

# GraalVM™

Run Programs Faster Anywhere

WHY GRAALVM

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# Issues

- '***Java is slow***'
- 'Write once, run everywhere'
- Different tools for different environments

# High Java memory usage even for small programs

I have a couple of simple applications written in java, one of them written to act as a widget. What surprised me how much RAM even small applications use.

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I wrote the following to see if it is a bug in my programs, or a general Java issue:

```
public class ram {  
    public static void main(String[] args){  
        while(true)System.out.print("Hello World");//while loop to give me time to check RAM usage  
    }  
}
```

Then compiled and ran it with `java ram` and it gave me the following RAM usage:

```
The process java (with pid 4489) is using approximately 43.3 MB of memory.  
34460 KB [heap]  
7088 KB /usr/lib/jvm/java-7-openjdk/jre/lib/amd64/server/libjvm.so  
1712 KB /usr/lib/jvm/java-7-openjdk/jre/lib/rt.jar  
136 KB [stack:4495]  
120 KB /usr/lib/jvm/java-7-openjdk/jre/lib/amd64/libjava.so
```

Isn't this too high? Especially a heap of 34MB. My system is ArchLinux x86\_64 and openjdk-7.

Is there any way to minimise the amount of RAM used by the JVM?

**Edit:** I tried using the `-Xmx` flag and this is what I got (1281k was the smallest it would let me start with):

```
java -Xmx1281k ram  
The process java (with pid 4987) is using approximately 27.6 MB of memory.  
18388 KB [heap]
```

For comparison, Python2 uses 4.4MB, Mono uses 4.3MB.

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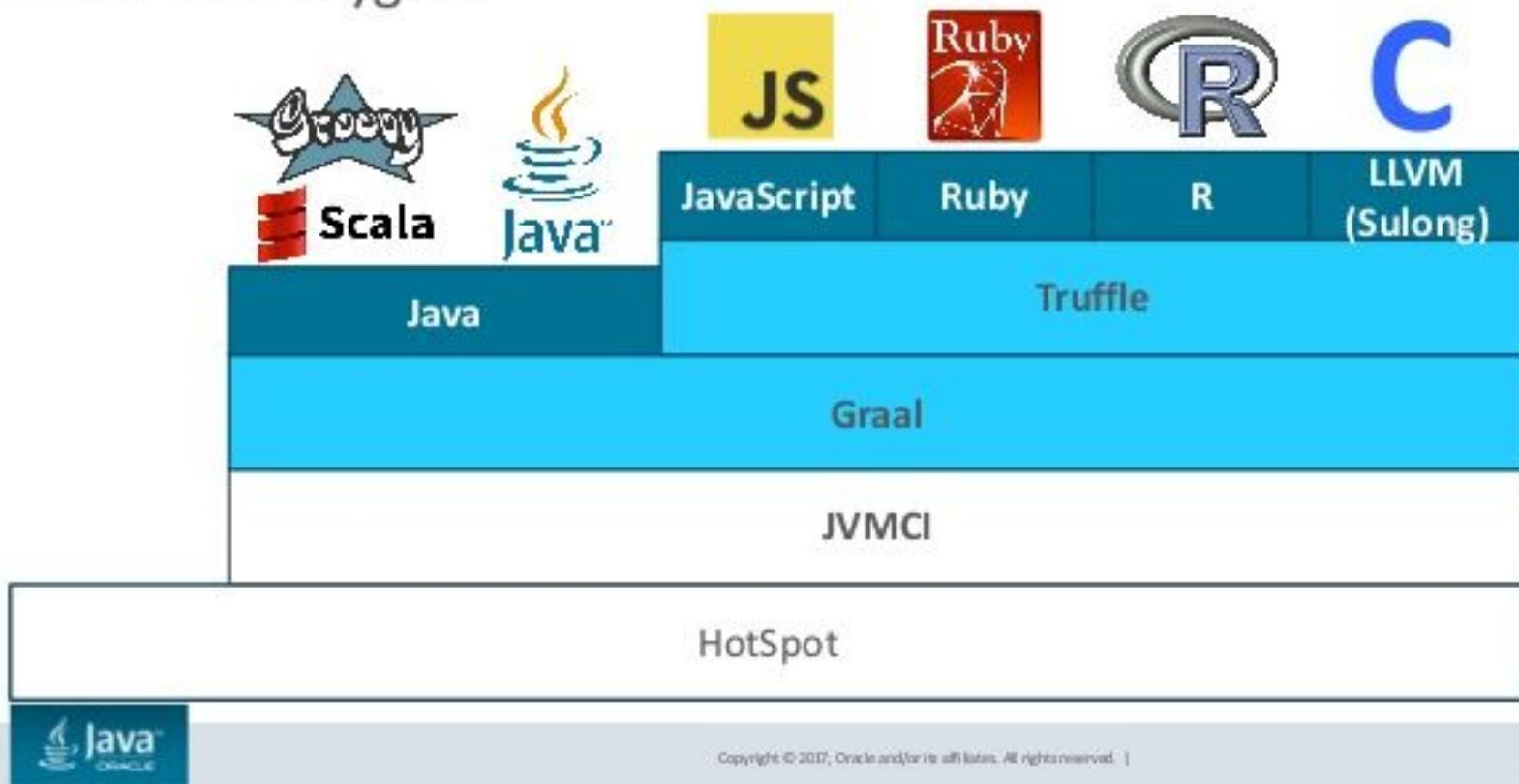
# GraalVM - what it gives

- Performance out-of-the-box
- Language interoperability
- Native Images

- **Can I run it on windows?** Under development, RC version available (for 6+ months?)
- **Does it support Java 11+?** Yes...and No. <https://github.com/oracle/graal/issues/651>
- **How to use it?** Just replace OpenJDK with it and run
- **Who does use it?** ie. Twitter. On production  
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/oracle/2018/04/18/graalvm-1-0-gives-developers-a-speedy-polyglot-runtime-and-helps-twitter-save-money/#16b27a423936>
- **Is it free?** Both Community and Enterprise versions are available
- **Is it production ready?** ... Rather experimental - a lot may change, but yes
- **Does it support reflection?** Yes\*
- **What languages are supported now?** JVM based, JavaScript, Ruby, R, Python\*, LLVM based
- **How?** Truffle + Java compiler + Optimizations like partial escape analysis  
(<https://www.beyondjava.net/escape-analysis-java>), object flattening etc  
(<https://medium.com/graalvm/under-the-hood-of-graalvm-jit-optimizations-d6e931394797>)
- ...

# Polyglot applications & tools

# Graal VM Polyglot



# #VDZ19

```
!clication plugin=mysql_native_password
!cot <--binary-mode --database demo
!cot <--binary-mode --database demo
!demos/1-levenshtein-distance --fish
!demos/1-levenshtein-distance --fish
!mile-demos/2-email-validation --fish
!demos/4-hello-polyglot-world --fish

(master+)$ cat hello-js.sql
DELIMITER $$

CREATE FUNCTION hello_js_world() RETURNS VARCHAR(255) LANGUAGE JS [[ function() {
    return "Hello, JS World!";
}]]$$
DELIMITER ;

select ROUTINE_NAME, EXTERNAL_LANGUAGE from information_schema.routines where ROUTINE_SCHEMA="demo";

SELECT hello_js_world() as Greeting;
(master+)$ mysql
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 36
Server version: 8.0.12 MySQL Community Server (GPL)

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> ■
```



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## Ruby code

The screenshot shows the Chrome DevTools developer panel with the Sources tab selected. A file named `fizzbuzz.rb` is open, containing the following code:

```
1 def fizzbuzz(n) n = Fixnum 15
2   if n % 3 == 0 && n % 5 == 0
3     'FizzBuzz'
4   elsif n % 3 == 0
5     'Fizz'
6   elsif n % 5 == 0
7     'Buzz'
8   else
9     n
10  end
11
12 (1..20).each do |n|
13   puts fizzbuzz(n)
14 end
15
16
```

The line `3 | 'FizzBuzz'` is highlighted in blue, indicating it is the current line of execution. A tooltip above the line says **Paused on breakpoint**. The call stack shows the function `fizzbuzz` being called from the main block. The local scope shows the variable `n` is a `Fixnum 15`.

At the bottom, the console output shows the results of the FizzBuzz sequence:

```
Fizz
Buzz
11
Fizz
13
14
```

## Python code

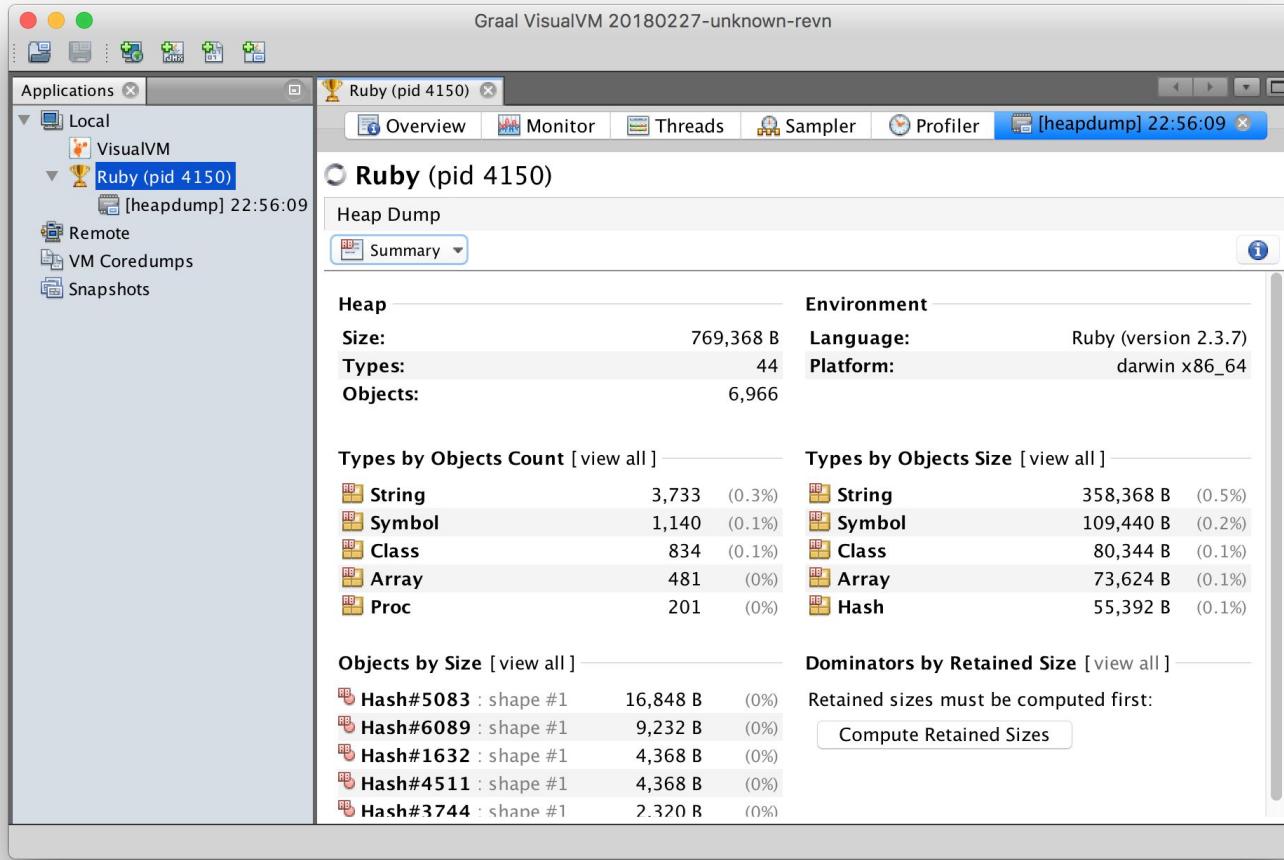
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```
1 def fizzbuzz(n): n = 15
2   if n % 3 == 0 and n % 5 == 0:
3     return 'FizzBuzz'
4   elif n % 3 == 0:
5     return 'Fizz'
6   elif n % 5 == 0:
7     return 'Buzz'
8   else:
9     return n
10
11 for n in range(1, 21):
12   print(fizzbuzz(n))
13
14
```

The line `3 | return 'FizzBuzz'` is highlighted in blue, indicating it is the current line of execution. A tooltip above the line says **Paused on breakpoint**. The call stack shows the function `fizzbuzz` being called from the main loop. The local scope shows the variable `n` is 15.

At the bottom, the console output shows the results of the FizzBuzz sequence:

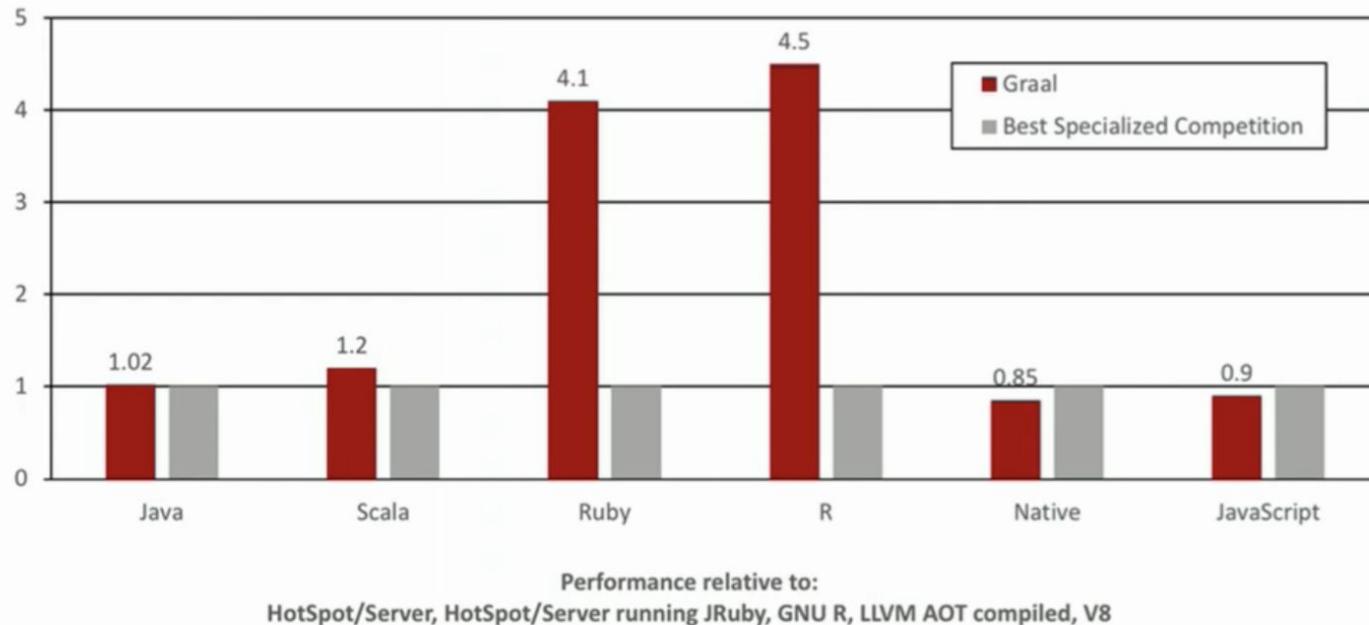
```
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Buzz
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```

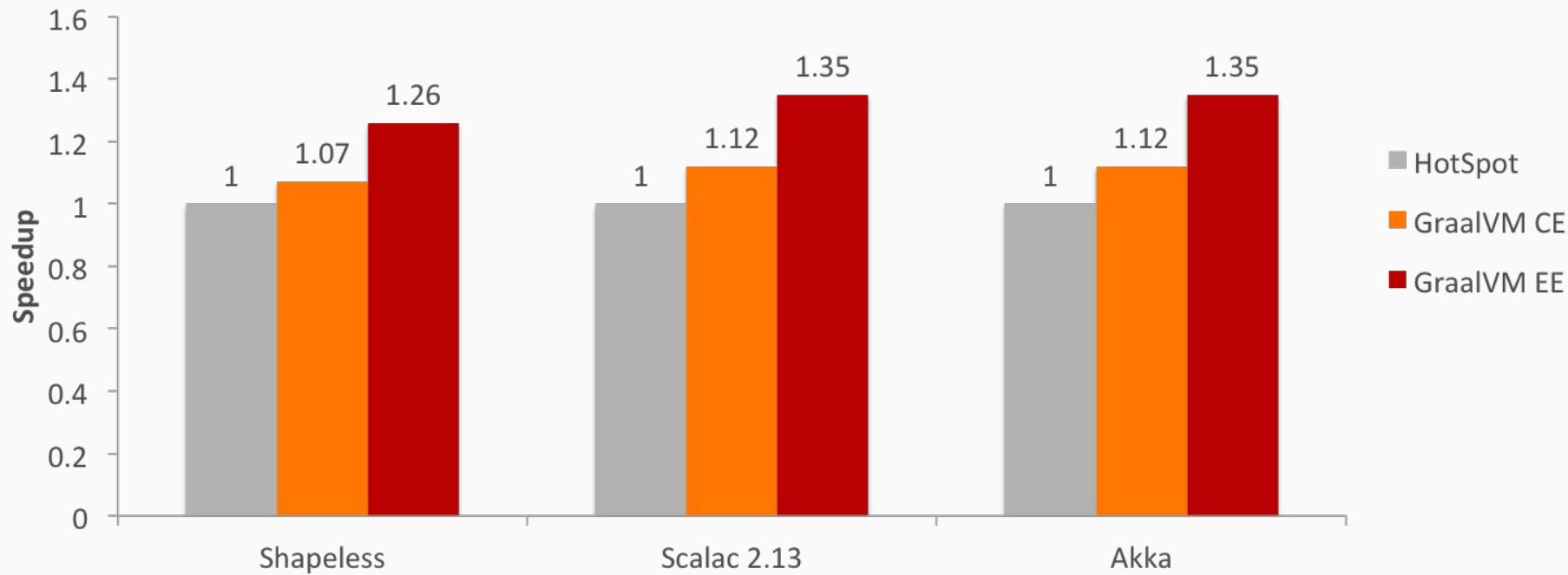


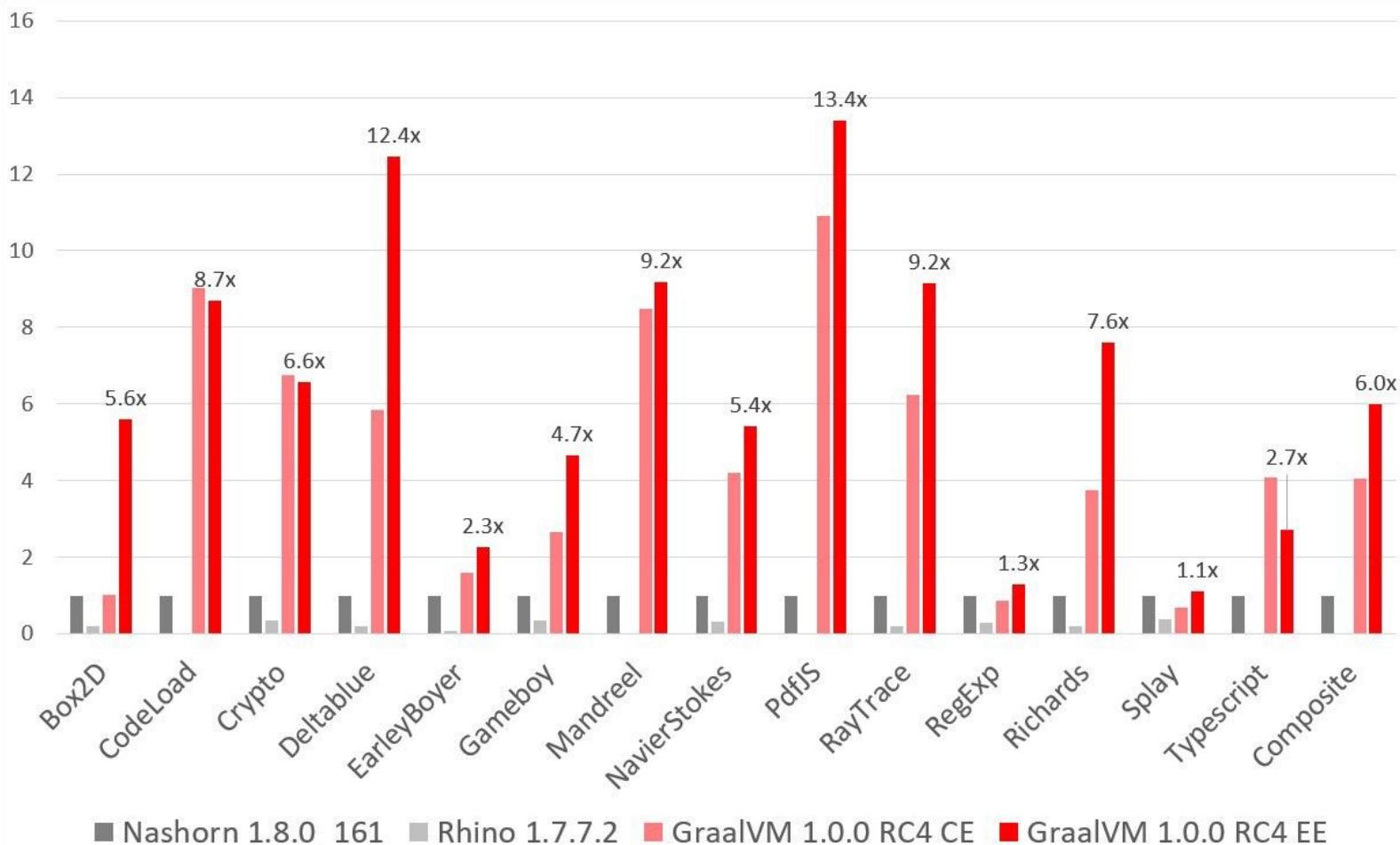
# Performance

# Performance: Graal VM

Speedup, higher is better







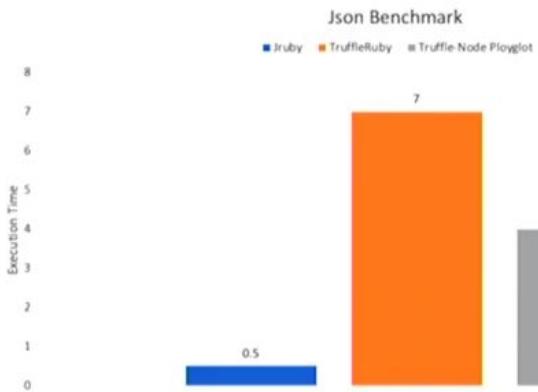
■ Nashorn 1.8.0\_161 ■ Rhino 1.7.7.2 ■ GraalVM 1.0.0 RC4 CE ■ GraalVM 1.0.0 RC4 EE

Feature name	Edge 17	FF 61	CH 67, OP 54	Node ≥8.10 ≤9 <sup>[3]</sup>	JJS 1.8	JJS 10	GraalVM 1.0 <sup>[4]</sup>
	96%	98%	98%	97%	7%	28%	97%

## Syntax

• <a href="#">default function parameters</a>	►	7/7	7/7	7/7	7/7	0/7	4/7	7/7
• <a href="#">rest parameters</a>	►	5/5	5/5	5/5	5/5	0/5	0/5	5/5
• <a href="#">spread (...) operator</a>	►	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	0/15	0/15	15/15
• <a href="#">object literal extensions</a>	►	6/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	0/6	2/6	6/6
• <a href="#">for..of loops</a>	►	9/9	9/9	9/9	9/9	0/9	4/9	9/9
• <a href="#">octal and binary literals</a>	►	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	0/4	2/4	4/4
• <a href="#">template literals</a>	►	5/5	5/5	5/5	5/5	0/5	3/5	5/5
• <a href="#">RegExp "y" and "u" flags</a>	►	5/5	5/5	5/5	5/5	0/5	0/5	5/5
• <a href="#">destructuring declarations</a>	►	22/22	22/22	22/22	22/22	0/22	0/22	22/22
• <a href="#">destructuring assignment</a>	►	24/24	24/24	24/24	24/24	0/24	0/24	24/24
• <a href="#">destructuring parameters</a>	►	23/24	24/24	24/24	24/24	0/24	0/24	24/24
• <a href="#">Unicode code point escapes</a>	►	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	0/2	0/2	2/2
• <a href="#">new.target</a>	►	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	0/2	0/2	2/2

## Benchmarks



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OpenTech  
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Lifelong Learning Institute  
Singapore  
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# Native Images

# Native images

## Pre-requirements

- [JEP 317: Experimental Java-Based JIT Compiler - OpenJDK - Java 10](#)
- [JEP 243: Java-Level JVM Compiler Interface - OpenJDK - Java 10](#)
- [JEP 295: Ahead-of-Time Compilation - Java 9](#)

### Pros

- Lower memory footprint
- Out of HotSpot (Runs on SubstrateVM)
- MUCH Faster startup
- Secured execution (native LLVM apps)

By now only JVM languages can be compiled to native images.

However, polyglot JVM applications can be compiled to native, so through this - other also.

<https://www.graalvm.org/docs/reference-manual/aot-compilation/>

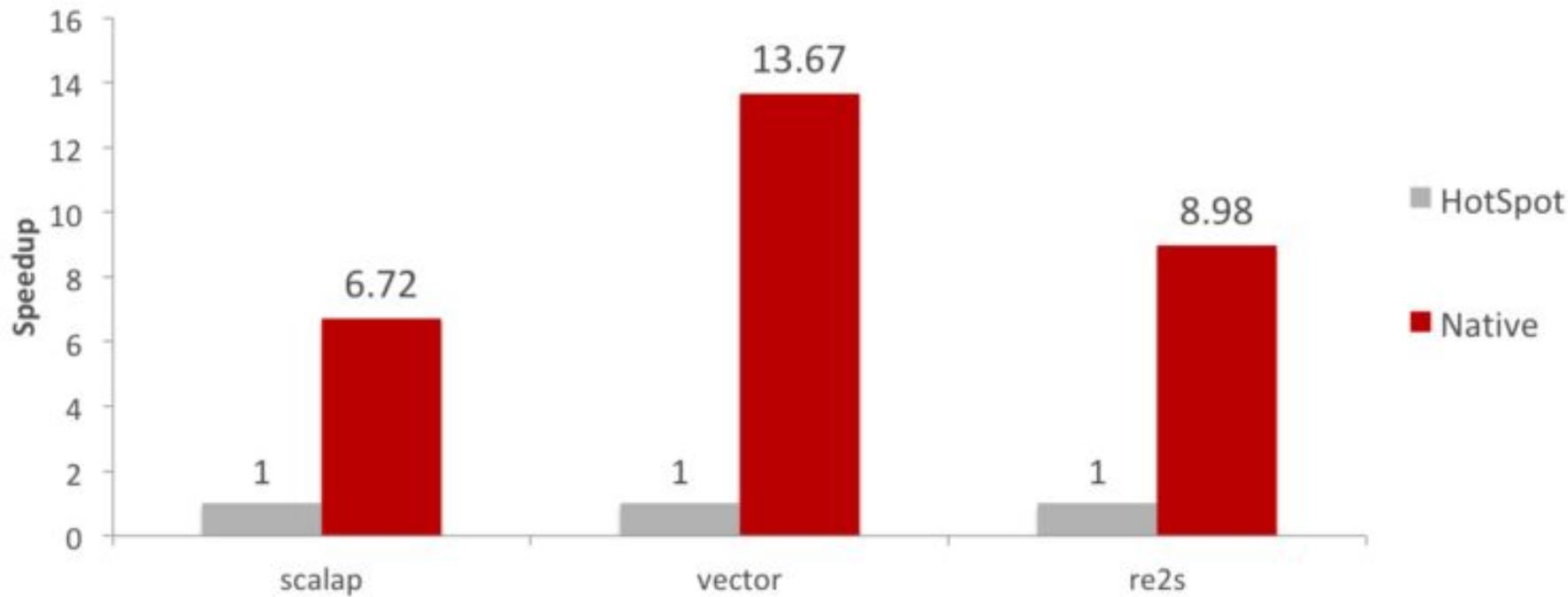
```
Erans-MBP:graalvm-1.0.0-rc1 eranlevy$ Contents/Home/bin./native-image --language:js SumNum
Build on Server(pid: 11044, port: 26681)
  classlist: 1,147.71 ms
    (cap): 5,262.46 ms
    setup: 6,676.23 ms
  (typeflow): 18,093.06 ms
  (objects): 17,226.81 ms
  (features): 2,816.21 ms
    analysis: 39,556.06 ms
6572 method(s) included for runtime compilation
  universe: 1,906.22 ms
    (parse): 5,630.36 ms
    (inline): 3,382.46 ms
    (compile): 32,248.81 ms
      compile: 43,914.26 ms
        image: 6,821.54 ms
        write: 35,143.02 ms
    [total]: 135,274.83 ms
Erans-MBP:graalvm-1.0.0-rc1 eranlevy$ ls
Contents          SumNum.class     SumNum.java      sumnum      test.json
Erans-MBP:graalvm-1.0.0-rc1 eranlevy$ ./sumnum
3
Erans-MBP:graalvm-1.0.0-rc1 eranlevy$ █
```

There should be Spring kofu native image demo, but...

<https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-fu/issues/198>



# Scala app startup time



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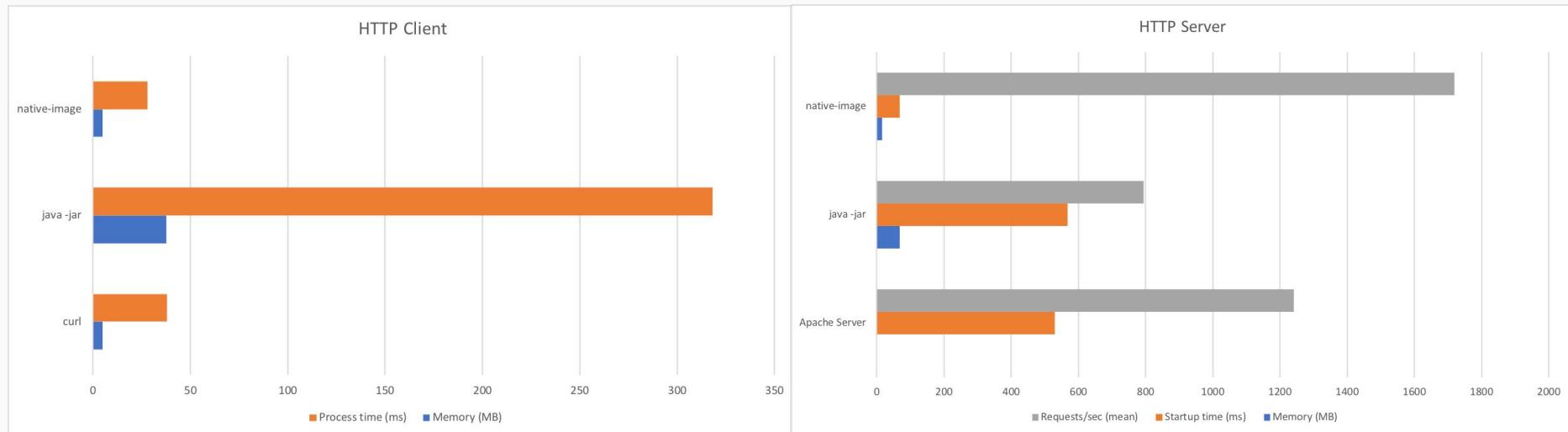


	Time	Memory
JVM	1.10 s	100 MB
Lumo	0.60 s	130 MB
Native	0.01 s	12 MB

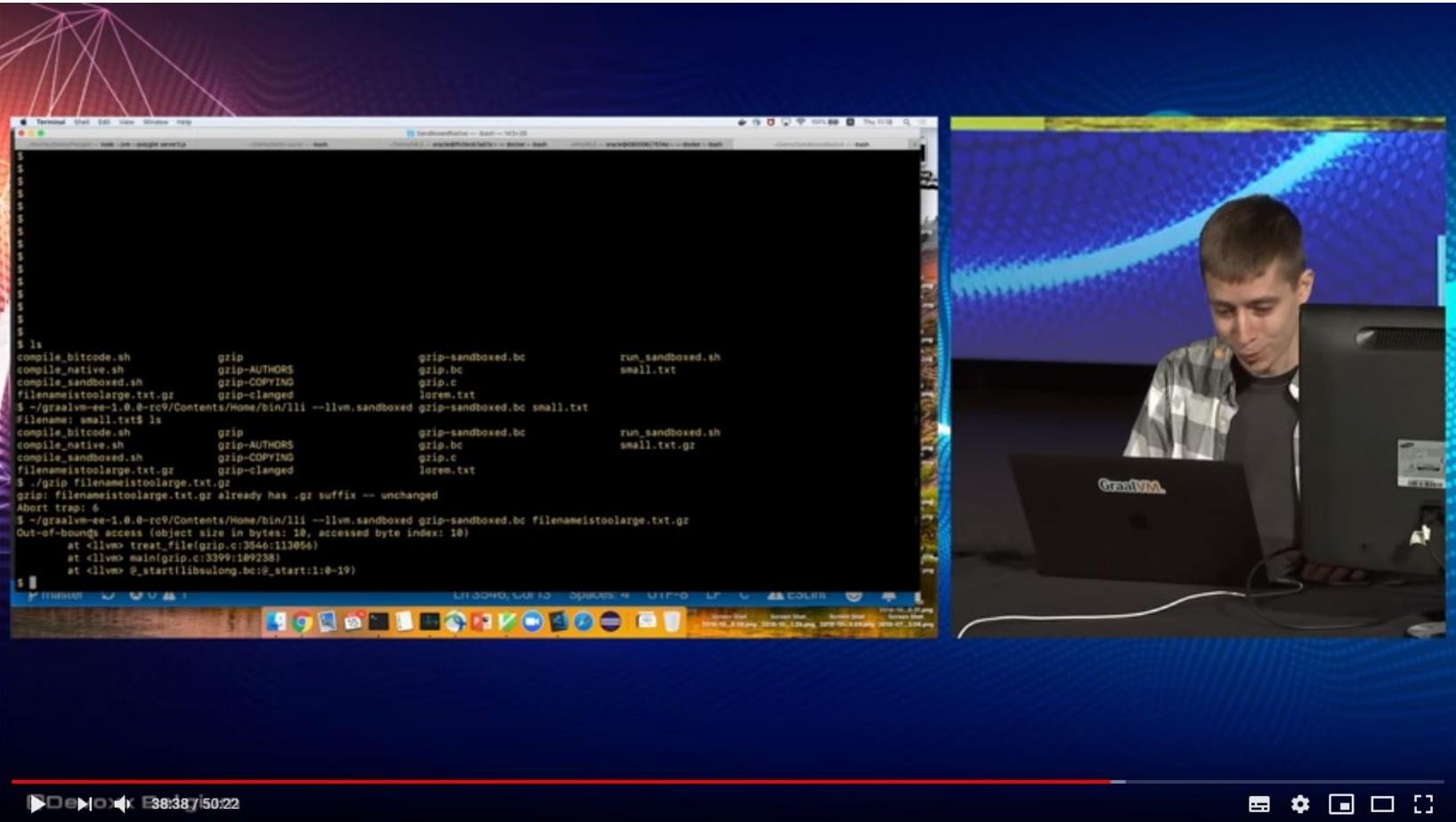
Native Clojure with GraalVM



# Case study: Java HTTP client/server



<https://sites.google.com/a/athaydes.com/renato-athaydes/posts/a7mbnatiiv-imagejavaappthatrunsin30msandusesonly4mbofram>



# Resources

- <https://github.com/graalvm/examples> - examples
- <https://github.com/oracle/graal> - graal repository
- <https://medium.com/graalvm> - medium blog
- <https://medium.com/graalvm/graalvm-ten-things-12d9111f307d> nice introduction
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-XEZobXspo> - slides on Devoxx 3h
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN3QOsZ1KAw> - spring boot & GraalVM native image
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmxXqUkOOdw> - Js on GraalVM
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50JxcnvJjMQ> - Q&A, examples by oracle
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ET2KOWTXaMI> - objective look at GraalVM
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJcMM3wZA20&t=1893s> - and even more [...pesymistic]
- <https://hackernoon.com/why-the-java-community-should-embrace-graalvm-abd3ea9121b5>
- <https://www.slideshare.net/jyukutyo/graal-in-graalvm-a-new-jit-compiler>
- <https://github.com/Azbesciak/TaskScheduler> - repository with my native-prepared scala app