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Abstract

OpenJDK 17 is a Red Hat offering on the Red Hat Enterprise Linux platform. The Using jlink to customize Java runtime images guide provides an overview of Jlink, and explains how to create a customized Java runtime image by using jlink.
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CHAPTER 1. OVERVIEW OF JLINK

Jlink is a Java command line tool that is used to generate a custom Java runtime environment (JRE). You can use your customized JRE to run Java applications.

Using jlink, you can create a custom runtime environment that only includes the relevant class file.
CHAPTER 2. CREATING A CUSTOM JAVA RUNTIME ENVIRONMENT FOR NON-MODULAR APPLICATIONS

You can create a custom Java runtime environment from a non-modular application by using the `jlink` tool.

Prerequisites

- Install [Installing OpenJDK on RHEL using an archive](#).

NOTE

For best results, use portable Red Hat binaries as a basis for a Jlink runtime, because these binaries contain bundled libraries.

Procedure

1. Create a simple Hello World application by using the `Logger` class.
   a. Check the base OpenJDK 17 binary exists in the `jdk-17` folder:
      ```
      $ ls jdk-17
      bin  conf  demo  include  jmods  legal  lib  man  NEWS  release
      $ ./jdk-17/bin/java -version
      openjdk version "17.0.10" 2021-01-19 LTS
      OpenJDK Runtime Environment 18.9 (build 17.0.10+9-LTS)
      OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM 18.9 (build 17.0.10+9-LTS, mixed mode)
      ```
   b. Create a directory for your application:
      ```
      $ mkdir -p hello-example/sample
      ```
   c. Create `hello-example/sample/HelloWorld.java` file with the following content:
      ```
      package sample;

      import java.util.logging.Logger;

      public class HelloWorld {
        private static final Logger LOG = Logger.getLogger(HelloWorld.class.getName());
        public static void main(String[] args) {
          LOG.info("Hello World!");
        }
      }
      ```
   d. Compile your application:
      ```
      $ ./jdk-17/bin/javac -d . $(find hello-example -name ".java")
      ```
   e. Run your application **without** a custom JRE:
The previous example shows the base OpenJDK requiring 311 MB to run a single class.

f. *(Optional)* You can inspect the OpenJDK and see many non-required modules for your application:

```bash
$ du -sh jdk-17/
313M jdk-17/
```

```bash
$ ./jdk-17/bin/java --list-modules
java.base@17.0.1
java.compiler@17.0.1
java.datatransfer@17.0.1
java.desktop@17.0.1
java.instrument@17.0.1
java.logging@17.0.1
java.management@17.0.1
java.management.rmi@17.0.1
java.naming@17.0.1
java.net.http@17.0.1
java.prefs@17.0.1
java.rmi@17.0.1
java.scripting@17.0.1
java.se@17.0.1
java.security.jgss@17.0.1
java.security.sasl@17.0.1
java.smartcardio@17.0.1
java.sql@17.0.1
java.sql.rowset@17.0.1
java.transaction.xa@17.0.1
java.xml@17.0.1
java.xml.crypto@17.0.1
jdk.accessibility@17.0.1
jdk.attach@17.0.1
jdk.charts@17.0.1
jdk.compiler@17.0.1
jdk.crypto.cryptoki@17.0.1
jdk.crypto.ec@17.0.1
jdk.dynalink@17.0.1
jdk.editpad@17.0.1
jdk.hotspot.agent@17.0.1
jdk.httpserver@17.0.1
jdk.incubator.foreign@17.0.1
jdk.incubator.vector@17.0.1
jdk.internal.ed@17.0.1
jdk.internal.jvmstat@17.0.1
jdk.internal.le@17.0.1
jdk.internal.opt@17.0.1
jdk.internal.vm.ci@17.0.1
jdk.internal.vm.compiler@17.0.1
jdk.internal.vm.compiler.management@17.0.1
jdk.jartool@17.0.1
```
This sample **Hello World** application has very few dependencies. You can use jlink to create custom runtime images for your application. With these images you can run your application with only the required OpenJDK dependencies.

2. Determine module dependencies of your application using **jdeps** command:

```
$ ./jdk-17/bin/jdeps -s ./sample/HelloWorld.class
HelloWorld.class -> java.base
HelloWorld.class -> java.logging
```

3. Build a custom java runtime image for your application:

```
$ ./jdk-17/bin/jlink --add-modules java.base,java.logging --output custom-runtime
$ du -sh custom-runtime
50M custom-runtime/
$ ./custom-runtime/bin/java --list-modules
java.base@17.0.10
java.logging@17.0.10
```

**NOTE**

OpenJDK reduces the size of your custom Java runtime image from a 313 M runtime image to a 50 M runtime image.

4. You can verify the reduced runtime of your application:
The generated JRE with your sample application does not have any other dependencies.

You can distribute your application together with your custom runtime for deployment.

**NOTE**

You must rebuild the custom Java runtime images for your application with every security update of your base OpenJDK.
CHAPTER 3. CREATING A CUSTOM JAVA RUNTIME ENVIRONMENT FOR MODULAR APPLICATIONS

You can create a custom Java runtime environment from a modular application by using the `jlink` tool.

**Prerequisites**

- Install [Installing OpenJDK on RHEL using an archive](#).

**NOTE**

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**Procedure**

1. Create a simple Hello World application by using the `Logger` class.
   
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   ```
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   bin  conf  demo  include  jmods  legal  lib  man  NEWS  release
   $ ./jdk-17/bin/java -version
   openjdk version "17.0.10" 2021-01-19 LTS
   OpenJDK Runtime Environment 18.9 (build 17.0.10+9-LTS)
   OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM 18.9 (build 17.0.10+9-LTS, mixed mode)
   ```

   b. Create a directory for your application:

   ```
   $ mkdir -p hello-example/sample
   ```

   c. Create `hello-example/sample/HelloWorld.java` file with the following content:

   ```
   package sample;

   import java.util.logging.Logger;

   public class HelloWorld {
     private static final Logger LOG = Logger.getLogger(HelloWorld.class.getName());
     public static void main(String[] args) {
       LOG.info("Hello World!");
     }
   }
   ```

   d. Create a file called `hello-example/module-info.java` and include the following code in the file:

   ```
   module sample {
     requires java.logging;
   }
   ```

   e. Compile your application:
f. Run your application without a custom JRE:

```
$ ./jdk-17/bin/java -cp example sample.HelloWorld
Mar 09, 2021 10:48:59 AM sample.HelloWorld main
INFO: Hello World!
```

The previous example shows the base OpenJDK requiring 311 MB to run a single class.

g. (Optional) You can inspect the OpenJDK and see many non-required modules for your application:

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313M jdk-17/
```

```
$ ./jdk-17/bin/java --list-modules
java.base@17.0.1
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java.desktop@17.0.1
java.instrument@17.0.1
java.logging@17.0.1
java.management@17.0.1
java.management.rmi@17.0.1
java.naming@17.0.1
java.net.http@17.0.1
java.prefs@17.0.1
java.rmi@17.0.1
java.scripting@17.0.1
java.se@17.0.1
java.security.jgss@17.0.1
java.security.sasl@17.0.1
java.smartcardio@17.0.1
java.sql@17.0.1
java.sql.rowset@17.0.1
java.transaction.xa@17.0.1
java.xml@17.0.1
java.xml.crypto@17.0.1
jdk.accessibility@17.0.1
jdk.attach@17.0.1
jdk.charsets@17.0.1
jdk.compiler@17.0.1
jdk.crypto.cryptoki@17.0.1
jdk.crypto.ec@17.0.1
jdk.dynalink@17.0.1
jdk.editpad@17.0.1
jdk.hotspot.agent@17.0.1
jdk.httpserver@17.0.1
jdk.incubator.foreign@17.0.1
jdk.incubator.vector@17.0.1
jdk.internal.ed@17.0.1
jdk.internal.jvmstat@17.0.1
jdk.internal.le@17.0.1
jdk.internal.opt@17.0.1
```
This sample **Hello World** application has very few dependencies. You can use jlink to create custom runtime images for your application. With these images you can run your application with only the required OpenJDK dependencies.

2. Create your application module:

   ```bash
   $ mkdir sample-module
   $ ./jdk-17/bin/jmod create --class-path example/ --main-class sample.HelloWorld --module-version 1.0.0 -p example sample-module/hello.jmod
   ```

3. Create a custom JRE with the required modules and a custom application launcher for your application:

   ```bash
   $ ./jdk-17/bin/jlink --launcher hello=sample/sample.HelloWorld --module-path sample-module --add-modules sample --output custom-runtime
   ```

4. List the modules of the produced custom JRE. Observe that only a fraction of the original OpenJDK remains.

   ```bash
   $ du -sh custom-runtime
   50M custom-runtime/
   $ ./custom-runtime/bin/java --list-modules
   ```
NOTE
OpenJDK reduces the size of your custom Java runtime image from a 313 M runtime image to a 50 M runtime image.

5. Launch the application using the **hello** launcher:

   ```bash
   $ ./custom-runtime/bin/hello
   Jan 14, 2021 12:13:26 PM HelloWorld main
   INFO: Hello World!
   ```

   The generated JRE with your sample application does not have any other dependencies besides **java.base**, **java.logging**, and **sample** module.

   You can distribute your application that is bundled with the custom runtime in **custom-runtime**. This custom runtime includes your application.

NOTE
You must rebuild the custom Java runtime images for your application with every security update of your base OpenJDK.

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