



Taking off with JDK Flight Recorder!

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Important Notes

- Ask questions
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- Link to slides 🖱️ <https://github.com/wkorando/taking-off-with-jfr>



- <https://dev.java>
- <https://inside.java>
- <https://youtube.com/java>
- Inside Java Podcast
- Inside Java Newscast
- #SipOfJava
- #JEP Café

Agenda

- What is JDK Flight Recorder?
- Demo!
 - Running JDK Flight Recorder
 - Analyzing Results
 - Customizing JDK Flight Recorder

What is JDK Flight Recorder?

What is JDK Flight Recorder? (JFR)

- Initially added in JDK 7
 - Then called Java Flight Recorder
 - Goes back to JRockit
- Open source in JDK 11, renamed JDK Flight Recorder
- Built into the Java runtime



What is JFR?

- Event based diagnostic and profiling tool
- Extremely low overhead of <1%*
- Meant to be used **continuously in production**
- Covers both events happening in JVM and Java applications

* When using default settings, YMMV when choosing different settings

JFR Under the hood

Performance:

- Events produced by Java Runtime and Application
- Stored in Memory in Thread Local Buffers
- Can then be dumped to a .jfr file

JFR Events

Over 150 different events

jdk.SystemProcess
jdk.ActiveSetting
jdk.GarbageCollection
jdk.GCPhasePause
jdk.EvacuationFailed
jdk.ThreadStart
jdk.ThreadDump
jdk.GCConfiguration
jdk.FileRead
jdk.FileWrite
jdk.SocketRead
jdk.SocketWrite

Demo!



Links and Code Examples

Slide deck: <https://github.com/wkorando/taking-off-with-jfr>

Java Command (-XX:StartFlightRecording):

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/18/docs/specs/man/java.html#advanced-runtime-options-for-java>

JFR Programmers Guide:

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/18/jfapi/preface.html>

JFR Health Report:

<https://github.com/flight-recorder/health-report>

JVM Profiling in Kubernetes with Java Flight Recorder:

<https://tech.olx.com/jvm-profiling-in-kubernetes-with-java-flight-recorder-b39a6181a99c>

Continuous Performance Regression Testing with JFRUnit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHOtYCccOLw>

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