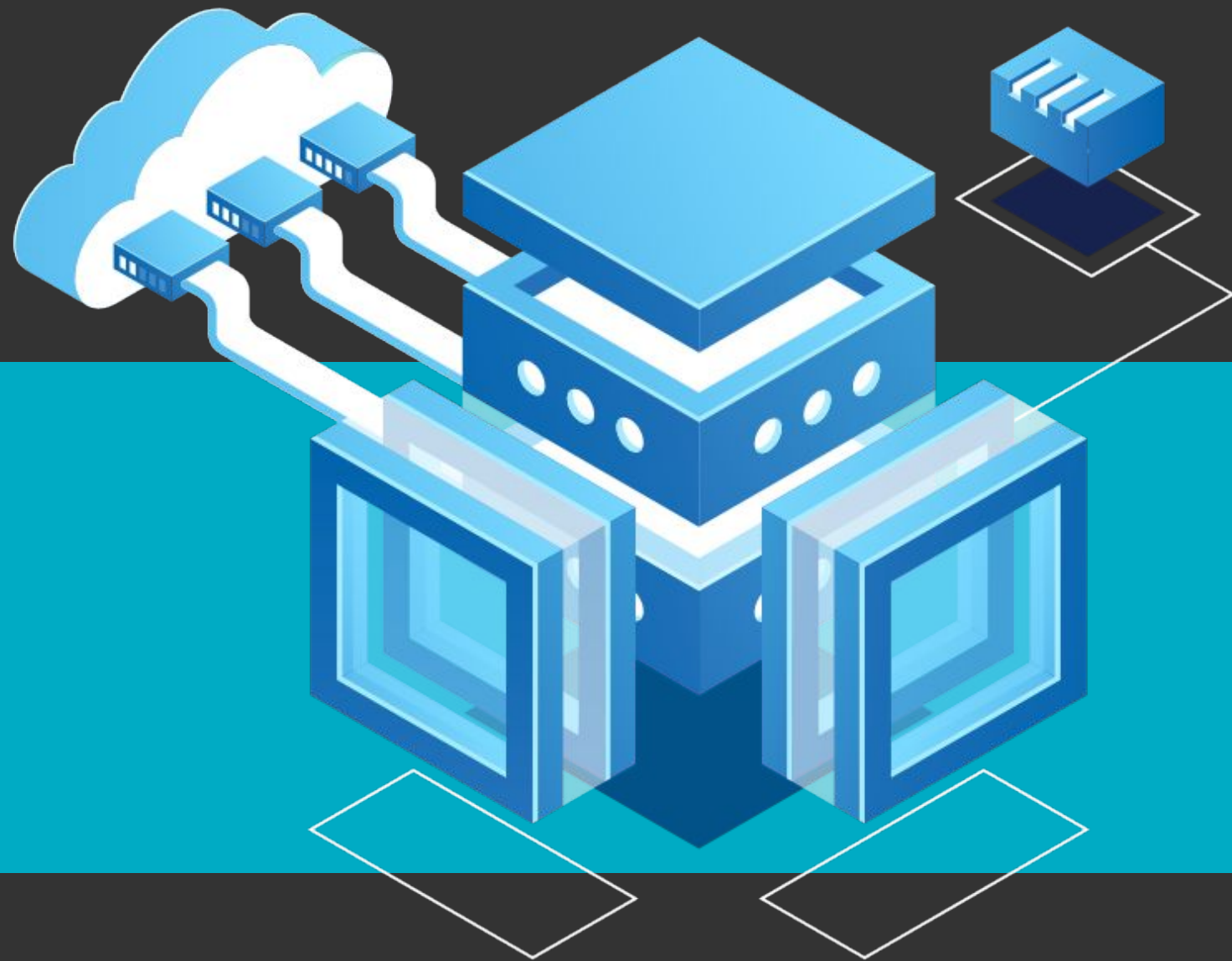


# Chasing the Grail

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# Who we are



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BELL<sup>®</sup>SOFT

Liberica [www.bell-sw.com](http://www.bell-sw.com)  
supported OpenJDK binaries

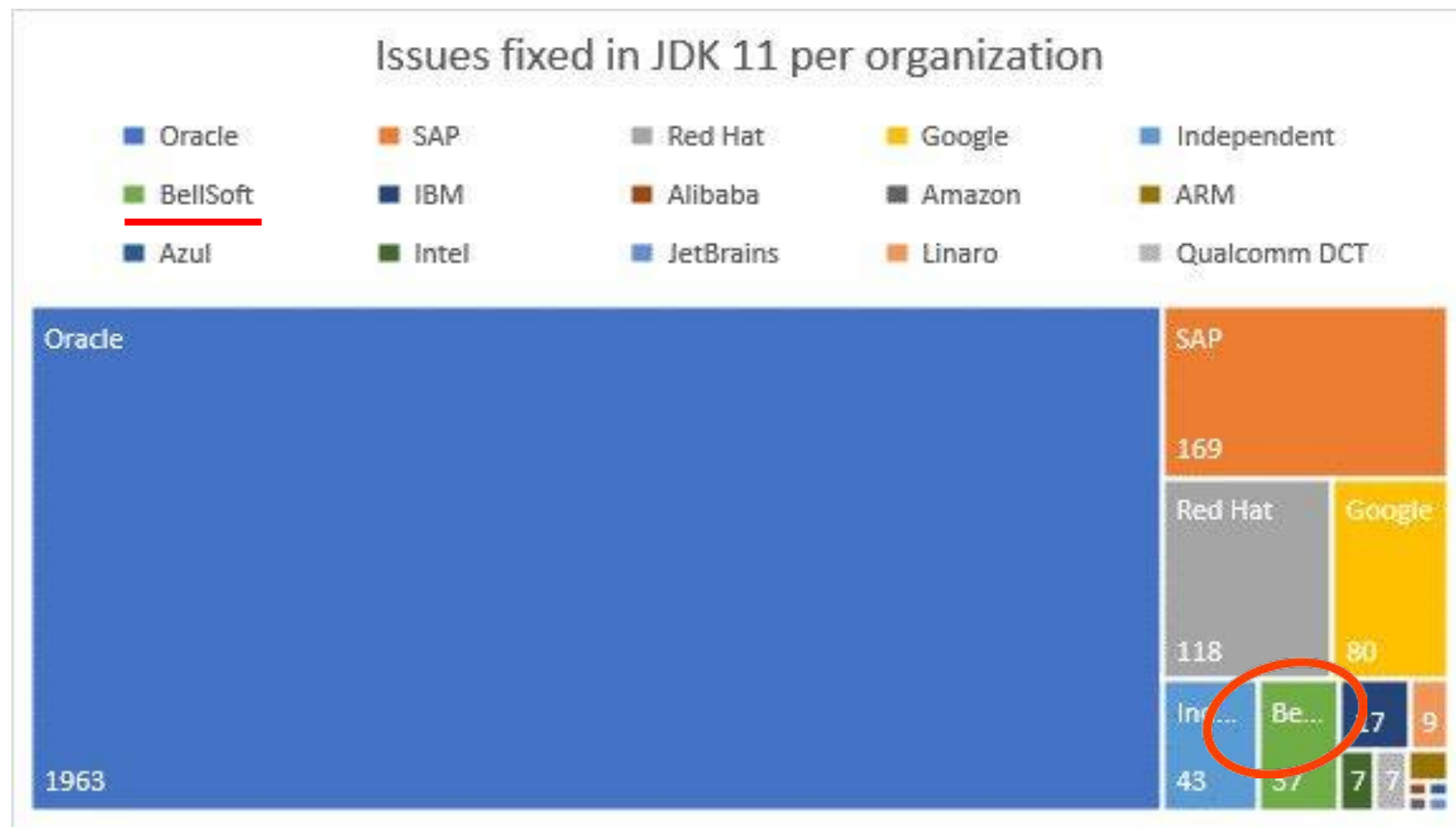
ex-employers:

ORACLE<sup>®</sup>

 @dchuyko

# OpenJDK Contributions

JDK 11



# Deployment

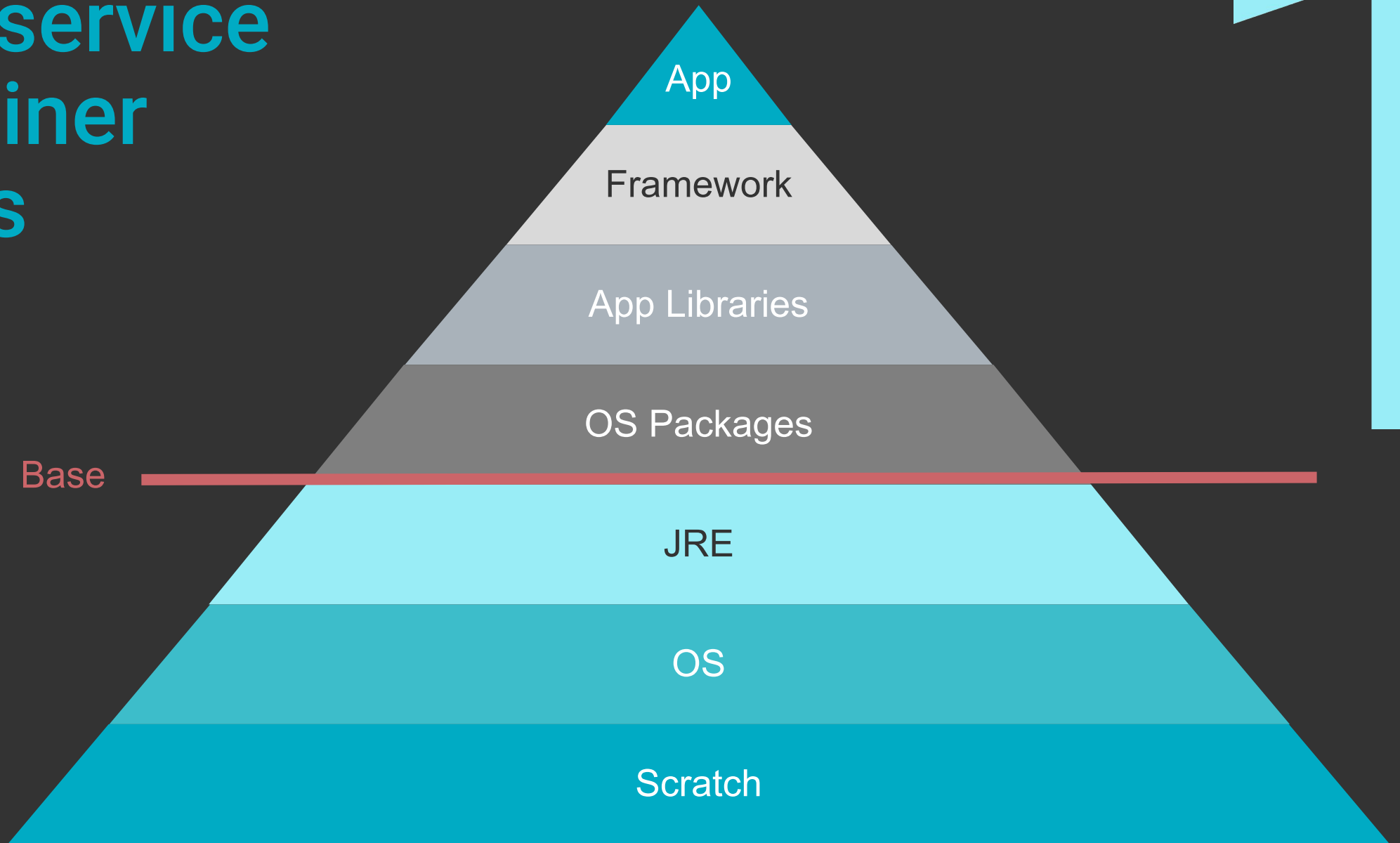
“

*...package an application with all of its dependencies into a standardized unit for software development.*

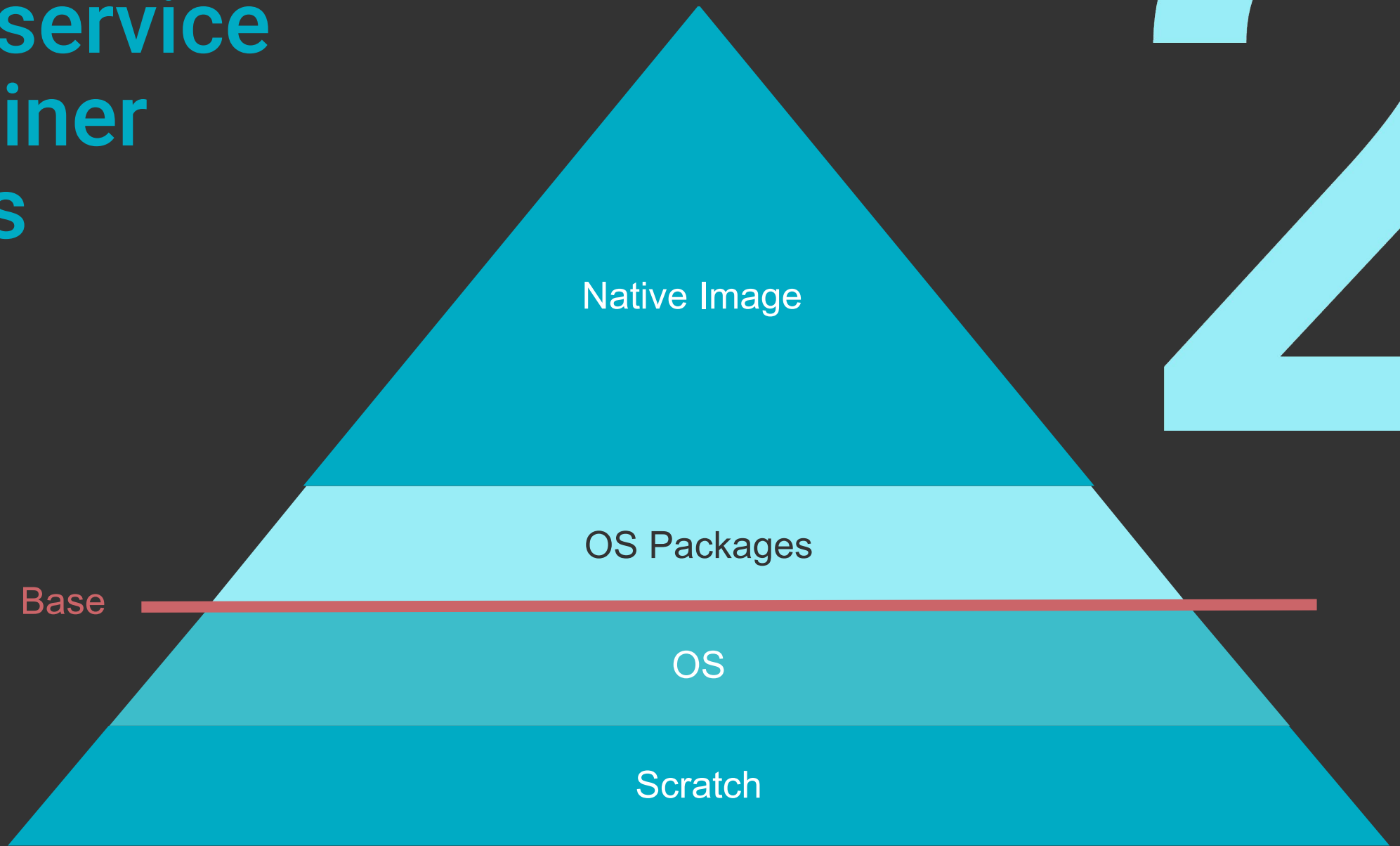
— Docker

”

# Microservice Container Layers



# Microservice Container Layers

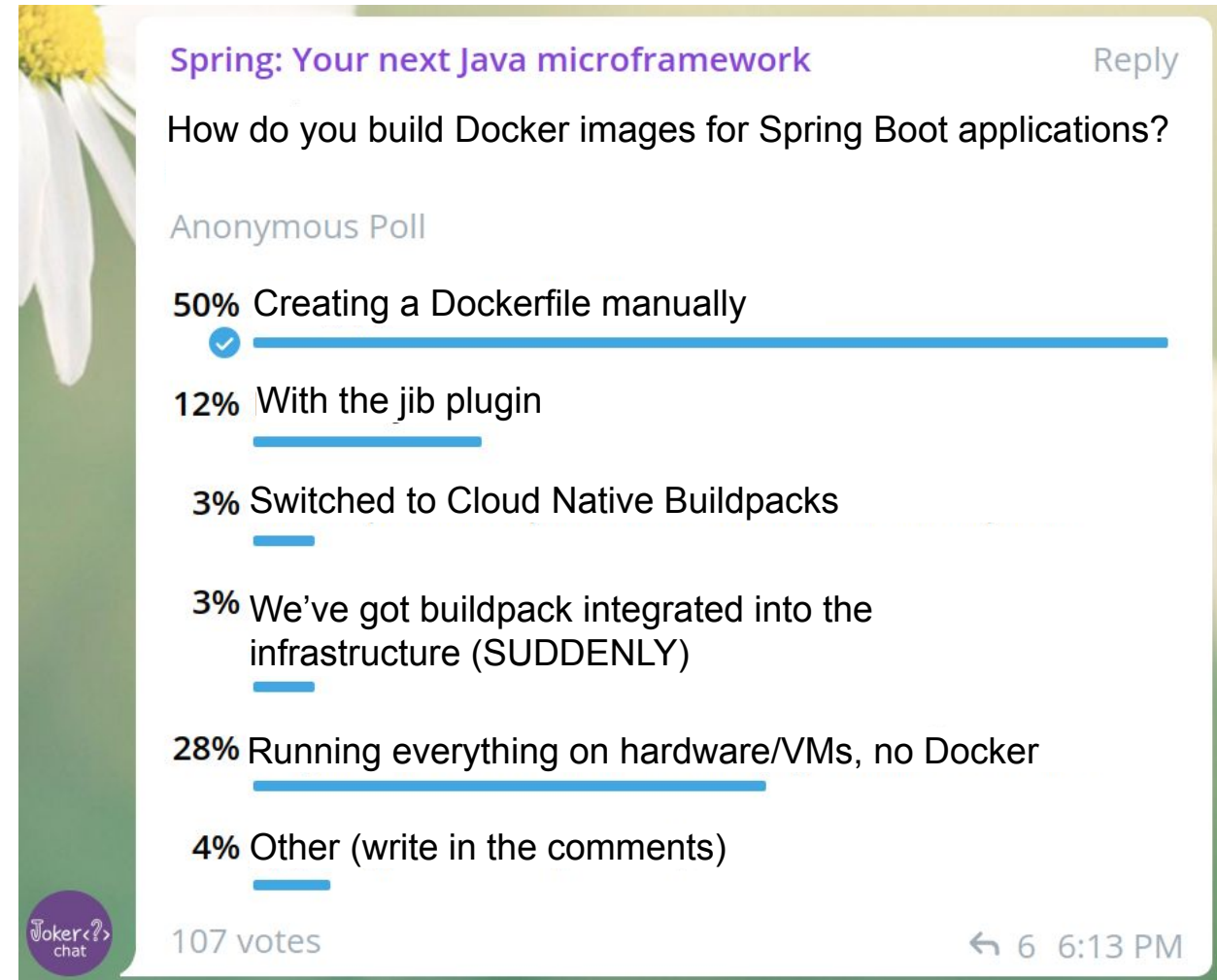
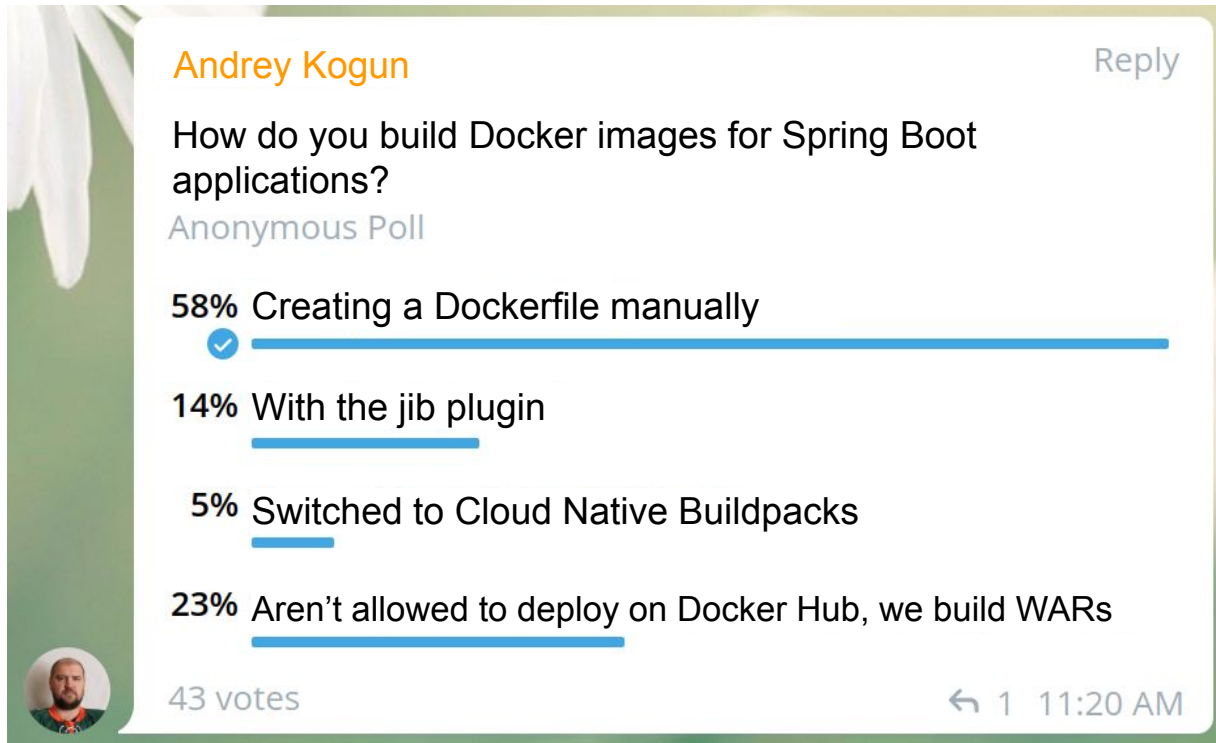


# Sample Microservice

- Spring Initializr
- Spring Boot 2.4.4 (release)
- Spring Data JPA
- Lombok
- Spring Web
- H2
- Java 11
- Thin jar 2.7 kB
- Fat jar 37 MB

# Developer Voice

- Aleksey Nesterov. Spring: Your next Java microframework
- Vladimir Plizga. Spring Boot "fat" JAR: Thin parts of a thick artifact





# Base/Parent Images

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A **base image** has **FROM scratch** in its Dockerfile.

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A **parent image** is the one that your image is based on. It refers to the contents of the FROM directive in the Dockerfile. Each subsequent declaration in the Dockerfile modifies this parent image. Most Dockerfiles start from a parent image rather than a base image. **However, the terms are sometimes used interchangeably.**

# OS + JDK images

- **Based on OS images**
- **JDK package installation**
  - Package manager
  - Package
  - Same vendor
- **JDK binary installation**
  - Requirements
  - Compatibility
- **Ask your provider about testing**

# Pull Time (100 Mbps)

```
$ time docker pull openjdk
...
real    0m27.990s
user    0m0.095s
sys 0m0.096s
```

28 s

# Uncompressed Size (disk)

```
$ docker history openjdk
```

IMAGE	CREATED	CREATED BY	SIZE
95b80f783bd2	12 days ago	/bin/sh -c #(nop) CMD ["jshell"]	0B
<missing>	12 days ago	/bin/sh -c set -eux; objdump="\$ (command -v...	336MB
<missing>	12 days ago	/bin/sh -c #(nop) ENV JAVA_VERSION=15.0.1	0B
<missing>	12 days ago	/bin/sh -c #(nop) ENV PATH=/usr/java/openjd...	0B
<missing>	12 days ago	/bin/sh -c #(nop) ENV JAVA_HOME=/usr/java/o...	0B
<missing>	12 days ago	/bin/sh -c #(nop) ENV LANG=C.UTF-8	0B
<missing>	12 days ago	/bin/sh -c set -eux; microdnf install gzi...	40.1MB
<missing>	12 days ago	/bin/sh -c #(nop) CMD ["/bin/bash"]	0B
<missing>	12 days ago	/bin/sh -c #(nop) ADD file:ca74b6a4572ba9ecd...	148MB
<missing>	8 weeks ago	/bin/sh -c #(nop) LABEL org.opencontainers...	0B

```
$ docker images | head -n 1; docker images | grep openjdk
```

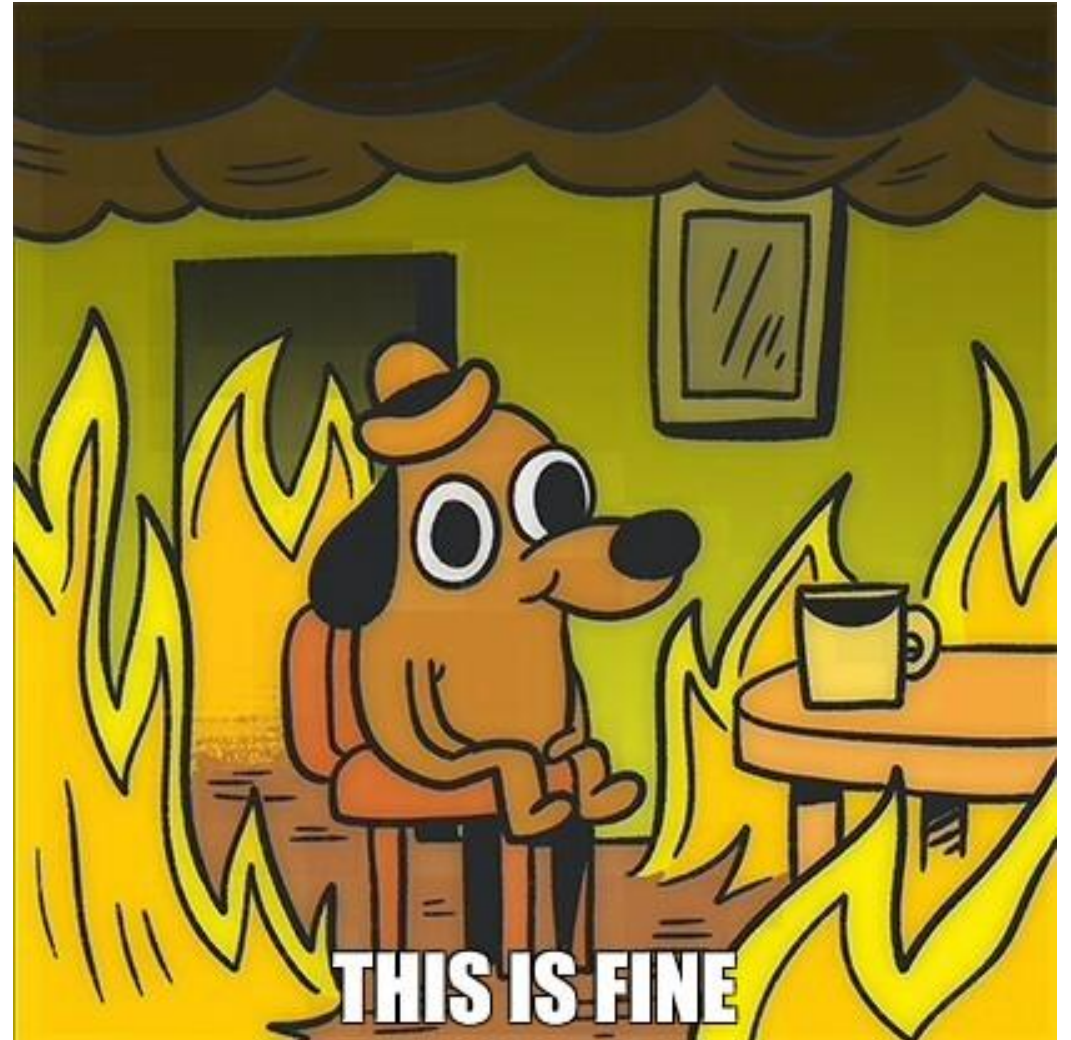
REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
openjdk	latest	95b80f783bd2	12 days ago	524MB

524 MB

# Deployment Costs. Cloud

$$\begin{array}{l} \times 0.251 \text{ GB} \\ \times 1\text{k deploys} \end{array} = 0.25 \text{ TB}$$

- Tens of seconds for a single pull
- Shared HW
- Shared I/O limits
- Keep old versions
- On-premise / private cloud?
- Elastic fleet
- 10 Mbps



# Smaller Containers Can Help

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Images are transferred over the network across domains, so less traffic is cheaper. At the same time, every deployment will go faster.

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The paid registry needs to contain less volume of data, and less data is transferred out.

# Everyone wants out of the box service

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“...out of the box services that assist you when building Microservices, monoliths or any application in a linux container (Docker/Rocket) environment and is built on top of Kubernetes.”

— *Fabric8*

# Everyone wants out of the box service

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“transform your application source code into  
images that can run on any cloud.”

— *Cloud Native Buildpacks*



# Fabric8? Centos?

```
$ docker run -it fabric8/java-centos-openjdk8-jre java -version
```

```
openjdk version "1.8.0_262"
```

```
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 1.8.0_262-b10)
```

```
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 25.262-b10, mixed mode)
```

```
$ docker run -it bellsoft/liberica-openjre-centos:8-x86_64 java -version
```

```
openjdk version "1.8.0_282"
```

```
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 1.8.0_282-b08)
```

```
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 25.282-b08, mixed mode)
```

REPOSITORY	TAG	SIZE
bellsoft/liberica-openjre-centos	8-x86_64	329MB
fabric8/java-centos-openjdk8-jre	latest	424MB

```
$ docker run -it fabric8/java-alpine-openjdk8-jre java -XX:StartFlightRecording -version
```

```
Unrecognized VM option 'StartFlightRecording'
```

```
Error: Could not create the Java Virtual Machine.
```

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

- [JDK-8223147](#): JFR Backport
  - Fix Version/s: openjdk8u262

# Cloud Native Buildpacks

```
BP_NATIVE_IMAGE=false
```

```
$ mvn spring-boot:build-image
```

```
...
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      ==> EXPORTING
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      Adding layer 'paketo-buildpacks/ca-certificates:helper'
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      Adding layer 'paketo-buildpacks/bellsoft-liberica:helper'
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      Adding layer
```

```
'paketo-buildpacks/bellsoft-liberica:java-security-properties'
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      Adding layer 'paketo-buildpacks/bellsoft-liberica:jre'
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      Adding layer 'paketo-buildpacks/bellsoft-liberica:jvmskill'
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      Adding layer 'paketo-buildpacks/executable-jar:classpath'
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      Adding layer 'paketo-buildpacks/spring-boot:helper'
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      Adding layer 'paketo-buildpacks/spring-boot:spring-cloud-bindings'
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      Adding layer 'paketo-buildpacks/spring-boot:web-application-type'
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      Adding 5/5 app layer(s)
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      Adding layer 'launcher'
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      Adding layer 'config'
```

```
[INFO]      [creator]      Adding layer 'process-types'
```

```
...
```

# Uncompressed Size (disk)

```
...  
[INFO] Successfully built image 'docker.io/library/demo244:0.0.1-SNAPSHOT'
```

```
$ docker images --format "table {{.Tag}}\t{{.Size}}" demo244
```

TAG	SIZE
0.0.1-SNAPSHOT	281MB

281 MB

OS Layer	Wire	Disk	libc	pkg man	shell
Ubuntu	27 MB	73 MB	glibc	apt	bash
Debian	48 MB	114 MB	glibc	apt	bash
Debian Slim	26 MB	69 MB	glibc	apt	bash
CenOS	71 MB	215 MB	glibc	yum	bash
RHEL Atomic Base	31 MB	78 MB	glibc	microdnf	bash
GCR Distroless base	7.6 MB	17 MB	glibc	—	—
Alpine	<b>2.7 MB</b>	<b>5.6 MB</b>	musl	apk	ash
GCR Distroless static	0.6 MB	1.8 MB	—	—	—

# Alpine Linux Port

“

*... is a security-oriented,  
lightweight Linux  
distribution based on  
musl libc and busybox.*

— Alpine

”

# JDK 16

- JEP 386: Alpine Linux Port
- [openjdk.java.net/jeps/386](https://openjdk.java.net/jeps/386)
- [openjdk.java.net/projects/portola](https://openjdk.java.net/projects/portola)
  - Port of the JDK to the Alpine Linux distribution, and in particular the musl C library

<i>Owner</i>	Boris Ulasevich
<i>Type</i>	Feature
<i>Scope</i>	Implementation
<i>Status</i>	Integrated
<i>Release</i>	16
<i>Component</i>	hotspot/runtime
<i>Discussion</i>	portola dash dev at openjdk dot java dot net
<i>Effort</i>	M
<i>Duration</i>	M
<i>Reviewed by</i>	Alan Bateman, Vladimir Kozlov
<i>Endorsed by</i>	Mikael Vidstedt
<i>Created</i>	2019/08/13 10:33
<i>Updated</i>	2020/10/14 07:48
<i>Issue</i>	8229469

## Summary

Port the JDK to Alpine Linux, and to other Linux distributions that use musl as their primary C library, on both the x64 and AArch64 architectures,

## Motivation

**Musl** is an implementation, for Linux-based systems, of the standard library functionality described in the ISO C and POSIX standards. Several Linux distributions including [Alpine Linux](#) and [OpenWrt](#) are based on musl, while some others provide an optional musl package (e.g., [Arch Linux](#)).

The Alpine Linux distribution is widely adopted in cloud deployments, microservices, and container environments due to its small image size. A Docker base image for Alpine Linux, for example, is less than 6 MB. Enabling Java to run out-of-the-box in such settings will allow Tomcat, Jetty, Spring, and other popular frameworks to work in such environments natively.

By using `jlink` ([JEP 282](#)) to reduce the size of the Java runtime, a user will be able to create an even smaller image targeted to run a specific application. The set of modules required by an application can be determined via the `ideps` command.

# Liberica JDK Images

OS + JDK 15 Image	Wire	Disk
<a href="#">bellsoft/liberica-openjdk-debian</a>	126 MB	231 MB
<a href="#">bellsoft/liberica-openjdk-centos</a>	183 MB	322 MB
<a href="#">bellsoft/liberica-openjdk-alpine</a>	78 MB	132 MB
<a href="#">bellsoft/liberica-openjdk-alpine-musl</a>	<b>76 MB</b>	<b>107 MB</b>



# Pull Time

```
$ time docker pull bellsoft/liberica-openjdk-alpine-musl:latest
...
real    0m3.957s
user    0m0.026s
sys 0m0.061s
```

4 s

# Fabric8? Alpine? JDK 8?

REPOSITORY	TAG	SIZE
bellsoft/liberica-openjdk-alpine-musl	8	152MB
fabric8/java-alpine-openjdk8-jdk	8	108MB

```
# zipinfo /usr/lib/jvm/jdk-8u282-bellsoft-x86_64/jre/lib/rt.jar
```

```
19839 files, 61949762 bytes uncompressed, 61949762 bytes compressed:  0.0%
```

```
# zipinfo /usr/lib/jvm/java-1.8-openjdk/jre/lib/rt.jar
```

```
19783 files, 70086222 bytes uncompressed, 31066529 bytes compressed:  55.7%
```

```
$ run -it -v $(pwd)/demo:/demo bellsoft/liberica-openjdk-alpine-musl:8 \  
java -jar /demo/spring-petclinic-2.4.2.jar
```

Avg. startup  
6.03 s

```
$ run -it -v $(pwd)/demo:/demo fabric8/java-alpine-openjdk8-jdk \  
java -jar /demo/spring-petclinic-2.4.2.jar
```

Avg. startup  
6.81 s

Difference is  
12.6%

# Fabric8? Profiling?

Download `async-profiler`, setup host

```
$ docker run --cap-add SYS_ADMIN -it -v $(pwd)/demo:/demo <...> ash
```

```
# apk add libstdc++
```

```
# java -jar ...
```

```
# ./profiler.sh -d 4 $(pidof java)
```

# Fabric8? Profiling?

fabric8/java-alpine-openjdk8-jdk

ns	percent	samples	top
-----	-----	-----	---
12291873038	85.40%	1229	/usr/lib/jvm/java-1.8-openjdk/jre/lib/amd64/server/libjvm.so
150020578	1.04%	15	/lib/libz.so.1.2.11
90100718	0.63%	9	/lib/ld-musl-x86_64.so.1
90021783	0.63%	9	sun.net.www.ParseUtil.encodePath
80099952	0.56%	8	tss_get

bellsoft/liberica-openjdk-alpine-musl:8

ns	percent	samples	top
-----	-----	-----	---
979986354	6.03%	98	PhaseIdealLoop::is_dominator(Node*, Node*) [clone .part.0]
740006769	4.55%	74	IndexSetIterator::advance_and_next()
430016656	2.65%	43	PhaseChaitin::Split(unsigned int, ResourceArea*)
360010587	2.22%	36	PhaseChaitin::build_ifg_physical(ResourceArea*)
339999295	2.09%	34	SpinPause

# Fabric8? Profiling?

```
fabric8/java-alpine-openjdk8-jdk
```

```
# objdump --syms /usr/lib/jvm/java-1.8-openjdk/jre/lib/amd64/server/libjvm.so
```

```
SYMBOL TABLE:
```

```
no symbols
```

```
bellsoft/liberica-openjdk-alpine-musl:8
```

```
# objdump --syms /usr/lib/jvm/jdk-8u282-bellsoft-x86_64/jre/lib/amd64/server/libjvm.so \  
| wc -l
```

```
41695
```

# Portola Expansion

- **JDK 11 LTS**
  - Not in mainline (yet)
  - Historical downports in Liberica 9+
- **JDK 8 LTS**
  - Liberica 8u on Dockerhub
- **AArch64**

# Alpine?

```
$ docker run -it -v $(pwd)/lists:/lists alpine ash
```

```
# apk add openjdk8
```

```
# java -jar ....
```

```
# jcmd $(pidof java)
```

```
ash: jcmd: not found
```

```
# /usr/lib/jvm/java-1.8-openjdk/bin/jcmd $(pidof java) VM.uptime
```



# Alpine?

48:

2021-04-20 20:20:06

Full thread dump OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (25.275-b01 mixed mode):

"Service Thread" #9 daemon prio=9 os\_prio=0 tid=0x00007fcb4675c800 nid=0x105 runnable  
[0x0000000000000000]

java.lang.Thread.State: RUNNABLE

.....

\$ docker run -it -v \$(pwd)/lists:/lists bellsoft/libERICA-openjdk-alpine-musl:8 ash

# java -jar ...

# jcmd \$(pidof java) VM.uptime

6:

26.695 s

# Trusted Registry

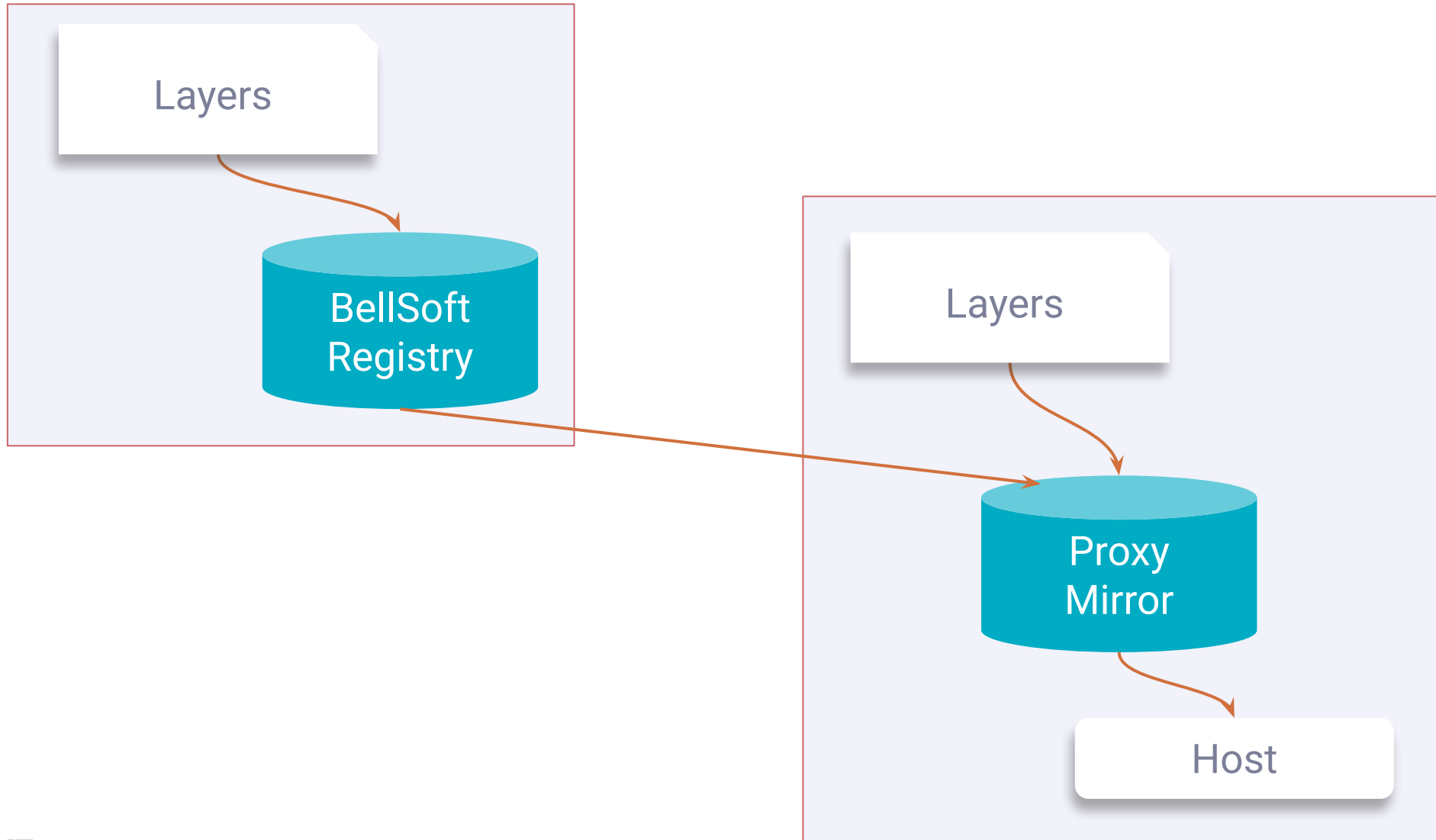
“

*On November 20, 2020, rate limits anonymous and free authenticated use of Docker Hub went into effect.*

— Dockerhub

”

# Deploy an Image. Networks



# Early Access



# Connect to Trusted Registry

Don't forget to configure credential helper

<https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/login/#credentials-store>

```
$ docker login registry.bell-sw.com
```

```
Username: demo-user
```

```
Password:
```

```
Login Succeeded
```

# Download and Run a Container

```
$ docker pull registry.bell-sw.com/demo/liberica-openjdk-alpine-musl:11.0.10-9
...
```

```
$ docker pull registry.bell-sw.com/demo/liberica-openjdk-alpine-musl:11.0.10-10-ea
...
```

```
$ docker images --format "table {{.Tag}}\t{{.Size}}" \
> registry.bell-sw.com/demo/liberica-openjdk-alpine-musl
```

TAG	SIZE
11.0.10-10-ea	99.8MB
11.0.10-9	106MB

## Experimental optimizations

```
$ docker run --rm -it registry.bell-sw.com/demo/liberica-openjdk-alpine-musl:11.0.10-10-ea
```

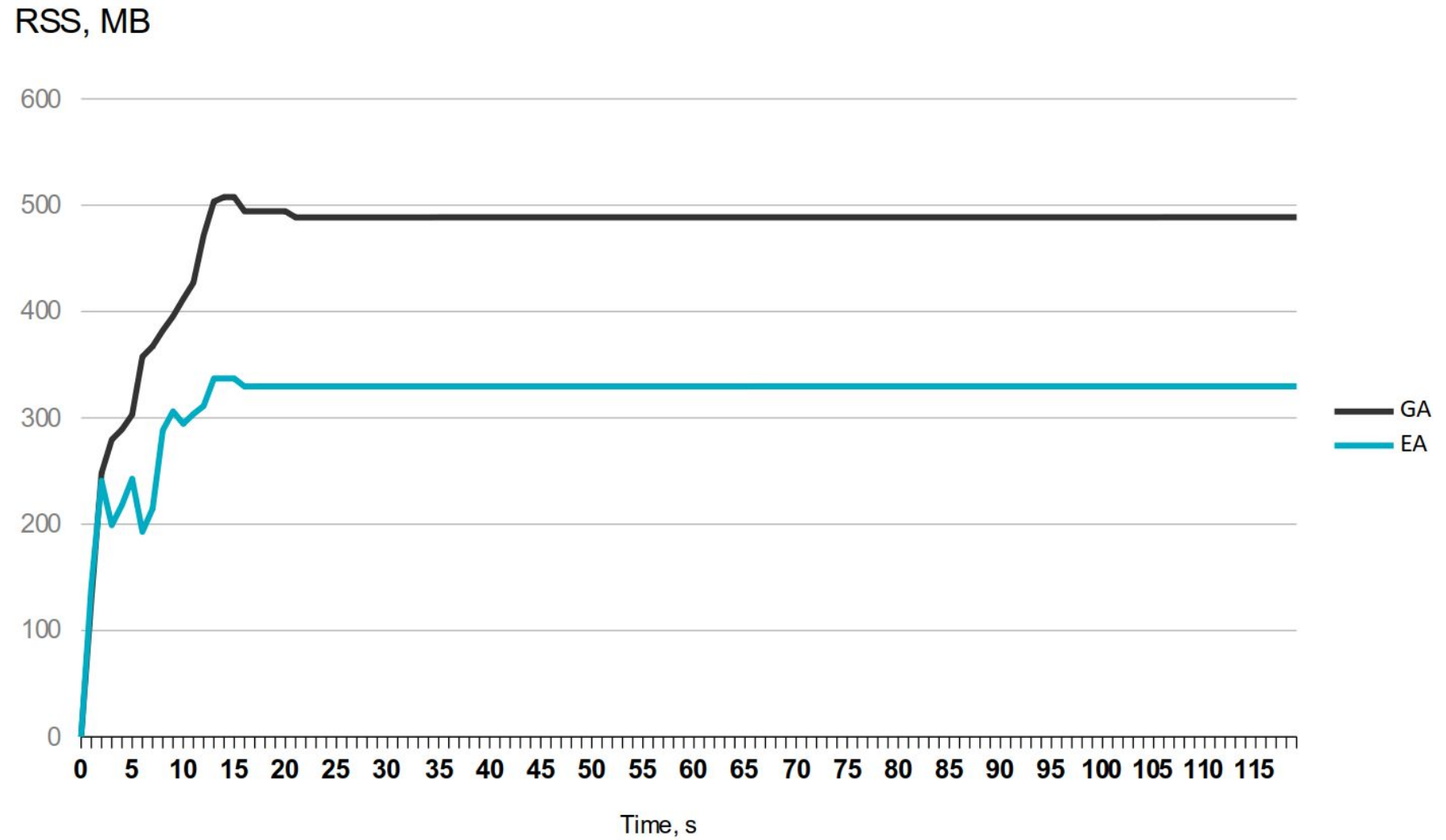
```
openjdk version "11.0.10" 2021-01-19
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 11.0.10+10-ea)
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 11.0.10+10-ea, mixed mode)
```

# Experimental Optimizations

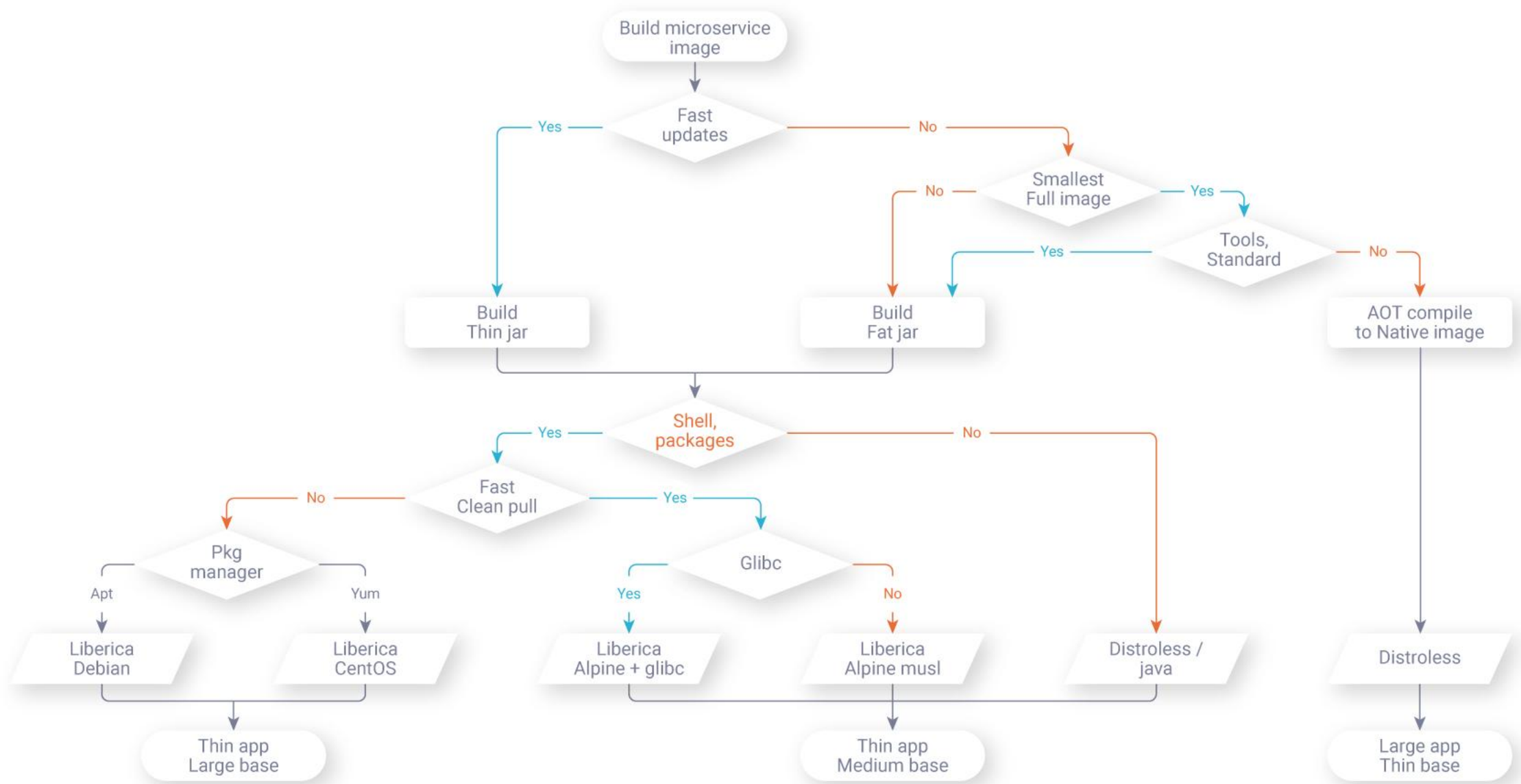
- Smaller size - 6%
- Faster GC (G1, safepoints,...) - Up to 11% better latency
- Decreased memory footprint

# Footprint

Petclinic. No load

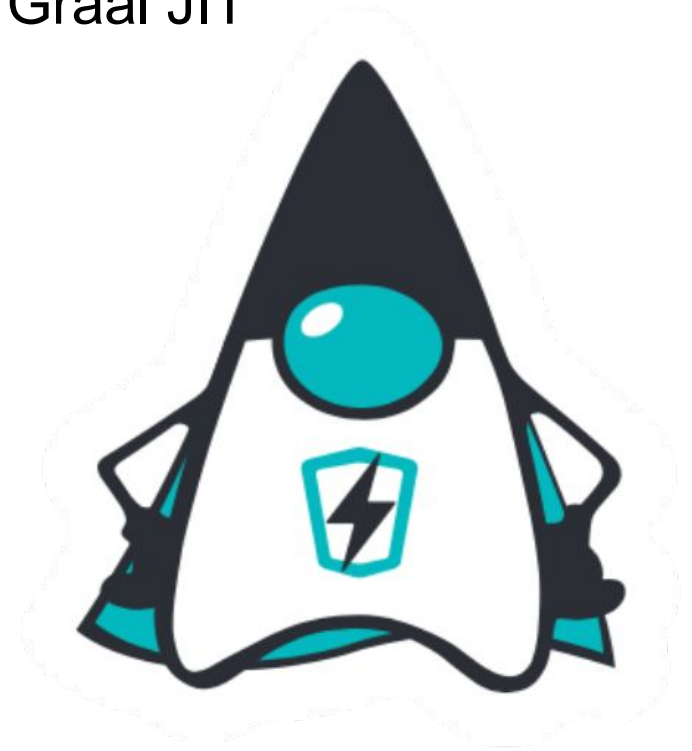






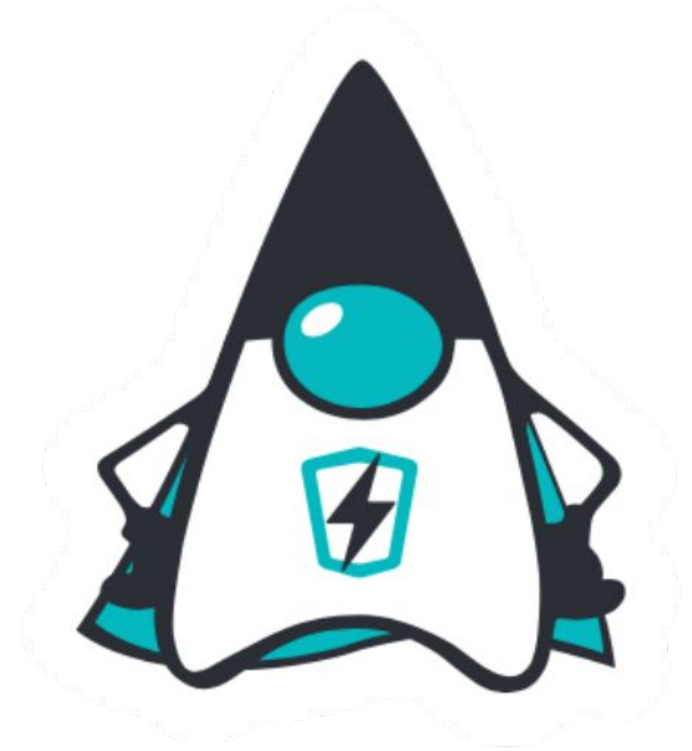
# JDK 16

- [JDK-8255616](#): Removal of experimental features AOT and Graal JIT
- Sources are still in the repo
- No new drops
- Features are still available in Liberica JDK 16 GA
- JVMCI is built and shipped, still experimental



# GraalVM Licensing & Support

- Oracle GraalVM Enterprise Edition
  - For Non-production.  
Oracle Technology Network License Agreement for GraalVM Enterprise Edition.
  - For Production.  
Oracle Java SE Subscription
- GraalVM Community
  - GPLv2 + "Classpath" Exception



# Liberica NIK

“

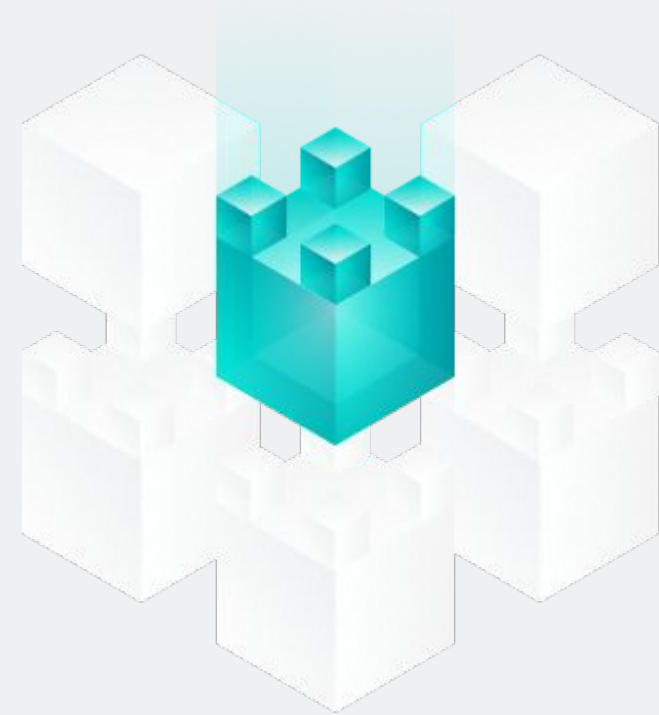
*A utility that converts your JVM-based application into a fully AOT compiled native executable [...] based on the open source GraalVM Community Edition.*

”

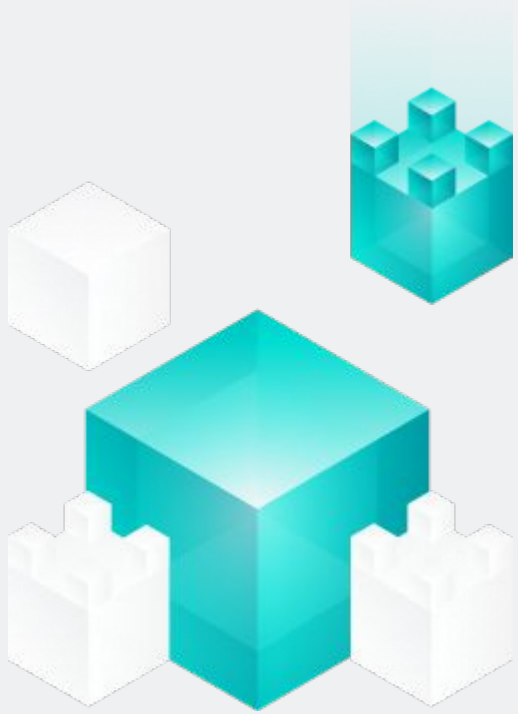
# Liberica Native Image Kit

**A wide and unique variety  
of supported platforms**

Linux x86\_64 (glibc), Linux Alpine x86\_64 (musl), Linux  
AArch64 (glibc), Linux Alpine AArch64 (musl), Mac OS  
x86\_64 are supported



# Liberica Native Image Kit



## Multiple languages interaction

Most binaries already work with Java, JavaScript, LLVM, Python, Ruby, R, and WebAssembly, as do GraalVM Native Image™ binaries

# Liberica Native Image Kit

## Running with most JDK versions

Update levels:

- JDK 11.0.10 and newer
- GraalVM CE 21.0 and newer



# Graal Support for Alpine and musl

- Runnable tools
- Static musl linking
- Dynamic linking
- [graal/pull/3141](#): linux-musl-amd64 support
- [mx/pull/230](#): Linux-musl support
- [fastr/pull/175](#): Added linux-musl support
- [truffleruby/pull/2223](#): Added linux-musl support



ALL  
VERSIONS

NIK 21  
CURRENT

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[Installation guide](#)

[Supported Configurations](#)

[Terms of use](#)

64 bit

[Source code](#)

**Alpine Linux**



☒ x86 ☐ ARM

Liberica Native Image Kit 21.0.0.2 x86 64 bit for Alpine Linux

Download **.TAR.GZ**, 454.83Mb

Checksum: SHA1

Native Image plugin

Download **.JAR**, 39.76Mb

Checksum: SHA1

Language plugins



# Sample Microservice

- [spring-guides/gs-rest-service](#)
- gs-rest-service/complete
- Thin jar 32 kB
- Fat jar 17 MB

# Enable Native Image Support

pom.xml

```
...
<pluginRepository>
  <id>spring-release</id>
  <name>Spring release</name>
  <url>https://repo.spring.io/release</url>
</pluginRepository>
...
<plugin>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-maven-plugin</artifactId>
  <configuration>
    <classifier>exec</classifier>
  </configuration>
</plugin>
...
```

# Enable Native Image Support

```
<plugin>
  <groupId>org.springframework.experimental</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-aot-maven-plugin</artifactId>
  <version>0.10.3</version>
  <executions>
    <execution>
      <id>test-generate</id>
      <goals>
        <goal>test-generate</goal>
      </goals>
    </execution>
    <execution>
      <id>generate</id>
      <goals>
        <goal>generate</goal>
      </goals>
    </execution>
  </executions>
</plugin>
```

# Enable Native Image Support

...

```
<repository>
  <id>spring-release</id>
  <name>Spring release</name>
  <url>https://repo.spring.io/release</url>
</repository>
```

...

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.experimental</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-native</artifactId>
  <version>0.10.3</version>
</dependency>
```

...

# Enable Native Image Support

```
<profile>
  <id>native-image</id>
  <build>
    <plugins>
      <plugin>
        <groupId>org.graalvm.nativeimage</groupId>
        <artifactId>native-image-maven-plugin</artifactId>
        <version>21.0.0</version>
        <configuration>
          <!-- The native image build needs to know the entry point to your
application -->
          <mainClass>com.example.restservice.RestServiceApplication</mainClass>
          <buildArgs>
            -Dspring.native.remove-yaml-support=true
            -Dspring.spel.ignore=true
          </buildArgs>
        </configuration>
      </plugin>
    </plugins>
  </build>
</profile>
...

```

# Enable Native Image Support

...

```
        <executions>
          <execution>
            <goals>
              <goal>native-image</goal>
            </goals>
            <phase>package</phase>
          </execution>
        </executions>
      </plugin>
    </plugins>
  </build>
</profile>
```

# Flexible build

```
$ JAVA_HOME=$(pwd)/bellsoft-liberica-vm-core-openjdk11-21.2.0 mvn -Pnative install
```



# Cloud Native Buildpacks

```
BP_NATIVE_IMAGE=true
```

```
$ mvn spring-boot:build-image
```

```
pom.xml:
```

```
<plugin>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-maven-plugin</artifactId>
  <configuration>
    <image>
      <builder>paketobuildpacks/builder:tiny</builder>
      <env>
        <BP_NATIVE_IMAGE>true</BP_NATIVE_IMAGE>
      </env>
      <pullPolicy>IF_NOT_PRESENT</pullPolicy>
    </image>
  </configuration>
</plugin>
```

# Use Alpine for the Build

```
$ docker run -it -v $(pwd):/demo alpine

# apk add libstdc++
# apk add build-base
# apk add zlib-dev
# export JAVA_HOME=/demo/bellsoft-liberica-vm-openjdk11-21.0.0.2
# $JAVA_HOME/bin/gu install native-image

/demo/gs-rest-service/complete# /demo/apache-maven-3.6.3/bin/mvn -Pnative-image clean package

...

-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 57M Mar 23 16:30 com.example.restservice.restserviceapplication
```

57 MB

# Run the Image in Alpine

```
$ docker run -it -v $(pwd):/demo alpine
```

```
# apk add libstdc++
```

```
fetch https://dl-cdn.alpinelinux.org/alpine/v3.13/main/x86_64/APKINDEX.tar.gz
```

```
fetch https://dl-cdn.alpinelinux.org/alpine/v3.13/community/x86_64/APKINDEX.tar.gz
```

```
(1/2) Installing libgcc (10.2.1_pre1-r3)
```

```
(2/2) Installing libstdc++ (10.2.1_pre1-r3)
```

```
OK: 7 MiB in 16 packages
```

7+5.6 MB

```
# /demo/gs-rest-service/complete/target/com.example.restservice.restserviceapplication
```

```
...
```

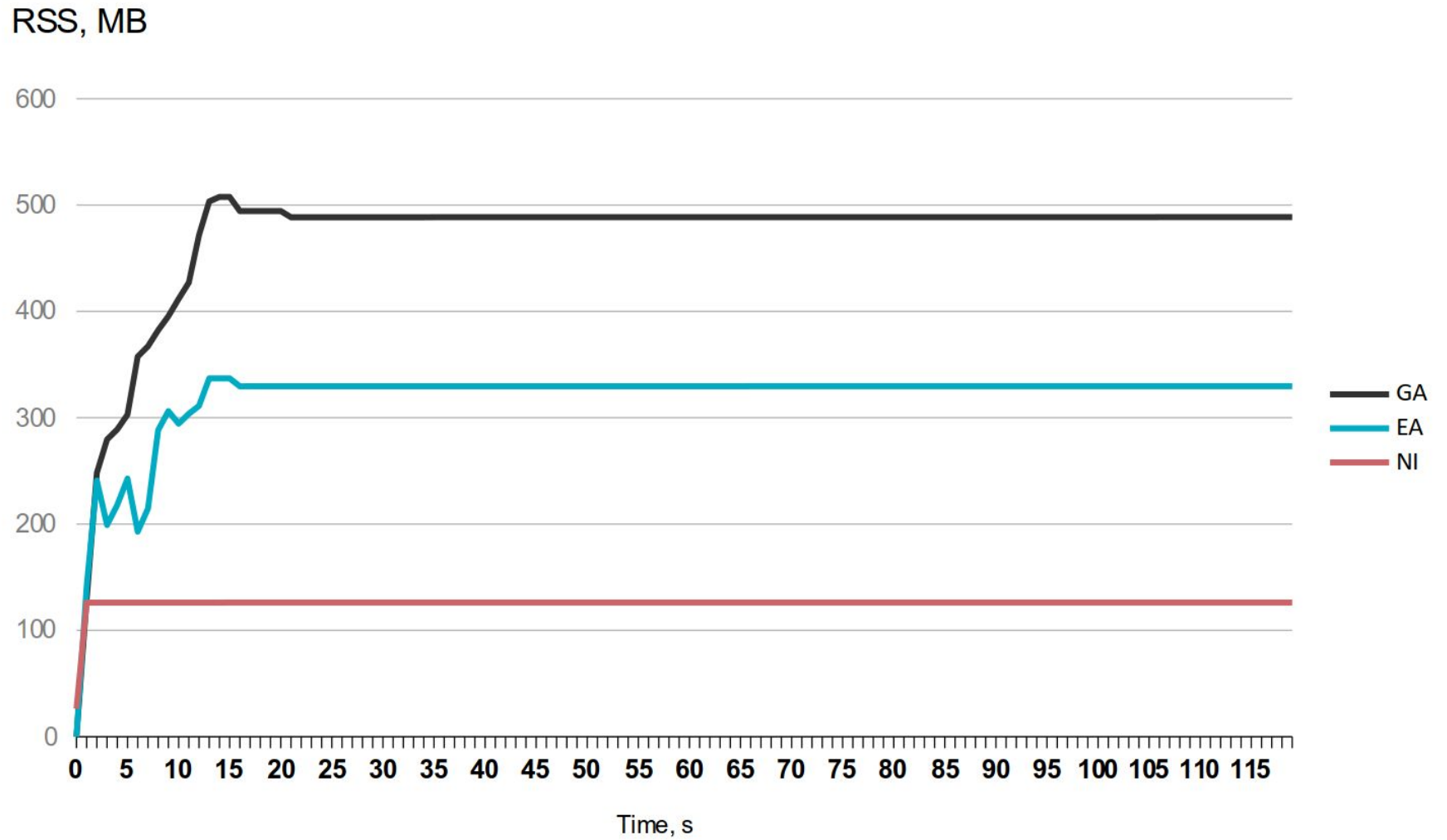
```
INFO 7 --- [           main] c.e.restservice.RestServiceApplication : Started
```

```
RestServiceApplication in 0.055 seconds (JVM running for 0.057)
```

1/20th s

# Footprint

Petclinic. No load



# Liberica Native Image Kit

**See more at**

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