

# Your JDK 8 The Devil is in the Dark

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# Some Facts

- The Java 8 Development Kit consists of:
  - **1.651** packages, which contain
  - **31.423** classes (including inner and anonymous), with over
  - **265.644** (~190.000 non-abstract) methods and
  - **115.992** fields
- The majority of the code ~**65%** does not belong to the public API  
(public API = classes in the packages `java*` or `org*`)

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- Some metrics:
  - the most instance fields defined by a class: **211**
  - the most methods defined by a class: **1.260**
  - the longest method contains **20.167** instructions  
(which is close to the maximum possible length)
  - the most register variables used by a method: **142**  
(~number of local variables in scope)

# Denying Universal Truth

- found in *com.sun.jmx.snmp.Snmplnt*
  - boolean isInitValueValid(int v) {  
    if ( (v < Integer.MIN\_VALUE) ||  
        (v > Integer.MAX\_VALUE)) { ... }  
    return true;  
}
- found in *com.sun.java.util.jar.pack.Fixups storeDesc(...)*
  - (bytes(loc+1)=(byte)bigDescs(BIGSIZE))!=999

# Denying Universal Truth

- String()
  - values = null;
  - ...
  - values = readTag(tagName, string, pos)
  - ...
  - if(**values.length < 0**) {
    - throw new InvalidAttributeValueException(...);
  - }



the length of an array is never smaller than 0

# Confused Logical Operators

- found in *sun.nio.cs.ext.GB18030*
  - else if (... && **offset < 0x12E248**) {  
    if (**offset >= 0x12E248**) ...  
}
- found in *com.sun.media.sound.AuFileReader*
  - if (! (magic == AuFileFormat.AU\_SUN\_MAGIC) ||  
(magic == AuFileFormat.AU\_DEC\_MAGIC) ||  
(magic == AuFileFormat.AU\_SUN\_INV\_MAGIC) ||  
(magic == AuFileFormat.AU\_DEC\_INV\_MAGIC))

# Confused Logical Operators

- found in *com.sun.imageio.plugins.png.PNGMetadata*  
*void mergeStandardTree(org.w3c.dom.Node)*

```
if (maxBits > 4 || maxBits < 8) {  
    maxBits = 8;  
}  
if (maxBits > 8) {  
    maxBits = 16;  
}
```



maxBits will always be 8;  
every int is either larger than 4 or  
smaller than 8

# Too Defensive Programming

## Checking Obvious Truths

- found in *com...org....internal...SuballocatedByteVector removeElementAt*
  - if(**next!=null**)  
    block(m\_blocksize-1)=(**next!=null**) ? next(0) : 0;
- found in *javax.print.attribute.HashAttributeSet*
  - public boolean containsValue(**Attribute attribute**) {  
    return  
        attribute != null &&  
        **attribute instanceof Attribute** &&  
        attribute.equals(attrMap.get(((Attribute)attribute).getCategory()));  
    }

# Just returns “false”

- found in *com.sun.media.sound.SoftPerformer*
  - private static boolean **isUnnecessaryTransform**(ModelTransform transform) {  
    if (transform == null) **return false**;  
    if (!(transform instanceof ModelStandardTransform)) **return false**;  
    ModelStandardTransform stransform = (ModelStandardTransform)transform;  
    if (stransform.getDirection() !=  
        ModelStandardTransform.DIRECTION\_MIN2MAX)  
        **return false**;  
    if (stransform.getPolarity() != ModelStandardTransform.POLARITY\_UNIPOLAR)  
        **return false**;  
    if (stransform.getTransform() !=  
        ModelStandardTransform.TRANSFORM\_LINEAR)  
        **return false**;  
**return false;**  
}

# Null Values...

- found in *java.nio.file.FileTreeWalker next()*
  - if (**ioe != null**) {  
    ioe = e;  
} else {  
    **ioe.addSuppressed(e);**  
}
- found in *javax.print.ServiceUI printDialog(...)*
  - Window **owner = null**;  
... owner is not set by any means  
if (**owner instanceof Frame**) ...

# The dark corners ...

...or how to break static analyses by writing unsafe and “contra-idiomatic” code!

It's not a bug!  
It's a feature!

# It's just “null”, isn't it?

found in `java.util.concurrent.FutureTask<V>`

- All places where the field **runner** (: `java.lang.Thread`) is set:

- *Line*    *Code*

106    `private volatile Thread runner;`

279    **runner = null;**

317    **runner = null;**

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found in *java.util.concurrent.FutureTask<V>*

- private static final sun.misc.Unsafe UNSAFE;  
private static final long **runnerOffset**;  
static {  
 UNSAFE = sun.misc.Unsafe.getUnsafe();  
 Class<?> k = FutureTask.class;  
 **runnerOffset** =  
 UNSAFE.objectFieldOffset(k.getDeclaredField("runner"));  
 ...  
}

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found in *java.util.concurrent.FutureTask<V>*

```
■ public void run() {  
    if ( state != NEW ||  
        !UNSAFE.compareAndSwapObject(  
            this, runnerOffset,  
            null, Thread.currentThread()))  
        return;  
    ...  
}
```

# A Bug or a Feature?

```
■ try {  
    XmlSchema s = null;  
    s.location();  
} catch (NullPointerException e) {  
    // as expected  
}
```



Used to detect the version of  
the current xml library.

# Use(less|ful) null checks

- found in *java.util.concurrent.ConcurrentSkipListMap*
  - ```
private V doPut(K key, V value, boolean onlyIfAbsent) {  
    // MANY LINES OF CODE!  
    splice: for (int insertionLevel = level;;) {  
        int j = h.level;  
        for (Index<K,V> q = h, r = q.right, t = idx;;) {  
            if (q == null || t == null) break splice;  
            // MANY LINES OF CODE!  
        }  
    }  
}
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    }  
}

Yes. You will find a bunch of these in j.u.c; **where null checks never fail**, but the JIT does not understand this so would otherwise arrange more expensive exception code rather than skipping. **So it is (counter-intuitively) a small performance tweak** to include the explicit check.

[...]

-Doug

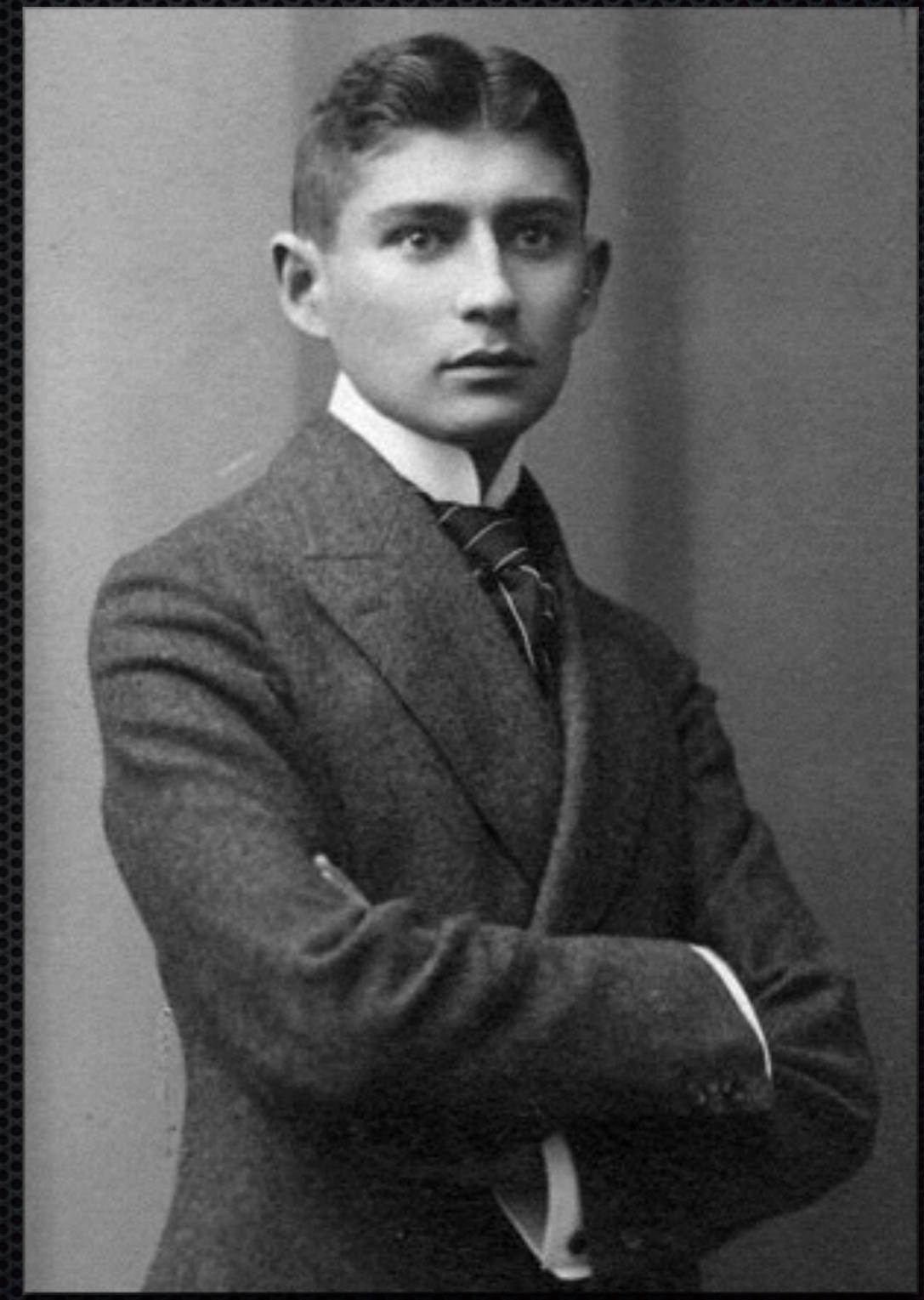
# Never, ever remove deprecated code!

- found in *com.sun.org.apache.xml.internal.serializer.ToStream outputDocTypeDecl*
  - boolean **dothis** = false;  
if (**dothis**)  
{  
    // at one point this code seemed right  
    // but not anymore - Brian M.  
    if (closeDecl)  
    {  
        ...  
    }  
}

found in  
com.sun.org.apache.xalan....  
TransformerFactoryImpl

```
/**  
As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from  
uneasy dreams he found himself transformed  
in his bed into a gigantic insect. He was lying  
on his hard, as it were armour plated, back,  
and if he lifted his head a little he could see  
his big, brown belly divided into stiff, arched  
segments, on top of which the bed quilt could  
hardly keep in position and was about to  
slide off completely. His numerous legs,  
which were pitifully thin compared to the rest  
of his bulk, waved helplessly before his eyes.  
"What has happened to me?", he thought. It  
was no dream....  
*/
```

```
protected final static String  
DEFAULT_TRANSLET_NAME = "GregorSamsa";
```



„Kafka 1906“

Atelier Jacobi: Sigismund Jacobi (1860–1935)  
[http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Datei:Kafka1906\\_cropped.jpg](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Datei:Kafka1906_cropped.jpg)

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