





Java at Alibaba

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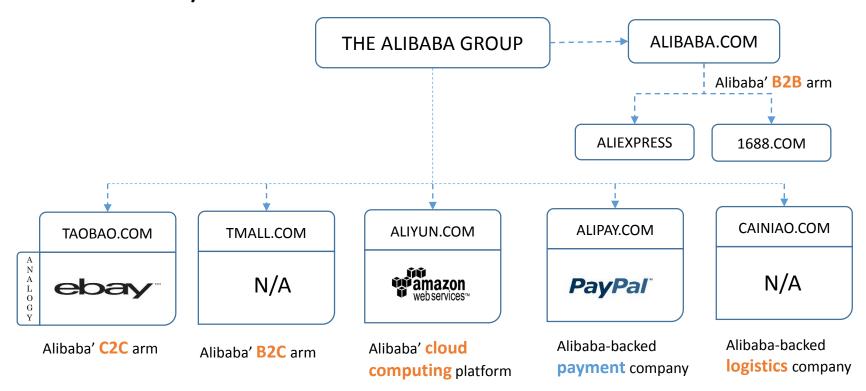


Agenda

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



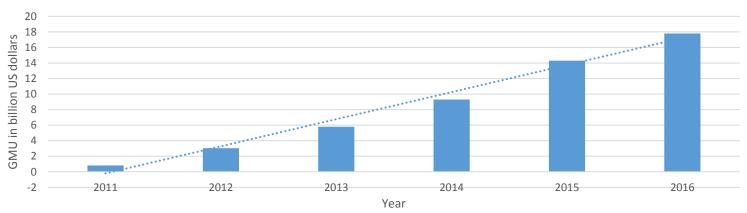
Alibaba Family Tree





China's Singles' Day

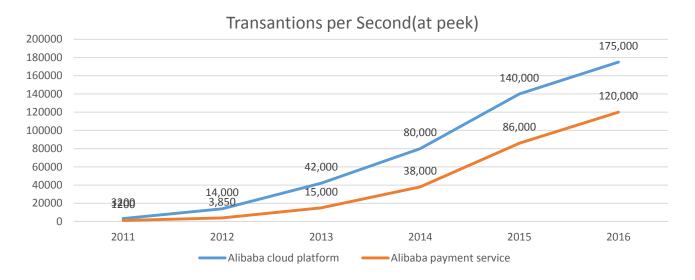




- Single's Day, the world's biggest online shopping day, the total sales in 2016 reached
 \$17.8 billion
- In contrast, the total online sales from Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday combined in the US in 2016 is: \$12.8 billion (source: www.practicalecommerce.com)



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



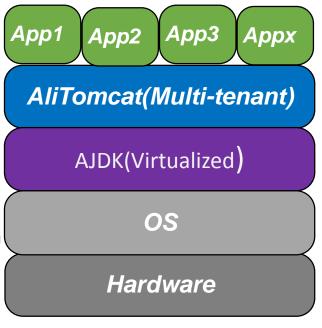
AJDK: customize OpenJDK for our own needs

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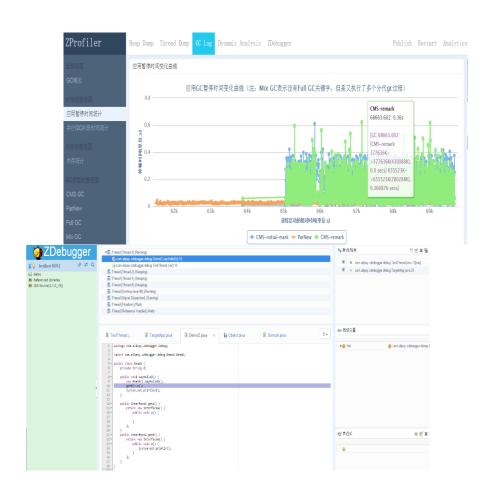
Yield to another available coroutine(in same thread) transparently while read is blocked.

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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