

JDK 9, 10 & 11: Pitfalls For The Unwary

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JDK 9: Big And Small Changes

JDK 9

- Process API Updates
- HTTP 2 Client
- Improve Contended Locking
- Unified JVM Logging
- Compiler Control
- Variable Handles
- Segmented Code Cache
- Smart Java Compilation, Phase 1
- The Modular JDK
- Modular Source Code
- Elide Deprecation Warnings on Import Statements
- Resolve Lint and Doclint Warnings
- Milling Project Coin
- Remove GC Combinations Deprecated in JDK 8
- Tiered Attribution for javac
- Process Import Statements Correctly
- Annotations Pipeline 2.0
- Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS)
- Modular Run-Time Image
- Simplified Doclet API
- jschell: The Java Shell (Read-Eval-Print Loop)
- New Version-String Scheme
- HTML5 Javadoc
- Javadoc Search
- UTF-8 Property Files
- Unicode 7.0
- Add More Diagnostic Commands
- Create PKCS12 Keystores by Default
- Remove Launch-Time JRE Version Selection

- Improve Secure Application Performance
- Generate Run-Time Compiler Tests Automatically
- Test Class-File Attributes Generated by javac
- Parser API for Nashorn
- Linux/AArch64 Port
- Multi-Release JAR Files
- Remove the JVM TI hprof Agent
- Remove the jhat Tool
- Remove the JVM Compiler Access API
- Remove the Negotiation Extension
- Validate Command-Line Arguments
- Leverage Constructive Grammar Annotations (CGAs)
- Compile for Platform-Specific Architectures
- Make GC the Default Garbage Collector
- OCSP Stapling for TLS
- Store Internationalized Strings in UTF-8
- Multi-Resolution ImageIO
- Use the JavaFX UI Controls CSS APIs for Customization
- Remove Duplicate Strings
- Merge Selected Xerces 2.12 Fixes into JAXP
- BeanInfo Annotations
- Update JavaFX/Media to Newer Version of GStreamer
- HarfBuzz Font-Layout Engine
- Stack-Walking API
- Encapsulate Most Internal APIs
- Module System
- TIFF Image I/O
- HiDPI Graphics on Windows and Linux

- Platform Logging API and Service
- Marlin Graphics Renderer
- More Concurrency Updates
- Unicode 8.0
- XML Catalogs
- Convenience Factory Methods for Collections
- Reserved Stack Areas for Critical Sections
- Unified Class-File Format
- Platform-Specific Features
- DRBG and SecureRandom Implementations
- Enhance Method Handles
- Modular Java Application Packaging
- Dynamic Linking of Libraries and Defined Object Models
- Enhance Reflection
- Add Support for Weak References in G1
- Improve Test Failure Reporting
- Indify String Concatenation
- HotSpot C++ Unit-Test Framework
- Linker: The Java Linker
- Enable the Java Linker
- New HotSpot System
- Spin-Wait Hints
- SHA-3 Hash Algorithms
- Disable SHA-1 Certificates
- Deprecate the Applet API
- Filter Incoming Serialization Data
- Implement Selected ECMAScript 6 Features in Nashorn
- Linux/s390x Port

JDK Compatibility

- Compatibility has always been very important
 - Minor issues in JDK 1.4 and JDK 5
- Deprecation introduced in JDK 1.1
 - JDK 8 has 492 deprecated API elements
 - None had ever been removed
 - At least one release warning of removal
- JDK 9 starts an overdue cleanup of the Java platform
 - APIs and features removed
 - Process will continue in future releases

JDK 9 Onwards And Compatibility

*If your code only uses
standard Java SE APIs,
then it will **most likely**
work without change.*

Mark Reinhold
Chief Architect of the OpenJDK

Module System



Java Platform Module System (JPMS)

- The core Java libraries are now a set of modules (JEP 220)
 - 75 OpenJDK modules: 27 Java SE, 48 JDK
 - Oracle JDK: 14 additional JDK, 8 JavaFX, 2 Oracle specific
- Most internal APIs now encapsulated (JEP 260)
 - `sun.misc.Unsafe`
 - Some can be used with command line options

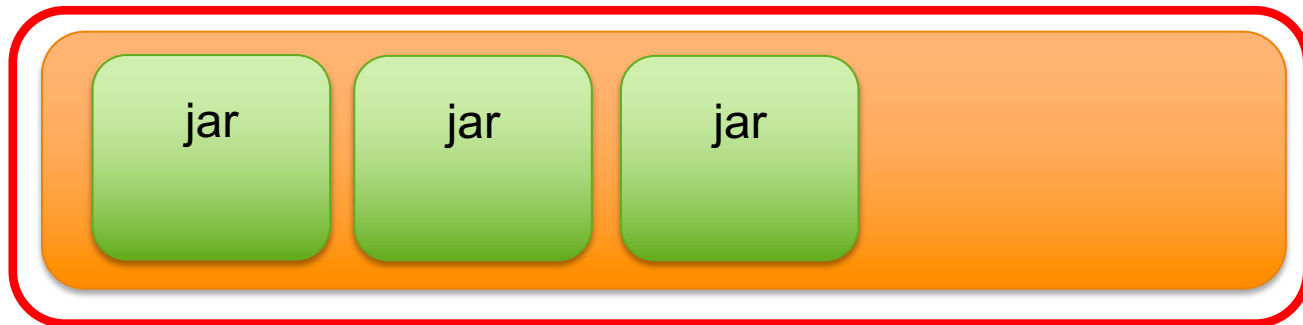
Migrating Applications to JPMS

- Initially, leave everything on the classpath
- Anything on the classpath is in the unnamed module
 - All packages are exported
 - The unnamed module depends on all modules
- Migrate to modules as required
 - Try automatic modules
 - Move existing jar files from classpath to modulepath

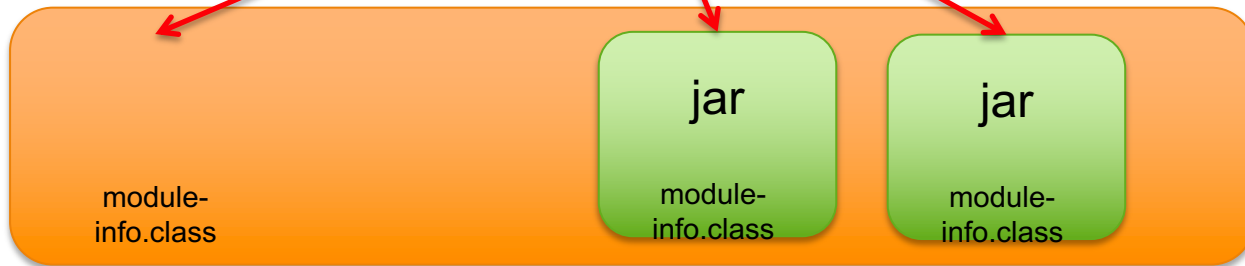
Classpath v Modulepath

Unnamed module

classpath



modulepath



Automatic module

Reversing Encapsulation

- "The Big Kill Switch" to turn off encapsulation
 - `--illegal-access`
 - `permit`: Warning for first use of an encapsulated API
 - `warn`: Warning for every use of an encapsulated API
 - `debug`: Warning and stack trace for every use
 - `deny`: No access to encapsulated APIs

Reversing Encapsulation

- Allowing direct access to encapsulated APIs

- `--add-exports`

- `--add-exports java.management/com.sun.jmx.remote.internal=mytest`

- `--add-exports java.management/sun.management=ALL-UNNAMED`

- Allowing reflective access to encapsulated APIs

- `--add-opens`

- `--add-opens java.base/java.util=ALL-UNNAMED`

Reversing Encapsulation

- Using the JAR file manifest

Add-Exports: `java.base/sun.security.provider`

Finding Dependencies: jdeps

```
> jdeps --module-path /opt/javafx-sdk-11/lib
--add-modules=javafx.controls --list-deps FlightTracker.jar
JDK removed internal API/com.sun.media.jfxmediaimpl.platform.ios
java.base
java.datatransfer
java.desktop/java.awt.dnd.peer
java.desktop/sun.awt
java.desktop/sun.awt.dnd
java.desktop/sun.swing
java.logging
java.scripting
java.sql
java.xml
jdk.jsobject
jdk.unsupported
jdk.unsupported.desktop
jdk.xml.dom
```

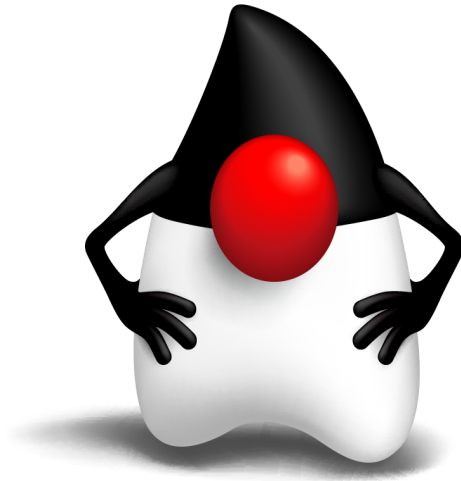
"Missing" Modules

- Remember, "Clean applications that only use java.se..."
- The `java.se.ee` module not included by default (JDK 9/10)
 - Compilation and runtime
- Affected modules
 - `java.corba`
 - `java.transaction`
 - `java.activation`
 - `java.xml.bind`
 - `java.xml.ws`
 - `java.xml.ws.annotation`

Using "Missing" Modules

- Use the command line option
 - `--add-modules java.corba`
- All modules (except CORBA) have standalone versions
 - Maven central
 - Relevant JSR RI
- Deploy standalone version on the upgrade module path
 - `--upgrade-module-path <path>`
- Deploy standalone version on the classpath

Small Incompatibilities



Milling Project Coin (JEP 213)

- A single underscore is now a keyword in Java

error: as of release 9, '_' is a keyword, and may not be used as an identifier

- Fear not, two or more underscores can still be used

Deleted Deprecated Methods

- **Classes**
 - `java.util.jar.Pack200`
 - `java.util.jar.Unpack200`
 - `java.util.logging.LogManager`
- **Methods**
 - `addPropertyChangeListener()`
 - `removePropertyChangeListener()`
- **Removal required for clean modularisation**

Deleted Deprecated Class

- `com.sun.security.auth.callback.DialogCallbackHandler`
- Part of the Java Authentication and Authorisation Service
 - JAAS
 - Deprecated in JDK 7

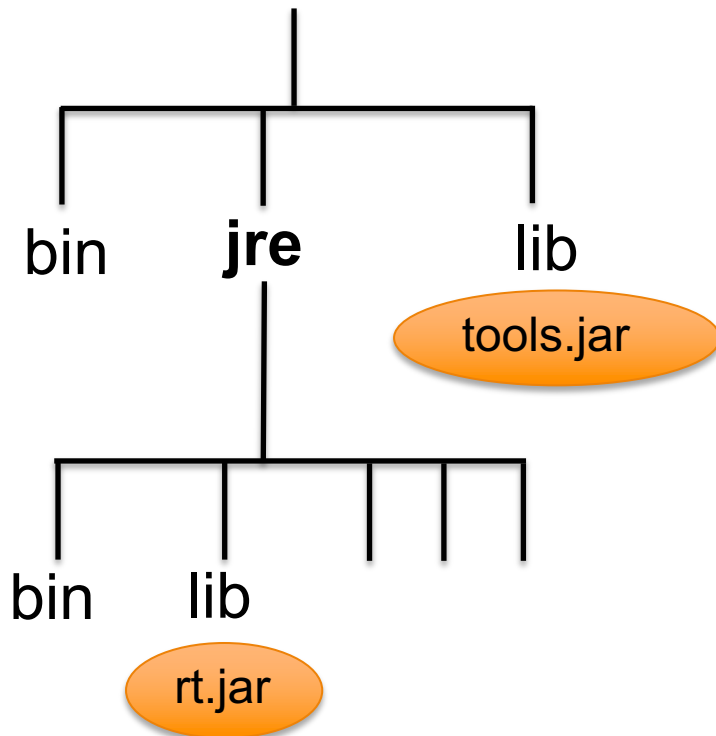
Finding Deprecated API Use

- `jdeprscan`
 - New tool in JDK 9
 - Statically analyses class files and jar files against Java SE APIs
 - Looks for and reports usage of deprecated Java SE APIs

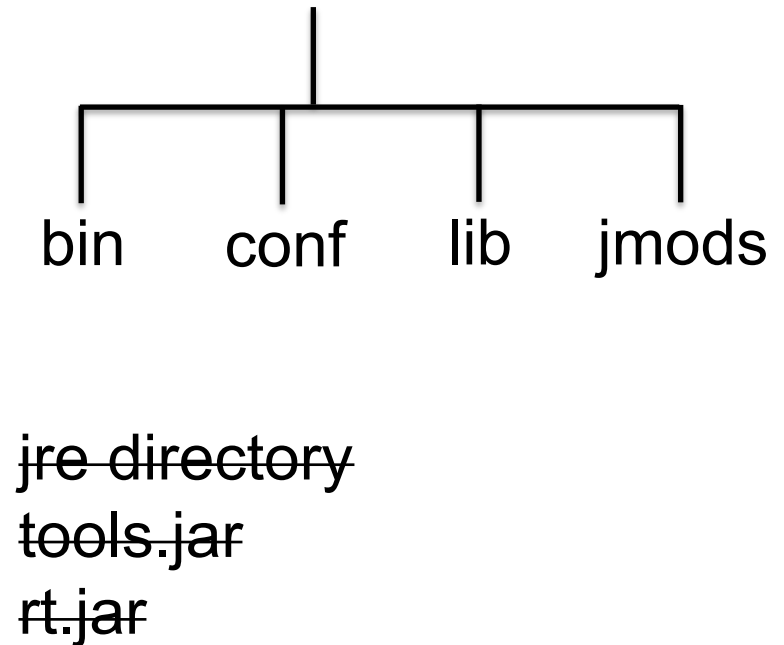
```
$ jdeprscan --class-path classes example.Deprecations
class example/Deprecations uses type java/rmi/RMISeccurityManager deprecated
class example/Deprecations uses method javax/swing/JList getSelectedValues ()[Ljava/
lang/Object; deprecated
class example/Deprecations uses method in type java/rmi/RMISeccurityManager deprecated
class example/Deprecations uses method java/lang/Boolean <init> (Z)V deprecated
```

JDK/JRE File Structure (JEP 220)

Pre-JDK 9



JDK 9



New Version String Format (JEP 223)

- Old

- Download: Java SE 8u131

```
$ java -version  
java version "1.8.0_131"
```

- Which has more patches, JDK 7u55 or JDK 7u60?

- New

- `#{FEATURE}.#{INTERIM}.#{UPDATE}.#{PATCH}`

- Easy to understand by humans and apps

- Semantic versioning



Non-Programmatic Issues

- Java Network Launch Protocol (JNLP) [JSR 52]
 - Now uses strict parsing of configuration files
 - Some files that did parse may now fail
- Extension mechanism/Endorsed Standards Override mechanisms removed
 - Directories removed
 - `$JAVA_HOME/lib/ext`
 - `$JAVA_HOME/lib/endorsed`

`<JAVA_HOME>/lib/ext` exists, extensions mechanism no longer supported; Use `-classpath` instead.

Error: Could not create the Java Virtual Machine.

Error: A fatal exception has occurred. Program will exit.

Removed GC Options (JEP 214)

- Deprecated in JDK 8 (JEP 173)

```
DefNew + CMS      : -XX:-UseParNewGC -XX:+UseConcMarkSweepGC
ParNew + SerialOld : -XX:+UseParNewGC
ParNew + iCMS      : -Xincgc
ParNew + iCMS      : -XX:+CMSIncrementalMode -XX:+UseConcMarkSweepGC
DefNew + iCMS      : -XX:+CMSIncrementalMode -XX:+UseConcMarkSweepGC
                  : -XX:-UseParNewGC
CMS foreground    : -XX:+UseCMSCompactAtFullCollection
CMS foreground    : -XX:+CMSFullGCsBeforeCompaction
CMS foreground    : -XX:+UseCMSCollectionPassing
```

JVM Logging

- Unified JVM logging (JEP 158)
 - Common logging system for all components of JVM
- Unified GC logging (JEP 271)
 - Re-implement GC logging using unified JVM logging
 - Many command line options changed



Removed JVM Flags: Ignored

- AdaptiveSizePausePolicy
- CodeCacheMinimumFreeSpace
- DefaultThreadPriority
- JNIDetachReleasesMonitors
- LazyBootClassLoader
- NmethodSweepCheckInterval
- NmethodSweepFraction
- PrintOopAddress
- ReflectionWrapResolutionErrors
- StarvationMonitorInterval
- ThreadSafetyMargin
- UseAltSigs
- UseBoundThreads
- UseCompilerSafepoints
- UseFastAccessorMethods
- UseFastEmptyMethods
- BackEdgeThreshold
- PreInflateSpin

Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM warning: Ignoring option <Option>; support was removed in 9.0

Replaced JVM Flags

JDK 8 Option	JDK 9 Replacement
PrintGC	-Xlog:gc
PrintGCDetails	-Xlog:gc*
CreateMinidumpOnCrash	CreateCoredumpOnCrash (suggestion)
DefaultMaxRAMFraction	MaxRAMFraction (suggestion)
TraceBiasedLocking	-Xlog:biasedlocking=info
TraceClassLoadingPreorder	-Xlog:class+preorder=debug
TraceClassResolution	-Xlog:class+resolve=debug
TraceMonitorInflation	-Xlog:monitorinflation=debug
TraceRedfineClasses	-Xlog:redefine+class*=info
TraceSafepointCleanupTime	-Xlog:safepoint+cleanup=info
TraceClassLoading	-Xlog:class+load=info
TraceClassUnloading	-Xlog:class+unload=info
TraceLoaderConstraints	-Xlog:class+loader+constraints=info
ConvertSleepToYield	NONE

Deprecated JVM Flags

- Two forms of warning message

warning[gc] -XX:+PrintGC is deprecated. Will use -Xlog:gc instead.

Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM warning: Option CreateMinidumpOnCrash was deprecated in version 9.0 and will likely be removed in a future release. Use option CreateCoredumpOnCrash instead.

JVM Flags: Non-Starters

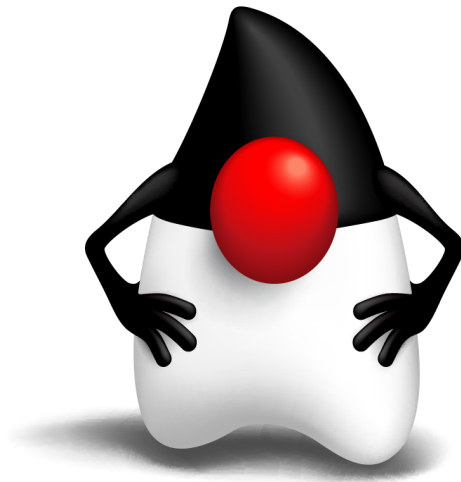
- 50 command line flags from JDK 8
 - Many related to incremental CMS
 - Many for old-style logging
 - -XX:+PrintHeapAtGC
 - -XX:+TraceDynamicGCThreads, etc.
- Use will cause the JVM to abort at start
 - It won't run your application

Unrecognized VM option '<Option>'

Error: Could not create the Java Virtual Machine.

Error: A fatal exception has occurred. Program will exit.

JDK 10



Local Variable Type Inference

- var is now a reserved type

```
var var = new ArrayList<String>();
```



```
public class var {  
    public var(String x) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```



Deprecated Things Removed

- `jdk.security.auth` module
- `com.sun.security.auth` package
 - `PolicyFile`
 - `SolarisNumericGroupPrincipal`
 - `SolarisNumericUserPrincipal`
 - `X500Principal`
- `com.sun.security.auth.module` package
 - `SolarisLoginModule`
 - `SolarisSystem`

Deprecated Things Removed

- `java.lang.SecurityManager`
- `inCheck` field
- Methods
 - `classDepth`
 - `classLoaderDepth`
 - `currentClassLoader`
 - `currentLoadedClass`
 - `getInCheck`
 - `inClass`
 - `inClassLoader`

Deprecated Things Removed

- `java.lang.Runtime`
- Obsolete internationalisation methods removed
 - `getLocalizedInputStream`
 - `getLocalizedOutputStream`

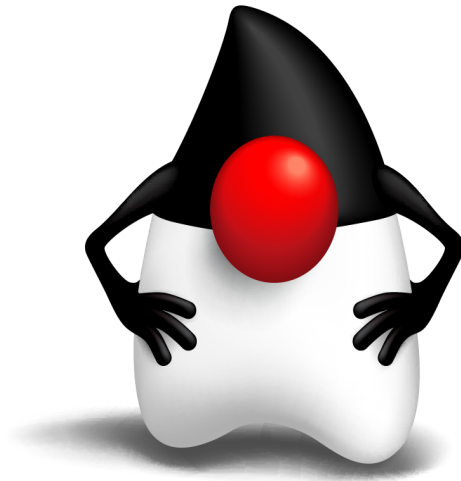
Miscellaneous Things

- javah removed
 - Use javac -h
- policytool removed

Command Line Flags

- -d32 and -d64 no longer valid
 - JVM will fail to start
- Also, 5 -X options
 - -Xoss
 - -Xsqnopause
 - -Xoptimize
 - -Xboundthreads
 - -Xusealtsigs

JDK 11



Oracle JDK & OpenJDK

- Oracle now produce two binary JDK distributions
 - Oracle JDK (now under commercial license)
 - Oracle OpenJDK JDK (GPLv2 with CPE)
- All functional differences eliminated
 - Significant changes that impact users switching to OpenJDK builds

Major Absent Features

- JavaFX
 - Available via OpenJFX project and Gluon for binaries
- Browser plugin
 - Is anyone still using this?
- Java Web Start
 - This will hit some people
 - No easy solution
 - Oracle not open sourcing Web Start
 - Some alternatives but no drop in replacement

Tools Affected

- No more:
 - appletviewer
 - jcontrol
 - CORBA tools
 - idlj
 - orbd
 - servertool
 - tnamesrv
 - Monitoring tool
 - jmc (now standalone package)
 - Java web service tools
 - schemagen
 - wsgen
 - wsimport
 - xjc
 - Java deployment tools
 - javapackager
 - javaws

APIs Removed

- `java.se.ee` aggregator module removed completely
- Others
 - `javax.security.auth.Policy`
 - `java.lang.Runtime.runFinalizersOnExit`
 - `java.lang.SecurityManager.checkAwtEventQueueAccess`
 - `java.lang.SecurityManager.checkMemberAccess`
 - `java.lang.SecurityManager.checkSystemClipboardAccess`
 - `java.lang.SecurityManager.checkTopLevelWindow`
 - `java.lang.System.runFinalizersOnExit`
 - `java.lang.Thread.destroy`
 - `java.lang.Thread.stop(java.lang.Throwable)`

Miscellaneous Things

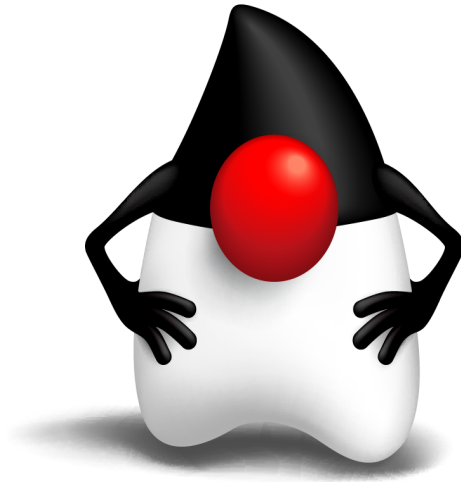
- **SNMP monitoring support**
 - `jdk.snmp` module removed
 - `JVM-MANAGEMENT-MIB.mib` removed
- **Desktop**
 - T2K font rasteriser removed
 - Lucida fonts removed
 - JDK now relies entirely on fonts from the operating system
- **Security certificates**
 - Several root certificates removed from truststore

Command Line -XX Flags

- Big changes
- JDK 9
 - Removed 187, added 123
- JDK 10
 - Removed 36, added 26
- JDK 11
 - Removed 27, added 53

chriswhocodes.com/hotspot_option_differences.html

Conclusions



Migrating To JDK 9, 10 or 11

- Simple applications will run [almost] unchanged
 - Leave everything on the classpath
 - May need to change JVM flags
- Encapsulation
 - Additional JVM flags
 - Identify and rectify issues
- Smaller changes may cause issues
 - Removed APIs
 - JVM flag changes

Zulu Java

- Azul's binary distribution of OpenJDK
 - Passes all TCK tests
- JDK 6, 7, 8, 9,10 and 11 available
- Wider platform support:
 - Intel 32-bit Windows and Linux
 - ARM 32 and 64-bit
 - PowerPC

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