

Java Debug Wire Protocol

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Overview

The Java Debug Wire Protocol (JDWP) is the protocol used for communication between a debugger and the Java virtual machine (VM) which it debugs (hereafter called the target VM). JDWP is optional; it might not be available in some implementations of the JDK. The existence of JDWP can allow the same debugger to work

- in a different process on the same computer, or
- on a remote computer,

The JDWP differs from many protocol specifications in that it only details format and layout, not transport. A JDWP implementation can be designed to accept different transport mechanisms through a simple API. A particular transport does not necessarily support each of the debugger/target VM combinations listed above.

The JDWP is designed to be simple enough for easy implementation, yet it is flexible enough for future growth.

Currently, the JDWP does not specify any mechanism for transport rendezvous or any directory services. This may be changed in the future, but it may be addressed in a separate document.

JDWP is one layer within the Java Platform Debugger Architecture (JPDA). This architecture also contains the higher-level Java Debug Interface (JDI). The JDWP is designed to facilitate efficient use by the JDI; many of its abilities are tailored to that end. The JDI is more appropriate than JDWP for many debugger tools, particularly those written in the Java programming language. For more information on the Java Platform Debugger Architecture, see the [Java Platform Debugger Architecture documentation](#) for this release.

JDWP Start Up

After the transport connection is established and before any packets are sent, a handshake occurs between the two sides of the connection:

The handshake process has the following steps:

- The debugger side sends 14 bytes to the VM side, consisting of the 14 ASCII characters of the string "JDWP-Handshake".
- The VM side replies with the same 14 bytes: JDWP-Handshake

JDWP Packets

The JDWP is packet based and is not stateful. There are two basic packet types: command packets and reply packets.

Command packets may be sent by either the debugger or the target VM. They are used by the debugger to request information from the target VM, or to control program execution. Command packets are sent by the target VM to notify the debugger of some event in the target VM such as a breakpoint or exception.

A reply packet is sent only in response to a command packet and always provides information success or failure of the command. Reply packets may also carry data requested in the command (for example, the value of a field or variable). Currently, events sent from the target VM do not require a response packet from the debugger.

The JDWP is asynchronous; multiple command packets may be sent before the first reply packet is received.

Command and reply packet headers are equal in size; this is to make transports easier to implement and abstract. The layout of each packet looks like this:

Command Packet

- Header
 - length (4 bytes)
 - id (4 bytes)
 - flags (1 byte)
 - command set (1 byte)
 - command (1 byte)
- data (Variable)

Reply Packet

- Header
 - length (4 bytes)
 - id (4 bytes)
 - flags (1 byte)
 - error code (2 bytes)
- data (Variable)

All fields and data sent via JDWP should be in big-endian format. (See the Java Virtual Machine Specification for the definition of big-endian.) The first three fields are identical in both packet types.

Command and Reply Packet Fields

Shared Header Fields

length

The length field is the size, in bytes, of the entire packet, including the length field. The header size is 11 bytes, so a packet with no data would set this field to 11.

id

The id field is used to uniquely identify each packet command/reply pair. A reply packet has the same id as the command packet to which it replies. This allows asynchronous commands and replies to be matched. The id field must be unique among all outstanding commands sent from one source. (Outstanding commands originating from the debugger may use the

same id as outstanding commands originating from the target VM.) Other than that, there are no requirements on the allocation of id's.

A simple monotonic counter should be adequate for most implementations. It will allow 2^{32} unique outstanding packets and is the simplest implementation alternative.

flags

Flags are used to alter how any command is queued and processed and to tag command packets that originate from the target VM. There is currently one flag bits defined; future versions of the protocol may define additional flags.

0x80

Reply packet

The reply bit, when set, indicates that this packet is a reply.

Command Packet Header Fields

command set

This field is useful as a means for grouping commands in a meaningful way. The Sun defined command sets are used to group commands by the interfaces they support in the JDI. For example, all commands that support the JDI VirtualMachine interface are grouped in a VirtualMachine command set.

The command set space is roughly divided as follows:

0 - 63

Sets of commands sent to the target VM

64 - 127

Sets of commands sent to the debugger

128 - 256

Vendor-defined commands and extensions.

command

This field identifies a particular command in a command set. This field, together with the command set field, is used to indicate how the command packet should be processed. More succinctly, they tell the receiver what to do. Specific commands are presented later in this document.

Reply Packet Header Fields

error code

This field is used to indicate if the command packet that is being replied too was successfully processed. A value of zero indicates success, a non-zero value indicates an error. The error code returned may be specific to each command set/command, but it is often mapped to a JVM TI error code.

Data

The data field is unique to each command set/command. It is also different between command and reply packet pairs. For example, a command packet that requests a field value will contain references to the object and field id's for the desired value in its data field. The reply packet's data field will contain the value of the field.

Detailed Command Information

In general, the data field of a command or reply packet is an abstraction of a group of multiple fields that define the command or reply data. Each subfield of a data field is encoded in big endian (Java) format. The detailed composition of data fields for each command and its reply are described in this section.

There is a small set of common data types that are common to many of the different JDWP commands and replies. They are described below.

Name	Size	Description
byte	1 byte	A byte value.
boolean	1 byte	A boolean value, encoded as 0 for false and non-zero for true.
int	4 bytes	An four-byte integer value. The integer is signed unless explicitly stated to be unsigned.
long	8 bytes	An eight-byte integer value. The value is signed unless explicitly stated to be unsigned.
objectID	Target VM-specific, up to 8 bytes (see below)	<p>Uniquely identifies an object in the target VM. A particular object will be identified by exactly one objectID in JDWP commands and replies throughout its lifetime (or until the objectID is explicitly disposed). An ObjectID is not reused to identify a different object unless it has been explicitly disposed, regardless of whether the referenced object has been garbage collected. An objectID of 0 represents a null object.</p> <p>Note that the existence of an object ID does not prevent the garbage collection of the object. Any attempt to access a garbage collected object with its object ID will result in the INVALID_OBJECT error code. Garbage collection can be disabled with the DisableCollection command, but it is not usually necessary to do so.</p>
tagged-objectID	size of objectID plus one byte	The first byte is a signature byte which is used to identify the object's type. See JDWP.Tag for the possible values of this byte (note that only object tags, not primitive tags, may be used). It is followed immediately by the objectID itself.
threadID	same as objectID	Uniquely identifies an object in the target VM that is known to be a thread
threadGroupID	same as objectID	Uniquely identifies an object in the target VM that is known to be a thread group
stringID	same as objectID	Uniquely identifies an object in the target VM that is known to be a string object. Note: this is very different from string, which is a value.
classLoaderID	same as objectID	Uniquely identifies an object in the target VM that is known to be a class loader object

Name	Size	Description
classObjectID	same as objectID	Uniquely identifies an object in the target VM that is known to be a class object.
arrayID	same as objectID	Uniquely identifies an object in the target VM that is known to be an array.
referenceTypeID	same as objectID	Uniquely identifies a reference type in the target VM. It should not be assumed that for a particular class, the classObjectID and the referenceTypeID are the same. A particular reference type will be identified by exactly one ID in JDWP commands and replies throughout its lifetime. A referenceTypeID is not reused to identify a different reference type, regardless of whether the referenced class has been unloaded.
classID	same as referenceTypeID	Uniquely identifies a reference type in the target VM that is known to be a class type.
interfaceID	same as referenceTypeID	Uniquely identifies a reference type in the target VM that is known to be an interface type.
arrayTypeID	same as referenceTypeID	Uniquely identifies a reference type in the target VM that is known to be an array type.
methodID	Target VM-specific, up to 8 bytes (see below)	Uniquely identifies a method in some class in the target VM. The methodID must uniquely identify the method within its class/interface or any of its subclasses/subinterfaces/implementors. A methodID is not necessarily unique on its own; it is always paired with a referenceTypeID to uniquely identify one method. The referenceTypeID can identify either the declaring type of the method or a subtype.
fieldID	Target VM-specific, up to 8 bytes (see below)	Uniquely identifies a field in some class in the target VM. The fieldID must uniquely identify the field within its class/interface or any of its subclasses/subinterfaces/implementors. A fieldID is not necessarily unique on its own; it is always paired with a referenceTypeID to uniquely identify one field. The referenceTypeID can identify either the declaring type of the field or a subtype.
frameID	Target VM-specific, up to 8 bytes (see below)	Uniquely identifies a frame in the target VM. The frameID must uniquely identify the frame within the entire VM (not only within a given thread). The frameID need only be valid during the time its thread is suspended.
location	Target VM specific	<p>An executable location. The location is identified by one byte type tag followed by a classID followed by a methodID followed by an unsigned eight-byte index, which identifies the location within the method. Index values are restricted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The index of the start location for the method is less than all other locations in the method.

Name	Size	Description
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The index of the end location for the method is greater than all other locations in the method. If a line number table exists for a method, locations that belong to a particular line must fall between the line's location index and the location index of the next line in the table. <p>Index values within a method are monotonically increasing from the first executable point in the method to the last. For many implementations, each byte-code instruction in the method has its own index, but this is not required.</p> <p>The type tag is necessary to identify whether location's classID identifies a class or an interface. Almost all locations are within classes, but it is possible to have executable code in the static initializer of an interface.</p>
string	Variable	A UTF-8 encoded string, not zero terminated, preceded by a four-byte integer length.
value	Variable	A value retrieved from the target VM. The first byte is a signature byte which is used to identify the type. See JDWP.Tag for the possible values of this byte. It is followed immediately by the value itself. This value can be an objectID (see Get ID Sizes) or a primitive value (1 to 8 bytes). More details about each value type can be found in the next table.
untagged-value	Variable	A <code>value</code> as described above without the signature byte. This form is used when the signature information can be determined from context.
arrayregion	Variable	A compact representation of values used with some array operations. The first byte is a signature byte which is used to identify the type. See JDWP.Tag for the possible values of this byte. Next is a four-byte integer indicating the number of values in the sequence. This is followed by the values themselves: Primitive values are encoded as a sequence of <code>untagged-values</code> ; Object values are encoded as a sequence of <code>values</code> .

Object ids, reference type ids, field ids, method ids, and frame ids may be sized differently in different target VM implementations. Typically, their sizes correspond to size of the native identifiers used for these items in JNI and JVMDI calls. The maximum size of any of these types is 8 bytes. The "idSizes" command in the VirtualMachine command set is used by the debugger to determine the size of each of these types.

If a debuggee receives a Command Packet with a non-implemented or non-recognized command set or command then it returns a Reply Packet with the error code field set to NOT_IMPLEMENTED (see [Error Constants](#)).

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VirtualMachine Command Set (1)

Version Command (1)

Returns the JDWP version implemented by the target VM. The version string format is implementation dependent.

Out Data

(None)

Reply Data

string	<i>description</i>	Text information on the VM version
int	<i>jdwpMajor</i>	Major JDWP Version number
int	<i>jdwpMinor</i>	Minor JDWP Version number
string	<i>vmVersion</i>	Target VM JRE version, as in the java.version property
string	<i>vmName</i>	Target VM name, as in the java.vm.name property

Error Data

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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ClassesBySignature Command (2)

Returns reference types for all the classes loaded by the target VM which match the given signature. Multiple reference types will be returned if two or more class loaders have loaded a class of the same name. The search is confined to loaded classes only; no attempt is made to load a class of the given signature.

Out Data

string	<i>signature</i>	JNI signature of the class to find (for example, "Ljava/lang/String;").

Reply Data

int	<i>classes</i>	Number of reference types that follow.
Repeated <i>classes</i> times:		
byte	<i>refTypeTag</i>	Kind of following reference type.
referenceTypeID	<i>typeID</i>	Matching loaded reference type

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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TopLevelThreadGroups Command (5)

Returns all thread groups that do not have a parent. This command may be used as the first step in building a tree (or trees) of the existing thread groups.

Out Data

(None)

Reply Data

int	<i>groups</i>	Number of thread groups that follow.
Repeated <i>groups</i> times:		
threadGroupID	<i>group</i>	A top level thread group

Error Data

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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Dispose Command (6)

Invalidates this virtual machine mirror. The communication channel to the target VM is closed, and the target VM prepares to accept another subsequent connection from this debugger or another debugger, including the following tasks:

- All event requests are cancelled.
- All threads suspended by the thread-level [resume](#) command or the VM-level [resume](#) command are resumed as many times as necessary for them to run.
- Garbage collection is re-enabled in all cases where it was [disabled](#)

Any current method invocations executing in the target VM are continued after the disconnection. Upon completion of any such method invocation, the invoking thread continues from the location where it was originally stopped.

Resources originating in this VirtualMachine (ObjectReferences, ReferenceTypes, etc.) will become invalid.

Out Data

(None)

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

(None)

IDSizes Command (7)

Returns the sizes of variably-sized data types in the target VM. The returned values indicate the number of bytes used by the identifiers in command and reply packets.

Out Data

(None)

Reply Data

[illegible]

Error Data

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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Suspend Command (8)

Suspends the execution of the application running in the target VM. All Java threads currently running will be suspended.

Unlike `java.lang.Thread.suspend`, suspends of both the virtual machine and individual threads are counted. Before a thread will run again, it must be resumed through the [VM-level resume](#) command or the [thread-level resume](#) command the same number of times it has been suspended.

Out Data

(None)

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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Resume Command (9)

Resumes execution of the application after the suspend command or an event has stopped it. Suspensions of the Virtual Machine and individual threads are counted. If a particular thread is suspended n times, it must resumed n times before it will continue.

Out Data

(None)

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

(None)

Exit Command (10)

Terminates the target VM with the given exit code. On some platforms, the exit code might be truncated, for example, to the low order 8 bits. All ids previously returned from the target VM become invalid. Threads running in the VM are abruptly terminated. A thread death exception is not thrown and finally blocks are not run.

Out Data

int	<i>exitCode</i>	the exit code
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Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

(None)

CreateString Command (11)

Creates a new string object in the target VM and returns its id.

Out Data

[illegible]

Reply Data

stringID	<i>stringObject</i>	Created string (instance of java.lang.String)
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Error Data

<u>VM_DEAD</u>	The virtual machine is not running.
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Capabilities Command (12)

Retrieve this VM's capabilities. The capabilities are returned as booleans, each indicating the presence or absence of a capability. The commands associated with each capability will return the `NOT_IMPLEMENTED` error if the capability is not available.

Out Data

(None)

Reply Data

[illegible]

boolean	<i>canWatchFieldAccess</i>	Can the VM watch field access, and therefore can it send the Access Watchpoint Event?
boolean	<i>canGetBytecodes</i>	Can the VM get the bytecodes of a given method?
boolean	<i>canGetSyntheticAttribute</i>	Can the VM determine whether a field or method is synthetic? (that is, can the VM determine if the method or the field was invented by the compiler?)
boolean	<i>canGetOwnedMonitorInfo</i>	Can the VM get the owned monitors information for a thread?
boolean	<i>canGetCurrentContendedMonitor</i>	Can the VM get the current contended monitor of a thread?
boolean	<i>canGetMonitorInfo</i>	Can the VM get the monitor information for a given object?

Error Data

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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ClassPaths Command (13)

Retrieve the classpath and bootclasspath of the target VM. If the classpath is not defined, returns an empty list. If the bootclasspath is not defined returns an empty list.

Out Data

(None)

Reply Data

[illegible]

Error Data

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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DisposeObjects Command (14)

Releases a list of object IDs. For each object in the list, the following applies. The count of references held by the back-end (the reference count) will be decremented by *refCnt*. If thereafter the reference count is less than or equal to zero, the ID is freed. Any back-end resources associated with the freed ID may be freed, and if garbage collection was disabled for the object, it will be re-enabled. The sender of this command promises that no further commands will be sent referencing a freed ID.

Use of this command is not required. If it is not sent, resources associated with each ID will be freed by the back-end at some time after the corresponding object is garbage collected. It is most useful to use this command to reduce the load on the back-end if a very large number of objects has been retrieved from the back-end (a large array, for example) but may not be garbage collected any time soon.

IDs may be re-used by the back-end after they have been freed with this command. This description assumes reference counting, a back-end may use any implementation which operates equivalently.

Out Data

int	<i>requests</i>	Number of object dispose requests that follow
Repeated <i>requests</i> times:		
	objectID	<i>object</i>
		The object ID
int	<i>refCnt</i>	The number of times this object ID has been part of a packet received from the back-end. An accurate count prevents the object ID from being freed on the back-end if it is part of an incoming packet, not yet handled by the front-end.

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

(None)

HoldEvents Command (15)

Tells the target VM to stop sending events. Events are not discarded; they are held until a subsequent ReleaseEvents command is sent. This command is useful to control the number of events sent to the debugger VM in situations where very large numbers of events are generated. While events are held by the debugger back-end, application execution may be frozen by the debugger back-end to prevent buffer overflows on the back end. Responses to commands are never held and are not affected by this command. If events are already being held, this command is ignored.

Out Data

(None)

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

(None)

[ReleaseEvents Command \(16\)](#)

Tells the target VM to continue sending events. This command is used to restore normal activity after a HoldEvents command. If there is no current HoldEvents command in effect, this command is ignored.

Out Data

(None)

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

(None)

[CapabilitiesNew Command \(17\)](#)

Retrieve all of this VM's capabilities. The capabilities are returned as booleans, each indicating the presence or absence of a capability. The commands associated with each capability will return the NOT_IMPLEMENTED error if the capability is not available. Since JDWP version 1.4.

Out Data

(None)

Reply Data

boolean	<i>canWatchFieldModification</i>	Can the VM watch field modification, and therefore can it send the Modification Watchpoint Event?			
boolean	<i>canWatchFieldAccess</i>	Can the VM watch field access, and therefore can it send the Access Watchpoint Event?			
boolean	<i>canGetBytecodes</i>	Can the VM get the bytecodes of a given method?			
boolean	<i>canGetSyntheticAttribute</i>	Can the VM determine whether a field or method is synthetic? (that is, can the VM determine if the method or the field was invented by the compiler?)			
boolean	<i>canGetOwnedMonitorInfo</i>	Can the VM get the owned monitors information for a thread?			
boolean	<i>canGetCurrentContendedMonitor</i>	Can the VM get the current contended monitor of a thread?			

boolean	<i>canGetMonitorInfo</i>	Can the VM get the monitor information for a given object?
boolean	<i>canRedefineClasses</i>	Can the VM redefine classes?
boolean	<i>canAddMethod</i>	Can the VM add methods when redefining classes?
boolean	<i>canUnrestrictedlyRedefineClasses</i>	Can the VM redefine classes in arbitrary ways?
boolean	<i>canPopFrames</i>	Can the VM pop stack frames?
boolean	<i>canUseInstanceFilters</i>	Can the VM filter events by specific object?
boolean	<i>canGetSourceDebugExtension</i>	Can the VM get the source debug extension?
boolean	<i>canRequestVMDeathEvent</i>	Can the VM request VM death events?
boolean	<i>canSetDefaultStratum</i>	Can the VM set a default stratum?
boolean	<i>canGetInstanceInfo</i>	Can the VM return instances, counts of instances of classes and referring objects?
boolean	<i>canRequestMonitorEvents</i>	Can the VM request monitor events?
boolean	<i>canGetMonitorFrameInfo</i>	Can the VM get monitors with frame depth info?
boolean	<i>canUseSourceNameFilters</i>	Can the VM filter class prepare events by source name?
boolean	<i>canGetConstantPool</i>	Can the VM return the constant pool information?
boolean	<i>canForceEarlyReturn</i>	Can the VM force early return from a method?
boolean	<i>reserved22</i>	Reserved for future capability
boolean	<i>reserved23</i>	Reserved for future capability
boolean	<i>reserved24</i>	Reserved for future capability
boolean	<i>reserved25</i>	Reserved for future capability
boolean	<i>reserved26</i>	Reserved for future capability
boolean	<i>reserved27</i>	Reserved for future capability
boolean	<i>reserved28</i>	Reserved for future capability

boolean	<i>reserved29</i>	Reserved for future capability
boolean	<i>reserved30</i>	Reserved for future capability
boolean	<i>reserved31</i>	Reserved for future capability
boolean	<i>reserved32</i>	Reserved for future capability

Error Data

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RedefineClasses Command (18)

Installs new class definitions. If there are active stack frames in methods of the redefined classes in the target VM then those active frames continue to run the bytecodes of the original method. These methods are considered obsolete - see [IsObsolete](#). The methods in the redefined classes will be used for new invokes in the target VM. The original method ID refers to the redefined method. All breakpoints in the redefined classes are cleared. If resetting of stack frames is desired, the [PopFrames](#) command can be used to pop frames with obsolete methods.

Requires `canRedefineClasses` capability - see [CapabilitiesNew](#). In addition to the `canRedefineClasses` capability, the target VM must have the `canAddMethod` capability to add methods when redefining classes, or the `canUnrestrictedlyRedefineClasses` to redefine classes in arbitrary ways.

Out Data

int	<i>classes</i>	Number of reference types that follow.
Repeated <i>classes</i> times:		
referenceTypeID	<i>refType</i>	The reference type.
int	<i>classfile</i>	Number of bytes defining class (below)
Repeated <i>classfile</i> times:		
byte	<i>classbyte</i>	byte in JVM class file format.

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

INVALID_CLASS	One of the <code>refTypes</code> is not the ID of a reference type.
INVALID_OBJECT	One of the <code>refTypes</code> is not a known ID.

<u>UNSUPPORTED_VERSION</u>	A class file has a version number not supported by this VM.
<u>INVALID_CLASS_FORMAT</u>	The virtual machine attempted to read a class file and determined that the file is malformed or otherwise cannot be interpreted as a class file.
<u>CIRCULAR_CLASS_DEFINITION</u>	A circularity has been detected while initializing a class.
<u>FAILS_VERIFICATION</u>	The verifier detected that a class file, though well formed, contained some sort of internal inconsistency or security problem.
<u>NAMES_DONT_MATCH</u>	The class name defined in the new class file is different from the name in the old class object.
<u>NOT_IMPLEMENTED</u>	No aspect of this functionality is implemented (CapabilitiesNew.canRedefineClasses is false)
<u>ADD_METHOD_NOT_IMPLEMENTED</u>	Adding methods has not been implemented.
<u>SCHEMA_CHANGE_NOT_IMPLEMENTED</u>	Schema change has not been implemented.
<u>HIERARCHY_CHANGE_NOT_IMPLEMENTED</u>	A direct superclass is different for the new class version, or the set of directly implemented interfaces is different and canUnrestrictedlyRedefineClasses is false.
<u>DELETE_METHOD_NOT_IMPLEMENTED</u>	The new class version does not declare a method declared in the old class version and canUnrestrictedlyRedefineClasses is false.
<u>CLASS_MODIFIERS_CHANGE_NOT_IMPLEMENTED</u>	The new class version has different modifiers and and canUnrestrictedlyRedefineClasses is false.
<u>METHOD_MODIFIERS_CHANGE_NOT_IMPLEMENTED</u>	A method in the new class version has different modifiers than its counterpart

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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InstanceCounts Command (21)

Returns the number of instances of each reference type in the input list. Only instances that are reachable for the purposes of garbage collection are counted. If a reference type is invalid, eg. it has been unloaded, zero is returned for its instance count.

Since JDWP version 1.6. Requires canGetInstanceInfo capability - see [CapabilitiesNew](#).

Out Data

int	<i>refTypesCount</i>	Number of reference types that follow. Must be non-negative.
Repeated <i>refTypesCount</i> times:		
referenceTypeID	<i>refType</i>	A reference type ID.

Reply Data

int	<i>counts</i>	The number of counts that follow.
Repeated <i>counts</i> times:		
long	<i>instanceCount</i>	The number of instances for the corresponding reference type in 'Out Data'.

Error Data

ILLEGAL_ARGUMENT	refTypesCount is less than zero.
NOT_IMPLEMENTED	The functionality is not implemented in this virtual machine.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

ReferenceType Command Set (2)

Signature Command (1)

Returns the JNI signature of a reference type. JNI signature formats are described in the [Java Native Interface Specification](#)

For primitive classes the returned signature is the signature of the corresponding primitive type; for example, "I" is returned as the signature of the class represented by java.lang.Integer.TYPE.

Out Data

referenceTypeID	<i>refType</i>	The reference type ID.
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Reply Data

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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Fields Command (4)

Returns information for each field in a reference type. Inherited fields are not included. The field list will include any synthetic fields created by the compiler. Fields are returned in the order they occur in the class file.

Out Data

referenceTypeID	<i>refType</i>	The reference type ID.
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Reply Data

int	<i>declared</i>	Number of declared fields.
Repeated <i>declared</i> times:		
fieldID	<i>fieldID</i>	Field ID.
string	<i>name</i>	Name of field.
string	<i>signature</i>	JNI Signature of field.
int	<i>modBits</i>	The modifier bit flags (also known as access flags) which provide additional information on the field declaration. Individual flag values are defined in Chapter 4 of <i>The Java™ Virtual Machine Specification</i> . In addition, The 0x£00000000 bit identifies the field as synthetic, if the synthetic attribute capability is available.

Error Data

CLASS_NOT_PREPARED	Class has been loaded but not yet prepared.
INVALID_CLASS	refType is not the ID of a reference type.
INVALID_OBJECT	refType is not a known ID.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

Methods Command (5)

Returns information for each method in a reference type. Inherited methods are not included. The list of methods will include constructors (identified with the name "<init>"), the initialization method (identified with the name "<clinit>") if present, and any synthetic methods created by the compiler. Methods are returned in the order they occur in the class file.

Out Data

referenceTypeID	<i>refType</i>	The reference type ID.
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Reply Data

int	<i>declared</i>	Number of declared methods.
Repeated <i>declared</i> times:		
methodID	<i>methodID</i>	Method ID.
string	<i>name</i>	Name of method.
string	<i>signature</i>	JNI signature of method.
int	<i>modBits</i>	The modifier bit flags (also known as access flags) which provide additional information on the method declaration. Individual flag values are defined in Chapter 4 of <i>The Java™ Virtual Machine Specification</i> . In addition, The 0x£00000000 bit identifies the method as synthetic, if the synthetic attribute capability is available.

Error Data

CLASS_NOT_PREPARED	Class has been loaded but not yet prepared.
INVALID_CLASS	refType is not the ID of a reference type.
INVALID_OBJECT	refType is not a known ID.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

GetValues Command (6)

Returns the value of one or more static fields of the reference type. Each field must be member of the reference type or one of its superclasses, superinterfaces, or implemented interfaces. Access control is not enforced; for example, the values of private fields can be obtained.

Out Data

referenceTypeID	<i>refType</i>	The reference type ID.
int	<i>fields</i>	The number of values to get
Repeated <i>fields</i> times:		
fieldID	<i>fieldID</i>	A field to get

Reply Data

int	<i>values</i>	The number of values returned, always equal to fields, the number of values to get.
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	string	<i>genericSignature</i>	The generic signature of the field, or an empty string if there is none.
	int	<i>modBits</i>	The modifier bit flags (also known as access flags) which provide additional information on the field declaration. Individual flag values are defined in Chapter 4 of <i>The Java™ Virtual Machine Specification</i> . In addition, The 0xf0000000 bit identifies the field as synthetic, if the synthetic attribute capability is available.

Error Data

CLASS_NOT_PREPARED	Class has been loaded but not yet prepared.
INVALID_CLASS	refType is not the ID of a reference type.
INVALID_OBJECT	refType is not a known ID.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

MethodsWithGeneric Command (15)

Returns information, including the generic signature if any, for each method in a reference type. Inherited methods are not included. The list of methods will include constructors (identified with the name "<init>"), the initialization method (identified with the name "<clinit>") if present, and any synthetic methods created by the compiler. Methods are returned in the order they occur in the class file. Generic signatures are described in the signature attribute section in *The Java™ Virtual Machine Specification*. Since JDWP version 1.5.

Out Data

referenceTypeID	<i>refType</i>	The reference type ID.
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Reply Data

int	<i>declared</i>	Number of declared methods.
Repeated <i>declared</i> times:		
methodID	<i>methodID</i>	Method ID.
string	<i>name</i>	The name of the method.
string	<i>signature</i>	The JNI signature of the method.
string	<i>genericSignature</i>	The generic signature of the method, or an empty string if there is none.
int	<i>modBits</i>	The modifier bit flags (also known as access flags) which provide additional information on the method declaration.

			Individual flag values are defined in Chapter 4 of <i>The Java™ Virtual Machine Specification</i> . In addition, The 0xf0000000 bit identifies the method as synthetic, if the synthetic attribute capability is available.
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Error Data

CLASS_NOT_PREPARED	Class has been loaded but not yet prepared.
INVALID_CLASS	refType is not the ID of a reference type.
INVALID_OBJECT	refType is not a known ID.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

Instances Command (16)

Returns instances of this reference type. Only instances that are reachable for the purposes of garbage collection are returned.

Since JDWP version 1.6. Requires canGetInstanceInfo capability - see [CapabilitiesNew](#).

Out Data

referenceTypeID	<i>refType</i>	The reference type ID.
int	<i>maxInstances</i>	Maximum number of instances to return. Must be non-negative. If zero, all instances are returned.

Reply Data

int	<i>instances</i>	The number of instances that follow.
Repeated <i>instances</i> times:		
tagged-objectID	<i>instance</i>	An instance of this reference type.

Error Data

INVALID_CLASS	refType is not the ID of a reference type.
INVALID_OBJECT	refType is not a known ID.
ILLEGAL_ARGUMENT	maxInstances is less than zero.
NOT_IMPLEMENTED	The functionality is not implemented in this virtual machine.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

ClassFileVersion Command (17)

Returns the class file major and minor version numbers, as defined in the class file format of the Java Virtual Machine specification.

Since JDWP version 1.6.

Out Data

referenceTypeID	<i>refType</i>	The class.
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Reply Data

int	<i>majorVersion</i>	Major version number
int	<i>minorVersion</i>	Minor version number

Error Data

<u>INVALID_CLASS</u>	refType is not the ID of a reference type.
<u>INVALID_OBJECT</u>	refType is not a known ID.
<u>ABSENT_INFORMATION</u>	The class file version information is absent for primitive and array types.
<u>VM_DEAD</u>	The virtual machine is not running.

ConstantPool Command (18)

Return the raw bytes of the constant pool in the format of the constant_pool item of the Class File Format in *The Java™ Virtual Machine Specification*.

Since JDWP version 1.6. Requires canGetConstantPool capability - see [CapabilitiesNew](#).

Out Data

referenceTypeID	<i>refType</i>	The class.
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Reply Data

int		<i>count</i>	Total number of constant pool entries plus one. This corresponds to the <code>constant_pool_count</code> item of the Class File Format in <i>The Java™ Virtual Machine Specification</i> .		
int		<i>bytes</i>			
Repeated <i>bytes</i> times:					
	byte	<i>cbytes</i>	Raw bytes of constant pool		

Error Data

<u>INVALID_CLASS</u>	refType is not the ID of a reference type.
<u>INVALID_OBJECT</u>	refType is not a known ID.
<u>NOT_IMPLEMENTED</u>	If the target virtual machine does not support the retrieval of constant pool information.
<u>ABSENT_INFORMATION</u>	The Constant Pool information is absent for primitive and array types.
<u>VM_DEAD</u>	The virtual machine is not running.

ClassType Command Set (3)

Superclass Command (1)

Returns the immediate superclass of a class.

Out Data

classID	<i>clazz</i>	The class type ID.
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Reply Data

classID	<i>superclass</i>	The superclass (null if the class ID for java.lang.Object is specified).
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Error Data

<u>INVALID_CLASS</u>	clazz is not the ID of a class.
<u>INVALID_OBJECT</u>	clazz is not a known ID.
<u>VM_DEAD</u>	The virtual machine is not running.

SetValues Command (2)

Sets the value of one or more static fields. Each field must be member of the class type or one of its superclasses, superinterfaces, or implemented interfaces. Access control is not enforced; for example, the values of private fields can be set. Final fields cannot be set. For primitive values, the value's type must match the field's type exactly. For object values, there must exist a widening reference conversion from the value's type to the field's type and the field's type must be loaded.

Out Data

classID	<i>clazz</i>	The class type ID.
int	<i>values</i>	The number of fields to set.

Repeated <i>values</i> times:			
	fieldID	<i>fieldID</i>	Field to set.
	untagged-value	<i>value</i>	Value to put in the field.

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

INVALID_CLASS	clazz is not the ID of a class.
CLASS_NOT_PREPARED	Class has been loaded but not yet prepared.
INVALID_OBJECT	clazz is not a known ID or a value of an object field is not a known ID.
INVALID_FIELDID	Invalid field.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

[InvokeMethod Command \(3\)](#)

Invokes a static method. The method must be member of the class type or one of its superclasses, superinterfaces, or implemented interfaces. Access control is not enforced; for example, private methods can be invoked.

The method invocation will occur in the specified thread. Method invocation can occur only if the specified thread has been suspended by an event. Method invocation is not supported when the target VM has been suspended by the front-end.

The specified method is invoked with the arguments in the specified argument list. The method invocation is synchronous; the reply packet is not sent until the invoked method returns in the target VM. The return value (possibly the void value) is included in the reply packet. If the invoked method throws an exception, the exception object ID is set in the reply packet; otherwise, the exception object ID is null.

For primitive arguments, the argument value's type must match the argument's type exactly. For object arguments, there must exist a widening reference conversion from the argument value's type to the argument's type and the argument's type must be loaded.

By default, all threads in the target VM are resumed while the method is being invoked if they were previously suspended by an event or by command. This is done to prevent the deadlocks that will occur if any of the threads own monitors that will be needed by the invoked method. It is possible that breakpoints or other events might occur during the invocation. Note, however, that this implicit resume acts exactly like the ThreadReference resume command, so if the thread's suspend count is greater than 1, it will remain in a suspended state during the invocation. By default, when the invocation completes, all threads in the target VM are suspended, regardless their state before the invocation.

The resumption of other threads during the invoke can be prevented by specifying the `INVOKE_SINGLE_THREADED` bit flag in the `options` field; however, there is no protection against or recovery from the deadlocks described above, so this option should be used with great caution. Only the specified thread will be resumed (as described for all threads above). Upon completion of a single threaded invoke, the invoking thread will be suspended once again. Note that any threads started during the single threaded invocation will not be suspended when the invocation completes.

If the target VM is disconnected during the invoke (for example, through the `VirtualMachine dispose` command) the method invocation continues.

Out Data

classID	<i>clazz</i>	The class type ID.
threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread in which to invoke.
methodID	<i>methodID</i>	The method to invoke.
int	<i>arguments</i>	
Repeated <i>arguments</i> times:		
value	<i>arg</i>	The argument value.
int	<i>options</i>	Invocation options

Reply Data

value	<i>returnValue</i>	The returned value.
tagged-objectID	<i>exception</i>	The thrown exception.

Error Data

INVALID_CLASS	<i>clazz</i> is not the ID of a class.
INVALID_OBJECT	<i>clazz</i> is not a known ID.
INVALID_METHODID	<i>methodID</i> is not the ID of a static method in this class type or one of its superclasses.
INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
THREAD_NOT_SUSPENDED	If the specified thread has not been suspended by an event.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

NewInstance Command (4)

Creates a new object of this type, invoking the specified constructor. The constructor method ID must be a member of the class type.

Instance creation will occur in the specified thread. Instance creation can occur only if the specified thread has been suspended by an event. Method invocation is not supported when the target VM has been suspended by the front-end.

The specified constructor is invoked with the arguments in the specified argument list. The constructor invocation is synchronous; the reply packet is not sent until the invoked method returns in the target VM. The return value (possibly the void value) is included in the reply packet. If the constructor throws an exception, the exception object ID is set in the reply packet; otherwise, the exception object ID is null.

For primitive arguments, the argument value's type must match the argument's type exactly. For object arguments, there must exist a widening reference conversion from the argument value's type to the argument's type and the argument's type must be loaded.

By default, all threads in the target VM are resumed while the method is being invoked if they were previously suspended by an event or by command. This is done to prevent the deadlocks that will occur if any of the threads own monitors that will be needed by the invoked method. It is possible that breakpoints or other events might occur during the invocation. Note, however, that this implicit resume acts exactly like the ThreadReference resume command, so if the thread's suspend count is greater than 1, it will remain in a suspended state during the invocation. By default, when the invocation completes, all threads in the target VM are suspended, regardless their state before the invocation.

The resumption of other threads during the invoke can be prevented by specifying the INVOKE_SINGLE_THREADED bit flag in the `options` field; however, there is no protection against or recovery from the deadlocks described above, so this option should be used with great caution. Only the specified thread will be resumed (as described for all threads above). Upon completion of a single threaded invoke, the invoking thread will be suspended once again. Note that any threads started during the single threaded invocation will not be suspended when the invocation completes.

If the target VM is disconnected during the invoke (for example, through the VirtualMachine dispose command) the method invocation continues.

Out Data

classID	<i>clazz</i>	The class type ID.			
threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread in which to invoke the constructor.			
methodID	<i>methodID</i>	The constructor to invoke.			
int	<i>arguments</i>				
Repeated <i>arguments</i> times:					

	value	<i>arg</i>	The argument value.
int		<i>options</i>	Constructor invocation options

Reply Data

tagged-objectID	<i>newObject</i>	The newly created object, or null if the constructor threw an exception.	
tagged-objectID	<i>exception</i>	The thrown exception, if any; otherwise, null.	

Error Data

INVALID_CLASS	clazz is not the ID of a class.		
INVALID_OBJECT	clazz is not a known ID or a value of an object parameter is not a known ID..		
INVALID_METHODID	methodID is not the ID of a method.		
INVALID_OBJECT	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.		
INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.		
THREAD_NOT_SUSPENDED	If the specified thread has not been suspended by an event.		
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.		

ArrayType Command Set (4)

[NewInstance](#) Command (1)

Creates a new array object of this type with a given length.

Out Data

arrayTypeID	<i>arrType</i>	The array type of the new instance.	
int		<i>length</i>	The length of the array.

Reply Data

tagged-objectID	<i>newArray</i>	The newly created array object.	

Error Data

INVALID_ARRAY	The array is invalid.		
INVALID_OBJECT	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.		

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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InterfaceType Command Set (5)

[InvokeMethod Command \(1\)](#)

Invokes a static method. The method must not be a static initializer. The method must be a member of the interface type.

Since JDWP version 1.8

The method invocation will occur in the specified thread. Method invocation can occur only if the specified thread has been suspended by an event. Method invocation is not supported when the target VM has been suspended by the front-end.

The specified method is invoked with the arguments in the specified argument list. The method invocation is synchronous; the reply packet is not sent until the invoked method returns in the target VM. The return value (possibly the void value) is included in the reply packet. If the invoked method throws an exception, the exception object ID is set in the reply packet; otherwise, the exception object ID is null.

For primitive arguments, the argument value's type must match the argument's type exactly. For object arguments, there must exist a widening reference conversion from the argument value's type to the argument's type and the argument's type must be loaded.

By default, all threads in the target VM are resumed while the method is being invoked if they were previously suspended by an event or by a command. This is done to prevent the deadlocks that will occur if any of the threads own monitors that will be needed by the invoked method. It is possible that breakpoints or other events might occur during the invocation. Note, however, that this implicit resume acts exactly like the ThreadReference resume command, so if the thread's suspend count is greater than 1, it will remain in a suspended state during the invocation. By default, when the invocation completes, all threads in the target VM are suspended, regardless their state before the invocation.

The resumption of other threads during the invoke can be prevented by specifying the INVOKE_SINGLE_THREADED bit flag in the `options` field; however, there is no protection against or recovery from the deadlocks described above, so this option should be used with great caution. Only the specified thread will be resumed (as described for all threads above). Upon completion of a single threaded invoke, the invoking thread will be suspended once again. Note that any threads started during the single threaded invocation will not be suspended when the invocation completes.

If the target VM is disconnected during the invoke (for example, through the VirtualMachine dispose command) the method invocation continues.

Out Data

interfaceID	<i>clazz</i>	The interface type ID.
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long	<i>start</i>	Lowest valid code index for the method, >=0, or -1 if the method is native
long	<i>end</i>	Highest valid code index for the method, >=0, or -1 if the method is native
int	<i>lines</i>	The number of entries in the line table for this method.
Repeated <i>lines</i> times:		
	long	<i>lineCodeIndex</i> Initial code index of the line, start <= lineCodeIndex < end
	int	<i>lineNumber</i> Line number.

Error Data

<u>INVALID_CLASS</u>	refType is not the ID of a reference type.
<u>INVALID_OBJECT</u>	refType is not a known ID.
<u>INVALID_METHODID</u>	methodID is not the ID of a method.
<u>VM_DEAD</u>	The virtual machine is not running.

VariableTable Command (2)

Returns variable information for the method. The variable table includes arguments and locals declared within the method. For instance methods, the "this" reference is included in the table. Also, synthetic variables may be present.

Out Data

referenceTypeID	<i>refType</i>	The class.
methodID	<i>methodID</i>	The method.

Reply Data

int	<i>argCnt</i>	The number of words in the frame used by arguments. Eight-byte arguments use two words; all others use one.
int	<i>slots</i>	The number of variables.
Repeated <i>slots</i> times:		
	long	<i>codeIndex</i> First code index at which the variable is visible (unsigned). Used in conjunction with <i>length</i> . The variable can be get or set only when the current <i>codeIndex</i> <= current frame code index < <i>codeIndex</i> + <i>length</i>

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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IsObsolete Command (4)

Determine if this method is obsolete. A method is obsolete if it has been replaced by a non-equivalent method using the [RedefineClasses](#) command. The original and redefined methods are considered equivalent if their bytecodes are the same except for indices into the constant pool and the referenced constants are equal.

Out Data

referenceTypeID	<i>refType</i>	The class.
methodID	<i>methodID</i>	The method.

Reply Data

boolean	<i>isObsolete</i>	true if this method has been replaced by a non-equivalent method using the RedefineClasses command.
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Error Data

INVALID_CLASS	refType is not the ID of a reference type.
INVALID_OBJECT	refType is not a known ID.
INVALID_METHODID	methodID is not the ID of a method.
NOT_IMPLEMENTED	If the target virtual machine does not support this query.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

VariableTableWithGeneric Command (5)

Returns variable information for the method, including generic signatures for the variables. The variable table includes arguments and locals declared within the method. For instance methods, the "this" reference is included in the table. Also, synthetic variables may be present. Generic signatures are described in the signature attribute section in *The Java™ Virtual Machine Specification*. Since JDWP version 1.5.

Out Data

referenceTypeID	<i>refType</i>	The class.
methodID	<i>methodID</i>	The method.

Reply Data

int	<i>argCnt</i>	The number of words in the frame used by arguments. Eight-byte arguments use two words; all others use one.
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int	slots	The number of variables.
Repeated <i>slots</i> times:		
long	<i>codeIndex</i>	First code index at which the variable is visible (unsigned). Used in conjunction with <code>length</code> . The variable can be get or set only when the current <code>codeIndex</code> \leq current frame code index $<$ <code>codeIndex</code> + <code>length</code>
string	<i>name</i>	The variable's name.
string	<i>signature</i>	The variable type's JNI signature.
string	<i>genericSignature</i>	The variable type's generic signature or an empty string if there is none.
int	<i>length</i>	Unsigned value used in conjunction with <code>codeIndex</code> . The variable can be get or set only when the current <code>codeIndex</code> \leq current frame code index $<$ <code>code index</code> + <code>length</code>
int	<i>slot</i>	The local variable's index in its frame

Error Data

<u>INVALID_CLASS</u>	refType is not the ID of a reference type.
<u>INVALID_OBJECT</u>	refType is not a known ID.
<u>INVALID_METHODID</u>	methodID is not the ID of a method.
<u>ABSENT_INFORMATION</u>	there is no variable information for the method.
<u>VM_DEAD</u>	The virtual machine is not running.

Field Command Set (8)

ObjectReference Command Set (9)

ReferenceType Command (1)

Returns the runtime type of the object. The runtime type will be a class or an array.

Out Data

objectID	<i>object</i>	The object ID
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Reply Data

byte	<i>refTypeTag</i>	Kind of following reference type.
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objectID	<i>object</i>	The object ID	
int	<i>values</i>	The number of fields to set.	
Repeated <i>values</i> times:			
	fieldID	<i>fieldID</i>	Field to set.
	untagged-value	<i>value</i>	Value to put in the field.

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

INVALID_OBJECT	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.
INVALID_FIELDID	Invalid field.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

MonitorInfo Command (5)

Returns monitor information for an object. All threads in the VM must be suspended. Requires `canGetMonitorInfo` capability - see [CapabilitiesNew](#).

Out Data

objectID	<i>object</i>	The object ID
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Reply Data

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Error Data

INVALID_OBJECT	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.
NOT_IMPLEMENTED	The functionality is not implemented in this virtual machine.

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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InvokeMethod Command (6)

Invokes a instance method. The method must be member of the object's type or one of its superclasses, superinterfaces, or implemented interfaces. Access control is not enforced; for example, private methods can be invoked.

The method invocation will occur in the specified thread. Method invocation can occur only if the specified thread has been suspended by an event. Method invocation is not supported when the target VM has been suspended by the front-end.

The specified method is invoked with the arguments in the specified argument list. The method invocation is synchronous; the reply packet is not sent until the invoked method returns in the target VM. The return value (possibly the void value) is included in the reply packet. If the invoked method throws an exception, the exception object ID is set in the reply packet; otherwise, the exception object ID is null.

For primitive arguments, the argument value's type must match the argument's type exactly. For object arguments, there must be a widening reference conversion from the argument value's type to the argument's type and the argument's type must be loaded.

By default, all threads in the target VM are resumed while the method is being invoked if they were previously suspended by an event or by a command. This is done to prevent the deadlocks that will occur if any of the threads own monitors that will be needed by the invoked method. It is possible that breakpoints or other events might occur during the invocation. Note, however, that this implicit resume acts exactly like the ThreadReference resume command, so if the thread's suspend count is greater than 1, it will remain in a suspended state during the invocation. By default, when the invocation completes, all threads in the target VM are suspended, regardless their state before the invocation.

The resumption of other threads during the invoke can be prevented by specifying the INVOKE_SINGLE_THREADED bit flag in the `options` field; however, there is no protection against or recovery from the deadlocks described above, so this option should be used with great caution. Only the specified thread will be resumed (as described for all threads above). Upon completion of a single threaded invoke, the invoking thread will be suspended once again. Note that any threads started during the single threaded invocation will not be suspended when the invocation completes.

If the target VM is disconnected during the invoke (for example, through the VirtualMachine dispose command) the method invocation continues.

Out Data

objectID	<i>object</i>	The object ID
threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread in which to invoke.
classID	<i>clazz</i>	The class type.

methodID	<i>methodID</i>	The method to invoke.	
int	<i>arguments</i>	The number of arguments.	
Repeated <i>arguments</i> times:			
	value	<i>arg</i>	The argument value.
int	<i>options</i>	Invocation options	

Reply Data

value	<i>returnValue</i>	The returned value, or null if an exception is thrown.			
tagged-objectID	<i>exception</i>	The thrown exception, if any.			

Error Data

INVALID_OBJECT	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.
INVALID_CLASS	clazz is not the ID of a reference type.
INVALID_METHODID	methodID is not the ID of an instance method in this object's type or one of its superclasses, superinterfaces, or implemented interfaces.
INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
THREAD_NOT_SUSPENDED	If the specified thread has not been suspended by an event.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

[DisableCollection Command \(7\)](#)

Prevents garbage collection for the given object. By default all objects in back-end replies may be collected at any time the target VM is running. A call to this command guarantees that the object will not be collected. The [EnableCollection](#) command can be used to allow collection once again.

Note that while the target VM is suspended, no garbage collection will occur because all threads are suspended. The typical examination of variables, fields, and arrays during the suspension is safe without explicitly disabling garbage collection.

This method should be used sparingly, as it alters the pattern of garbage collection in the target VM and, consequently, may result in application behavior under the debugger that differs from its non-debugged behavior.

Out Data

objectID	<i>object</i>	The object ID			

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

<u>INVALID_OBJECT</u>	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.
<u>VM_DEAD</u>	The virtual machine is not running.

EnableCollection Command (8)

Permits garbage collection for this object. By default all objects returned by JDWP may become unreachable in the target VM, and hence may be garbage collected. A call to this command is necessary only if garbage collection was previously disabled with the [DisableCollection](#) command.

Out Data

objectID	<i>object</i>	The object ID
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Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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IsCollected Command (9)

Determines whether an object has been garbage collected in the target VM.

Out Data

objectID	<i>object</i>	The object ID
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Reply Data

boolean	<i>isCollected</i>	true if the object has been collected; false otherwise
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Error Data

INVALID_OBJECT	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

ReferringObjects Command (10)

Returns objects that directly reference this object. Only objects that are reachable for the purposes of garbage collection are returned. Note that an object can also be referenced in other ways, such as from a local variable in a stack frame, or from a JNI global reference. Such non-object referrers are not returned by this command.

Since JDWP version 1.6. Requires `canGetInstanceInfo` capability - see [CapabilitiesNew](#).

Out Data

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objectID	<i>object</i>	The object ID
int	<i>maxReferrers</i>	Maximum number of referring objects to return. Must be non-negative. If zero, all referring objects are returned.

Reply Data

int	<i>referringObjects</i>	The number of objects that follow.
Repeated <i>referringObjects</i> times:		
tagged-objectID	<i>instance</i>	An object that references this object.

Error Data

INVALID_OBJECT	object is not a known ID.
ILLEGAL_ARGUMENT	maxReferrers is less than zero.
NOT_IMPLEMENTED	The functionality is not implemented in this virtual machine.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

StringReference Command Set (10)

Value Command (1)

Returns the characters contained in the string.

Out Data

objectID	<i>stringObject</i>	The String object ID.
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Reply Data

string	<i>stringValue</i>	UTF-8 representation of the string value.
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Error Data

INVALID_STRING	The string is invalid.
INVALID_OBJECT	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

ThreadReference Command Set (11)

Name Command (1)

Returns the thread name.

Out Data

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread object ID.
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Reply Data

string	<i>threadName</i>	The thread name.
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Error Data

INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_OBJECT	thread is not a known ID.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

Suspend Command (2)

Suspends the thread.

Unlike `java.lang.Thread.suspend()`, suspends of both the virtual machine and individual threads are counted. Before a thread will run again, it must be resumed the same number of times it has been suspended.

Suspending single threads with command has the same dangers `java.lang.Thread.suspend()`. If the suspended thread holds a monitor needed by another running thread, deadlock is possible in the target VM (at least until the suspended thread is resumed again).

The suspended thread is guaranteed to remain suspended until resumed through one of the JDI resume methods mentioned above; the application in the target VM cannot resume the suspended thread through `{ @link java.lang.Thread#resume }`.

Note that this doesn't change the status of the thread (see the [ThreadStatus](#) command.) For example, if it was Running, it will still appear running to other threads.

Out Data

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread object ID.
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Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_OBJECT	thread is not a known ID.

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread object ID.
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Reply Data

threadGroupID	<i>group</i>	The thread group of this thread.
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Error Data

INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_OBJECT	thread is not a known ID.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

Frames Command (6)

Returns the current call stack of a suspended thread. The sequence of frames starts with the currently executing frame, followed by its caller, and so on. The thread must be suspended, and the returned frameID is valid only while the thread is suspended.

Out Data

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread object ID.
int	<i>startFrame</i>	The index of the first frame to retrieve.
int	<i>length</i>	The count of frames to retrieve (-1 means all remaining).

Reply Data

int	<i>frames</i>	The number of frames retrieved
Repeated <i>frames</i> times:		
frameID	<i>frameID</i>	The ID of this frame.
location	<i>location</i>	The current location of this frame

Error Data

INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_OBJECT	thread is not a known ID.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

FrameCount Command (7)

Returns the count of frames on this thread's stack. The thread must be suspended, and the returned count is valid only while the thread is suspended. Returns JDWP.Error.errorThreadNotSuspended if not suspended.

Out Data

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread object ID.
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Reply Data

int	<i>frameCount</i>	The count of frames on this thread's stack.
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Error Data

<u>INVALID_THREAD</u>	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
<u>INVALID_OBJECT</u>	thread is not a known ID.
<u>VM_DEAD</u>	The virtual machine is not running.

OwnedMonitors Command (8)

Returns the objects whose monitors have been entered by this thread. The thread must be suspended, and the returned information is relevant only while the thread is suspended. Requires `canGetOwnedMonitorInfo` capability - see [CapabilitiesNew](#).

Out Data

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread object ID.
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Reply Data

int	<i>owned</i>	The number of owned monitors
Repeated <i>owned</i> times:		
tagged-objectID	<i>monitor</i>	An owned monitor

Error Data

<u>INVALID_THREAD</u>	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
<u>INVALID_OBJECT</u>	thread is not a known ID.
<u>NOT_IMPLEMENTED</u>	The functionality is not implemented in this virtual machine.
<u>VM_DEAD</u>	The virtual machine is not running.

CurrentContendedMonitor Command (9)

Returns the object, if any, for which this thread is waiting. The thread may be waiting to enter a monitor, or it may be waiting, via the `java.lang.Object.wait` method, for another thread to invoke the `notify` method. The thread must be suspended, and the returned information is relevant only while the thread is suspended. Requires `canGetCurrentContendedMonitor` capability - see [CapabilitiesNew](#).

Out Data

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread object ID.
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Reply Data

tagged-objectID	<i>monitor</i>	The contended monitor, or null if there is no current contended monitor.
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Error Data

INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_OBJECT	thread is not a known ID.
NOT_IMPLEMENTED	The functionality is not implemented in this virtual machine.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

Stop Command (10)

Stops the thread with an asynchronous exception, as if done by `java.lang.Thread.stop`

Out Data

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread object ID.
objectID	<i>throwable</i>	Asynchronous exception. This object must be an instance of <code>java.lang.Throwable</code> or a subclass

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_OBJECT	If thread is not a known ID or the asynchronous exception has been garbage collected.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

Interrupt Command (11)

Interrupt the thread, as if done by `java.lang.Thread.interrupt`

Out Data

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread object ID.
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Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_OBJECT	thread is not a known ID.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

SuspendCount Command (12)

Get the suspend count for this thread. The suspend count is the number of times the thread has been suspended through the thread-level or VM-level suspend commands without a corresponding resume

Out Data

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread object ID.
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Reply Data

int	<i>suspendCount</i>	The number of outstanding suspends of this thread.
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Error Data

INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_OBJECT	thread is not a known ID.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

OwnedMonitorsStackDepthInfo Command (13)

Returns monitor objects owned by the thread, along with stack depth at which the monitor was acquired. Returns stack depth of -1 if the implementation cannot determine the stack depth (e.g., for monitors acquired by JNI MonitorEnter). The thread must be suspended, and the returned information is relevant only while the thread is suspended. Requires canGetMonitorFrameInfo capability - see [CapabilitiesNew](#).

Since JDWP version 1.6.

Out Data

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread object ID.
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Reply Data

int	<i>owned</i>	The number of owned monitors
Repeated <i>owned</i> times:		
tagged-objectID	<i>monitor</i>	An owned monitor

	int	<i>stack_depth</i>	Stack depth location where monitor was acquired
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Error Data

INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_OBJECT	thread is not a known ID.
NOT_IMPLEMENTED	The functionality is not implemented in this virtual machine.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

ForceEarlyReturn Command (14)

Force a method to return before it reaches a return statement.

The method which will return early is referred to as the called method. The called method is the current method (as defined by the Frames section in *The Java™ Virtual Machine Specification*) for the specified thread at the time this command is received.

The specified thread must be suspended. The return occurs when execution of Java programming language code is resumed on this thread. Between sending this command and resumption of thread execution, the state of the stack is undefined.

No further instructions are executed in the called method. Specifically, finally blocks are not executed. Note: this can cause inconsistent states in the application.

A lock acquired by calling the called method (if it is a synchronized method) and locks acquired by entering synchronized blocks within the called method are released. Note: this does not apply to JNI locks or `java.util.concurrent.locks` locks.

Events, such as `MethodExit`, are generated as they would be in a normal return.

The called method must be a non-native Java programming language method. Forcing return on a thread with only one frame on the stack causes the thread to exit when resumed.

For void methods, the value must be a void value. For methods that return primitive values, the value's type must match the return type exactly. For object values, there must be a widening reference conversion from the value's type to the return type type and the return type must be loaded.

Since JDWP version 1.6. Requires `canForceEarlyReturn` capability - see [CapabilitiesNew](#).

Out Data

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread object ID.			
value	<i>value</i>	The value to return.			

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

<u>INVALID_THREAD</u>	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
<u>INVALID_OBJECT</u>	Thread or value is not a known ID.
<u>THREAD_NOT_SUSPENDED</u>	If the specified thread has not been suspended by an event.
<u>THREAD_NOT_ALIVE</u>	Thread has not been started or is now dead.
<u>OPAQUE_FRAME</u>	Attempted to return early from a frame corresponding to a native method. Or the implementation is unable to provide this functionality on this frame.
<u>NO_MORE_FRAMES</u>	There are no more Java or JNI frames on the call stack.
<u>NOT_IMPLEMENTED</u>	The functionality is not implemented in this virtual machine.
<u>TYPE_MISMATCH</u>	Value is not an appropriate type for the return value of the method.
<u>VM_DEAD</u>	The virtual machine is not running.

ThreadGroupReference Command Set (12)

Name Command (1)

Returns the thread group name.

Out Data

threadGroupID	<i>group</i>	The thread group object ID.
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Reply Data

string	<i>groupName</i>	The thread group's name.
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Error Data

<u>INVALID_THREAD_GROUP</u>	Thread group invalid.
<u>INVALID_OBJECT</u>	group is not a known ID.
<u>VM_DEAD</u>	The virtual machine is not running.

Parent Command (2)

Returns the thread group, if any, which contains a given thread group.

Out Data

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threadGroupID	<i>group</i>	The thread group object ID.
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Reply Data

threadGroupID	<i>parentGroup</i>	The parent thread group object, or null if the given thread group is a top-level thread group
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Error Data

INVALID_THREAD_GROUP	Thread group invalid.
INVALID_OBJECT	group is not a known ID.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

Children Command (3)

Returns the live threads and active thread groups directly contained in this thread group. Threads and thread groups in child thread groups are not included. A thread is alive if it has been started and has not yet been stopped. See [java.lang.ThreadGroup](#) for information about active ThreadGroups.

Out Data

threadGroupID	<i>group</i>	The thread group object ID.
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Reply Data

int	<i>childThreads</i>	The number of live child threads.
Repeated <i>childThreads</i> times:		
threadID	<i>childThread</i>	A direct child thread ID.
int	<i>childGroups</i>	The number of active child thread groups.
Repeated <i>childGroups</i> times:		
threadGroupID	<i>childGroup</i>	A direct child thread group ID.

Error Data

INVALID_THREAD_GROUP	Thread group invalid.
INVALID_OBJECT	group is not a known ID.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

ArrayReference Command Set (13)

Length Command (1)

Returns the number of components in a given array.

Out Data

arrayID	<i>arrayObject</i>	The array object ID.
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Reply Data

int	<i>arrayLength</i>	The length of the array.
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Error Data

INVALID_OBJECT	arrayObject is not a known ID.
INVALID_ARRAY	The array is invalid.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

GetValues Command (2)

Returns a range of array components. The specified range must be within the bounds of the array.

Out Data

arrayID	<i>arrayObject</i>	The array object ID.
int	<i>firstIndex</i>	The first index to retrieve.
int	<i>length</i>	The number of components to retrieve.

Reply Data

arrayregion	<i>values</i>	The retrieved values. If the values are objects, they are tagged-values; otherwise, they are untagged-values
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Error Data

INVALID_LENGTH	If index is beyond the end of this array.
INVALID_OBJECT	arrayObject is not a known ID.
INVALID_ARRAY	The array is invalid.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

SetValues Command (3)

Sets a range of array components. The specified range must be within the bounds of the array. For primitive values, each value's type must match the array component type exactly. For object values, there must be a widening reference conversion from the value's type to the array component type and the array component type must be loaded.

Out Data

arrayID	<i>arrayObject</i>	The array object ID.
int	<i>firstIndex</i>	The first index to set.
int	<i>values</i>	The number of values to set.
Repeated <i>values</i> times:		
untagged-value	<i>value</i>	A value to set.

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

INVALID_LENGTH	If index is beyond the end of this array.
INVALID_OBJECT	arrayObject is not a known ID.
INVALID_ARRAY	The array is invalid.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

ClassLoaderReference Command Set (14)

VisibleClasses Command (1)

Returns a list of all classes which this class loader has been requested to load. This class loader is considered to be an *initiating* class loader for each class in the returned list. The list contains each reference type defined by this loader and any types for which loading was delegated by this class loader to another class loader.

The visible class list has useful properties with respect to the type namespace. A particular type name will occur at most once in the list. Each field or variable declared with that type name in a class defined by this class loader must be resolved to that single type.

No ordering of the returned list is guaranteed.

Out Data

classLoaderID	<i>classLoaderObject</i>	The class loader object ID.
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Reply Data

int	<i>classes</i>	The number of visible classes.
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Repeated <i>classes</i> times:			
	byte	<i>refTypeTag</i>	Kind of following reference type.
	referenceTypeID	<i>typeID</i>	A class visible to this class loader.

Error Data

INVALID_OBJECT	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.
INVALID_CLASS_LOADER	The class loader is invalid.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

EventRequest Command Set (15)

Set Command (1)

Set an event request. When the event described by this request occurs, an [event](#) is sent from the target VM. If an event occurs that has not been requested then it is not sent from the target VM. The two exceptions to this are the VM Start Event and the VM Death Event which are automatically generated events - see [Composite Command](#) for further details.

Out Data

byte	<i>eventKind</i>	Event kind to request. See JDWP.EventKind for a complete list of events that can be requested; some events may require a capability in order to be requested.
byte	<i>suspendPolicy</i>	What threads are suspended when this event occurs? Note that the order of events and command replies accurately reflects the order in which threads are suspended and resumed. For example, if a VM-wide resume is processed before an event occurs which suspends the VM, the reply to the resume command will be written to the transport before the suspending event.
int	<i>modifiers</i>	<p>Constraints used to control the number of generated events. Modifiers specify additional tests that an event must satisfy before it is placed in the event queue. Events are filtered by applying each modifier to an event in the order they are specified in this collection Only events that satisfy all modifiers are reported. A value of 0 means there are no modifiers in the request.</p> <p>Filtering can improve debugger performance dramatically by reducing the amount of event</p>

		traffic sent from the target VM to the debugger VM.
Repeated <i>modifiers</i> times:		
byte	<i>modKind</i>	Modifier kind
Case Count - if <i>modKind</i> is 1:		<p>Limit the requested event to be reported at most once after a given number of occurrences. The event is not reported the first <code>count - 1</code> times this filter is reached. To request a one-off event, call this method with a count of 1.</p> <p>Once the count reaches 0, any subsequent filters in this request are applied. If none of those filters cause the event to be suppressed, the event is reported. Otherwise, the event is not reported. In either case subsequent events are never reported for this request. This modifier can be used with any event kind.</p>
int	<i>count</i>	Count before event. One for one-off.
Case Conditional - if <i>modKind</i> is 2:		Conditional on expression
int	<i>exprID</i>	For the future
Case ThreadOnly - if <i>modKind</i> is 3:		Restricts reported events to those in the given thread. This modifier can be used with any event kind except for class unload.
threadID	<i>thread</i>	Required thread
Case ClassOnly - if <i>modKind</i> is 4:		For class prepare events, restricts the events generated by this request to be the preparation of the given reference type and any subtypes. For monitor wait and waited events, restricts the events generated by this request to those whose monitor object is of the given reference type or any of its subtypes. For other events, restricts the events generated by this request to those whose location is in the given reference type or any of its subtypes. An event will be generated for any location in a reference type that can be safely cast to the given reference type. This modifier can be used with any event kind except class unload, thread start, and thread end.
referenceTypeID	<i>clazz</i>	Required class

Case ClassMatch - if <i>modKind</i> is 5:		Restricts reported events to those for classes whose name matches the given restricted regular expression. For class prepare events, the prepared class name is matched. For class unload events, the unloaded class name is matched. For monitor wait and waited events, the name of the class of the monitor object is matched. For other events, the class name of the event's location is matched. This modifier can be used with any event kind except thread start and thread end.
string	<i>classPattern</i>	Required class pattern. Matches are limited to exact matches of the given class pattern and matches of patterns that begin or end with '*'; for example, "*.Foo" or "java.*".
Case ClassExclude - if <i>modKind</i> is 6:		Restricts reported events to those for classes whose name does not match the given restricted regular expression. For class prepare events, the prepared class name is matched. For class unload events, the unloaded class name is matched. For monitor wait and waited events, the name of the class of the monitor object is matched. For other events, the class name of the event's location is matched. This modifier can be used with any event kind except thread start and thread end.
string	<i>classPattern</i>	Disallowed class pattern. Matches are limited to exact matches of the given class pattern and matches of patterns that begin or end with '*'; for example, "*.Foo" or "java.*".
Case LocationOnly - if <i>modKind</i> is 7:		Restricts reported events to those that occur at the given location. This modifier can be used with breakpoint, field access, field modification, step, and exception event kinds.
location	<i>loc</i>	Required location
Case ExceptionOnly - if <i>modKind</i> is 8:		Restricts reported exceptions by their class and whether they are caught or uncaught. This modifier can be used with exception event kinds only.
referenceTypeID	<i>exceptionOrNull</i>	Exception to report. Null (0) means report exceptions of all types. A non-null type restricts the reported exception events to exceptions of the given type or any of its subtypes.

	boolean	<i>caught</i>	Report caught exceptions
	boolean	<i>uncaught</i>	Report uncaught exceptions. Note that it is not always possible to determine whether an exception is caught or uncaught at the time it is thrown. See the exception event catch location under composite events for more information.
	Case FieldOnly - if <i>modKind</i> is 9:		Restricts reported events to those that occur for a given field. This modifier can be used with field access and field modification event kinds only.
	referenceTypeID	<i>declaring</i>	Type in which field is declared.
	fieldID	<i>fieldID</i>	Required field
	Case Step - if <i>modKind</i> is 10:		Restricts reported step events to those which satisfy depth and size constraints. This modifier can be used with step event kinds only.
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Thread in which to step
	int	<i>size</i>	size of each step. See JDWP.StepSize
	int	<i>depth</i>	relative call stack limit. See JDWP.StepDepth
	Case InstanceOnly - if <i>modKind</i> is 11:		Restricts reported events to those whose active 'this' object is the given object. Match value is the null object for static methods. This modifier can be used with any event kind except class prepare, class unload, thread start, and thread end. Introduced in JDWP version 1.4.
	objectID	<i>instance</i>	Required 'this' object
	Case SourceNameMatch - if <i>modKind</i> is 12:		Restricts reported class prepare events to those for reference types which have a source name which matches the given restricted regular expression. The source names are determined by the reference type's SourceDebugExtension . This modifier can only be used with class prepare events. Since JDWP version 1.6. Requires the canUseSourceNameFilters capability - see CapabilitiesNew .
	string	<i>sourceNamePattern</i>	Required source name pattern. Matches are limited to exact matches of the given pattern and matches of patterns that begin or end with '*'; for example, "*.Foo" or "java.*".

Reply Data

int	<i>requestID</i>	ID of created request
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Error Data

INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_CLASS	Invalid class.
INVALID_STRING	The string is invalid.
INVALID_OBJECT	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.
INVALID_COUNT	The count is invalid.
INVALID_FIELDID	Invalid field.
INVALID_METHODID	Invalid method.
INVALID_LOCATION	Invalid location.
INVALID_EVENT_TYPE	The specified event type id is not recognized.
NOT_IMPLEMENTED	The functionality is not implemented in this virtual machine.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

Clear Command (2)

Clear an event request. See [JDWP.EventKind](#) for a complete list of events that can be cleared. Only the event request matching the specified event kind and requestID is cleared. If there isn't a matching event request the command is a no-op and does not result in an error. Automatically generated events do not have a corresponding event request and may not be cleared using this command.

Out Data

byte	<i>eventKind</i>	Event kind to clear
int	<i>requestID</i>	ID of request to clear

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
INVALID_EVENT_TYPE	The specified event type id is not recognized.

ClearAllBreakpoints Command (3)

Removes all set breakpoints, a no-op if there are no breakpoints set.

Out Data

(None)

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.
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StackFrame Command Set (16)

GetValues Command (1)

Returns the value of one or more local variables in a given frame. Each variable must be visible at the frame's code index. Even if local variable information is not available, values can be retrieved if the front-end is able to determine the correct local variable index. (Typically, this index can be determined for method arguments from the method signature without access to the local variable table information.)

Out Data

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The frame's thread.
frameID	<i>frame</i>	The frame ID.
int	<i>slots</i>	The number of values to get.
Repeated <i>slots</i> times:		
int	<i>slot</i>	The local variable's index in the frame.
byte	<i>sigbyte</i>	A tag identifying the type of the variable

Reply Data

int	<i>values</i>	The number of values retrieved, always equal to slots, the number of values to get.
Repeated <i>values</i> times:		
value	<i>slotValue</i>	The value of the local variable.

Error Data

INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_OBJECT	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The frame's thread.
frameID	<i>frame</i>	The frame ID.

Reply Data

tagged-objectID	<i>objectThis</i>	The 'this' object for this frame.
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Error Data

INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_OBJECT	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.
INVALID_FRAMEID	Invalid jframeID.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

PopFrames Command (4)

Pop the top-most stack frames of the thread stack, up to, and including 'frame'. The thread must be suspended to perform this command. The top-most stack frames are discarded and the stack frame previous to 'frame' becomes the current frame. The operand stack is restored -- the argument values are added back and if the invoke was not *invokestatic*, *objectref* is added back as well. The Java virtual machine program counter is restored to the opcode of the invoke instruction.

Since JDWP version 1.4. Requires *canPopFrames* capability - see [CapabilitiesNew](#).

Out Data

threadID	<i>thread</i>	The thread object ID.
frameID	<i>frame</i>	The frame ID.

Reply Data

(None)

Error Data

INVALID_THREAD	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_OBJECT	thread is not a known ID.
INVALID_FRAMEID	Invalid jframeID.
THREAD_NOT_SUSPENDED	If the specified thread has not been suspended by an event.
NO_MORE_FRAMES	There are no more Java or JNI frames on the call stack.
INVALID_FRAMEID	Invalid jframeID.

NOT_IMPLEMENTED	The functionality is not implemented in this virtual machine.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

ClassObjectReference Command Set (17)

ReflectedType Command (1)

Returns the reference type reflected by this class object.

Out Data

classObjectID	<i>classObject</i>	The class object.
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Reply Data

byte	<i>refTypeTag</i>	Kind of following reference type.
referenceTypeID	<i>typeID</i>	reflected reference type

Error Data

INVALID_OBJECT	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.
VM_DEAD	The virtual machine is not running.

Event Command Set (64)

Composite Command (100)

Several events may occur at a given time in the target VM. For example, there may be more than one breakpoint request for a given location or you might single step to the same location as a breakpoint request. These events are delivered together as a composite event. For uniformity, a composite event is always used to deliver events, even if there is only one event to report.

The events that are grouped in a composite event are restricted in the following ways:

- Only with other thread start events for the same thread:
 - Thread Start Event
- Only with other thread death events for the same thread:
 - Thread Death Event
- Only with other class prepare events for the same class:
 - Class Prepare Event
- Only with other class unload events for the same class:
 - Class Unload Event
- Only with other access watchpoint events for the same field access:
 - Access Watchpoint Event
- Only with other modification watchpoint events for the same field modification:
 - Modification Watchpoint Event
- Only with other Monitor contended enter events for the same monitor object:
 - Monitor Contended Enter Event

- Only with other Monitor contended entered events for the same monitor object:
 - Monitor Contended Entered Event
- Only with other Monitor wait events for the same monitor object:
 - Monitor Wait Event
- Only with other Monitor waited events for the same monitor object:
 - Monitor Waited Event
- Only with other ExceptionEvents for the same exception occurrence:
 - ExceptionEvent
- Only with other members of this group, at the same location and in the same thread:
 - Breakpoint Event
 - Step Event
 - Method Entry Event
 - Method Exit Event

The VM Start Event and VM Death Event are automatically generated events. This means they do not need to be requested using the [EventRequest.Set](#) command. The VM Start event signals the completion of VM initialization. The VM Death event signals the termination of the VM. If there is a debugger connected at the time when an automatically generated event occurs it is sent from the target VM. Automatically generated events may also be requested using the EventRequest.Set command and thus multiple events of the same event kind will be sent from the target VM when an event occurs. Automatically generated events are sent with the requestID field in the Event Data set to 0. The value of the suspendPolicy field in the Event Data depends on the event. For the automatically generated VM Start Event the value of suspendPolicy is not defined and is therefore implementation or configuration specific. In the Sun implementation, for example, the suspendPolicy is specified as an option to the JDWP agent at launch-time. The automatically generated VM Death Event will have the suspendPolicy set to NONE.

Event Data

byte	<i>suspendPolicy</i>	Which threads were suspended by this composite event?
int	<i>events</i>	Events in set.
Repeated <i>events</i> times:		
byte	<i>eventKind</i>	Event kind selector
Case VMStart - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.VM_START:		Notification of initialization of a target VM. This event is received before the main thread is started and before any application code has been executed. Before this event occurs a significant amount of system code has executed and a number of system classes have been loaded. This event is always generated by the target VM, even if not explicitly requested.

	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event (or 0 if this event is automatically generated).
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Initial thread
Case SingleStep - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.SINGLE_STEP:			Notification of step completion in the target VM. The step event is generated before the code at its location is executed.
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Stepped thread
	location	<i>location</i>	Location stepped to
Case Breakpoint - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.BREAKPOINT:			Notification of a breakpoint in the target VM. The breakpoint event is generated before the code at its location is executed.
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Thread which hit breakpoint
	location	<i>location</i>	Location hit
Case MethodEntry - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.METHOD_ENTRY:			<p>Notification of a method invocation in the target VM. This event is generated before any code in the invoked method has executed. Method entry events are generated for both native and non-native methods.</p> <p>In some VMs method entry events can occur for a particular thread before its thread start event occurs if methods are called as part of the thread's initialization.</p>
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Thread which entered method
	location	<i>location</i>	The initial executable location in the method.

Case MethodExit - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.METHOD_EXIT:			Notification of a method return in the target VM. This event is generated after all code in the method has executed, but the location of this event is the last executed location in the method. Method exit events are generated for both native and non-native methods. Method exit events are not generated if the method terminates with a thrown exception.
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Thread which exited method
	location	<i>location</i>	Location of exit
Case MethodExitWithReturnValue - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.METHOD_EXIT_WITH_RETURN_VALUE:			Notification of a method return in the target VM. This event is generated after all code in the method has executed, but the location of this event is the last executed location in the method. Method exit events are generated for both native and non-native methods. Method exit events are not generated if the method terminates with a thrown exception. Since JDWP version 1.6.
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Thread which exited method
	location	<i>location</i>	Location of exit
	value	<i>value</i>	Value that will be returned by the method
Case MonitorContendedEnter - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.MONITOR_CONTENTED_ENTER:			Notification that a thread in the target VM is attempting to enter a monitor that is already acquired by another thread. Requires canRequestMonitorEvents capability - see CapabilitiesNew .

			Since JDWP version 1.6.
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Thread which is trying to enter the monitor
	tagged-objectID	<i>object</i>	Monitor object reference
	location	<i>location</i>	Location of contended monitor enter
Case MonitorContendedEntered - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.MONITOR_CONTENDED_ENTERED:			Notification of a thread in the target VM is entering a monitor after waiting for it to be released by another thread. Requires canRequestMonitorEvents capability - see CapabilitiesNew . Since JDWP version 1.6.
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Thread which entered monitor
	tagged-objectID	<i>object</i>	Monitor object reference
	location	<i>location</i>	Location of contended monitor enter
Case MonitorWait - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.MONITOR_WAIT:			Notification of a thread about to wait on a monitor object. Requires canRequestMonitorEvents capability - see CapabilitiesNew . Since JDWP version 1.6.
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Thread which is about to wait
	tagged-objectID	<i>object</i>	Monitor object reference
	location	<i>location</i>	Location at which the wait will occur
	long	<i>timeout</i>	Thread wait time in milliseconds
Case MonitorWaited - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.MONITOR_WAITED:			Notification that a thread in the target VM has finished waiting on

			Requires <code>canRequestMonitorEvents</code> capability - see CapabilitiesNew . a monitor object. Since JDWP version 1.6.
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Thread which waited
	tagged-objectID	<i>object</i>	Monitor object reference
	location	<i>location</i>	Location at which the wait occurred
	boolean	<i>timed_out</i>	True if timed out
Case Exception - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.EXCEPTION:			Notification of an exception in the target VM. If the exception is thrown from a non-native method, the exception event is generated at the location where the exception is thrown. If the exception is thrown from a native method, the exception event is generated at the first non-native location reached after the exception is thrown.
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Thread with exception
	location	<i>location</i>	Location of exception throw (or first non-native location after throw if thrown from a native method)
	tagged-objectID	<i>exception</i>	Thrown exception
	location	<i>catchLocation</i>	Location of catch, or 0 if not caught. An exception is considered to be caught if, at the point of the throw, the current location is dynamically enclosed in a try statement that handles the exception. (See the JVM specification for details). If there is such a try statement, the catch location is the first location in the appropriate catch clause.

		<p>If there are native methods in the call stack at the time of the exception, there are important restrictions to note about the returned catch location. In such cases, it is not possible to predict whether an exception will be handled by some native method on the call stack. Thus, it is possible that exceptions considered uncaught here will, in fact, be handled by a native method and not cause termination of the target VM. Furthermore, it cannot be assumed that the catch location returned here will ever be reached by the throwing thread. If there is a native frame between the current location and the catch location, the exception might be handled and cleared in that native method instead.</p> <p>Note that compilers can generate try-catch blocks in some cases where they are not explicit in the source code; for example, the code generated for <code>synchronized</code> and <code>finally</code> blocks can contain implicit try-catch blocks. If such an implicitly generated try-catch is present on the call stack at the time of the throw, the exception will be considered caught even though it appears to be uncaught from examination of the source code.</p>
<p>Case ThreadStart - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.THREAD_START:</p>		<p>Notification of a new running thread in the target VM. The new thread can be the result of a call to <code>java.lang.Thread.start</code> or the result of attaching a new thread to the VM though JNI. The notification is generated by the new thread some time before its execution starts. Because of this timing, it is possible to receive other events for</p>

			<p>the thread before this event is received. (Notably, Method Entry Events and Method Exit Events might occur during thread initialization. It is also possible for the VirtualMachine AllThreads command to return a thread before its thread start event is received.</p> <p>Note that this event gives no information about the creation of the thread object which may have happened much earlier, depending on the VM being debugged.</p>
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Started thread
<p>Case ThreadDeath - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.THREAD_DEATH:</p>			<p>Notification of a completed thread in the target VM. The notification is generated by the dying thread before it terminates. Because of this timing, it is possible for {@link VirtualMachine#allThreads} to return this thread after this event is received.</p> <p>Note that this event gives no information about the lifetime of the thread object. It may or may not be collected soon depending on what references exist in the target VM.</p>
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Ending thread
<p>Case ClassPrepare - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.CLASS_PREPARE:</p>			<p>Notification of a class prepare in the target VM. See the JVM specification for a definition of class preparation. Class prepare events are not generated for primitive classes (for example, java.lang.Integer.TYPE).</p>
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event

	threadID	<i>thread</i>	<p>Preparing thread. In rare cases, this event may occur in a debugger system thread within the target VM. Debugger threads take precautions to prevent these events, but they cannot be avoided under some conditions, especially for some subclasses of <code>java.lang.Error</code>. If the event was generated by a debugger system thread, the value returned by this method is null, and if the requested suspend policy for the event was <code>EVENT_THREAD</code> all threads will be suspended instead, and the composite event's suspend policy will reflect this change.</p> <p>Note that the discussion above does not apply to system threads created by the target VM during its normal (non-debug) operation.</p>
	byte	<i>refTypeTag</i>	Kind of reference type. See JDWP.TypeTag
	referenceTypeID	<i>typeID</i>	Type being prepared
	string	<i>signature</i>	Type signature
	int	<i>status</i>	Status of type. See JDWP.ClassStatus
Case ClassUnload - if <i>eventKind</i> is <code>JDWP.EventKind.CLASS_UNLOAD</code> :			<p>Notification of a class unload in the target VM.</p> <p>There are severe constraints on the debugger back-end during garbage collection, so unload information is greatly limited.</p>
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	string	<i>signature</i>	Type signature
Case FieldAccess - if <i>eventKind</i> is <code>JDWP.EventKind.FIELD_ACCESS</code> :			<p>Notification of a field access in the target VM. Field modifications are not considered field accesses.</p>

			Requires canWatchFieldAccess capability - see CapabilitiesNew .
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Accessing thread
	location	<i>location</i>	Location of access
	byte	<i>refTypeTag</i>	Kind of reference type. See JDWP.TypeTag
	referenceTypeID	<i>typeID</i>	Type of field
	fieldID	<i>fieldID</i>	Field being accessed
	tagged-objectID	<i>object</i>	Object being accessed (null=0 for statics)
Case FieldModification - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.FIELD_MODIFICATION:			Notification of a field modification in the target VM. Requires canWatchFieldModification capability - see CapabilitiesNew .
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event
	threadID	<i>thread</i>	Modifying thread
	location	<i>location</i>	Location of modify
	byte	<i>refTypeTag</i>	Kind of reference type. See JDWP.TypeTag
	referenceTypeID	<i>typeID</i>	Type of field
	fieldID	<i>fieldID</i>	Field being modified
	tagged-objectID	<i>object</i>	Object being modified (null=0 for statics)
	value	<i>valueToBe</i>	Value to be assigned
Case VMDeath - if <i>eventKind</i> is JDWP.EventKind.VM_DEATH:			
	int	<i>requestID</i>	Request that generated event

Error Constants

NONE	0	No error has occurred.
INVALID_THREAD	10	Passed thread is null, is not a valid thread or has exited.
INVALID_THREAD_GROUP	11	Thread group invalid.
INVALID_PRIORITY	12	Invalid priority.
THREAD_NOT_SUSPENDED	13	If the specified thread has not been suspended by an event.
THREAD_SUSPENDED	14	Thread already suspended.
THREAD_NOT_ALIVE	15	Thread has not been started or is now dead.
INVALID_OBJECT	20	If this reference type has been unloaded and garbage collected.
INVALID_CLASS	21	Invalid class.
CLASS_NOT_PREPARED	22	Class has been loaded but not yet prepared.
INVALID_METHODID	23	Invalid method.
INVALID_LOCATION	24	Invalid location.
INVALID_FIELDID	25	Invalid field.
INVALID_FRAMEID	30	Invalid jframeID.
NO_MORE_FRAMES	31	There are no more Java or JNI frames on the call stack.
OPAQUE_FRAME	32	Information about the frame is not available.
NOT_CURRENT_FRAME	33	Operation can only be performed on current frame.
TYPE_MISMATCH	34	The variable is not an appropriate type for the function used.
INVALID_SLOT	35	Invalid slot.
DUPLICATE	40	Item already set.

NOT_FOUND	41	Desired element not found.
INVALID_MONITOR	50	Invalid monitor.
NOT_MONITOR_OWNER	51	This thread doesn't own the monitor.
INTERRUPT	52	The call has been interrupted before completion.
INVALID_CLASS_FORMAT	60	The virtual machine attempted to read a class file and determined that the file is malformed or otherwise cannot be interpreted as a class file.
CIRCULAR_CLASS_DEFINITION	61	A circularity has been detected while initializing a class.
FAILS_VERIFICATION	62	The verifier detected that a class file, though well formed, contained some sort of internal inconsistency or security problem.
ADD_METHOD_NOT_IMPLEMENTED	63	Adding methods has not been implemented.
SCHEMA_CHANGE_NOT_IMPLEMENTED	64	Schema change has not been implemented.
INVALID_TYPESTATE	65	The state of the thread has been modified, and is now inconsistent.
HIERARCHY_CHANGE_NOT_IMPLEMENTED	66	A direct superclass is different for the new class version, or the set of directly implemented interfaces is different and <code>canUnrestrictedlyRedefineClasses</code> is false.
DELETE_METHOD_NOT_IMPLEMENTED	67	The new class version does not declare a method declared in the old class version and <code>canUnrestrictedlyRedefineClasses</code> is false.
UNSUPPORTED_VERSION	68	A class file has a version number not supported by this VM.

NAMES_DONT_MATCH	69	The class name defined in the new class file is different from the name in the old class object.
CLASS_MODIFIERS_CHANGE_NOT_IMPLEMENTED	70	The new class version has different modifiers and <code>canUnrestrictedlyRedefineClasses</code> is false.
METHOD_MODIFIERS_CHANGE_NOT_IMPLEMENTED	71	A method in the new class version has different modifiers than its counterpart in the old class version and <code>canUnrestrictedlyRedefineClasses</code> is false.
NOT_IMPLEMENTED	99	The functionality is not implemented in this virtual machine.
NULL_POINTER	100	Invalid pointer.
ABSENT_INFORMATION	101	Desired information is not available.
INVALID_EVENT_TYPE	102	The specified event type id is not recognized.
ILLEGAL_ARGUMENT	103	Illegal argument.
OUT_OF_MEMORY	110	The function needed to allocate memory and no more memory was available for allocation.
ACCESS_DENIED	111	Debugging has not been enabled in this virtual machine. JVMTI cannot be used.
VM_DEAD	112	The virtual machine is not running.
INTERNAL	113	An unexpected internal error has occurred.
UNATTACHED_THREAD	115	The thread being used to call this function is not attached to the virtual machine. Calls must be made from attached threads.

INVALID_TAG	500	object type id or class tag.
ALREADY_INVOKING	502	Previous invoke not complete.
INVALID_INDEX	503	Index is invalid.
INVALID_LENGTH	504	The length is invalid.
INVALID_STRING	506	The string is invalid.
INVALID_CLASS_LOADER	507	The class loader is invalid.
INVALID_ARRAY	508	The array is invalid.
TRANSPORT_LOAD	509	Unable to load the transport.
TRANSPORT_INIT	510	Unable to initialize the transport.
NATIVE_METHOD	511	
INVALID_COUNT	512	The count is invalid.

EventKind Constants

SINGLE_STEP	1	
BREAKPOINT	2	
FRAME_POP	3	
EXCEPTION	4	
USER_DEFINED	5	
THREAD_START	6	
THREAD_DEATH	7	
THREAD_END	7	obsolete - was used in jvmdi
CLASS_PREPARE	8	
CLASS_UNLOAD	9	
CLASS_LOAD	10	
FIELD_ACCESS	20	

FIELD_MODIFICATION	21	
EXCEPTION_CATCH	30	
METHOD_ENTRY	40	
METHOD_EXIT	41	
METHOD_EXIT_WITH_RETURN_VALUE	42	
MONITOR_CONTENTENDED_ENTER	43	
MONITOR_CONTENTENDED_ENTERED	44	
MONITOR_WAIT	45	
MONITOR_WAITED	46	
VM_START	90	
VM_INIT	90	obsolete - was used in jvmdi
VM_DEATH	99	
VM_DISCONNECTED	100	Never sent across JDWP

ThreadStatus Constants

ZOMBIE	0	
RUNNING	1	
SLEEPING	2	
MONITOR	3	
WAIT	4	

SuspendStatus Constants

SUSPEND_STATUS_SUSPENDED	0x1	

ClassStatus Constants

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VERIFIED	1	
PREPARED	2	
INITIALIZED	4	
ERROR	8	

TypeTag Constants

CLASS	1	ReferenceType is a class.
INTERFACE	2	ReferenceType is an interface.
ARRAY	3	ReferenceType is an array.

Tag Constants

ARRAY	91	'[' - an array object (objectID size).
BYTE	66	'B' - a byte value (1 byte).
CHAR	67	'C' - a character value (2 bytes).
OBJECT	76	'L' - an object (objectID size).
FLOAT	70	'F' - a float value (4 bytes).
DOUBLE	68	'D' - a double value (8 bytes).
INT	73	'I' - an int value (4 bytes).
LONG	74	'J' - a long value (8 bytes).
SHORT	83	'S' - a short value (2 bytes).
VOID	86	'V' - a void value (no bytes).
BOOLEAN	90	'Z' - a boolean value (1 byte).
STRING	115	's' - a String object (objectID size).
THREAD	116	't' - a Thread object (objectID size).
THREAD_GROUP	103	'g' - a ThreadGroup object (objectID size).

CLASS_LOADER	108	'l' - a ClassLoader object (objectID size).
CLASS_OBJECT	99	'c' - a class object object (objectID size).

StepDepth Constants

INTO	0	Step into any method calls that occur before the end of the step.
OVER	1	Step over any method calls that occur before the end of the step.
OUT	2	Step out of the current method.

StepSize Constants

MIN	0	Step by the minimum possible amount (often a bytecode instruction).
LINE	1	Step to the next source line unless there is no line number information in which case a MIN step is done instead.

SuspendPolicy Constants

NONE	0	Suspend no threads when this event is encountered.
EVENT_THREAD	1	Suspend the event thread when this event is encountered.
ALL	2	Suspend all threads when this event is encountered.

InvokeOptions Constants

The invoke options are a combination of zero or more of the following bit flags:

INVOKE_SINGLE_THREADED	0x01	otherwise, all threads started.
INVOKE_NONVIRTUAL	0x02	otherwise, normal virtual invoke (instance methods only)