



# Java at Alibaba

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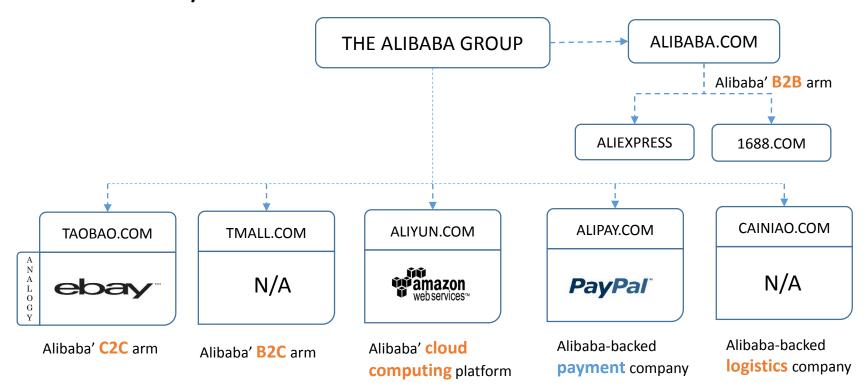


### Agenda

- About Alibaba
- How Java is used at Alibaba
- Alibaba and community



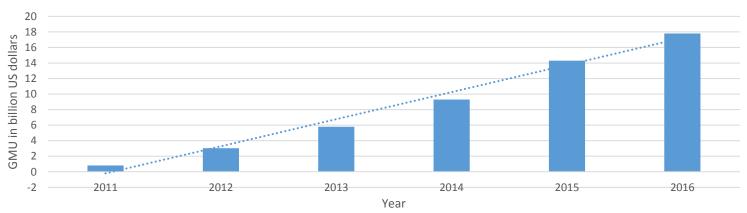
### Alibaba Family Tree





# China's Singles' Day

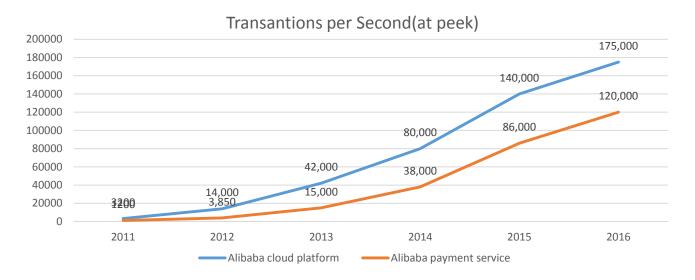




- Single's Day, the world's biggest online shopping day, the total sales in 2016 reached
   \$17.8 billion
- In contrast, the total online sales from Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday combined in the US in 2016 is: \$12.8 billion (source: www.practicalecommerce.com)



# China's Singles' Day(Cont.)



- On Singles Day in 2016, peak transactions/sec reached 175k, and peak payment orders processed/sec reached 120k
- In contrast, Visa can now process a peak volume of 56K messages per second(source: www.digitaltransactions.net)



### Java at Alibaba

- Running Java at massive scale
  - Million instances of JVMs, serving insurmountable number of requests every second
- Service oriented architecture
  - Services communicate with each other via RPC
  - typically, many JVMs as one cluster per service
- Heterogeneous
  - The native libraries written in C/C++ communicate with Java via JNI



### Java at Alibaba(Cont.)



All the Java applications developed in Alibaba and affiliated companies, such like Alipay, CaiNiao are running on AJDK.

AJDK: Alibaba/Alipay JDK, based on OpenJDK



### Java Technology we used







Apache Tomcat®





 Alibaba custom-builds most of its software based on rich Java open-source ecosystem, which are implemented for online trading, payments, logistics, and a lot of other things.



### AJDK Team

#### Development

- Develop new features to meet our business requirements
- Fix bugs
- Port patches from upstream

#### Release

- Quarterly
- Sync up with upstream before release
- Current main release: JDK8/x64-linux

#### Testing

- Jtreg test suits
- Our own unit test suits
- SVT
- A/B testing

#### Developer support

- Troubleshooting
- Consultancy



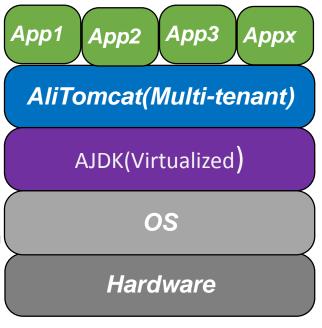
### AJDK: customize OpenJDK for our own needs

- Performance optimization and cost saving
  - High density deployments
  - Optimize for higher throughput
    - Enhancement in JVM
    - Profile-driven application optimization
- Reduce latency caused by GC
- Diagnostics tools for troubleshooting support
  - Intrinsically designed for cloud



# Tomcat/JDK extended for multitenancy

- AliTomcat: run multiple apps side-by-side safely
- AJDK allows for colocation of multiple JEE apps(as tenant) in a single instance of JVM:
  - Isolate application from one another
  - Share metadata aggressively and transparently
- AliTomcat + AJDK as infrastructure technology for high density deployment





### JWarmUp: eliminate JVM warm-up

- Before JWarmup, our application owners usually use 'mock' data to warm-up JVM to let JIT optimize before actual requests come in.
- AJDK has a feature called 'JWarmup' to obviate the need for "warming-up" by:
  - Record the profiling data (in beta testing)
  - Let JIT **compile** code based on recorded profiling data before requests come in (in online run)



### WISP: enable coroutine based async programming model

- Async programming model performs best but hard to write and maintain
- WISP enables async programming model transparently
  - Based on coroutine implementation for the HotSpot from Da Vinci Machine project
  - Yield to another corountine when io is blocked transparently

```
17 ......SocketChannel·client·=·SocketChannel.open(address);

18 .....while·(client.read(buffer)·!=·-1) {

19 .....buffer.flip();

20 .....out.write(buffer);

21 .....buffer.clear();

22 .....}

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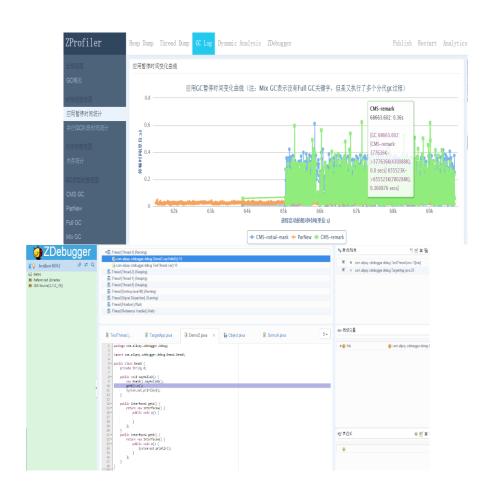
Yield to another available coroutine(in same thread) transparently while read is blocked.

WISP: is the light phenomenon traditionally ascribed to ghosts



### Diagnostics and Troubleshooting

- ZProfiler: problem and performance diagnostic tool
  - GC log analyzing
  - Low-overhead hot method profiling
  - Method tracing
- ZDebugger: browser-based debugging tool
  - Designed for debugging Alibaba cloud application





### Alibaba and Open Source

- Alibaba has a very strong record of open source and community involvement
  - Linux: joined Linux foundation in last year, more involved in technology and standards
  - MySQL: joined the WebScaleSQL initiative which is designed for extending MySQL to its large-scale deployments
  - Java: open source a number of projects, including Dubbo, jStorm, RocketMQ, FastJSON, Druid, etc. some of them are donated to Apache



### Alibaba and Java Community

Alibaba is willing to be deeply involved in OpenJDK community

- So far, two OpenJDK committers and another one in expert group in JSR 353.
- Would like to contribute back improvements made in AJDK to OpenJDK

As one of world's largest users of java, Alibaba will be happy to share java experiences in **online ecommerce**, **financial payment**, **logistics** to help community, influence the direction of java technology.



Q & A

Thank you





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