

The Present and the Future of

Java

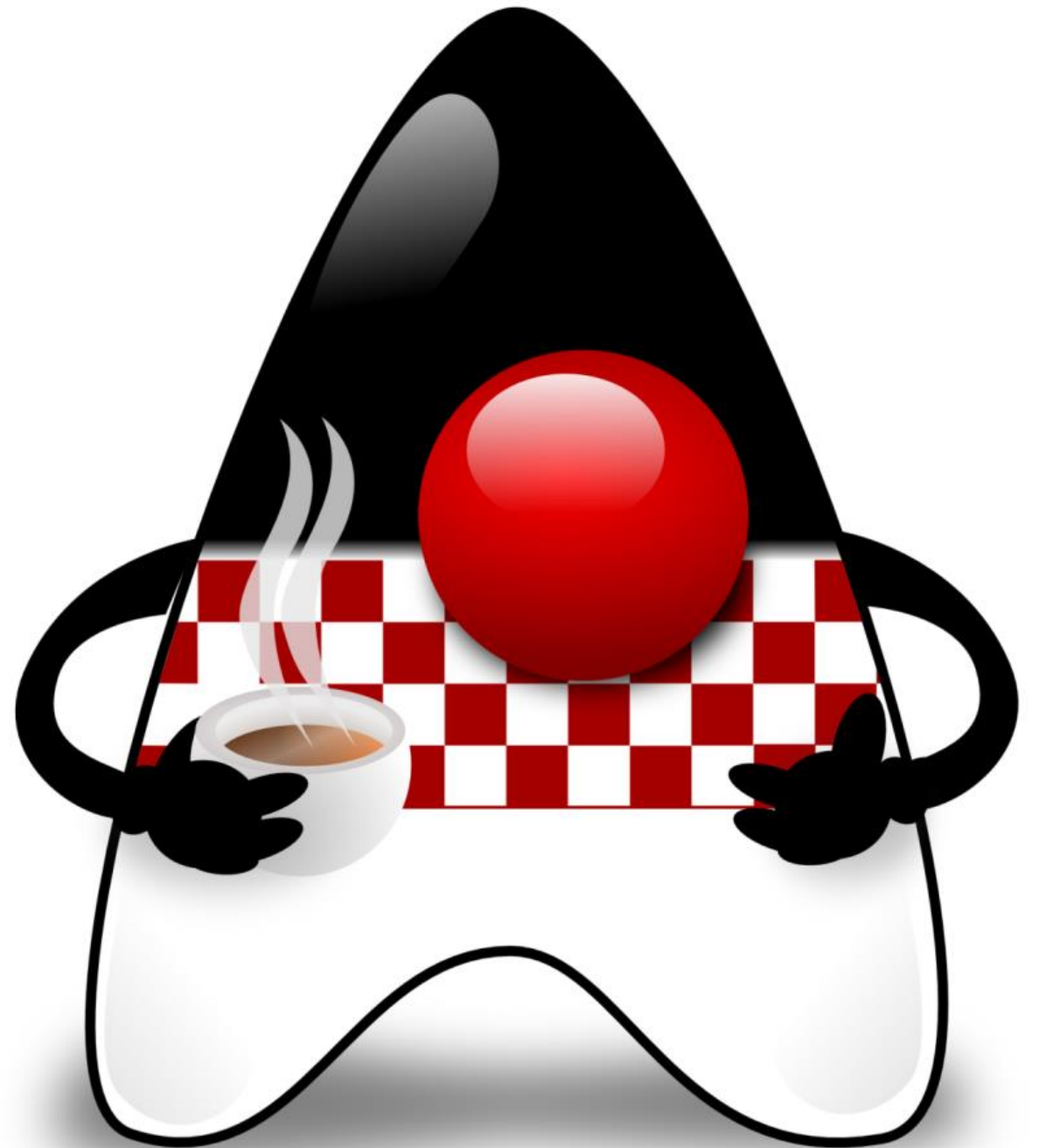
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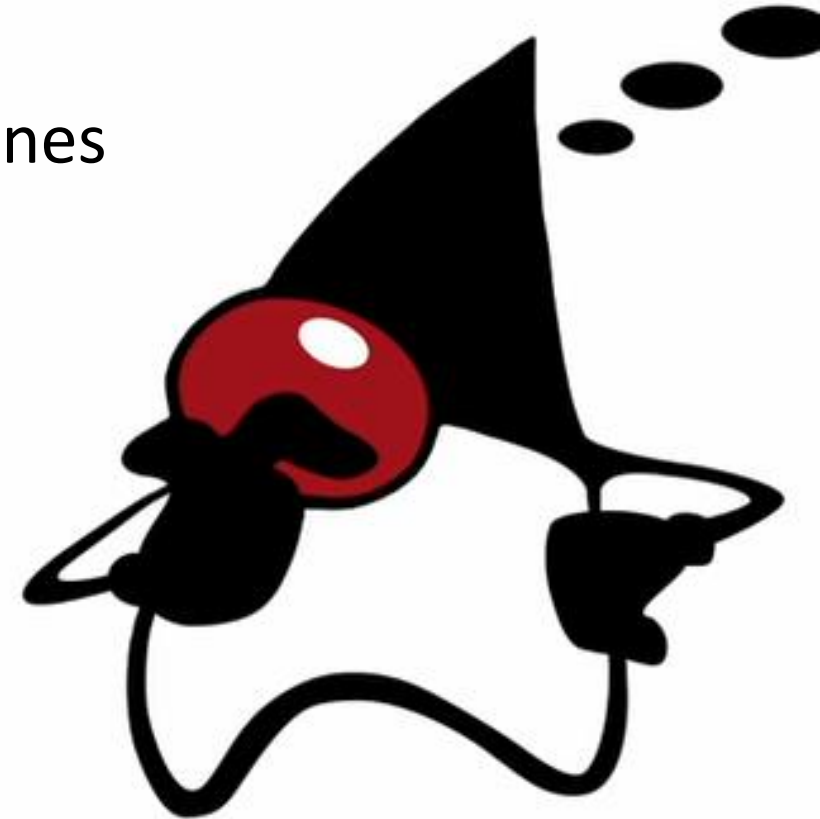
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Assessing the **New Development** Landscape

- New programming **languages**, programming **polyglotism & interoperability**
- New software development **paradigms**
- New **frameworks** or new (different) versions of old ones
- Changing hardware and software **architectures**
- Modern application **solutions**
- Variety of **deployment models**
- **Cloud**-everywhere
- **Microservices**
- **Anything/everything-as-a-service**



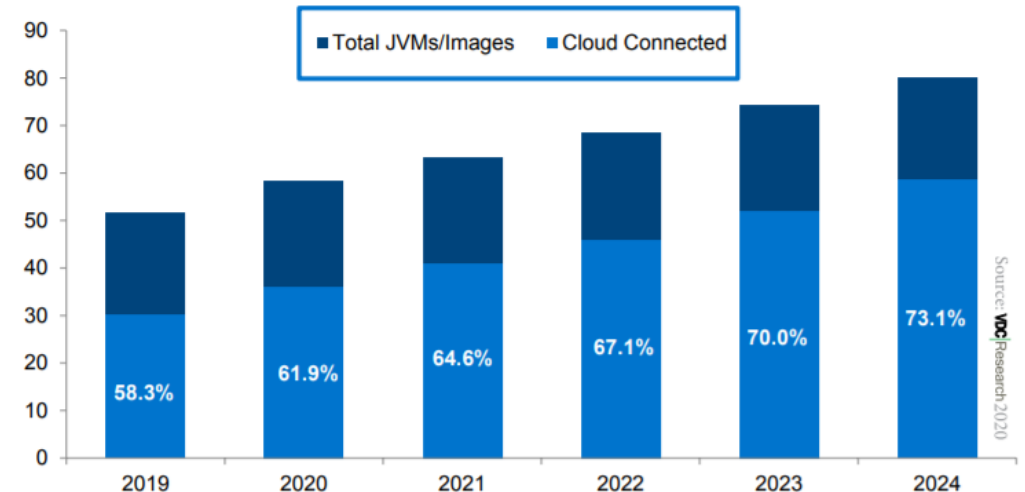


Java Facts



- **#1 Development Platform**
 - Continued **growth** for **27+** years
- **#1 Programming Language**
- **A Few Dozen Billion Devices** run Java
- **56 Billion Active JVMs**
 - **64%** are **Cloud-based JVMs**
 - Expected to grow at over **9% per year** over the next 5 years

#1 Analytics	#3 Artificial intelligence	#2 Augmented reality/virtual reality	#1 Big data	#2 Blockchain/distributed hyperledger	#1 Chatbots	#1 Continuous integration dev tools
#1 Data management	#1 DevOps	#2 Internet of Things	#1 Microservices	#1 Mobile	#2 Security	#1 Social



Source: Addressing Next-Generation Development with Java, Chris Rommel, VDC <https://www.oracle.com/a/ocom/docs/2020-oracle-wp-next-generation-development-vdc.pdf>



Why do we (still) use **Java** and JVM?



- **Openness and Platform Independence**
- **Community Acceptance and Familiarity**
- **Variety of Tools, Libraries and Frameworks**
- **Reliability and Trust**
- **Continuous Innovation and Predictability**
- **Contribution of the Entire Community**



...

*Java's ability to boost **performance, stability, and security** continues to make it the **world's most popular programming language**.*

*According to an IDC report over **10 million developers**, representing **75% of full-time developers worldwide**, **use Java**, more than any other language.*

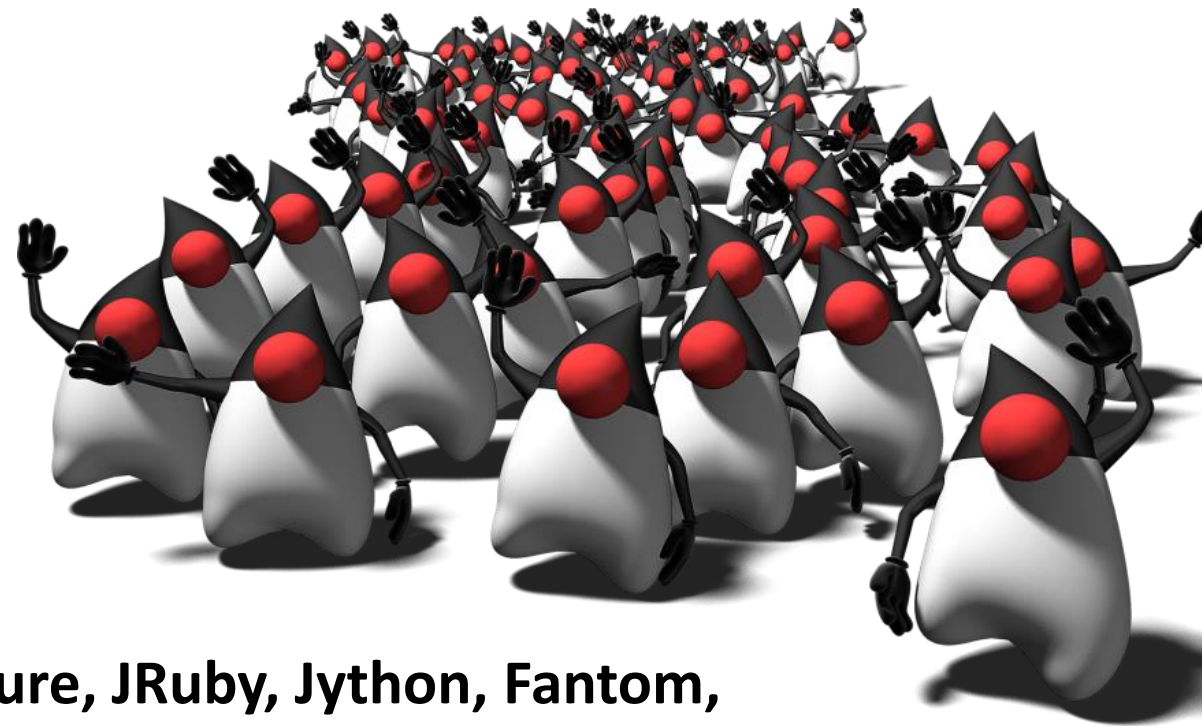
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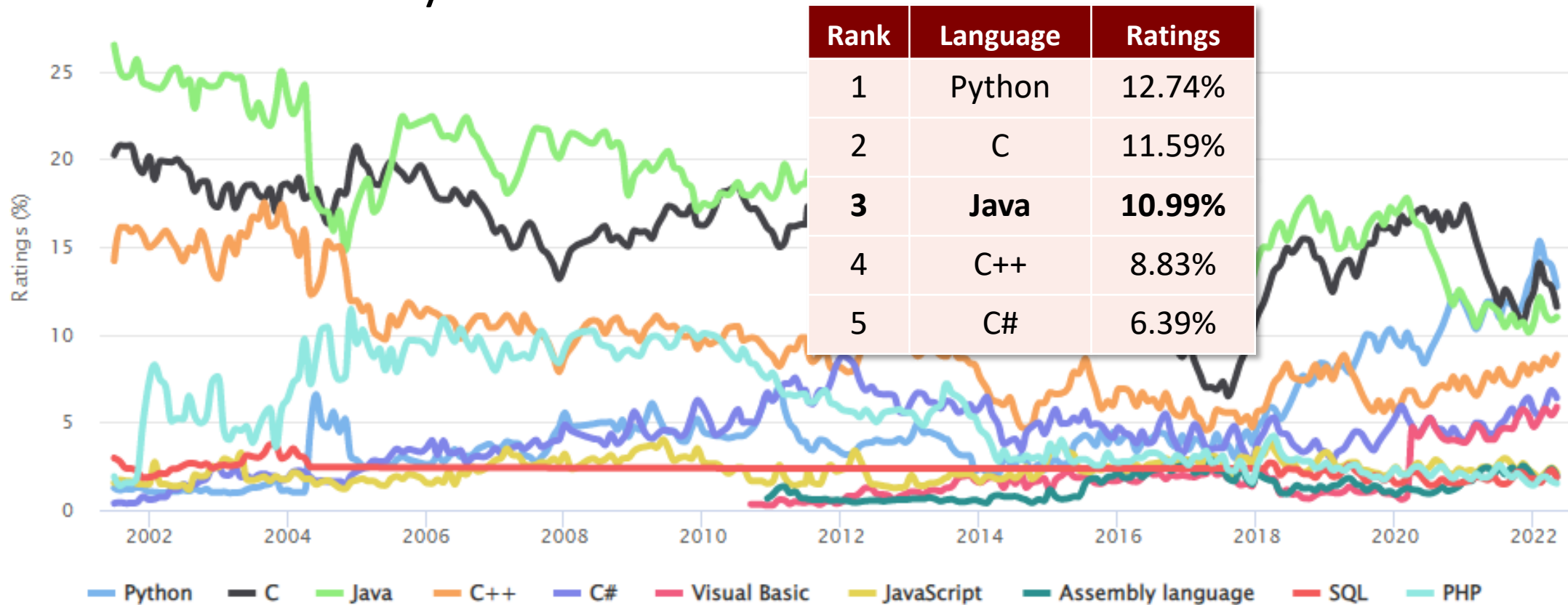
- **10 Million Java Developers**
 - With many Java **Certificates**
- **98% Fortune 100** companies hiring Java Developers
- **69%** of Software Developers run (some kind of...) Java
- **50+ JVM languages**
 - JVM languages : Groovy, Kotlin, Scala, Clojure, JRuby, Jython, Fantom, Ceylon, Xtend, X10, LuaJ, Golo, Frege, Mirah, Eta, JavaScript...
- And all other languages with **GraalVM (+ Truffle + Sulong)**





Is Java **still popular**?

- **TIOBE index for May 2022**



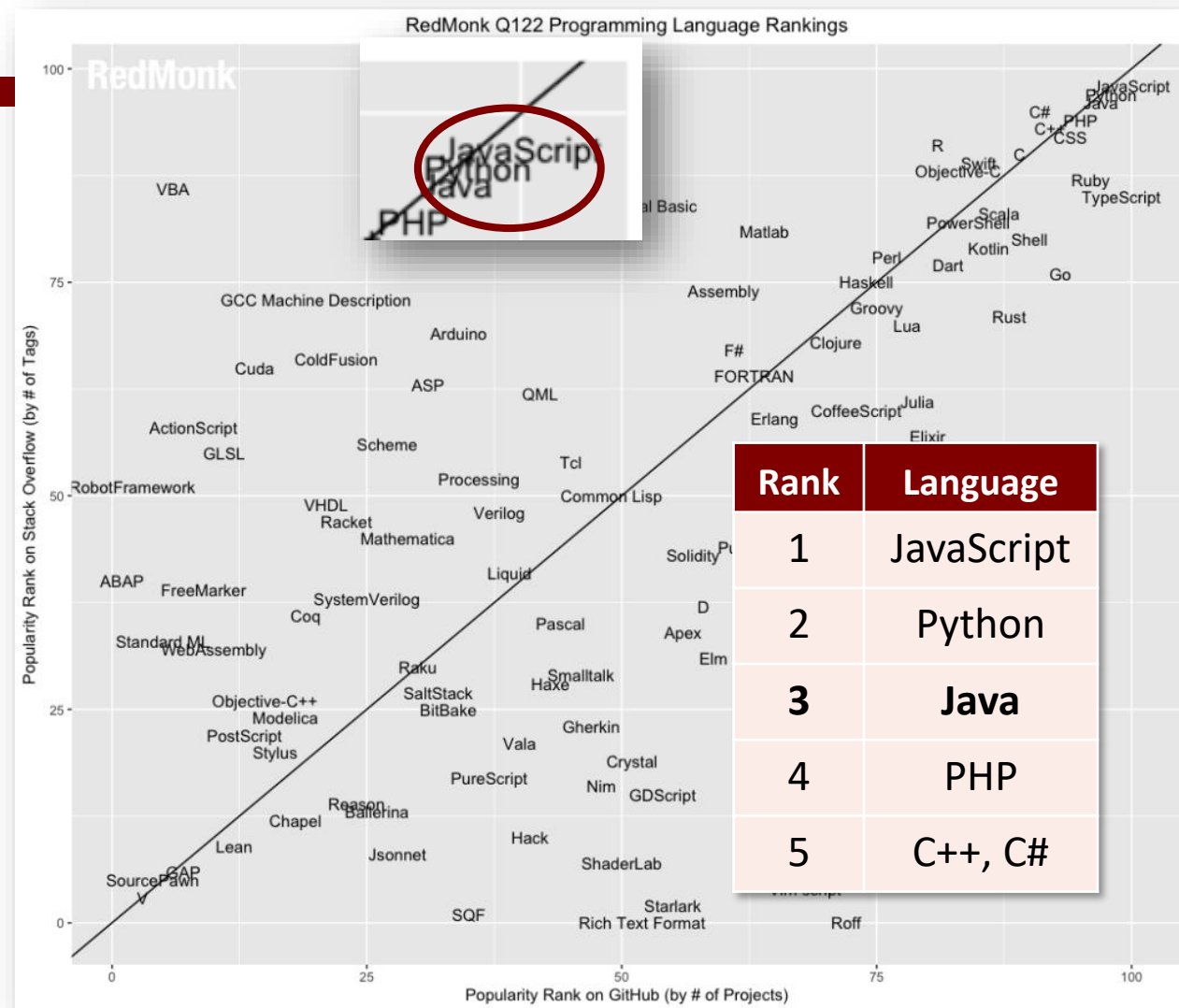
Source: TIOBE Index for May 2022, www.tiobe.com/tiobe-index/



Is Java still popular? #2

- **RedMonk Programming Language Rankings: January 2022**

- Extraction of language rankings from **GitHub** and **Stack Overflow**
- Combining them to reflect both code (GitHub) and discussion (Stack Overflow) traction



Source: The RedMonk Programming Language Rankings: January 2022, <https://redmonk.com/sogrady/2022/03/28/language-rank>



Available JDKs?

- Oracle **JDK** or one of many **OpenJDK**s
 - Oracle **OpenJDK**
 - AdoptOpenJDK's **OpenJDK**
 - Azul **Zulu OpenJDK**
 - Amazon's **Corretto OpenJDK**
 - **Linux** distribution's **OpenJDKs**
 - RedHat's **OpenJDK**
 - IBM **Java SDK**
 - Azul **Zing**
 - Alibaba **Dragonwell**
 - Bellsoft **Liberica OpenJDK**
 - Eclipse **Adoptium OpenJDK**
 - SAP **SapMachine**
 - Microsoft **OpenJDK** 😊
 - ...
- + Oracle **GraalVM CE or EE**



Available JDKs and Versions

- **Oracle JDK** www.oracle.com/java/technologies/downloads/
 - Java SE **18.0.1.1**, Java SE **17.0.3.1** (LTS), Java SE **11.0.15.1** (LTS) or Java SE **8u333** (LTS)
 - License: NPTC (17 and after) or OTN (before 17) – to be discussed later
- **Oracle OpenJDK** jdk.java.net
 - Java SE **18.0.1.1**, Java SE **17** (LTS), or any other between **16** and **7**
 - License: GPLv2+CE
- ~~AdoptOpenJDK~~ **Adoptium Eclipse Temurin** adoptium.net
 - Java SE **18.0.1+10**, Java SE **17.0.3+7** (LTS), Java SE **16.0.2+7**, Java SE **11.0.15+10** (LTS) or Java SE **8u332** (LTS)
 - License: Apache Version 2.0 and GPLv2+CE
- **Azul's Zulu OpenJDK** www.azul.com/downloads/?package=jdk
 - Java SE **18.0.1+10**, Java SE **17.0.3+7** (LTS), and all others back to Open JDK **6**

OpenJDK



Is Java **Moving Forward?**

Predictability

- Evolving Java incrementally and predictably via JCP – **stable** evolution
- Progress not alienating extremely large user base – **careful** backward compatibility

Trust

- Open and transparent development model, preserving values – **no** surprises
- Java community suggests and adopts new features – **community** involvement

Innovation

- Respecting contemporary software development – **innovative** improvements
- Gradually introducing language and platform enhancements – **cautious** innovation



Innovation with Incubators and Preview

- **Incubator Features**

- New API and tools that, after stabilization, are most likely to be included in JDKs

- **Preview Features**

- Features believed to be implemented but subject to changes before becoming final

- **Experimental Features**

- Test-bed to gather feedback on nontrivial enhancements

- **Early Access Releases**

- Allowing developers to prepare for the next version of JDK in advance

- **JDK development projects**

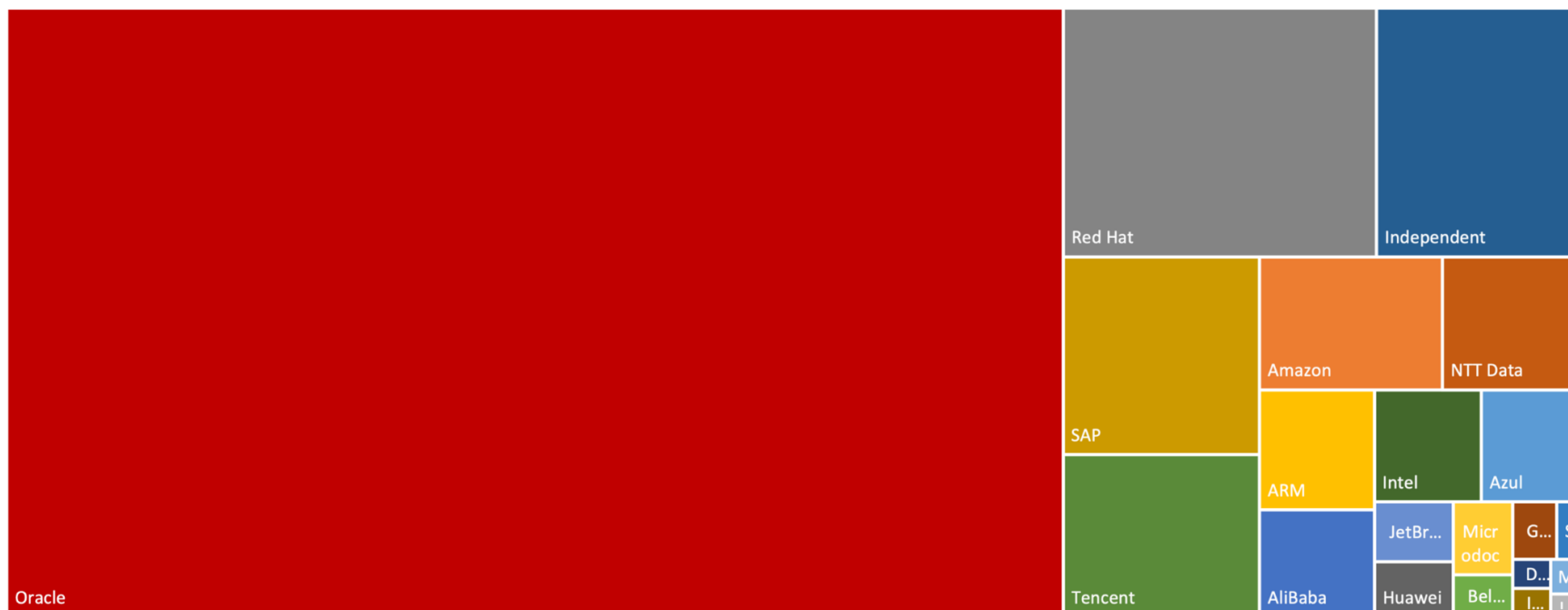
- Amber, Valhalla, Panama, Loom, Leyden, ZGC and many others



Creating Java Together

- Issues fixed in JDK 11-17 per **organization**

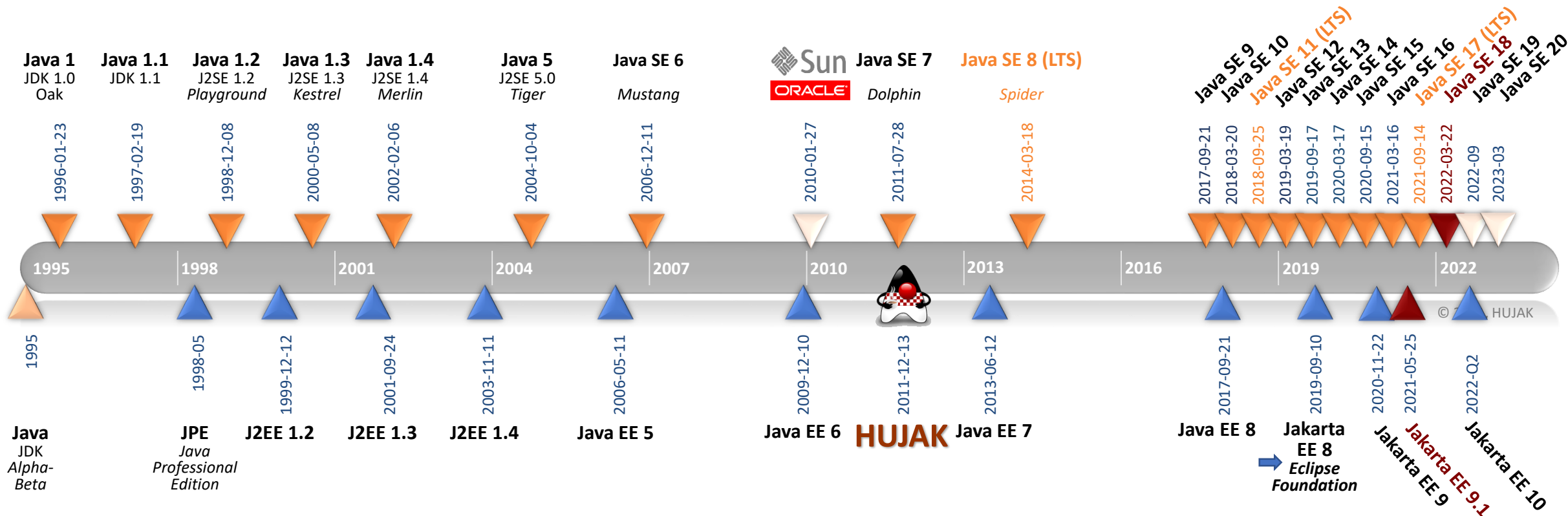
- Led by **Oracle**, but significant contributions by many others: **Red Hat, SAP, Tencent, Amazon, NTT Data, ARM, Intel, Azul, Alibaba, JetBrains, Microdoc, Huawei ...**





Java Timeline

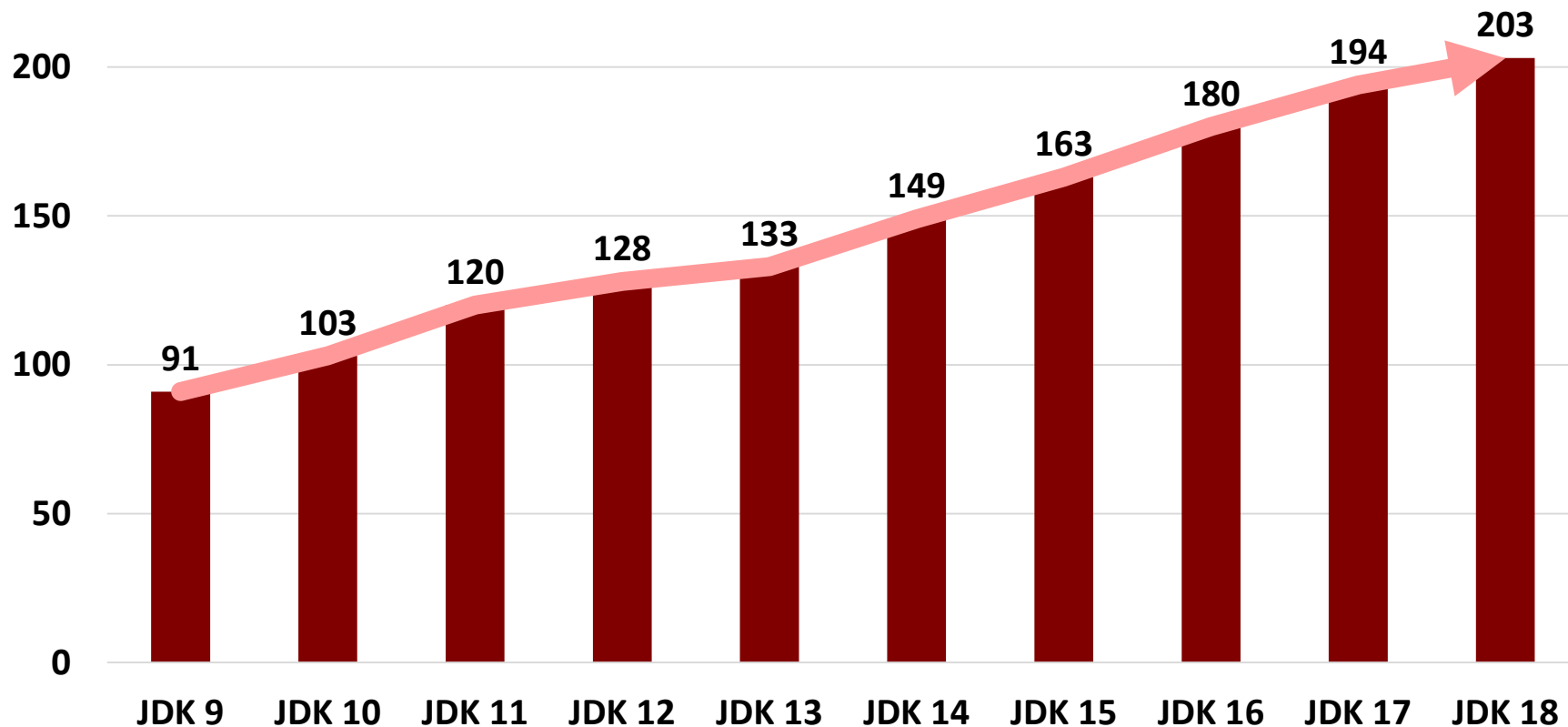
- 27+ years of history...





Constant Evolution through JEPs

The number of JEPs in JDKs 9-18

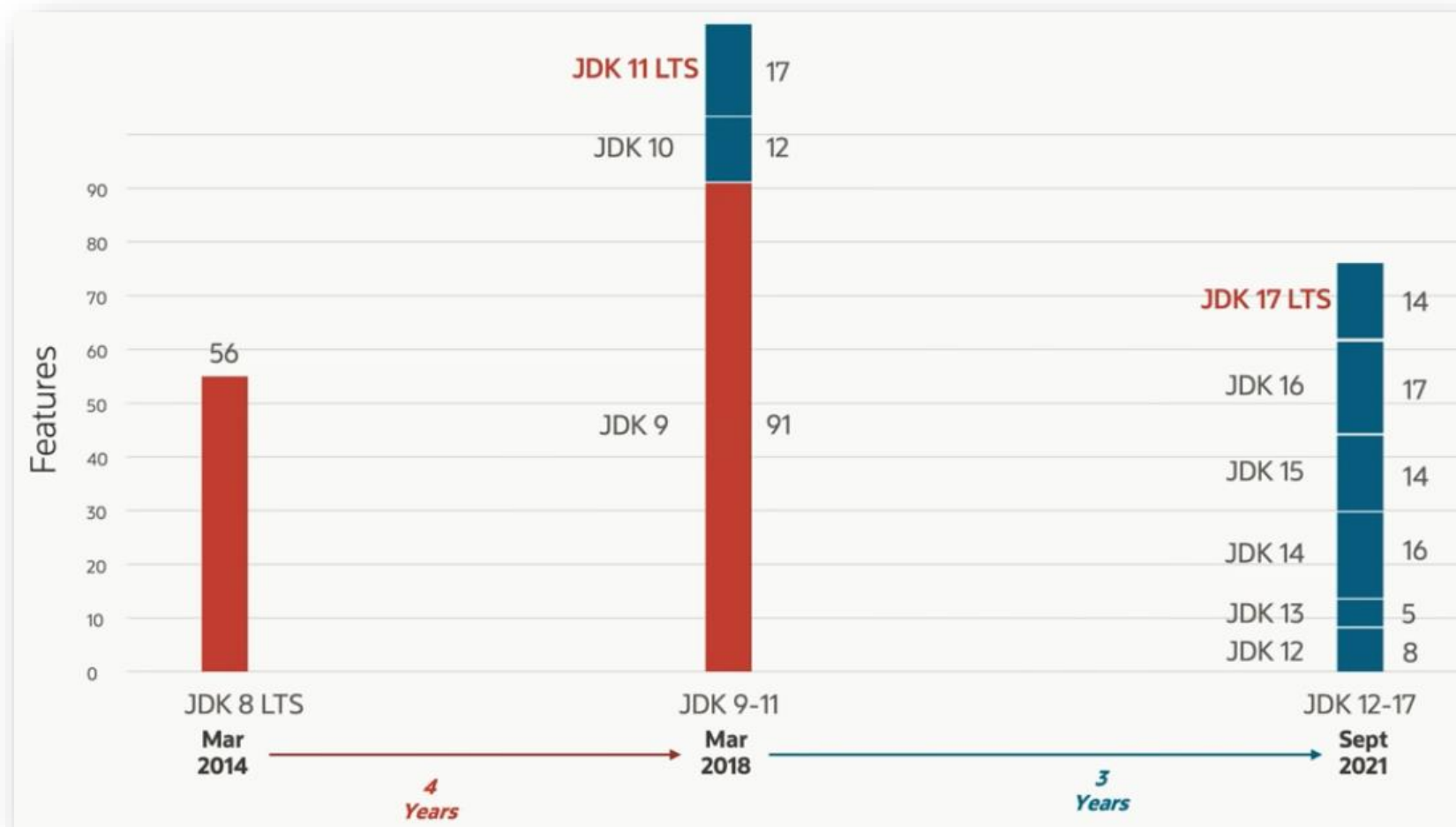


- The number of JEPs is on the **constant rise**
- Continuous flow of **new features**
- But what about Long Term Support (LTS)?



LTS Releases Include Many JEPs

- Accumulating improvements over 6-months feature releases every 3 years
- LTS (Long Term Support) Releases presented a significant number of JEPs
 - JDK 8 – 56 JEPs
 - JDK 9-11 – 120 JEPs
 - JDK 12-17 – 74 JEPs

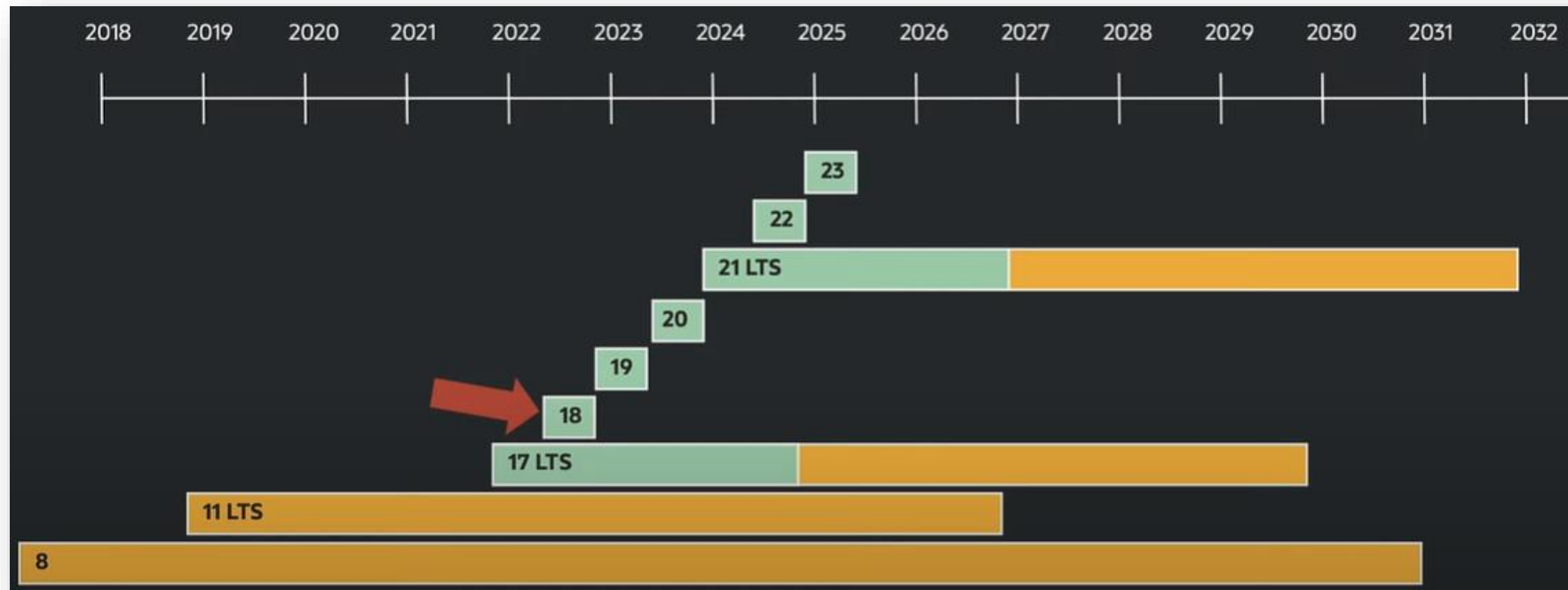




LTS Release – Every 2 Years

NEW!

- Demand for LTS (Long Term Support) has grown
 - Surveys show 6-month releases not being used often in production
- Proposing the **new LTS release** schedule → **every 2 years** (instead of 3)





Is Java Really "Free"?

- Use of **OpenJDK** for **free** with **GPLv2+CE** license
- **Updates** (code patches) – typically **free of charge**
- **Support** (fixing bugs and answering questions) – it was **never free of charge**

What about **Oracle JDK**?

- **Oracle JDK 8** can be used **indefinitely for free**
 - Of course, without any further security patches and bug fixes
- **Oracle JDK 11-16** in **production** used with **commercial Java SE** subscription
 - Under **Oracle Technology Network (OTN)** license
 - Completely free JDK 11-16 are only OpenJDK binaries

What about **Oracle JDK 17+**?



OpenJDK or Commercial JDK?

All I'm offering is the truth – nothing more





Java is (Finally Completely) **Free!**



- Oracle JDK **17 and later** with **Oracle No-Fee Terms and Conditions (NFTC)** licensing
 - Oracle JDK permits **free use** for all users, even commercial and production use
 - www.oracle.com/downloads/licenses/no-fee-license.html
- Oracle JDK free releases and updates will be provided for at least **one full year** after the **next** LTS release
 - Prior versions are not affected by this change
- Oracle **OpenJDK** releases will continue to be provided under GPL
 - On the same releases and schedule as it has since Java 9



Current State of Java?



Some questions for all of us:

- Still using **Java 8** (2014)?
- Switched to the **old LTS** version **Java 11** (2018)?
- Upgraded to 6-month release of **Java 12-16** or **18**?
- Upgrading to the **latest LTS** version **Java 17** (2021)?
 - What about ~~Java~~ **Jakarta EE** (9.1)?



JDK 8 – ancient history



- JDK 8 in **March 2014**
- We hope that we will **not** talk about JDK 8 anymore 😊
- Ooops, are you **still using it?**





JDK 9 – very, very old news?



- **JDK 9 in September 2017**
 - **Many** new features and APIs (after 3.5 years)
- **90 JEPs included**
- The most important – **Java Platform Module System (JPMS)**
 - All core Java libraries are now modules (JEP 220) – 97 modules
- **"New" 6-months OpenJDK release model**
 - New features included (only) **when ready**
 - Feature release versions every **6 months** (in March & September)
 - Update releases **quarterly** (in January, April, July, and October)
- **Long-term support (LTS) feature release every 3 (now 2) years**
 - Updates available for at least 3 years

OpenJDK



JDK 10 – was new, but already old?



- **JDK 10** in **March 2018**

- **109** new features and **APIs** (after 6 months)

- **12 JEPs** included (only?)

- 286: **Local-Variable Type Inference** ← *vars*
- 296: Consolidate the JDK Forest into a Single Repository
- 304: Garbage-Collector Interface
- 307: **Parallel Full GC for G1**
- 310: Application Class-Data Sharing
- 312: Thread-Local Handshakes
- 313: Remove the Native-Header Generation Tool (javah)
- 314: Additional Unicode Language-Tag Extensions
- 316: Heap Allocation on Alternative Memory Devices
- 317: Experimental Java-Based JIT Compiler
- 319: Root Certificates
- 322: Time-Based Release Versioning



JDK 11 – the "older" LTS version



- **JDK 11** in **September 2018**

- **90** new features and **APIs!**

- **LTS version** (first in a long time, after JDK 8 in 2014)

- **17 JEPs** included:

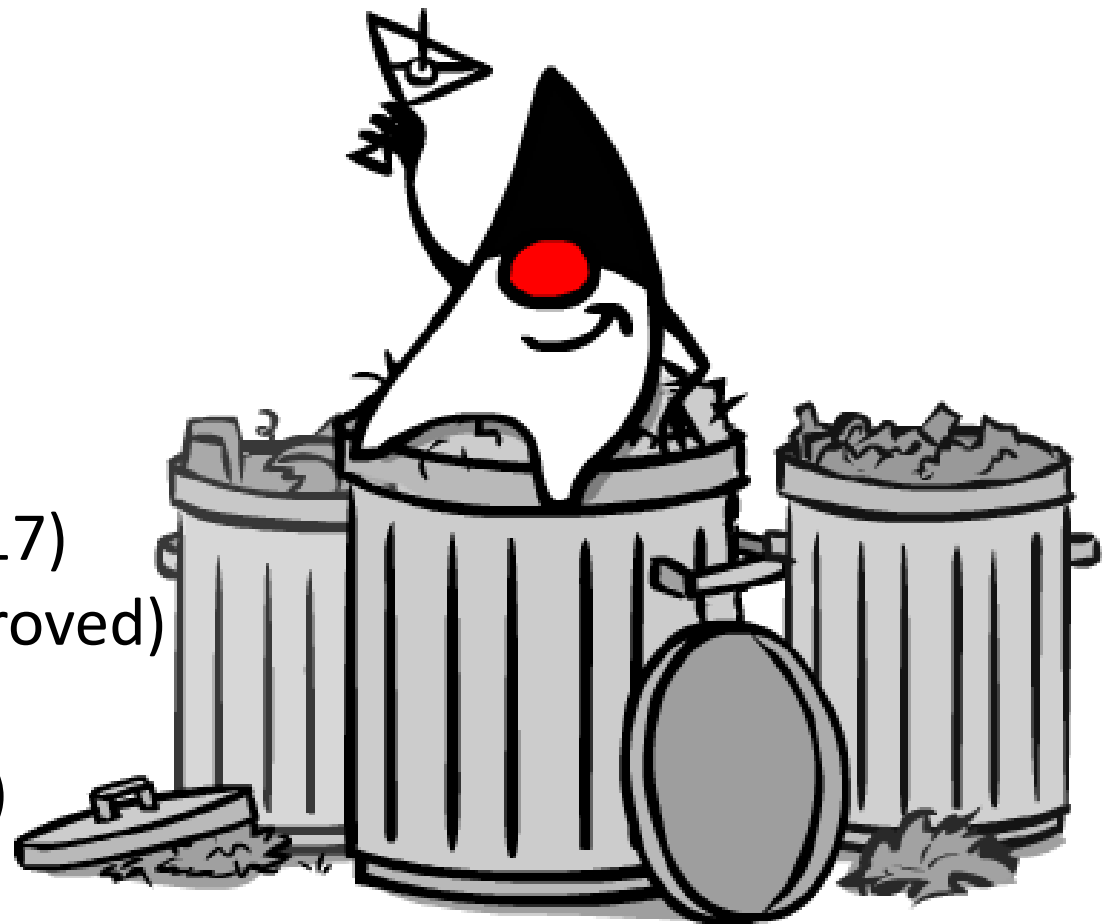
- 181: Nest-Based Access Control
- 309: Dynamic Class-File Constants
- 315: Improve Aarch64 Intrinsic
- 318: Epsilon: A No-Op Garbage Collector
- 320: Remove the Java EE and CORBA Modules
- 321: **HTTP Client** (Standard)
- 323: **Local-Variable Syntax for Lambda Parameters**
- 324: Key Agreement with Curve25519 and Curve448
- 327: Unicode 10
- 328: **Flight Recorder**
- 329: ChaCha20 and Poly1305 Cryptographic Algorithms
- 330: Launch Single-File Source-Code Programs
- 331: Low-Overhead Heap Profiling
- 332: Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.3
- 333: **ZGC**: A Scalable Low-Latency Garbage Collector (Experimental)
- 335: **Deprecate the ~~Nashorn~~ JavaScript Engine**
- 336: Deprecate the Pack200 Tools and API



New Garbage Collectors

Many GCs to choose from:

- **Serial GC**
- **Parallel GC** (and **Parallel Old GC**)
- **CMS GC** (deprecated in Java 9)
- **G1** (Garbage-First) **GC** (default since Java 9)
 - **Parallel Full GC** for G1 (updated in Java 10)
 - Improved in Java 12+
- **ZGC** (experimental in Java 11, improved in 12-17)
- **Shenandoah GC** (experimental in Java 12, improved)
- Azul's **C4 GC**
- **Epsilon GC** (no-op GC, experimental in Java 11)
- Others ...





JDK 12 – with the first "Previews"

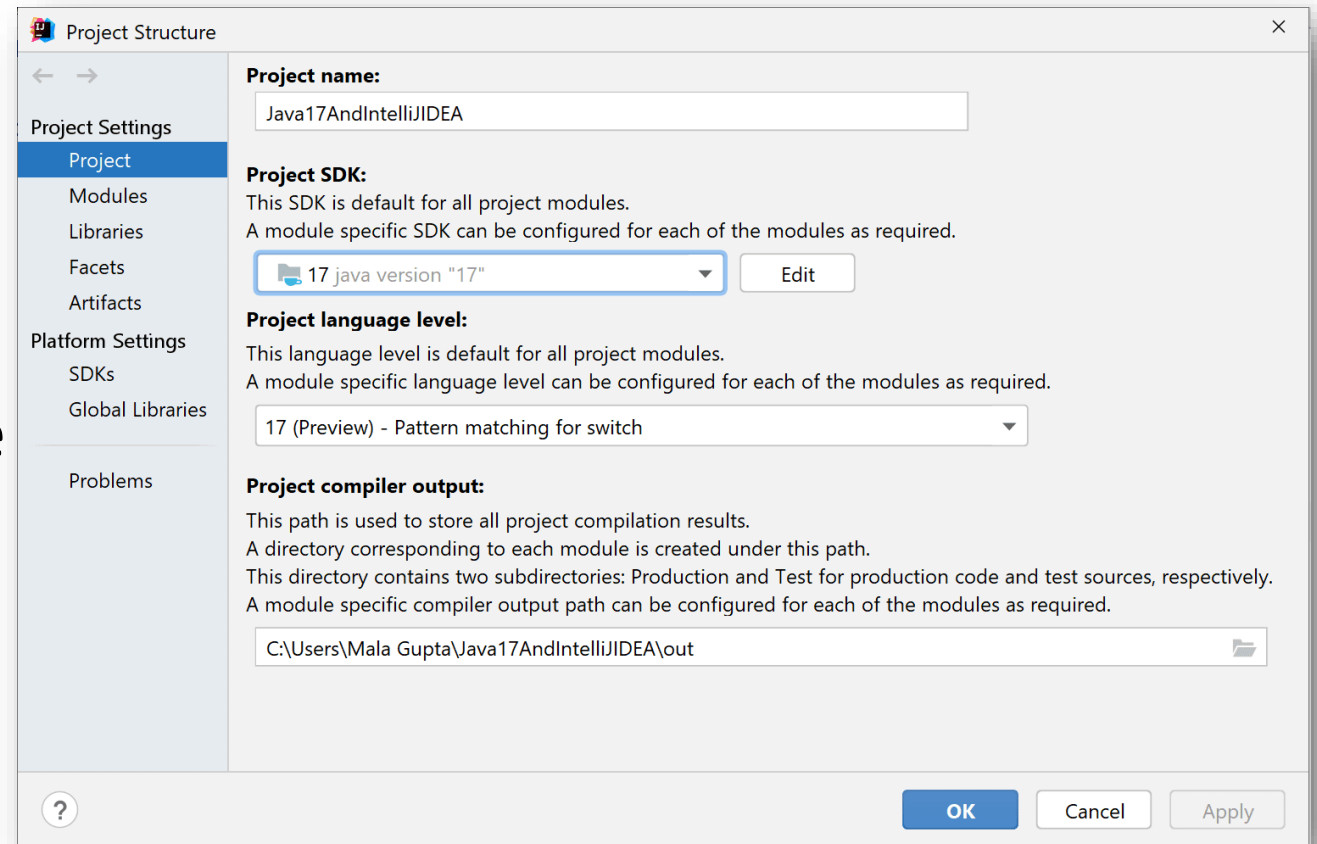


- **JDK 12 in March 2019**
 - **39** new features and **APIs** – relatively small number
- **8 JEPs** included:
 - 189: **Shenandoah: A Low-Pause-Time Garbage Collector (Experimental)**
 - 230: Microbenchmark Suite
 - 325: **Switch Expressions (Preview)**
 - 334: JVM Constants API
 - 340: One AArch64 Port, Not Two
 - 341: Default CDS Archives
 - 344: **Abortable Mixed Collections for G1**
 - 346: **Promptly Return Unused Committed Memory from G1**



What are **Preview** Features?

- **Preview language** (or VM) **features** are **fully implemented** and **fully specified**, yet **impermanent**
 - Made available in a release to get real world use feedback from developers
- To try out a preview feature it has to be **enabled** at compile time and at runtime
- Use **--enable-preview**






Switch Expressions (Preview)

```
int numLetters;
switch (day) {
    case MONDAY:
    case FRIDAY:
    case SUNDAY:
        numLetters = 6;
        break;
    case TUESDAY:
        numLetters = 7;
        break;
    case THURSDAY:
    case SATURDAY:
        numLetters = 8;
        break;
    case WEDNESDAY:
        numLetters = 9;
        break;
    default:
        throw new IllegalStateException("Hmm: " + day);
};
```

```
enum Weekdays { MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY,
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY }
```



```
int numLetters = switch (day) {
    case MONDAY, FRIDAY, SUNDAY -> 6;
    case TUESDAY                 -> 7;
    case THURSDAY, SATURDAY      -> 8;
    case WEDNESDAY               -> 9;
    // no default!!!
};
```

Used as an expression
No fall through
No default needed



JDK 13 – "only 5" JEPs



- **JDK 13 in September 2019**
 - **81** new features and **APIs** – relatively small n
- **5 JEPs** included (only):
 - 350: Dynamic CDS Archives
 - 351: **ZGC**: Uncommit Unused Memory
 - 353: Reimplement the Legacy Socket API
 - 354: **Switch Expressions (Second Preview)**
 - 355: **Text Blocks (Preview)**





Switch Expressions (2nd Preview)

- When working switch expression, if a full block is needed, a new **yield statement** is introduced
- It **yields a value** that becomes the value of the enclosing switch expression

```
int j = switch (day) {  
  case MONDAY -> 0;  
  case TUESDAY -> 1;  
  default -> {  
    int k = day.toString().length();  
    int result = f(k);  
    yield result;  
  }  
}
```



JDK 14 – a lot of new features



- JDK 14 on **March 17, 2020**

- **Many** new features and **APIs** at openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/14/

- **16 JEPs** targeted:

- 305: **Pattern Matching for instanceof (Preview)**
- 343: **Packaging Tool (Incubator)**
- 345: **NUMA-Aware Memory Allocation for G1**
- 349: **JFR Event Streaming**
- 352: **Non-Volatile Mapped Byte Buffers**
- 358: **Helpful NullPointerExceptions**
- 359: **Records (Preview)**
- 361: **Switch Expressions (Standard)**
- 362: **Deprecate the Solaris and SPARC Ports**
- 363: **Remove the ~~Concurrent Mark Sweep (CMS)~~ Garbage Collector**
- 364: **ZGC on macOS**
- 365: **ZGC on Windows**
- 366: **Deprecate the ~~ParallelScavenge + SerialOld~~ GC Combination**
- 367: **Remove the Pack200 Tools and API**
- 368: **Text Blocks (Second Preview)**
- 370: **Foreign-Memory Access API (Incubator)**



Text Blocks

- **SQL** example using a "two-dimensional" block of text

```
String query = """
```

```
    SELECT "EMP_ID", "LAST_NAME" FROM "EMPLOYEE_TB"  
    WHERE "CITY" = 'INDIANAPOLIS'  
    ORDER BY "EMP_ID", "LAST_NAME";  
    """;
```

- **Polyglot language** example using a "two-dimensional" block of text

```
ScriptEngine engine = new ScriptEngineManager().getEngineByName("js");
```

```
Object obj = engine.eval("""
```

```
    function hello() {  
        print('"Hello, world"');  
    }  
    hello();  
    """);
```



JDK 15 –



- **JDK 15 on September 15, 2020**

- New features and APIs at <https://openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/15/>

- **14 JEPs targeted:**

- 339: Edwards-Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (EdDSA)
 - 360: **Sealed Classes (Preview)**
 - 371: **Hidden Classes**
 - 372: Remove the ~~Nashorn~~ JavaScript Engine
 - 373: Reimplement the Legacy DatagramSocket API
 - 374: Disable and Deprecate Biased Locking
 - 375: **Pattern Matching for instanceof (Second Preview)**
 - 377: **ZGC: A Scalable Low-Latency Garbage Collector**
 - 378: **Text Blocks**
 - 379: **Shenandoah: A Low-Pause-Time Garbage Collector**
 - 381: Remove the Solaris and SPARC Ports
 - 383: **Foreign-Memory Access API (Second Incubator)**
 - 384: **Records (Second Preview)**
 - 385: Deprecate RMI Activation for Removal



Sealed and Hidden Classes

- **Sealing** allows classes and interfaces to define their permitted subtypes
 - Enabling more fine-grained inheritance control in Java.
- *Example:* Sealed class may omit permit if subclasses are defined in same file

```
abstract sealed class Shape { ...
    final class Circle extends Shape { ... }
    final class Rectangle extends Shape { ... }
    final class Square extends Shape { ... }
}
```
- Anonymous classes and local classes cannot be permitted subtypes of a sealed class
- **Hidden** classes cannot be used directly by the bytecode or other classes
 - A standard way to generate dynamic classes



JDK 16 –



- **JDK 16 on March 16, 2021**

- New features and APIs at <https://openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/16/>

- **17 JEPs** targeted:

- 338: **Vector API (Incubator)**
 - 347: Enable C++14 Language Features
 - 357: Migrate from Mercurial to **Git**
 - 369: Migrate to **GitHub**
 - 376: **ZGC: Concurrent Thread-Stack Processing**
 - 380: Unix-Domain Socket Channels
 - 386: Alpine Linux Port
 - 387: Elastic Metaspace
 - 388: Windows/AArch64 Port
 - 389: **Foreign Linker API (Incubator)**
 - 390: Warnings for Value-Based Classes
 - 392: Packaging Tool
 - 393: **Foreign-Memory Access API (Third Incubator)**
 - 394: **Pattern Matching for instanceof**
 - 395: **Records**
 - 396: Strongly Encapsulate JDK Internals by Default
 - 397: **Sealed Classes (Second Preview)**



Records

- *Example: A point*

```
class Point {  
  
    final double x;  
    final double y;  
  
    public Point (double x, double y) {  
        this.x = x;  
        this.y = y;  
    }  
  
    public double x() { return x; }  
    public double y() { return y; }  
}
```

```
@Override  
public double equals (Object o) {  
    if (...)  
        ...  
    return ...  
}  
  
@Override  
Public double hashCode () {  
    return ...  
}  
  
@Override  
Public double toString() {  
    return ...  
}
```



Records

- *Example: A point*

```
record Point { }
```

```
final double x;  
final double y;
```

```
public Point (double x, double y) {  
    this.x = x;  
    this.y = y;  
}
```

```
public double x() { return x; }
```

```
public double y() { return y; }
```

Sometimes data is just ... data.

```
@Override  
public double equals (Object o) {  
    if (...)  
        return ...  
}
```

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```
@Override  
Public double hashCode () {  
    return ...  
}
```

```
@Override  
Public double toString() {  
    return ...  
}
```



Pattern Matching for **instanceof**

- First preview as JEP 305 in JDK 14, Standard as JEP 375 in JDK 16

- *Example:*

```
if (obj instanceof String s && s.length() > 5) {..  
    s.contains(..) ..}
```

- Another example:

```
@Override public boolean equals(Object o) {  
    return (o instanceof CaseInsensitiveString cis) &&  
        cis.s.equalsIgnoreCase(s);  
}
```



JDK 17 – the "new" LTS



- **JDK 17 (LTS) on September 14, 2021**
 - New features and APIs at <https://openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/17/>
- **14 JEPs targeted:**
 - 306: Restore Always-Strict Floating-Point Semantics
 - 356: **Enhanced Pseudo-Random Number Generators**
 - 382: New macOS Rendering Pipeline
 - 391: macOS/AArch64 Port
 - 398: **Deprecate the Applet API for Removal**
 - 403: Strongly Encapsulate JDK Internals
 - 406: **Pattern Matching for switch** (Preview)
 - 407: Remove RMI Activation
 - 409: **Sealed Classes**
 - 410: **Remove the Experimental AOT and JIT Compiler**
 - 411: Deprecate the Security Manager for Removal
 - 412: **Foreign Function & Memory API** (Incubator)
 - 414: **Vector API** (Second Incubator)
 - 415: Context-Specific Deserialization Filters



Pattern Matching for switch

- *Example:*

```
static String formatterPatternSwitch(Object o) {  
    return switch (o) {  
        case null          -> "null";  
        case Integer i     -> String.format("int %d", i);  
        case Long l        -> String.format("long %d", l);  
        case Double d      -> String.format("double %f", d);  
        case String s      -> String.format("String %s", s);  
        default            -> o.toString();  
    };  
}
```



Foreign Function & Memory API

- JEP 412: **Foreign Function & Memory API** (Incubator)
openjdk.java.net/jeps/412
- Introducing API to of statically-typed, pure-Java access to **native code**
- Simplifying error-prone process of **binding** to a native library
- Use any native library
- Java Native Interface (JNI) was a bit hard an brittle
- Foreign Linker API supports foreign function support
- Foreign Memory Access API allows access to memory outside of heap



JDK 18 – Foreseeable Future



- **JDK 18 in March 2022**

- **New features and APIs** at <https://openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/18/>

- **9 JEPs** targeted:

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



Vector API

- JEP 414: **Vector API** (Second Incubator) <https://openjdk.java.net/jeps/414>
- API to express vector computations that reliably compile at runtime to optimal vector hardware instructions
 - Achieve superior performance to equivalent scalar computations
- Taking advantage of the Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD) instructions on most modern CPUs
- Allows developers to write complex vector algorithms in Java

```
a = b + c * z[i+0]
d = e + f * z[i+1]
r = s + t * z[i+2]
w = x + y * z[i+3]
```

4 multiplications
4 additions
4 assignments

```
a d r w = b e s x +SIMD c f t y *SIMD z[i+0]
z[i+1]
z[i+2]
z[i+3]
```

1 SIMD multiplication
1 SIMD addition
1 assignment



JDK 19 – Foreseeable Future



- **JDK 19 in September 2022**

- **New features and APIs** at <https://openjdk.java.net/projects/jdk/19/>

- **JEPs targeted (so far):**

- 422: Linux/RISC-V Port
 - 424: **Foreign Function & Memory API** (Preview)
 - 425: **Virtual Threads** (Preview)
 - 426: **Vector API** (Fourth Incubator)
 - 427: **Pattern Matching for switch** (Third Preview)

- **JEPs proposed to target (so far):**

- 405: **Record Patterns** (Preview)



Virtual Threads and Record Patterns

- **Virtual Threads (Preview)** – **lightweight threads** that dramatically reduce the effort of writing, maintaining, and observing high-throughput concurrent applications
- **Record Patterns (Preview)** – enhance Java with *record patterns* to deconstruct record values
 - Record patterns and type patterns can be nested to enable a powerful, declarative, and composable form of data navigation and processing
 - Lifts the declaration of local variables for extracted components into the pattern
 - Initializes those variables by invoking the accessor methods when a value is matched against the pattern
 - In effect, a record pattern disaggregates an instance of a record into its components



Tooling Support for JDK 17/18

- Timely support for new features by tools and libraries helps drive developer productivity
- The efforts of leading IDE vendors whose most timely updates offer developers support for current Java versions
- Developers can already take advantage of Java 17/18 support today within:
 - **JetBrains IntelliJ IDEA 2022.1**
 - **Eclipse IDE 2022-03 (4.23)** via a marketplace solution
 - **NetBeans 12.8** with support for JDK 17
 - **Visual Studio Code**
 - ...



AI and Code



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- **AI-generated Source Code**

- Predicts your next block of code delivering accurate code completions
- Accelerates development by providing code guidance with patterns learned from millions of projects
- Automates repetitive work and reduces the need for expensive and distracting code search
- Improves code quality and consistency across your project

- **Github Copilot** (copilot.github.com)

- Technical Preview – based on a natural language processing model called “Codex”
- Works best with Java, Python, JavaScript, Ruby, and Go but supports 50+ other languages
- Extensions for many modern IDEs

- **Tabnine** (former Codota) (www.tabnine.com)

- 25 supported languages including Java, Python, Go, Dart, Julia, HCL, Ruby, Rust, C++
- 21 supported IDEs/editors

- **Kite** (www.kite.com)

- Supports Python and 15 other languages
- 16 supported IDEs/editors



The Most Important Java **Features** (11-18)

- **Languages Features** – Records, Switch Expressions, Text Blocks, vars, Pattern Matching for instanceof, Sealed Classes, Pattern Matching for switch...
- **Memory Management** – G1 GC enhancements (Full Parallel), ZGC, Shenandoah GC, Elastic Metaspace...
- **Library Enhancements** – Pseudo-Random Generator, Deserialization Filters, Vector API, Foreign Fuction & Memory API...
- **Future Proofing** – Module System (JPMS), Strong Encapsulation for JDK Internals...
- **Easier Debugging** – Flight Recorder, JFT Event Streaming, NullPointerExceptions...
- **Modernizing Infrastructure** – ~~Mercurial~~ → Git, GitHub, AArch64 port...
- **Deprecations & Removals** – ~~CMS GC, Nashorn, Biased Locking, RMI Activation, Applet API, Security Manager...~~



Some surveys

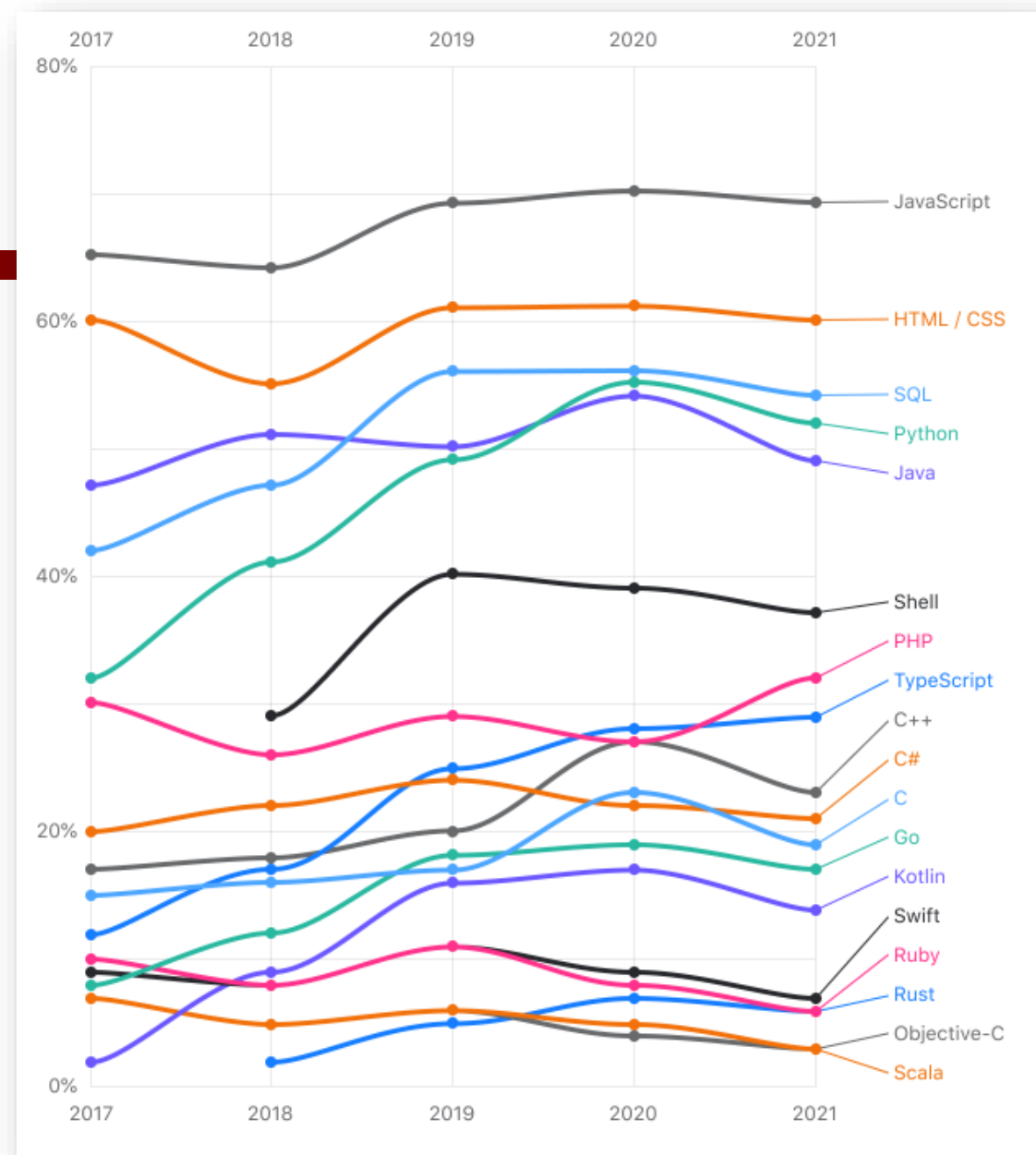
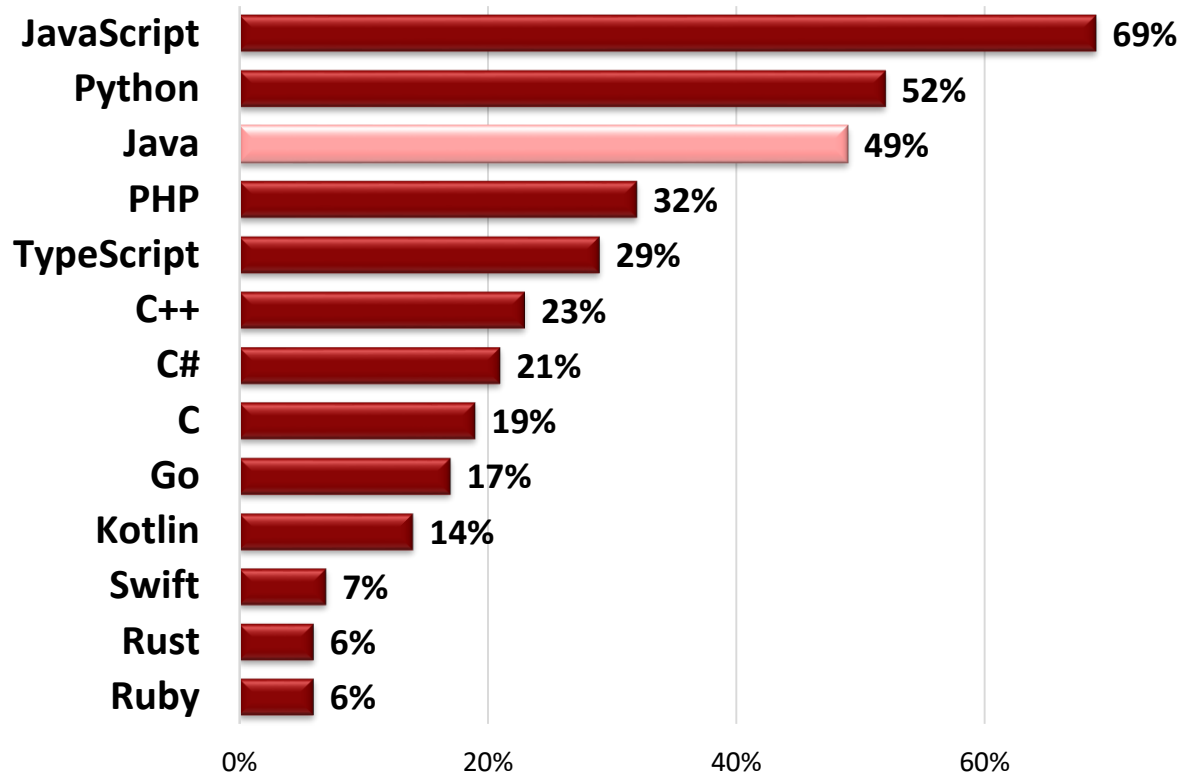
- **The State of Developer Ecosystem 2021** by **JetBrains**
 - 31743 developers from 183 countries in 2021
- **2021 Developer Survey** by **Stack Overflow**
 - 83000+ developers in 2021
- **2022 Java Developer Productivity Report** by **JRebel**
 - 876 developers in 2022
- **JVM Ecosystem Report 2021** by **Snyk**
 - 2000 Java developers in 2021
- **2021 Jakarta EE Developer Survey** by **Eclipse Foundation**
 - 940 developers in 2021
- **Java InfoQ Trends Report – December 2021**
- **2022 State of the Java Ecosystem** by **New Relic**





Top Languages

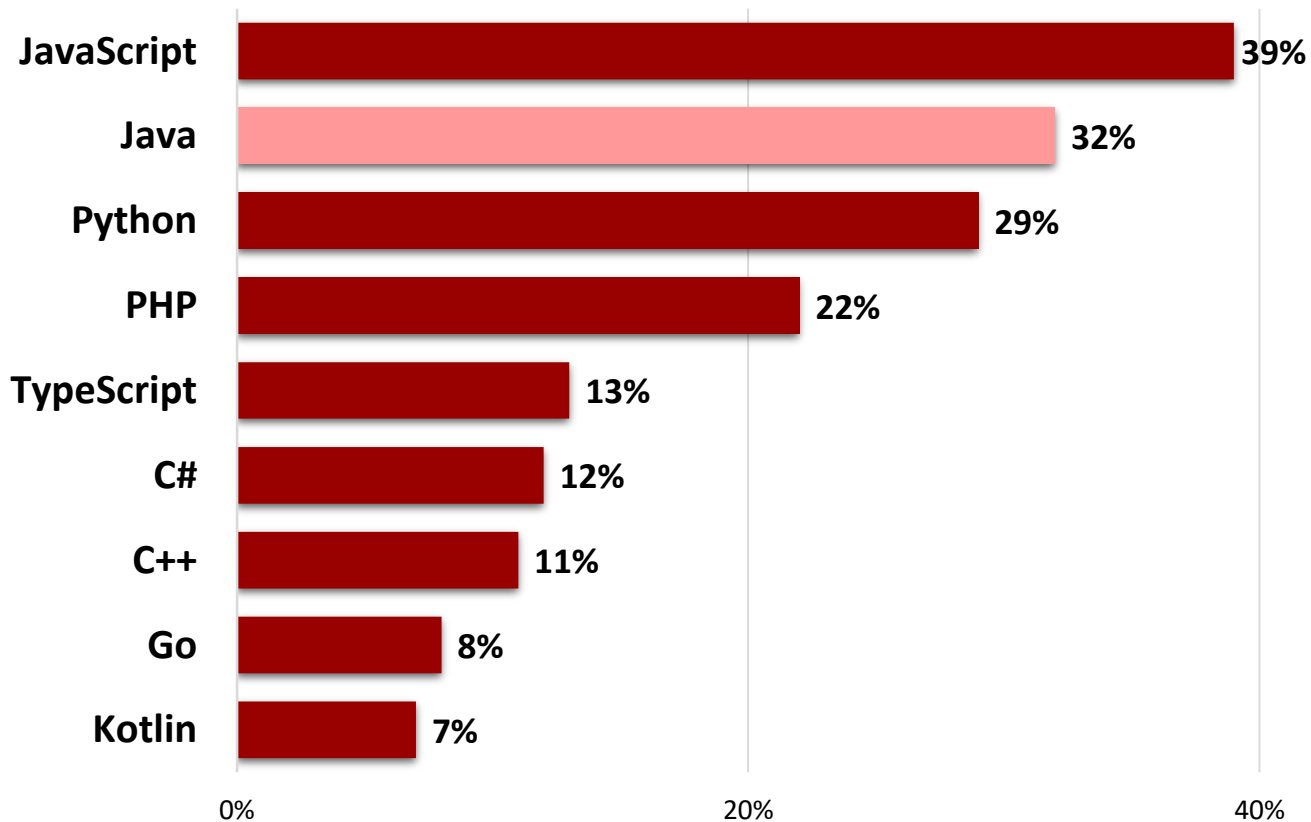
- What programming languages have you used (JetBrains)?



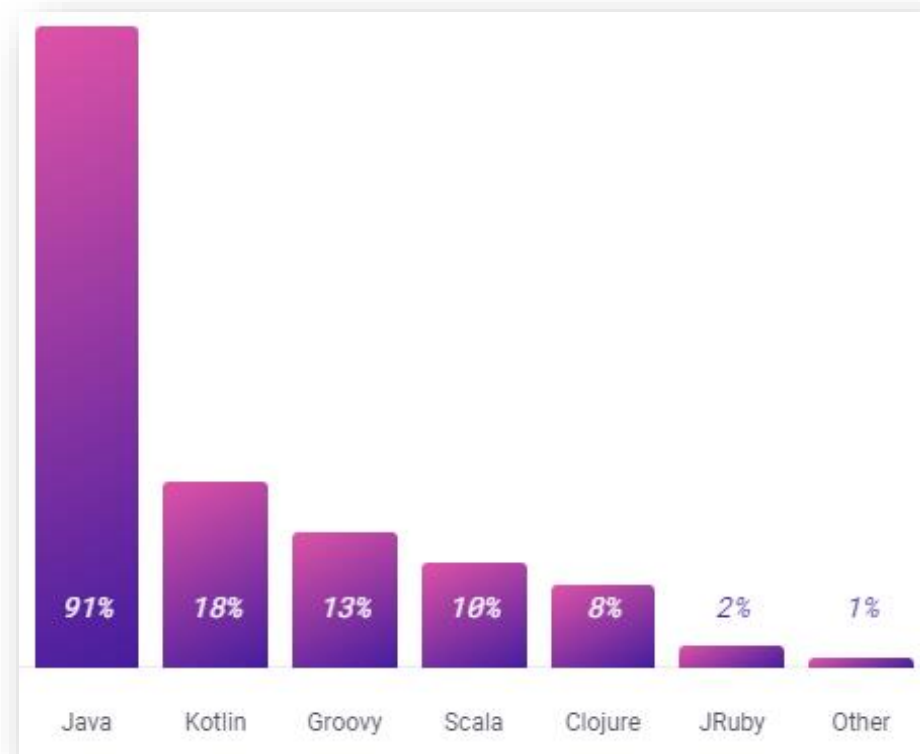


Main Language

- What is your **primary programming language** (JetBrains)?



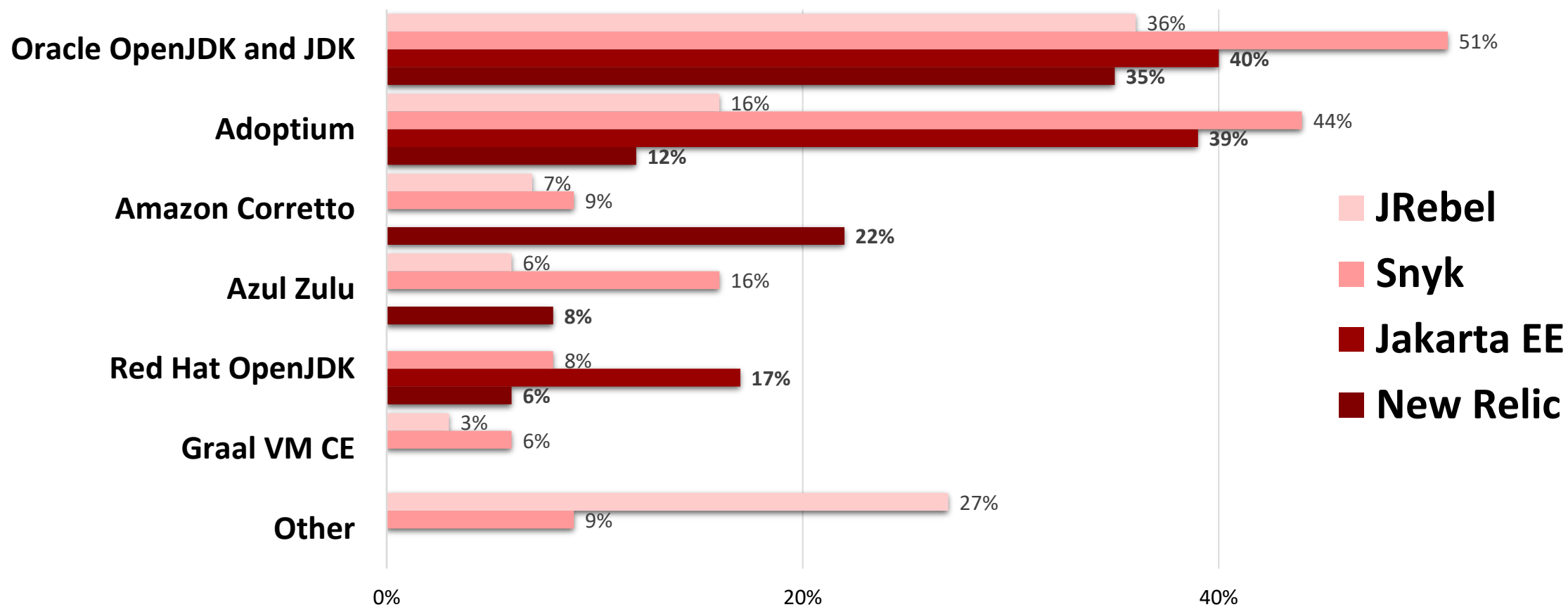
- **JVM languages?** (Snyk)





JDK Distributions

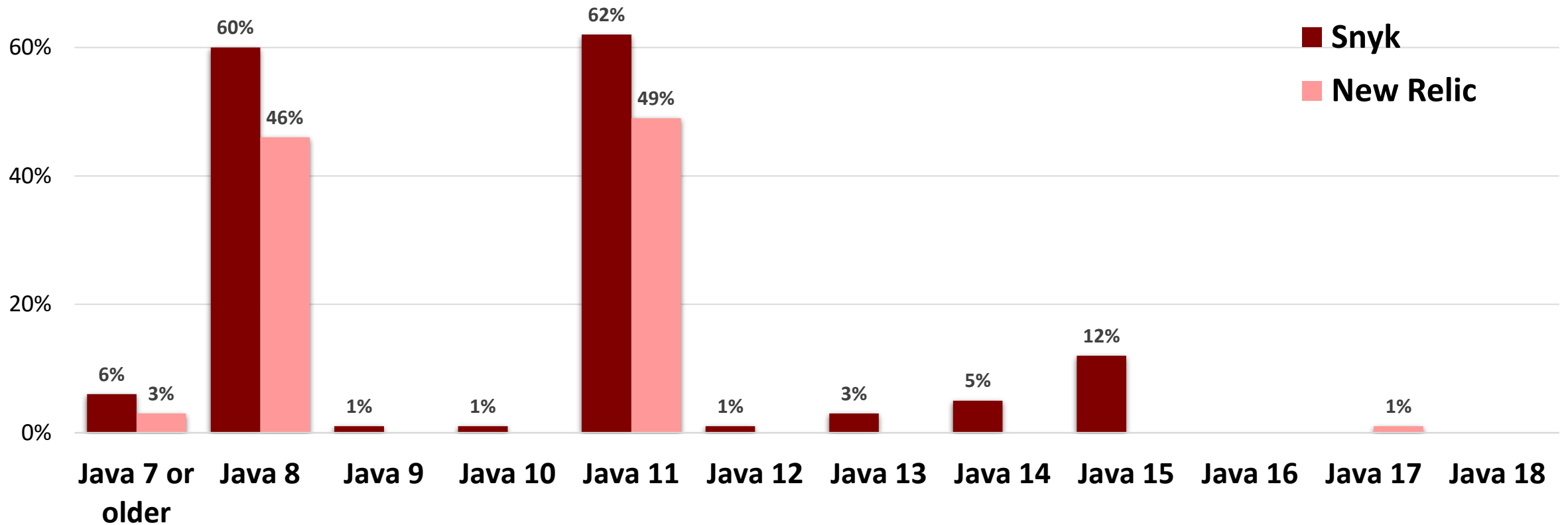
- Which JRE/JDK distribution do you use?





Versions of Java

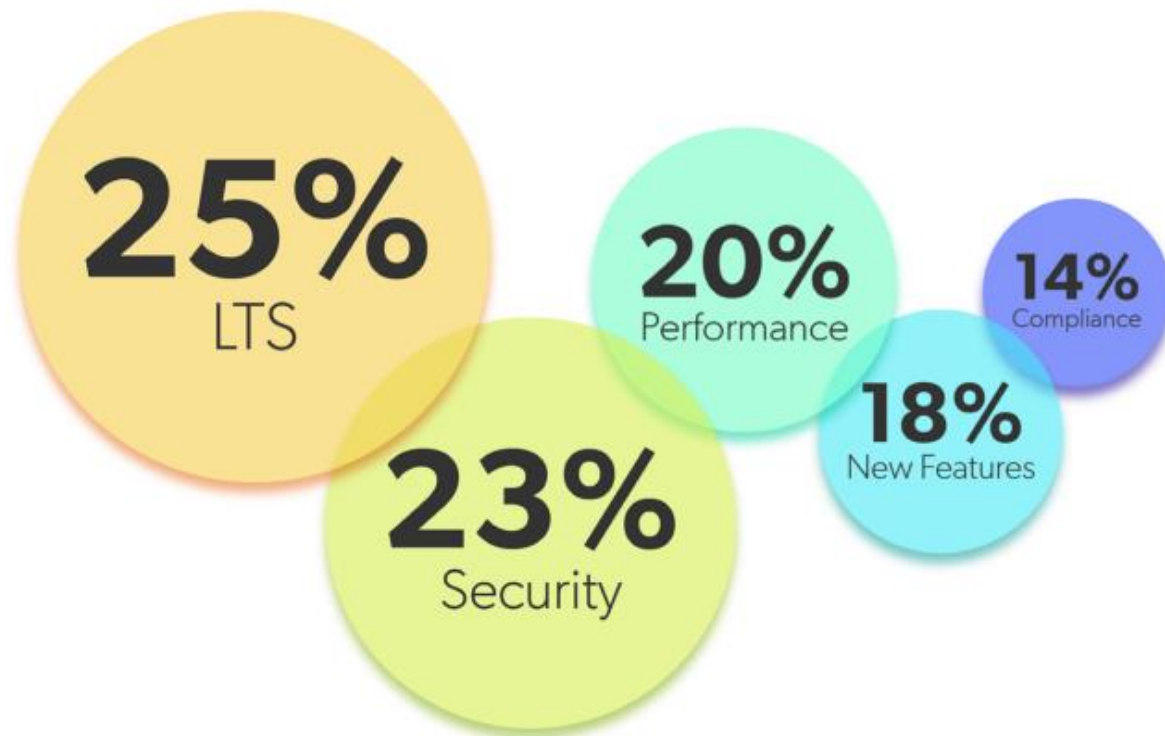
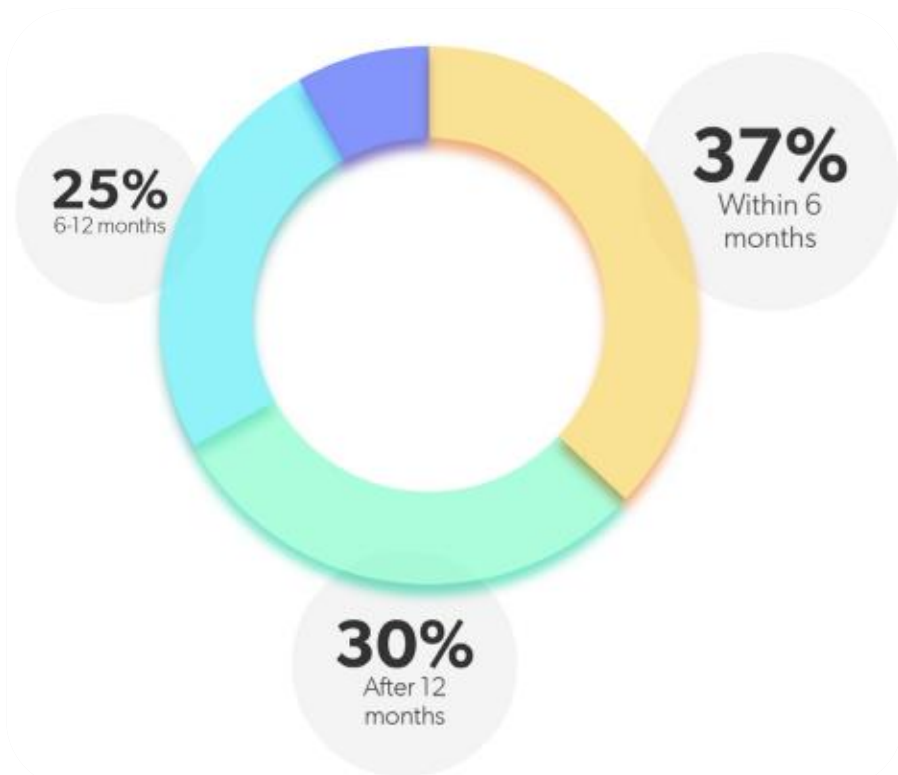
- Java platform versions used in projects (in production)





Upgrade to JDK 17

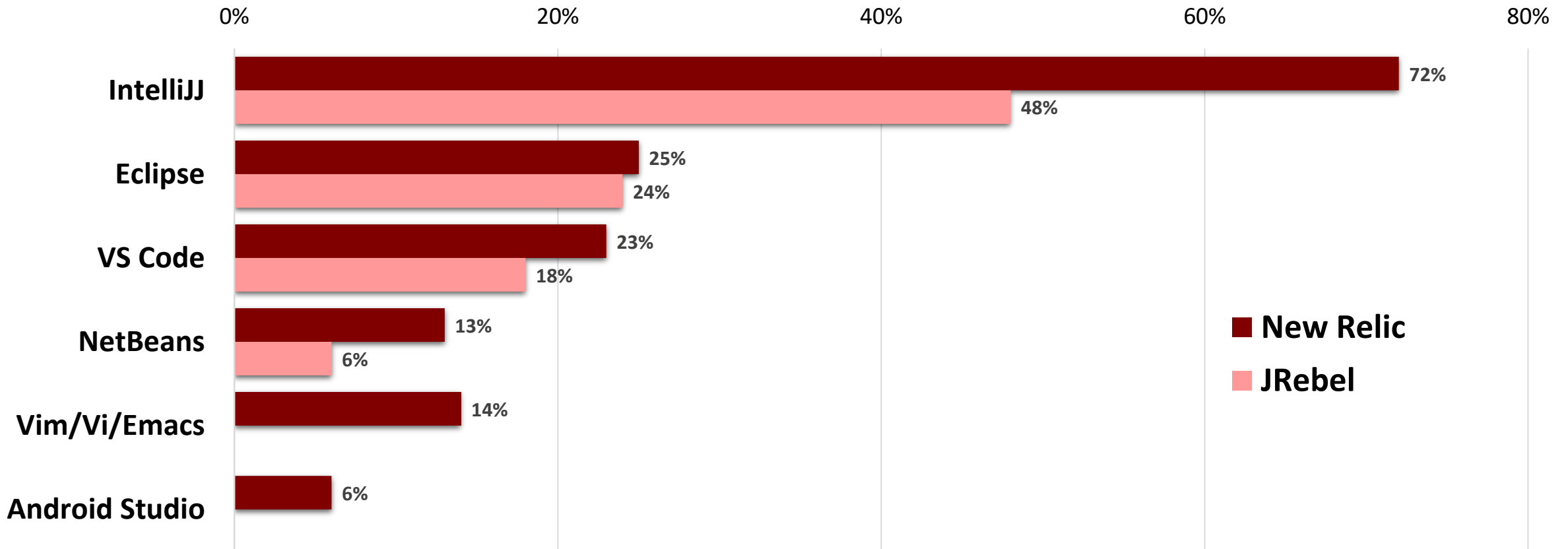
- Which **factors** influence your decision to upgrade JDK Versions? (JRebel)
- When will you upgrade to **JDK 17**? (JRebel)





Most popular IDEs

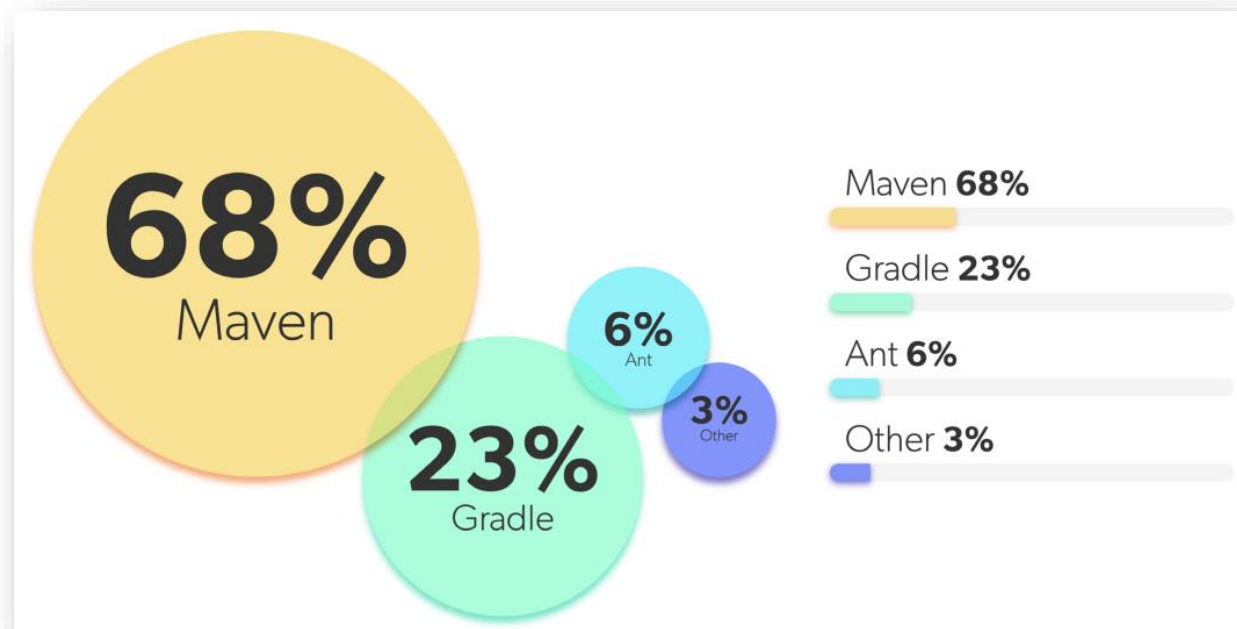
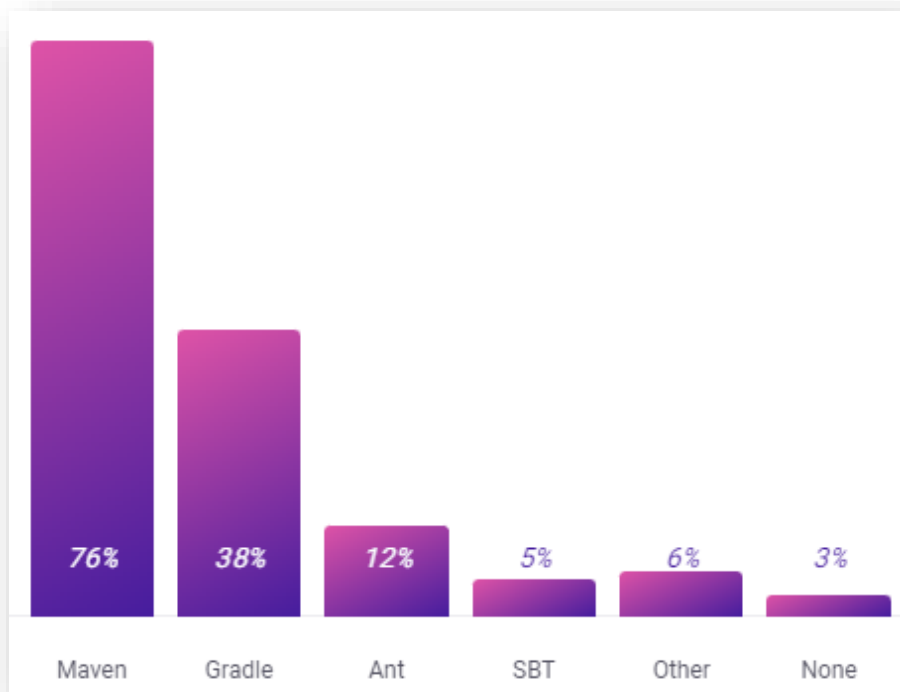
- The most popular IDEs used?





Build Tools

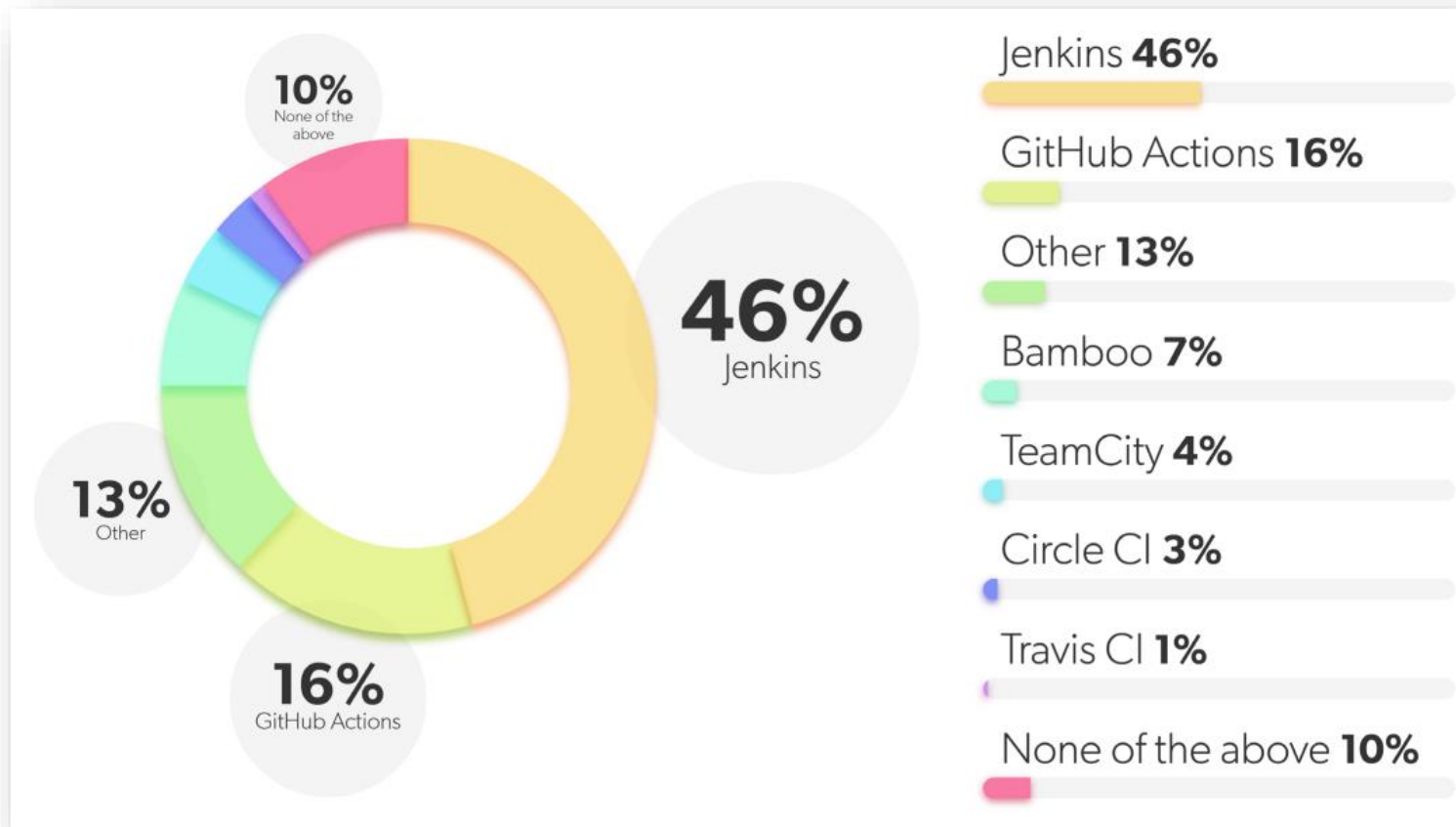
- **Tools for building applications?** (Snyk)
 - What **build tool** do you use in your main application? (JRebel)





CI/CD

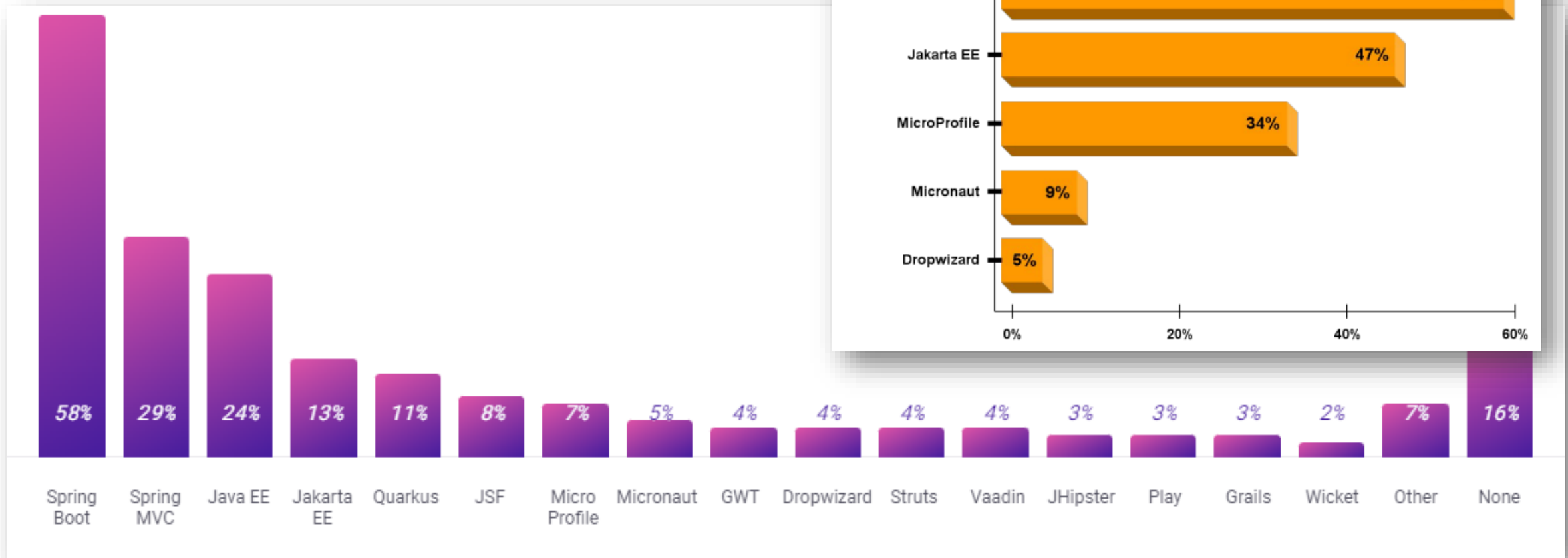
- Which **CI/CD technologies** are you using? (JRebel)





Application frameworks

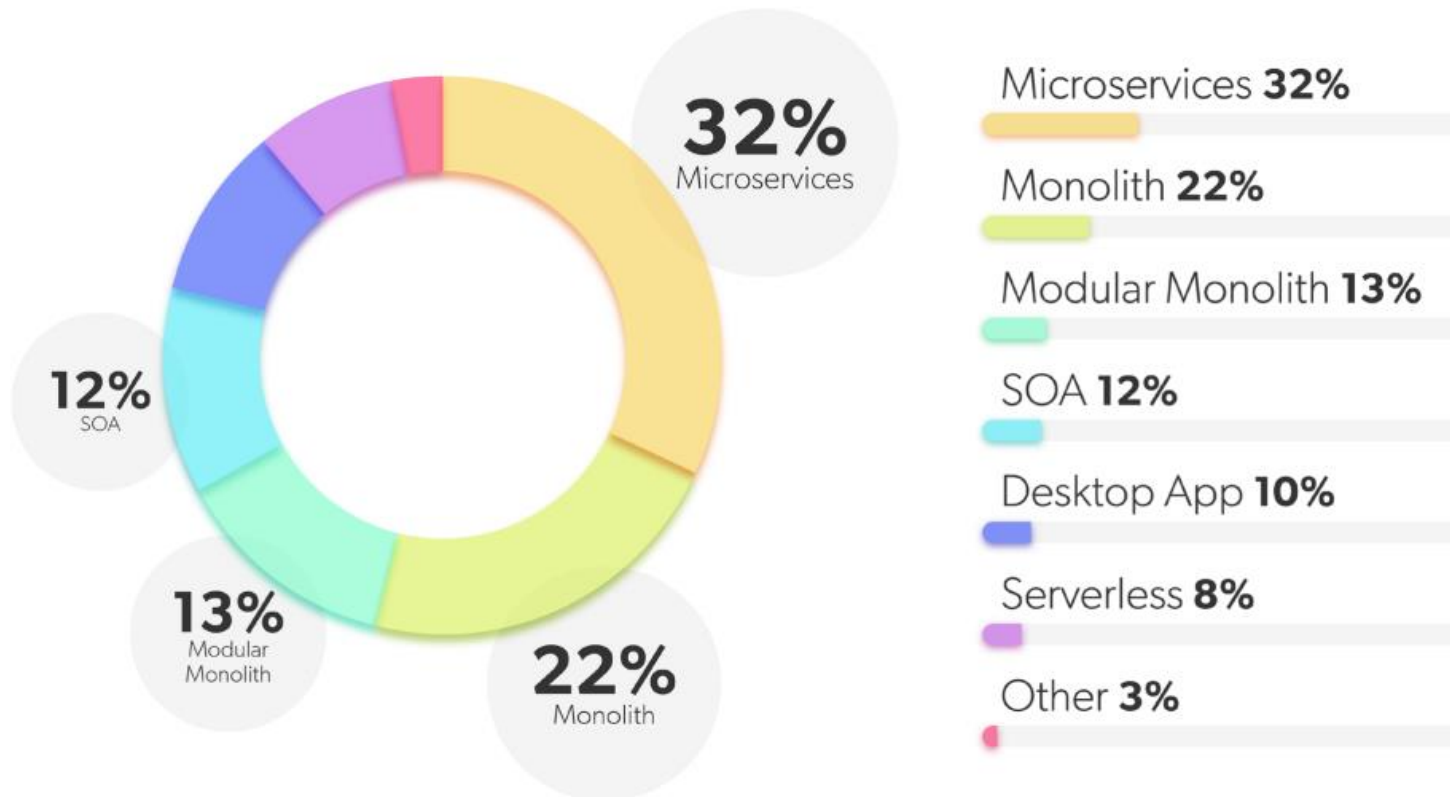
- App frameworks (Snyk & JakartaEE)





Architecture Trends

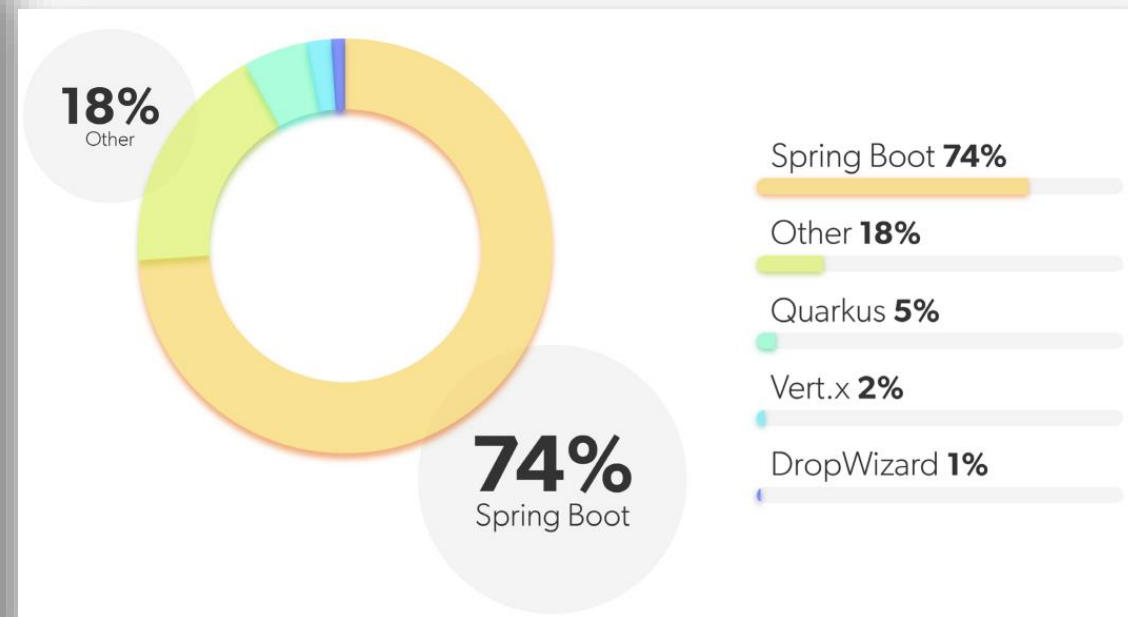
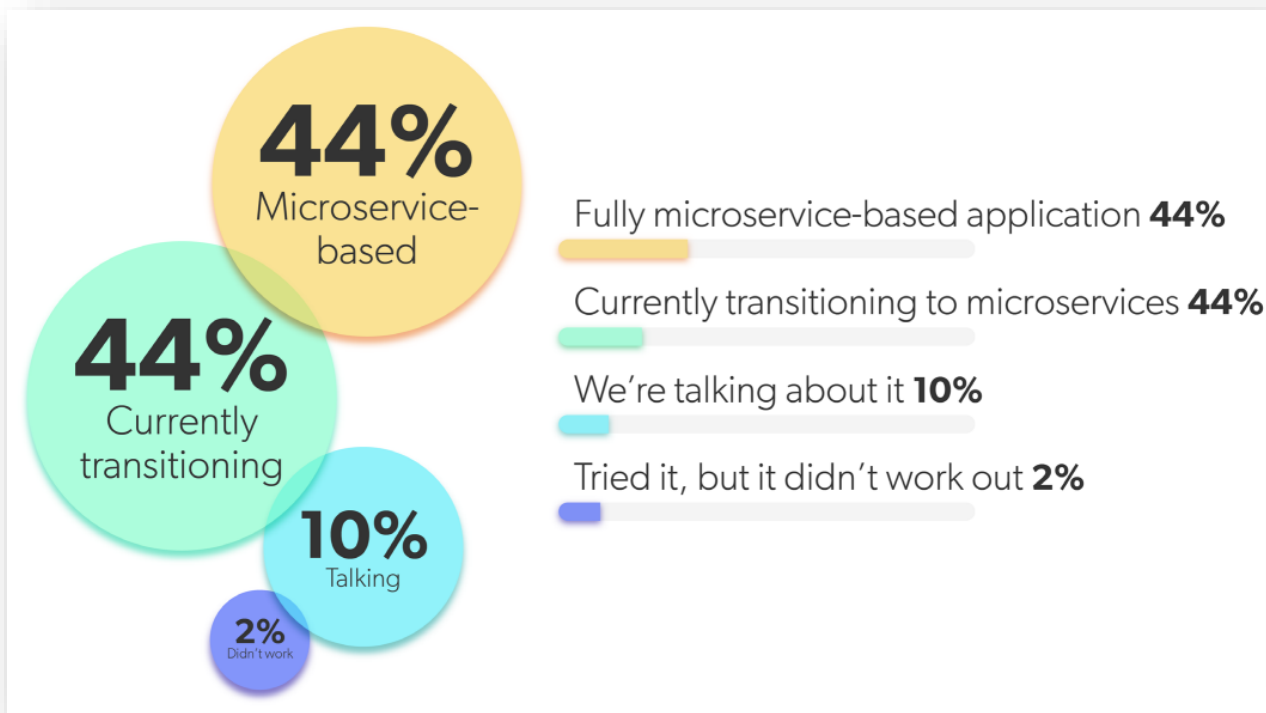
- What is the most used architecture?





Microservices

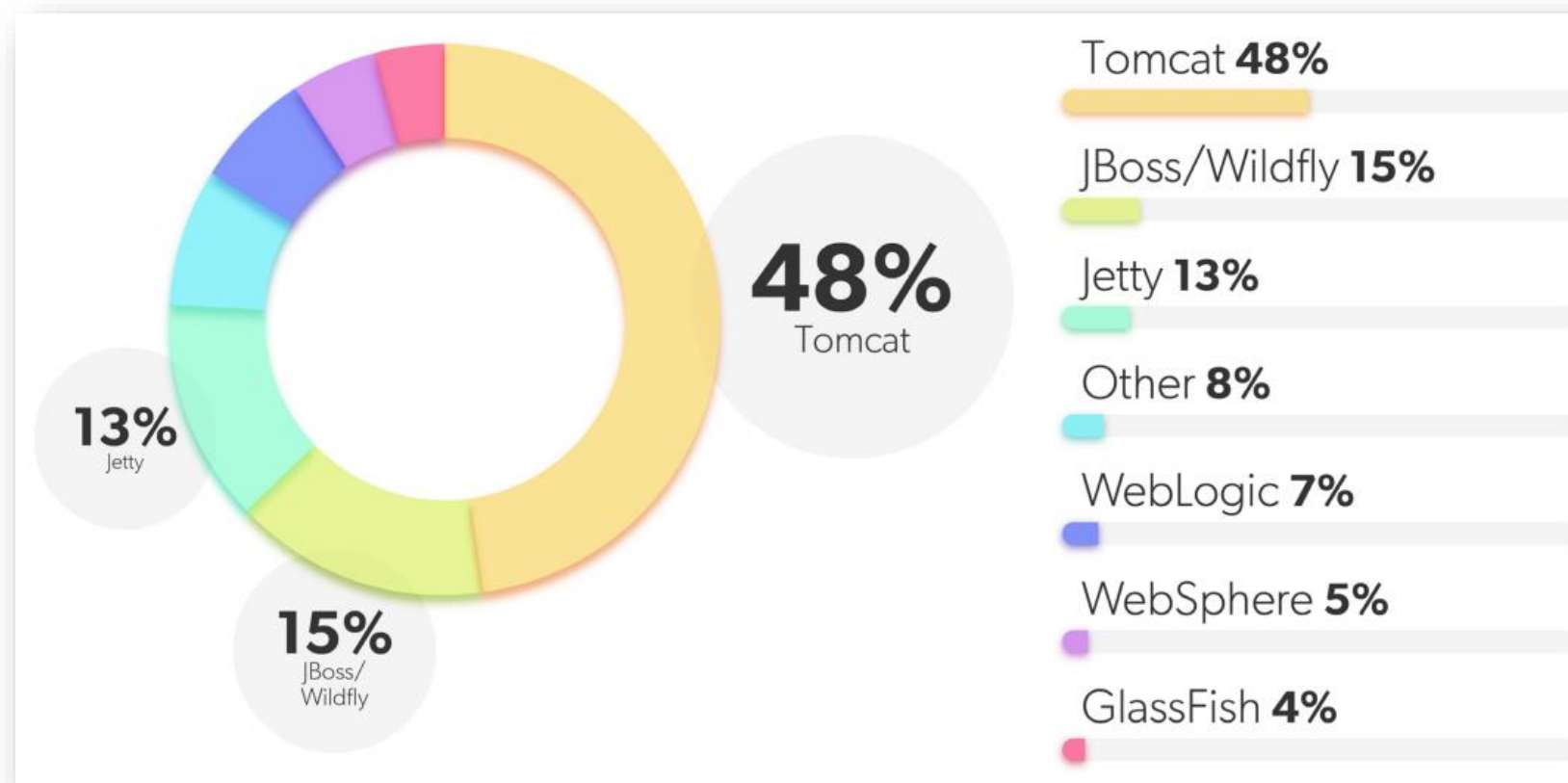
- What is your status for **Microservice** adoption? (JRebel)
- What **Microservice Application Framework** on your main project? (JRebel)





App Servers

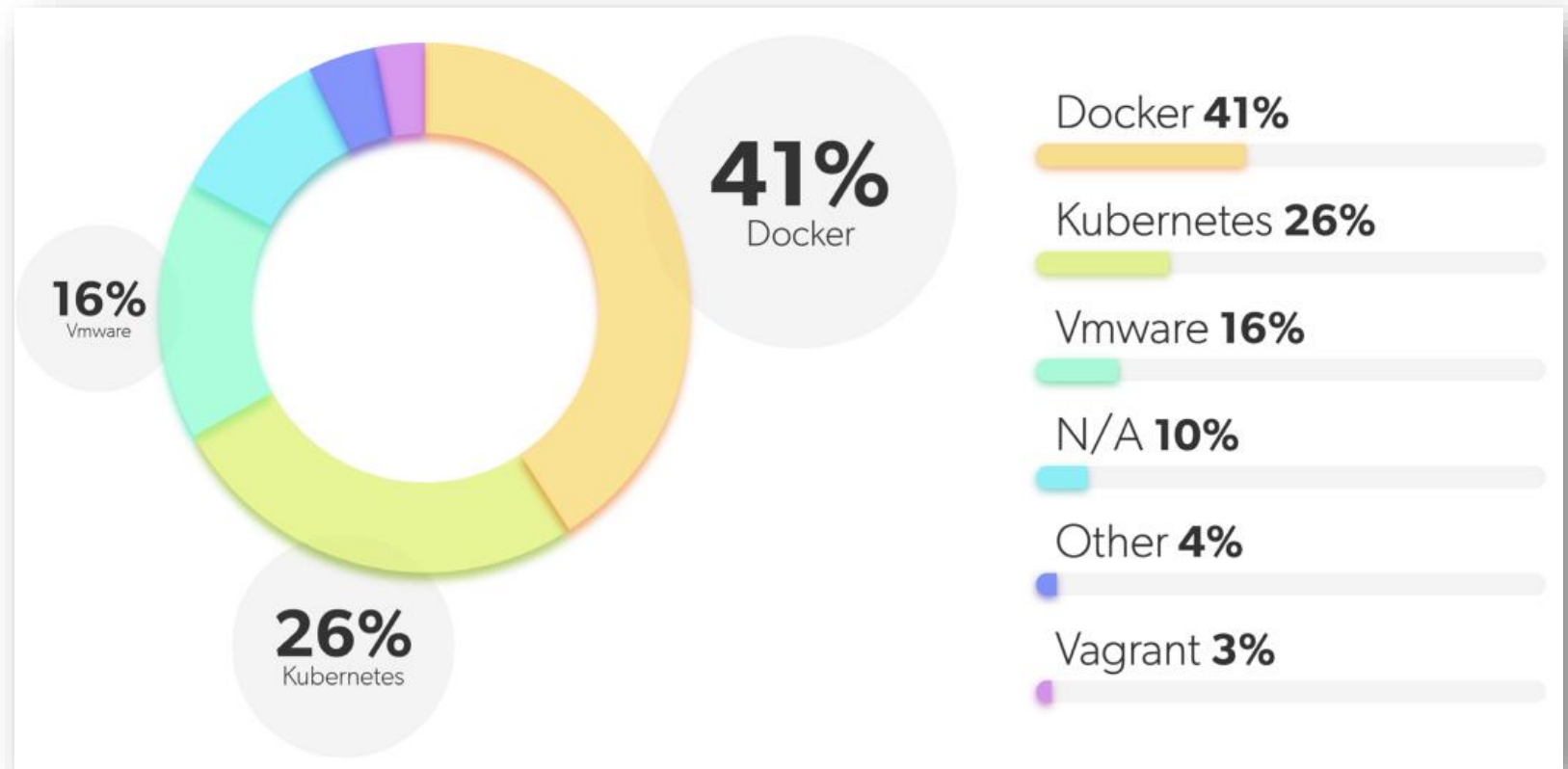
- What **Application Server** do you use on your main application? (JRebel)





Virtual Machine

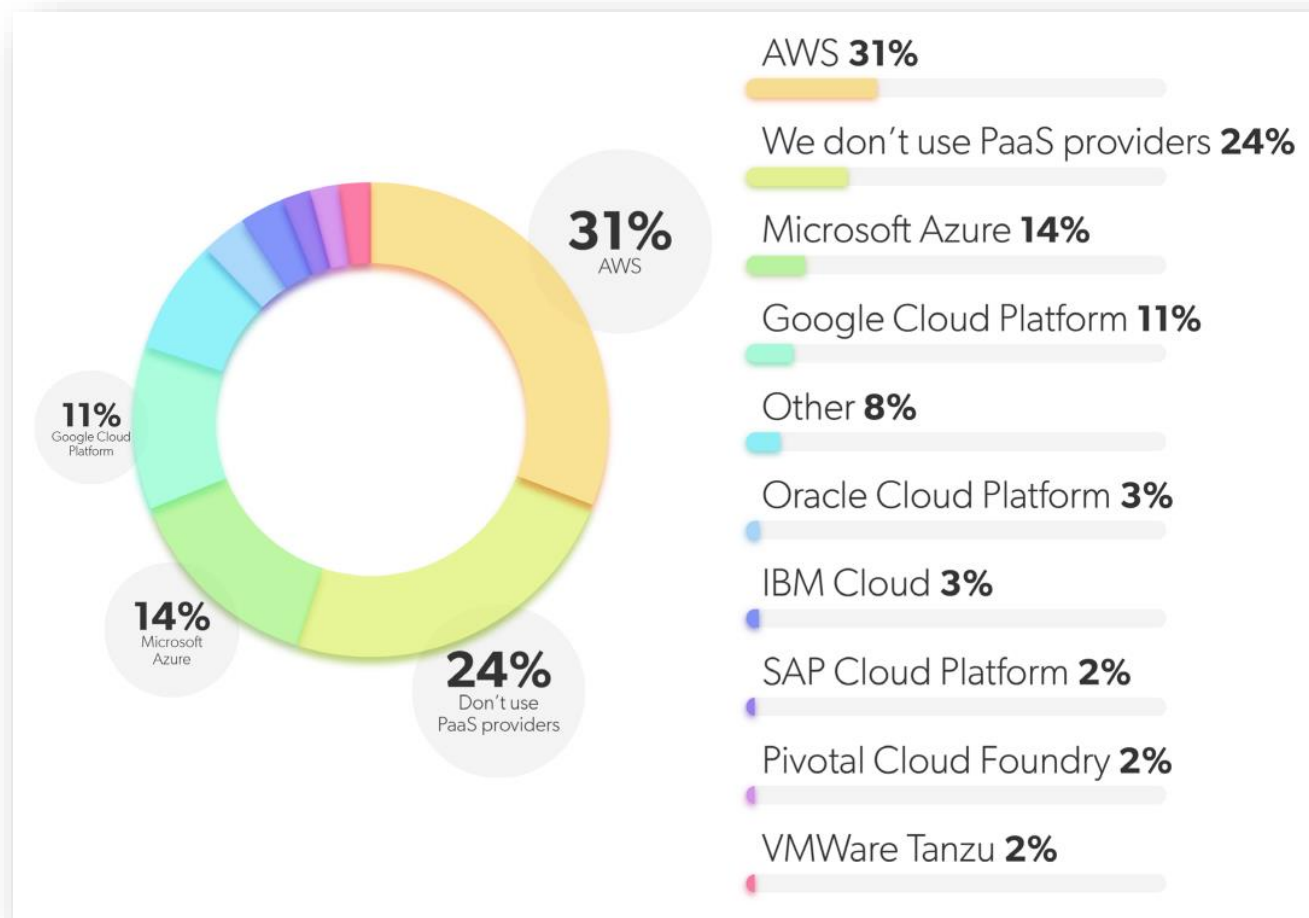
- Which **Virtual Machine Platform** do you use? (JRebel)





PaaS Providers

- If you use a platform, who is your **PaaS provider**?





Projects – Long-term Java Future

OpenJDK Projects – <https://openjdk.java.net/projects/>

- Project **Amber** – incubator for smaller, productivity-oriented **language features** and **simplifying syntax**
- Project **Valhalla** – incubator project for **advanced JVM** and **language feature** candidates
- Project **Loom** – to **increase performance** and **reduce complexity** in writing concurrent applications
- Project **Panama** – to interconnect JVM and **native** code
- Project **Metropolis** – JVM re-written in Java, i.e. "**Java on Java**"
- Project **Wakefield** – implement JDK support for Linux **Wayland** display server
- Project **Leyden** – improve **start-up time** to achieve peak performance



Project Amber

- **Right-sizing language ceremony**
 - Explore and incubate smaller, productivity-oriented Java language features
 - openjdk.java.net/projects/amber/
- Defined process:
 - First, must be accepted as candidate JEPs under the OpenJDK
 - Most features go through at least one round of *Preview* before becoming an official part of Java SE

Currently in progress:

- 427: Pattern Matching for switch (Third Preview)
- 405: Record Patterns and Array Patterns (Preview)

Delivered:

- 420: Pattern Matching for switch (Second Preview)
- 409: Sealed Classes
- 406: Pattern Matching for switch (Preview)
- 395: Records
- 394: Pattern Matching for instanceof
- 378: Text Blocks
 - Programmer's Guide
- 361: Switch Expressions
- 323: Local-Variable Syntax for Lambda Parameters
- 286: Local-Variable Type Inference (var)
 - Style Guidelines
 - FAQ

On hold:

- 301: Enhanced Enums (see here for explanation)
- 302: Lambda Leftovers
- 348: Java Compiler Intrinsic for JDK APIs

Withdrawn:

- 326: Raw String Literals, dropped in favor of Text Blocks (see here for explanation)



Project Amber – **Timeline** Example

- Improving the programming language continuously

	Java 10	Java 11	Java 12	Java 13	Java 14	Java 15	Java 16	Java 17
Local-Variable Type Inference - var	Standard	→						
Local-Variable Syntax for Lambda Parameters		Standard	→					
Switch Expressions			Preview	2 nd Preview	Standard	→		
Text Blocks				Preview	2 nd Preview	Standard	→	
Records					Preview	2 nd Preview	Standard	→
Pattern Matching for instanceof					Preview	2 nd Preview	Standard	→
Sealed Classes						Preview	2 nd Preview	Standard
Pattern Matching for switch								Preview



Project Valhalla

- Incubator project for more **advanced Java VM and language feature** candidates
 - openjdk.java.net/projects/valhalla/
 - Problems to solve:
 - **Primitives** for performance and **objects** for OO, encapsulation, polymorphism, inheritance...
 - But still, there is no **ArrayList<int>** ☹️
 - If we use Integer than (un)boxing, creation of object, heap, indirection reference...
- Preparatory changes
 - JEP 181: Nest-Based Access Control (delivered in 11)
 - JEP 309: Dynamic Class-File Constants (delivered in 11)
 - JEP 371: Hidden Classes (delivered in 15)
 - JEP 390: Warnings for Value-Based Classes (delivered in 16)
 - Better-defined JVM class file validation (draft)
 - Value objects
 - Value Objects (Preview) (submitted draft)
 - JEP 401: Primitive Classes (Preview) (candidate)
 - JEP 402: Classes for the Basic Primitives (Preview) (candidate)
 - Enhanced generics
 - Universal Generics (Preview) (submitted draft)
 - Parametric JVM (no draft yet)



Project Valhalla

- **Value Objects** (Preview) in Draft – *"codes like a class, works like a primitive"*
 - Supports methods, fields, implements interface, encapsulation, generic, but not support mutation or sub-classes
- **Primitive Classes** (JEP 401, Preview) in Candidate
 - Special kinds of value classes that define new developer-declared primitive types
- **Classes for the Basic Primitives** (JEP 402, Preview) in Candidate
 - Repurpose the primitive wrapper classes to act as declarations for the basic primitives (int, double, etc.)
- **Universal Generics** (Preview) in Draft
 - Unify the treatment of reference and primitive types in generic code by allowing Java type variables to range over both kinds of types



Project Panama

- Interconnecting JVM and **native code**
 - Featuring **native function calling** and **native data access** from the JVM
- **Foreign function interface (FFI)** as a simple, safe and performant replacement for JNI, includes:
 - Native function calling from JVM (C, C++)
 - Native data access from JVM or inside JVM heap
 - Native library management APIs and native-oriented JIT optimizations
- Access to low-level hardware functionality from Java (vector instructions, special memory types)?
- Big Data, Machine Learning...



Project **Loom**

- **Threads** cannot match the scale of the domain's unit of concurrency
 - Millions of transactions, users or sessions – number of OS threads is much less
- Most concurrent applications need some synchronization between threads
 - An expensive context switch between OS threads
- Project **Loom** – reducing complexity in writing concurrent applications via alternative, **user-mode thread implementations**
- Proposal for lightweight JVM-level threads called **Virtual Threads** as alternative implementation of threads
- Ordinary Java threads preserved, performance improved, and footprint reduced
 - Less memory and almost zero overhead when task switching



Programming **Polyglotism** & other

- Polyglot programming and cross-language interoperability
- OpenJDK's Project **Metropolis**
- **GraalVM** – high-performance embeddable polyglot virtual machine
 - combine different programming languages that incur almost no overhead
 - In the JVM, into standalone native image, or embedded into large application
- **Graal Compiler** – new optimized compiler for JVM languages
- **Truffle** framework – any other language
- **Sulong** (LLVM) – high-performance Low-Level Virtual Machine bitcode interpreter
- + Native images with **Substrate VM**
- + **Quarkus**: Kubernetes Native Java stack tailored for GraalVM

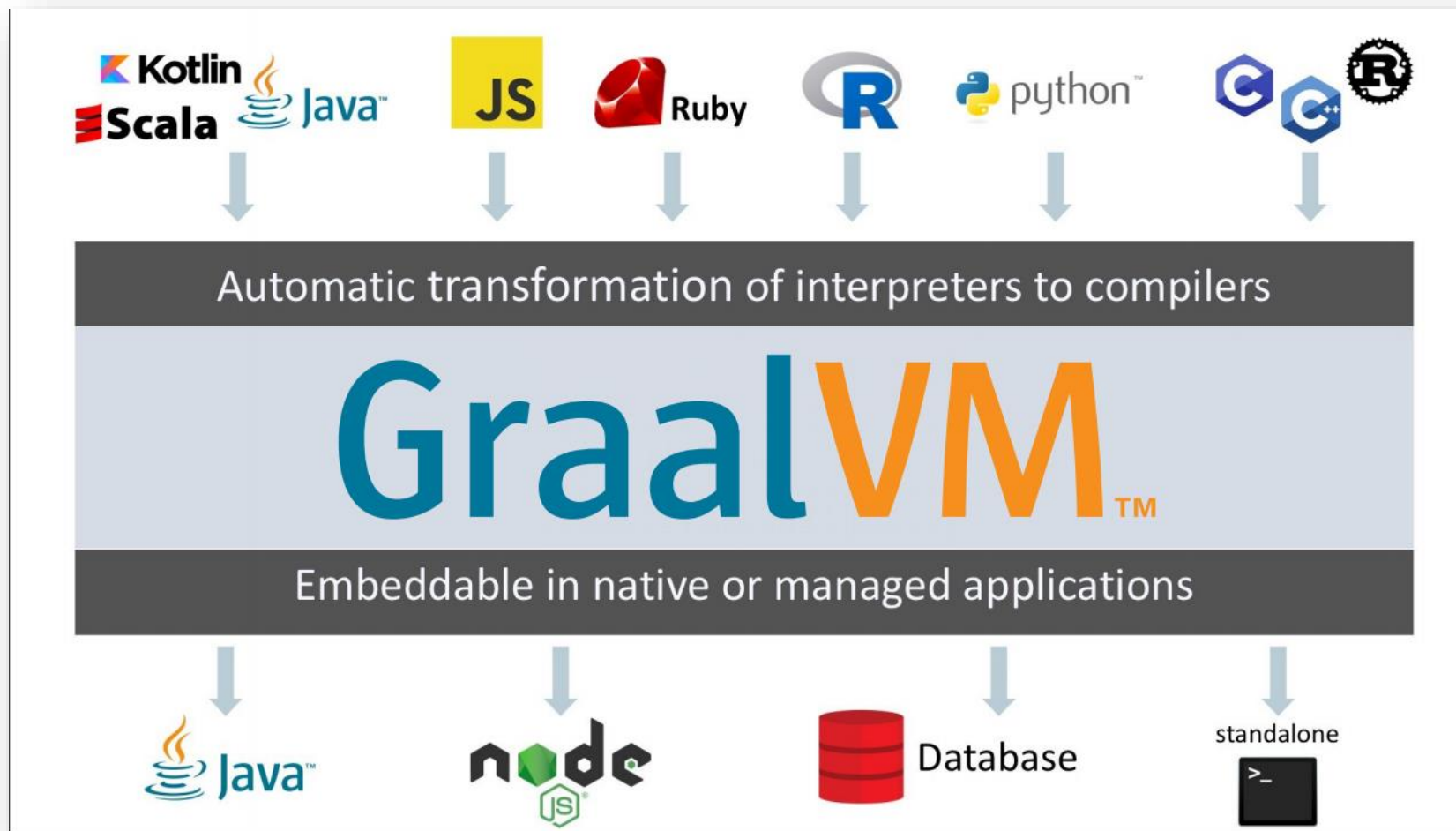
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GraalVM – architecture





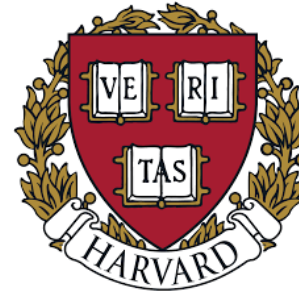
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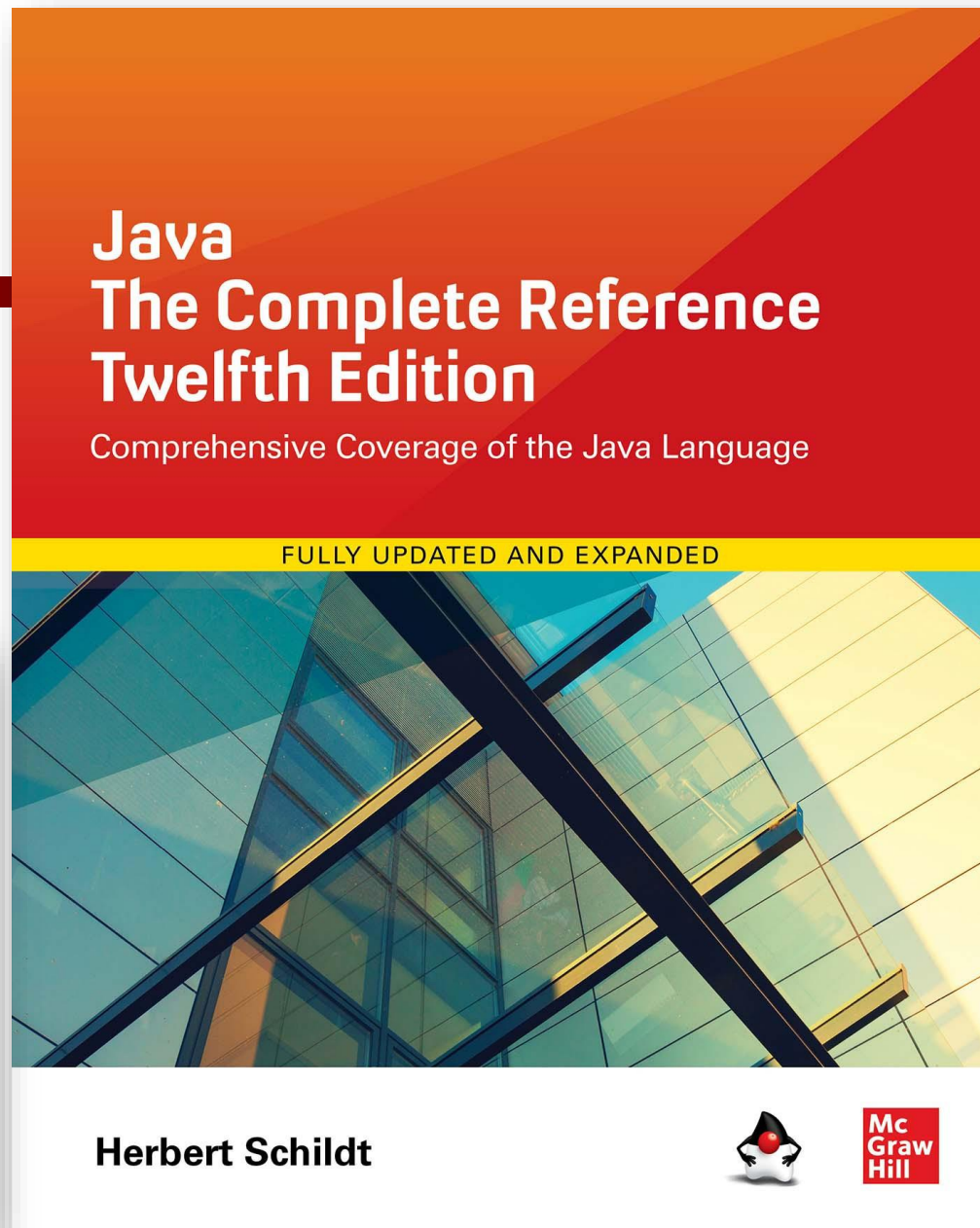
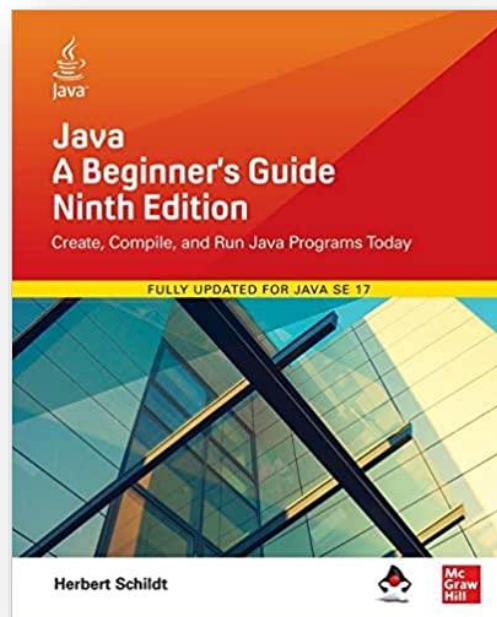


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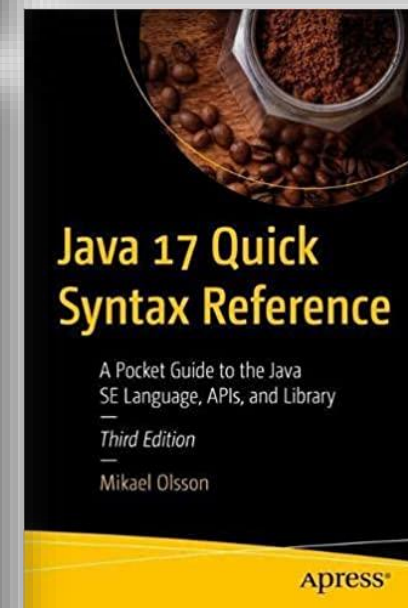
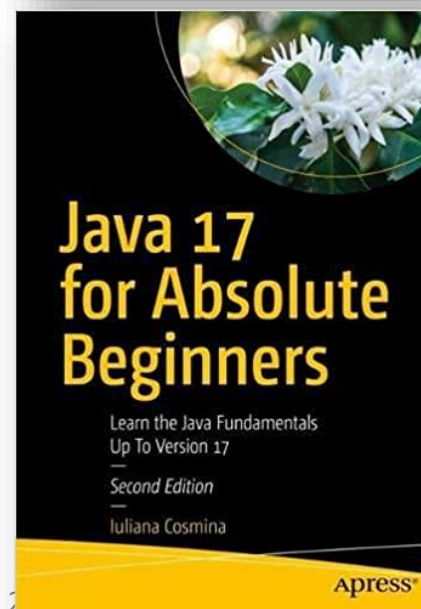
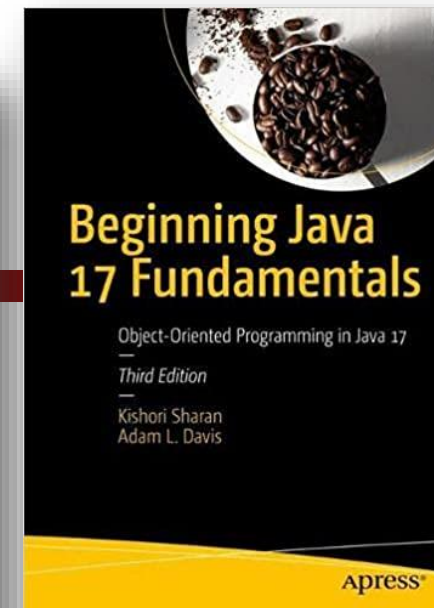
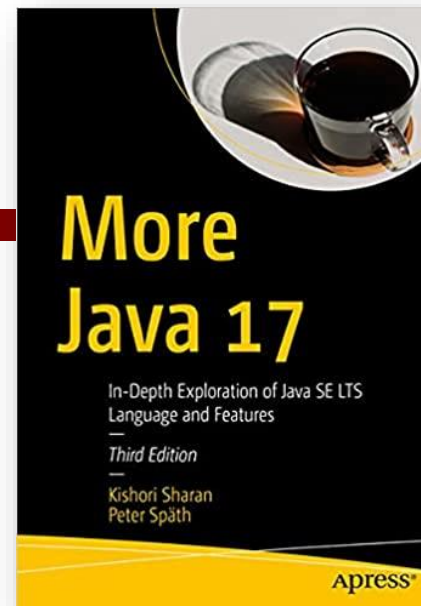
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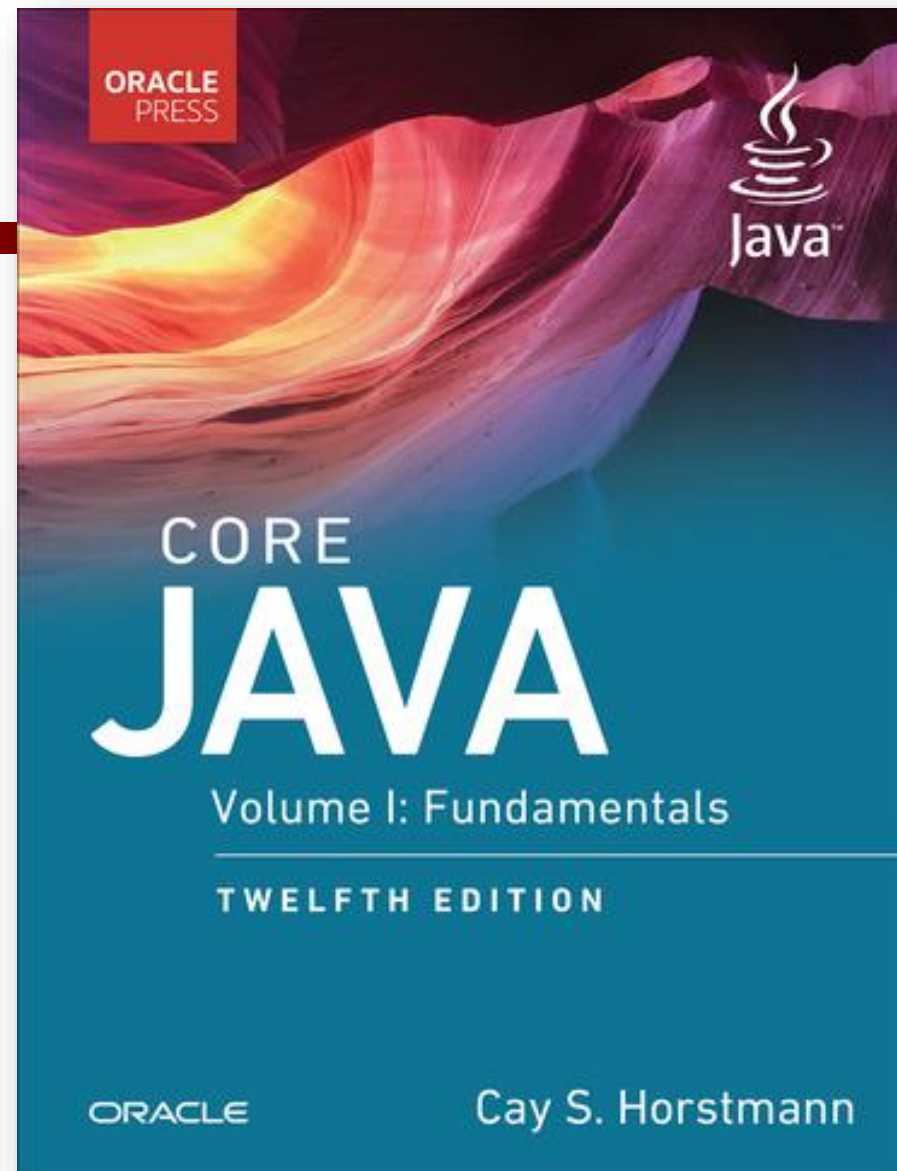
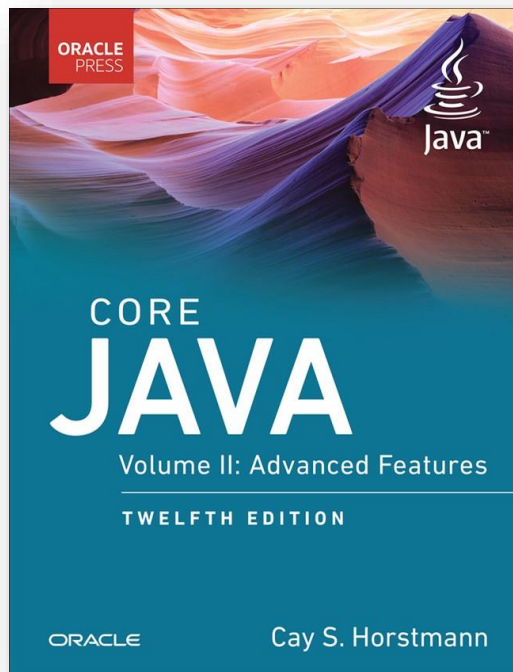
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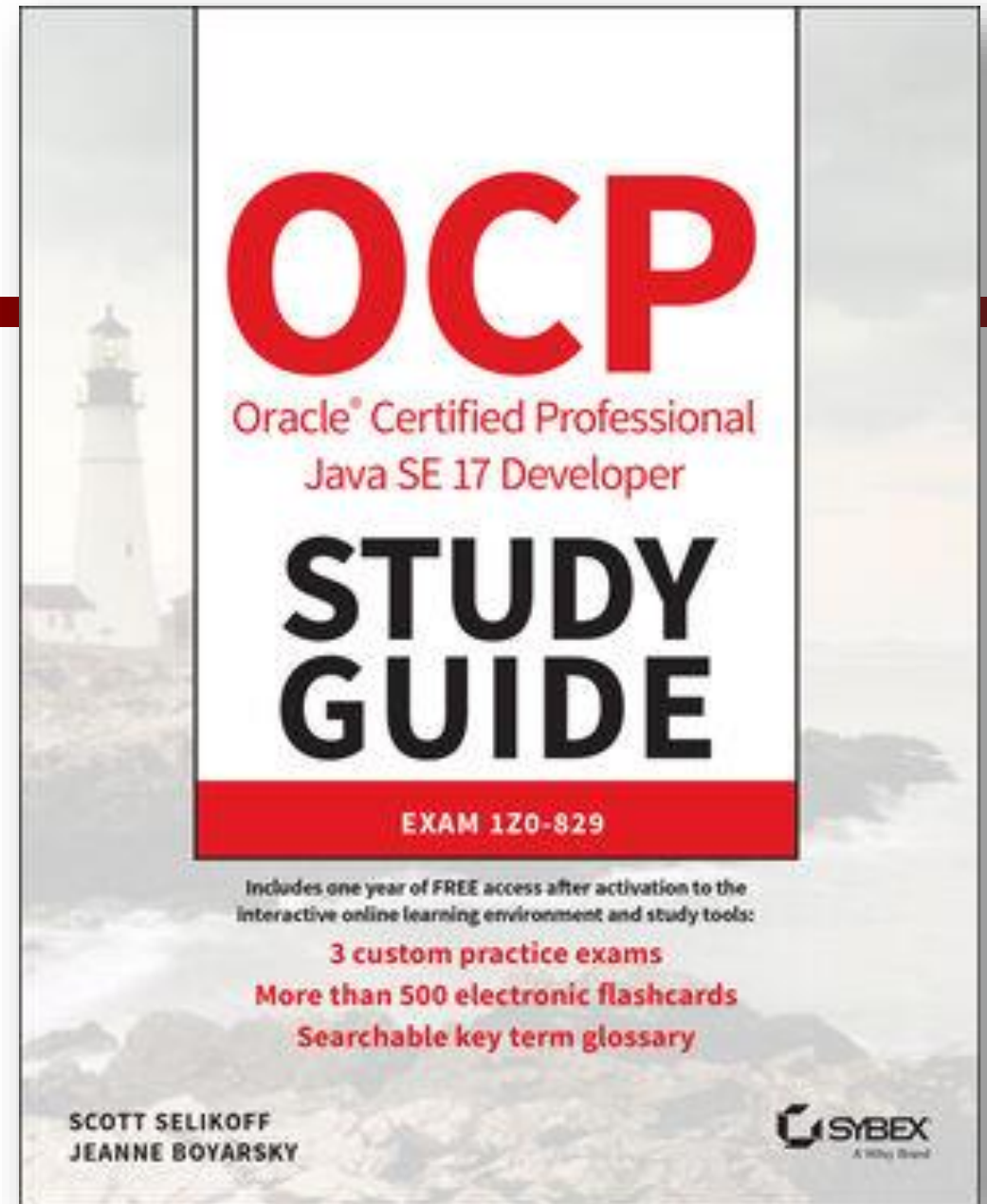
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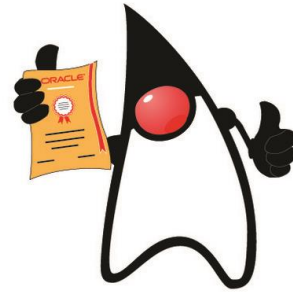
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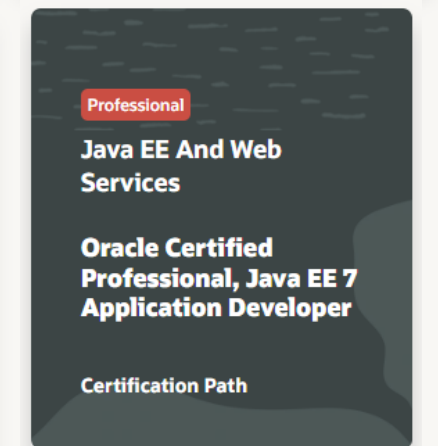
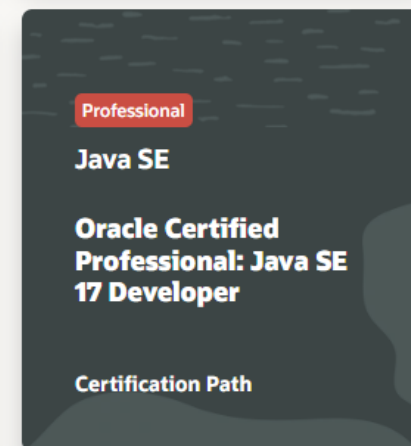
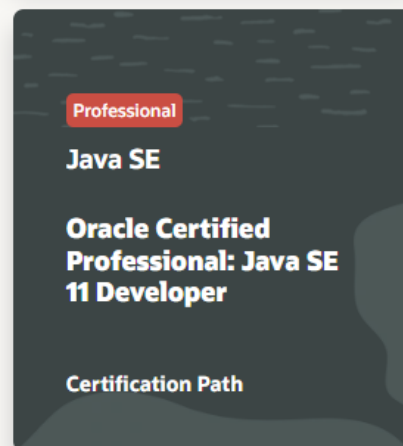
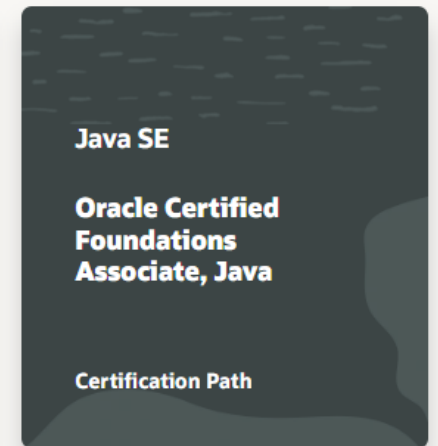
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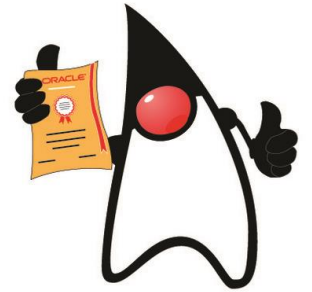


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Is Java **really** "Moving Forward Faster"?

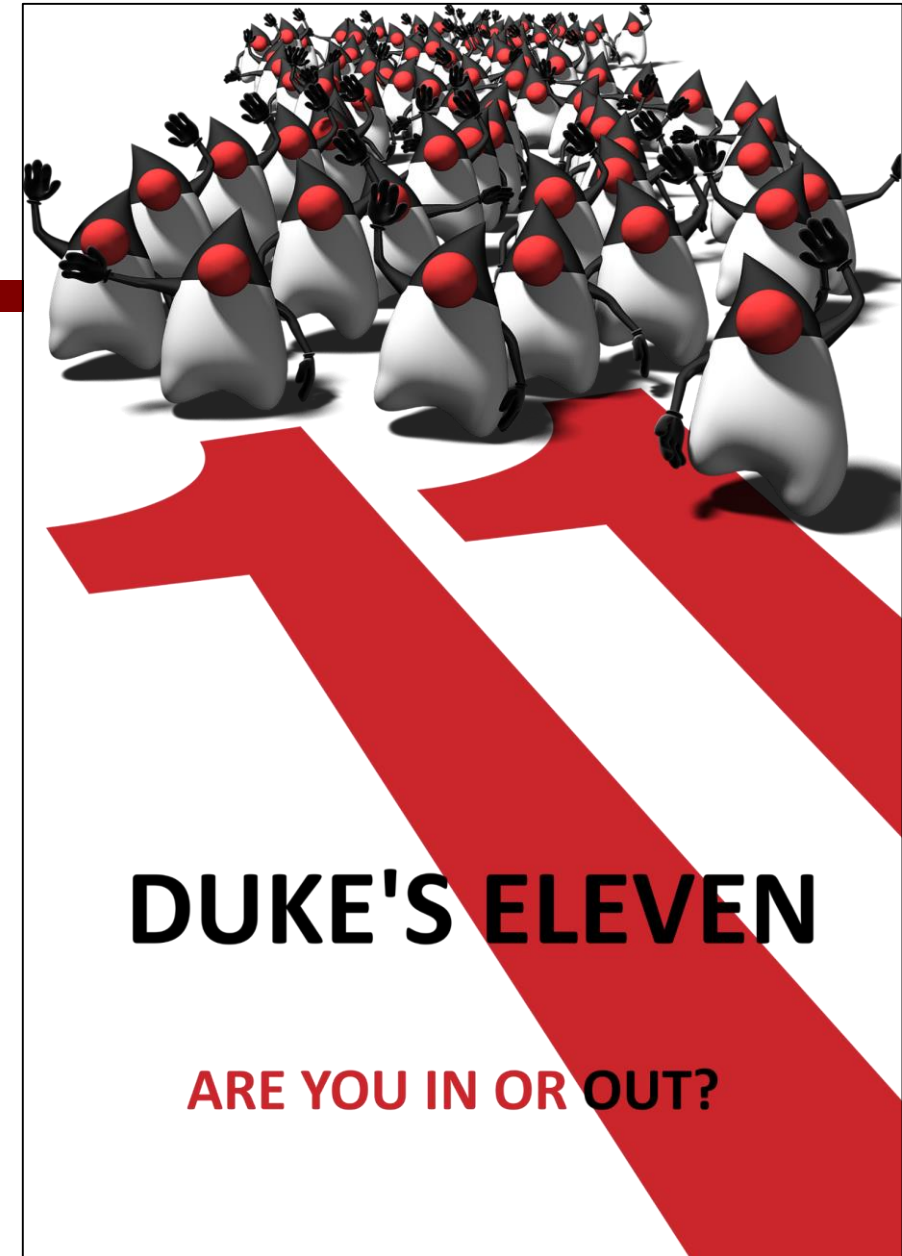
- Community opinion 😊
- **More frequent** Java releases every 6 months
- Java **LTS** releases every 2 years
- **Faster** access to **new** features
- **Many new** improvement ideas
- A lot of **maintenance** and **housekeeping**
- Java is (finally) **free**

Looking forward to **new things!**



What is our **advice**?

- Obviously – use Java **17 LTS** 😊
or the latest Java **18**
or at least use Java **11 LTS**
- Any JDK or any other – **it's up to you** 😊
- Try to **abandon** older versions (Java 8 or older)
- Check what is **@Deprecated**
- **Migrate** every **6 months** or **2 years** (with LTS)
- **Get involved** more with **HUJAK** and
visit more to **conferences**!





Instead of **conclusion...**


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