

Debugging and Profiling

Lecture 10

Operating Systems Practical

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- ▶ Logd daemon
 - ▶ From Android 5.0
 - ▶ Centralized user-mode logger
 - ▶ Uses 4 sockets
- ▶ Liblog library
- ▶ android.util.Log
- ▶ logcat

- ▶ Logd sockets accessed only through liblog
- ▶ Write log messages:
 1. Log class
 2. Liblog library
 3. /dev/socket/logdw socket
- ▶ Read log messages:
 1. logcat
 2. Liblog library
 3. /dev/socket/logdr socket

- ▶ Priority - severity
 - ▶ Verbose, debug, info, warning, error, assert
- ▶ Tag identifies the component generating the message
 - ▶ Logcat can filter log messages based on the tag
- ▶ Message: actual log text

- ▶ android.util.Log
 - ▶ Log.v(String tag, String msg) -> verbose
 - ▶ Log.d(String tag, String msg) -> debug
 - ▶ Log.i(String tag, String msg) -> information
 - ▶ Log.w(String tag, String msg) -> warning
 - ▶ Log.e(String tag, String msg) -> error
 - ▶ Log.wtf(String tag, String msg) -> assert
 - ▶ Log.println(int priority, String tag, String msg)
- ▶ Example:
 - ▶ Log.i("MyActivity", "Get item number " + pos);
 - ▶ I/MyActivity(1557): Get item number 1

- ▶ Exposed through android/log.h
- ▶ `#include <android/log.h>`
- ▶ Android.mk dynamically link native code to log library
 - ▶ `LOCAL_LDLIBS += -llog`
 - ▶ Before include `$(BUILD_SHARED_LIBRARY)`

- ▶ `__android_log_write`

- ▶ Generate a simple string message
- ▶ Params: priority, tag, message

```
__android_log_write(ANDROID_LOG_WARN, "my_native_code",
"Warning message!");
```

- ▶ `__android_log_print`

- ▶ Generate formatted string (like printf)
- ▶ Params: priority, tag, string format, other params

```
__android_log_print(ANDROID_LOG_ERROR, "my_native_code",
"Errno =%d", errno);
```

- ▶ `__android_log_vprint`

- ▶ Additional parameters as `va_list`

```
void log_verbose(const char* format, ...){  
    va_list args;  
    va_start(args, format);  
    __android_log_vprint(ANDROID_LOG_VERBOSE, "my_-  
native_code", format, args);  
    va_end(args);  
}
```

- ▶ `__android_log_assert`

- ▶ Assertion failures
 - ▶ Priority is not specified, always fatal

```
__android_log_assert("0 != errno", "my_native_code", "Big  
error!");
```

- ▶ SIGTRAP to process - debugger inspection

- ▶ Display log messages
- ▶ Command line through adb or Android Studio
- ▶ Set log level, search, apply filters
- ▶ Log format:

```
date time PID-TID/package priority/tag: message
```

- ▶ Example:

```
12-10 13:02:50.071 1901-4229/com.google.android.gms V/AuthZen:  
Handling delegate intent.
```

- ▶ Cannot suppress log messages based on priority
- ▶ Preprocessor based solution

```
#define MY_LOG_NOOP (void) 0

#define MY_LOG_PRINT(level,fmt,...) \
    __android_log_print(level, MY_LOG_TAG, "(%s:%u)%s:%u" fmt \
    __FILE__, __LINE__, __PRETTY_FUNCTION__, ##__VA_ARGS__)

#if MY_LOG_LEVEL_WARNING >= MY_LOG_LEVEL
#    define MY_LOG_WARNING(fmt,...) \
        MY_LOG_PRINT(ANDROID_LOG_WARN, fmt, ##__VA_ARGS__)
#else
#    define MY_LOG_WARNING(...) MY_LOG_NOOP
#endif
```

► In native code

```
#include "my-log.h"  
  
...  
  
MY_LOG_WARNING("Message!");
```

► In Android.mk

```
MY_LOG_TAG := \\"my_native_code\\"  
  
ifeq ($(APP_OPTIM),release)  
    MY_LOG_LEVEL := MY_LOG_LEVEL_ERROR  
else  
    MY_LOG_LEVEL := MY_LOG_LEVEL_VERBOSE  
endif  
  
LOCAL_CFLAGS += -DMY_LOG_TAG=$(MY_LOG_TAG)  
LOCAL_CFLAGS += -DMY_LOG_LEVEL=$(MY_LOG_LEVEL)
```

- ▶ STDOUT and STDERR not visible by default
- ▶ Redirect STDOUT and STDERR to logging system

```
adb shell stop  
adb shell setprop log.redirect-stdio true  
adb shell start
```

- ▶ Display with logcat - tags stdout and stderr
- ▶ Temporary config -> erased when booting device
- ▶ Permanent config -> modify /data/local.prop on device

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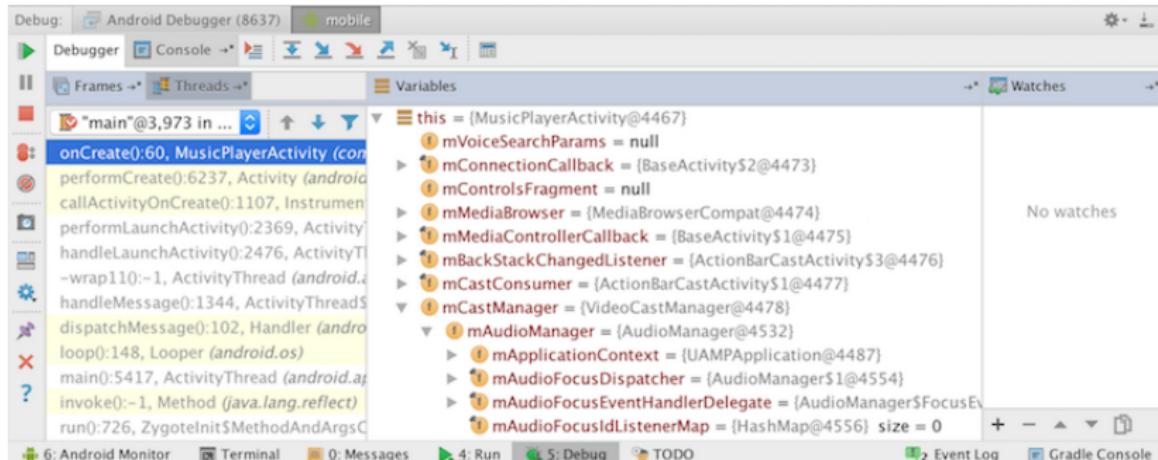
- ▶ NDK supports debugging using GNU Debugger (GDB)
- ▶ `ndk-gdb` script
 - ▶ Handles error conditions
 - ▶ Outputs error messages
- ▶ Requirements
 - ▶ Use `ndk-build` -> build system generates files needed for debugging
 - ▶ `android:debuggable` in `AndroidManifest.xml`
 - ▶ Android version 2.2 or higher

- ▶ ndk-gdb script sets up the debug session
- ▶ Launches the app using Activity Manager through ADB
 - ▶ Activity Manager sends the request to Zygote
 - ▶ Zygote forks and creates new process
- ▶ ndk-gdb starts GDB server and attaches to the app
- ▶ Configures port forwarding to make GDB server accessible from the host machine (debug port)
- ▶ Copies binaries for Zygote and shared libraries to the host
- ▶ Starts GDB client
- ▶ Debug session is active -> You can start debugging app
 - ▶ Commands sent over the debug port

- ▶ Go to project directory
- ▶ `rm -rf bin obj libs`
- ▶ Compile native code using `ndk-build`
- ▶ We need `build.xml` -> `android update project -p`
- ▶ Compile and package the whole project in debug mode `ant debug`
- ▶ Deploy app on device `ant installd`
- ▶ `ndk-gdb --start` to start app and the debugging session
- ▶ When GDB prompt appears run commands

- ▶ `break`: Breakpoint in a location (function name, file name & line number)
- ▶ `clear`: deletes all breakpoints
- ▶ `enable/disable/delete`: operations on a certain breakpoint
- ▶ `next`: go to the next line in source code
- ▶ `continue`: continue execution
- ▶ `backtrace`: display call stack
- ▶ `backtrace full`: call stack with local variables on frames
- ▶ `print`: display variable, expression, memory address, register
- ▶ `display`: continue printing value after each step
- ▶ `info threads`: list running threads
- ▶ `thread`: select a certain thread

- ▶ Debug button
- ▶ Select the device running the app
- ▶ Set breakpoints in the Java or native code
- ▶ Examine variables or expressions at runtime
- ▶ Capture screenshots or videos of the app
- ▶ LLDB debugger for native code

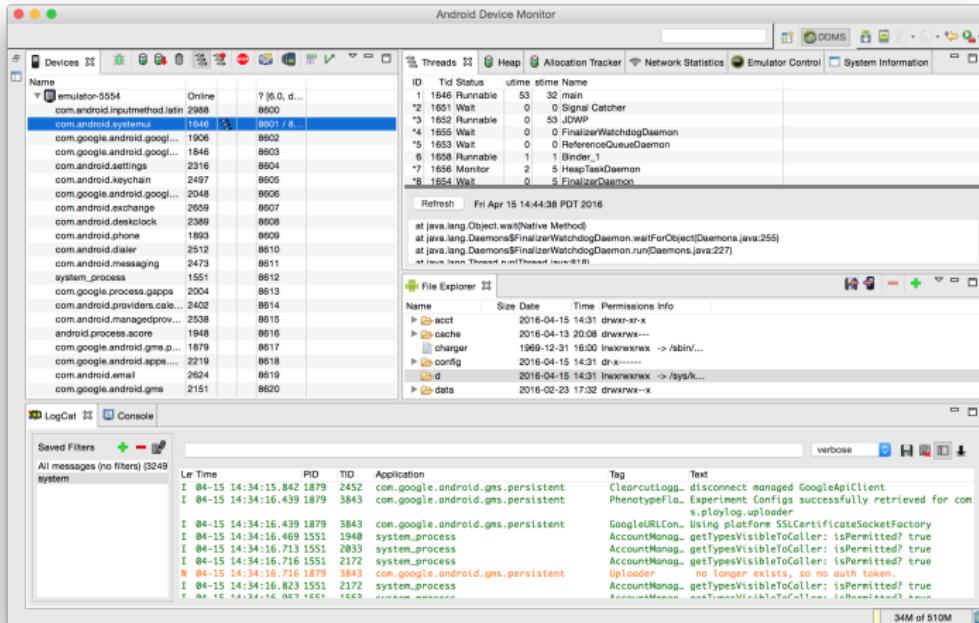


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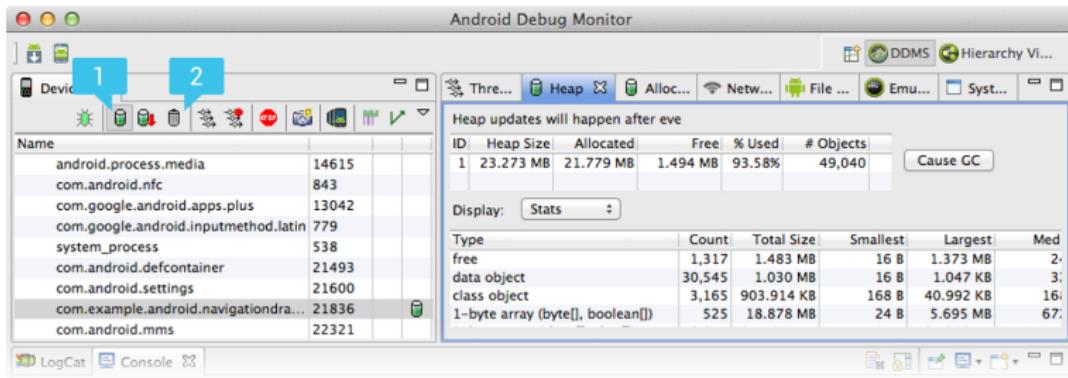
- ▶ Add line breakpoint:
 - ▶ Locate line, Ctrl+F8
 - ▶ Click *Attach debugger to Android process*
- ▶ When code execution reaches a breakpoint:
 - ▶ Examine object tree for a variable
 - ▶ Evaluate expression
 - ▶ Advance to next line of code (*Step Over*)
 - ▶ Advance to first line inside a method call (*Step In*)
 - ▶ Advance to the next line outside the current method (*Step Out*)
 - ▶ Continue running app

- ▶ Integrated in Android Studio
- ▶ Launch Android Debug Monitor -> DDMS button
- ▶ Works with real devices and emulator
- ▶ Debugging Android applications
- ▶ Port-forwarding, screen capture, thread info, heap info, process state, radio state, incoming call, SMS spoofing, location spoofing, etc.

- ▶ When started, DDMS connects to adb
- ▶ VM monitoring service is created between adb and DDMS
- ▶ The service notifies DDMS when a VM is started or terminated
- ▶ Obtains the pid, opens a connection to the VM's debugger through adbd
- ▶ Talks to the VM using a custom wire protocol

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- ▶ View how much heap the process is using
 - ▶ Select process in *Devices* tab
 - ▶ *Update Heap* to obtain heap info
 - ▶ *Cause GC* to invoke Garbage Collection (refresh data)
 - ▶ Select object type to view number of allocated objects



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- ▶ Track memory allocation
 - ▶ *Start Tracking* in the *Allocation Tracker* tab
 - ▶ *Get Allocations* to obtain list of allocated objects
 - ▶ Finally *Stop Tracking*
 - ▶ Detailed info about the method and line that allocated a certain object
- ▶ Examine thread info
 - ▶ *Update Threads* to obtain thread info for the selected process

Android Debug Monitor

Devices

Name	Allocations
com.google.android.googlequickse...	2829
com.google.android.gms	1123
cloudtv.hdwidgets	13701
android.process.media	14615
com.android.nfc	843
com.google.android.apps.plus	13042
com.google.android.inputmethod.latin	779
system_process	538
com.android.defcontainer	21493
com.android.settings	21600
com.example.android.navigationdra...	21836
com.google.android.music:main	25356
com.google.android.deskclock	25662
com.google.android.apps.uploader	26180
com.google.android.apps.walletnfcrel	26220
com.google.android.youtube	26236
com.songkick	26280
com.google.android.apps.ha	26295

Threads Heap Alloc... Network File... Emulator System

Stop Tracking Get Allocations Filter: Inc. trace

Alloc Order	Allocation Size	Allocated Class	Thread Id	Allocated In
149	5740832 byte[]	1	1	android.graphics.BitmapFactory
152	1435220 byte[]	1	1	android.graphics.BitmapFactory
83	704 com.android.int...	1	1	java.lang.reflect.Constructor
194	456 android.widget.I...	1	1	java.lang.reflect.Constructor
159	184 int[]	1	1	java.lang.Throwable
122	180 char[]	1	1	java.lang.AbstractStringBuilder
...

at android.graphics.BitmapFactory.nativeDecodeAsset(Native Method)
at android.graphics.BitmapFactory.decodeStream(BitmapFactory.java:503)
at android.graphics.BitmapFactory.decodeResourceStream(BitmapFactory.java:356)
at android.graphics.drawable.Drawable.createFromResourceStream(Drawable.java:800)
at android.content.res.Resources.loadDrawable(Resources.java:2105)
at android.content.res.Resources.getDrawable(Resources.java:695)
at android.widget.ImageView.resolveUri(ImageView.java:636)
at android.widget.ImageView.setImageResource(ImageView.java:365)
at com.example.android.navigationdrawerexample.MainActivity\$PlanetFragment.onCreate...
at com.example.android.navigationdrawerexample.MainActivity.onCreate(...)

LogCat Console

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- ▶ Use troubleshooting tools and techniques to identify the cause of a problem
- ▶ Observe the stack trace when an app crashes with logcat
 - ▶ Lines starting with # represent stack calls
 - ▶ Line #00 is the crash point
 - ▶ After #00 the address is specified (pc)
 - ▶ Next lines - previous function calls

- ▶ To add file names and line numbers to the stack trace
- ▶ `adb logcat | ndk-stack -sym obj/local/armeabi`
- ▶ Run command in the project directory

```
***** Crash dump: *****
Build fingerprint: 'generic/google_sdk/generic/:2.2/FRF91/43546:
eng/test-keys'
pid: 351, tid: 351 >>> /data/local/ndk-tests/crasher <<<
signal 11 (SIGSEGV), fault addr 0d9f00d8
Stack frame #00 pc 0000841e /data/local/ndk-tests/crasher :
Routine zoo in /tmp/foo/crasher/jni/zoo.c:13
Stack frame #01 pc 000083fe /data/local/ndk-tests/crasher :
Routine bar in /tmp/foo/crasher/jni/bar.c:5
Stack frame #02 pc 000083f6 /data/local/ndk-tests/crasher :
Routine my_comparison in /tmp/foo/crasher/jni/foo.c:9
Stack frame #03 pc 000191ac /system/lib/libc.so
Stack frame #04 pc 000083ea /data/local/ndk-tests/crasher :
Routine foo in /tmp/foo/crasher/jni/foo.c:14
Stack frame #05 pc 00008458 /data/local/ndk-tests/crasher :
Routine main in /tmp/foo/crasher/jni/main.c:19
Stack frame #06 pc 0000d362 /system/lib/libc.so
```

- ▶ Extended series of checks before calling JNI functions
- ▶ Enable CheckJNI on a device
 - ▶ Rooted device

```
adb shell stop
adb shell setprop dalvik.vm.checkjni true
adb shell start
```
 - ▶ Logcat: D AndroidRuntime: CheckJNI is ON
 - ▶ Regular device

```
adb shell setprop debug.checkjni 1
```
 - ▶ Logcat: D Late-enabling CheckJNI
- ▶ Error detected by CheckJNI

```
W JNI WARNING: method declared to return
'Ljava/lang/String;' returned '[B'
W failed in LJniTest;.exampleJniBug
```

- ▶ Troubleshoot memory issues
- ▶ Enable libc debug mode

```
adb shell setprop libc.debug.malloc 1
adb shell stop
adb shell start
```

- ▶ Libc debug mode values
 - ▶ 1 - detects memory leaks
 - ▶ 5 - detects overruns by filling allocated memory
 - ▶ 10 - detects overruns by filling memory and adding sentinel

```
... testapp using MALLOC_DEBUG = 10 (sentinels, fill)
... *** FREE CHECK buffer 0xa5218, size=1024, corrupted 1
bytes after allocation
```

- ▶ Advanced memory analysis
- ▶ Open-source tool for memory debugging, memory leaks detection and profiling
- ▶ Support for Android
- ▶ Build from sources
 - ▶ Binaries and components in `Inst` directory
 - ▶ `adb push Inst /data/local/`
 - ▶ Give execution permissions

- ▶ Helper script

```
#!/system/bin/sh
export TMPDIR=/sdcard
exec /data/local/Inst/bin/valgrind --error-limit=no $*
```

- ▶ Push in `/data/local/Inst/bin` and set execution permissions

- ▶ To run app under Valgrind, inject the script into the startup sequence

```
adb shell setprop wrap.com.example.testapp "logwrapper  
/data/local/Inst/bin/valgrind_wrapper.sh"
```

- ▶ Property wrap.packagename
- ▶ Execute app
- ▶ Logcat displays Valgrind output

- ▶ Intercepts system calls and signals
 - ▶ System call name, arguments and return value
 - ▶ Useful for analyzing closed-source applications
 - ▶ Included in Android emulator
 - ▶ Run the application and obtain pid
- ```
adb shell ps | grep com.example.testapp
```
- ▶ Attach strace to running app

```
adb shell strace -v -p <PID>
```

- ▶ Tombstone - generated when a process crashes
- ▶ `/data/tombstones/tombstone_*`
- ▶ A file containing information about the crashed process
  - ▶ Build fingerprint
  - ▶ Crashed process, PID, TIDs
  - ▶ Signal and fault address
  - ▶ CPU registers
  - ▶ Call stack
  - ▶ Stack content of each call
- ▶ Use with `ndk-stack` and `addr2line` to obtain the file and line where the process has crashed

```
Build fingerprint: 'Android/aosp_hammerhead/hammerhead:4.4.2/KOT49H/eng.upb.20140407.130154:userdebug/test-keys'
Revision: '11'
pid: 27836, tid: 27836, name: test.nativeapp4 >>>
com.test.nativeapp4 <<<
signal 11 (SIGSEGV), code 1 (SEGV_MAPERR), fault addr 00000000
 r0 00000000 r1 00000000 r2 6f8b70e4 r3 6f8b8328
[...]
backtrace:
 #00 pc 00008bbc /system/lib/libandroid.so (AAsset_close+3)
 #01 pc 00000d47 /data/app-lib/com.test.nativeapp4-2/
libNativeApp4.so (displayAsset(ANativeActivity*)+18)
 #02 pc 00000db1 /data/app-lib/com.test.nativeapp4-2/
libNativeApp4.so (ANativeActivity_onCreate+96)
[...]
stack:
 bea91430 00000000
 bea91434 401a7315 /system/lib/libutils.so
(android::SharedBuffer::release(unsigned int) const+28)
 bea91438 bea91450 [stack]
 bea9143c 00000000
 bea91440 00000000
 bea91444 402ad59b /system/lib/libandroidfw.so
 bea91448 6f8b70e0 [anon:libc malloc]
```

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- ▶ Unix-based profiling tool
- ▶ Compute absolute execution time spent in each function
  - ▶ Instrumentation with gcc when using `-pg` at compile time
  - ▶ Sampling data stored at run-time in `gmon.out`
  - ▶ `gprof` uses `gmon.out` to produce profiling reports
- ▶ Android NDK includes `gprof` tool
  - ▶ Android NDK toolchain lacks the implementation of `--gnu_mcount_nc` used for timing
- ▶ Open-source project Android NDK Profiler

- ▶ Install module
  - ▶ Download zip, extract in \$NDK\_HOME/sources, rename directory to android-ndk-profiler
- ▶ Enable profiler
  - ▶ Update Android.mk to statically link profiling library
  - ▶ Include prof.h in the native code

```
#ifdef MY_ANDROID_NDK_PROFILER_ENABLED
 #include <prof.h>
#endif
```

- ▶ Start collecting profiling data

```
#ifdef MY_ANDROID_NDK_PROFILER_ENABLED
 monstartup("libModule.so");
#endif
```

- ▶ Stop collecting data

```
#ifdef MY_ANDROID_NDK_PROFILER_ENABLED
 moncleanup();
#endif
```

- ▶ The collected data is stored in /sdcard/gmon.out
- ▶ App needs permission to write on the SD card

```
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE" />
```

- ▶ Pull gmon.out from the SD card
- ▶ Run gprof

```
$NDK_HOME/toolchains/arm-linux-androideabi-4.4.3/prebuilt/linux-x86/bin/arm-linux-androideabi-gprof obj/local/armeabi-v7a/libModule.so gmon.out
```

- ▶ Gprof analyses data and generates a report
- ▶ Two sections: flat profile and call graph
- ▶ Duration of each function

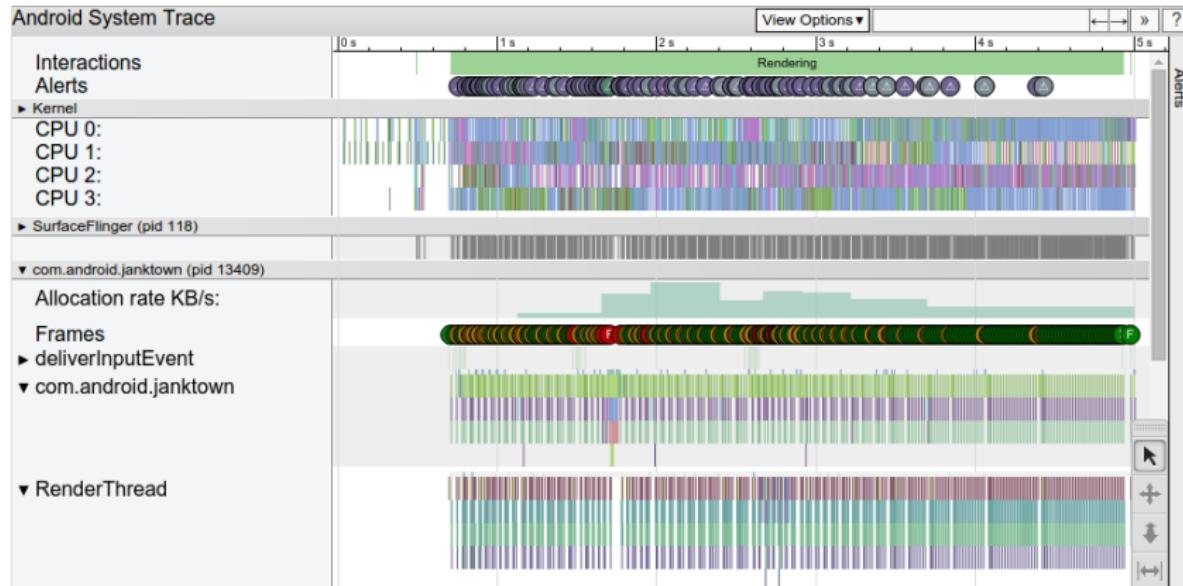
- ▶ Gather code execution data -> Identify execution problems and improve performance
- ▶ Show all processes on a common timeline
- ▶ Execution times, CPU frequency, CPU load, disk activity, threads

- ▶ Android 4.1 or higher, root access, developer debugging enabled
- ▶ GUI and CLI

```
$ cd android-sdk/platform-tools/systrace
$ python systrace.py --time=10 -o mynewtrace.html sched gfx
view wm
```

- ▶ Open trace in a web browser

- ▶ Inspect frames, investigate alerts, identify performance issues



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- ▶ From Android 4.3 use Trace class to add instrumentation to the application code
- ▶ Trace calls can be nested
- ▶ Traces must begin and end in the same thread

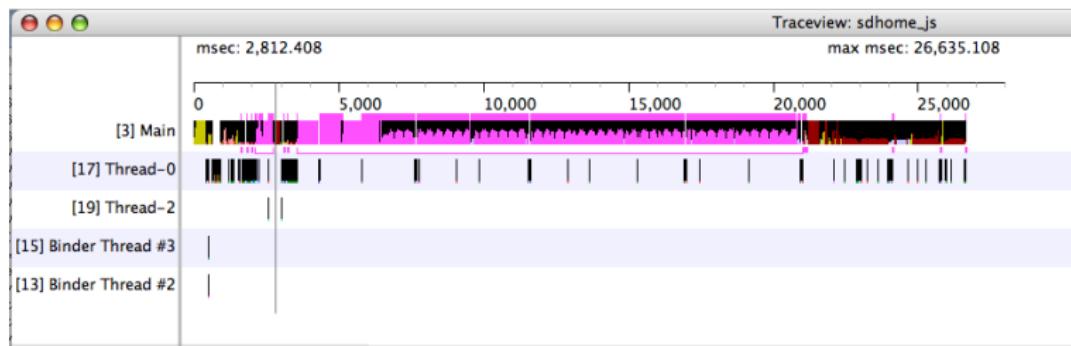
```
Trace.beginSection("Start_trace");
try {
 // executing tasks
} finally {
 Trace.endSection(); // end trace
}
```

- ▶ Graphical viewer for execution logs
- ▶ Trace logs generated with Debug class
- ▶ Timeline panel - displays each thread and method started/stopped
- ▶ Profile panel - summary of all time spent in a method

- ▶ Two methods to generate trace logs:
  - ▶ Use methods of the Debug class to start and stop tracing
  - ▶ Use method profiling feature of DDMS (no precise log timing)

```
Debug.startMethodTracing("data"); // start tracing to
 // "/sdcard/data.trace"
// execute tasks
Debug.stopMethodTracing(); // stop tracing
```

- ▶ Displays the execution of each thread in a separate row
- ▶ Each method - a different color
- ▶ Thin line below - extent of all calls to the selected method



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- ▶ All time spent in a method (inclusive and exclusive times)
- ▶ Exclusive time = time spent in a method
- ▶ Inclusive time = time spent in a method + time spent in any called functions
- ▶ Last column - number of calls to this method + number of recursive calls

Name	Incl %	Inclusive	Excl %	Exclusive	Calls+Rec
4 android/webkit/LoadListener.nativeFinished ()V	66.6%	17734.382	53.2%	14161.950	14+0
3 android/webkit/LoadListener.tearDown ()V	100.0%	17734.382			14/14
6 android/view/View.invalidate (III)V	19.8%	3516.410			2413/2853
57 android/webkit/BrowserFrame.startLoadingResource (ILjava	0.3%	44.636			3/15
53 java/util/HashMap.put (Ljava/lang/Object;Ljava/lang/Objec	0.0%	6.223			6/326
20 android/webkit/JWebCoreJavaBridge.setSharedTimer ()V	0.0%	2.593			2/730
378 android/view/ViewGroup.requestLayout ()V	0.0%	1.139			2/54
315 java/util/HashMap.<init> ()V	0.0%	0.879			3/41
629 android/webkit/BrowserFrame.loadCompleted ()V	0.0%	0.285			1/1
598 android/webkit/WebView.didFirstLayout ()V	0.0%	0.231			1/2
703 android/webkit/BrowserFrame.windowObjectCleared ()V	0.0%	0.036			1/2
5 android/webkit/JWebCoreJavaBridge\$TimerHandler.handleMessa	16.3%	4342.697	0.5%	132.018	730+0
6 android/view/View.invalidate (III)V	15.6%	4161.341	1.2%	319.164	2853+0
7 android/webkit/JWebCoreJavaBridge.access\$300 (Landroid/web;	15.1%	4025.658	0.1%	26.727	729+0

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