

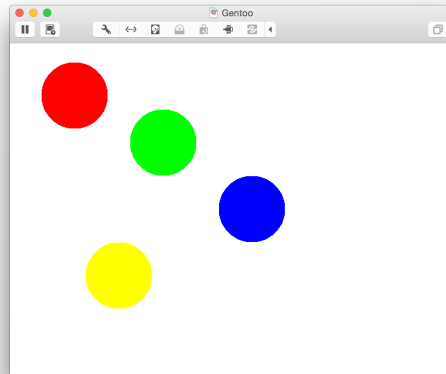
# MappedByteBuffer.hurray()!

## Programming the Linux Framebuffer in Java

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# History

*A long time ago... in a galaxy far, far away...*

***JAR WARS: Revenge of the Disc***  
**Oracle vs. Google**

# History

- Oracle claimed that Android had fragmented the Java API
  - Android used the Java for apps (at least syntactically)
  - new, different, and widely adopted Java windowing API
  - Java ME ... wot ??

# History

- I thought it would be a good idea to create an **AWT** port for Android
- **AWT - Abstract Windowing Toolkit**
- Each platform must implement AWT in order to support windows, buttons, forms, ...
- Oracle would have a lesser basis for their lawsuit against Google / Android OHA

# History

Eventually saw the **Caciocavallo Project**

- <http://openjdk.java.net/projects/caciocavallo>
- Framework for developing an AWT port
- Enables one to (possibly) create an AWT port entirely in Java
- Java is great for rapid prototyping

# History

After some effort, I had written a few widgets, and then experienced **deja vu**.

- Ready to start painting to a screen!
- but then I couldn't map the Linux Framebuffer
  - Needed to **use JNI to map** /dev/fb0
- and then I remembered Video For Linux (V4L) several years prior
  - Needed to **use JNI to map** /dev/video0
- Why duplicate code? Why doesn't FileChannel.map() **Just Work™**?
  - because /dev nodes are “special”



# History

Back to the **Oracle vs. Google**...

- Luckily, Google (kind of) won that lawsuit - **for all of us!**
- **"So long as the specific code used to implement a method is different, anyone is free under the Copyright Act to write his or her own code to carry out exactly the same function or specification of any methods used in the Java API. It does not matter that the declaration or method header lines are identical."**
- U.S. Copyright Act: 102(b) ... **"system or method of operation."**
- I was free to put my *just for fun* project on the back burner...

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# Hypothesis

***“With a small bit of hacking on weekends,  
I can get this to work in no time at all !!~!”***

**-- some idiot, 5 years ago**

# Hypothesis

- *\*Every* OS implements **mmap(2)**
- Java has **MappedByteBuffer**, via **FileChannel.map()**, extends **ByteBuffer**
- Able to get a FileChannel object with **RandomAccessFile.getChannel()**
- All of the above **works with a plain text file**, but **does not work on /dev/XXX**
- Unable to get **MappedByteBuffer.array()** object ()
  - kind of required for direct pixelpushing
- The above is true for **\*\*any JVM**

\* that I care to use

\*\* that I have been able to test

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# Apparatus

## JamVM

- Most familiar with hacking
- Squashing into embedded since 2006
- Easy to modify
- Multi-platform
- Multi-classpath
- Met the author at FOSDEM'12
- ... straaangely similar to Dalvik ...

## GNU Classpath

- Most familiar with hacking
- Squashing into embedded since 2006
- Good code structure
- Several existing AWT implementations
- Easy to add a new, Framebuffer AWT

# Apparatus

## VMWare

- Would prefer to *not* need a separate test machine
- Easier for others to test on Mac / Linux / Windows
- Can easily run Linux in VMWare
- VMWare has \*a Linux framebuffer driver

## Linux

- Most familiar with hacking
- I have been squashing it into stuff since 1998
- Pretty OK code structure...
- Linux runs on a few things...
- Easy to add a new stuff

\* quasi-functional

# Apparatus

## Java

```
FB4JFramebuffer fb = new FrameBuffer();
FB4JVarScreenInfo vinfo = fb.getVarScreenInfo();
vinfo.setXresVirtual( vinfo.getXres() );
vinfo.setYresVirtual( 2 * vinfo.getYres() );
fb.putVarScreenInfo( vinfo );
FB4JFixScreenInfo finfo = fb.getFixScreenInfo();
int[] pixel = fb.asByteBuffer().asIntBuffer().array();
final int w = vinfo.getXres();
final int h = vinfo.getYres();
final int hmax = vinfo.getYresVirtual();
```

## Peanut Gallery

```
// ioctl via JNI / JNA
// ioctl via JNI / JNA
// relies on ByteBuffer .read() / .put()!
// relies on ByteBuffer .read() / .put()!
// ioctl via JNI / JNA
// ioctl via JNI / JNA
// calls FileChannel.map() on special node
```



# Apparatus

## Java

```
for( int yoffs = h ;; yoffs += h, yoffs %= hmax ) {  
    // draw stuff  
    fb.flip();  
}
```

## Peanut Gallery

```
// initially draw to 1 / N back buffers, loop 4 EVAR!!
```

```
// ioctl via JNI / JNA
```

```
// code available at http://github.com/cfriedt/fb4j
```

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# Methods

Ensure **VMWare / Linux Framebuffer** is accessible and can flip pages natively

- `#include <sys/mman.h>`  
`void *mmap(void *addr, size_t length, int prot, int flags, int fd, off_t offset);`  
`int munmap(void *addr, size_t length);`
- `#include <sys/ioctl.h>`  
`int ioctl(int d, unsigned long request, ...);`
- `#include <linux/fb.h>`

# Methods

Ensure **VMWare / Linux Framebuffer** is accessible and can flip pages natively

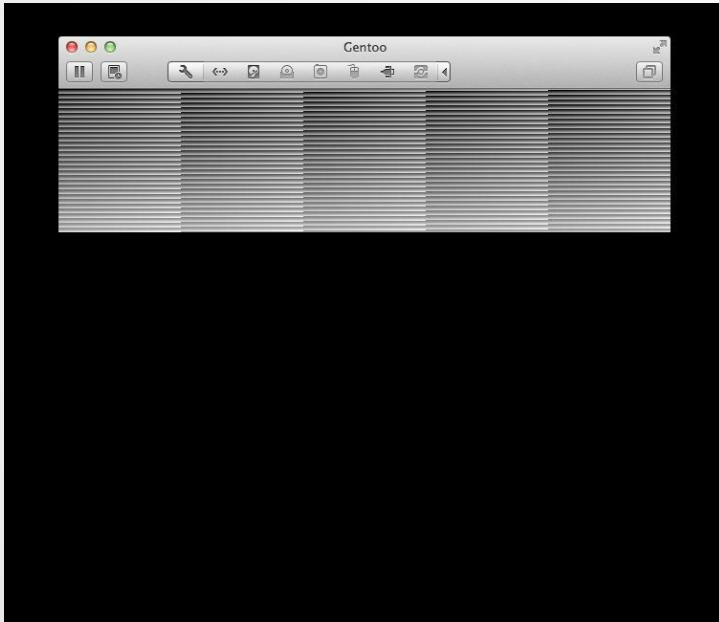
- `int fd = open("/dev/fb0", O_RDWR);`
- `struct fb_var_screeninfo vinfo = {};`  
`ioctl( fd, FBIOGET_VSCREENINFO, &vinfo );`
- `vinfo.xres_virtual = vinfo.xres;`  
`vinfo.yres_virtual = 2 * vinfo.yres; // front & back buffer`  
`ioctl( fd, FBIOPUT_VSCREENINFO, &vinfo );`
- `size_t maplen = vinfo.xres_virtual * vinfo.yres_virtual * vinfo.bits_per_pixel / 8;`

# Methods

Ensure **VMWare / Linux Framebuffer** is accessible and can **flip pages** natively

- `uint8_t *map =  
    mmap( NULL, maplen, PROT_READ | PROT_WRITE, MAP_SHARED, fd, 0 );`
- `uint16_t w = vinfo.yres;  
uint16_t h = vinfo.xres;  
for( uint16_t yoffs = h ;; yoffs += h, yoffs %= vinfo.yres_virtual ) {  
    uint8_t *pixel = &map[ yoffs * w ];  
    vinfo.yoffset = yoffs;  
    // ... draw stuff to back buffer  
    ioctl( fd, FBIOPAN_DISPLAY, &vinfo );  
}`

# Methods



[https://bugs.gentoo.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=494794](https://bugs.gentoo.org/show_bug.cgi?id=494794)

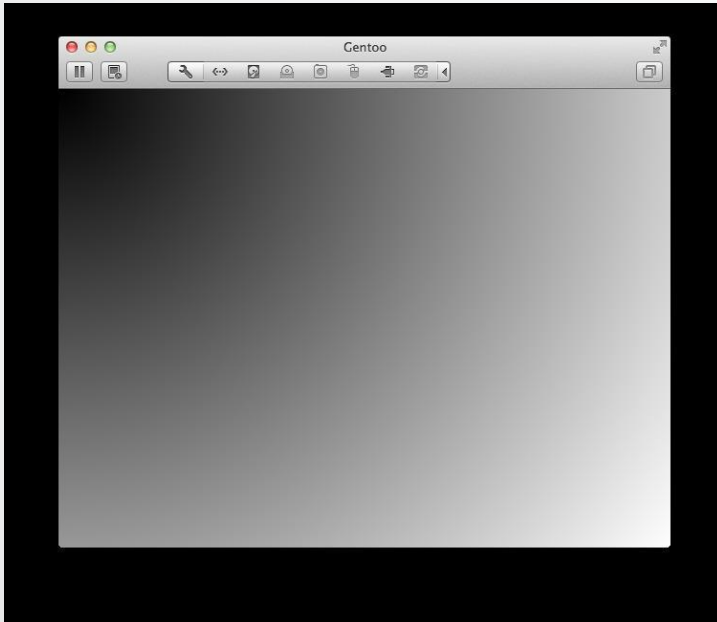
## Linux VMWare Framebuffer Driver

Two problems:

- 1) `fb_fix_screeninfo.line_length`
- 2) `FBIOPAN_DISPLAY` broken

```
int vmw_fb_pan_display(
    struct fb_var_screeninfo *var,
    struct fb_info *info) {
    return 0;
}
// should at least return -ENOSYS!
```

# Methods ( fix problem 1 in vmwgfx\_fb.c)



**From** Christopher Friedt <>  
**Subject** [PATCH 1/1] drm/vmwgfx: correct fb\_fix\_screeninfo.line\_length [+3](#) [-0](#)  
**Date** Sat, 1 Feb 2014 10:26:55 -0500

Previously, the vmwgfx\_fb driver would allow users to call FBIOSET\_VINFO, but it would not adjust the VINFO properly, resulting in distorted screen rendering. The patch corrects that behaviour.

See [https://bugs.gentoo.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=494794](https://bugs.gentoo.org/show_bug.cgi?id=494794) for examples.

Signed-off-by: Christopher Friedt <chrisfriedt@gmail.com>

```
---
drivers/gpu/drm/vmwgfx/vmwgfx_fb.c | 5 ++++
1 file changed, 4 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
diff --git a/drivers/gpu/drm/vmwgfx/vmwgfx_fb.c b/drivers/gpu/drm/vmwgfx/vmwgfx_fb.c
index ed5ce2a..021b522.100644
--- a/drivers/gpu/drm/vmwgfx/vmwgfx_fb.c
+++ b/drivers/gpu/drm/vmwgfx/vmwgfx_fb.c
@@ -147,7 +147,7 @@ static int vmw_fb_check_var(struct fb_var_screeninfo *var,
 }

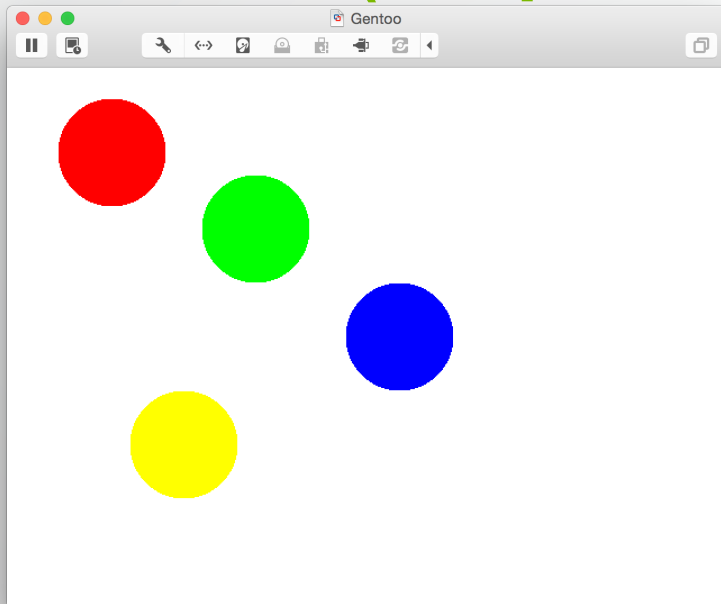
- if (!vmw_kms_validate_mode_vram(vmw_priv,
+ info->fix.line_length,
+ var->xres * var->bits_per_pixel/8,
+ var->yoffset + var->yres)) {
return -EINVAL;
DRM_ERROR("Requested geom can not fit in framebuffer\n");
@@ -162,6 +162,8 @@ static int vmw_fb_set_par(struct fb_info *info)
struct vmw_private *vmw_priv = par->vmw_priv;
int ret;

+ info->fix.line_length = info->var.xres * info->var.bits_per_pixel/8;
+
ret = vmw_kms_write_svga(vmw_priv, info->var.xres, info->var.yres,
info->fix.line_length,
par->bpp, par->depth);
@@ -177,6 +179,7 @@ static int vmw_fb_set_par(struct fb_info *info)
vmw_write(vmw_priv, SVGA_REG_DISPLAY_POSITION_Y, info->var.yoffset);
vmw_write(vmw_priv, SVGA_REG_DISPLAY_WIDTH, info->var.xres);
vmw_write(vmw_priv, SVGA_REG_DISPLAY_HEIGHT, info->var.yres);
+ vmw_write(vmw_priv, SVGA_REG_BYTES_PER_LINE, info->fix.line_length);
vmw_write(vmw_priv, SVGA_REG_DISPLAY_ID, SVGA_ID_INVALID);

--
1.8.3.2
```

[https://bugs.gentoo.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=494794](https://bugs.gentoo.org/show_bug.cgi?id=494794)

# Methods ( fix problem 2 in vmwgfx\_fb.c)



## Bug 496516 - enable double-buffering in the vmware fbdev driver

**Status:** RESOLVED NEEDINFO

**Product:** Gentoo Linux

**Component:** Core system

**Version:** 10.1

**Hardware:** All Linux

**Importance:** Normal normal ([vote](#))

**Target Milestone:** ---

**Assigned To:** Gentoo Kernel Bug Wranglers and Kernel Maintainers

**URL:** <https://plus.google.com/1070582778123...>

**Whiteboard:**

**Keywords:** PATCH

**Depends on:**

**Blocks:**

Show dependency [tree](#)

### Attachments

[linux-3.10.7-gentoo-enable-vmwgfx-double-buffering.patch](#) (5.13 KB, patch) [Details](#) | [Diff](#)



# Methods

Ensure **Classpath** is able to

- 1) **mmap(2)** special files
- 2) FileDescriptor / VMChannel provides integer file descriptor, for JNI FB ioctls
  - a) Available in most VMs for a very long time\* (search kfu.com java file descriptor)
  - b) Android may use a slightly different field name (other than “fd”)
- 3) Pass Pointer object from classpath to VM, portably, so VM can allocate array object
  - a) New classes: **VMFlexArray**, **VMFlexArrayInfo**
- 4) **sun.misc.Unsafe** support
- 5) **Buffer** and subclasses
- 6) Object LifeCycle

# Methods: Special Files

- **mmap(2)** special files
- **VMChannel.map()**
- Simple check to see if the file is special using `S_ISCHR()`, `S_ISBLK()`
- aligning up with `mmap(2)` is not necessary on
  - Linux
  - Mac OS X

<https://github.com/cfriedt/classpath/compare/mmap-special-files>

```

14 ■■■ native/jni/java-nio/gnu_java_nio_VMChannel.c
@@ -1944,18 +1944,20 @@ Java_gnu_java_nio_VMChannel_map (JNIEnv *env,
1944 1944     }
1945 1945     if (position + size > st.st_size)
1946 1946     {
1947 - if (ftruncate(fd, position + size) == -1)
1947 + if (!S_ISCHR(st.st_mode) || S_ISBLK(st.st_mode))
1948     {
1949 - JCL_ThrowException (env, IO_EXCEPTION, strerror (errno));
1950 - return NULL;
1949 + if (ftruncate(fd, position + size) == -1)
1950 + {
1951 + JCL_ThrowException (env, IO_EXCEPTION, strerror (errno));
1952 + return NULL;
1953 + }
1951 1954     }
1952 1955     }
1953 1956     prot |= PROT_WRITE;
1954 1957     }
1955 1958     flags = (mode == 'c' ? MAP_PRIVATE : MAP_SHARED);
1957 - p = mmap (NULL, (size_t) ALIGN_UP (size, pagesize), prot, flags,
1958 - fd, ALIGN_DOWN (position, pagesize));
1958 + p = mmap (NULL, size, prot, flags, fd, position);
1959 1961     if (p == MAP_FAILED)
1960 1962     {
1961 1963         JCL_ThrowException (env, IO_EXCEPTION, strerror (errno));
@@ -1979,7 +1981,7 @@ Java_gnu_java_nio_VMChannel_map (JNIEnv *env,
1979 1981     }
1980 1982     if ((*env)->ExceptionOccurred (env))
1981 1983     {
1982 - munmap (p, ALIGN_UP (size, pagesize));
1982 + munmap (p, size);
1983 1985     return NULL;
1984 1986     }
1985 1987     if (MappedByteBufferImpl_init == NULL)

```

# Methods: File Descriptor

## integer file descriptor

- **VMChannel( final int native\_fd )**
- public so that it is accessible from FileDescriptor class

```
2 ■■■ vm/reference/gnu/java/nio/VMChannel.java
@@ -85,7 +85,7 @@ public VMChannel()
85 | 85 | * @param native_fd The native file descriptor integer.
86 | 86 | * @throws IOException
87 | 87 | */
88 | 88 | - VMChannel(final int native_fd) throws IOException
89 | 89 | + public VMChannel(final int native_fd) throws IOException
90 | 90 | {
91 | 91 |     this();
    |    |     this.nfd.setNativeFD(native_fd);
```

# Methods: File Descriptor

## integer file descriptor

- **int fd**
- 2 new constructors required for FileChannelImpl  
VMChannel
- **isValid()**

<https://github.com/cfriedt/classpath/compare/add-integer-filedescriptor>

```
17 java/o/FileDescriptor.java
40 package java.io;
41
42 import gnu.java.nio.FileChannelImpl;
43 +import gnu.java.nio.VMChannel;
44
45 import java.nio.channels.ByteChannel;
46 import java.nio.channels.FileChannel;
47
48 @@ -40,6 +40,7 @@
49
50 = new FileDescriptor (FileChannelImpl.err);
51
52 final ByteChannel channel;
53 + int fd;
54
55 /**
56  * This method is used to initialize an invalid FileDescriptor object.
57  */
58 @@ -97,6 +99,17 @@ public FileDescriptor()
59 {
60     this.channel = channel;
61 }
62
63 + FileDescriptor(FileChannelImpl channel)
64 + {
65 +     this.channel = channel;
66 +     this.fd = channel.getNativeFD();
67 + }
68 + FileDescriptor(int fd, int mode) throws IOException
69 + {
70 +     channel = new FileChannelImpl(new VMChannel(fd), mode);
71 +     this.fd = fd;
72 + }
73
74 /**
75  * This method forces all data that has not yet been physically written to
76  */
77 @@ -135,6 +148,8 @@ public void sync () throws SyncFailedException
78 {
79     public boolean valid ()
80     {
81         ByteChannel c = channel;
82 - return (c != null) && (c.isOpen());
83 + boolean valid = (c != null) && (c.isOpen());
84 + valid = (channel instanceof FileChannel) ? (fd >= 0) : valid;
85 + return valid;
86     }
87 }
88 }
```

# Methods: File Descriptor

## integer file descriptor

- Make constructor visible to FileDescriptor
- Uncomment getNativeFD()

<https://github.com/cfriedt/classpath/compare/add-integer-filedescriptor>

```
11 gnu/java/nio/FileChannelImpl.java
@@ -176,7 +176,7 @@ private FileChannelImpl(File file, int mode)
176 176 *
177 177 * @param mode READ or WRITE
178 178 */
179 179 - FileChannelImpl (VMChannel ch, int mode)
+ public FileChannelImpl (VMChannel ch, int mode)
180 180 {
181 181     this.mode = mode;
182 182     this.description = "descriptor(" + ch.getState() + ")";
@@ -564,9 +564,14 @@ public String toString()
564 564 /**
565 565 * @return The native file descriptor.
566 566 */
567 567 - */
+ */
568 568 public int getNativeFD()
569 569 {
570 570 + int fd = -1;
571 571 + try {
572 572     fd = ch.getState().getNativeFD();
573 573 + } catch ( IOException e ) {
574 574 + }
570 575     return fd;
571 576 - }*/
+ }
572 577 }
```

# Methods: VMFlexArray

## VMFlexArray

- flexible because they allow both regularly allocated java arrays and arrays defined by arbitrary pointers
- uses system property  
`gnu.classpath.flexarray.enable`
- uses `sun.misc.Unsafe`, reflection
- statically initialized once upon VM init
- `static` Object `pointerToArray(Pointer address, int capacity, int array_offset, Class<?> cls );`

<https://github.com/cfriedt/classpath/compare/use-sun-misc-unsafe-for-pointer-arrays>

## VMFlexArrayInfo

- Private static interface **IVMFlexArrayInfo**
- A VMFlexArrayInfo is needed for each VM that supports VMFlexArray
- `String jamvminfo = System.getProperty("java.vm.info");`  
`flexible = null == jamvminfo ? false : jamvminfo.contains( "flexarray" );`
- ```
private static interface IVMFlexArrayInfo {  
    boolean isArrayObjectFlexible();  
    int arraySizeOffset();  
    int dataPointerOffset();  
}
```

# Methods: sun.misc.Unsafe

```
18 vm/reference/sun/misc/Unsafe.java
@@ -78,6 +78,24 @@ public static Unsafe getUnsafe()
78 78 }
79 79
80 80 /**
81 + * Report the size in bytes of a native pointer, as stored via
82 + * <code>putAddress</code>. This value will be either 4 or 8. Note that
83 + * the sizes of other primitive types (as stored in native memory blocks)
84 + * is determined fully by their information content.
85 + *
86 + * @return the size of an address
87 + */
88 + public native int addressSize();
89 +
90 + /**
91 + * Allocate an instance but do not run any constructor.
92 + * Initializes the class if it has not yet been.
93 + *
94 + * @return an Object
95 + */
96 + public native Object allocateInstance( Class cls ) throws InstantiationException;
97 +
98 + /**
81 99 * Returns the memory address offset of the given static field.
82 100 * The offset is merely used as a means to access a particular field
83 101 * in the other methods of this class. The value is unique to the given
```

## Unsafe

Requires two additional method declarations in Classpath. Implementations are in the VM.

- 1) addressSize()
  - a) used by VMFlexArrayInfo, VMFlexArray
- 2) allocateInstance()
  - a) used by VMFlexArray

# Methods: Buffers, Views et al

```
9 java.nio.IntViewBufferImpl.java
@@ -48,8 +48,13 @@
48 48
49 49     IntViewBufferImpl (ByteBuffer bb, int capacity)
50 50     {
51 51     -     super (capacity, capacity, 0, -1, bb.isDirect() ?
52 52     -     VMDirectByteBuffer.adjustAddress(bb.address, bb.position()):null, null, 0);
53 53     +     super (capacity, capacity, 0, -1,
54 54     +     bb.isDirect()
55 55     +     ? VMDirectByteBuffer.adjustAddress(bb.address, bb.position()):null,
56 56     +     bb.hasArray()
57 57     +     ? (int[]) VMFlexArray.pointerToArray(bb.address, capacity,
58 58     +     bb.position(), int[].class):null,
59 59     +     0);
60 60     this.bb = bb;
61 61     this.offset = bb.position();
62 62     this.readOnly = bb.isReadOnly();
```

```
5 java.nio.LongBuffer.java
@@ -53,7 +53,10 @@
53 53     Pointer address, long[] backing_buffer, int array_offset)
54 54     {
55 55     +     super (capacity, limit, position, mark, address);
56 56     -     this.backing_buffer = backing_buffer;
57 57     +     this.backing_buffer =
58 58     +     backing_buffer == null
59 59     +     ? (long[])pointerToArray (address, capacity, array_offset, long[].class )
60 60     +     : backing_buffer;
61 61     this.array_offset = array_offset;
62 62     }
```

## Buffers & Views

ByteBuffer, CharBuffer, ShortBuffer, ... really just rely on VMFlexArray.DirectpointerToArray()

Views allow one type of buffer to be interpreted as having different types of elements, not unlike a cast.

<https://github.com/cfriedt/classpath/compare/use-sun-misc-unsafe-for-pointer-arrays>



# Methods: Mapped Array LifeCycle

## VMDirectByteBuffer

- MappedByteBuffers unmap their memory upon finalization – same as before
- DirectByteBuffers only free memory they allocate (and only if there is no backing buffer) upon finalization – same as before

```
4 java/nio/DirectByteBufferImpl.java

@@ -110,7 +110,7 @@ public boolean isReadOnly()
110     110     DirectByteBufferImpl(int capacity)
111     111     {
112     112         super(capacity, capacity, 0, -1,
113     113         - VMDirectByteBuffer.allocate(capacity), null, 0);
114     114         + VMDirectByteBuffer.allocate(capacity), null, 0);
115     115         this.owner = this;
116     116     }

@@ -138,7 +138,7 @@ public static ByteBuffer allocate(int capacity)
138     138
139     139     protected void finalize() throws Throwable
140     140     {
141     141     - if (owner == this)
142     142     + if (owner == this && null != this.backing_buffer )
143     143         VMDirectByteBuffer.free(address);
144     144     }
```

<https://github.com/cfriedt/classpath/compare/buffers>



**MMB**  
**Networks**  
Simply Connected

# Methods

Ensure **JamVM**

- 1) Implements methods in **sun.misc.Unsafe**
- 2) Supports **VMFlexArray**

# Methods: sun.misc.Unsafe

## Additional Methods

- **int addressSize()**
  - 32-bit (4-bytes), 64-bit (8-bytes)
- **Object allocateInstancew( Class<?> cls )**
  - allocate but do not initialize an object

<https://github.com/cfriedt/jamvm/compare/additional-unsafe-methods>

```

2 ■■■■ src/classlib/gnuclasspath/natives.c
  ✨ @@ -1416,6 +1416,8 @@ VMMethod vm_stack_walker[] = {
1416 1416   };
1417 1417
1418 1418   VMMethod sun_misc_unsafe[] = {
1419 1419 +   {"addressSize",          NULL, addressSize},
1420 1420 +   {"allocateInstance",    NULL, allocateInstance},
1419 1421   {"objectFieldOffset",    NULL, objectFieldOffset},
1420 1422   {"compareAndSwapInt",    NULL, compareAndSwapInt},
6 ■■■■ src/natives.c
  ✨ @@ -314,7 +314,11 @@ uintptr_t *putObject(Class *class, MethodBlock *mb, uintptr_t
314 314   }
315 315
316 316   uintptr_t *arrayBaseOffset(Class *class, MethodBlock *mb, uintptr_t *ostack) {
317 317 -   *ostack++ = (uintptr_t)ARRAY_DATA((Object*)NULL, void);
317 317 + #ifdef VM_FLEXARRAY
318 318 +   *ostack++ = offsetof( VMFlexArrayObject, contig_data );
319 319 + #else
320 320 +   *ostack++ = (uintptr_t)ARRAY_DATA((Object*)NULL, void);
321 321 + #endif
318 322   return ostack;
319 323   }
320 324
  ✨

```

# Methods: VMFlexArray

- Objects in JamVM:  
typedef struct object {  
    uintptr\_t lock;  
    Class \*class;  
} Object;
- The Class type is simply an Object with data allocated after for the ClassBlock and MethodBlock – i.e. the Class type wraps around the Object type.

<https://github.com/cfriedt/jamvm/compare/array-object-modifications>

```

29 src/interp/engine/interp.c
@@ -658,15 +658,28 @@ uintptr_t *executeJava() {
658 658 #define ARRAY_LOAD_ARY *--ostack
659 659 #endif
660 660
661 -#define ARRAY_LOAD(TYPE) \
662 -{ \
663 -    int idx = ARRAY_LOAD_IDX; \
664 -    Object *array = (Object *)ARRAY_LOAD_ARY; \
665 - \
666 -    NULL_POINTER_CHECK(array); \
667 -    ARRAY_BOUNDS_CHECK(array, idx); \
668 -    PUSH_0(ARRAY_DATA(array, TYPE)[idx], 1); \
661 661  +=#ifdef VM_FLEXARRAY
662 662  +=#define ARRAY_LOAD(TYPE) \
663 663  +{ \
664 664  +    int idx = ARRAY_LOAD_IDX; \
665 665  +    Object *array = (Object *)ARRAY_LOAD_ARY; \
666 666  + \
667 667  +    NULL_POINTER_CHECK(array); \
668 668  +    NULL_POINTER_CHECK(ARRAY_DATA(array, TYPE)); \
669 669  +    ARRAY_BOUNDS_CHECK(array, idx); \
670 670  +    PUSH_0(ARRAY_DATA(array, TYPE)[idx], 1); \
671 671  }
672 672  +=#else
673 673  +=#define ARRAY_LOAD(TYPE) \
674 674  +{ \
675 675  +    int idx = ARRAY_LOAD_IDX; \
676 676  +    Object *array = (Object *)ARRAY_LOAD_ARY; \
677 677  + \
678 678  +    NULL_POINTER_CHECK(array); \
679 679  +    ARRAY_BOUNDS_CHECK(array, idx); \
680 680  +    PUSH_0(ARRAY_DATA(array, TYPE)[idx], 1); \
681 681  +}
682 682  +=#endif
683 683
684 684     DEF_OPC_012_2(
685 685         OPC_ILOAD,

```

# Methods: VMFlexArray Example: int[]

## Normal Array Object Layout @ 0x0

Object: 2 words: lock, Class \*

Array Length: 1 word

Array Data<sub>0</sub>: 1 word

...

Array Data<sub>N-1</sub>: 1 word

## FlexArray Object Layout @ 0x0

Object: 2 words: lock, Class \*

Array Length: 1 word

Array Pointer: 1 word: **0x16**

Array Data<sub>0</sub>: 1 word @ **0x16**

...

Array Data<sub>N-1</sub>: 1 word

## Mapped FlexArray Object Layout @ 0x0

Object: 2 words: lock, Class \*

Array Length: 1 word

Array Pointer: 1 word: **0x200**

Array Data<sub>0</sub>: 1 word @ **0x200**

...

Array Data<sub>N-1</sub>: 1 word

# Methods: VMFlexArray

- Similarly, array Objects simply wrap the Object structure
- Previously, JamVM was always responsible for allocating arrays contiguously
- 1 additional dereference is performed
- A pointer is reserved directly before the array data. If array is contiguous, pointer points to next word. Otherwise, points elsewhere (e.g. mmap'd data)

<https://github.com/cfriedt/jamvm/compare/array-object-modifications>

```
17 java/o/FileDescriptor.java
40 package java.io;
41
42 import gnu.java.nio.FileChannelImpl;
43 +import gnu.java.nio.VMChannel;
44
45 import java.nio.channels.ByteChannel;
46 import java.nio.channels.FileChannel;
47
48 @@ -80,6 +81,7 @@
49     = new FileDescriptor (FileChannelImpl.err);
50
51     final ByteChannel channel;
52 + int fd;
53
54 /**
55  * This method is used to initialize an invalid FileDescriptor object.
56  */
57 @@ -97,6 +99,17 @@ public FileDescriptor()
58     this.channel = channel;
59 }
60
61 + FileDescriptor(FileChannelImpl channel)
62 + {
63 +     this.channel = channel;
64 +     this.fd = channel.getNativeFD();
65 + }
66 +
67 + FileDescriptor(int fd, int mode) throws IOException
68 + {
69 +     channel = new FileChannelImpl(new VMChannel(fd), mode);
70 +     this.fd = fd;
71 + }
72
73 /**
74  * This method forces all data that has not yet been physically written to
75  */
76 @@ -135,6 +148,8 @@ public void sync () throws SyncFailedException
77
78 public boolean valid ()
79 {
80     ByteChannel c = channel;
81 - return (c != null) && (c.isOpen());
82 + boolean valid = (c != null) && (c.isOpen());
83 + valid = (channel instanceof FileChannel) ? (fd >= 0) : valid;
84 + return valid;
85 }
86 }
```

# Methods: Build Configuration & Running

## JamVM

- `./configure --enable-vm-flexarray ...`

## Classpath

- `./configure --enable-vm-flexarray ...`

## Linux

- Patch 1/2 of VMWare patchset is upstream
- I believe it rolls out with current Ubuntu
- Patch 2/2 (page flip) applied manually
- Waiting for feedback from lkml

## VMWare

- Download VM image
- The root password is empty
- SSH in from terminal
- `modprobe vmwgfx`
- `fbset`  
`–xres 640 –yres 480`  
`–vxres 640 –vyres 960`
- `. ~/.bashrc; testfb4j`

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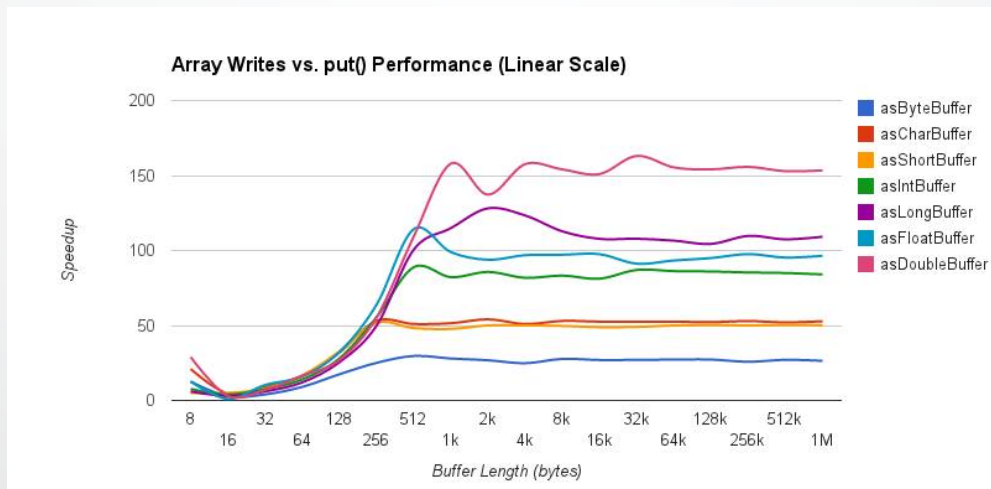
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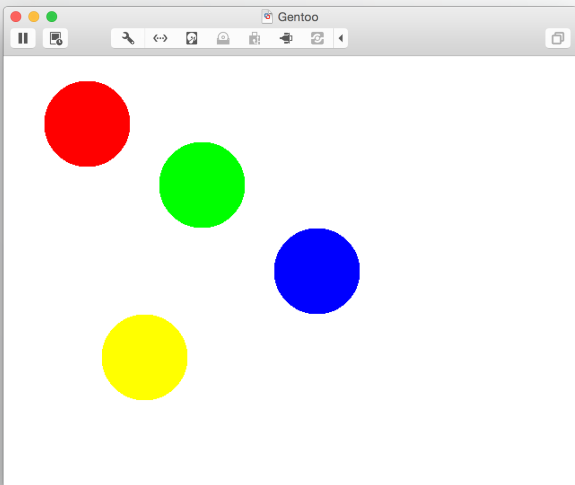
# Observations

- Compared to respective Buffer.put(), using `byte[] foo = MappedByteBuffer.array()` and performing regular Java operations array elements speeds up Java code by a factor of up to **150x** !~1!



# Observations

- With **JamVM**, the bouncing ball demo achieves **21** up to **48 fps**
- In **C**, the bouncing ball demo achieves up to **700 fps :-/**



```
root@localhost:~ -- ssh -- 80x37
friedt@Christopher...~/workspace/jamvm root@localhost:~
localhost ~ # modprobe vmwgfx
localhost ~ # fbset -xres 640 -yres 480 -vxres 640 -vyres 960
localhost ~ # ./bashrc
localhost ~ # testfb4j

vinfo:
  org.fb4j.FB4JVarScreenInfo@20578498
  xres:640
  yres:480
  xres_virtual:640
  yres_virtual:960
  xoffset:0
  yoffset:0
  bits_per_pixel:32
  grayscale:0
  red.offset:16
  red.length:8
  green.offset:8
  green.length:8
  blue.offset:0
  blue.length:8
  transp.offset:0
  transp.length:0

finfo:
  org.fb4j.FB4JFixScreenInfo@20579360
  id:svgadrmfb
  smem_len:16777216
  type:0
  xpanstep:1
  ypanstep:1
  ywrapstep:0
  line_length:2560

fps:21.2
fps:21.4
```

```
root@localhost:~ -- ssh -- 80x24
root@localhost:~
cursor4j.jar          testfb.c
debugTestMemoryMap  testfbnative
devporttest          update_initrd.sh
devporttest.c       zImage_versatile
fake_pcm             zero.256.bin
fb4j

localhost ~ # ./testfbnative
257: calling init
64: opening /dev/fb0
71: opened as 3
73: calling ioctl(FBIOGET_VSCREENINFO)
83: calling ioctl(FBIOPUT_VSCREENINFO)
92: calling mmap
99: mmaped to 0x7f9d07667000
101: calling signal()
fps: 669.200012
fps: 702.799988
fps: 718.400024
fps: 694.599976
^C
caught signal
116: calling munmap()
121: calling close()
localhost ~ #
```

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# Conclusions

- Code works end-to-end with JamVM and GNU Classpath
- **Very** interested to try VMFlexArray with e.g. other class libraries, other VMs
  - would be useful to have JDWP and Java Profiling Agent support
- Large difference between Java and C fps indicates that JamVM needs performance optimizations
  - backport Dalvik's JIT?
- Demo anyone?

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