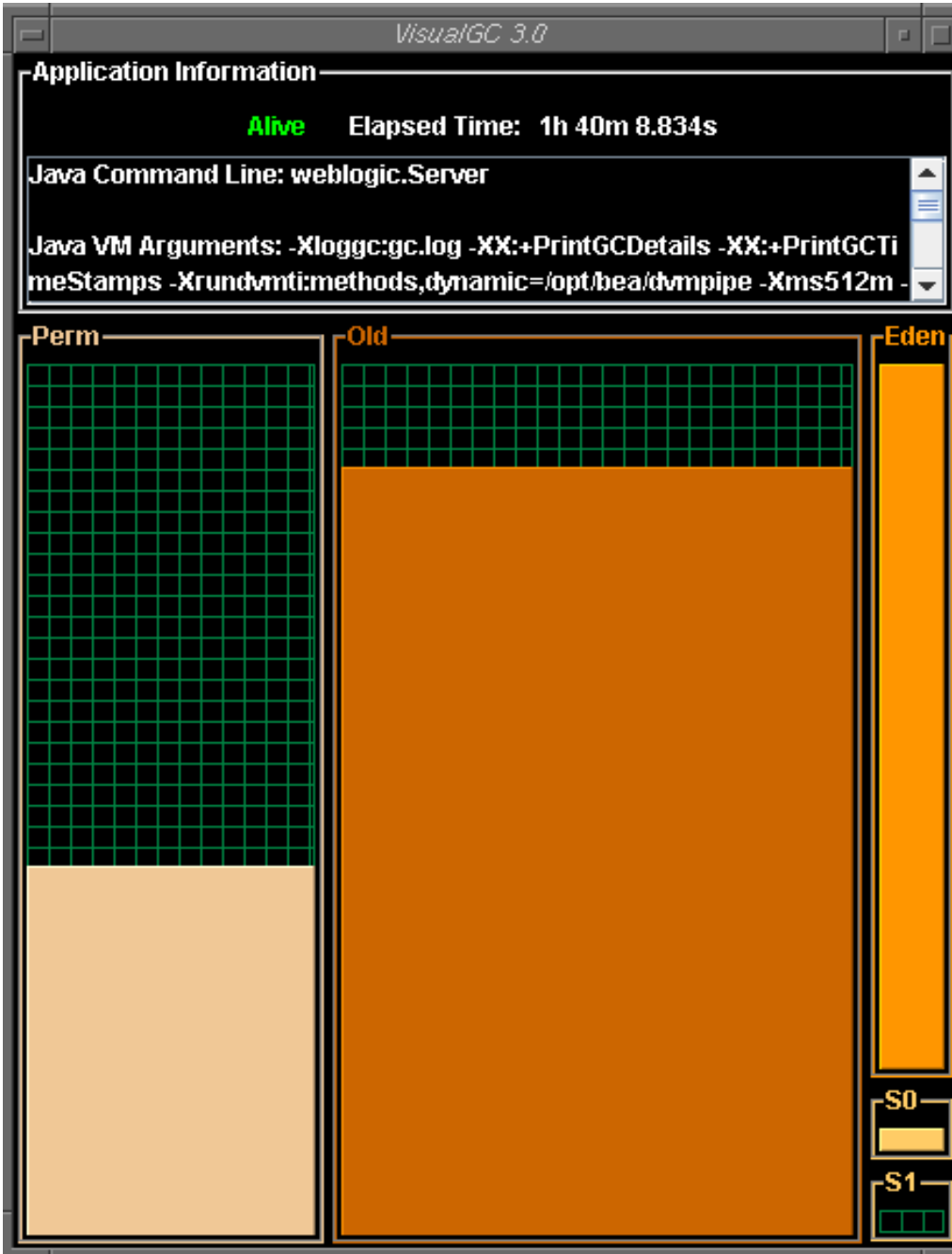


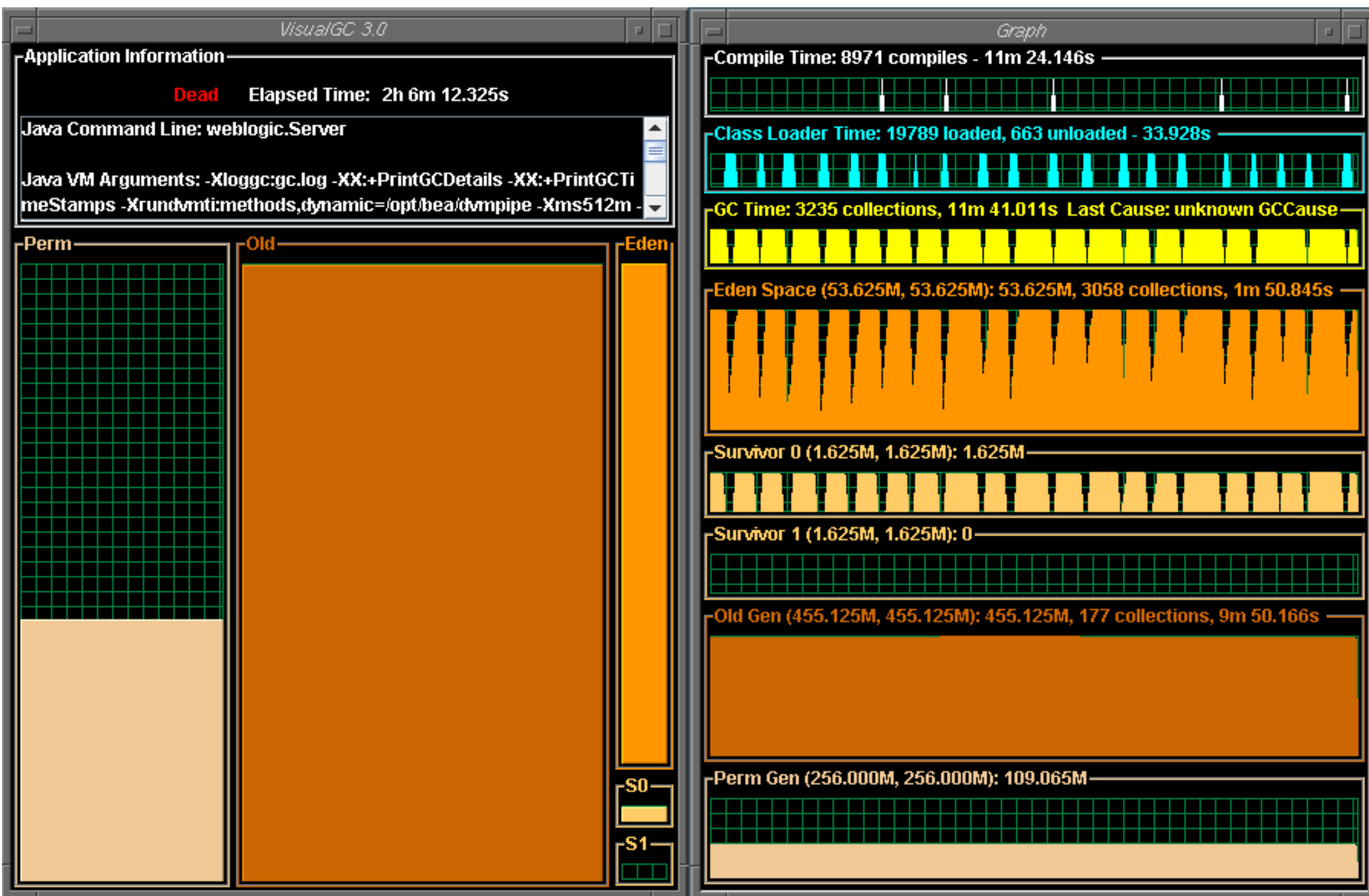


# Heap Sizing, cont.

- Examine the young generation and the number of minor collections
- Adjust the ratio of Young/Old such way to have a good throughput and have enough big old generation
- Check the permanent generation
- Monitor closely the number of Major collections



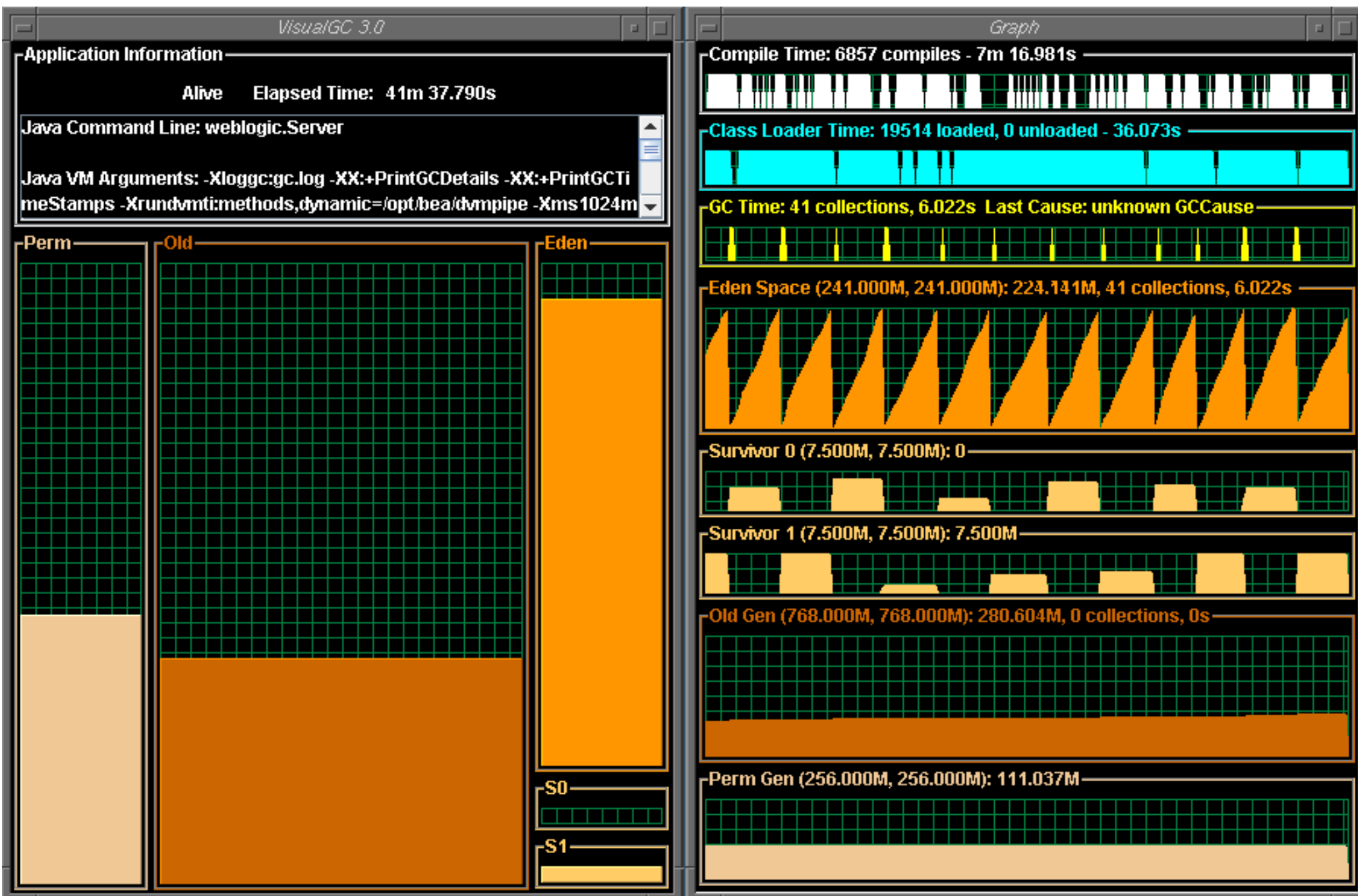






# Heap Sizing, cont.

- Young generation too small
- Survivor spaces not big enough, what ratio !?
- Permanent generation ok
- Old generation too small
- A better GC ?
- After 1<sup>st</sup> tuning:
  - Xms1024m -Xmx1024m
  - XX:NewSize=256m -XX:MaxNewSize=256m



# Heap Sizing, cont.

## Conclusions:

- Retest the previous JVM options
- Are these options ok ? What about more fine tuning ? A better young generation, survivor spaces, bigger heap !?
- GC: CMS or Parallel Compactor ?
- Repeat all over the test based on different payloads until you will match your desired results

# Heap Sizing, cont.

- Parallel GC tuning
  - Let the JVM chose the Heap sizes
  - Define a throughput goal
  - The heap will dynamically grow or shrink based on the application usage
  - Sometimes the heap will set to its max value, the throughput goal cannot be met
  - Throughput goal is met but still are application pauses: set a maximum pause time

# Heap Sizing, cont.

- For large applications, a tuning procedure might be needed
- Clear steps and test cases
- A cycle consists of one or more test cases
- Each cycle is reviewed and retested
- Usually 3-4 cycles are enough for sizing a generic JVM
- Adapt the procedure for your application and purpose

# Heap Sizing, cont.

- **Tuning procedure**

- Cycle 1 - Initial observations
  - default settings for JVM: Heap size, Permanent generation, default garbage collector. Monitor the initial behavior of the application
- Cycle 2 – Tuning
  - different settings for garbage collector and memory generations. Try to discover the maximum number of VUs one JVM can sustain
- Cycle 3 - Fine tuning
  - apply a series of extra test cases to confirm C2
- Cycle 4 - Plan to crash

# Heap Sizing, cont.

## • Tuning Cycle 1

### Monitoring points

System utilisation: **CPU**, Mem, Disk, Net, TCP: **ESTABLISHED, CLOSE\_WAIT, TIME\_WAIT**

**JVM utilisation: GC, Old, Young, Permanent generations, throughput**

JVM options: -Xloggc:gc.log -XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps

- C1.1: Initial observations
- C1.2: Minimal payload
- C1.3: Long run test
- C1.4: Stress test
- C1.5: Final Exit Criteria

# Heap Sizing, cont.

## • Tuning Cycle 1

### – C1.1: Initial observations

- Start with default settings: 1-2GB Heap size and 128 MB for permanent generation.
- Observe using visualGC the behavior of your application for an average number of VUs: ~25-100 during 1, 2hrs.
- Examine closely the GC log and monitor the number of minor and major collections. Record the time spent in GC and the response time of the application. If you start to notice long time spent in GC try to decrease the number of VUs to 10-50 and repeat the test.
- If you cant sustain for 1-2 hrs a minimal number of 5-10 VUs, recall the application to functional testing and escalate with your Java project development team.





# Heap Sizing, cont.

- **Tuning Cycle 1**

- C1.2: Minimal payload

- Ensure the application works ok with this minimal payload found in C1.1
    - Keep the application long enough, say 2-4hrs and examine closely the JVM data: GC, the number of minor/major collections and the time spent for these events.
    - If your application cant sustain for more than 2hrs this minimal payload return to functional testing and core development, opening bugs to the development team finding out why the application handles so bad such minimal payload.



# Heap Sizing, cont.

- **Tuning Cycle 1**

- C1.3: Long run test

- If everything goes fine in C1.2 plan a longer test for 10-12hrs with this payload.
    - Analyse the results with the Java development and support teams, together and write down the results found for this payload.
    - If you found problems in this phase return to 1.2 and decrease the payload. Easily adjust the payload trying to find out the for how long your application works fine.

# Heap Sizing, cont.

## • Tuning Cycle 1

### – C1.4: Stress test

- Plan a stress test at this point where you can analyse how long your application will survive for a different number of virtual users.
- Keep this load for certain period of time: 2-6hrs. For instance: start with the minimal payload, slowly ramping up every 30minutes with 50VUs more. Keep a max load level, say 500 VUs and observe the System and JVM data. Decrease if necessarily or increase if the application seems to handle ok that load.
- Try to find out the max number of VUs that your application can handle. Repeat the test to ensure the step is correct.

# Heap Sizing, cont.

## • Tuning Cycle 1

### – C1.5: Final Exit Criteria

- Based on C1.2-4 you should approximate the max number of VUs one JVM can sustain and if the initial VM options used, for Heap and Permanent generation are ok.
- It is highly recommended to have a common meeting review after Cycle 1 and discuss the results with your Java Development Team and Support Unit.
- Finally review the results and apply the changes to your JVM to be ready for your next cycle.

# Heap Sizing, cont.

## • Tuning Cycle 2

### Monitoring points

System utilisation: **CPU**, Mem, Disk, Net, TCP: **ESTABLISHED, CLOSE\_WAIT, TIME\_WAIT**

**JVM utilisation: GC, Old, Young, Permanent generations, throughput**

JVM options: -Xloggc:gc.log -XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps



- C2.1: Sizing generations, chose a collector
- C2.2: New settings, 10hrs
- C2.3: Uplimit
- C2.4: Endurance
- C2.5: Final Exit Criteria

# Heap Sizing, cont.

## • Tuning Cycle 2

### – C2.1: Sizing generations, chose a collector

- Based on the previous cycle results, from C1, try to adjust the JVM options: enlarge the Heap size and dedicate enough memory to the Young generation and Permanent generation. Chose a Garbage collector, experimenting with the Parallel Compactor and CMS.
- Try first the Parallel collector, using as well the new Parallel Compactor. Write down the settings and results.
- Try at the end the CMS collector, write down the settings and results. Chose one which is best for your application.
- Review once more the setting and pickup a final collector what you will use.

# Heap Sizing, cont.

- **Tuning Cycle 2**

- C2.2: New settings, 10hrs

- Use the max payload found in C1 and run a test for 10hrs using the new collector and memory settings from C2.1.
    - If you haven't changed anything in C2.1, simple check that one JVM can easily sustain this payload. Observe the JVM dynamics using visualGC and jstat.
    - Record all times and ensure you don't have a degradation of your service using the new VM settings.
    - Repeat the test as many times you think in order to ensure the new JVM settings are ok. Make final adjustments to your Heap, Permanent generation and garbage collector and freeze the options. Repeat the test with the final settings.



# Heap Sizing, cont.

- **Tuning Cycle 2**

- C2.3: Uplimit

- Increase the payload to 250-500-1000 VUs and run it for 2-4hrs with the new settings.
    - If problems decrease the payload to a decent and safe value where you don't find anymore errors. Write down the max value for VUs.





# Heap Sizing, cont.

- **Tuning Cycle 2**

- C2.4: Endurance

- Ensure the JVM can sustain for 10-12hrs the C2.3 payload. If you have troubles return to C2.1
    - If ok, plan a longer test for 48-72hrs with this load in Quality and Assurance environment (The QA should have similar network and configuration as the PROD environment)



# Heap Sizing, cont.

- **Tuning Cycle 2**

- C2.5: Final Exit Criteria

- At this moment you should have a set of the new settings for your JVM and a min and max value numbers of VUs.
    - Write down the average number of VUs for one JVM as well the max number of VUs you have recorded.

- VUavg/JVM

- VUmax/JVM



# Heap Sizing, cont.

## • Tuning Cycle 3

### Monitoring points

System utilisation: **CPU**, Mem, Disk, Net, TCP: **ESTABLISHED, CLOSE\_WAIT, TIME\_WAIT**

**JVM utilisation: GC, Old, Young, Permanent generations, throughput**

JVM options: -Xloggc:gc.log -XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps



- C3.1: Endurance test
- C3.2: Final test
- C3.5: Final Exit Criteria



# Heap Sizing, cont.

- **Tuning Cycle 3**

- C3.1: Endurance test

- Plan with the LoadRunner/Jmeter team several test cases for QA where the application will use the new settings found in C2.
    - Use as a payload the C2 findings.



# Heap Sizing, cont.

- **Tuning Cycle 3**

- C3.2: Final test

- Run a final test for 72hrs with all managed servers up and running, no extra debug level on. Record the response time of the application and watch for major collections and how long they take. Ngs.

- C3.5: Final Exit Criteria

- If no troubles found in C3.2 or C3.1 push the new settings for PROD env. If you have experienced troubles in C3.1,2 it is good to review the results and return to Cycle 2

# Heap Sizing, cont.

## • Tuning Cycle 4

### Monitoring points

*Proactive step, in order to prevent possible failures inside JVM or from application itself*

JVM: jstack, jmap, jstat

OS: truss, dtrace, pstack, pmap

- C4.1: JVM core dump
- C4.2: Application not responsive, very slow
- C4.3: Dynamic Tracing

# Heap Sizing, cont.

## • Tuning Cycle 4

### – C4.1: JVM core dump

- Plan a simple recovery plan in case your application core dumps. Keep up to date the JDK with your vendor, check periodically the Release Notes for any corrections on JDK.
- Examine the core dump using dbx or mdb in Solaris.

### – C4.2: Application not responsive, very slow

- One of the most common symptoms what you could experience: your application starts to answer very slow, or looks like is doing nothing. Check the CPU consumption and get two, three thread dumps using SIGQUIT signal. Use *prstat -mL* to get a lwp usage distribution. As well experiment this in QA env by developing a series of D scripts which can be used. Consider using here: jstack, pstack, dtrace



# Heap Sizing, cont.

- **Tuning Cycle 4**

- C4.3: Dynamic Tracing

- You should not wait until you have a real problem. Therefore it is good you develop in QA env a series of D scripts, based on DTrace to find out how your application really works. Try to understand the numbers you get and run these periodically communicating the findings to your Java development team and Support Unit. Check the Troubleshooting section for more details





# Heap Sizing, cont.



- Final: you should have a tuning JVM document where you have all results gathered
- Review this document with your Java Development and Support unit and chose the best values for your JVM
- Implement these in QA before PRODUCTION
- You are almost done: periodically review and re-tune if needed. Application changes can have an effect the way the JVM works

# Heap Sizing, cont.

## • Tuning Cycle 1, example

VUs	Test	JVM Settings
50	12:00 – 13:00: JVM 1,2 running	-verbose:gc -Xloggc:gc.log -XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps -Xms2048m -Xmx2048m -XX:MaxPermSize=512m
100	14:00 – 15:00: JVM 1,2 running	-verbose:gc -Xloggc:gc.log -XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps -Xms2048m -Xmx2048m -XX:MaxPermSize=512m
200	20:00 – 20:30: JVM 1,2 running	-verbose:gc -Xloggc:gc.log -XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps -Xms2048m -Xmx2048m -XX:MaxPermSize=512m
300	20:30 – 21:00: JVM 1,2 running	-verbose:gc -Xloggc:gc.log -XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps -Xms2048m -Xmx2048m -XX:MaxPermSize=512m
500	21:00 – 23:00: JVM 1,2 running	-verbose:gc -Xloggc:gc.log -XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps -Xms2048m -Xmx2048m -XX:MaxPermSize=512m

# Heap Sizing, cont.

## • Tuning Cycle 1, example

- Test 1: 50 VUs/10sec think time; 12:00 – 14:00

CPU	Mem	Disk	Net	TCP Sessions	GC	Old	Young	Permanent
1-10%	20.00%	<3%	15%	~70	Minimal activity	OK	OK	Requires tuning

- Test 2: 100 VUs/10sec think time, 14:00 – 15:00

CPU	Mem	Disk	Net	TCP Sessions	GC	Old	Young	Permanent
15.00%	20.00%	<3%	15%	110	Minimal, minor GC	OK	OK	Requires tuning

- Test 3: 200-300 Vus/5sec think time 20:00 – 20:30 – 21:00

CPU	Mem	Disk	Net	TCP Sessions	GC	Old	Young	Permanent
~20%	20.00%	<3%	20%	200	minor GC	OK	OK	Requires tuning

# Heap Sizing, cont.

## • Tuning Cycle 1, example

- Test 4: 500 VUs/10sec think time; 21:00 - 23:00

CPU	Mem	Disk	Net	TCP Sessions	GC	Old	Young	Permanent
					Minor and major collection. Full GC 5sec	Needs tuning	OK	Requires tuning
20.00%	20.00%	<3%	20%	350				

- Review the results after each test case
- Write down the results in such report and after all test cases in cycle 1 review the results with your support unit and Java development team

# Heap Sizing, cont.

- **Tuning Cycle 1, example**
  - Final Exit criteria to Cycle 2:

Change	Description
-XX:PermSize=256m -XX:MaxPermSize=256m	The permanent generation needs to be set to 256MB from the beginning. Currently the generation starts as 64MB and grows up to 512MB. 512MB is way too high for the current application.
CPU utilisation	Identified a CPU usage issue: sometimes one managed server is using more CPU than the other, even for longer periods of time.
-Xms2048m -Xmx2048m	The heap might not be enough set for running more than 24hrs. Requires a bit more analyse in Cycle 2 to observe how often we will have FullGCs from one JVM.
Payload: 250VUs	Both JVM were able to sustain 500VUs for certain amount of time. For next Cycle, we will chose 250 VUs as the starting payload for one JVM and we will try to identify the safe payload for one JVM



# Agenda

- Introduction to Java Virtual Machine
- HotSpot VM
  - Architecture
  - Memory management and Garbage Collection
  - Heap Sizing
- **Java 5 and 6**
  - What's new ?
- Troubleshooting

# Java 5 and 6

- Java releases over time
- JDK 1.1
  - JDK 1.1.4 Sparkler Sept 12, 1997
  - JDK 1.1.5 Pumpkin Dec 3, 1997
  - JDK 1.1.6 Abigail April 24, 1998
  - JDK 1.1.7 Brutus Sept 28, 1998
  - JDK 1.1.8 Chelsea April 8, 1999



# Java 5 and 6, cont.

- JDK 1.2 and 1.3
  - **J2SE 1.2 Playground Dec 4, 1998**
  - J2SE 1.2.1 (none) March 30, 1999
  - J2SE 1.2.2 Cricket July 8, 1999
  - **J2SE 1.3 Kestrel May 8, 2000**
  - J2SE 1.3.1 Ladybird May 17, 2001





# Java 5 and 6, cont.

- JDK 1.4, 5 and 6
  - **J2SE 1.4.0     Merlin     Feb 13, 2002**
  - J2SE 1.4.1     Hopper     Sept 16, 2002
  - J2SE 1.4.2     Mantis     June 26, 2003
  - **J2SE 5.0 (1.5.0) Tiger     Sept 29, 2004**
  - **J2SE 6.0 (1.6.0) Mustang Dec, 2006**

# Java 5 New Features

- JVM
  - Class Data Sharing
  - Garbage Collector Ergonomics
  - Thread Priority Changes
  - Fatal Error Handling: OOM

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<Oct 28, 2007 8:35:21 PM EET> <Error> <netuix> <BEA-423167> <An exception
  or error occurred in the backing file [com.bea.jsptools.comm
on.PatDesktopBacking] while executing its preRender method. It was
  java.lang.OutOfMemoryError: PermGen space
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- High-Precision Timing Support



# Java 5 New Features, cont.

- Java Language, User Interface, RMI, JDBC
- Base Libraries
  - Monitoring and Management
  - Monitoring and management API for the Java virtual machine
  - JMX instrumentation of the Java virtual machine
  - JavaTM Management Extensions
  - *jconsole*, *jstack*, *jmap*
  - *jmap* backported to JDK 1.4.2\_09 branch helps you to diagnose problems where you don't have latest java





# Java 5 New Features, cont.

- Tools and Tool Architecture
  - Java Virtual Machine Tool Interface (JVMTI)
  - Java Platform Debugger Architecture (JPDA)
  - A new troubleshooting guide
- Hardware 64-Bit AMD Opteron support

# Java 6 New Features

- JVM
  - DTrace probes into the JVM, Hotspot provider
  - GC: Parallel Compaction and CMS enhancements
  - CMS: Parallel Marking, the CMS collector now uses multiple threads to perform the concurrent marking task. Minimizes the duration of the concurrent marking cycle, allowing the collector to support applications with larger numbers of threads and higher object allocation rates, particularly on large multiprocessor machines

# Java 6 New Features

- Scripting
  - integrated JSR 223: Scripting for the Java Platform API
  - Java Applications can "host" script engines, example javascript for Java
- Security
  - XML Digital Signature API and implementation
  - JSR 268, Smart Card I/O API
  - Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC)
  - `java.io.Console` class

# Java 6 New Features

- Observability
  - jconsole officially supported
  - `java.util.concurrent locks` has been added,
  - easy access to list all locks owned by a thread and to report which stack frame locked a monitor
  - `getSystemLoadAverage()`, has been added to `OperatingSystemMXBean` to return the system load average
  - Java Virtual Machine Tool Interface (JVM TI), enhanced heap walking

# Java 6 New Features

- Observability
  - HPROF
    - built-in heap dumper – easy to dump the Heap when an OOM occurs `-XX:+HeapDumpOnOutOfMemoryError`
    - postmortem analysis from a core file, generate a Heap dump
  - jhat, Java Heap Analysis Tool enhanced
    - Scripting interface to HAT
    - Object Query Language, OQL, is a SQL like language used to query the Java Heap !



# Java 6 New Features

- Performance
  - Runtime enhancements:
    - biased locking, lock coarsening, adaptive spinning
    - large page heap on x86/64
    - `System.arraycopy()`
  - Ergonomics
  - Garbage Collection:
    - Parallel Compaction Collector
    - Concurrent Mark Sweep Collector
  - Faster startup, boot class loader



# Agenda

- Introduction to Java Virtual Machine
- HotSpot VM
  - Architecture
  - Memory management and Garbage Collection
  - Heap Sizing
- Java 5 and 6
  - What's new ?
- **Troubleshooting**



# Troubleshooting



- Help, my Java application is slow !
- Again my application has crashed in PRODUCTION – whats going on ?
- We can't migrate our J2EE application to the new hardware platform – what can we do ?
- How can we understand and look what's going on with my application ?
- Which VM we should use: HotSpot, JRockit, J9 !? Why are so many virtual machines ?

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- For support:
  - Develop a number of Standard Operation Procedures (SOP) in case of problems
  - What do you do when the entire JVM has died, with a core dump ? How do you examine ?
  - What about the application is simple slow, what tools do you need to debug this ?
  - The JVM is wasting a lot of CPU resources, again what tools do you need to investigate
  - Or simple, the application does nothing but my users are complaining



# Troubleshooting, cont.

- For application development:
  - Do you have a plan for unit, integration testing ?
  - System Testing, Regression testing ?
  - Have you ever profiled your application ?
  - How well are you testing your application ? What code coverage criteria are you using ?
  - We have so many tools – if the profiler tool takes so much time to understand why don't you consider dynamic tracing ?



# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Almost in all real cases, Application development team does not work together with the Support team
- Both have same goal: keep production up and running
- How do you fix this ?
  - avoid internal politics
  - schedule common meetings
  - plan together certain activities: next QA system test, a debugging exercise, etc
  - review together the results of certain activities



# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Have you read the Troubleshooting Guide !?
  - Java 6:
    - <http://java.sun.com/javase/6/docs/>
    - <http://java.sun.com/javase/6/webnotes/trouble/index.html>
  - Java 5:
    - <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/>
    - <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/tooldocs/index.html#debug>



# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Operating system:
  - **prstat**, process statistics
  - **pstack**, prints stack traces for a process
  - **pmap**, used to print the process address space and its segments
  - **truss**, general purpose syscall tracer
  - **DTrace**, new dynamic tracing facility in Solaris 10
  - **DTraceToolkit**, DTT, over 200 DTrace scripts ready to be used



# Troubleshooting, cont.

- DTraceToolkit, Java category:

```

/opt/DTraceToolkit-0.99/Java
# ls -lrt
total 108
-rw-r--r--  1 sparvu  eng      674 Sep 12 10:29 Readme
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    1575 Sep 12 10:47 j_who.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    1626 Sep 12 10:47 j_thread.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    1789 Sep 12 10:47 j_syscalls.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    2408 Sep 12 10:47 j_profile.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    1418 Sep 12 10:47 j_package.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    1688 Sep 12 10:47 j_objnew.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    1657 Sep 12 10:47 j_methodcalls.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    1504 Sep 12 10:47 j_events.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    3045 Sep 12 10:47 j_calls.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    2581 Sep 16 11:17 j_flow.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    3008 Sep 17 05:20 j_flowtime.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    4026 Oct  1 16:36 j_syscolors.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    3845 Oct  3 11:21 j_cputime.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    3161 Oct  3 11:21 j_cpudist.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    3868 Oct  3 11:21 j_calltime.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    3181 Oct  3 11:21 j_calldist.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    2749 Oct  4 07:34 j_classflow.d
-rwxr-xr-x  1 sparvu  eng    3148 Oct  4 11:35 j_stat.d

```

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- JDK:
  - **jconsole**, provides information on performance and resource consumption of applications running. Based on Java Management Extension (JMX) technology:
    - Detect low memory situations
    - Enable or disable GC and class loading verbose tracing
    - Detect deadlocks
  - **jstack**, prints Java stack traces of each thread
  - **jmap**, memory statistics for a running JVM. Useful options here: -heap, -histo, -permstat

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- JDK:
  - **jstat**, performance and resources consumption. Used to identify bottlenecks with GC and Heap sizing
  - **visualGC**, a GUI used to monitor the activity of the Garbage Collection, GC
  - **jhat**, the heap analyser tool. Inspects a heap dump and displays object retention – objects which are not longer needed but still referenced



# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Java Post-Mortem Analysis  
<work in progress>



# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Java Process Analysis  
<work in progress>



# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Java Performance Analysis
  - Case 1: Java 5 and Weblogic Portal 10
  - Case 2: Java 6 and Sun Java System Webserver 7.0sp1

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- **Case study 1: Java 5 and BEA Weblogic Portal 10**
- Scope:
  - evaluate and debug the portalAppAdmin sample application, delivered with the BEA Weblogic Portal product
  - observe the application using different methods: DTrace, operating system utilities or the JDK tools
  - list all the inefficient parts of the application



# Troubleshooting, cont.

- **Notice:**
  - This applies only to BEA Weblogic Portal 10.0 and 10.1 software
  - The issues found are specific with Portal software only !



# Troubleshooting, cont.

- A sample portal application

```
$ cd /opt/bea/wlp10/wlserver_10.0/samples/domains/portal/bin
```

```
$ cp /opt/bea/wlp10/wlserver_10.0/common/bin/commEnv.sh .
```

```
$ ./startWebLogic.sh
```

```
...
```

```
JAVA Memory arguments: -Xms256m -Xmx768m -XX:CompileThreshold=8000
                        -XX:PermSize=48m -XX:MaxPermSize=128m
```

```
<Oct 27, 2007 3:51:53 PM EEST> <Notice> <WebLogicServer> <BEA-000365>
<Server state changed to RUNNING>
```

```
<Oct 27, 2007 3:51:53 PM EEST> <Notice> <WebLogicServer> <BEA-000360>
<Server started in RUNNING mode>
```

<http://localhost:7041/console/>

<http://localhost:7041/portalAppAdmin/>

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Couple of configuration changes:
  - Switch the example domain from development to production mode
  - Switch off the debugging options
  - Experiment with different JVM options:
    - Client or server compiler: - server, - client
    - Heap size: 512, 1024MB
    - Permanent generation: 128, 256MB
  - Switch off the Autonomy module

# Troubleshooting, cont.

**WEBLOGIC SERVER**  
ADMINISTRATION CONSOLE

Change Center

View changes and restarts  
Click the Lock & Edit button to modify, add or delete items in this domain.  

Lock & Edit

Release Configuration

Domain Structure

portal

- Environment
  - Servers
  - Clusters
  - Virtual Hosts
  - Migratable Targets
  - Machines
  - Work Managers
  - Startup & Shutdown Classes
- Deployments
- Services
- Security Realms
- Interoperability
- Diagnostics

Welcome, weblogic

Connected to: portal

Home Log Out Preferences Record Help AskE

Home > Summary of Deployments > Summary of Servers > portal > Summary of Servers > portalServer > Summary of Servers > Summary of Deployments

Summary of Deployments

Control Monitoring

This page displays a list of Java EE applications and stand-alone application modules that have been installed to this domain. Installed applications and modules can be started, stopped, updated (redeployed), or deleted from the domain by first selecting the application name and using the controls on this page.

To install a new application or module for deployment to targets in this domain, click the Install button.

Customize this table

Deployments

Install Update Delete

Start Stop

Showing 1 - 1 of 1 Previous | Next

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	State	Type	Deployment Order
<input type="checkbox"/>	portalApp	Active	Enterprise Application	100

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Scope:
  - What the portal sample application does when I click 'users ' ? Usually this should not take long time, however under some systems we can see it takes ~5-10 seconds
  - Check what Java methods are called.
  - Is there any way to count how long each of these calls are taking ?
  - How about object allocation when we access this part of the application ?

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Select 'users' or 'GroupSpace'

**WEBLOGIC PORTAL**  
ADMINISTRATION CONSOLE

Home | Portal | Users, Groups, & Roles

Home > Content > Content Management

Manage: **Content** | Types | Repositories

**Repository View**

Refresh Tree

- Virtual Content Repository
  - Community\_Repository
    - CmxControlUniqueKey
    - GroupSpace**
    - users**
  - Shared Content Repository
    - HR
    - Images

**Content Management**

**Help Topics**

- Overview of Content Management
- Using Library Services with a BEA Repository
- View Content, Type, or Repository

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Check the JVM target process, *pargs pid*

```
1007: /opt/java/jdk1.5.0_13/bin/java -server -Xrundvmti:methods,dynamic=/opt/b
ea/dvmp
argv[0]: /opt/java/jdk1.5.0_13/bin/java
argv[1]: -server
argv[2]: -Xrundvmti:methods,dynamic=/opt/bea/dvmpipe
argv[3]: -Xms512m
argv[4]: -Xmx512m
argv[5]: -XX:CompileThreshold=8000
argv[6]: -XX:PermSize=128m
argv[7]: -XX:MaxPermSize=128m
argv[8]: -Xverify:none
argv[9]: -da
argv[10]: -Dplatform.home=/opt/bea/wlp10/wlserver_10.0
argv[11]: -Dwls.home=/opt/bea/wlp10/wlserver_10.0/server
argv[12]: -Dweblogic.home=/opt/bea/wlp10/wlserver_10.0/server
argv[13]: -Dwli.home=/opt/bea/wlp10/wlserver_10.0/integration
argv[14]: -Dweblogic.wsee.bind.suppressDeployErrorMessage=true
argv[15]: -Dweblogic.wsee.skip.async.response=true
argv[16]: -Dweblogic.management.discover=true
argv[17]: -Dwlw.iterativeDev=true
argv[18]: -Dwlw.testConsole=true
argv[19]: -Dwlw.logErrorsToConsole=true
argv[20]: -Dweblogic.ext.dirs=/opt/bea/wlp10/patch_wls1000/profiles/default/syse
xt_manifest_classpath:/opt/bea/wlp10/patch_wlp1000/profiles/default/sysext_manif
est_classpath:/opt/bea/wlp10/patch_wlw1000/profiles/default/sysext_manifest_clas
spath
argv[21]: -Dweblogic.Name=portalServer
argv[22]: -Djava.security.policy=/opt/bea/wlp10/wlserver_10.0/server/lib/weblogi
c.policy
argv[23]: weblogic.Server
"
```

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Check the nlwp distribution, *prstat -mL -u weblogic*

PID	USERNAME	USR	SYS	TRP	TFL	DFL	LCK	SLP	LAT	VCX	ICX	SCL	SIG	PROCESS/LWPID
1007	weblogic	22	0.8	0.0	0.0	1.0	20	9.1	47	294	829	5K	2	java/14
1007	weblogic	12	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	76	0.0	12	12	67	14	0	java/9
1004	weblogic	5.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	90	5.0	125	415	1K	0	java/21
1007	weblogic	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	93	0.0	1.8	17	23	17	0	java/8
1007	weblogic	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	96	0.4	0.4	15	12	33	0	java/2
1004	weblogic	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	98	1.0	530	38	1K	0	java/41
1004	weblogic	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99	0.0	0.4	113	6	223	0	java/2
1007	weblogic	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.1	37	8	100	0	java/18
1004	weblogic	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.0	15	2	17	0	java/6
1007	weblogic	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	9	0	52	0	java/20
1004	weblogic	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	33	1	68	0	java/20
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	94	6.4	136	0	85	0	java/8
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.0	13	0	29	0	java/15
1007	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	94	6.5	136	0	85	0	java/11
1007	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.0	1	0	1	0	java/4
1007	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.2	15	0	32	0	java/16
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	10	0	21	0	java/49
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	12	0	26	0	java/43
1007	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.0	1	0	2	0	java/3
1007	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.0	2	0	2	0	java/7
1007	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.0	3	0	3	0	java/13
1007	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.1	1	0	3	0	java/37
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.0	5	0	10	0	java/3
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.0	5	0	5	0	java/4
1007	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.0	2	0	2	0	java/30
1006	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	97	2.6	11	0	8	0	tail/1
1007	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99	0.0	1.4	1	0	1	0	java/26
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0	0	0	0	java/25
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0	0	0	0	java/24
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0	0	0	0	java/23
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0	0	0	0	java/22
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0	0	0	0	java/19
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0	0	0	0	java/18
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0	0	0	0	java/17
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	java/16
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0	0	0	0	java/14
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0	0	0	0	java/9
1004	weblogic	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	java/7

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Object histogram: *jmap -histo*:

Object Histogram:

Size	Count	Class description
50406320	426389	char[]
33113656	244287	* ConstMethodKlass
27010904	156914	byte[]
17593272	244287	* MethodKlass
14085760	290326	* SymbolKlass
13028808	542867	java.lang.String
12339416	19018	* ConstantPoolKlass
9357168	193587	java.lang.Object[]
8560960	19018	* InstanceKlassKlass
7637024	17033	* ConstantPoolCacheKlass
7128936	81899	java.util.HashMap\$Entry[]
5613256	63787	com.bea.xbean.store.Xobj\$AttrXobj
5467056	227794	java.util.HashMap\$Entry
3499360	57211	int[]
3250280	36935	com.bea.xbean.store.Cur
3173856	33061	com.bea.xbean.store.Xobj\$ElementXobj
3106800	38835	java.lang.reflect.Method
2592768	108032	com.octetstring.vde.syntax.DirectoryString
2436408	7809	com.bea.xbean.schema.SchemaTypeImpl
2398016	74938	java.util.LinkedHashMap\$Entry
2359328	2	workshop.util.WeakHashSet\$Entry[]
2043320	51083	java.util.HashMap
2021376	21056	java.lang.Class
1919016	79959	java.util.Vector
1844688	30208	short[]
1811016	75459	java.util.ArrayList
1744840	35721	java.lang.Object[]
1690096	6349	* MethodDataKlass
1654480	20681	java.net.URI
1481200	18515	com.bea.xbean.schema.SchemaPropertyImpl
1476960	46155	weblogic.xml.util.TernarySearchTree\$Node
1412064	29418	java.util.LinkedHashMap
1382208	14398	com.bea.xbean.schema.SchemaLocalElementImpl
1301664	54236	javax.xml.namespace.QName
1250056	24286	java.lang.String[]
1150432	35951	com.bea.xbean.store.Locale\$Ref
1001184	41716	weblogic.utils.collections.ConcurrentHashMap\$Entry
929520	58095	com.octetstring.vde.Attribute
900080	49318	java.lang.Class[]
868104	36171	com.bea.xbean.store.Cursor
816288	25509	com.bea.common.ldap.ParserImpl\$LDAPSingleAttributeBuilder
795808	49738	java.util.jar.Attributes\$Name
726240	18156	com.bea.common.ldap.ParserImpl\$DNFieldBuilder
725776	7731	weblogic.utils.collections.ConcurrentHashMap\$Entry[]



# Troubleshooting, cont.

- When running *jmap -histo* your JVM target is stopped, the application is not running



PID	USERNAME	SIZE	RSS	STATE	PRI	NICE	TIME	CPU	PROCESS/NLWP
1007	weblogic	1089M	597M	stop	60	4	0:03:39	2.6%	java/40
1004	weblogic	232M	64M	sleep	57	4	0:00:18	0.1%	java/45
1006	weblogic	1264K	780K	sleep	59	0	0:00:00	0.0%	tail/1
924	weblogic	1404K	1076K	sleep	59	0	0:00:00	0.0%	ksh/1
920	weblogic	1404K	1084K	sleep	49	0	0:00:00	0.0%	ksh/1
940	weblogic	1372K	1048K	sleep	57	4	0:00:00	0.0%	startWebLogic.s/1

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- List of all syscalls when clicking 'users'

```
dtrace -n 'syscall:::entry/pid==xxxx/{ @[probefunc] =
count(); }'
```

```
dtrace: description 'syscall:::entry' matched 234 probes
^C
```

accept	2
mmap	2
setsockopt	2
lwp_sigmask	3
setcontext	3
lwp_cond_broadcast	8
ioctl	18
write	19
mprotect	36
lwp_mutex_wakeup	65
lwp_mutex_timedlock	69
lwp_cond_signal	124
lwp_cond_wait	206
pollsys	273
read	2388
send	2409
stat64	12003

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Easier, using dtruss in DTT:

```
# /opt/DTT/dtruss -c -p xxxx
```

CALL	COUNT
accept	2
mmap	2
resolvepath	2
setsockopt	2
lwp_sigmask	6
setcontext	6
close	11
open64	11
ioctl	18
write	19
fstat64	26
lwp_cond_broadcast	36
llseek	45
mprotect	96
lwp_mutex_wakeup	131
lwp_mutex_timedlock	146
lwp_cond_signal	206
lwp_cond_wait	370
pollsys	480
send	3266
read	3273
stat64	26147

Elapsed Times for PID 1751,

SYSCALL	TIME (ns)
setsockopt	9661
lwp_cond_broadcast	26255
mmap	28852
lwp_mutex_wakeup	102572
write	147374
mprotect	217394
lwp_cond_signal	538935
read	12121847
send	13961864
lwp_mutex_timedlock	17091175
stat64	65007514
accept	2293867567
ioctl	5554610572
pollsys	13090531784
lwp_cond_wait	66260832347
TOTAL:	87309095713

CPU Times for PID 1751,

SYSCALL	TIME (ns)
setsockopt	3692
lwp_cond_broadcast	13544
mmap	24411
accept	31763
lwp_mutex_wakeup	49750
write	110763
ioctl	144829
mprotect	160169
lwp_mutex_timedlock	199168
lwp_cond_signal	338367
lwp_cond_wait	1240415
pollsys	1888676
read	6040483
send	9581449
stat64	50841963
TOTAL:	70669442

## • procsystime

# /opt/DTT/procsystime -a -p xxxx

Syscall Counts for PID 1751,

SYSCALL	COUNT
mmap	1
accept	2
setsockopt	2
lwp_cond_broadcast	6
ioctl	18
write	19
mprotect	24
lwp_mutex_wakeup	28
lwp_mutex_timedlock	30
lwp_cond_signal	78
lwp_cond_wait	141
pollsys	232
read	2355
send	2376
stat64	7705
TOTAL:	13017

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- What are we stat-ing so much ?

```
dtrace -qn '
syscall::stat64:entry
/pid==xxxx/
{
    @[strjoin(basename(copyinstr(arg0)), "/")] = count();
}

END

{
    printa ("%70s %8@d\n", @);
}
'
```

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- What are we stat-ing so much ?

```

WLS_DIAGNOSTICS000000.DAT/ 1
diagnostics/ 2
ear-classes.jar/ 4
wlp-custom.css/ 10
war-classes.jar/ 12
cm_content_browse_folder.xml/ 13
javascriptConstants.properties/ 13
NodeBeanInfo.class/ 23
AddNodeFormBeanInfo.class/ 24
ItemGroupFormBeanInfo.class/ 24
en/ 39
ActionFormBeanInfo.class/ 48
FormBeanInfo.class/ 48
default.chromosome/ 90
JavaControlFactory.class/ 112
en_US/ 114
ObjectClassBeanInfo.class/ 138
ContentEntityBeanInfo.class/ 161
structure.xml/ 180
DefaultControlBeanContextFactory.class/ 344
org.apache.beehive.controls.spi.bean.ControlFactory/ 1008
ContentNodeControlBean.ser/ 1064
ContentRepositoryControlBean.ser/ 1140
org.apache.beehive.controls.spi.context.ControlBeanContextFactory/ 3096

```

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- jstack()

```

libc.so.1`stat64+0x15
java/io/UnixFileSystem.getLength*
nmethod
0xbf505b50
1

libc.so.1`stat64+0x15
java/io/UnixFileSystem.getLastModifiedTime*
nmethod
0xbf505b50
1

libc.so.1`stat64+0x15
java/io/UnixFileSystem.getLastModifiedTime
java/io/File.lastModified
0xc7852c30
8

libc.so.1`stat64+0x15
java/io/UnixFileSystem.getBooleanAttributes0*
nmethod
0xbf505b50
9

libc.so.1`stat64+0x15
java/io/UnixFileSystem.getBooleanAttributes0*
nmethod
0xbf505b50
7686
    
```

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Easy to drill down and aggregate on each method, using dvm agent:

```
#pragma D option quiet
dvm$target:::method-entry
{
    @[strjoin(strjoin(basename(copyinstr(arg0)), "."),
                copyinstr(arg1))] = count();
    /* @[copyinstr(arg0),copyinstr(arg1)] = count(); */
}

dtrace:::END
{
    printa("%-73s %7@d\n",@);
}
```



HashMap.get	95720
NullClassFinder.getSource	103439
SignatureParser.current	107520
AbstractStringBuilder.expandCapacity	111105
AbstractStringBuilder.<init>	111804
CharacterDataLatin1.getProperties	124956
StringCharBuffer.get	129564
Buffer.nextPutIndex	129722
Buffer.nextGetIndex	134871
HashMap.oldHash	135067
HashMap.hash	136584
HeapByteBuffer.put	137580
AbstractList\$Itr.next	138050
AbstractList\$Itr.checkForComodification	138074
HashMap.indexOf	139095
HeapByteBuffer.ix	143217
String.startsWith	166006
String.hashCode	170089
CopyOnWriteArrayList\$COWIterator.<init>	172580
AbstractList\$Itr.hasNext	175566
String.<init>	182507
StringBuilder.append	195670
String.getChars	195919
AbstractStringBuilder.appendCodePoint	201627
Character.isValidCodePoint	201627
ResourceIDBuilder\$ParseContext.append	201627
ResourceIDBuilder\$ParseContext.getTokenBufferInternal	201627
StringBuilder.appendCodePoint	201627
String.equals	208242
ResourceIDBuilder\$ParseContext.read	218951
CopyOnWriteArrayList\$COWIterator.next	225603
ResourceIDBuilder\$ParseContext.isAtEnd	227613
<u>URLClassPath\$JarLoader.findResource</u>	278208
Buffer.hasRemaining	279972
AbstractStringBuilder.append	285408
JarFile.getEntry	297208
JarFile.getJarEntry	297208
URLClassPath.getLoader	305216
<u>URLClassPath\$JarLoader.getResource</u>	306604
CopyOnWriteArrayList\$COWIterator.hasNext	311865
ZipFile.getEntry	348179
ZipFile.ensureOpen	348187
ArrayList.get	494029
ArrayList.RangeCheck	494502
ArrayList.size	524805
String.indexOf	543499
String.length	4550897
String.charAt	5861122

For one click you can see how many calls from URLClassPath. As well a lot of String operations.

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- How about execution time ?

```
dvm$target:::method-entry
{
    self->start=vtimestamp;
}

dvm$target:::method-return
/self -> start/
{
    this->time = vtimestamp - self->start;
    @Time[copyinstr(arg0)] = sum(this->time);
    @Time["TOTAL:"] = sum(this->time);
    self->time = 0;
}

dtrace:::END

{ printa("%-69s %11@d\n", @Time); }
```



weblogic/transaction/internal/ServerTransactionImpl	99393351
com/poinbase/net/netJDBCPrimitives	104046512
java/lang/IndexOutOfBoundsException	106599191
com/bea/portal/tools/resource/framework/TaggedResourceIDBuilder	106631804
java/lang/RuntimeException	107567424
java/lang/ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException	108302961
weblogic/ejb/container/internal/MethodDescriptor	108380668
java/lang/Integer	109012325
weblogic/transaction/internal/TransactionManagerImpl	113939188
weblogic/utis/classloaders/MultiClassFinder	117168908
com/bea/portal/tools/resource/ResourceIDBuilder	126668488
java/lang/Throwable	127877648
weblogic/transaction/internal/TransactionImpl	128852529
java/lang/Exception	130209564
sun/reflect/generics/parser/SignatureParser	131895650
java/io/BufferedInputStream	149673077
weblogic/utis/collections/CopyOnWriteArrayList	174292972
java/nio/StringCharBuffer	181152121
weblogic/utis/io/FilenameEncoder	181489874
java/util/AbstractList	188220758
java/util/regex/Pattern	194935739
java/lang/Class	202016251
com/bea/netuix/nf/UIControl	205851384
java/lang/StringBuffer	215402224
java/lang/ClassLoader	216144397
java/lang/CharacterDataLatin1	236419417
weblogic/utis/classloaders/ZipClassFinder	266166243
java/nio/HeapByteBuffer	298576858
java/util/LinkedList	319247501
com/bea/content/repo/internal/client/common/PropertyDefinitionData	328648451
java/nio/Buffer	460468952
weblogic/utis/collections/CopyOnWriteArrayList\$COWIterator	531601999
java/util/AbstractList\$Itr	548096537
weblogic/utis/enumerations/SequencingEnumerator	583190280
java/util/HashMap	715050024
sun/misc/URLClassPath	775178668
java/lang/AbstractStringBuilder	785866662
java/lang/Character	805863598
java/lang/StringBuilder	1041245034
com/bea/portal/tools/resource/ResourceIDBuilder\$ParseContext	1158201051
java/util/ArrayList	1489611798
java/util/zip/ZipFile	1615423076
java/util/jar/JarFile	2901572805
sun/misc/URLClassPath\$JarLoader	3555506306
java/lang/String	8445270186
TOTAL:	41453153913

The time spent calling these methods, interesting here to notice the `URLClassPath$JarLoader`. Time is recorded in ns.

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- **Conclusions**

- The portalAppAdmin application is doing a lot of activity on classloader, making the application a bit slow on some configurations. Same thing is visible in the commercial Portal Administrative Tool, PAT
- Possible the way the application has been developed. The case has been escalated with BEA
- A nice example: how easily can you use free tools to debug and analyse your application

# Troubleshooting, cont.

- Possible cause of this high number of stat64() calls

[http://www-4.ibm.com/software/webservers/appserv/ws\\_bestpractices.pdf](http://www-4.ibm.com/software/webservers/appserv/ws_bestpractices.pdf)

*Paper detailing the "Best Practices for Developing High Performance Web and Enterprise Applications" using IBM's WebSphere. All the tips are generally applicable to servlet/EJB development, as well as other types of server development. (Page last updated September 2000, Added 2001-01-19, Author Harvey W. Gunther, Publisher IBM)*

- Access entity beans from session beans, not from client or servlet code.
- Reuse EJB homes
- Use Read-Only methods where appropriate in entity-beans to avoid unnecessary invocations to store.



# Troubleshooting, cont.

- The EJB "remote programming" model always assumes EJB calls are remote, even where this is not so. Where calls are actually local to the same JVM, try to use calling mechanisms that avoid the remote call.
- Remove stateful session beans (and any other unneeded objects) when finished with, to avoid extra overheads in case the container needs to be passivated.
- **Beans.instantiate()** incurs a filesystem check to create new bean instances. Use "new" to avoid this overhead.

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