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New Opportunities for Developers with GraalVM

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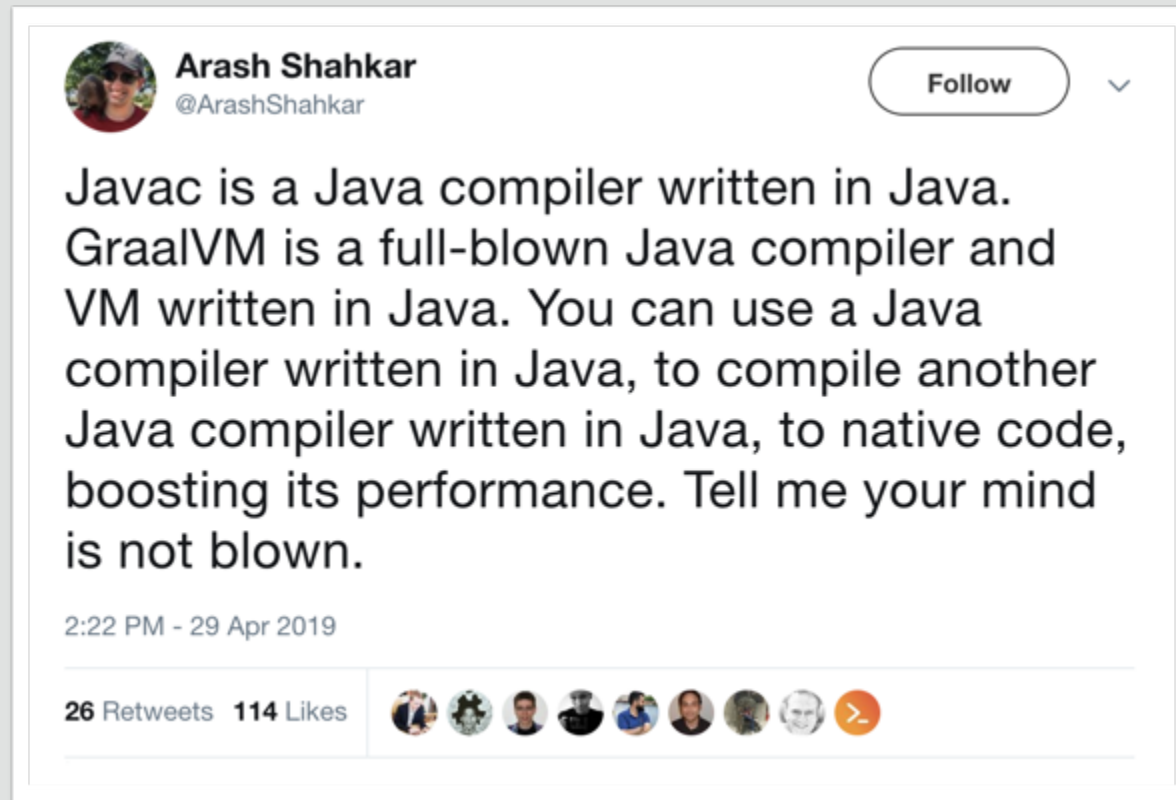
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GraalVM Native Image Early Adopter Status

GraalVM Native Image technology (including SubstrateVM) is early adopter technology. It is available only under an early adopter license and remains subject to potentially significant further changes, compatibility testing and certification

GraalVM magic in one tweet



A screenshot of a tweet from Arash Shahkar (@ArashShahkar) dated 2:22 PM on April 29, 2019. The tweet text reads: "Javac is a Java compiler written in Java. GraalVM is a full-blown Java compiler and VM written in Java. You can use a Java compiler written in Java, to compile another Java compiler written in Java, to native code, boosting its performance. Tell me your mind is not blown." The tweet has 26 retweets and 114 likes. The interface includes a profile picture, name, handle, a 'Follow' button, and a list of user avatars who interacted with the tweet.

Arash Shahkar
@ArashShahkar

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GraalVM Project Goals

- High performance for abstractions of any language
- Low-footprint ahead-of-time mode for JVM-based languages
- Convenient language interoperability and polyglot tooling
- Simple embeddability in native and managed programs



GraalVM™



What GraalVM offers



High Performance

Optimize application performance with GraalVM compiler



Fast Startup

Compile your application AOT and start instantly



Polyglot

Mix & match languages with seamless interop



Open Source

See what's inside, track features progress, contribute

Production-ready! 🎉

📌 Pinned Tweet



GraalVM @graalvm · May 9

First production release - we are stoked to introduce GraalVM 19.0! 🚀🏆

Here's the announcement: [medium.com/graalvm/announ....](https://medium.com/graalvm/announ...)

Check out the release notes: graalvm.org/docs/release-n... and get the binaries:

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GraalVM Versions

Community Edition

GraalVM Community is available for free for evaluation, development and production use. It is built from the GraalVM sources available on [GitHub](#). We provide pre-built binaries for Linux, macOS X, and Windows platforms on x86 64-bit systems. Windows support is [experimental](#).

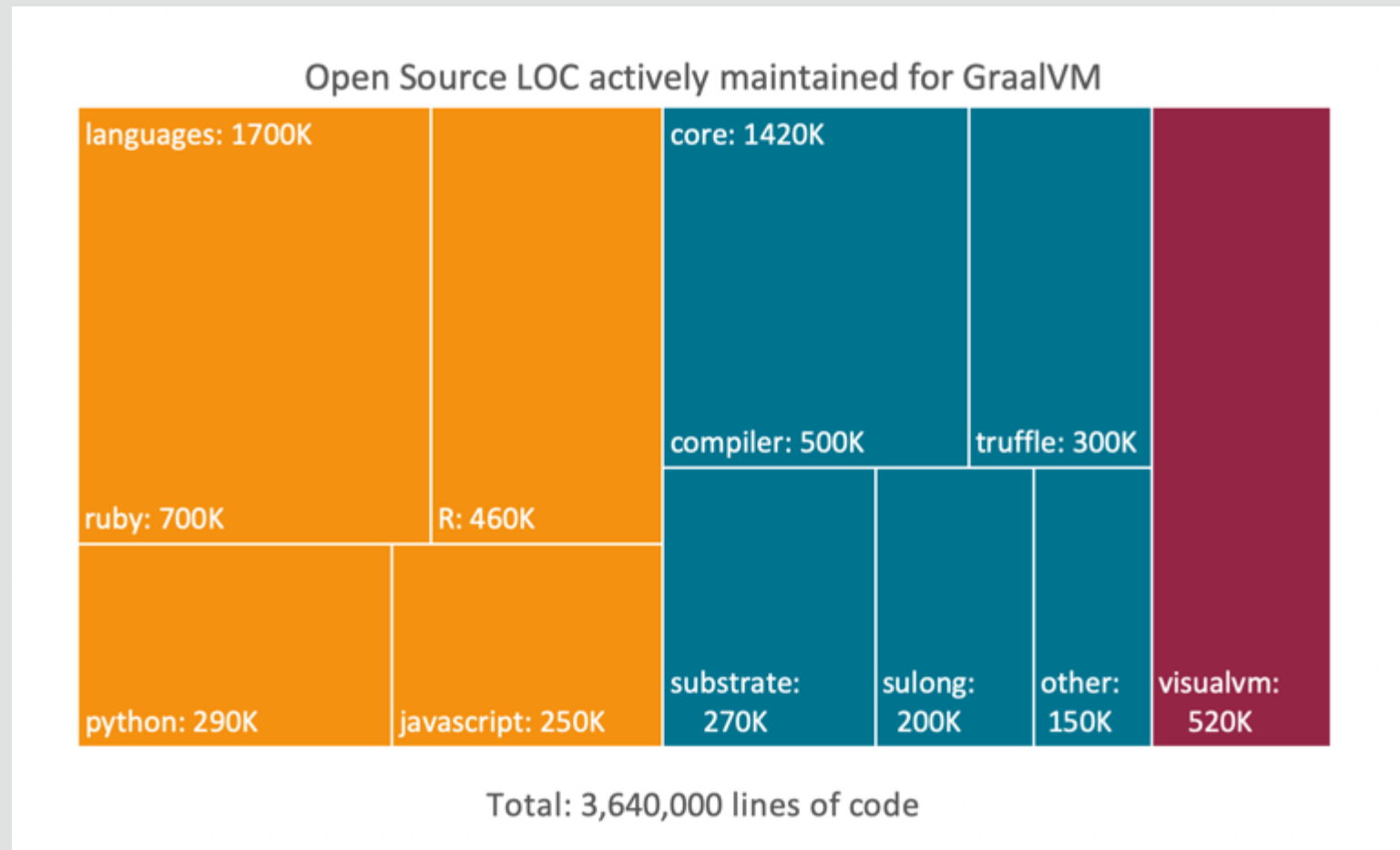
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Enterprise Edition

GraalVM Enterprise provides additional performance, security, and scalability relevant for running applications in production. It is free for evaluation uses and available for download from the [Oracle Technology Network](#). We provide binaries for Linux, macOS X, and Windows platforms on x86 64-bit systems. Windows support is [experimental](#).

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GraalVM Open Source

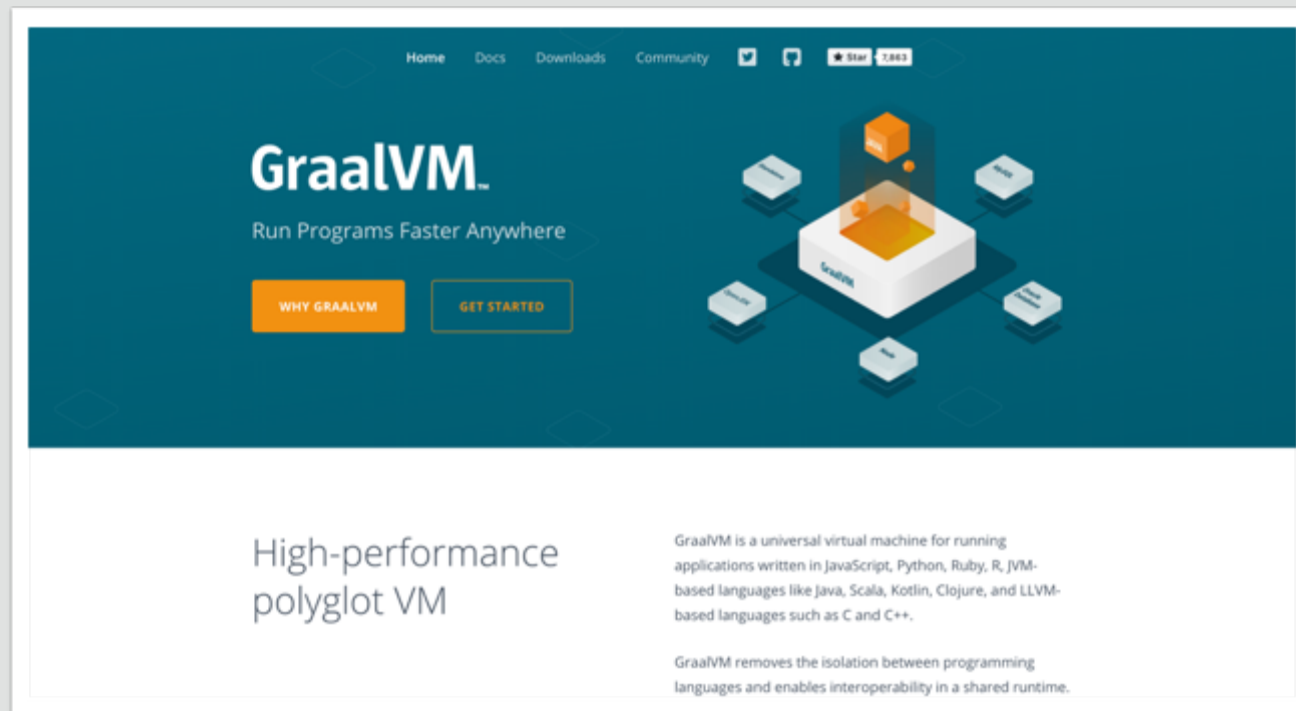


Contributions are welcome!

How to contribute:

- Report an issue: <https://github.com/oracle/graal/issues>
- Submit your PR: <https://github.com/oracle/graal/pulls>
- Extend libraries support: [graalvm.org/docs/reference-manual/compatibility/](https://www.graalvm.org/docs/reference-manual/compatibility/)
- Contribute to documentation: <https://www.graalvm.org/docs/>

Get Started



The screenshot shows the GraalVM website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Docs, Downloads, and Community, along with social media icons and a GitHub star count of 7,883. The main header features the GraalVM logo and the tagline "Run Programs Faster Anywhere". Below this, there are two buttons: "WHY GRAALVM" and "GET STARTED". The central graphic is a 3D isometric illustration of a white cube with "GraalVM" written on it, surrounded by smaller cubes representing different languages like JavaScript, Python, Ruby, R, Java, Scala, Kotlin, Clojure, and LLVM-based languages. Below the header, the text reads "High-performance polyglot VM" and "GraalVM is a universal virtual machine for running applications written in JavaScript, Python, Ruby, R, JVM-based languages like Java, Scala, Kotlin, Clojure, and LLVM-based languages such as C and C++." A second paragraph states "GraalVM removes the isolation between programming languages and enables interoperability in a shared runtime."

- Downloads
- Documentation
- Community support

For Java & JVM programs

GraalVM Compiler

- Brand new compiler written itself in Java;
- Adds new optimizations on top of traditional ones;
- Supports multiple languages and platforms;
- Can work in JIT & AOT modes.



JIT

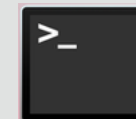
java MyMainClass

OpenJDK™

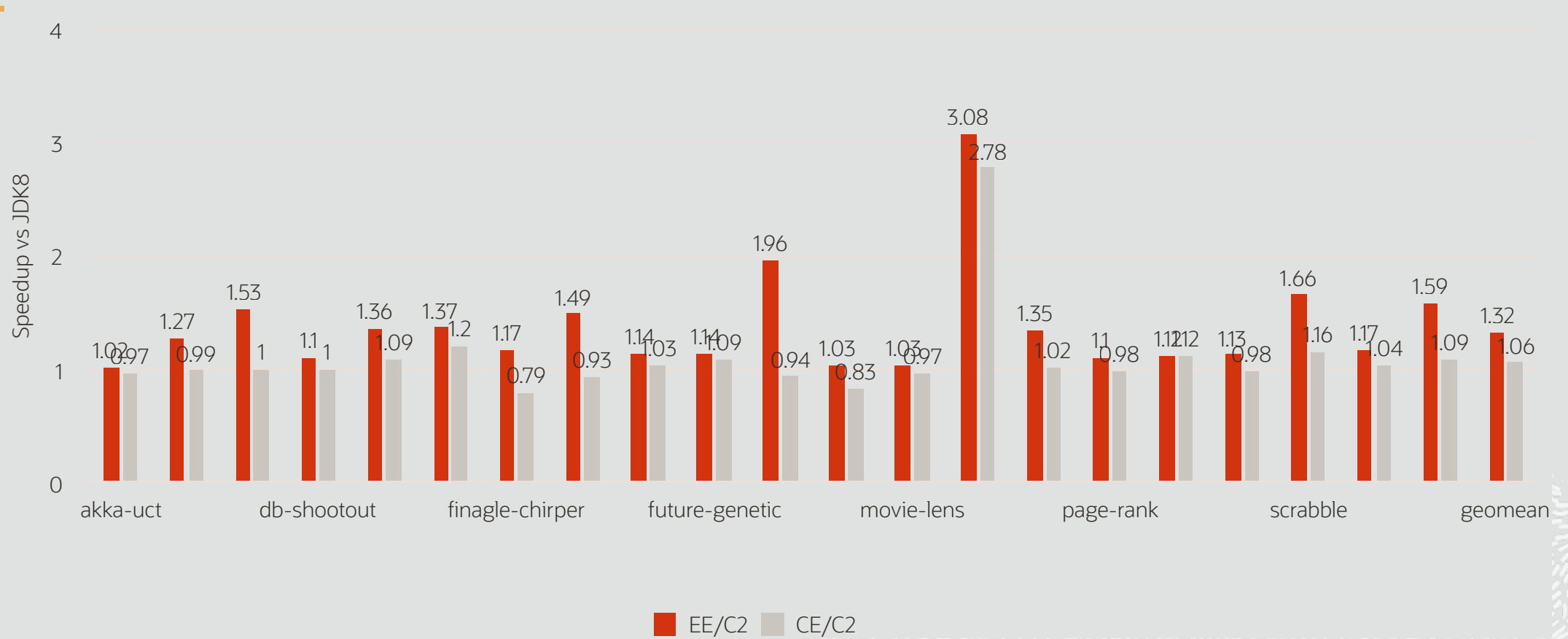
GraalVM™

AOT

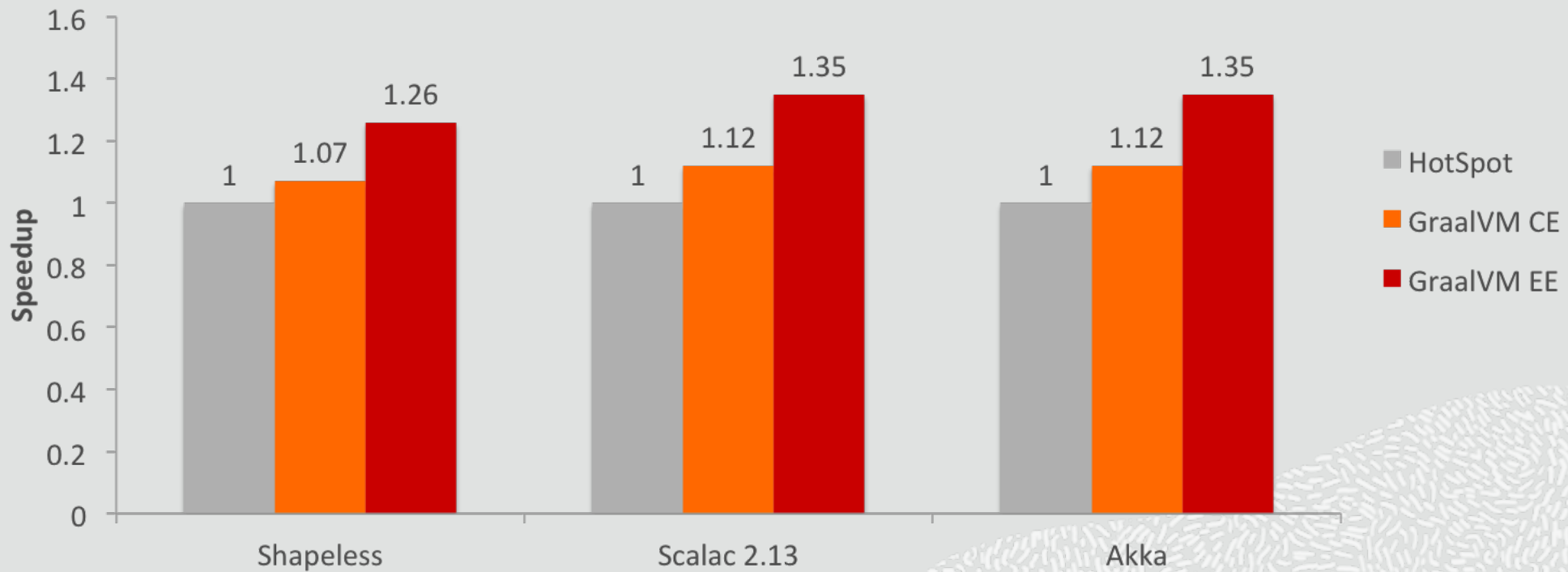
native-image MyMainClass
./mymainclass



GraalVM JIT Performance: Renaissance.dev



Scala performance



<https://medium.com/graalvm/compiling-scala-faster-with-graalvm-86c5c0857fa3>

GraalVM Native Images

- Instant startup;
- Low memory footprint;
- AOT-compiled using the GraalVM compiler;
- Great for microservices.

Demo time



Native Image startup time example

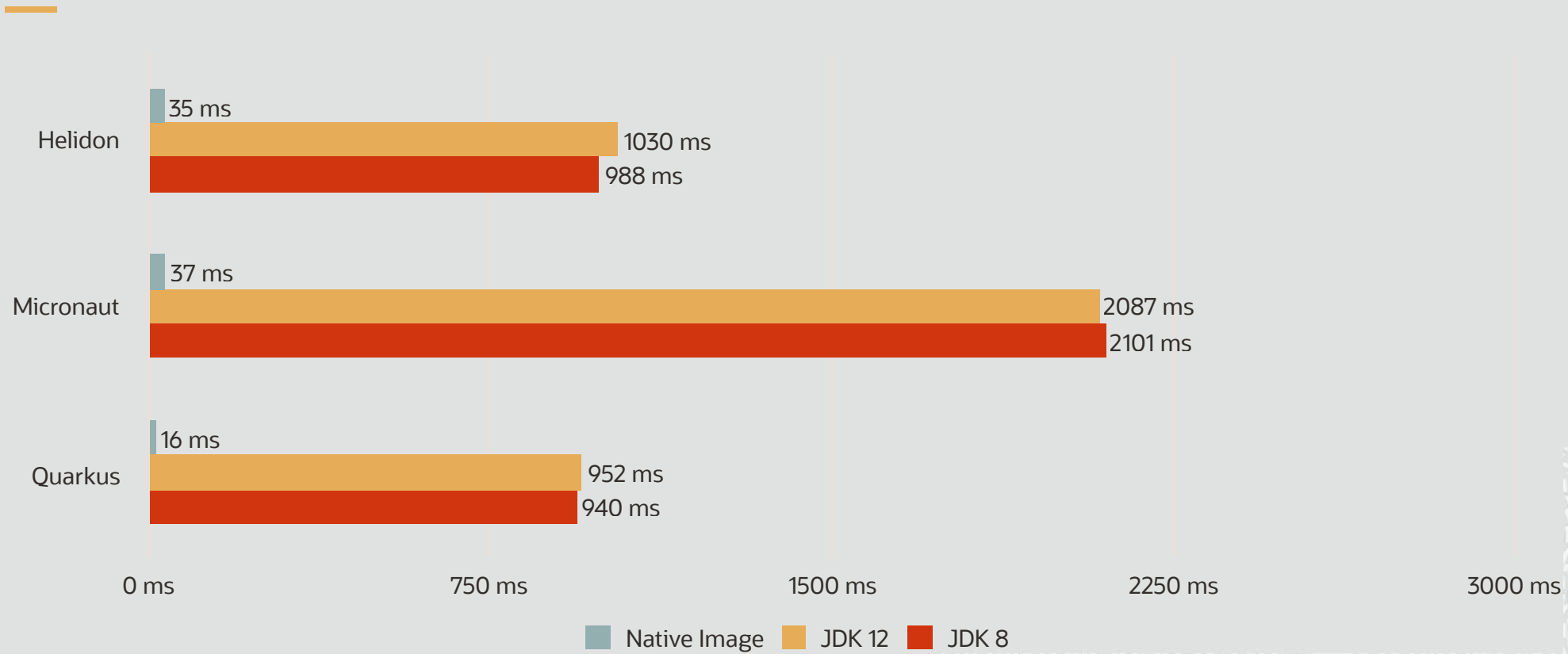
```
$ time scalac HelloWorld.scala
```

```
real    0m1.866s  
user    0m6.549s  
sys     0m0.259s
```

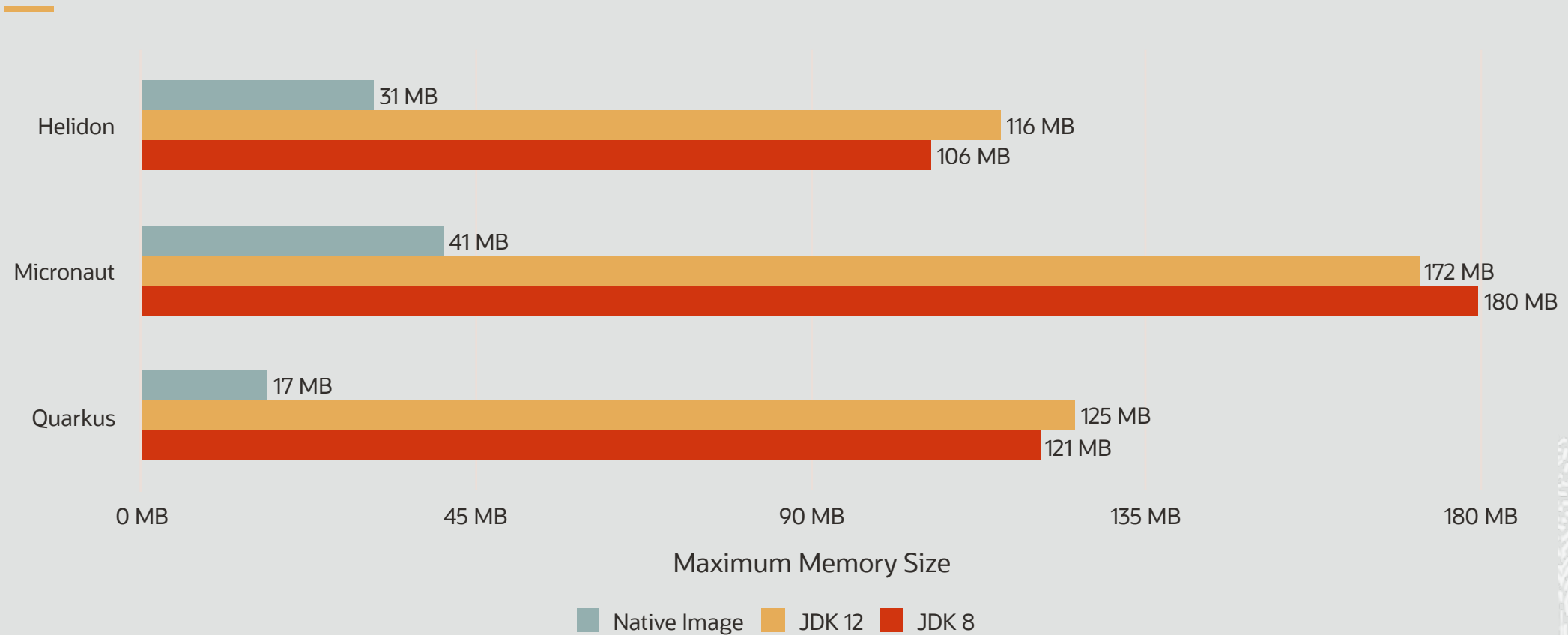
```
time ./scalac-native HelloWorld.scala
```

```
real    0m0.177s  
user    0m0.129s  
sys     0m0.034s
```


Microservice Frameworks: Startup Time



Microservice Frameworks: Memory Usage



Simplifying the Native Image Configuration

Introducing the Tracing Agent: Simplifying GraalVM Native Image Configuration



Christian Wimmer [Follow](#)

Jun 5 · 6 min read

tl;dr: The tracing agent records behavior of a Java application running, for example, on GraalVM or any other compatible JVM, to provide the GraalVM Native Image Generator with configuration files for reflection, JNI, resource, and proxy usage. Enable it using `java -agentlib:native-image-agent=...`

Continue Learning About GraalVM Native Images

- Reference manual: graalvm.org/docs/reference-manual/aot-compilation/
- Improving performance of GraalVM native images with PGO: <https://medium.com/graalvm/improving-performance-of-graalvm-native-images-with-profile-guided-optimizations-9c431a834edb>
- GraalVM Native Images: The Best Startup Solution for Your Applications: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0jedLjcWjI>

JavaScript & Node.js programs

JavaScript & Node.js

- ECMAScript 2019 compliant JavaScript engine;
- Access to GraalVM language interoperability and common tooling;
- Constantly tested against 100,000+ npm modules, including `express`, `react`, `async`, `request`

Compatibility Tool

Quickly check if an NPM module, Ruby gem, or R package is compatible with GraalVM.

Graal.js

NAME	VERSION	STATUS
express	~> 5.0	100.00% tests pass
express	~> 4.16	100.00% tests pass
express	~> 4.15	100.00% tests pass
express	~> 4.14	100.00% tests pass

Nashorn Migration Guide

Migration guide from Nashorn to GraalVM JavaScript

This document serves as migration guide for code previously targeted to the Nashorn engine. See the [JavaInterop.md](#) for an overview of supported Java interoperability features.

Both Nashorn and GraalVM JavaScript support a similar set of syntax and semantics for Java interoperability. The most important differences relevant for migration are listed here.

Nashorn features available by default:

- `Java.type`, `Java.typeName`
- `Java.from`, `Java.to`
- `Java.extend`, `Java.super`
- Java package globals: `Packages`, `java`, `javafx`, `javax`, `com`, `org`, `edu`

Nashorn compatibility mode

GraalVM JavaScript provides a Nashorn compatibility mode. Some of the functionality necessary for Nashorn compatibility is only available when the `js.nashorn-compat` option is enabled. This is the case for Nashorn-specific extensions that GraalVM JavaScript does not want to expose by default. Note that you have to enable [experimental options](Options.md#Stable and Experimental options) to use this flag.

The `js.nashorn-compat` option can be set using a command line option:

```
$ js --experimental-options --js.nashorn-compat=true
```

Polyglot programs

Polyglot tools: GraalVM VisualVM

The screenshot displays the Graal VisualVM 20180227-unknown-revn application window. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Left Panel:** A tree view under 'Applications' showing 'Local' > 'VisualVM' > 'Ruby (pid 4150)' > '[heapdump] 22:56:09'. Other options include 'Remote', 'VM Coredumps', and 'Snapshots'.
- Top Bar:** Contains navigation tabs: 'Overview', 'Monitor', 'Threads', 'Sampler', 'Profiler', and '[heapdump] 22:56:09'.
- Main Content Area:**
 - Ruby (pid 4150) Heap Dump:** A dropdown menu is set to 'Summary'.
 - Heap Summary:**

Size:	769,368 B
Types:	44
Objects:	6,966
 - Environment:**

Language:	Ruby (version 2.3.7)
Platform:	darwin x86_64
 - Types by Objects Count [view all]:**

String	3,733	(0.3%)
Symbol	1,140	(0.1%)
Class	834	(0.1%)
Array	481	(0%)
Proc	201	(0%)
 - Types by Objects Size [view all]:**

String	358,368 B	(0.5%)
Symbol	109,440 B	(0.2%)
Class	80,344 B	(0.1%)
Array	73,624 B	(0.1%)
Hash	55,392 B	(0.1%)
 - Objects by Size [view all]:**

Hash#5083 : shape #1	16,848 B	(0%)
Hash#6089 : shape #1	9,232 B	(0%)
Hash#1632 : shape #1	4,368 B	(0%)
Hash#4511 : shape #1	4,368 B	(0%)
Hash#3744 : shape #1	2,320 B	(0%)
 - Dominators by Retained Size [view all]:** A message states 'Retained sizes must be computed first:' with a 'Compute Retained Sizes' button below it.

Polyglot in a Database

```
$ npm install validator
$ npm install @types/validator
$ dbjs deploy -u scott -p tiger -c localhost:1521/ORCLCDB validator
$ sqlplus scott/tiger@localhost:1521/ORCLCDB
```

```
SQL> select validator.isEmail('hello.world@oracle.com') from dual;
```

```
VALIDATOR.ISEMAIL('HELLO.WORLD@ORACLE.COM')
-----
1
```

```
SQL> select validator.isEmail('hello.world') from dual;
```

```
VALIDATOR.ISEMAIL('HELLO.WORLD')
-----
0
```


GraalVM in practice at the Dutch National Police

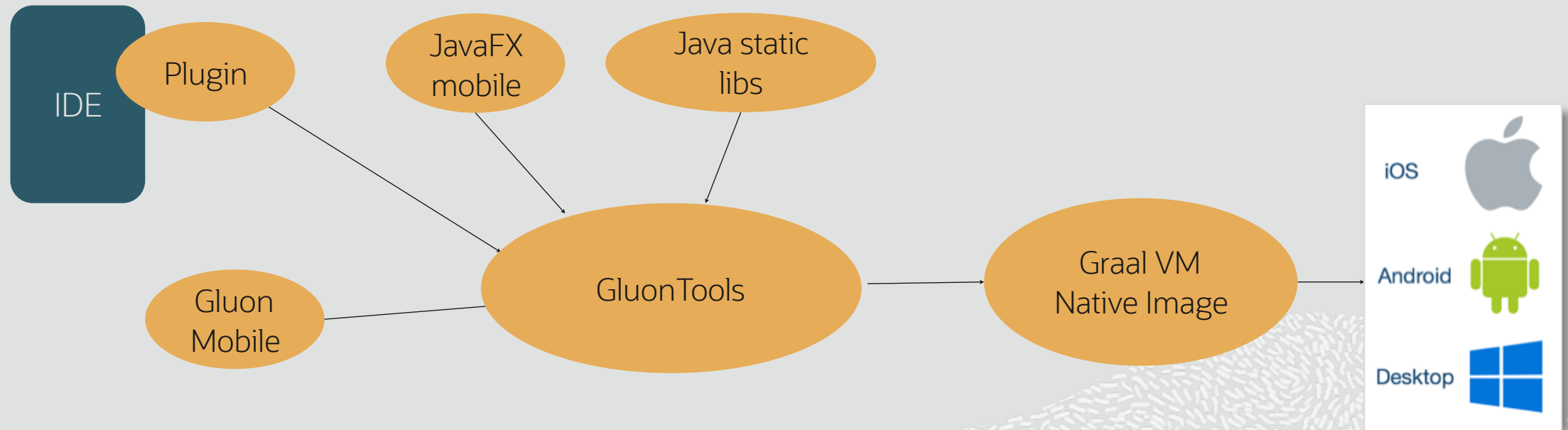
The diagram, titled "Results" and presented by CODE.STAR and ORDINA, depicts "The new situation" architecture. It features a central dark blue box representing the processing layer. On the left, "Kafka" feeds into "Scala", which then provides "Input" to the central box. An arrow labeled "Enables" points from the left "Scala" to the central "GraalVM." box. Inside the central box, "GraalVM." is associated with "Context", "Logging", and "Writing to S3". Below this, "FastR Analysis" is shown with a downward arrow. On the right, "Results" are output from the central box to another "Scala" component, which then feeds back into "Kafka". The background of the diagram includes a cloud icon and the logos for CODE.STAR and ORDINA.



Do even more with GraalVM: polyglot demo

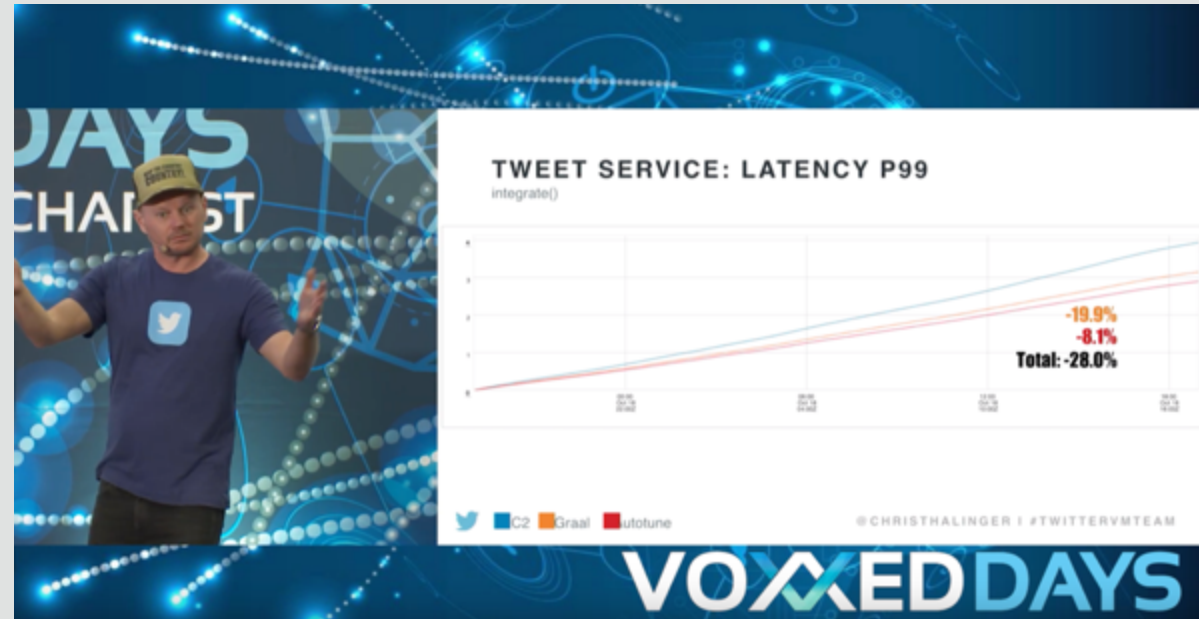
Zero overhead interoperability between programming languages allows you to write polyglot applications and select the best language for your task.

Do even more with GraalVM: Cross-Platform Development

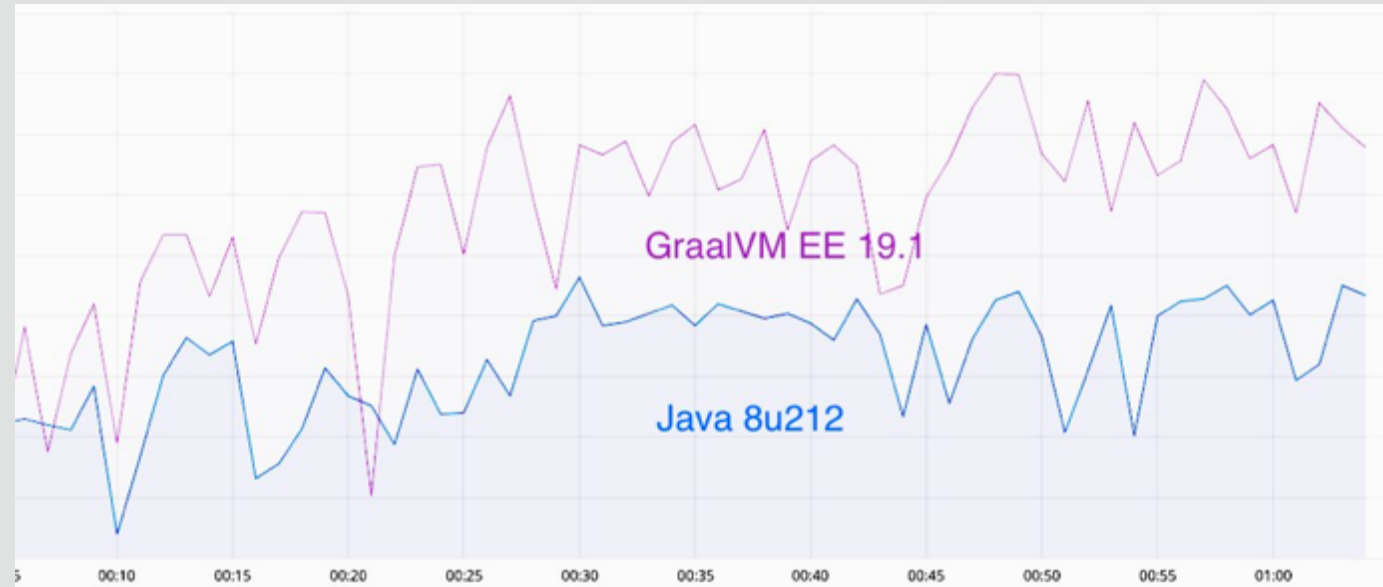


Industry Use Cases

Twitter uses GraalVM compiler in production to run their Scala microservices



- Peak performance: +10%
- Garbage collection time: -25%
- Seamless migration



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Cloud Infrastructure

The rich ecosystem of CUDA-X libraries is now available for GraalVM applications.

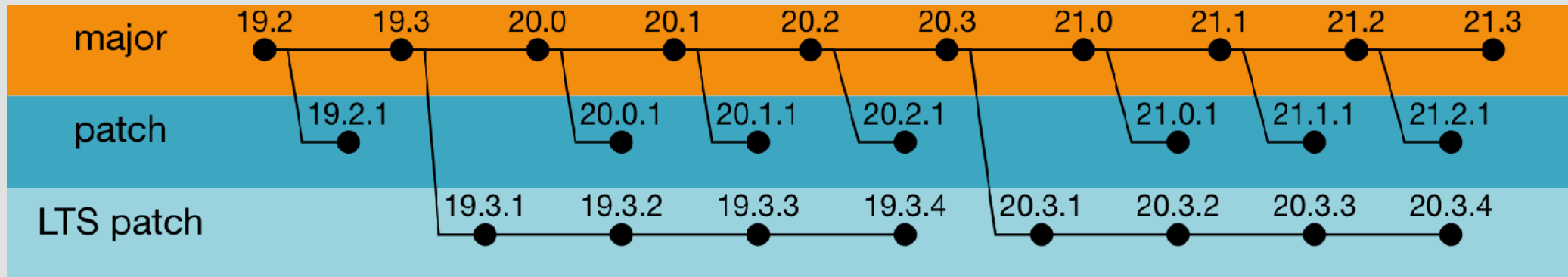
GPU kernels can be directly launched from GraalVM languages such as R, JavaScript, Scala and other JVM-based languages.



What's next

Version Roadmap

- Predictable release schedule;
- LTS releases: last major release of the year.



<https://www.graalvm.org/docs/release-notes/version-roadmap>

Recent Updates: Class Initialization in Native Images

- Since GraalVM 19.0, application classes in native images are by default initialized at run time and no longer at image build time.

- Configure class initialization behavior:

```
--initialize-at-build-time=...
```

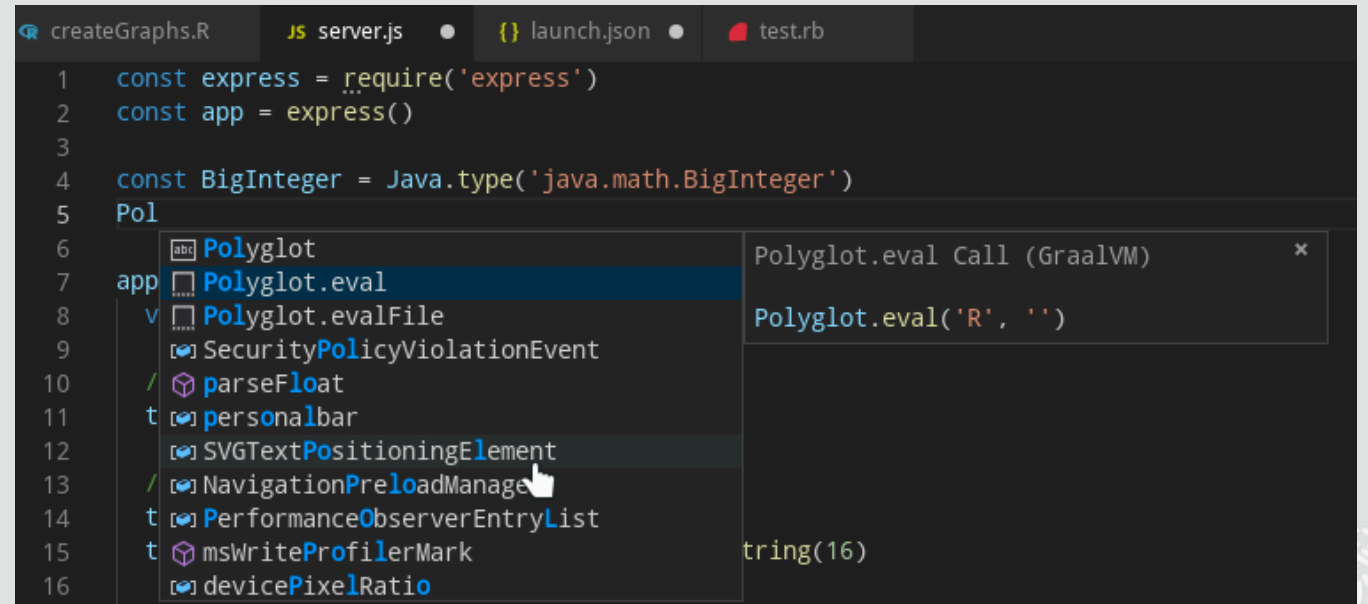
```
--initialize-at-run-time=...
```

- To debug and understand class initialization problems:

```
-H:+TraceClassInitialization
```


Recent Updates: VS Code Plugin

Basic support for editing and debugging programs running on GraalVM



```
1 const express = require('express')
2 const app = express()
3
4 const BigInteger = Java.type('java.math.BigInteger')
5 Pol
6
7 app Polyglot
8   Polyglot.eval
9   Polyglot.evalFile
10  SecurityPolicyViolationEvent
11  parseFloat
12  personalbar
13  SVGTextPositioningElement
14  NavigationPreloadManager
15  PerformanceObserverEntryList
16  msWriteProfilerMark
   devicePixelRatio
```

Polyglot.eval Call (GraalVM)

Polyglot.eval('R', '')

tring(16)

What's next for GraalVM

- JDK-11 based builds;
- ARM64 and Windows support;
- Low-latency, high-throughput, and parallel GC for native images;
- Work with the community to support important libraries;
- New languages and platforms;
- Your choice – contribute!

Use GraalVM:

- Run your applications faster;
- For fast startup & low memory footprint;
- Write polyglot apps;
- Embed in your platform.

What's next for you

- Download:
graalvm.org/downloads
- Follow updates:
[@GraalVM](https://twitter.com/GraalVM) / [#GraalVM](https://twitter.com/GraalVM)
- If you need help:
 - graalvm.org/community/
 - [graalvm-users](https://twitter.com/graalvm-users)
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