Improving Performance with async-profiler

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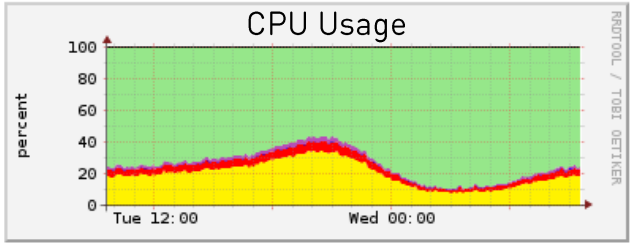
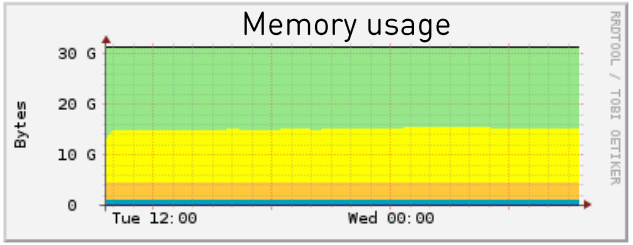
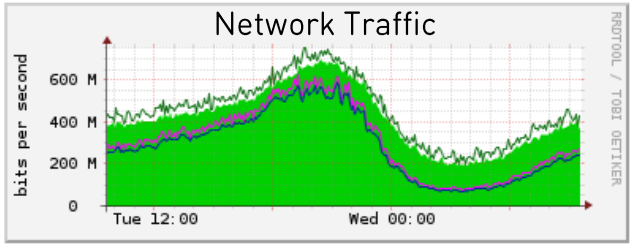
Agenda

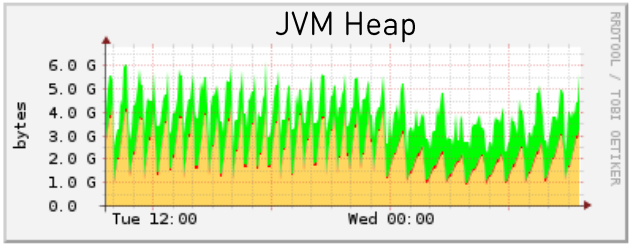
1. Profiling theory
2. What's wrong with the classical approach
3. Introduction to async-profiler
4. Allocation profiling
5. Advanced techniques

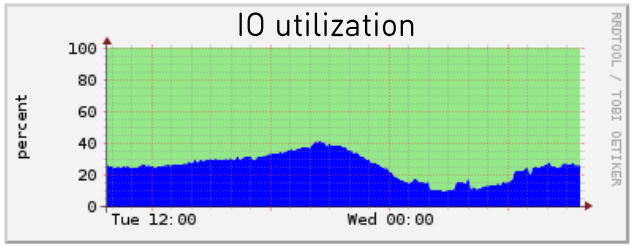
What to optimize?

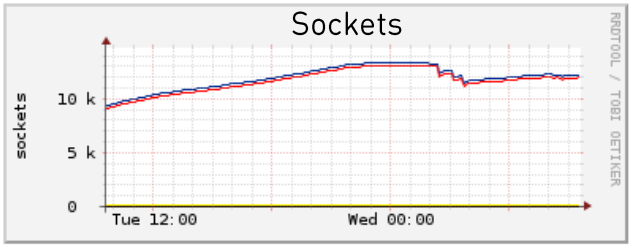




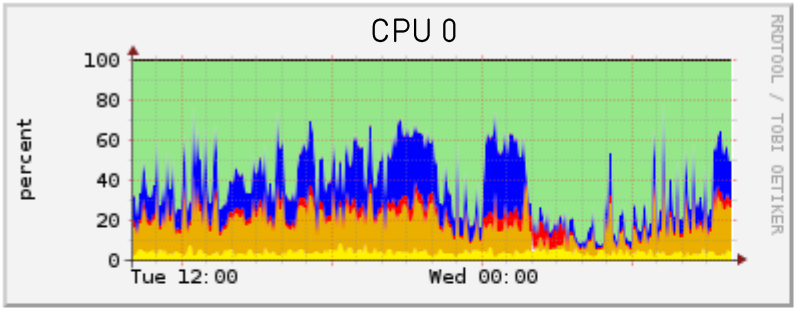


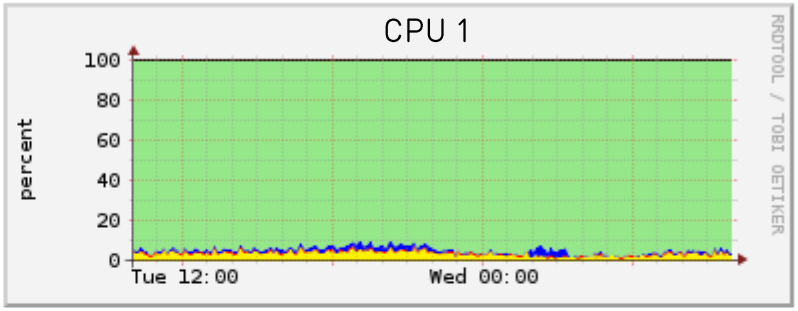


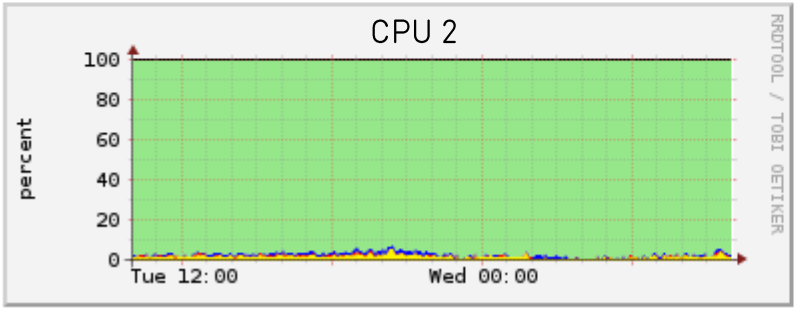


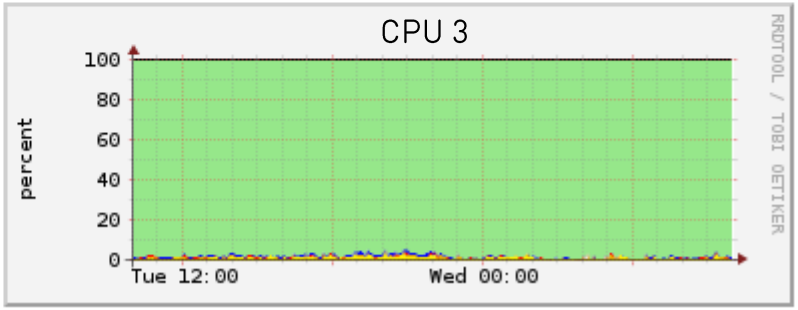


To profile or not to profile?









CPU profiling

How to profile

Instrumenting

Trace method transitions

- Sloooow

Sampling

Periodic snapshots

- Production ready

Thread Dump

Java API

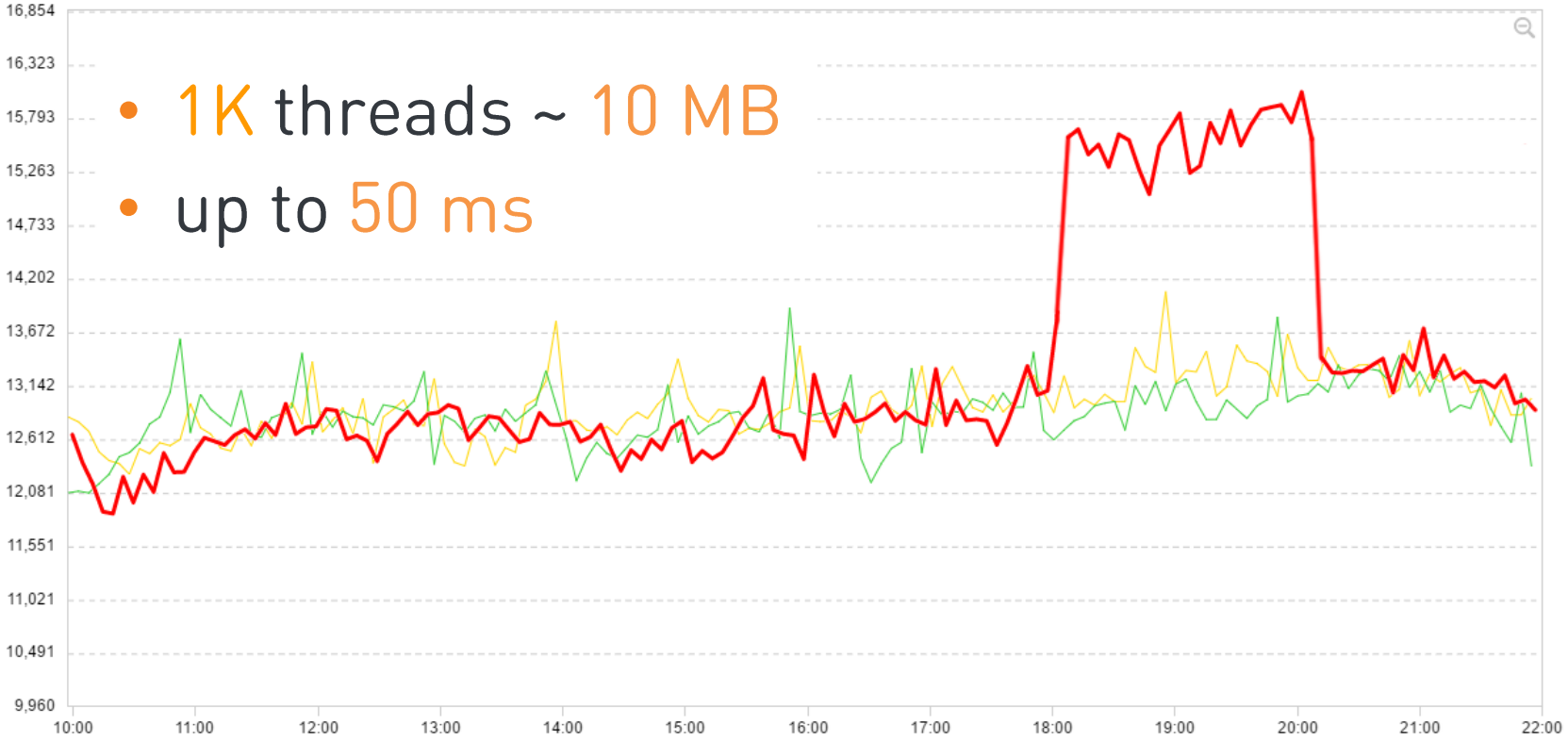
Thread.getAllStackTraces()

Map<Thread, StackTraceElement[]>

Native (JVMTI)

GetAllStackTraces()

Overhead


• 1K threads ~ 10 MB
• up to 50 ms
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Advantages

- Simple
- All Java platforms
- No extra JVM options required

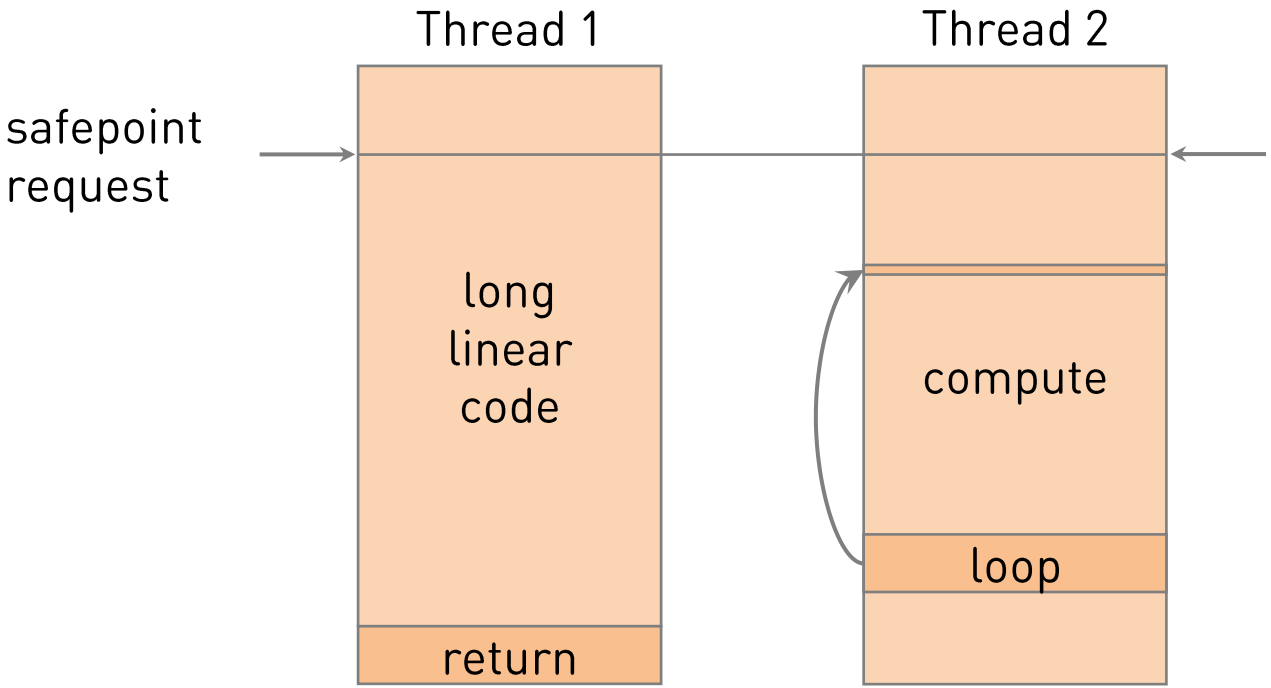
✓ Supported by many profilers

Replying to @AndreiPangin

I'm happy with ✸Profiler ... no need for another tool

Demo

Safepoint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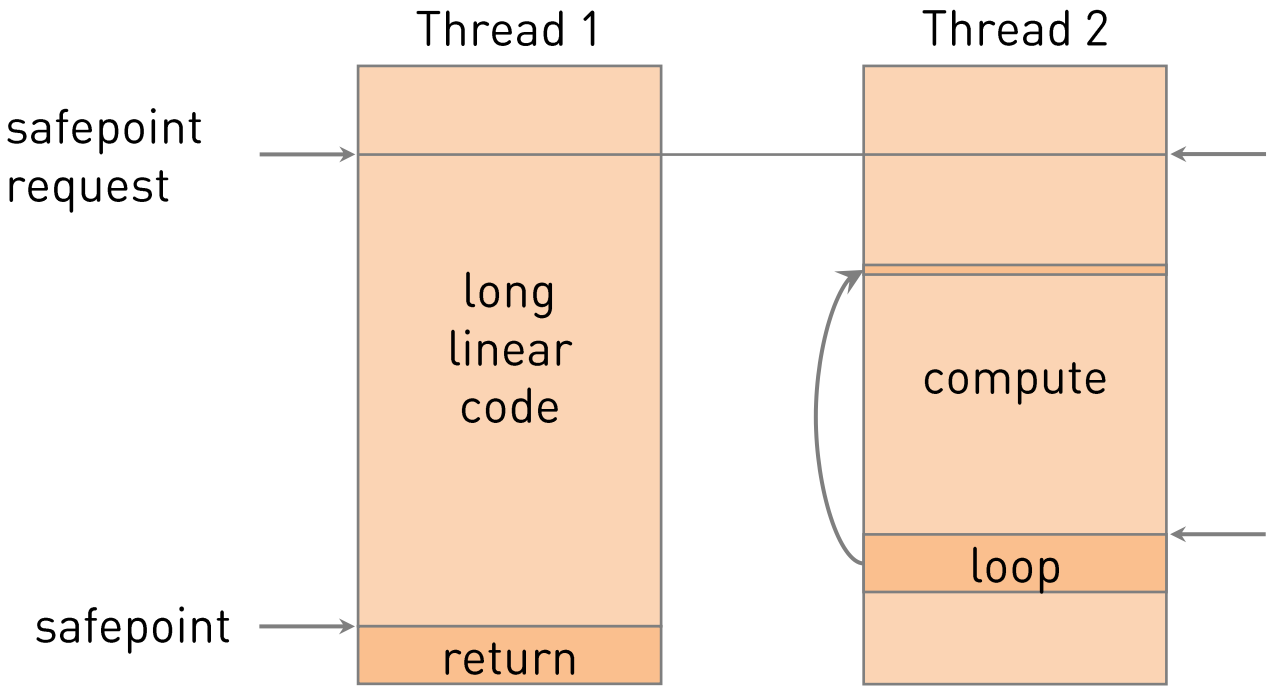
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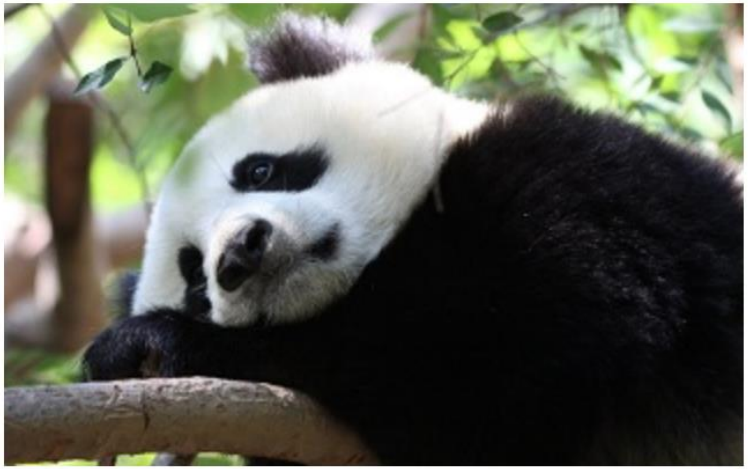
Wednesday, 24 February 2016

Why (Most) Sampling Java Profilers Are F[redacted] Terrible

This post builds on the basis of a previous post on safepoints. If you've not read it you might feel lost and confused. If you have read it, and still feel lost and confused, and you are certain this feeling is related to the matter at hand (as opposed to an existential crisis), please ask away.
So, now that we've established what safepoints are, and that:

1. Safepoint polls are dispersed at fairly arbitrary points (depending on execution mode, mostly at uncounted loop back edge or method return/entry).
2. Bringing the JVM to a global safepoint is high cost



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because of Safepoint bias

...not the profiler's fault...

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Native methods

```
Socket s = new Socket(host, port);

InputStream in = s.getInputStream();
while (in.read(buf) >= 0) {
    // keep reading
}
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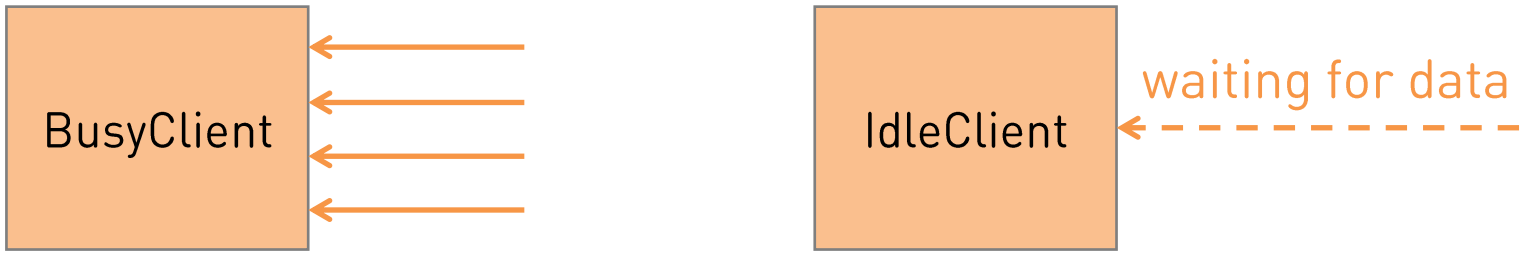

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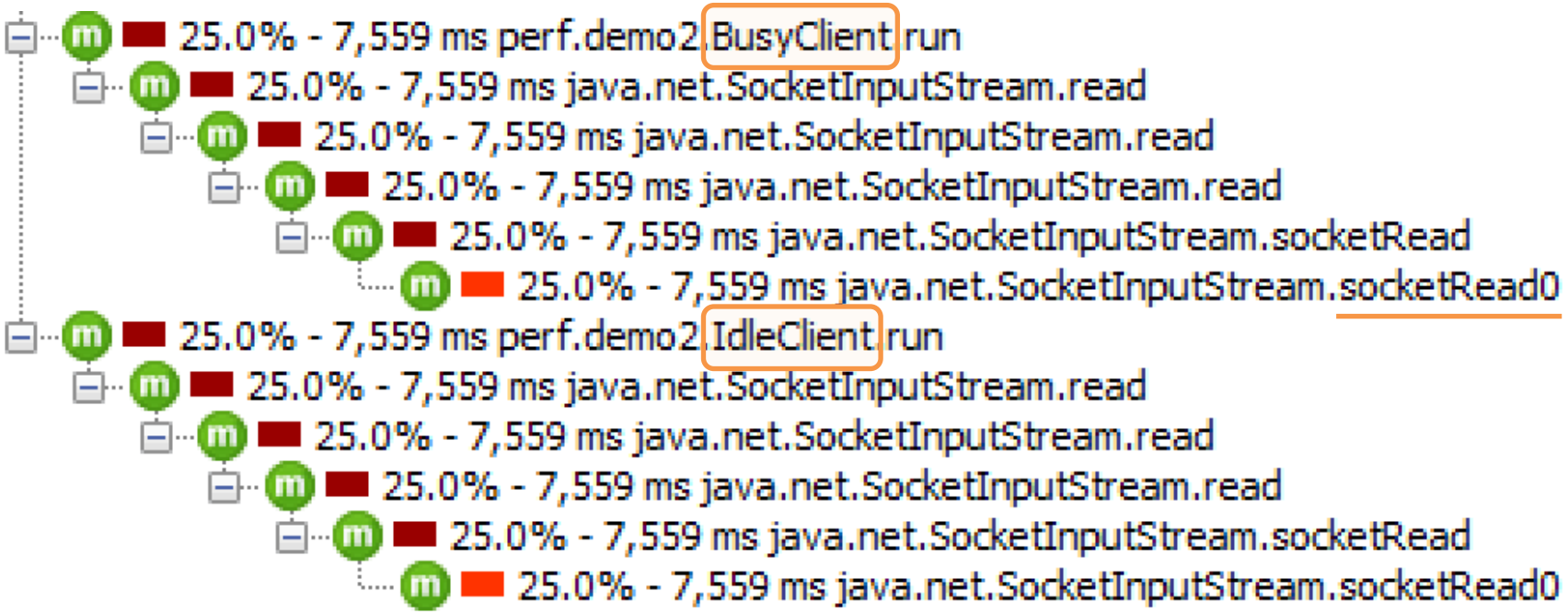


Solving GetAllStackTraces problems

- Avoid safepoint bias
- Skip idle threads
- Profile native code

AsyncGetCallTrace

How it works

```
AsyncGetCallTrace(ASGCT_CallTrace *trace,
                  jint depth,
                  void* ucontext)
```

from signal handler

- Oracle Developer Studio
- github.com/jvm-profiling-tools/honest-profiler
- github.com/jvm-profiling-tools/async-profiler

honest-profiler example

Method	Total %	Self # % ▲
▼ Thread-1	0,20 %	0,00 %
perf.demo2.IdleClient.run	0,20 %	0,20 %
▼ Thread-2	96,22 %	0,00 %
▼ perf.demo2.BusyClient.run	95,82 %	0,20 %
▼ java.net.SocketInputStream.read	95,62 %	0,00 %
▼ java.net.SocketInputStream.read	95,62 %	0,00 %
▼ java.net.SocketInputStream.read	95,62 %	0,60 %
▼ java.net.SocketInputStream.socketRead	94,62 %	0,00 %
java.net.SocketInputStream.socketRead0	94,62 %	94,62 %

AsyncGetCallTrace

- Pros
  - Only active threads
  - No safepoint bias
    -XX:+DebugNonSafepoints
- Cons
  - ✖ No native or JVM code
  - ✖ Windows support?

The bad part

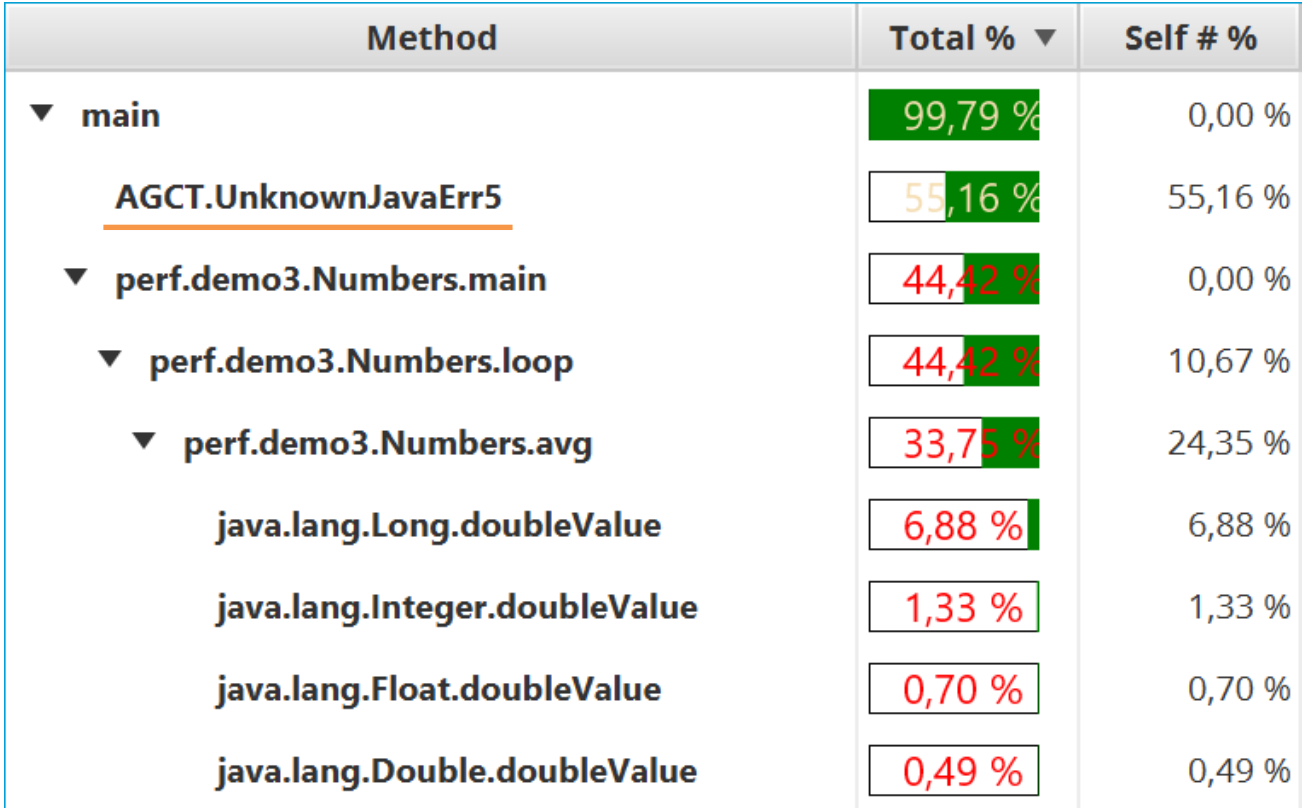
Method	Total %	Self # %
main	98,07 %	0,00 %
AGCT.UnknownJavaErr5	95,22 %	95,22 %
perf.demo1.ArrayListTest.main	2,64 %	0,29 %
sun.launcher.LauncherHelper.checkAndLoadMain	0,21 %	0,00 %
Unknown Thread(s)	1,85 %	0,00 %
AGCT.UnknownNotJava3	1,85 %	1,85 %

The bad part

```
double avg(Number... numbers) {
    double sum = 0;
    for (Number n : numbers) {
        sum += n.doubleValue();
    }
    return sum / numbers.length;
}


x = avg(123, 45.67, 890L, 33.3f, 999, 787878L);
```

The bad part



Method	Total %	Self # %
main	99,79 %	0,00 %
AGCT.UnknownJavaErr5	55,16 %	55,16 %
perf.demo3.Numbers.main	44,42 %	0,00 %
perf.demo3.Numbers.loop	44,42 %	10,67 %
perf.demo3.Numbers.avg	33,75 %	24,35 %
java.lang.Long.doubleValue	6,88 %	6,88 %
java.lang.Integer.doubleValue	1,33 %	1,33 %
java.lang.Float.doubleValue	0,70 %	0,70 %
java.lang.Double.doubleValue	0,49 %	0,49 %

Problems

```
enum {
  ticks_no_Java_frame          =  0,
  ticks_no_class_load          = -1,
  ticks_GC_active              = -2,
  ticks_unknown_not_Java       = -3,
  ticks_not_walkable_not_Java  = -4,
  ticks_unknown_Java           = -5,
  ticks_not_walkable_Java      = -6,
  ticks_unknown_state          = -7,
  ticks_thread_exit            = -8,
  ticks_deopt                  = -9,
  ticks_safepoint              = -10
};
```

src/share/vm/prims/forte.cpp

JDK / JDK-8178287

AsyncGetCallTrace fails to traverse valid Java stacks

Details

Type:	Bug	Status:	OPEN
Priority:	P4	Resolution:	Unresolved
Affects Version/s:	8u121, 9, 10	Fix Version/s:	tbd
Component/s:	hotspot		
Labels:	AsyncGetCallTrace analyzer		
Subcomponent:	svc		
CPU:	x86_64		

Description

There is a number of cases (observed in real applications) when profiling with AsyncGetCallTrace is useless due to HotSpot inability to walk through Java stack. Here is the analysis of such cases.

#1. An application performs many System.arraycopy() and spends a lot of time inside

People

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Perf Events

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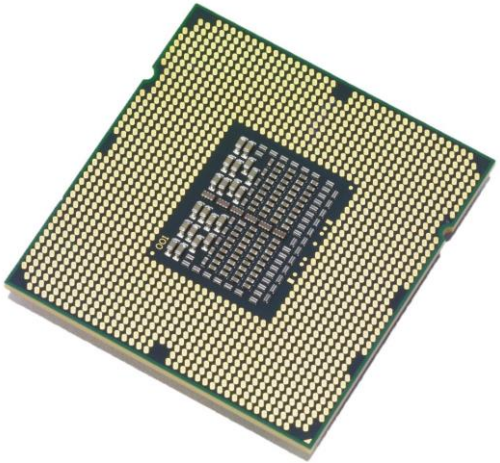
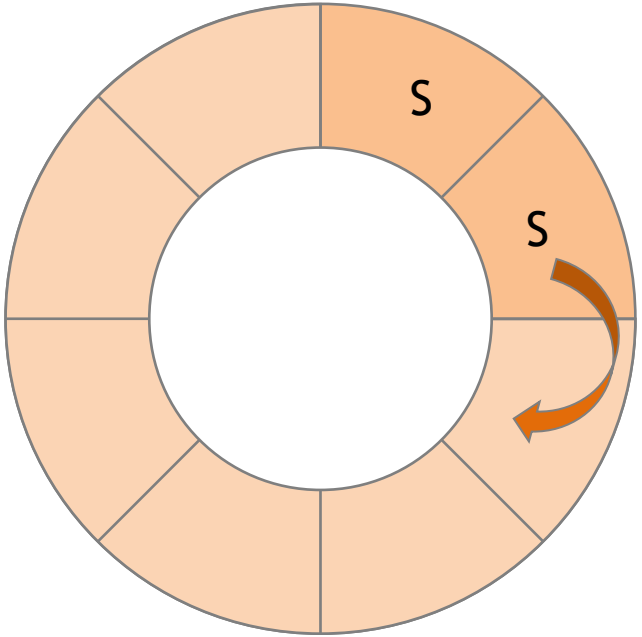


- Hardware counters
  - Cycles, instructions
  - Cache misses
  - Branch misses
  - etc.

Counter overflow ➔ HW interrupt

perf_event_open

- Linux syscall
  - Subscribe to HW/OS events
- Samples
  - pid, tid
  - CPU registers
  - Call chain (user + kernel)



perf

```
$ perf record -F 1009 java ...
$ perf report
```

perf.wiki.kernel.org/index.php/Tutorial

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$ perf record -F 1009 java ...
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```

```
  4.70%    java    [kernel.kallsyms]     [k] clear_page_c
  2.10%    java    libpthread-2.17.so    [.] pthread_cond_wait
  1.97%    java    libjvm.so             [.] Unsafe_Park
  1.40%    java    libjvm.so             [.] Parker::park
  1.31%    java    [kernel.kallsyms]     [k] try_to_wake_up
  1.31%    java    perf-18762.map        [.] 0x00007f8510e9e757
  1.21%    java    perf-18762.map        [.] 0x00007f8510e9e89e
  1.17%    java    perf-18762.map        [.] 0x00007f8510e9cc17
```

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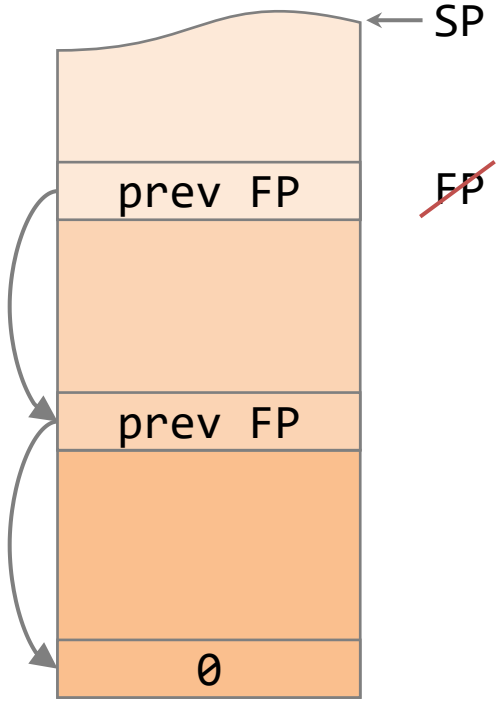
perf-map-agent

github.com/jvm-profiling-tools/perf-map-agent

```
$ java -agentpath:/usr/lib/libperfmap.so ...
```

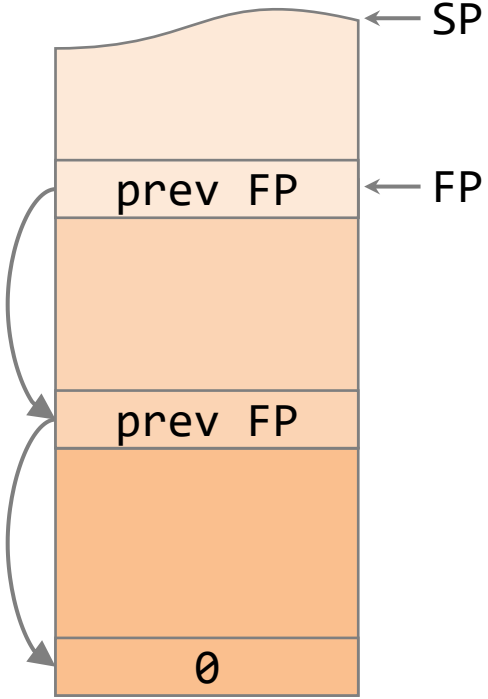
```
7fe0e91175e0  140  java.lang.String::hashCode
7fe0e9117900   20  java.lang.Math::min
7fe0e9117ae0   60  java.lang.String::length
7fe0e9117d20  180  java.lang.String::indexOf
```

JVM support for perf



JVM support for perf

- -XX:+PreserveFramePointer
- JDK ⩾ 8u60
- Permanent overhead (< 5%)

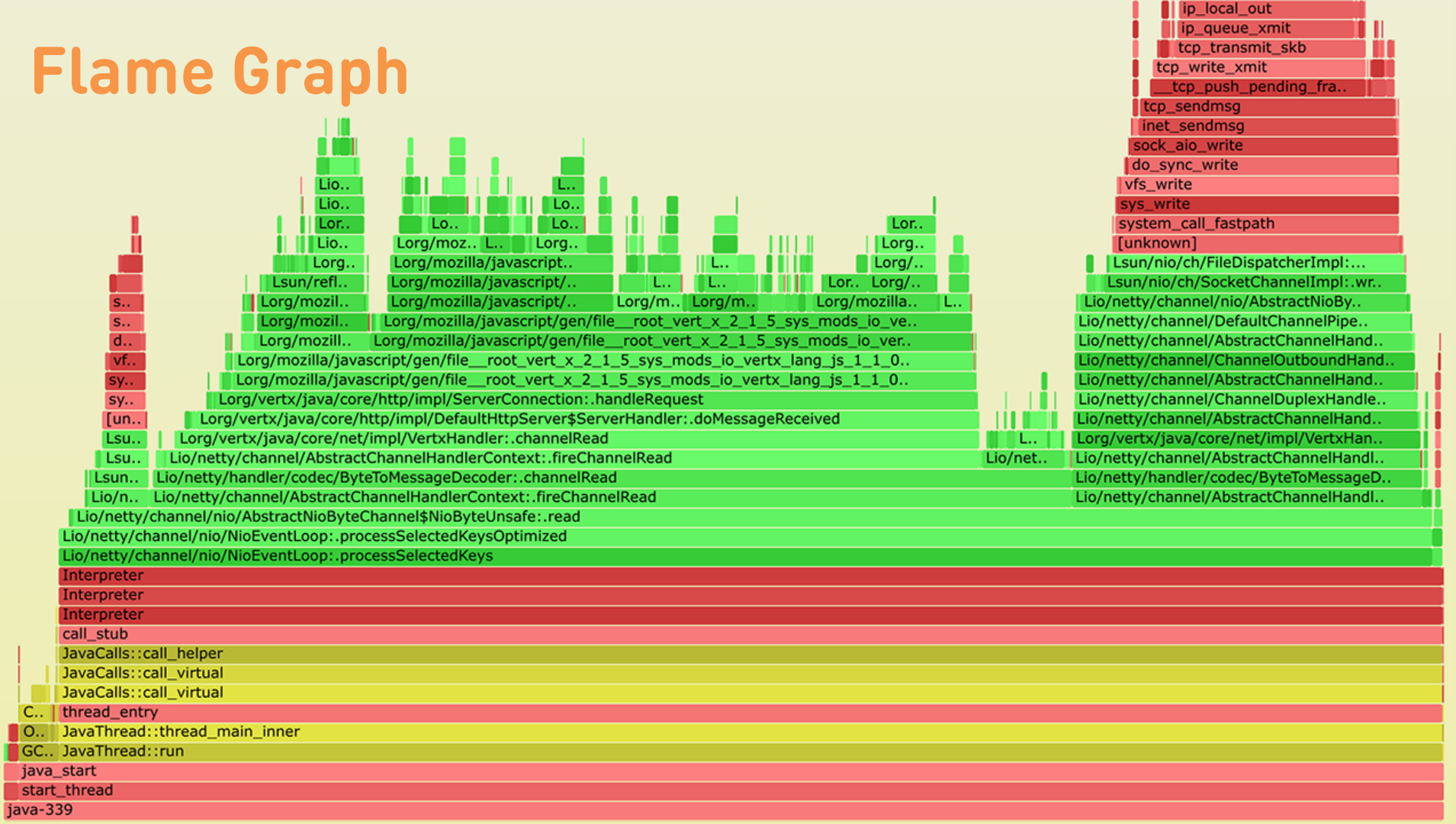


perf + FlameGraph

1. perf record
2. perf script
3. FlameGraph/stackcollapse-perf.pl
4. FlameGraph/flamegraph.pl

github.com/brendangregg/FlameGraph

Flame Graph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vfs_write
sys_write
system_call_fastpath
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Lsun/nio/ch/SocketChannelImpl:.wr..
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Lio/netty/channel/DefaultChannelPipe..
Lio/netty/channel/AbstractChannelHand..
Lio/netty/channel/ChannelOutboundHand..
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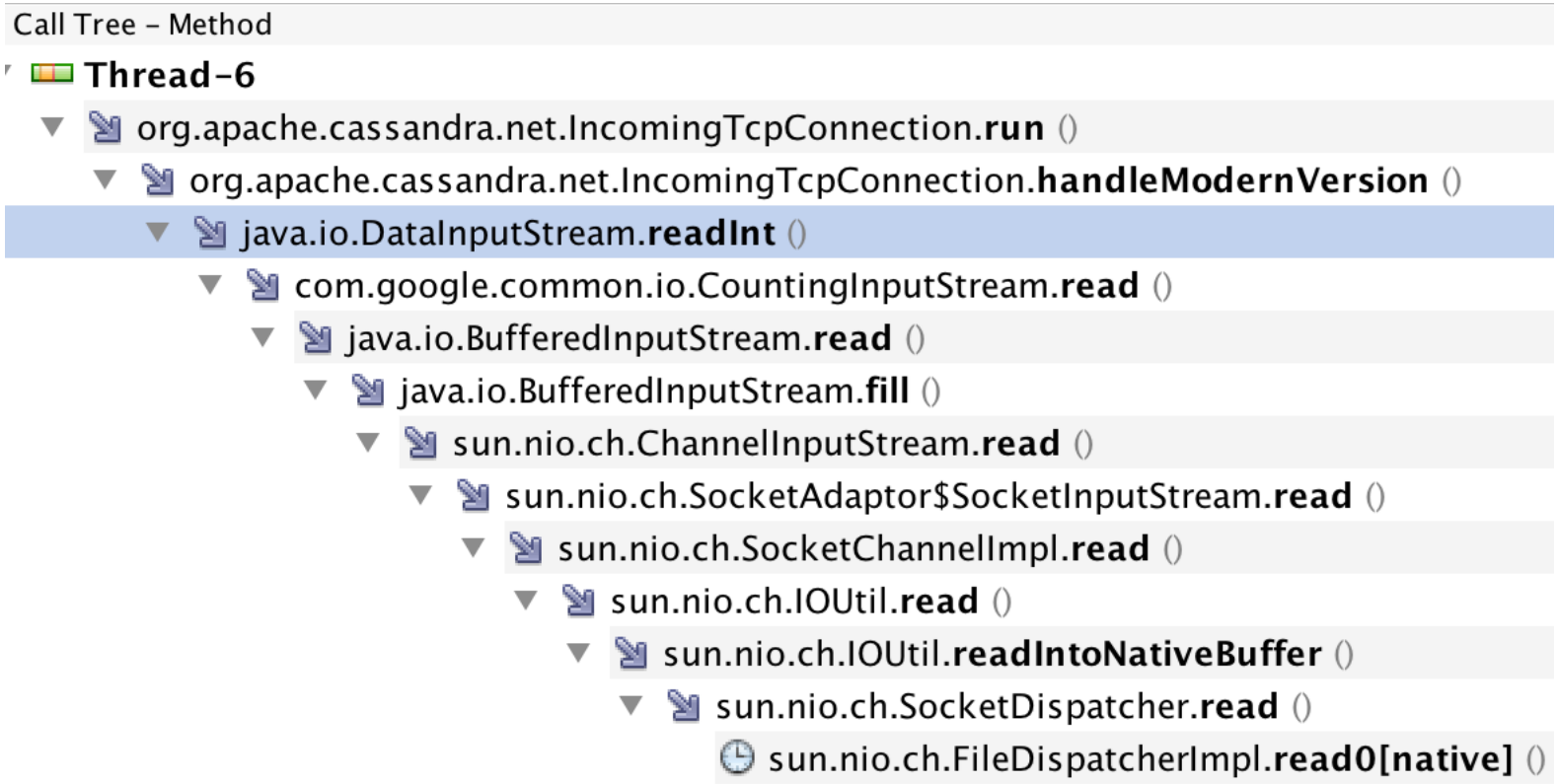
JavaThread::thread_main_inner
JavaThread::run
java_start
start_thread
java-339

Flat profile

Hot Spots – Method	Self Time [%]
sun.nio.ch.FileDispatcherImpl.**read0[native]** ()	
java.net.SocketInputStream.**socketRead0[native]** ()	
one.nio.net.NativeSelector.**epollWait[native]** ()	
one.nio.net.NativeSocket.**accept0[native]** ()	
sun.nio.ch.ServerSocketChannelImpl.**accept0[native]** ()	
sun.management.ThreadImpl.**dumpThreads0[native]** ()	
sun.misc.Unsafe.**unpark[native]** ()	
sun.reflect.Reflection.**getCallerClass[native]** ()	
sun.nio.ch.NativeThread.**current[native]** ()	
sun.nio.ch.FileDispatcherImpl.**write0[native]** ()	
sun.misc.Unsafe.**park[native]** ()	
org.apache.cassandra.locator.DynamicEndpointSnitch.**getDatacenter** ()	
org.apache.cassandra.locator.AbstractNetworkTopologySnitch.**compareEndpoints** ()	
java.lang.Object.**hashCode[native]** ()	
java.lang.Object.**notifyAll[native]** ()	
java.util.concurrent.ConcurrentHashMap.**get** ()	
java.security.AccessController.**doPrivileged[native]** ()	
java.lang.String.**intern[native]** ()	

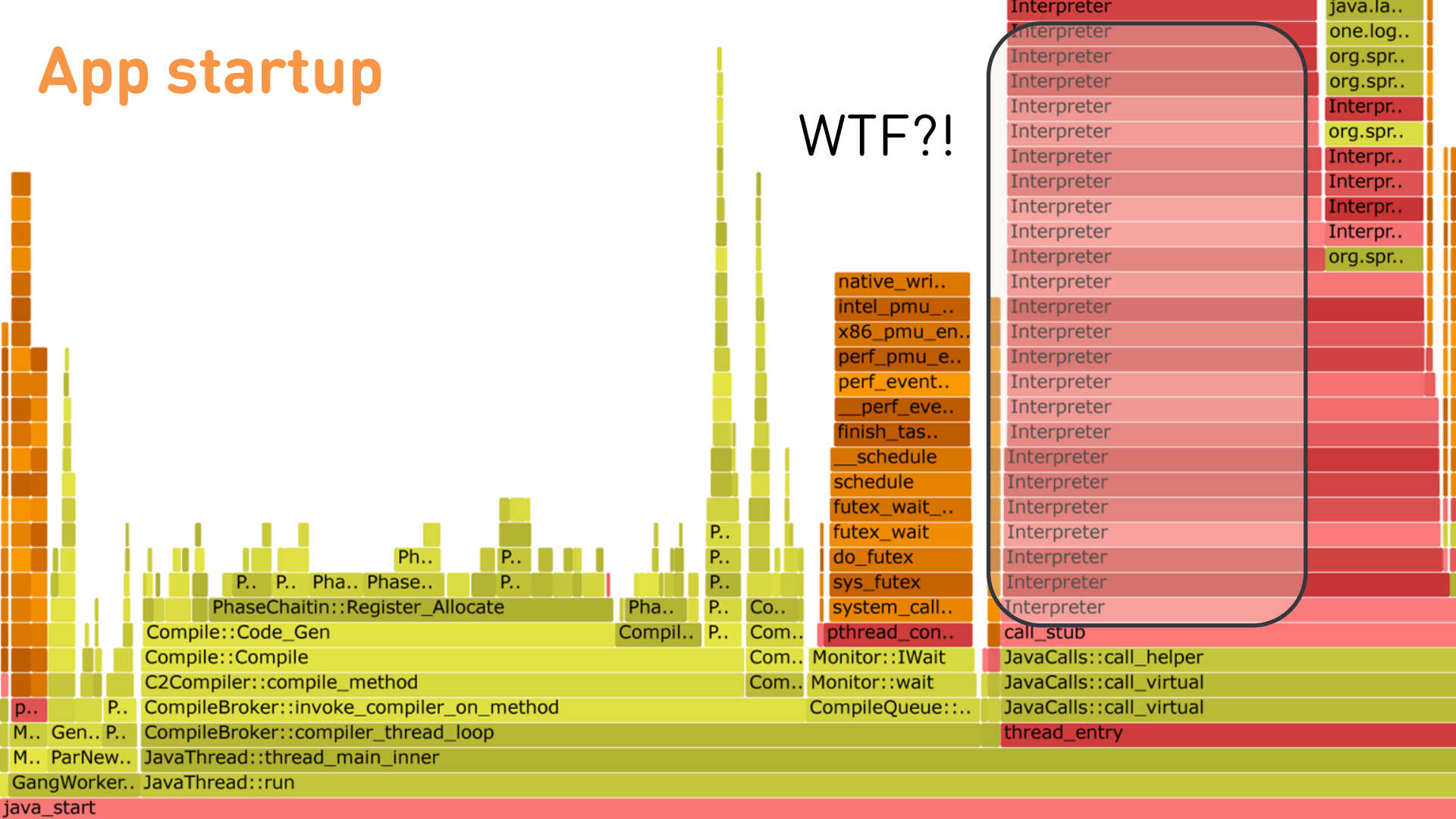
Tree view


Call Tree - Method
Thread-6
org.apache.cassandra.net.IncomingTcpConnection.run ()
org.apache.cassandra.net.IncomingTcpConnection.handleModernVersion ()
java.io.DataInputStream.readInt ()
com.google.common.io.CountingInputStream.read ()
java.io.BufferedInputStream.read ()
java.io.BufferedInputStream.fill ()
sun.nio.ch.ChannelInputStream.read ()
sun.nio.ch.SocketAdaptor$SocketInputStream.read ()
sun.nio.ch.SocketChannelImpl.read ()
sun.nio.ch.IOUtil.read ()
sun.nio.ch.IOUtil.readIntoNativeBuffer ()
sun.nio.ch.SocketDispatcher.read ()
sun.nio.ch.FileDispatcherImpl.read0[native] ()

Demo

App startup

WTF?!



Perf disadvantages

- No interpreted frames
- perf-map-agent for symbols
- -XX:+PreserveFramePointer
- JDK ⩾ 8u60
- /proc/sys/kernel/perf_event_paranoid
- /proc/sys/kernel/perf_event_max_stack = 127
- «Big Data»

Mixed approach

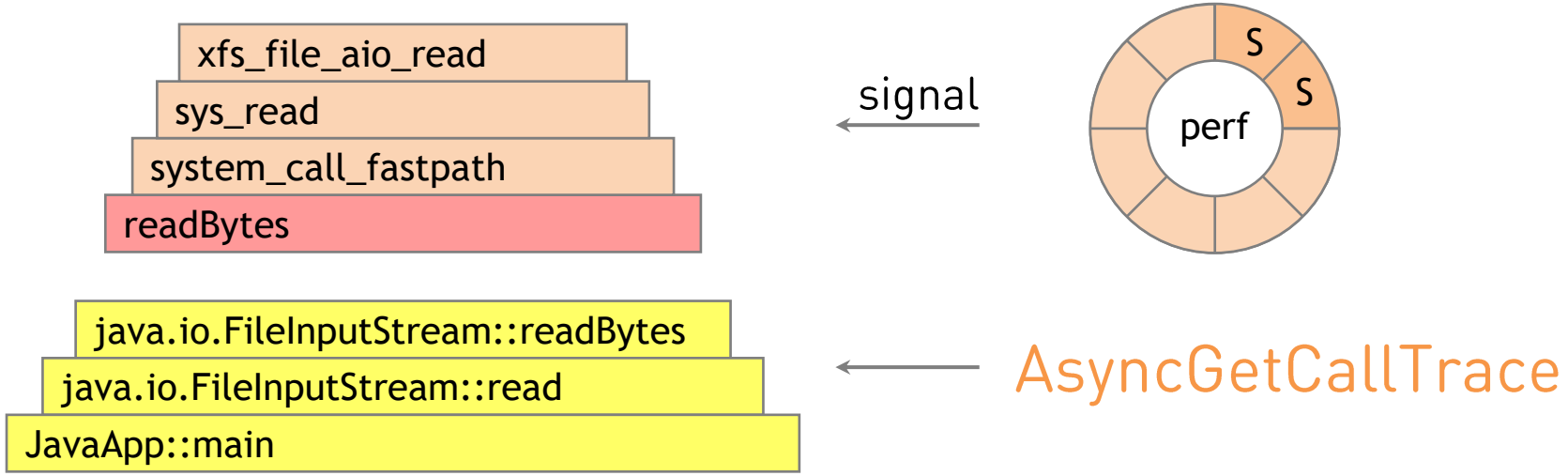
perf_event_open

- Kernel + native stacks
- HW counters

- Entire Java
- Fast and precise

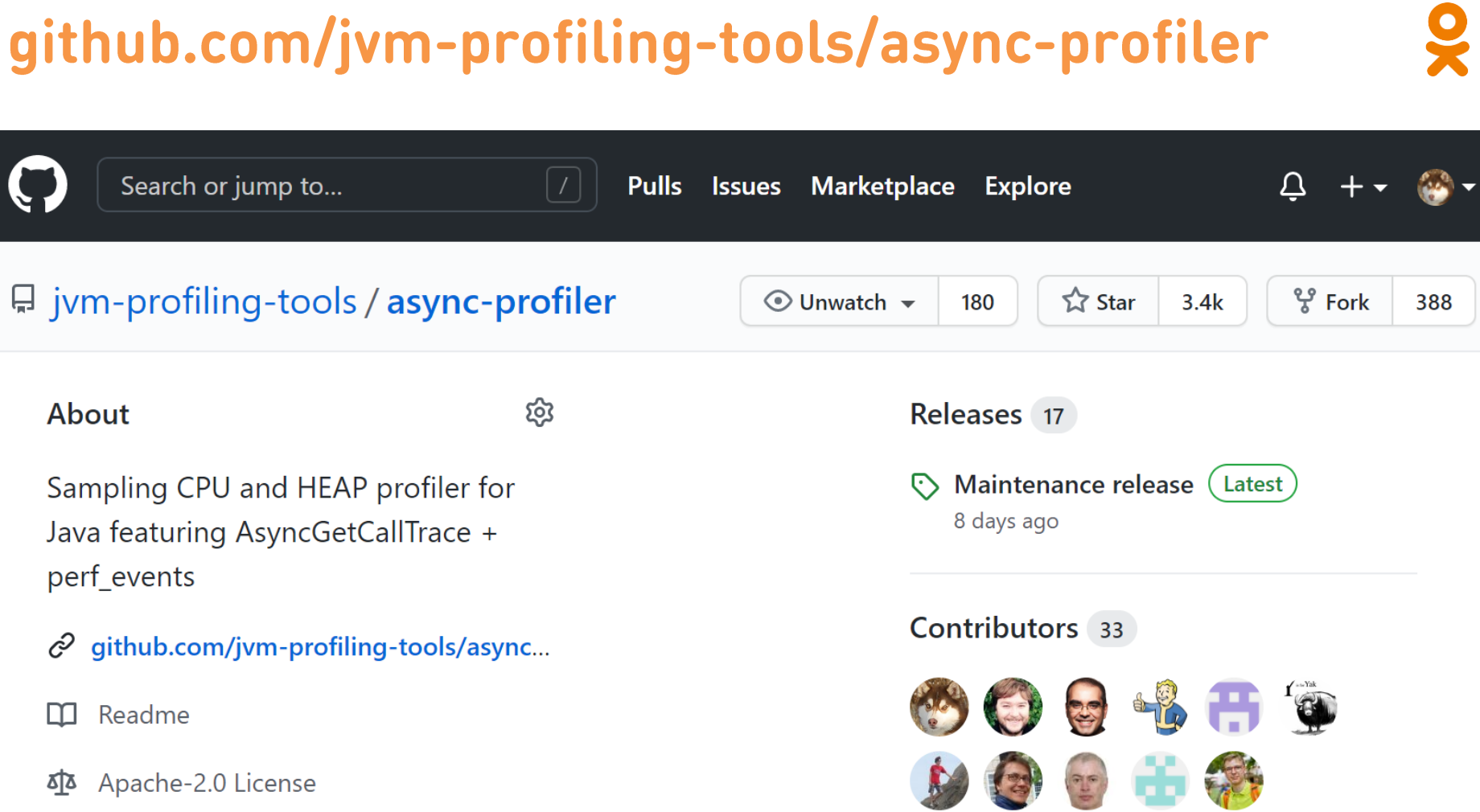
AsyncGetCallTrace

How it works in async-profiler



Introducing async-profiler

github.com/jvm-profiling-tools/async-profiler



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Latest release (1.8.2):

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- Linux x64 (musl): async-profiler-1.8.2-linux-musl-x64.tar.gz
- Linux ARM: async-profiler-1.8.2-linux-arm.tar.gz
- Linux AArch64: async-profiler-1.8.2-linux-aarch64.tar.gz
- macOS x64: async-profiler-1.8.2-macos-x64.tar.gz

Supported platforms

- **Linux** / x64 / x86 / ARM / AArch64
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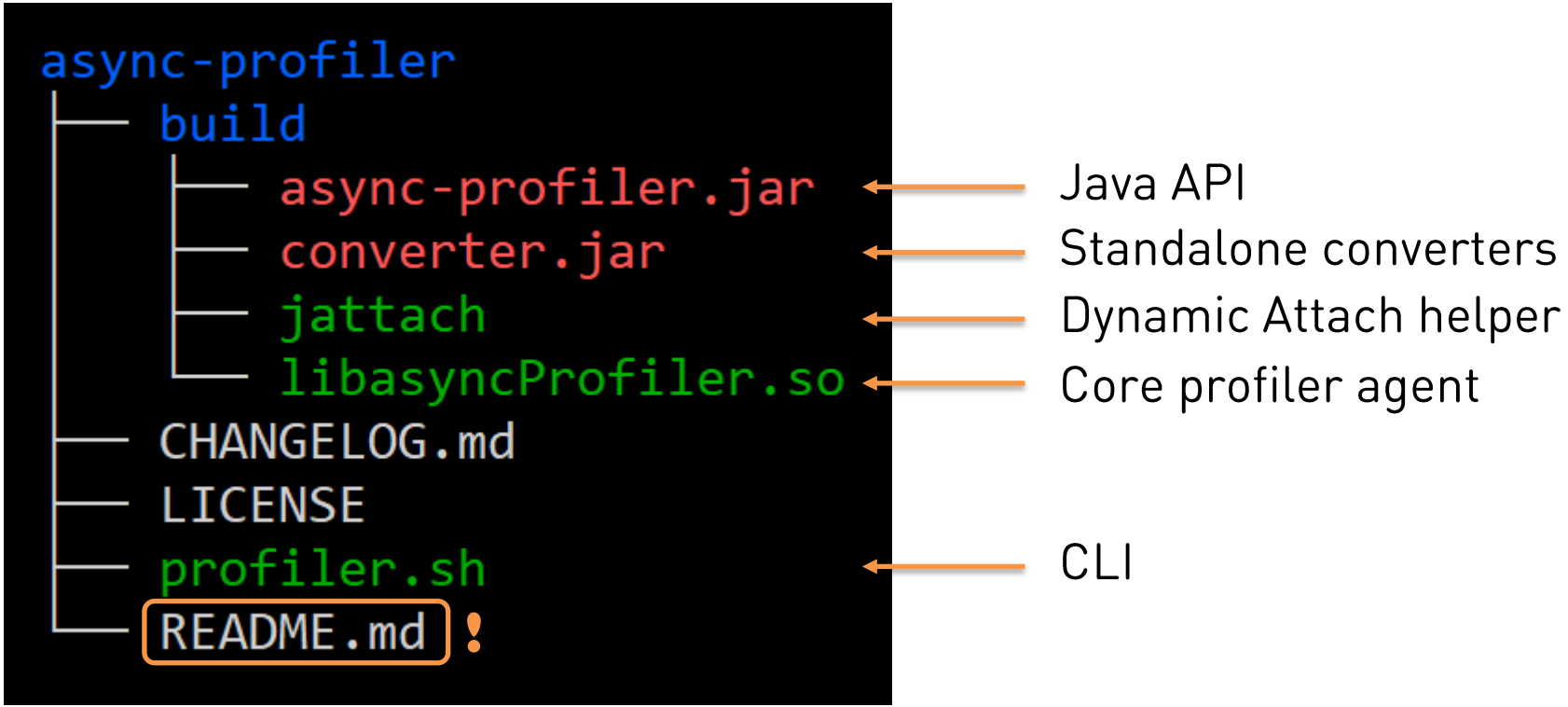
Package contents



Demo

Case study: file reading

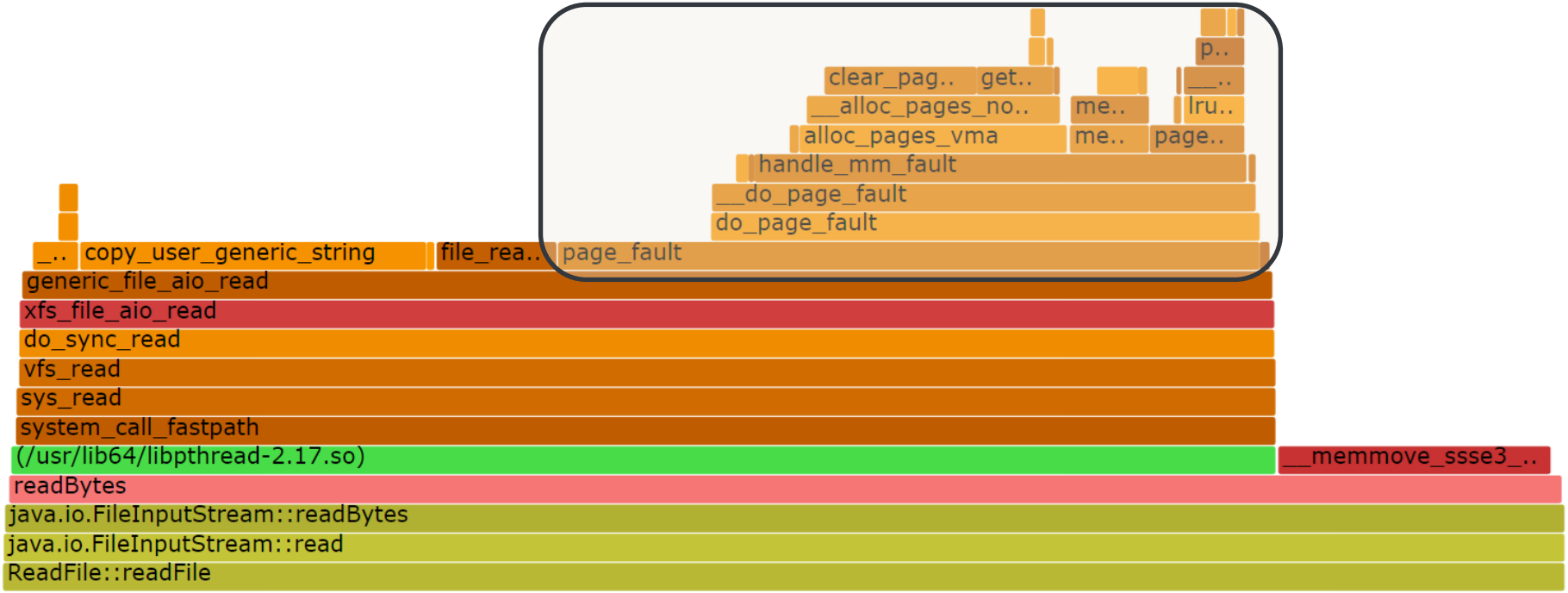
```
byte[] buf = new byte[bufSize];

try (FileInputStream in = new FileInputStream(fileName)) {
    int bytesRead;
    while ((bytesRead = in.read(buf)) > 0) {
        ...
    }
}
```

Buffer size?

- ❑ 64 K
- ❑ 1 M
- ❑ 4 M
- ❑ 16 M
- ❑ 32 M

Down to Linux Kernel



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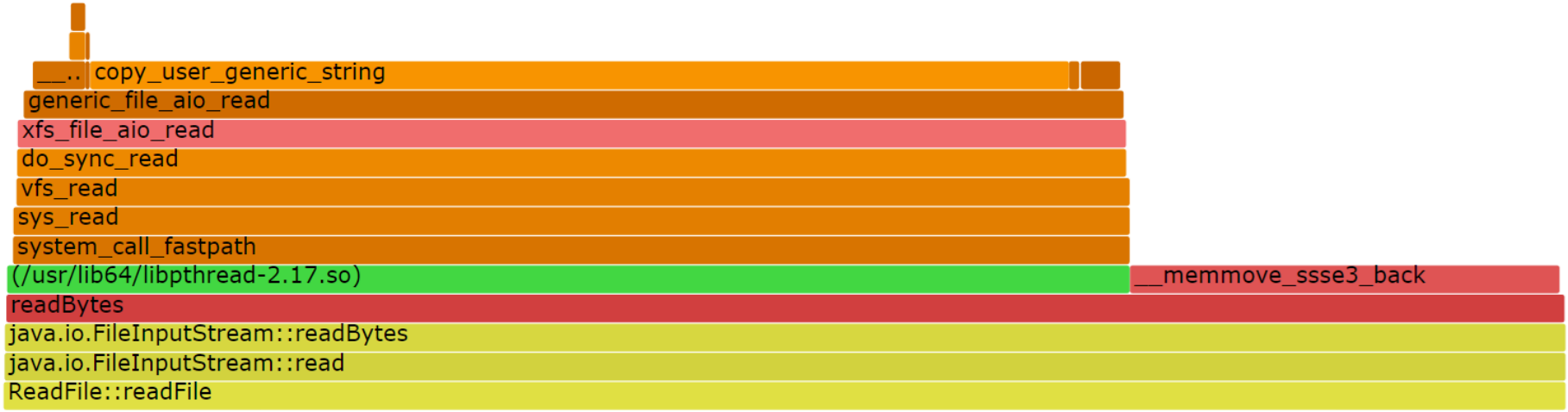
Buffer size: 32M => 31M



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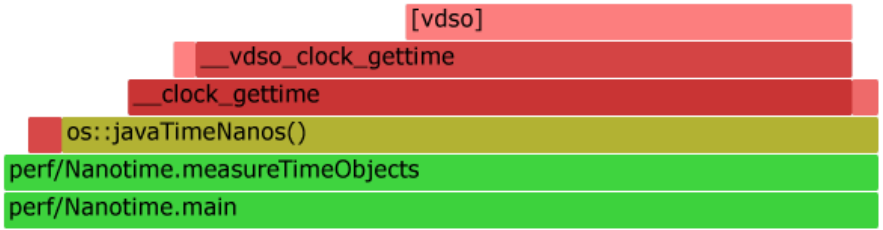

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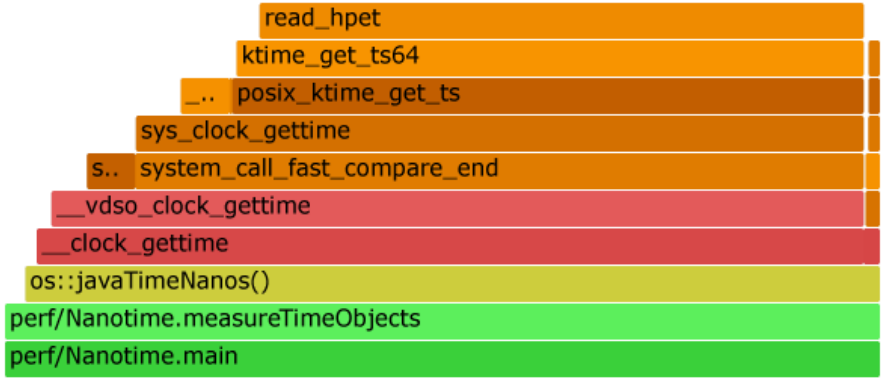

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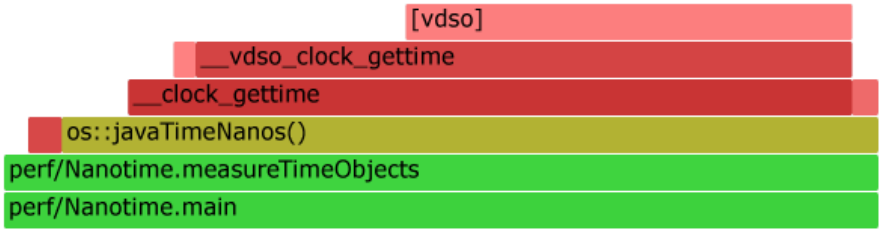

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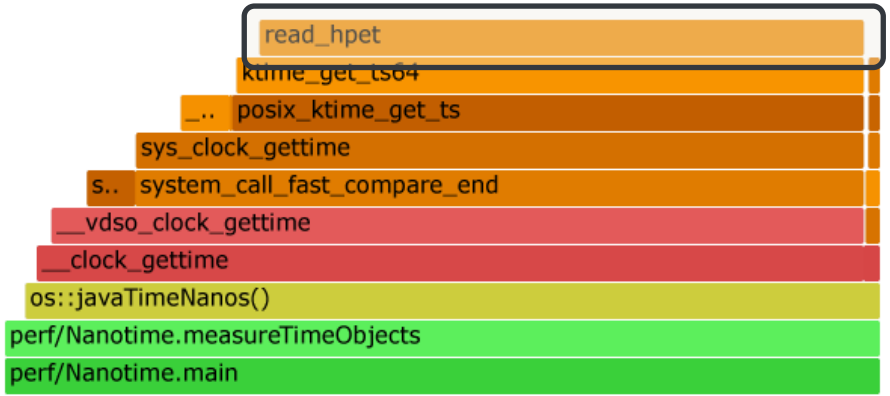

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```
# cat /sys/devices/system/clocksource/*/available_clocksource
tsc hpet acpi_pm
# echo tsc > /sys/devices/system/clocksource/*/current_clocksource
```

Clock source on EC2 Linux instances

https://aws.amazon.com/premiumsupport/knowledge-center/manage-ec2-linux-clock-source/

```
$ cat /sys/devices/system/clocksource/clocksource0/current_clocksource
xen
```

Case study: RandomAccessFile.setLength

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RandomAccessFile.setLength much slower on Java 10 (Centos)

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The following code

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
        File tmp = File.createTempFile("deleteme", "dat");
        tmp.deleteOnExit();
        RandomAccessFile raf = new RandomAccessFile(tmp, "rw");
        for (int t = 0; t < 10; t++) {
            long start = System.nanoTime();
            int count = 5000;
            for (int i = 1; i < count; i++)
                raf.setLength((i + t * count) * 4096);
```

Case study: RandomAccessFile.setLength

Replying to @AndreiPangin

I'm happy with ✸Profiler ... no need for another tool

	JFR	perf	async-profiler
Java stack	Yes	No interpreted	Yes
Native stack	No	Yes	Yes
Kernel stack	No	Yes	Yes
JDK support	11+, 8u262+	8u60+	6+
OS support	All	Linux only	Linux, macOS*
Permanent overhead	0	1-5%	0
System-wide profiling	No	Possible	No

Wall clock profiling

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- Object.wait / Condition.await
- Wait to acquire a lock / semaphore / etc.
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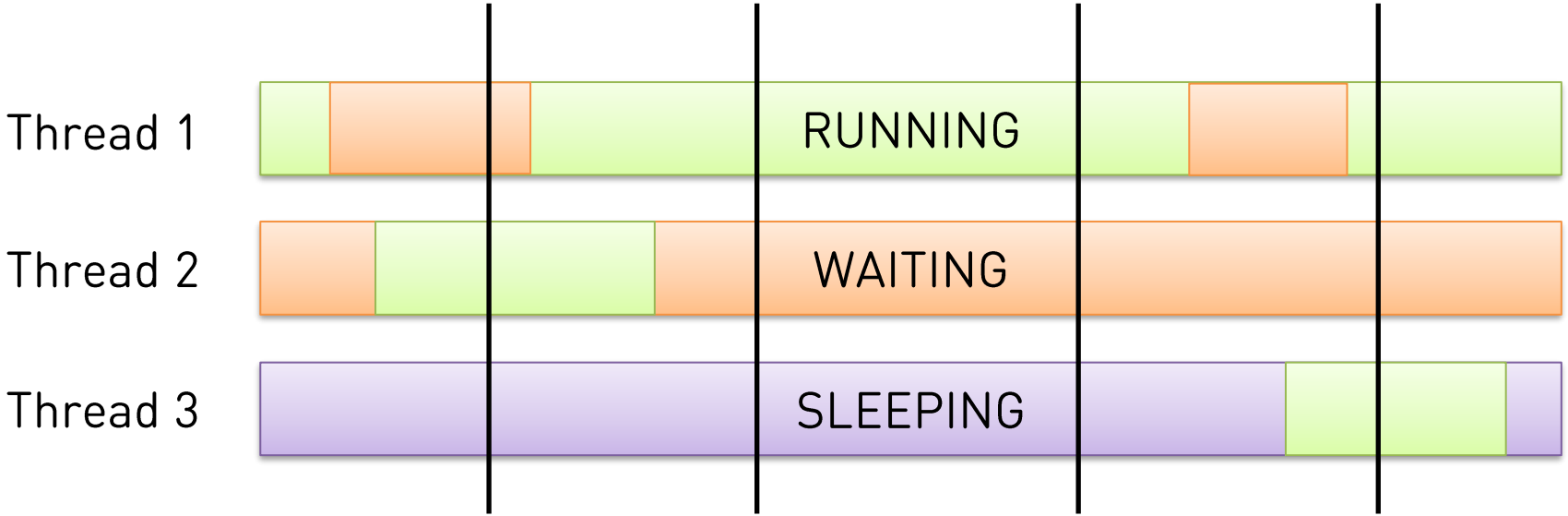

Wall clock mode in async-profiler

CLI option	Agent option
-e wall	event=wall
-t	threads
-i 10ms	interval=10ms

Lock contention


```
synchronized (obj) {
```

Profiler option
-e lock
-o flamegraph=total

Lock contention

`ReentrantLock.lock()`

Profiler option
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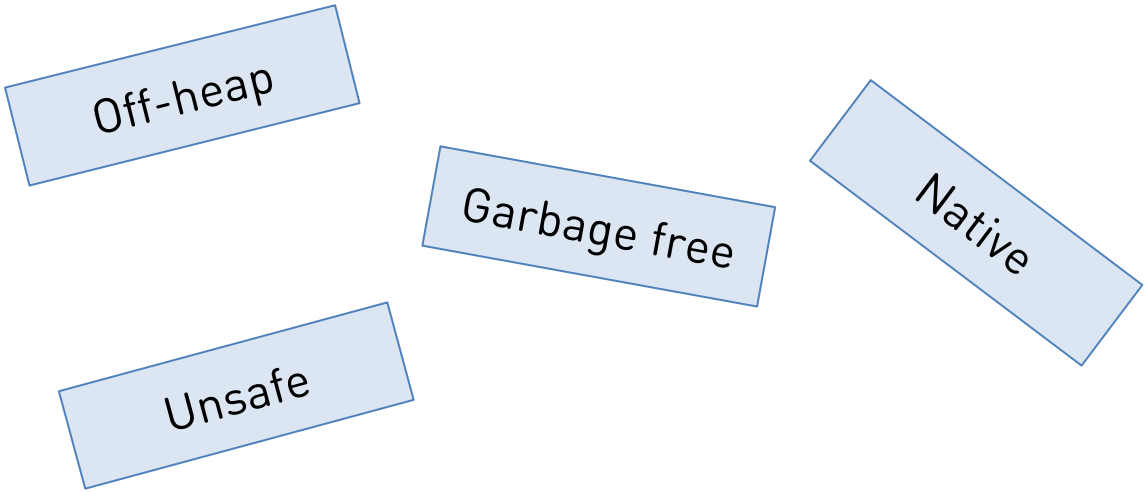
Demo

Allocation profiling

«new is the root of all evil»



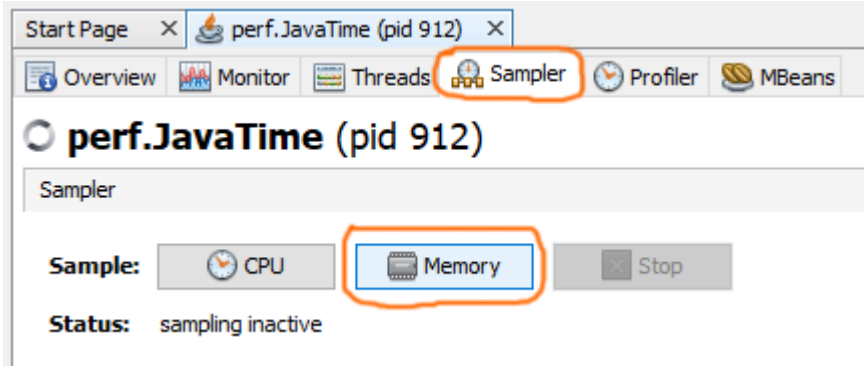
We want full-featured Java!

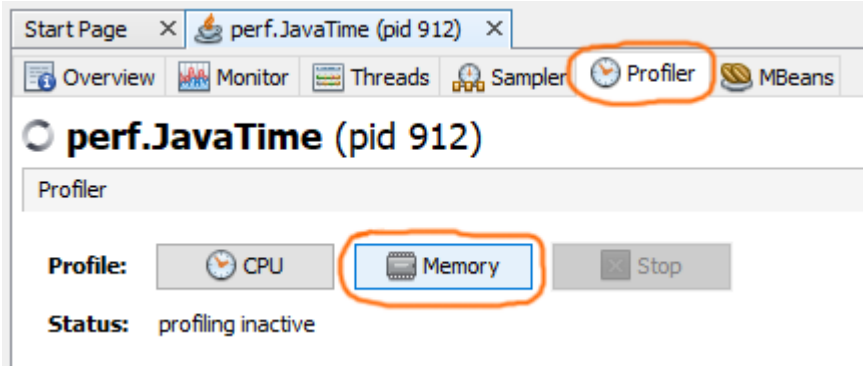
How many objects created?

```
LocalDateTime deadline =
        LocalDateTime.now().plusSeconds(10);

while (LocalDateTime.now().isBefore(deadline)) {
    iterations++;
}
```

Profiling with VisualVM





Sampler

- Walk through heap
- Collect class histogram

Class Name	Bytes [%]	Bytes	Instances
java.util.concurrent.**ConcurrentHashMap**		15,441,856 (20.7%)	241,279 (12.2%)
sun.util.calendar.**ZoneInfo**		13,510,112 (18.1%)	241,252 (12.2%)
java.time.zone.**ZoneRules**		9,649,880 (12.9%)	241,247 (12.2%)
java.time.**LocalTime**		5,790,672 (7.7%)	241,278 (12.2%)
java.time.**LocalDateTime**		5,790,120 (7.7%)	241,255 (12.2%)
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java.time.**ZoneOffset[]**		5,789,928 (7.7%)	241,247 (12.2%)
java.time.**ZoneRegion**		5,789,928 (7.7%)	241,247 (12.2%)

Profiler

- Bytecode instrumentation

```
→ Tracer.recordAllocation(ArrayList.class, 24);
  List<String> list = new ArrayList<>();
```

- getStackTrace() each Nth sample

DTrace / SystemTap

- -XX:+DTraceAllocProbes
- Slow path allocations

```
$ stap -e '
    probe hotspot.object_alloc { log(probestr) }
'
```

https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/technotes/guides/vm/dtrace.html
https://epickrram.blogspot.ru/2017/09/heap-allocation-flamegraphs.html

Other tools

- Aprof
  https://code.devexperts.com/display/AProf

- Allocation Instrumenter
  https://github.com/google/allocation-instrumenter

Overhead

Profiler		x10^6 ops	Slowdown
No profiling		33,2	
VisualVM Sampler	1G	28,2	-15%
	2G	25,6	-23%
	4G	18,1	-45%
VisualVM Profiler		6,8	-80%
JProfiler		2,8	-92%
DTraceAllocProbes		13,3	-60%
Aprof		18,9	-43%
Allocation Instrumenter		22,8	-31%

JMC / Flight Recorder

Allocation Profile

Stack Trace	Average Object Size	Total TLAB size	Pressure
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perf.JavaTime.measureTimeObjects(int)	37 bytes	22,75 GB	99,94%
java.time.LocalDateTime.now()	37 bytes	22,75 GB	99,94%
java.time.Clock.systemDefaultZone()	39 bytes	19,33 GB	84,91%
java.time.LocalDateTime.now(Clock)	24 bytes	3,42 GB	15,02%
java.time.LocalDateTime.ofEpochSecond(long, int, ZoneOffset)	24 bytes	3,42 GB	15,02%
java.time.LocalDate.ofEpochDay(long)	24 bytes	1,25 GB	5,51%
java.time.LocalTime.ofNanoOfDay(long)	24 bytes	1,02 GB	4,46%
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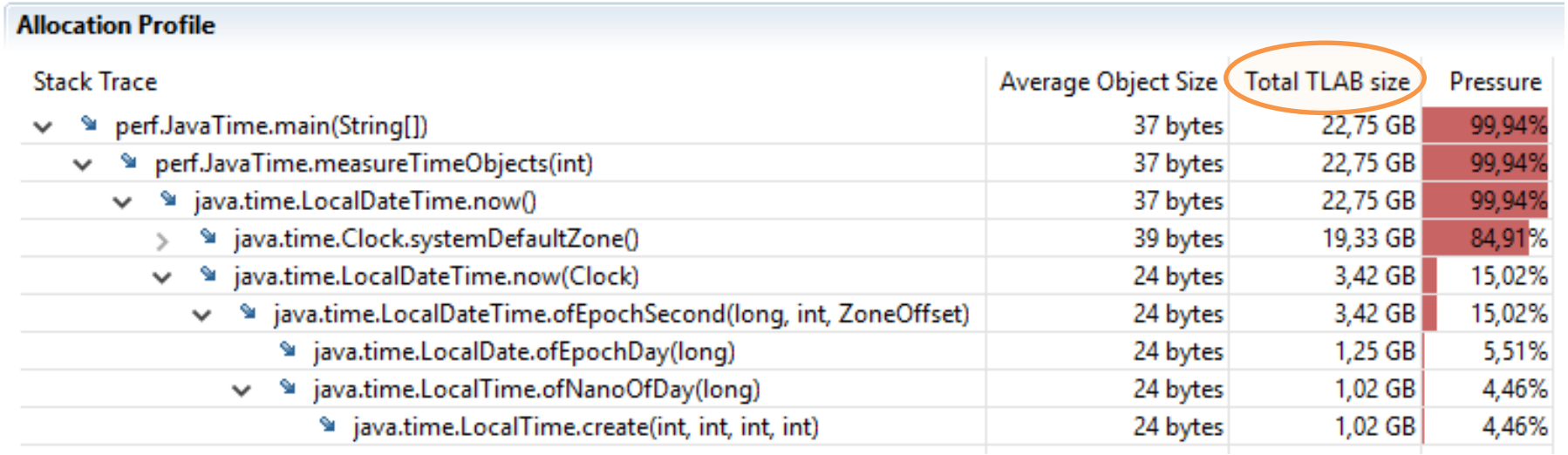

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- 😀 Open source since JDK 11, backported to 8u262
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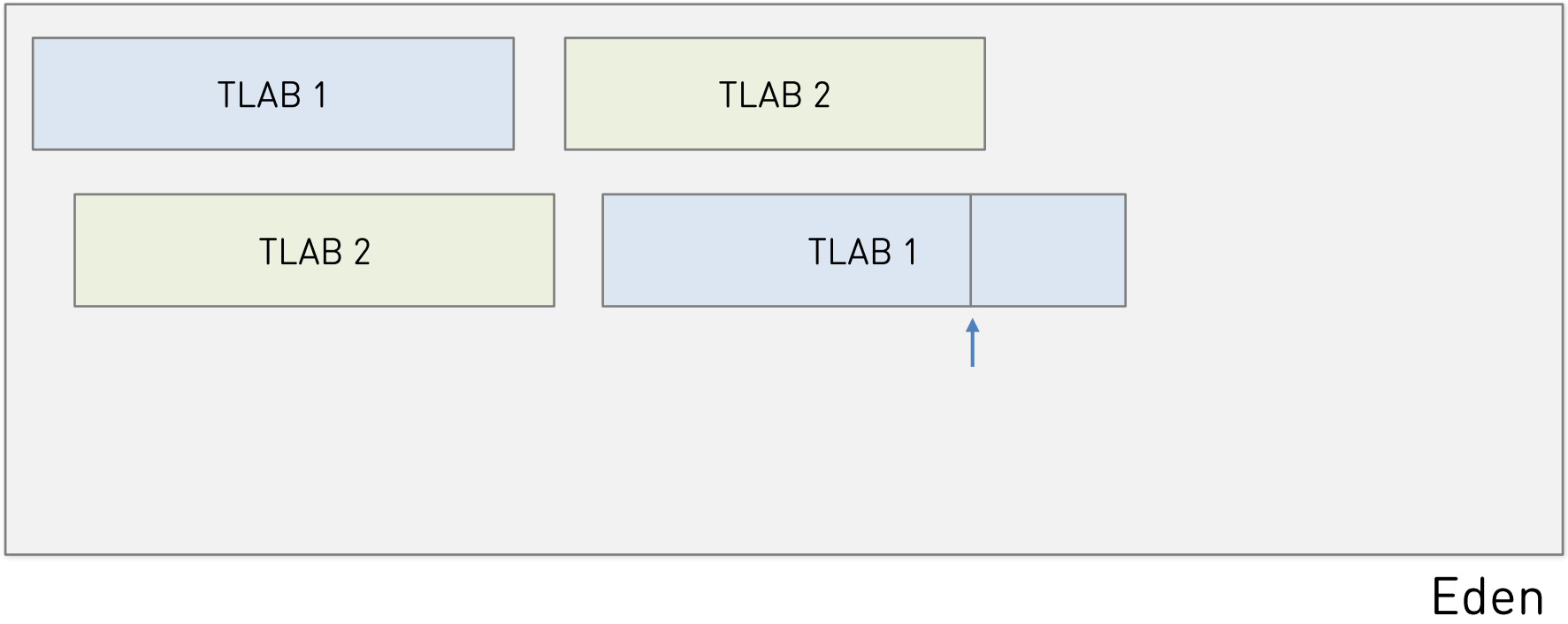

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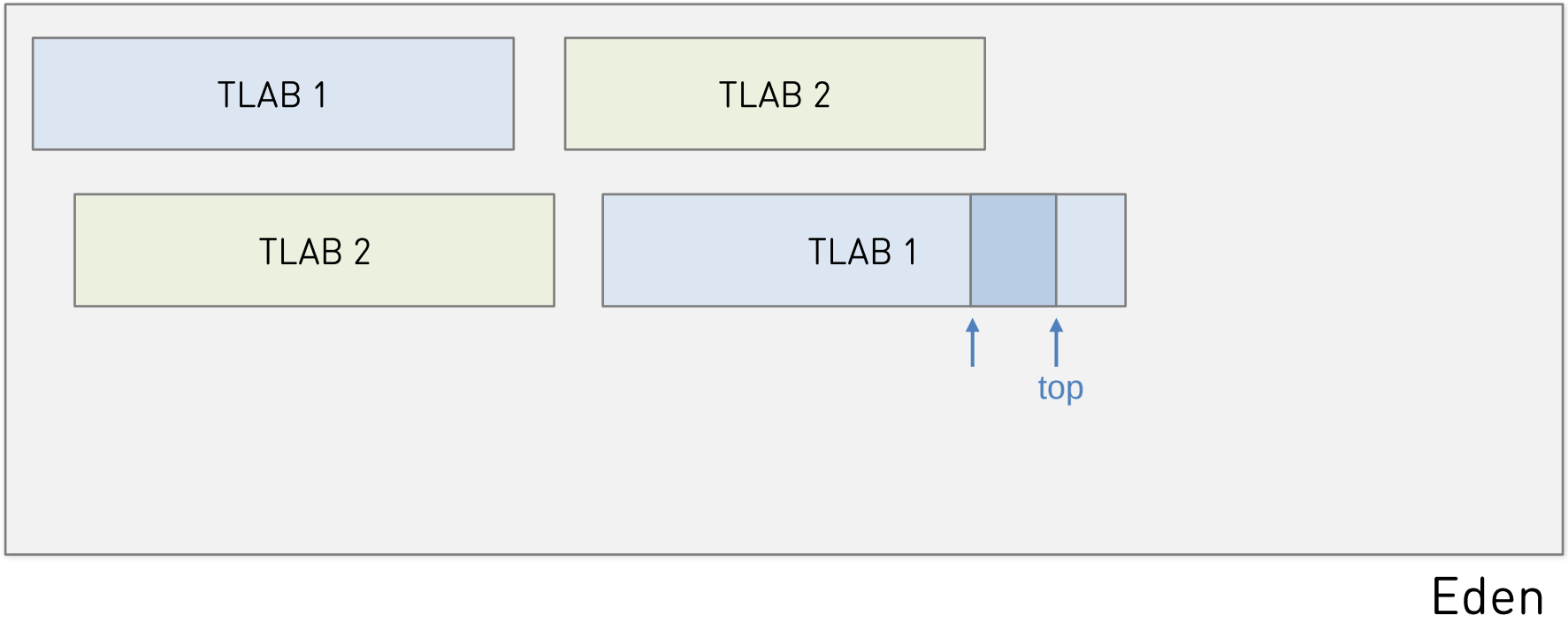

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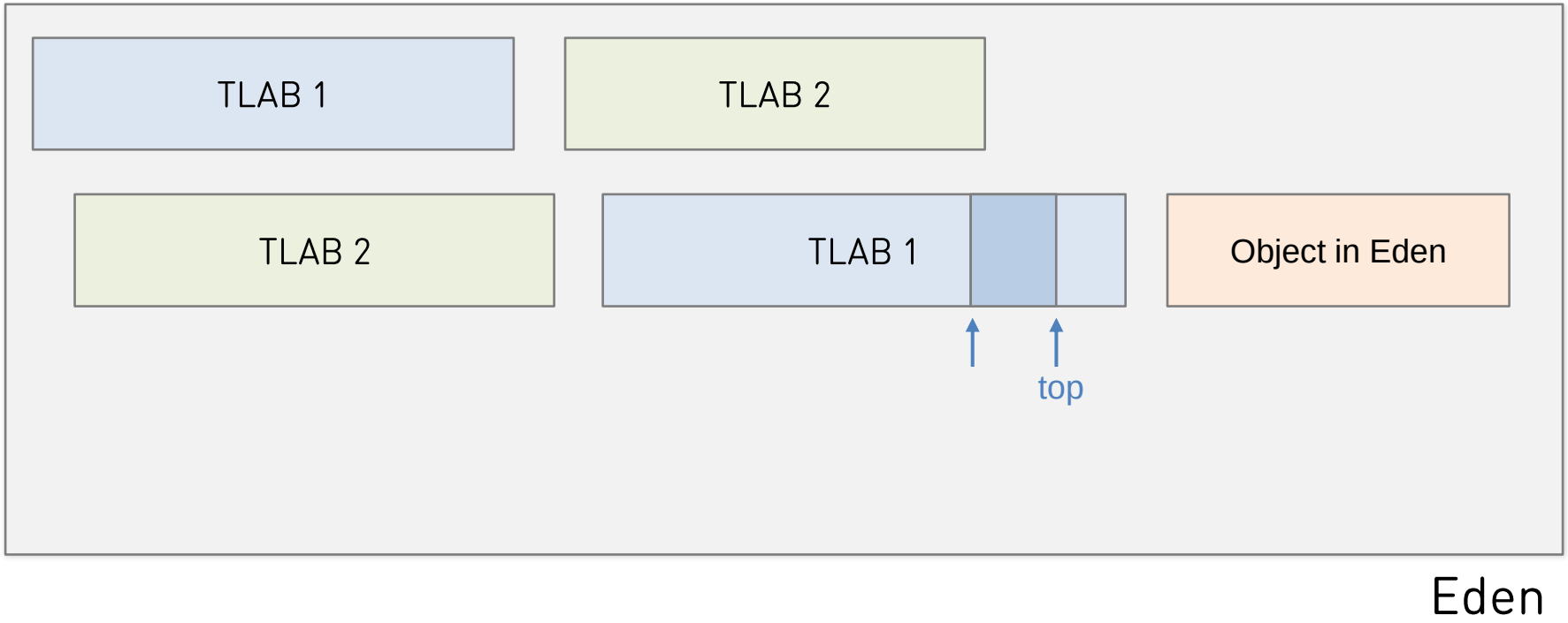

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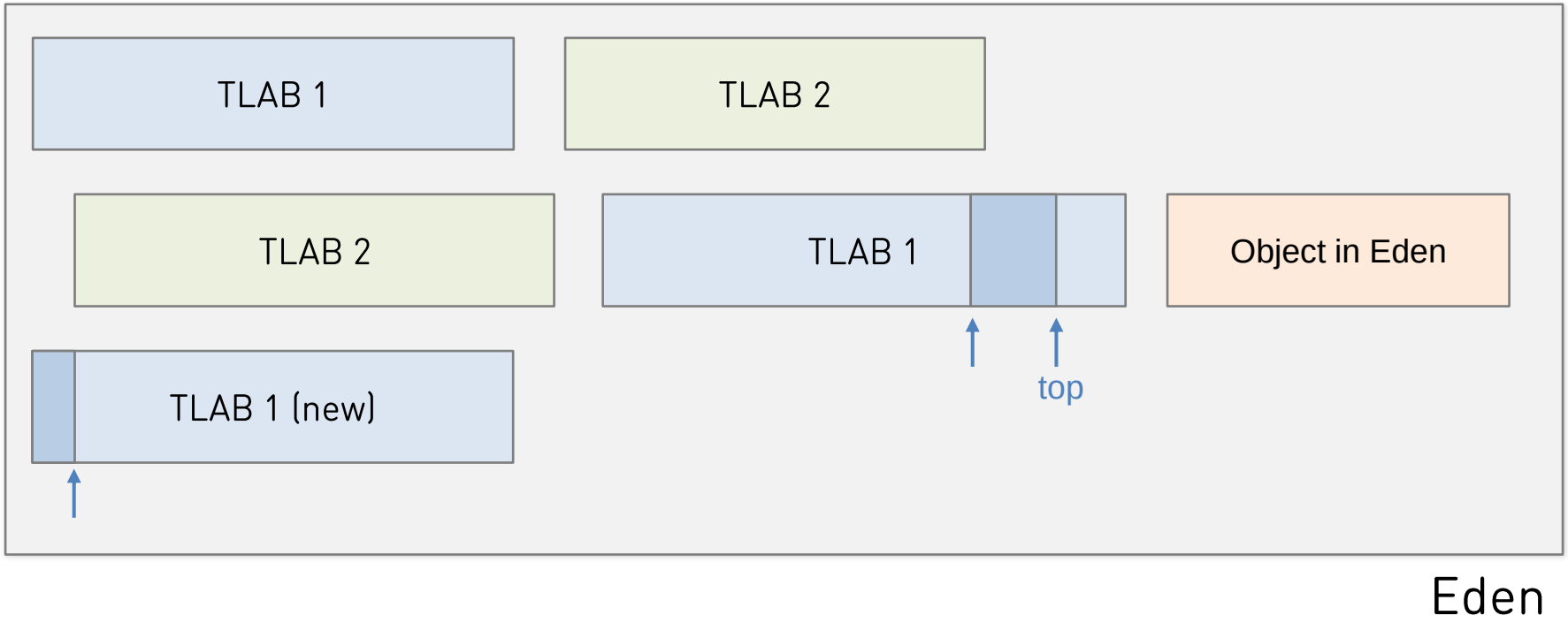

Allocation path

- Fast: inlined
  - Inside TLAB
- Slow: call to VM Runtime
  - Outside TLAB
  - Allocation of new TLAB

Profile

Allocation sampler in async-profiler

1. Intercept slow allocations in JVM runtime
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😀 Works with OpenJDK 7u40+

😀 Does not rely on commercial features

Appeared in JDK 11

- JEP 331: Low-Overhead Heap Profiling

```
SampledObjectAlloc(jvmtiEnv *jvmti_env,
                   JNIEnv* jni_env,
                   jthread thread,
                   jobject object,
                   jclass object_klass,
                   jlong size)

SetHeapSamplingInterval(jint sampling_interval)
```

Demo

async-profiler events

- Built-in
  - cpu (perf events or timer based)
  - wall
  - alloc
  - lock
  - itimer

async-profiler events

- Kernel events
  - page-faults
  - context-switches
- Tracepoints
  - syscalls:sys_enter_* syscalls:sys_exit_*
  - sched:sched_wakeup
  - filemap:mm_filemap_add_to_page_cache
  - see “perf list”

async-profiler events

- PMU
  - cycles, bus-cycles
  - instructions
  - cache-references, cache-misses
  - LLC-load-misses, dTLB-load-misses
  - branches, branch-misses

async-profiler events

- Function breakpoints
  - malloc
  - pthread_start
- VM functions
  - VMThread::execute
  - Deoptimization::uncommon_trap
  - G1CollectedHeap::humongous_obj_allocate
  - java_lang_Throwable::fill_in_stack_trace

async-profiler events

- Java methods
  - MyClass.methodName
  - MyClass.methodName(signature)V
  - MyClass.*

Myths vs. Facts

- ✗ Need to install perf
- ✗ Requires root privileges
- ✗ Cannot be used in a container

- ✓ Relies on perf_event_open syscall
- ✓ perf_event_paranoid=1 for kernel stack traces or 2 for user-space only
- ✓ Adjust seccomp or fallback to itimer

Contribute to async-profiler

- Try it out
- Provide feedback
  - https://www.baeldung.com/java-async-profiler
  - https://hackernoon.com/profiling-java-applications-with-async-profiler-049s2790

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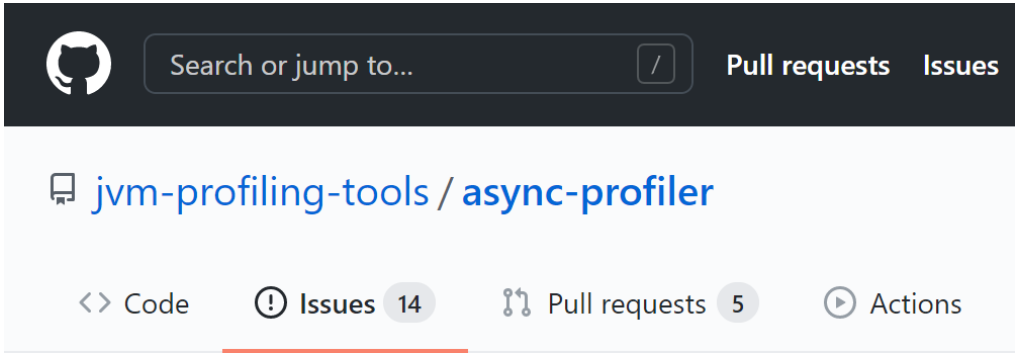
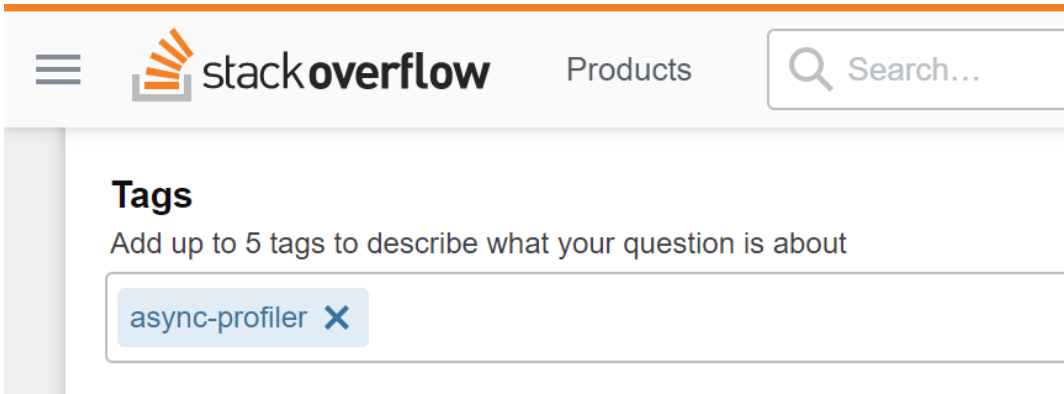
- Questions, issues, feature requests





Pull Requests are welcome

- Documentation updates
- Bug fixes
- Features?
  - Open an issue for discussion
  - Who will benefit from the feature?
  - Who will support it?

Thank you

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