

# Memory Analysis Simplified Automated Heap Dump Analysis

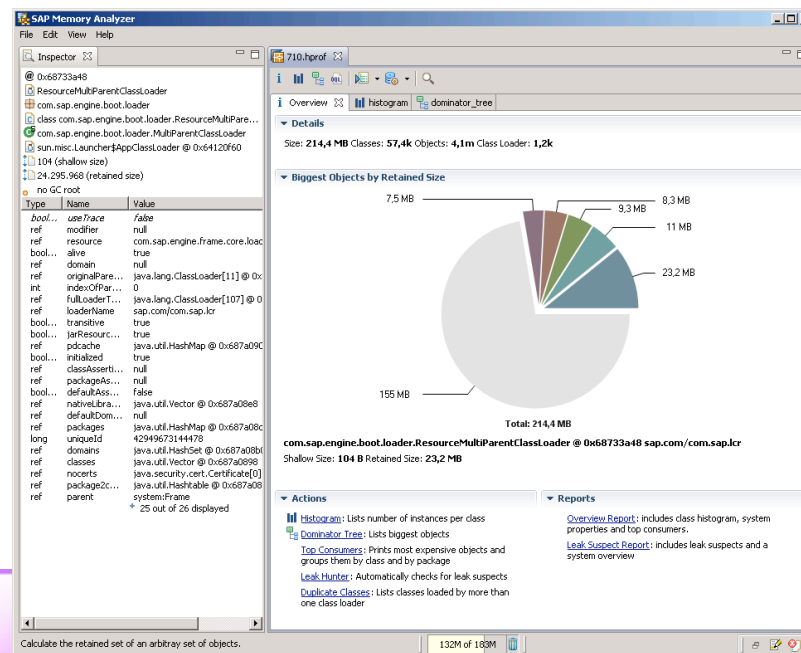
for Developers, Testers and Technical  
Support Employees

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# Eclipse Memory Analyzer

- Provide General Purpose Tooling to analyze Java Heap Dumps.
- Report automatically detected Leak Suspects.
- Stable Code Basis donated by SAP.

- Pluggable
  - ◆ Heap Formats
  - ◆ Application Knowledge
  - ◆ Heap Inspections



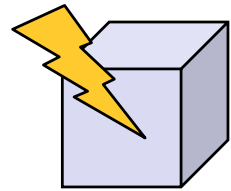
## Agenda

- Automation for Technical **Support Staff**
  - ◆ Leak Suspects
  - ◆ Memory Intensive Threads
- Automation for **Developers**
- Questions & Answers

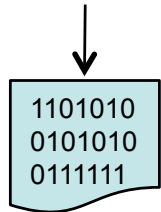
## Support Use Case – Goals

- Find Leaks without immediate Familiarity and Expertise with the Java Code at hand
- Search if the Issue is known (and a Fix available)
- Forward to the responsible Development Support

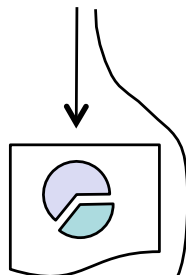
## Support Use Case – Scenario



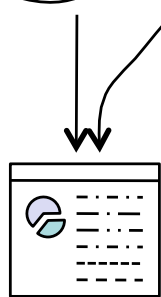
VM throws an Out Of Memory Error  
-XX:+HeapDumpOnOutOfMemoryError



The Heap Dump is a Snapshot of all Objects  
alive at one Point in Time: objects, classes, class  
loaders.



Parse & Report Leak Suspects

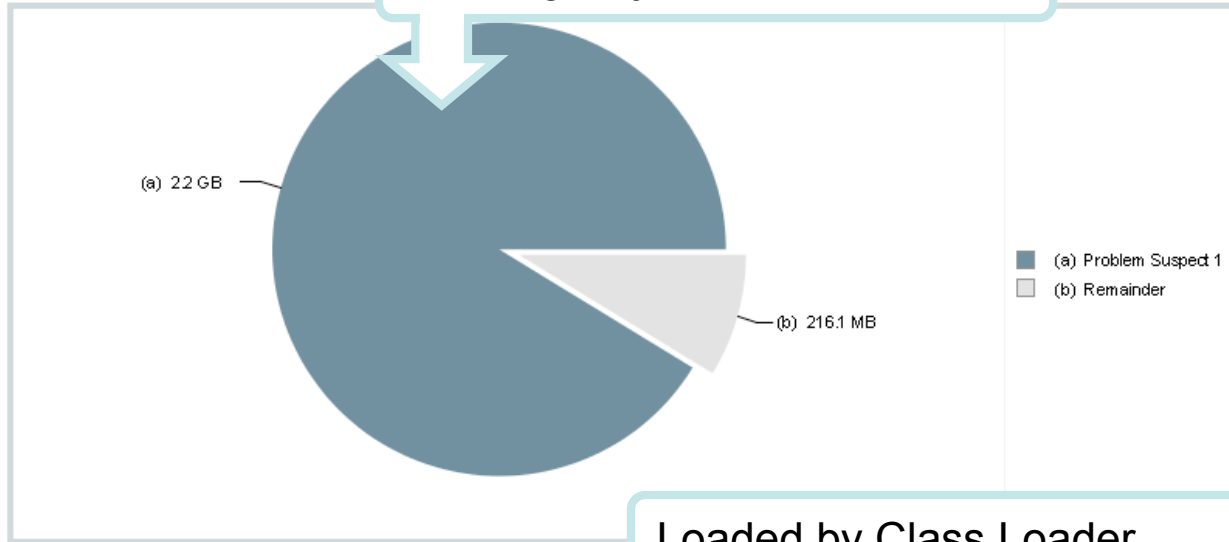


Developer continues Analysis Interactively

## Demo

- Parse Heap Dump
- Investigate Leak Report

One Big Object



Any up-to-date architecture loads components with separate class loaders, be it OSGi or JEE application servers. Extensible to display meaningful names.

Loaded by Class Loader

Problem Suspect 1

One instance of `com.sap.ip.mmr.Repository` loaded by `"library:bi~mmr~mmrlib"` occupies `2,366,237,448` bytes of memory. The memory is accumulated in one instance of `"java.lang.Object[]"` loaded by `"<system class loader>"`.

**Keywords**  
`com.sap.ip.mmr.Repository`  
`library:bi~mmr~mmrlib`  
`java.lang.Object[]`

**CSN Components**  
 BW-BEX-MMR for `"library:bi~mmr~mmrlib"`

[Details](#)

Search tuple: Identify if problem is known.

Less ping-pong of trouble tickets.

Classification for trouble ticket system

## Shortest Paths to the Accumulation Point

Shortest

Class Name	Shallow Heap	Retained Heap
<a href="#">java.lang.Object[58837] @ 0xb66e7d50</a>	470,720	2,366,169,488
<a href="#">elementData java.util.ArrayList @ 0xc41cb690</a>	40	2,366,169,528
<a href="#">messages com.sap.ip.mmr.Repository @ 0xc400f928</a>	120	2,366,237,448
<a href="#">&lt;Java Local&gt; com.sap.engine.core.thread.impl3.SingleThread @ 0xb818c280 HTTP Worker [2] [user: Guest, app: sap.com/is~cmp.bop.bcl.crmws~ear] Native Stack, Thread</a>	224	7,380,160
<a href="#">repository com.sap.ip.mmr.xmi20.XmiReader @ 0xb7f95290 &gt;</a>	24	24
<a href="#">repository com.sap.ip.mmr.xmi20.Xmi2Mof14 @ 0xb7f952c8 &gt;</a>	120	2,328
<a href="#">repository com.sap.ip.mmr.Connection @ 0xc40c3c08 &gt;</a>	56	56
<a href="#">rcf com.sap.ip.mmr.foundation.ClassLoaderMMR @ 0xc40c3a60 com.sap.ip.mmr.foundation.ClassLoaderMMR @ 0xc40c3a60 &gt;</a>	168	1,328
Σ Total: 5 elements		

Who is keeping the leak suspect alive?

## Accumulation Point in the Dominator Tree

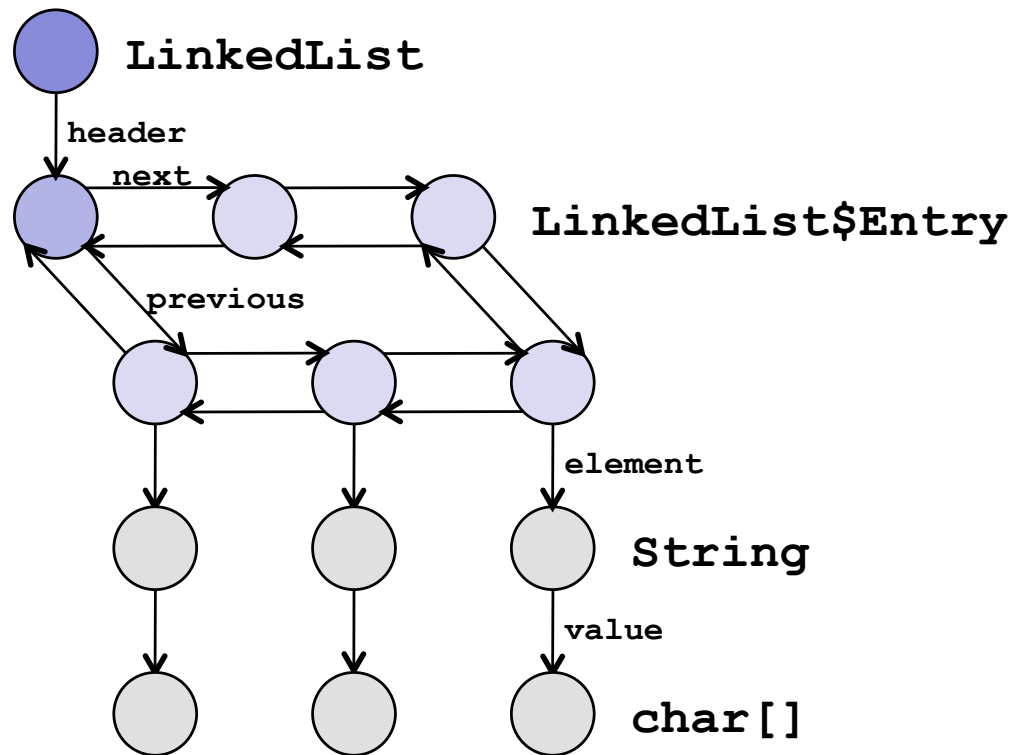
Accumulation point

Class name	Shallow Heap	Retained Heap	Percentage
<a href="#">com.sap.ip.mmr.Repository @ 0xc400f928</a>	120	2,366,237,448	91.26%
<a href="#">java.util.ArrayList @ 0xc41cb690</a>	40	2,366,169,528	91.26%
<a href="#">java.lang.Object[58837] @ 0xb66e7d50</a>	470,720	2,366,169,488	91.26%
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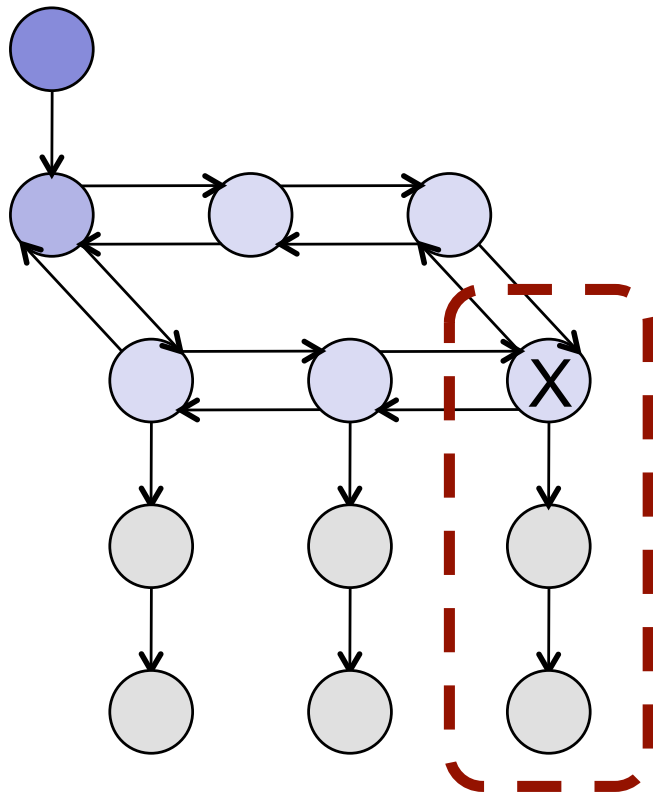
What is kept alive by the leak suspect?



## A Simple Object Graph



## How to Calculate the Retained Size



The Retained Size of an Object X is the Memory that would be freed by the Garbage Collector if no References to the Object X would exist.

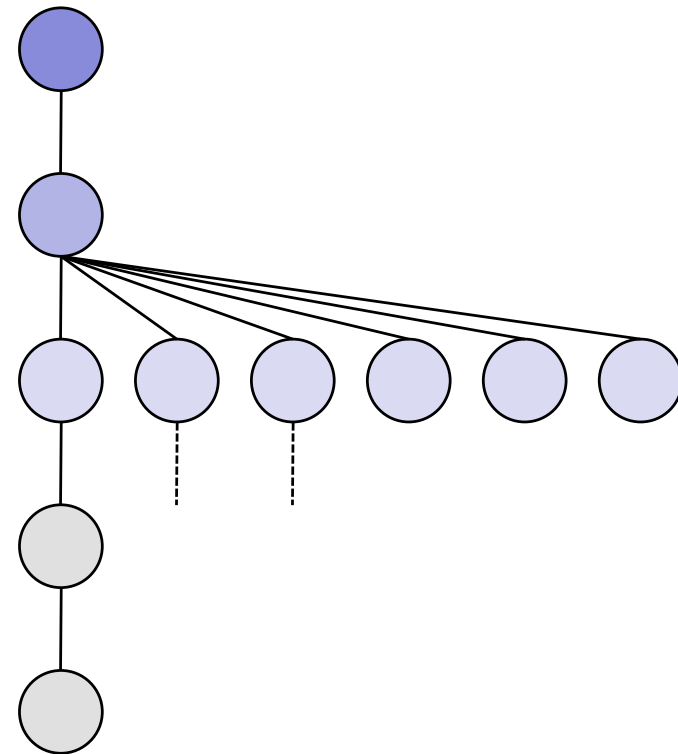
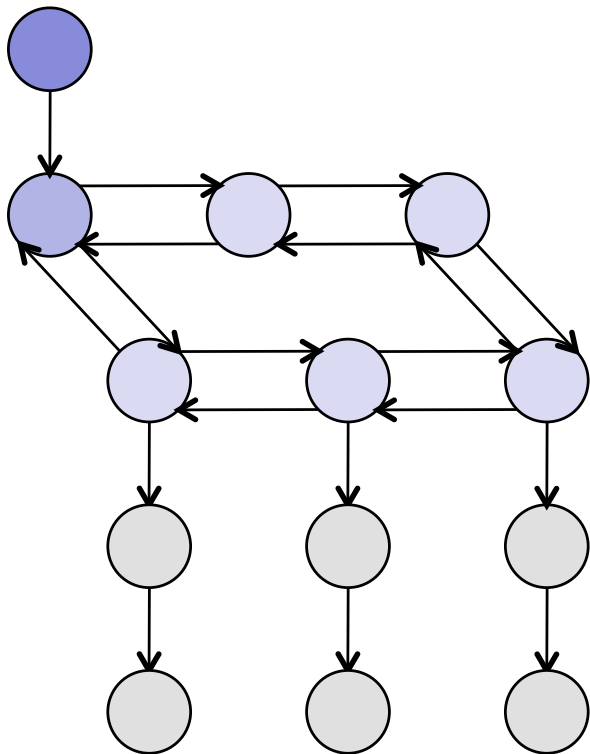
## How to Calculate the Retained Size (2)

- To calculate the Retained Size, one removes any References to the object and marks all Objects reachable from the GC Roots. The sum of the Shallow Sizes of the non-marked Objects is the Retained Size.

## Garbage Collection (GC) Roots

- GC Roots are objects that are assumed to be reachable. Typically, these include all objects referenced from the current call stacks and classes loaded by the system class loader.

# Dominator Tree: Transformation into a “Keep-Alive” Tree



## Dominator Tree

- The Dominator Tree is a Transformation of the Cyclic Object Graph into a „Keep-Alive“ Tree:
  - ◆ Every Node in the Tree is directly responsible for keeping alive its Children.
  - ◆ “X dominates Y if all paths from the roots to Y run through X”

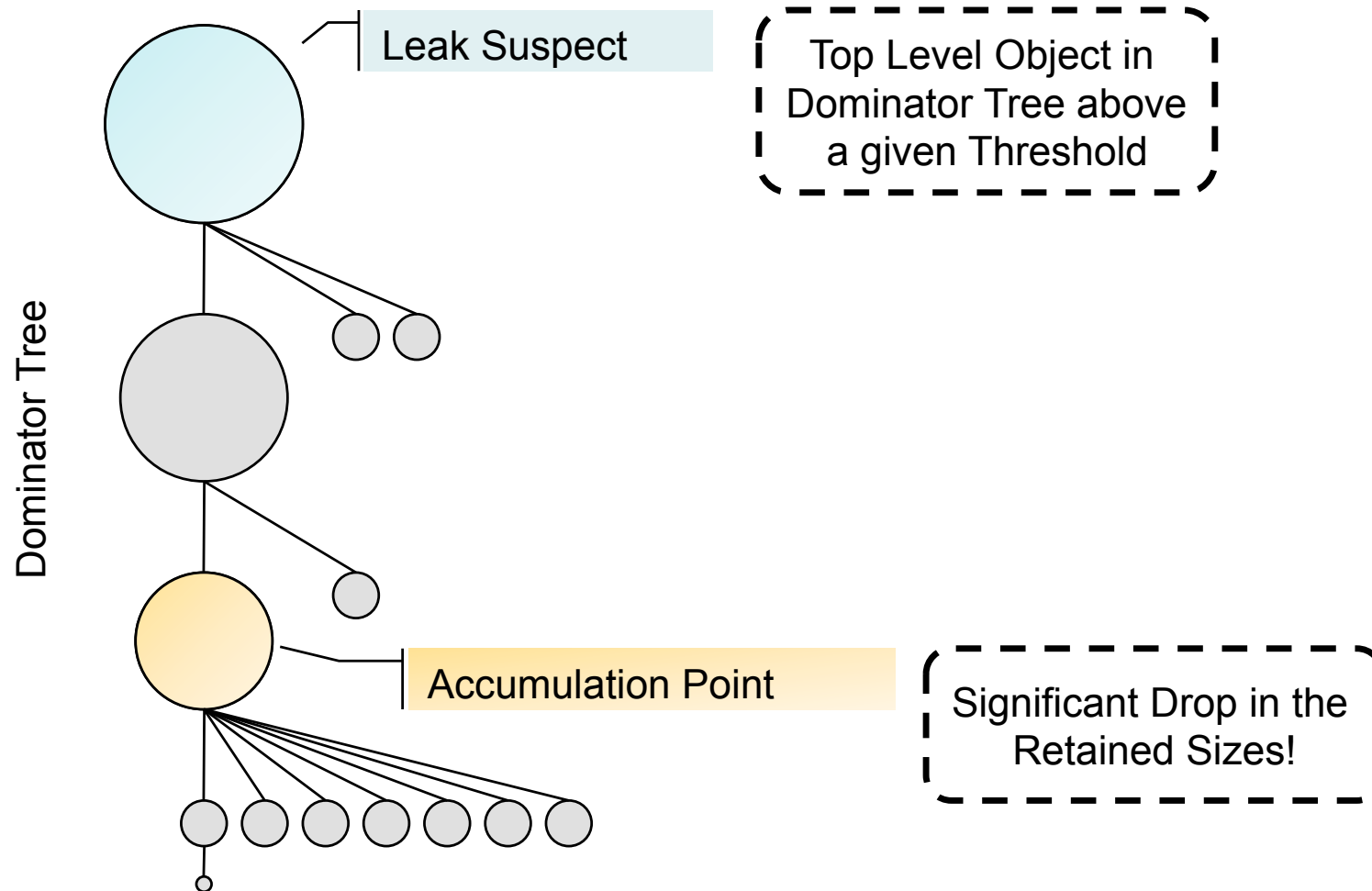
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## Dominator Tree – Benefits

- Fast Calculation of the Retained Size (sum all children)
- List of Distinct Big Objects (first Level of the Tree)
- Fast Identification of responsible Objects (just go up the tree)

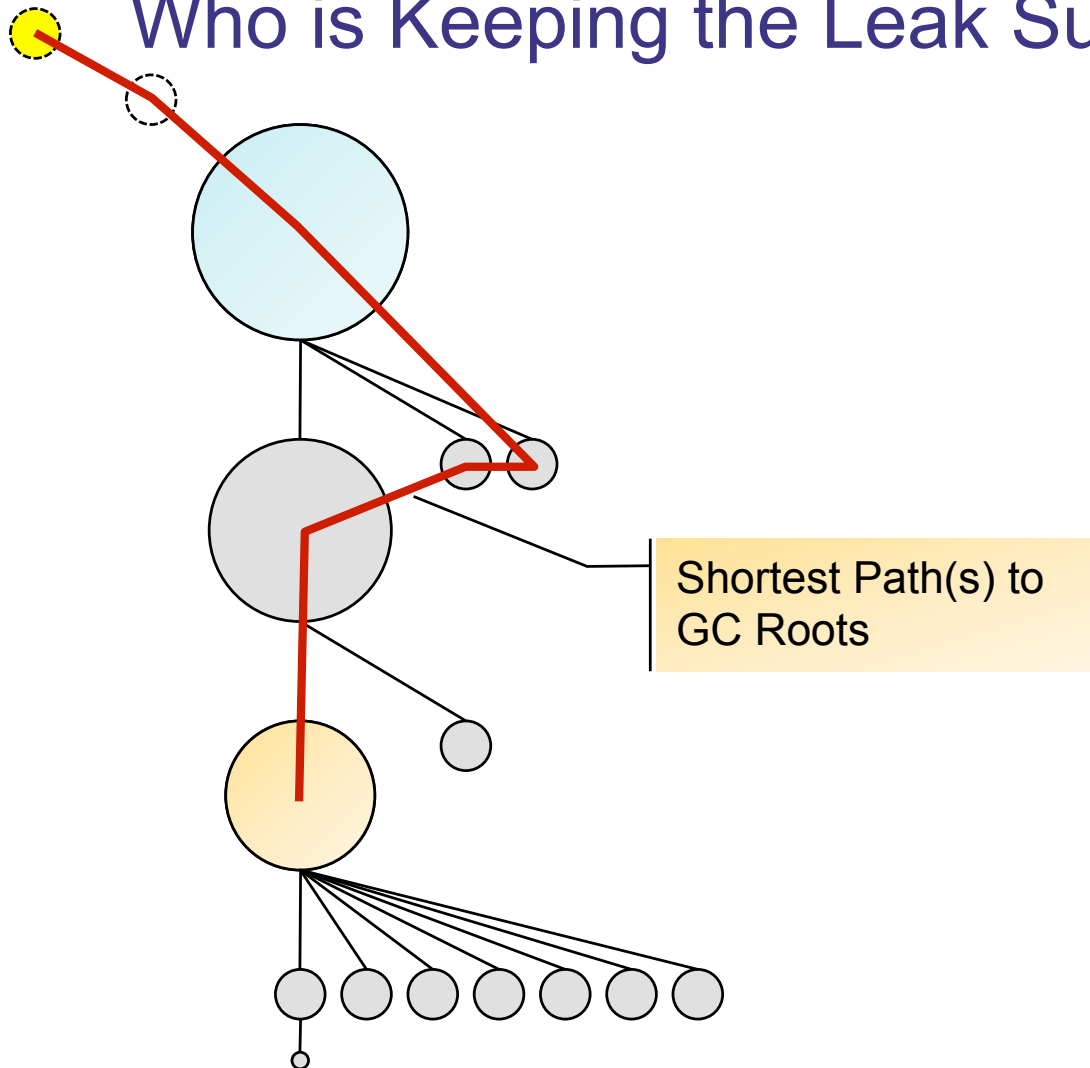
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## What is a Leak Suspect?



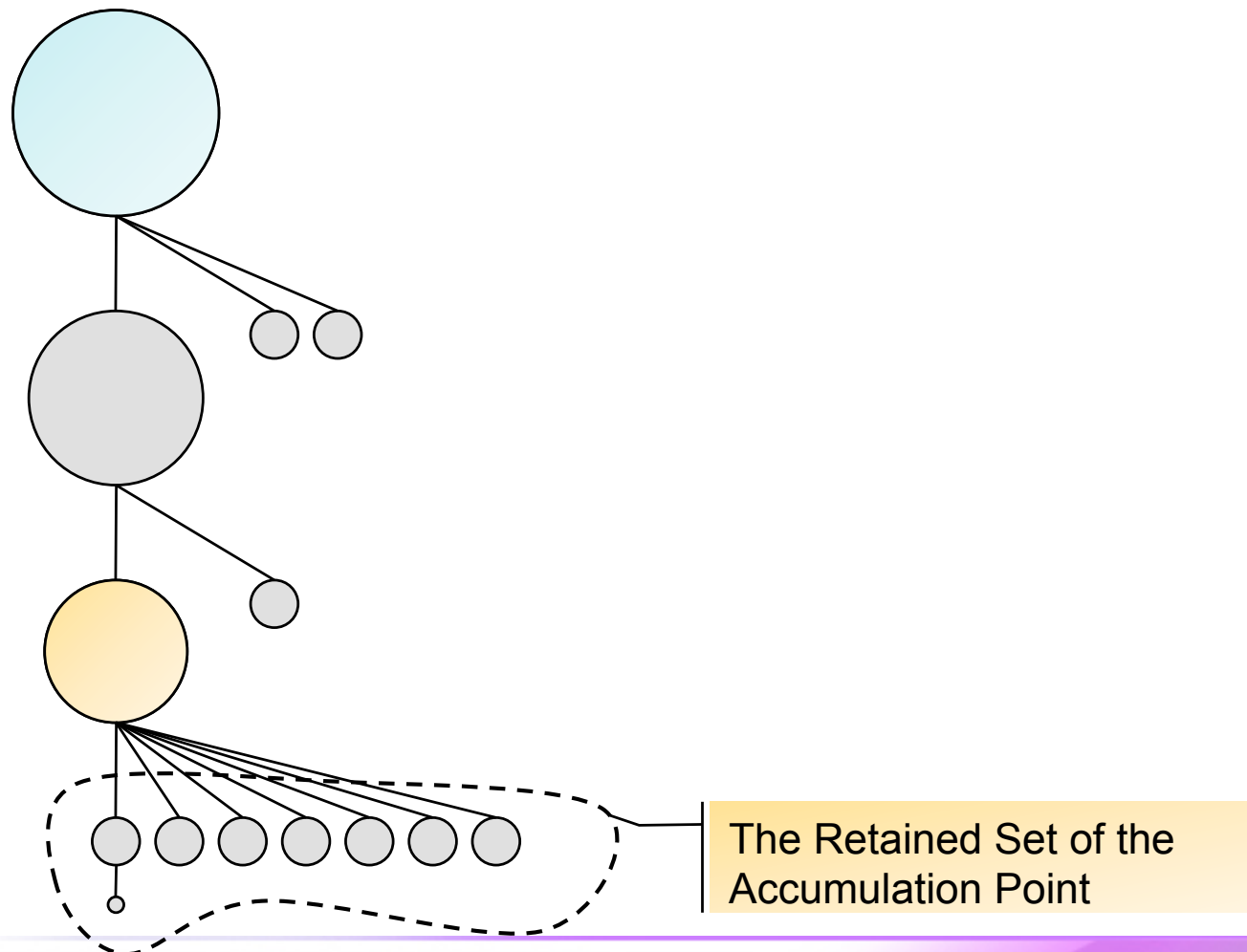


## Who is Keeping the Leak Suspect Alive?



Note: All Paths must go through the Parent Nodes, but not necessarily directly (see Linked List Example).

## What Is Kept Alive by the Leak Suspect?



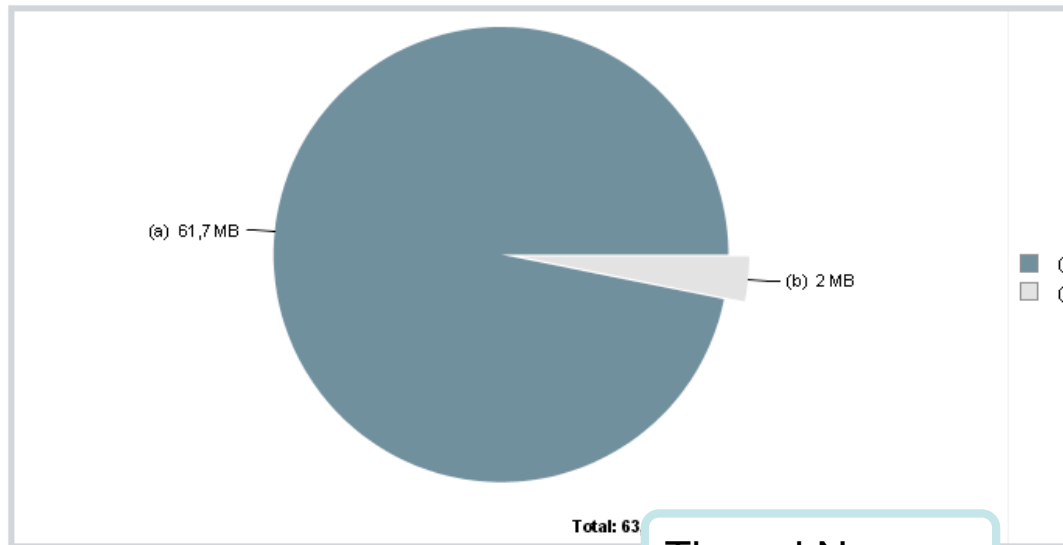
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# Demo





## ✘ Problem Suspect 1

The thread `org.mortbay.thread.BoundedThreadPool$PoolThread @ 0x2eee408 btpool0-9` keeps variables with total size **64.746.336 (96,85%)** bytes.

The memory is accumulated in one instance of `"java.util.LinkedList$Entry"` loaded by `"<system class loader>"`.

The thread is executing an HTTP Request to `/demo/index.jsp`.

### Keywords

`java.util.LinkedList$Entry`

[Details »](#)

## Thread Details

Thread `btpool0-9`

### Thread Properties

Name	btpool0-9
Instance	org.mortbay.thread.BoundedThreadPool\$PoolThread @ 0x2eee408
Shallow Heap	112
Retained Heap	64.746.336
Status	5
Context Class Loader	/demo
Pool Name	
Task Name	
Subtask Name	
User Name	
Task Stack Depth	
Σ Total: 11 entries	

### Summary

The thread is executing an HTTP Request to `/demo/index.jsp`.

### URI

`GET /demo/?flag=true&mbPerSecond=20 HTTP/1.1..Host: localhost:8080..Us`

### Parameters

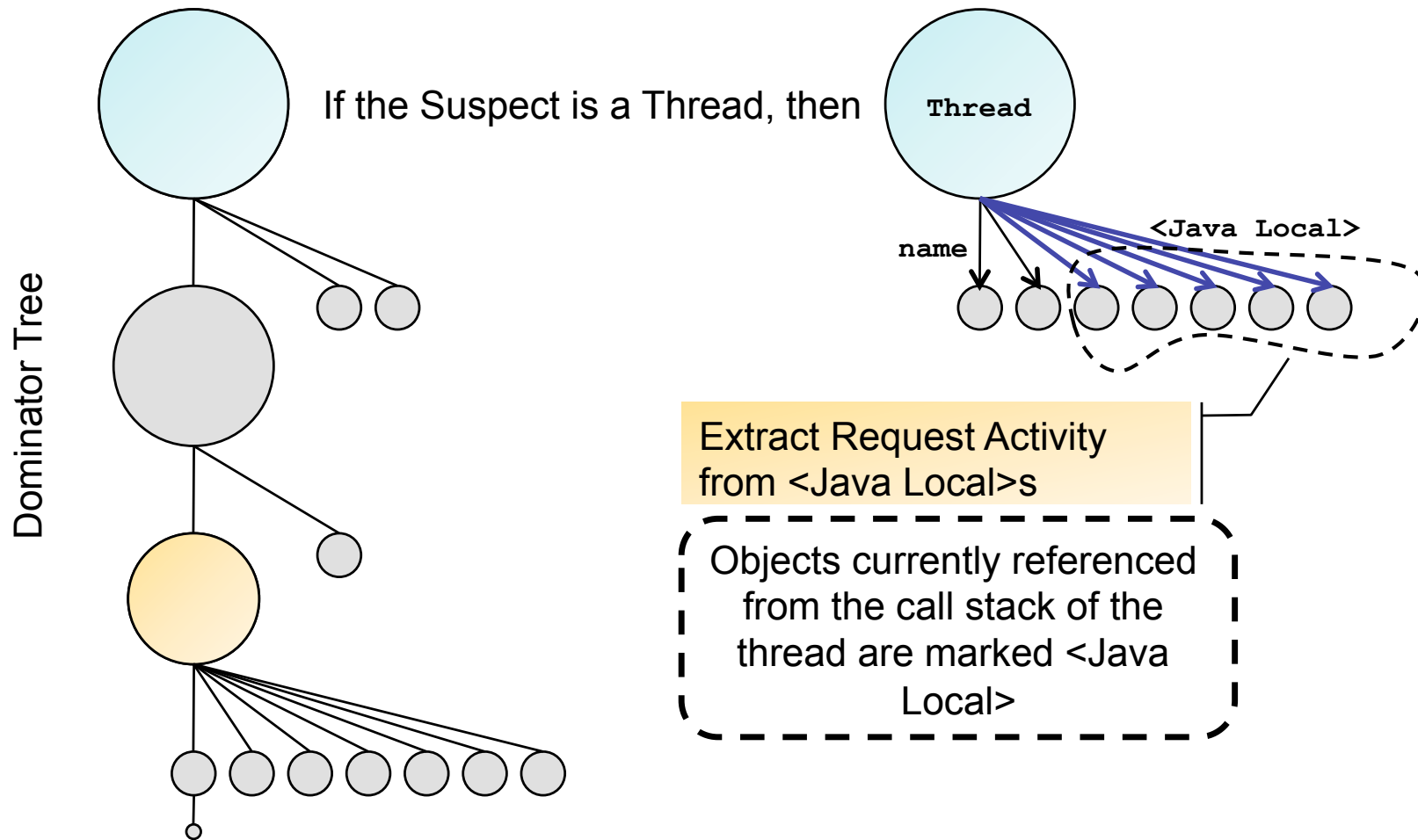
Key	Value
flag	true
mbPerSecond	20

Thread Name

Request URL

More Request Details (Parameters etc.)  
provided by Pluggable Request Resolvers

## What are we doing? (No Magic)



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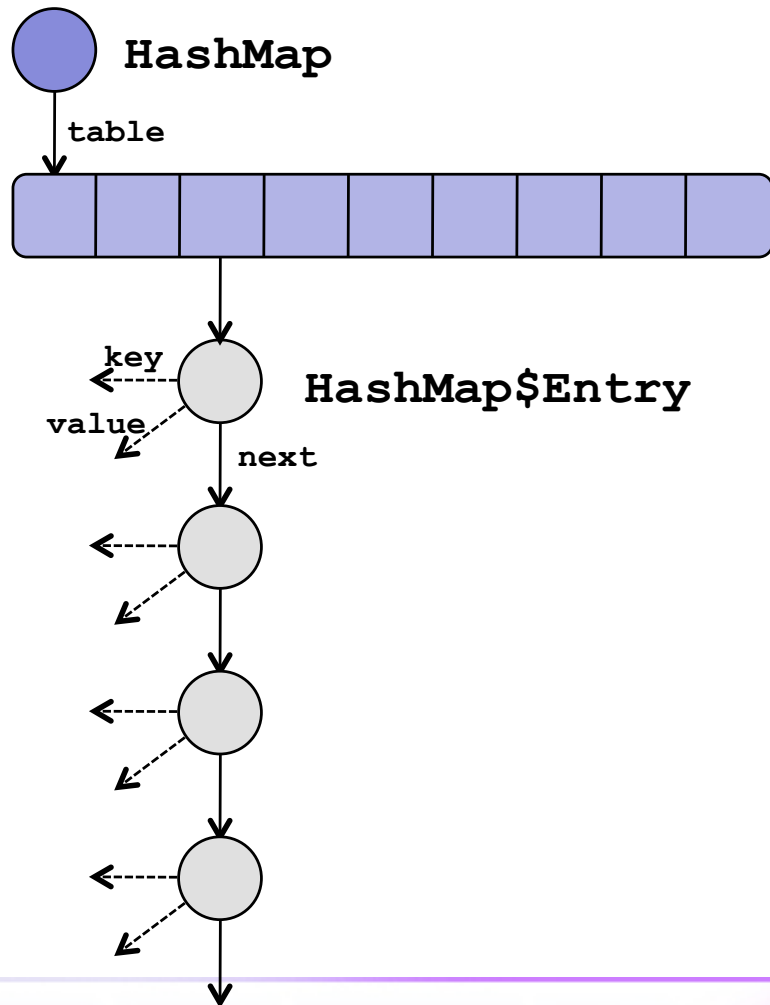
- Limit Analysis to Components, not the whole Heap
- Report on Memory Consumption & Leaks
  - ◆ Excessive Use of Empty Collections
  - ◆ Duplicate Strings
  - ◆ Leaking OSGi Bundles
  - ◆ ...
- Drill-Down to the last Bits of the Object Graph (if necessary)



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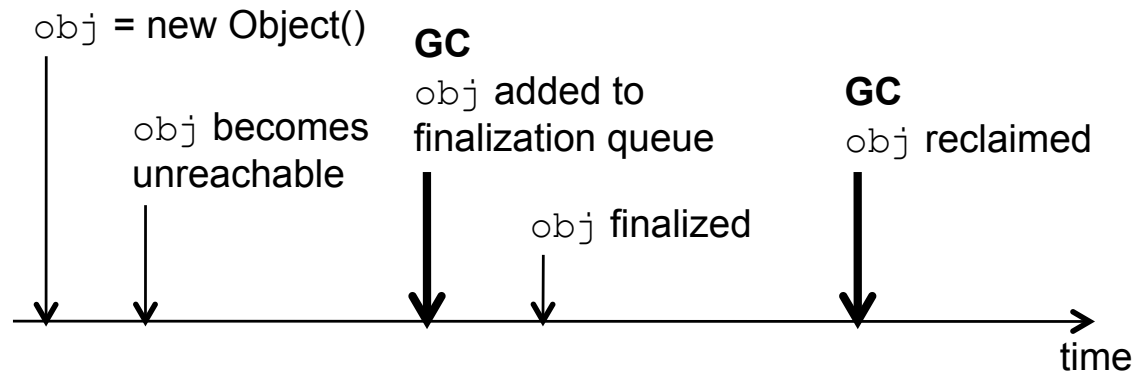
- Investigate Memory Consumption per Component
- “Leaking” Eclipse Bundles
- Finalizer

# Degenerated Maps



## Finalizer

- A Finalizer is a method that is executed when an object is garbage collected.



How to Handle Java Finalization's Memory-Retention Issues: <http://java.sun.com/developer/technicalArticles/javase/finalization/>

In Memory Analyzer run  
Java Basics → Finalizer Overview

# Finalizer in the Heap

Finalizer In Processing ▾

Class Name	Shallow Heap	Retained Heap
java.io.FileInputStream @ 0xa8d73f8 »	16	40

Object currently processed

Finalizer Queue ▾

Class Name	Shallow Heap	Retained Heap
java.io.FileInputStream @ 0xa8d7db0 »	16	40
java.io.FileInputStream @ 0xa8d7800 »	16	40
java.io.FileInputStream @ 0xa8d73f8 »	16	40
java.io.FileInputStream @ 0xa8d73b0 »	16	40
java.io.FileInputStream @ 0xa8d7308 »	16	40
java.io.FileInputStream @ 0xa8d7260 »	16	40
java.io.FileInputStream @ 0xa8d7198 »	16	40
java.io.FileInputStream @ 0xa8d7088 »	16	40
java.io.FileInputStream @ 0xa8d6fa8 »	16	40
java.io.FileInputStream @ 0xa8d6dc8 »	16	40
Σ Total: 10 entries		

Objects ready for Finalization in Processing Order

The Finalizer Thread Object

Finalizer Thread ▾

Class Name	Shallow Heap	Retained Heap
java.lang.ref.Finalizer\$FinalizerThread @ 0xa8c3328 Finalizer Native Stack, Thread »	88	168

Finalizer Thread Locals ▾

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java.io.FileInputStream @ 0xa8d73f8 »	16	40

Object currently processed

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### Eclipse

<http://www.eclipse.org/mat/>

### Forum

[eclipse.technology.memory-analyzer](http://eclipse.technology.memory-analyzer)

(Old WIKI @ SAP)

- Download, Screen Cam, FAQ

<https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/sdn/wiki?path=/display/Java/Java+Memory+Analysis>

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