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OpenJDK 18

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Background & JEP

- JDK 18 released on March 22, 2022 as non-LTS release
- JDK Enhancement Proposal (JEP)
- Described by JEP 1
- Goal is to organize and define enhancement proposals for JDK release projects
- Create a roadmap based on proposals
- Central archive for changes and documentation

JEP 0: JEP Index

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This JEP is the index of all JDK Enhancement Proposals, known as JEPs.
See JEP 1 for an overview of the JEP Process.

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LTS vs. Non-LTS (Long-Term Support)

- LTS (Long Term Support) releases every two years
- Stability, security, and performance updates every quarter
- LTS releases: Java 7, 8, 11, and 17
- Non-LTS releases are a cumulative set of enhancements of the most recent LTS release
- Once a new feature release is available, previous non-LTS releases are superseded

Release Features



- 400: Uses UTF-8 by Default
- 408: Creates a Simple Web Server
- 413: Code Snippets are included in Java API Documentation
- 416: Reimplements Core Reflection with Method Handles
- 417: Has a Vector API (Third Incubator)
- 418: Introduces Internet-Address Resolution SPI
- 419: Introduces Foreign Function & Memory API (Second Incubator)
- 420: Introduces Pattern Matching for switch (Second Preview)
- 421: Deprecates Finalization for Removal

Simple Web Server



- Provides alternative to Node for testing web servers
- Easy to use
 - Calls jwebserver to start up a server
 - Uses the SimpleFileServer class to create within an application
- Useful for testing basic UI
- Education & Testing Purposes
 - Not meant for production
 - Only handles GET and HEAD requests (not POST or others)

Internet-Address Resolution SPI

- Define a service-provider interface (SPI) for host name and address resolution, so that `java.net.InetAddress` can make use of resolvers other than the platform's built-in resolver.
- API currently uses the OS's native resolver
- Combination of local host files and Domain Name System (DNS)
- Allows for more customization, and use of other resolution protocols like DNS over QUIC, TLS, and HTTPS
- API will use the built-in implementation if no resolver provider is specified.

Java Native Interface(JNI)

- Generate header file from java file
- Any changes to native function definitions you must regenerate header file
- Slow to convert c structures or c++ classes into java objects
- SLOW

Java Memory APIs



- ByteBuffer API
 - Safety checks
 - Slow
- sun.misc.Unsafe API
 - No safety checks
 - Fast
- Using JNI to call other memory allocators(malloc/free)
 - No safety checks
 - Slow

Memory API



- Memory Segment
 - Size of allocation
 - Scope
- Segment Allocator
 - Scope

Foreign Function Interface

- Symbol Lookup (CLinker)
 - CLinker.systemLinker()
- MethodHandle
 - Function
 - Use the CLinker for lookup of functions
 - FunctionDescriptor
 - Describes function arguments and return value
- Describing Types
 - Use MemoryLayout to describe structs

Foreign Function Interface Use



- Reversed model from JNI
 - Use jextract on C/C++ header files to generate java file
- Use any C/C++ function already written
- Allows practical interoperability between many languages

Switch Case Improvements

The Original

```
switch (str) {  
    case "option_a":  
        flag = true;  
        break;  
    case "option_b":  
    case "option_c":  
        // do something else  
        break;  
    default:  
        // do something else different  
        break;  
}
```

```
switch (i) {  
    case 1:  
        flag = true;  
        break;  
    case 2:  
    case 3:  
        // do something else  
        break;  
    default:  
        // do something else different  
        break;  
}
```

Switch Case Improvements

New Syntax

```
switch (str) {  
    case "option_a":  
        flag = true;  
        break;  
    case "option_b":  
    case "option_c":  
        // do something else  
        break;  
    default:  
        // do something else different  
        break;  
}
```

```
switch (str) {  
    case "option_a" -> flag = true;  
    case "option_b", "option_c" -> {  
        // do something else  
    }  
    default -> {  
        // do something else different  
    }  
}
```


Switch Case Improvements

Variables

```
String description;
switch (day) {
    case SATURDAY:
    case SUNDAY:
        description = "Weekend";
        break;
    default:
        description = "Weekday";
        break;
}
```

```
String description = switch (day) {
    case SATURDAY, SUNDAY -> "Weekend";
    default -> "Weekday";
};
```

```
String description = switch (day) {
    case SATURDAY, SUNDAY -> "Weekend";
    default -> {
        yield "Weekday";
    }
};
```

Switch Case Improvements

Pattern Matching

```
double result;
if (o instanceof Integer) {
    result = ((Integer) o).doubleValue();
} else if (o instanceof Double) {
    result = (Double) o;
} else if (o instanceof String) {
    result = Double.parseDouble((String) o);
} else {
    result = 0d;
}
```

```
double result = switch (o) {
    case Integer i -> i.doubleValue();
    case Double d -> d;
    case String s -> Double.parseDouble(s);
    default -> 0d;
};
```

Questions



- How do you see the new switch statement changes impacting their usage? How about their readability?
- With greatly reduced overhead what new applications will the new foreign function interface and new memory interface allow Java developers to create?

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