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OVERVIEW



- Goal:
 - Provide an overview of the development tools provided to developers to debug an application
 - Illustrate the use of the development tools
- Development tools categories:
 - Runtime & Post-Mortem Debugging Tools
 - Memory Inspection Tools (debug memory corruption, leaks)
 - Static Analysis Tools
 - GUI Application Debugging Tools (bottlenecks identification, rendering issues)
- The following icons are used in the next slides:
 - : tool only working on Simulator
 - : tool only working on the Device
 - No icon means that the tool is working on the Device and on the Simulator.

DEVELOPMENT TOOLS OVERVIEW



TOOLS	RUNTIME & POST- MORTEM	MEMORY INSPECTION	STATIC ANALYSIS TOOLS	GUI DEBUGGING TOOLS
Core Engine VM Dump	×			
Debug on Device	×			
Debug on Simulator	×			
Port Qualification Tool (PQT)	×			
SystemView	×	×		×
Logging & Message Libraries	×			
Code Coverage	×			
Memory Map Analyzer		×		
Heap Dumper / Analyzer		×		
Heap Usage Monitoring		×		
Core Engine MEMORY integrity check		×		
SonarQube / Klocwork (Java/C)			×	
Null Analysis			×	
UI Flush Visualizer				×
UI MWT & Widget Debug Utilities				×

PREREQUISITES



Hardware required:

- NXP i.MX RT1170 Evaluation Kit (EVKB) + micro-USB cable + RK055HDMIPI4MA0 display panel
- More information about the Evaluation Kit: <u>NXP i.MX RT1170 User Manual</u>

Environment Setup:

- Follow the NXP i.MX RT1170 Evaluation Kit Getting Started to setup your environment and run a demo application on the Virtual Device and on the i.MX RT1170 Evaluation Kit.
- Note: the next slides are using **IntelliJ IDEA** with **MicroEJ plugin for IntelliJ IDEA 1.1.0**. This training supports all other available IDEs (Android Studio, VS Code, ...)

This training requires the Getting Started to be completed until the **Run an Application on the i.MX RT1170 Evaluation Kit** section (included).

⚠ The path to the NXP i.MX RT1170 VEE Port sources should be as short as possible and contain **no** whitespace or **non-ASCII character.**

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ENVIRONMENT SETUP (1/4)



GET TRAINING RESOURCES

- Download and extract the training resources provided with this training, it should contain:
 - example-java-widget/
 - o slide-container/
 - fill_array_heap_corruption.c
 - o jdwp-server-1.0.4.jar

ENVIRONMENT SETUP (2/4)

OPEN THE EXAMPLE-JAVA-WIDGET PROJECT

- Open IntelliJ IDEA.
- If no project is opened in your IDE yet, click on **Open**.
 Otherwise, go to **File > Open**.
- Browse to the VEE Port sources folder: example-java-widget
- Click on **OK**.
- The project sources appear in the Projects view.



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> 🗀 .vscode					
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> 🗀 build					
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> 🗀 gradle					
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ENVIRONMENT SETUP (3/4)



VEE PORT SELECTION

- Get the path to the NXP i.MX RT1170 VEE Port (e.g. C:\workspaces\training\nxpvee-mimxrt1170-evk)
- Add the path to the VEE Port in the **settings.gradle.kts** file of the **example-java-widget** project:
 - rootProject.name = "widget-examples"
 includeBuild("C:\\workspaces\\training\\nxpvee-mimxrt1170-evk\\nxpvee-mimxrt1170-evk")
- In the **build.gradle.kts** file of the **example-java-widget** project, add the dependency to the VEE Port:
 - dependencies {
 implementation("ej.api:edc:1.3.5")

 //Uncomment the microejVee dependency to set the VEE Port or Kernel to use
 microejVee("com.nxp.vee.mimxrt1170:vee-port:3.0.0")
- Reload the Gradle project to see the NXP i.MXRT1170 VEE Port project in the IDE:



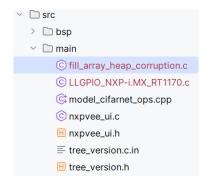
ENVIRONMENT SETUP (4/4)



ADD CUSTOM NATIVE FUNCTION

A native function needs to be implemented in the BSP to run the sample on the device:

- Copy/Paste **fill_array_heap_corruption.c** in the BSP project (e.g. copy it in *nxpvee-mimxrt1170-evk /bsp/vee/src/main*).
- Add it to CMakeLists.txt (nxpvee-mimxrt1170-evk/bsp/vee/scripts/armgcc/CMakeLists.txt):



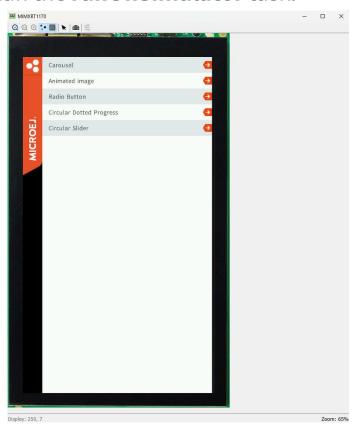


CHECK THE ENVIRONMENT SETUP

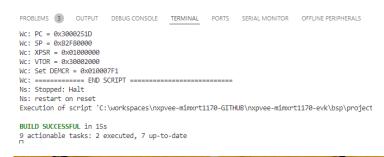


Run the sample on the Simulator and on the Device to make sure that the setup is correct:

- Go to the Gradle tasks view
- Run the runOnSimulator task:



 Run the **runOnDevice** task. Make sure the hardware is properly setup (cf. <u>Prerequisites</u>)





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Example-Java-Widget Overview

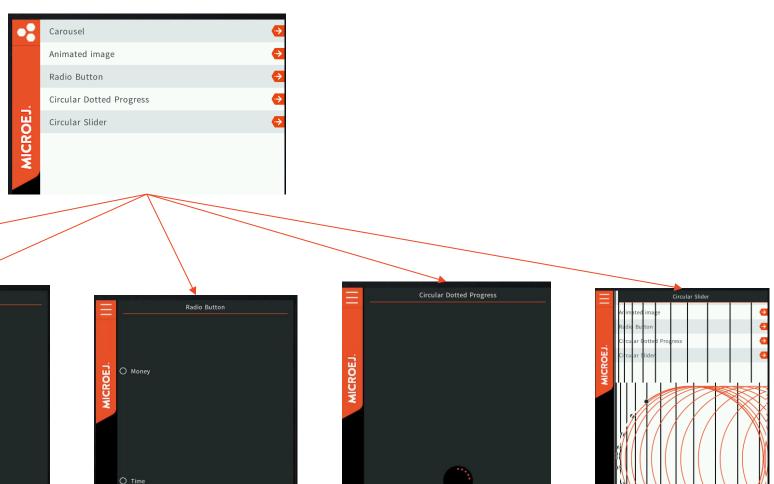
Introduction to the Example-Java-Widget project

GUI OVERVIEW



This project is a fork of Example Widget 8.1.0, bugs have been explicitly added.

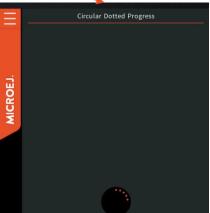
The next slides will present those bugs and explain how to fix them.

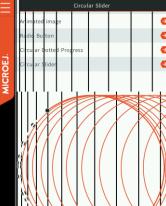








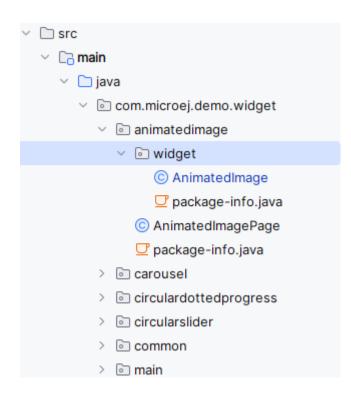




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PROJECT STRUCTURE





The application is composed of the following packages:

- Animated image: provides a page with an animated image widget producing a GUI freeze
- Carousel: typical page without bugs
- Circular Dotted Progress: provides a page that produces a memory leak
- Circular Slider: provides a page having a rendering issue
- Common: provides a navigation framework and common resources used by the application
- Main: main page of the application
- Radio Button: provides a page generating a heap memory corruption

Each package contains:

- A Page class, describing the layout of the page
- A Widget package containing the widgets of the page



Debug the BSP C Code

Start a Debug Session in VS Code

OVERVIEW



This section describes how to debug C code running on the NXP i.MXRT1170 using Visual Studio Code and GDB.

This section is not MicroEJ specific.

A GDB debugger will be required in the next slides.

You can skip those slides if you already have a GDB client working to debug the NXP i.MXRT1170.

Requirements:

- Install Visual Studio Code (https://code.visualstudio.com/)
- In VS Code, install the MCUXpresso extension for VS Code:



ENABLE THE DEBUG MODE



 Enable the DEBUG mode by setting RELEASE=0 in nxpvee-mimxrt1170evk\bsp\vee\scripts\set_project_env.bat:

```
= set_project_env.bat ×

16
17  REM Set 1 for RELEASE mode and 0 for DEBUG mode
18  IF "%RELEASE%" == "" (
19  SET RELEASE=0
20 )
```

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BSP DEBUGGING IN VS CODE (1/2)



SELECT THE DEBUG BUILD MODE

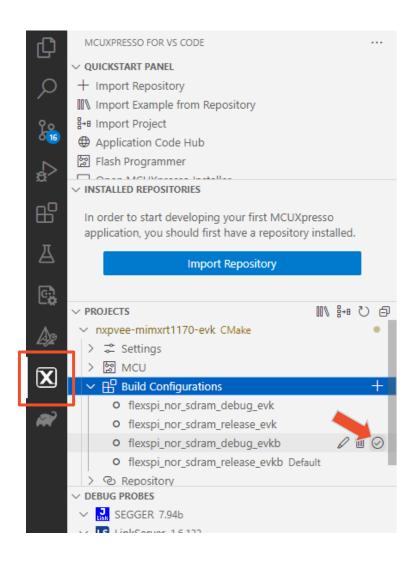
VS Code allows to build, flash and debug embedded projects.

Open the **NXP i.MX RT1170 VEE Port** project in VS Code:

- In VS Code, go to File > Open Folder...
- Browse to the VEE Port sources folder:
 nxpvee-mimxrt1170-evk
- Click on OK.

Once the project is opened:

- Open the MCUXpresso plugin view.
- Open the Build Configurations section in the PROJECTS view.
- Set flexspi_nor_sdram_debug_evkb as the default build configuration.



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BSP DEBUGGING IN VS CODE (2/2)



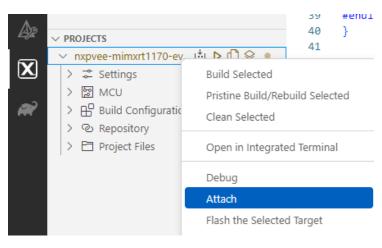
Make sure that the **example-java-widget** project is running on the device.

Open the **NXP i.MX RT1170 VEE Port** project in VS Code:

- In VS Code, go to File > Open Folder...
- Browse to the VEE Port sources folder:
 nxpvee-mimxrt1170-evk
- Click on OK.

Once the project is opened:

- Open the **MCUXpresso** plugin view.
- Right-click on the project.
- Select **Debug** (as the application is already running on the device).



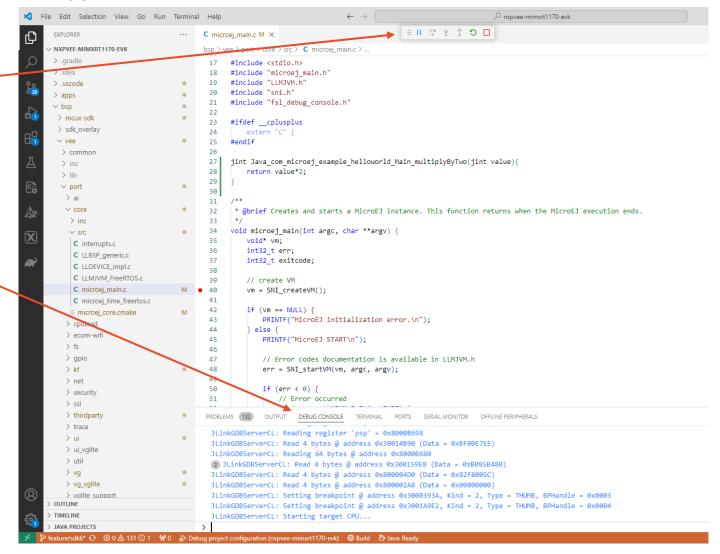
DEBUG VIEW IN VS CODE



The debug view opens and the application runs on the device:

A control bar is available to start/stop/pause the debugging

The Debug Console allows to type GDB commands
Refer to <u>VS Code</u>
documentation for more information.



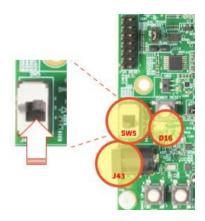
TROUBLESHOOTING

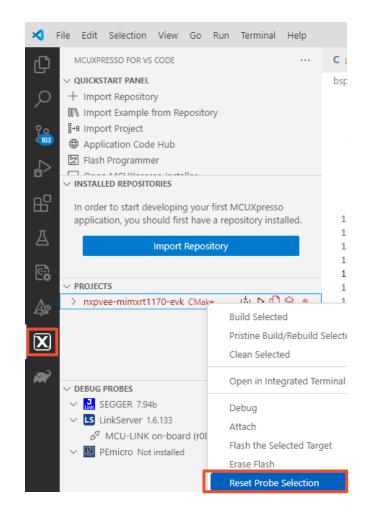


In case of connection issue to the target, reset the debug probe selection via the MCUXpresso plugin:

- Select the MCUXpresso plugin in the left banner.
- Right-click on the project name and select Reset Probe
 Selection.
- Start the debug again.

If the issue persists, unplug/plug the USB cable and turn OFF/ON the device:





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Runtime & Post-Mortem Debugging Tools

Debug the Application code

RUNTIME & POST-MORTEM DEBUGGING TOOLS



Tools:

- Core Engine VM Dump
- Debug on Device
- Debug on Simulator
- Port Qualification Tools (qualify a VEE Port)
- Event Tracing & Logging*
- Code Coverage*

Example:

 Debug a deadlock in an application in the Simulator and on Device

GUI freeze when entering a page

Animated image

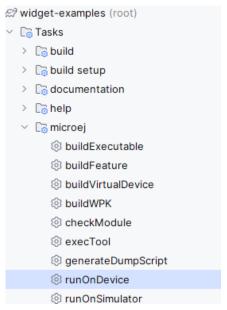
^{*} Tool not introduced in this presentation, visit <u>docs.microej.com</u> for more information.

DEBUG A DEADLOCK IN AN APPLICATION



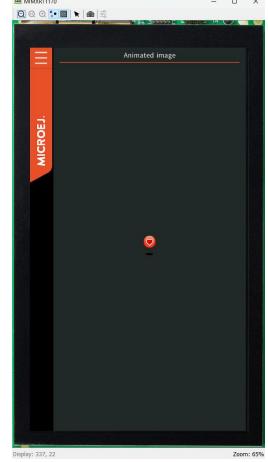
REPRODUCE THE ISSUE

 Run the example-java-widget project the on Device:



• Enter the **Animated Image** page.

The GUI should freeze after the screen transition:



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CORE ENGINE VM DUMP (1/4)



• Core Engine VM Dump is a diagnose tool to investigate unexpected behavior occurring on the target.

When?

- Call the LLMJVM_dump() method in the Core Engine task at runtime to diagnose unexpected behavior (ex: UI freeze).
- Call the LLMJVM_dump() as a last resort in a fault handler to get a snapshot of the Core Engine, to check if the issue comes from a <u>LLAPI</u> or the underlying C code.

What?

- o Prints the state of the MicroEJ Core Engine to the standard output stream.
- For each Java thread, the Java stack trace, the name, the state and the priority are printed.

• Requirements:

A way to read stdout (usually UART).

CORE ENGINE VM DUMP (2/4)



HOW-TO?

Example of LLMJVM Dump triggered from a • Trigger the LLMJVM Dump from the fault handler:

```
c fsl_component_exception_handling.c ×
bsp > sdk_overlay > core > components > exception_handling > cm7 > C fsl_c
324
      static void EXCEPTION StackFramePrint(void)
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       #if (defined(EXCEPTION HANDLING LOG ENABLE) && (EXCEP
           (void)EXCEPTION PRINTF("\r\n--- Stack frame -----
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           (void)EXCEPTION PRINTF(" IPSR= 0x%08X >>>>> ", g
           switch (g exceptionStackStruct->IPSR & 0xFFU) ···
330 )
           (void)EXCEPTION_PRINTF(" <<<<<\r\n");</pre>
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           (void)EXCEPTION PRINTF(" R1 = 0x%08X ", g exce
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           (void)EXCEPTION_PRINTF(" R2 = 0x%08X ", g_exce
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           (void) EXCEPTION PRINTF(" R3 = 0x\%08X\r\n", g exc
           (void)EXCEPTION_PRINTF(" R12 = 0x%08X ", g_exce
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           (void)EXCEPTION_PRINTF(" LR = 0x%08X ", g_exce
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392
           (void)EXCEPTION_PRINTF(" PC = 0x%08X ", g_exce
393
           (void)EXCEPTION PRINTF(" PSR = 0x%08X\r\n", g exc
           (void) EXCEPTION PRINTF(" SP (when faulted) = 0x%
394
395
           (void) EXCEPTION PRINTF("\n--- System Control Bloc
396
           (void)EXCEPTION HardFaultRegisterPrint();
397
398
           EXCEPTION PRINTF("Launch LLMJVM dump(), not worki
           #ifndof DEBUG_CONSOLE_TRANSFER_NON_BLOCKING
399
400
           LLMJVM dump();
           EXCEPTION PRINTF("LLMJVM dump() DONE\n");
```

debugger (see next slide):

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OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS SERIAL MONITOR
   SEL MINCH -- SEL HUMBER OF CHARACTERS MINERE OND SHOULD MEAD ITHES OF ICS ON
   set write -- Set writing into executable and core files.
   Type "help set" followed by set subcommand name for full documentation.
   Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word".
   Type "apropos -v word" for full documentation of commands related to "word"
   Command name abbreviations are allowed if unambiguous.
  -exec set healp
   No symbol table is loaded. Use the "file" command.
→ -exec set $pc = icetea virtual com is2t microjvm mowana VMTask dump
   Program received signal SIGINT, Interrupt.
   0x3000defc in cpuload idle ()
   -exec set $pc = icetea virtual com is2t microjvm mowana VMTask dump
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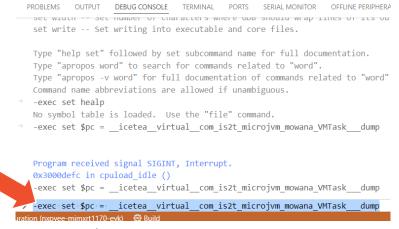
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CORE ENGINE VM DUMP (3/4)



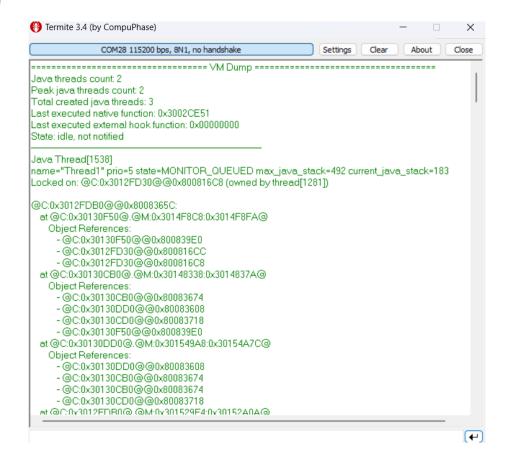
TRIGGER THE LLMJVM DUMP FROM THE DEBUGGER (VS CODE / GDB)

- Start a serial terminal to get the application execution traces
- Start the debug session in VS Code
- Click the "Play" button to start the application The start the application
- Enter the **Animated Image** page
- Click the "Pause" button
- Run the following command in the **Debug Console**:



-exec set \$pc = __icetea__virtual__com_is2t_microjvm_mowana_VMTask___dump

Click the "Play" button, the VM dump can be see in the serial terminal © MICROEJ 2025



CORE ENGINE VM DUMP (4/4)



EXAMPLE OF DUMP

- Use the <u>Stack Trace Reader</u> to decode the stack trace
- A dead lock is identified in the stack trace, lock between threads "Thread1" and "UI Pump"
- The UI Tread (UI Pump) is locked
 → GUI Freeze

Java threads count: 3
Peak java threads count: 3
Total created java threads: 4
Last executed native function: 0x9014DDFB
Last executed external hook function: 0x00000000
State: idle, not notified

Java Thread[1794]

name="Thread1" prio=5 state=MONITOR QUEUED max java stack=492 current_java_stack=183 Locked on: java/lang/Object@0xC0081C4C (owned by thread[1281])

java/lang/Thread@0xC0082150:

at com/microej/demo/widget/animatedimage/widget/AnimatedImage\$1.run(AnimatedImage.java:190) Object References:

- com/microej/demo/widget/animatedimage/widget/AnimatedImage\$1@0xC00821B0
- java/lang/Object@0xC0081C48
- java/lang/Object@0xC0081C4C

Java Thread[1281]

name="UIPump" prio=5 state=MONITOR QUEUED max_iava_stack=1296 current_java_stack=850 Locked on: java/lang/Object@0xC0081C48 (owned by thread[1794])

java/lang/Thread@0xC008047C:

at com/microej/demo/widget/animatedimage/widget/AnimatedImage.renderContent(AnimatedImage.java:233) Object References:

- com/microej/demo/widget/animatedimage/widget/AnimatedImage@0xC0081C2C
- ej/microui/display/GraphicsContext@0xC008042C
- java/lang/Object@0xC0081C4C
- java/lang/Object@0xC0081C48

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SIMULATOR & DEVICE DEBUGGER



DEBUG ON SIMULATOR

- Use of JDWP (Java Debug Wire Protocol) to use Eclipse debugger
- Use mocks to simulate and debug corner cases of the target
- Debugger features:
 - Breakpoints
 - Step-by-step execution
 - Variables and fields value monitoring
 - Thread execution stacks list

DEBUG ON DEVICE

- Use of JDWP (Java Debug Wire Protocol) to use Eclipse debugger
- Need to setup the <u>VEE Debugger Proxy</u>
- Postmortem debug from a snapshot of the memory
- Debugger features:
 - Breakpoints
 - Step-by-step execution (planned)
 - Variables and fields value monitoring
 - Thread execution stacks list

Note: import the <u>Foundation Library Sources</u> to the debugger to get the exact source code which is executed.



Debug on Device

Debug the Application Code on the Device

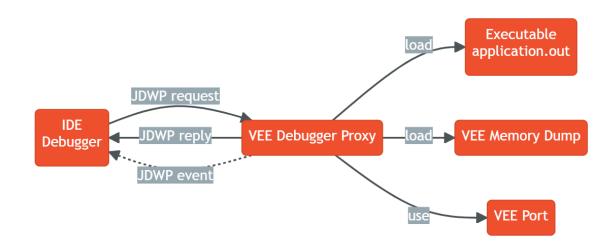
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VEE DEBUGGER PROXY PRINCIPLE



The <u>VEE Debugger Proxy</u> is an implementation of the Java Debug Wire protocol (JDWP) for debugging Applications executed by MICROEJ VEE.

• VEE Debugger Proxy principle:



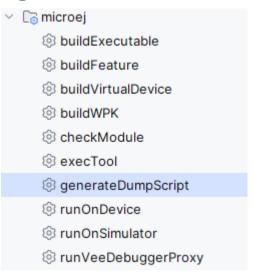
Available since Architecture 8.1

- No VEE Port update required
- Steps:
 - 1. Generate a VEE memory dump script for the target / toolchain
 - 2. Run the application Executable on target
 - Dump the memory of the running Executable using the C Debugger using the VEE memory dump script
 - 4. Run the VEE Debugger Proxy in a Command Prompt
 - 5. On the MicroEJ Simulator, run a Remote Java Application Debugging session

GENERATE THE VEE MEMORY DUMP SCRIPT (1/2)



- The VEE Debugger Proxy tool jdwp-server-1.0.4
 is required to generate the VEE memory dump
 script.
 - The tool is provided in the training package.
- The example-java-widget project provides the generateDumpScript task that allows the user to generate the VEE memory dump script:



This task is declared in the **build.gradle.kts**, it is based on the command line provided in the <u>VEE</u>

<u>Debugger Proxy</u> documentation:

```
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```

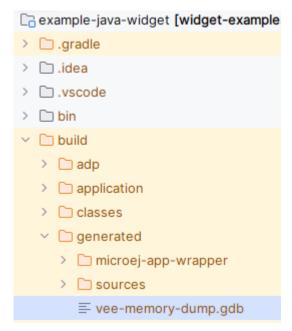
Note that this task is configured to generate a **GDB** dump script.

GENERATE THE VEE MEMORY DUMP SCRIPT (2/2)



Run the **generateDumpScript** task:

- The application is built and flashed on the device,
- The dump script is generated in the build/generated folder:



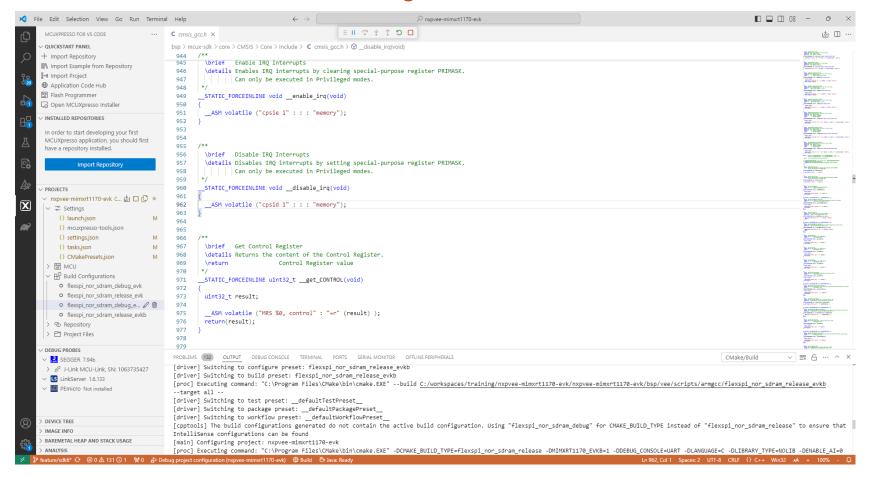


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DUMP THE DEVICE MEMORY (1/3)

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- Once the **vee-memory-dump.gdb** file is generated, open VS Code.
- Attach to the device in VS Code (cf. <u>Debug the BSP C Code</u>).

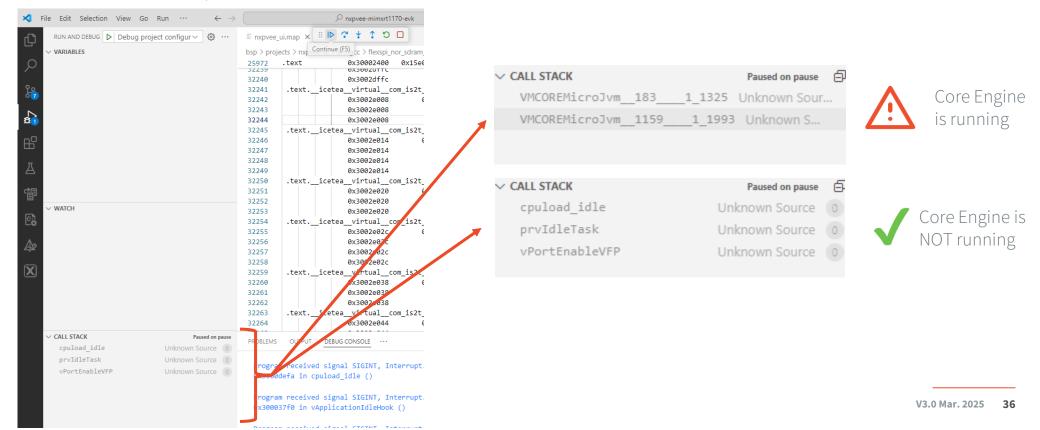


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DUMP THE DEVICE MEMORY (2/3)



- To make sure that the Core engine is not running when the dump is performed, it is recommended to <u>create a breakpoint at a specific safe point</u> (Core Engine hooks or native function).
- Otherwise, make sure that the Core engine is not running when pausing the debugger (see Call Stack section in VS Code):

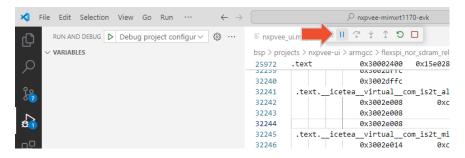


DUMP THE DEVICE MEMORY (3/3)

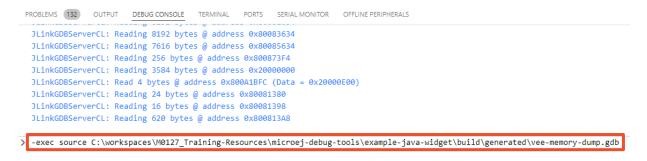


In VS Code, run the **vee-memory-dump.gdb** script file to dump the memory:

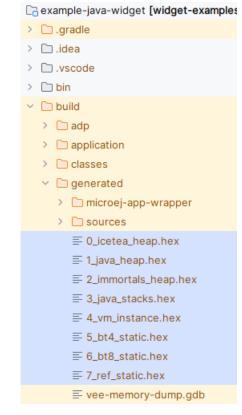
Pause the debugger:



- Run the following command in the **Debug Console** view:
 - -exec source C:\[YOUR_PATH]\vee-memory-dump.gdb



Heap dumps are generated in the output folder:

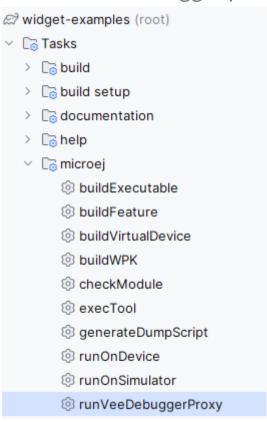


Note: the output folder is specified when generating the **vee-memory**dump.gdb script.

RUN THE VEE DEBUGGER PROXY (1/2)



The **example-java-widget** project provides the **generateDumpScript** task that allows the user to run the VEE debugger proxy:



This task is declared in the **build.gradle.kts**, it is based on the command line provided in the <u>VEE</u>

<u>Debugger Proxy</u> documentation:

```
task<Exec>( name: "runVeeDebuggerProxy") {
          group="microej"
64
          commandLine( ...arguments:
              "java",
66
              "-DveePortDir=$veePortPath",
              "-Ddebugger.out.path=$executablePath",
68
              "-Ddebugger.out.hex.path=$debugOutputFolderPath/0_icetea_heap.hex,$debugOu
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              "-Ddebugger.port=8000",
              "-Ddebugger.out.format=elf",
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              "-Ddebugger.out.bigEndianness=false",
              "-jar", veeDebuggerProxyPath,
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```

The tool takes the dumped .hex files as input.

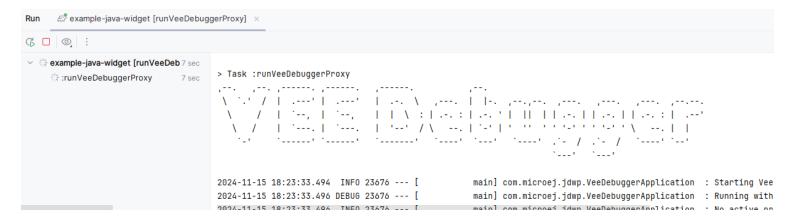
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RUN THE VEE DEBUGGER PROXY (2/2)



Run the **runVeeDebuggerProxy** task:

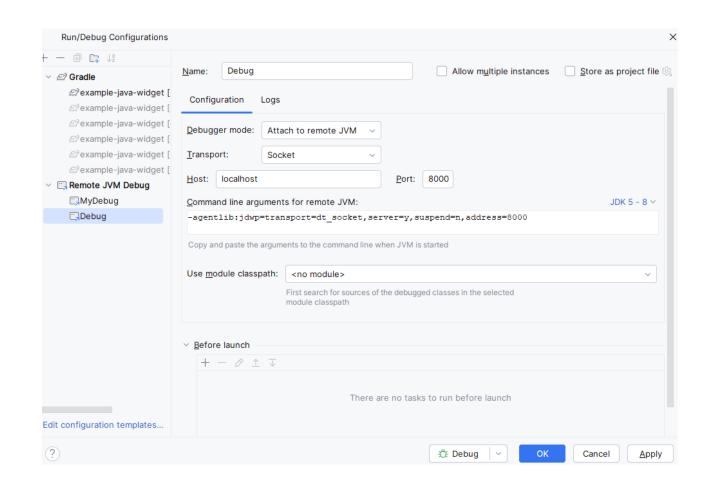
The tool is launched in the console:



RUN A REMOTE JAVA APPLICATION DEBUG SESSION

In IntelliJ IDEA:

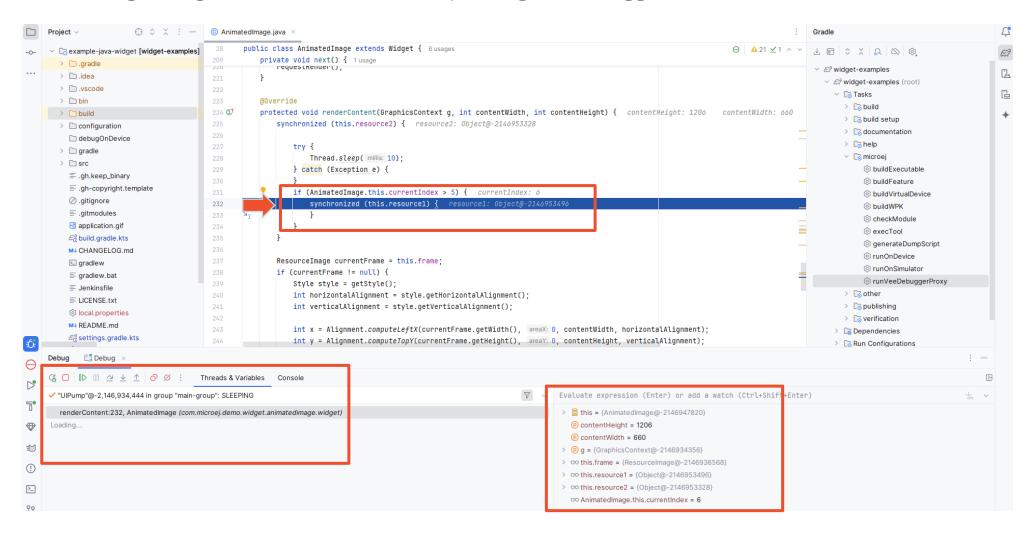
- Click on Run > Edit Configurations....
- Click on + button (Add New Configuration).
- Select Remote JVM Debug.
- Click on the New launch configuration button.
- Give a name to the launcher in the Name field.
- Set the debug host to localhost and port to 8000.
- Click on the **Debug** button.



GET THE POST-MORTEM DEBUGGING STATE (1/2)



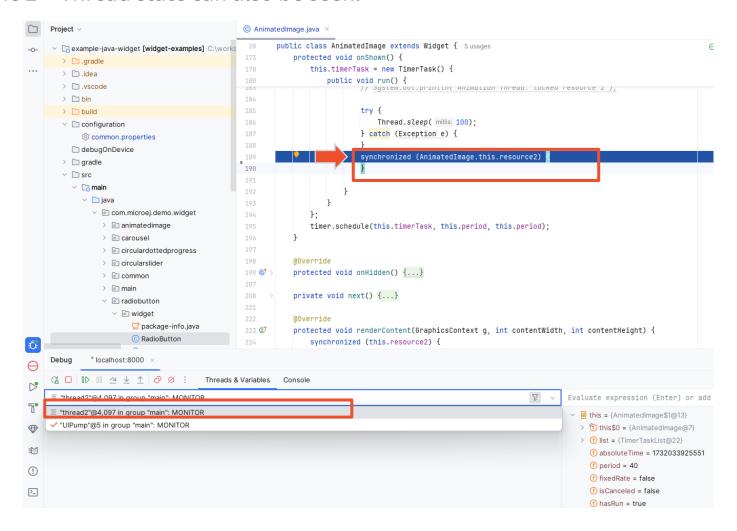
The following debug state can be seen when pausing the debugger and the threads:



GET THE POST-MORTEM DEBUGGING STATE (2/2)



The 2nd Thread state can also be seen:





Debug on Simulator

Debug the Application Code on the Simulator

DEBUG ON THE SIMULATOR (1/2)



Execute the runOnSimulator Gradle task with the following options:

-P"debug.mode"=true	-P"debug.	port"=8000
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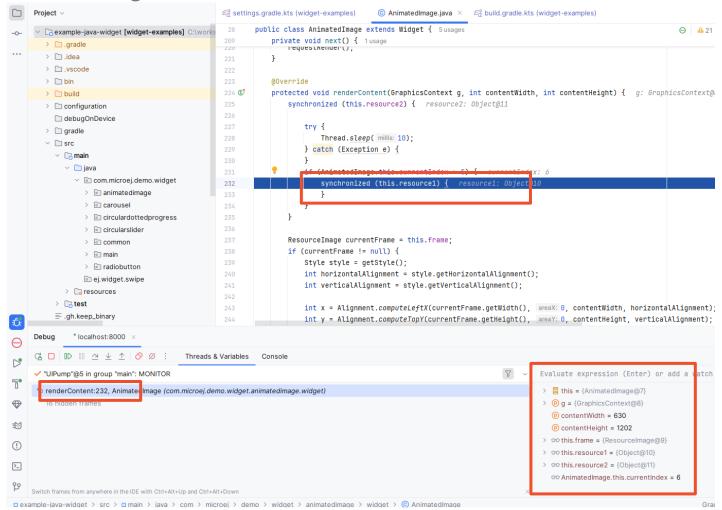
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run0nSimulator	-P"debug.mode"=true -P"debug.port"=8000 ·
Example: builddebug	. Default tasks will be executed if no tasks are specified. Alt+R

• The console opens with the following message, click on Attach debugger to start the debug session:

DEBUG ON THE SIMULATOR (2/2)



- Pause the Debugger once the freeze occurs.
- The same state that the debug on device view can be seen



ISSUE ANALYSIS & FIX



The interlock is caused by the synchronization of **resource1** and **resource2** objects on 2 different Threads:

- The **renderContent** method is called in the **UIPump** thread context
 - Note: this method is called at every animation frame of the animated image
- The onShown method creates a TimerTask that is executed in the context of the Timer thread
 - Note: this method is called once, when the Animated Page is shown

Fix: this code has been written for training purpose, remove it to unlock the application.

```
@Override
           protected void onShown() {
173 6
               super.onShown():
               Timer timer = ServiceFactory.qetService(Timer.class, Timer.class);
               // Timer timer = new Timer();
               this.timerTask = new TimerTask() {
                   @Override
180 C
                   public void run() {
                        next(); // Next frame of the animation
                        synchronized (AnimatedImage.this.resource1) {
                            try {
                                Thread.sleep( millis: 100);
                             catch (Exception e) {
                            synchronized (AnimatedImage.this.resource2) {
```

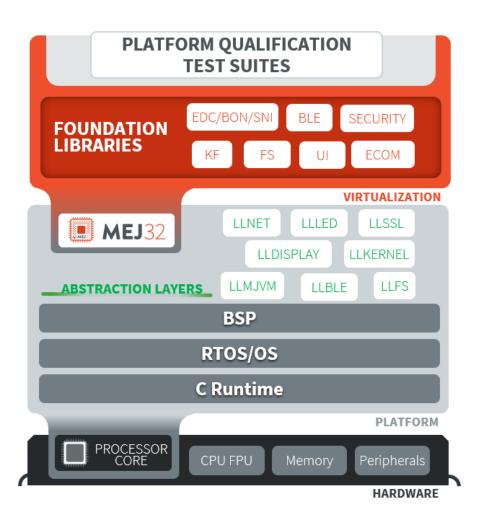


Port Qualification Tool

PORT QUALIFICATION TOOL (1/2)

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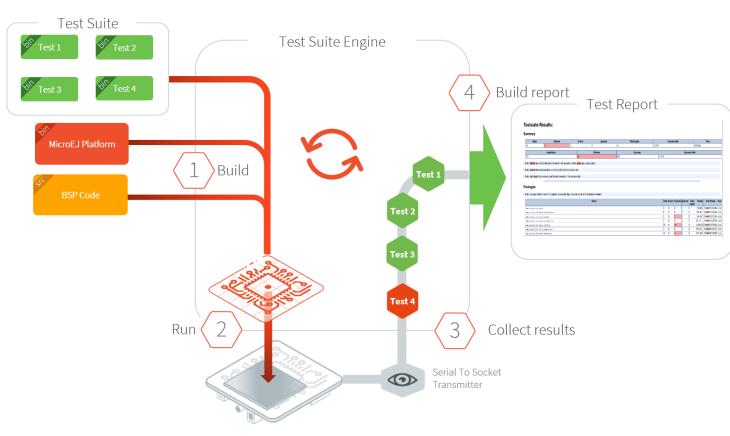
- The Port Qualification Tool (PQT) project provides the tools required to validate each component of a MicroEJ VEE Port.
- After porting or adding a <u>Foundation Library</u> to a MicroEJ VEE Port, it is necessary to validate its integration.
- For each Low Level API, an Abstraction Layer implementation is required. The validation of the Abstraction Layer implementation is performed by running tests at two-levels:
 - o In C, by calling Low Level APIs (usually manually).
 - In Java, by calling Foundation Library APIs (usually automatically using <u>Platform Test Suite</u>).
- PQT tests can be extended by the developer to support custom Foundation Libraries.
- Please refer to the <u>Platform Qualification</u> documentation for more information.



PORT QUALIFICATION TOOL (2/2)



- PQT tests are provided with a Test Suite project, to run tests automatically (CI or locally)
 - → Agility in the development flow
- A Test Suite contains one or more tests. For each test, the Test Suite Engine will:
 - o Build a MicroEJ Firmware for the test.
 - Program and Run the MicroEJ
 Firmware onto the device.
 - Retrieve the execution traces.
 - Analyze the traces to determine whether the test has PASSED or FAILED.
 - Append the result to the Test Report.
 - Repeat until all tests of the Test Suite have been executed.



VEE Port Testsuite on Device Overview

KEY TAKEWAYS



- PQT: validate the vertical integration: Foundation Library > Abstraction Layer > C Library >
 Driver
- 2. Event Tracing & Logging: instrument the application with debug logs
- 3. Core Engine VM Dump: diagnosis tool to display the state of the MicroEJ Runtime and the MicroEJ threads on target (name, priority, stack trace, etc.)
- 4. Debugger (on device & simulator): analysis of an applicative issue



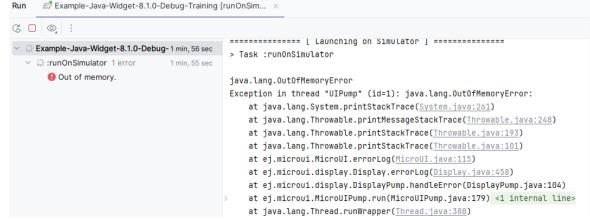
Memory Inspection Tools

MEMORY INSPECTION TOOLS



- Tools:
 - Memory Map Analyzer*
 - Heap Dumper & Heap Analyzer
 - Core Engine Memory integrity check
 - Heap Usage Monitoring Tool*
- Examples:
 - Investigate memory leaks
 - Detect memory corruption of the Core Engine heap





Out Of Memory exception in a GUI application

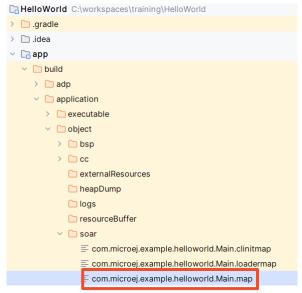
^{*} Tool not introduced in this presentation, visit <u>docs.microej.com</u> for more information.

MEMORY MAP ANALYZER



PRINCIPLE

When the Executable of an Application is built, a Memory Map file is generated:



This file can be visualized with the Memory Map Analyzer, an Eclipse IDE plugin. It displays the memory consumption of different features in the RAM and ROM.

USAGE

.map files can be opened using the Memory Map Analyzer plugin. Make sure the Eclipse IDE is installed with the required plugin, then launch it.

In Eclipse IDE, click on File > Open File... to open the .map file:

lame	Image Size	Runtime Size
• All	14.6 KB	206.5 KB
ApplicationCode	61 B	0 B
ApplicationImmutables	36 B	0 B
 ApplicationStrings 	1.7 KB	0 B
• BSP	540 B	130.4 KB
 ClassNames 	104 B	0 B
CoreEngine	596 B	7.5 KB
 CoreEngineAllocator 	0 B	68.0 KB
LibFoundationEDC	7.2 KB	0 B
 LibFoundationSNI 	254 B	0 B
 NativeStackMicroUI 	616 B	540 B
 RuntimeTables 	1.0 KB	0 B
• Statics	0 B	68 B
Types	2.4 KB	0 B

Note: it does not include the memory usage of the BSP project.

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HEAP DUMPER & HEAP ANALYZER (1/8)



- Heap Dumper is a tool that takes a snapshot of the heap.
 Generated files (.heap extension) are available in the application output folder.
- Heap Analyzer is a tool that allows to inspect the heap dumps.
 It provides the following features:
 - Memory leaks detection
 - Objects instances browse
 - Heap usage optimization (using immortal or immutable objects)
 - Comparison between Heap Dumps
- To generate .heap dump files, **System.gc()** must be called explicitly in the application code.
- .heap dump files can be generated in simulation and also dumped from the device.

HEAP DUMPER & HEAP ANALYZER (2/8)



USAGE

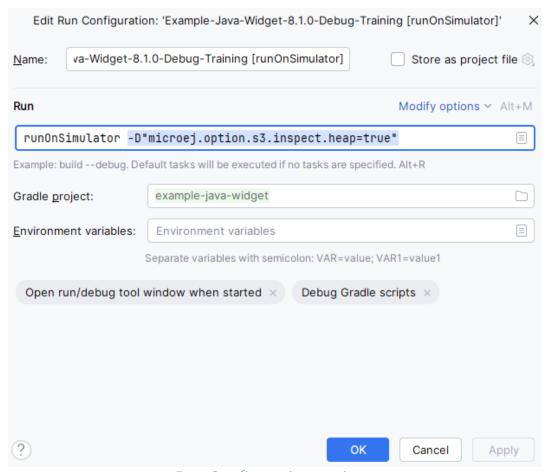
Heap Dumper is a tool that allows to get a snapshot of the heap of an Application running on the Simulator or on a device.

To run the Heap Dumper on Simulator (IntelliJ IDEA / Android Studio):

- Right-Click on the **runOnSimulator** task.
- Click on Modify Run Configuration...
- Add the following option:
 - -D"microej.option.s3.inspect.heap=true"
- Click on Run.

Or use this command line:

- .\gradlew.bat runOnSimulator
- -D"microej.option.s3.inspect.heap=true"



Run Configuration options

HEAP DUMPER & HEAP ANALYZER (3/8)



REPRODUCE THE ISSUE

- Once the Simulator is started, enter / leave the
 Circular Dotted Progress page
 ~10 times
- Get the error trace in the console:

```
====== [ Initialization Stage ] =========
WARNING: This Java version (17.0.10) is not officially supported becau
======= [ Converting fonts ] ========
======= [ Converting images ] =========
======= [ Launching on Simulator ] ========
java.lang.OutOfMemoryError
Exception in thread "UIPump" (id=1): java.lang.OutOfMemoryError:
   at java.lang.System.printStackTrace(System.java:261)
   at java.lang.Throwable.printMessageStackTrace(Throwable.java:248)
   at java.lang.Throwable.printStackTrace(Throwable.java:193)
   at java.lang.Throwable.printStackTrace(Throwable.java:101)
   at ej.microui.MicroUI.errorLog(MicroUI.java:109)
   at ej.microui.display.Display.errorLog(Display.java:463)
   at ej.microui.display.DisplayPump.handleError(DisplayPump.java:116
   at ej.microui.MicroUIPump.run(MicroUIPump.java:184) <1 internal li
   at java.lang.Thread.runWrapper(Thread.java:388)
```

- Close the Simulator.
- Heap Dumps are generated in the build/output/<fqnMainClass>/heapDump/ folder of the project, where <fqnMainClass> is the Fully Qualified Name of the Application Main class.



Generated Heap Dump files

HEAP DUMPER & HEAP ANALYZER (4/8)

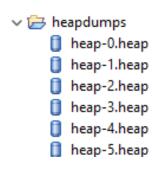


IMPORT THE HEAP DUMPS

Heap Dumps can be opened using the Heap Analyzer plug-in. Make sure <u>the Eclipse IDE is installed with</u> <u>the required plugin</u>, then launch it.

In **Eclipse IDE**, create a new empty Project:

- Go to File > New > Project...
- Select General > Project.
- Give it a name and click Finish.
- Copy paste the generated Heap Dumps into this project:



HEAP DUMPER & HEAP ANALYZER (5/8)



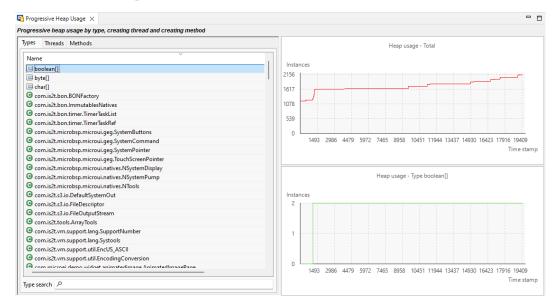
PROGRESSIVE HEAP USAGE ANALYSIS

The progressive heap usage tool allows to see the number of instances over time.

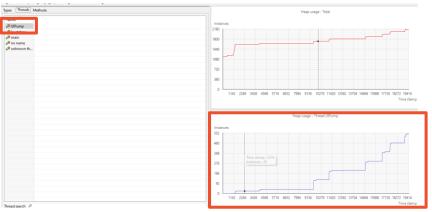
To use the tool:

- Select the last .heap file (e.g. **heap-5.heap**)
- Right-click on it and select
 Heap Analyzer > Show progressive heap usage

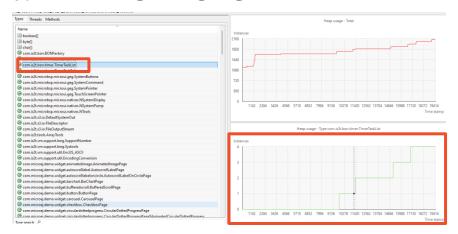
The following view opens:



In the Threads tab, we can clearly notice that the memory leak is coming from the **UIThread**:



Browsing the types, we notice that the instances of some types are also growing (e.g. **TimerTaskList**):



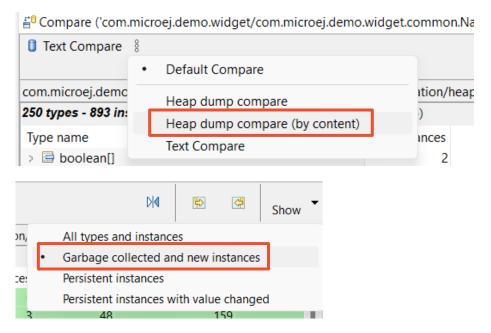
Next step: compare 2 consecutive heap dumps focusing v3.0 Mar. 2025 60 the types that are growing continuously.

HEAP DUMPER & HEAP ANALYZER (6/8)



COMPARE THE HEAP DUMPS

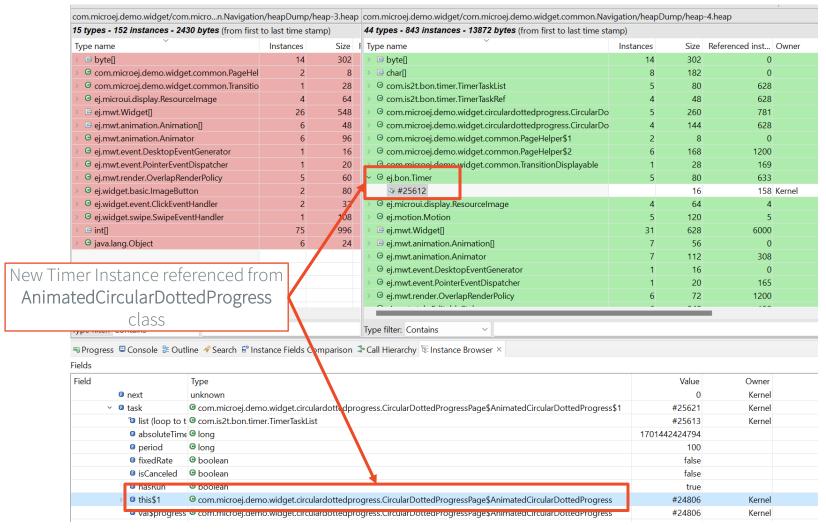
- Right-Click on 2 consecutive .heap files.
 Preferably the ones generated just before the Out Of Memory error.
- Click on Compare With → Each Other.
- The Heap Viewer opens, select the following configuration:



HEAP DUMPER & HEAP ANALYZER (7/8)



Heap Compare between .heap-3 and .heap-4:



Guidelines:

- Lots of new objects have been created (691 new instances)
- Use the compare by content option to discard objects that moved but have the same content
- Look for new objects that can have an impact (Thread, Timer, Page, Widget, StyleSheet)
 - → knowledge of the application required, need to understand the objects hierarchy
- Once an object has been picked, look its parent in the Instance
 Browser

HEAP DUMPER & HEAP ANALYZER (8/8)



ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

 New Timer instance created each time the CircularDottedProgressPage is shown:

→ Memory leak is due to the useless Timer instances keeping a reference on the widget **AnimatedCircularDottedProgress**Also, the TimerTask is never canceled

FIX

- Retrieve a global Timer instance (defined at application startup)
- Cancel the TimerTask once the
 CircularDottedProgressPage is hidden

```
@Override
protected void onShown() {
  System.ac();
  this.startTime = Util.platformTimeMillis();
  final AnimatedCircularDottedProgress progress = this;
  Timer timer = ServiceFactory.getService(Timer.class, Timer.class);
  this.task = new TimerTask() {
    @Override
    public void run() {
     progress.tick();
  timer.schedule(this.task, 0, 100);
@Override
protected void onHidden(){
 if(this.task != null){
    this.task.cancel();
  this.task = null;
```

CORE ENGINE MEMORY INTEGRITY CHECK (1/3)



- The **LLMJVM_checkIntegrity** API checks the internal memory structure integrity of the Core Engine with the <u>LLMJVM_checkIntegrity API</u> to detect memory corruptions in native functions.
- This feature is for Applications deployed on hardware devices only:
 - If an integrity error is detected, the LLMJVM_on_CheckIntegrity_error hook is called and this method returns 0.
 - o If no integrity error is detected, a non-zero checksum is returned.

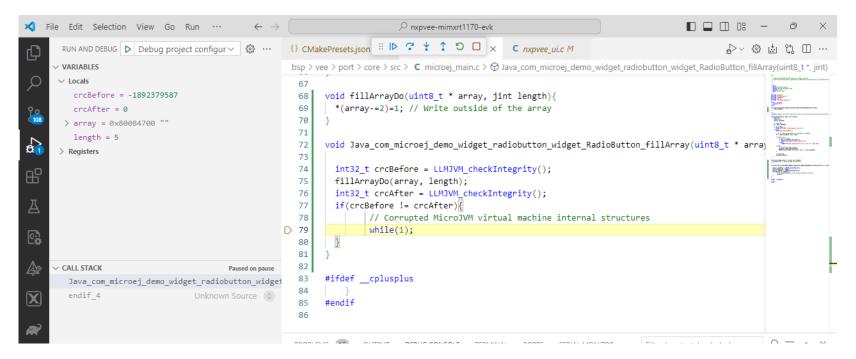
Note: this function affects performance and should only be used for debug purpose.

CORE ENGINE MEMORY INTEGRITY CHECK (2/3)



REPRODUCE THE ISSUE

- Run the example-java-widget application on the device
- Enter the Radio Button page, click on one of the buttons
- The GUI should freeze, the Heap is corrupted
- Run the <u>BSP Debug</u>, the execution is stuck in a while loop because the CRC check of the VEE Heap failed:



CORE ENGINE MEMORY INTEGRITY CHECK (3/3)



ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

FIX

- The fillArrayDo native function writes outside the array memory area:
- Fix the implementation of fillArrayDo.

```
void fillArrayDo(uint8_t * array, jint length){
   *(array-=2)=1; // Write outside of the array
}

void Java_com_microej_demo_widget_radiobutton_widget_RadioButton_fillArray(uint8_t * array, jint length){
   int32_t crcBefore = LLMJVM_checkIntegrity();
   fillArrayDo(array, length);
   int32_t crcAfter = LLMJVM_checkIntegrity();
   if(crcBefore != crcAfter){
        // Corrupted MicroJVM virtual machine internal structures
        while(1);
   }
}
```

KEY TAKEWAYS



- Heap Dumper:
 - Generates heap dumps (.heap file) on System.gc() execution
- Heap Analyzer features:
 - Compare: compares two heap dumps, showing which objects were created, or garbage collected, or have changed values
 - → useful for memory leaks detection
 - Heap Viewer: shows which instances are in the heap, when they were created, and attempts to identify problematic areas
 - → useful for memory optimization
- Core Engine Memory Integrity Check: detect memory corruptions in native functions.
- Heap Usage Monitoring Tool: estimate the heap requirements of an application.



Identify & Debug Performance Bottlenecks

Study done on a UI Application

IDENTIFYING & DEBUGGING BOTTLENECKS



Tools:

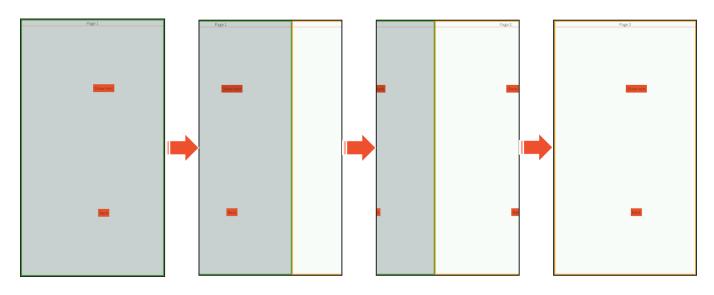
- Flush Visualizer
- Refresh Strategy Highlighting
- SystemView
- MicroUl Event Buffer Dump

Example:

• Identify performance bottlenecks that prevents smooth slide animation

The next slides are using IntelliJ IDEA as IDE.

Note: For UI2 and former versions, please refer to MicroUI and multithreading for a description of the threading model.



Slide animation between 2 pages



Flush Visualizer

Identify & Debug Bottlenecks on the Simulator using the Flush Visualizer tool

PRESENTATION



Building smooth and visually appealing UI applications requires a keen focus on performance. To achieve efficient UI rendering, minimizing unnecessary work that consumes valuable CPU time is essential.

The Flush Visualizer is a tool designed to investigate potential performance bottlenecks in UI applications running on the Simulator. The Flush Visualizer provides the following information:

- A timeline with a step for each flush.
- A screenshot of what is shown on the display at flush time.
- The list of what is done before this flush (and after the previous one) organized as a tree.
- A node of the tree can be either a region (the display or a clip) or a drawing operation.

For more information, refer to the Flush Visualizer documentation.



Display (0,0) 480x272

Tree of the drawing operations

```
Clip #1 (0,0) 480x272 [100% of Display]
 fillRectangle (0,0) 480x272 color=0xff262a2c [100% of Clip #1]
   Clip #2 (0,0) 44x272 [9% of Clip #1]
   fillRectangle (0,0) 44x272 color=0xff262a2c [100% of Clip #2]
      Clip #3 (0,0) 44x46 [16% of Clip #2]
         fillRectangle (0,0) 44x46 color=0xffee502e [100% of Clip #3]
         fillRectangle (0,44) 44x2 color=0xffcf4520 [4% of Clip #3]
        Clip #4 (10,10) 24x24 [28% of Clip #3]
          _ drawImage (0,0) 24x24 at (10,10) alpha=255 color=0xffffffff [100% of Clip #4]
        [100% drawn of Clip #4]
      [132% drawn of Clip #3]
      Clip #5 (0,46) 44x226 [83% of Clip #2]
        fillRectangle (0,46) 44x226 color=0xff000000 [100% of Clip #5]
        drawImage (0,0) 44x226 at (0,46) alpha=255 color=0xffffffff [100% of Clip #5]
      [200% drawn of Clip #5]
  [288% drawn of Clip #2]
  Clip #6 (44,0) 436x272 [90% of Clip #1]
    fillRectangle (44,0) 436x272 color=0xff262a2c [100% of Clip #6]
      Clip #7 (44,0) 436x272 [100% of Clip #6]
        fillRectangle (44,0) 436x272 color=0xfffffffff [100% of Clip #7]
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ENABLE THE FLUSH VISUALIZER



Requirement (already fulfilled by NXP i.MXRT1170 VEE Port):

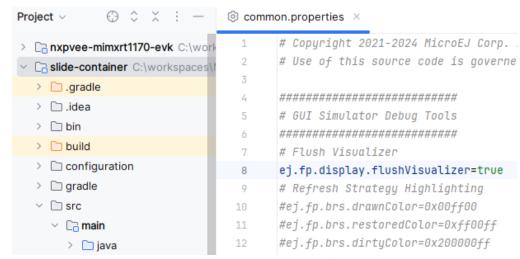
- VEE Port using UI Pack 14.0.0 or later.
- Frontpanel using the Display widget module version 4.+.

Open the **slide-container** example provided in the training package.

Add the dependency to the VEE Port in the slide-container/build.gradle.kts file.

To enable the Flush Visualizer on Simulator:

- Set the ej.fp.display.flushVisualizer to true in the application options (configuration/common.properties)
- Click on Run.

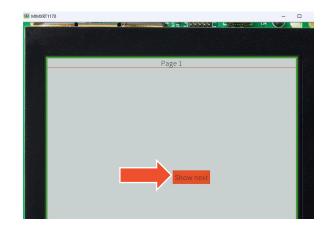


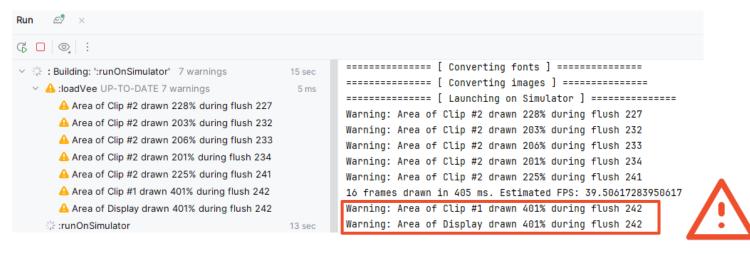
Application options of the slide-container sample

REPRODUCE THE ISSUE



Click on the **Show next** button, the Flush Visualizer displays a message in the Console:





A value of 100% indicates that the area drawn is equivalent to the surface of the region.

A value of 200% indicates that the area drawn is equivalent to twice the surface of the region.

A perfect application has 100% of its root region drawn but its very unlikely for an application that draws anything else than a rectangle or an image.

A total area drawn between 100% to 200% is the norm in practice because widgets often overlap.

However, if the total area drawn is **bigger than 200%**, that means that the total **surface of the region was drawn more than twice**. Probably meaning that a **lot of drawings are done above others**.

→ Next steps are about Identifying those drawings to reduce number of drawings done (or their surface).

FLUSH ANALYZER REPORT

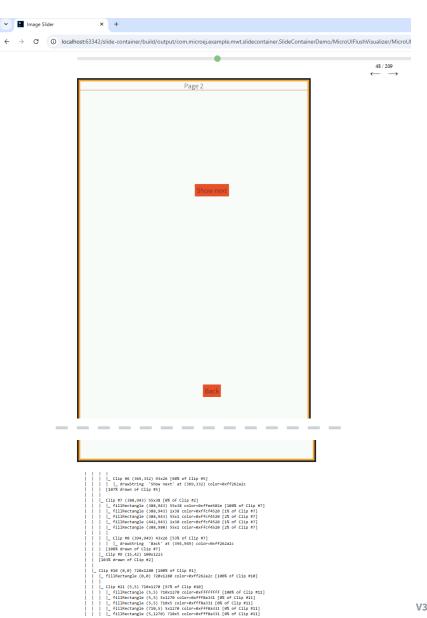


The Flush Visualizer report is accessible in the project output folder. It can be visualized in a web browser:



The report can also be opened clicking this button on the Front Panel:





REPORT ANALYSIS (1/2)

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Open the report and move the slider to the flush frame corresponding to the 401% of drawings (e.g. frame 242):

Warning: Area of Clip #1 drawn 401% during flush 242 Warning: Area of Display drawn 401% during flush 242

The report is available at the bottom of the page.

You should observe the report displayed beside.

The following information are provided:

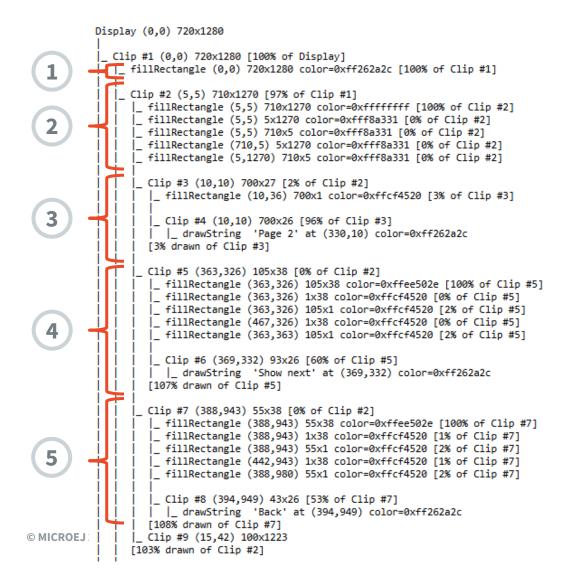
- The operations before a flush are structured as a tree, where nodes represent either:
 - 1 a region (display or clip)
 - 2 a drawing operation.
- 3 Each region has defined bounds, can contain other nodes, and displays the percentage of its parent region it covers.
- 4 Some drawings compute their coverage percentage
- **5** Each region provides a summary of the total percentage covered recursively.

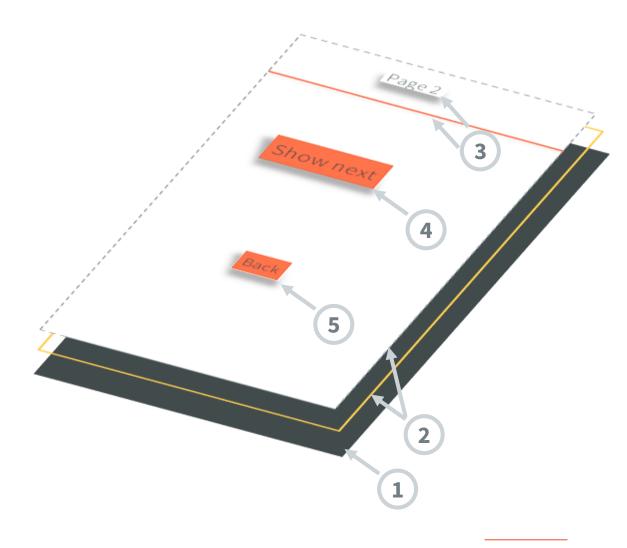
```
Display (0,0) 720x1280
  Clip #1 (0,0) 720x1280 [100% of Display]
    _ fillRectangle (0,0) 720x1280 color=0xff262a2c [100% of Clip #1]
    Clip #2 (5,5) 710x1270 [97% of Clip #1]
        fillRectangle (5,5) 710x1270 color=0xffffffff [100% of Clip #2]
        fillRectangle (5,5) 5x1270 color=0xfff8a331 [0% of Clip #2]
        fillRectangle (5,5) 710x5 color=0xfff8a331 [0% of Clip #2]
        ▶fillRectangle (710,5) 5x1270 color=0xfff8a331 [0% of Clip #2]
        fillRectangle (5,1270) 710x5 color=0xfff8a331 [0% of Clip #2]
        Clip #3 (10,10) 700x27 [2% of Clip #2]
         fillRectangle (10,36) 700x1 color=0xffcf4520 [3% of Clip #3]
           Clip #4 (10,10) 700x26 [96% of Clip #3]
         _ drawString 'Page 2' at (330,10) color=0xff262a2c
         [3% drawn of Clip #3]
        Clip #5 (363,326) 105x38 [0% of Clip #2]
           fillRectangle (363,326) 105x38 color=0xffee502e [100% of Clip #5]
           fillRectangle (363,326) 1x38 color=0xffcf4520 [0% of Clip #5]
           fillRectangle (363,326) 105x1 color=0xffcf4520 [2% of Clip #5]
           fillRectangle (467,326) 1x38 color=0xffcf4520 [0% of Clip #5]
           fillRectangle (363,363) 105x1 color=0xffcf4520 [2% of Clip #5]
           Clip #6 (369,332) 93x26 [60% of Clip #5]
           drawString 'Show next' at (369,332) color=0xff262a2c
         [107% drawn of Clip #5]
        Clip #7 (388,943) 55x38 [0% of Clip #2]
         _ fillRectangle (388,943) 55x38 color=0xffee502e [100% of Clip #7]
           fillRectangle (388,943) 1x38 color=0xffcf4520 [1% of Clip #7]
           fillRectangle (388,943) 55x1 color=0xffcf4520 [2% of Clip #7]
           fillRectangle (442,943) 1x38 color=0xffcf4520 [1% of Clip #7]
             1110ectangle (388,980) 55x1 color=0xffcf4520 [2% of Clip #7]
           Clip #8 (394,949) 43x26 [53% of Clip #7]
           drawString 'Back' at (394,949) color=0xff262a2c
         [108% drawn of Clip #7]
        Clip #9 (15,42) 100x1223
      [103% drawn of Clip #2]
             Clip #17 (394,949) 43x26 [53% of Clip #16]
             _ drawString 'Back' at (394,949) color=0xff262a2c
          Clip #18 (15,42) 100x1223
        [103% drawn of Clip #11]
     [200% drawn of Clip #10]
  [401% drawn of Clip #1]
[401% drawn of Display]
```

REPORT ANALYSIS (2/2)

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SLIDE-CONTAINER PAGE BREAKDOWN





ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS



Taking a look at the report, we notice that the page is actually rendered 2 times, exactly the same way:

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Clip #1 (0,0) 720x1280 [100% of Display]
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  Clip #2 (5,5) 710x1270 [97% of Clip #1]
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     fillRectangle (5,5) 5x1270 color=0xfff8a331 [0% of Clip #2]
     fillRectangle (5.5) 710x5 color=0xfff8a331 [0% of Clip #2]
     fillRectangle (710,5) 5x1270 color=0xfff8a331 [0% of Clip #2]
     fillRectangle (5,1270) 710x5 color=0xfff8a331 [0% of Clip #2]
     Clip #3 (10,10) 700x27 [2% of Clip #2]
      | fillRectangle (10,36) 700x1 color=0xffcf4520 [3% of Clip #3]
      _ Clip #4 (10,10) 700x26 [96% of Clip #3]
       |_ drawString 'Page 2' at (330,10) color=0xff262a2c
     [3% drawn of Clip #3]
     Clip #5 (363,326) 105x38 [0% of Clip #2]
        fillRectangle (363,326) 105x38 color=0xffee502e [100% of Clip #5]
        fillRectangle (363,326) 1x38 color=0xffcf4520 [0% of Clip #5]
        fillRectangle (363,326) 105x1 color=0xffcf4520 [2% of Clip #5]
        fillRectangle (467,326) 1x38 color=0xffcf4520 [0% of Clip #5]
        fillRectangle (363,363) 105x1 color=0xffcf4520 [2% of Clip #5]
      Clip #6 (369,332) 93x26 [60% of Clip #5]
        | drawString 'Show next' at (369,332) color=0xff262a2c
     [107% drawn of Clip #5]
     Clip #7 (388,943) 55x38 [0% of Clip #2]
      fillRectangle (388,943) 55x38 color=0xffee502e [100% of Clip #7]
      fillRectangle (388,943) 1x38 color=0xffcf4520 [1% of Clip #7]
      fillRectangle (388,943) 55x1 color=0xffcf4520 [2% of Clip #7]
      fillRectangle (442,943) 1x38 color=0xffcf4520 [1% of Clip #7]
      fillRectangle (388,980) 55x1 color=0xffcf4520 [2% of Clip #7]
      Clip #8 (394,949) 43x26 [53% of Clip #7]
       drawString 'Back' at (394,949) color=0xff262a2c
     [108% drawn of Clip #7]
     Clip #9 (15,42) 100x1223
   [103% drawn of Clip #2]
```

1st drawing of the page *updatePosition()*

```
Clip #10 (0,0) 720x1280 [100% of Clip #1]
       fillRectangle (0,0) 720x1280 color=0xff262a2c [100% of Clip #10]
        Clip #11 (5,5) 710x1270 [97% of Clip #10]
          fillRectangle (5,5) 710x1270 color=0xffffffff [100% of Clip #11]
           fillRectangle (5,5) 5x1270 color=0xfff8a331 [0% of Clip #11]
          fillRectangle (5,5) 710x5 color=0xfff8a331 [0% of Clip #11]
          fillRectangle (710,5) 5x1270 color=0xfff8a331 [0% of Clip #11]
          fillRectangle (5,1270) 710x5 color=0xfff8a331 [0% of Clip #11]
           Clip #12 (10,10) 700x27 [2% of Clip #11]
            fillRectangle (10,36) 700x1 color=0xffcf4520 [3% of Clip #12]
             Clip #13 (10.10) 700x26 [96% of Clip #12]
             _ drawString 'Page 2' at (330,10) color=0xff262a2c
           [3% drawn of Clip #12]
           Clip #14 (363,326) 105x38 [0% of Clip #11]
            __fillRectangle (363,326) 105x38 color=0xffee502e [100% of Clip #14]
            fillRectangle (363,326) 1x38 color=0xffcf4520 [0% of Clip #14]
              fillRectangle (363,326) 105x1 color=0xffcf4520 [2% of Clip #14]
              fillRectangle (467,326) 1x38 color=0xffcf4520 [0% of Clip #14]
             fillRectangle (363,363) 105x1 color=0xffcf4520 [2% of Clip #14]
             Clip #15 (369,332) 93x26 [60% of Clip #14]
             _ drawString 'Show next' at (369,332) color=0xff262a2c
           [107% drawn of Clip #14]
           Clip #16 (388,943) 55x38 [0% of Clip #11]
           __fillRectangle (388,943) 55x38 color=0xffee502e [100% of Clip #16]
            fillRectangle (388,943) 1x38 color=0xffcf4520 [1% of Clip #16]
              fillRectangle (388,943) 55x1 color=0xffcf4520 [2% of Clip #16]
              fillRectangle (442,943) 1x38 color=0xffcf4520 [1% of Clip #16]
             fillRectangle (388,980) 55x1 color=0xffcf4520 [2% of Clip #16]
             Clip #17 (394,949) 43x26 [53% of Clip #16]
             _ drawString 'Back' at (394,949) color=0xff262a2c
           [108% drawn of Clip #16]
           Clip #18 (15,42) 100x1223
        [103% drawn of Clip #11]
    [200% drawn of Clip #10]
  [401% drawn of Clip #1]
[401% drawn of Display]
                      2<sup>nd</sup> drawing of the page
```

Taking a look at the code, we notice that the page is fully redrawn when the transition animation is over (SlideContainer class):

```
public void tick(int value, boolean finished) {

// Move the 2 pages

updatePosition(value, leftChild, rightChild);

if (finished) {

// Refresh on the newly visible child.

restore();

}

}
```

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restore()

FIX PROPOSAL



Run the **updatePosition()** code only when the animation is running:

```
public void tick(int value, boolean finished) {
  if (finished) {
   // Refresh on the newly visible child.
   restore();
  }else{
   // Move the 2 pages
    updatePosition(value, leftChild, rightChild);
======= [ Initialization Stage ] ========
======= [ Converting fonts ] ========
======= [ Converting images ] ========
======= [ Launching on Simulator ] ========
Warning: Area of Clip #2 drawn 272% during flush 50
Warning: Area of Clip #2 drawn 202% during flush 55
Warning: Area of Clip #2 drawn 206% during flush 56
Warning: Area of Clip #2 drawn 201% during flush 57
Warning: Area of Clip #2 drawn 245% during flush 64
```

Next step: investigate why the area drawn is still above 200% (not part of this training)



Refresh Strategy Highlighting

Identify & Debug Bottlenecks on the Simulator using the Refresh Strategy Highlighting

REFRESH STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTING



This tool is complementary to the Flush Visualizer tool.

A buffer refresh strategy is responsible for making sure that what is shown on the display contains all the drawings—the ones done since the last flush and the past.

To achieve that, it detects the drawn regions and refreshes the necessary data in the back buffer.

This information can also be used to understand what happens for each frame in terms of drawings and refreshes. It may be beneficial to identify performance issues.

The drawn and restored regions can be very different depending on the selected strategy and the associated options. See <u>Buffer Refresh Strategy</u> for more information about the different strategies and their behavior.

See Refresh Strategy Highlighting documentation for more information about this tool.

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ENABLE THE REFRESH STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTING



The following highlights can be enabled:

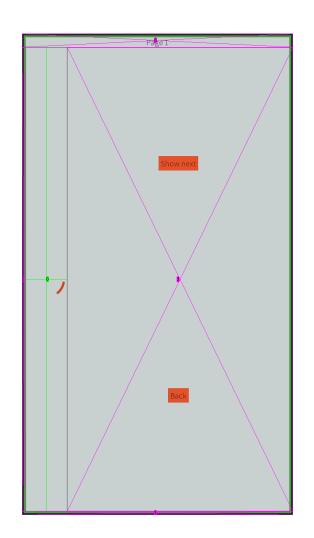
- Drawn Region(s)
- Restored Region(s)
- Dirty Region(s)

Enable the highlights in the **slide-container** example:

- Open the configuration/common.properties file
- Add the following properties, one per highlight type:

```
ej.fp.brs.drawnColor=0xff00ff00 // GREEN color
ej.fp.brs.restoredColor=0xffff00ff // PURPLE color
ej.fp.brs.dirtyColor=0x200000ff // BLUE color
```

- Save common.properties
- Run the application on Simulator
- Highlights are displayed in the Simulator. They can also be visualized in the Flush Visualizer report.



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ANALYSIS



The render area of the **CircularIndeterminateProgress** widget (green area in DOCK LEFT) is taking all the height of the screen.

Analysis:

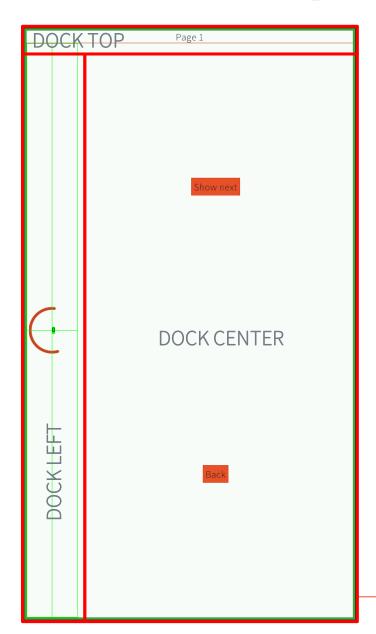
 The CircularIndeterminateProgress widget is included in a Dock Container (see SlideContainerDemo class):

```
CircularIndeterminateProgress progress = new CircularIndeterminateProgress(); dock.addChildOnLeft(progress);
```

 The style configuration of the widget is not defining any size constraint (see SlideContainerDemo class):

```
private static Stylesheet createStylesheet() {
   CascadingStylesheet stylesheet = new CascadingStylesheet();
   ...
   style = stylesheet.getSelectorStyle(new TypeSelector(CircularIndeterminateProgress.class));
   style.setColor(POMEGRANATE);
   style.setVerticalAlignment(Alignment.VCENTER);
   style.setPadding(new UniformOutline(PADDING_MARGIN));
```

→ The widget fills all the space available in the left part of the Dock container.



REDUCE THE REFRESH AREA OF THE WIDGET

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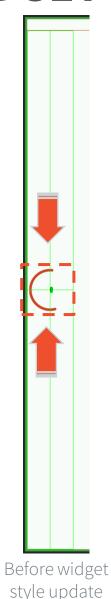
The refresh area could be reduced to fit the size of the **CircularIndeterminateProgress** widget.

This would allow to save some CPU time, avoiding useless drawing and potentially improving the fluidity of the animation.

Update the style configuration of the example (createStylesheet method in the **SlideContainerDemo** class) to set an optimal dimension to the **CircularIndeterminateProgress** widget:

```
private static Stylesheet createStylesheet() {
  CascadingStylesheet stylesheet = new CascadingStylesheet();
 style = stylesheet.getSelectorStyle(new TypeSelector(CircularIndeterminateProgress.class));
  style.setColor(POMEGRANATE):
  style.setDimension(OptimalDimension.OPTIMAL DIMENSION XY);
 style.setverticalAlignment(Alignment.VCENTER);
 style.setPadding(new UniformOutline(PADDING MARGIN));
```

Run the updated code on Simulator to check that the refresh area has been reduced.





After widge

RUN THE APPLICATION ON THE DEVICE



Run the sample on the device.

The transition is laggy when clicking on the **Show Next** button (see **slide-container/videos/slide_containrer_nxp_rt1170_non-optimized.m4v**).

An estimated FPS count is provided in the logs:



→ This board is theoretically able to run GUI applications near 60FPS. The next steps are about investigating the bottlenecks in the application and in the VEE Port that prevent having a smooth animation.

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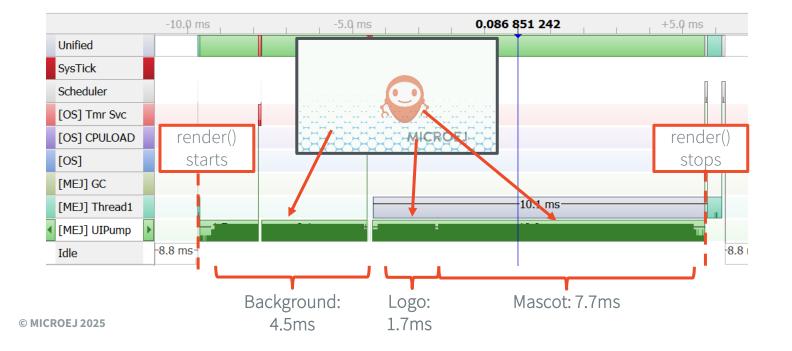
SystemView

Identify & Debug Bottlenecks on the Device using SEGGER SystemView

SYSTEMVIEW



- SystemView is a real-time recording and visualization tool for embedded systems that reveals the actual runtime behavior of an application, going far deeper than the system insights provided by debuggers.
- SystemView can ensure a system performs as designed, can track down inefficiencies, and show unintended interactions and resource conflicts, with a focus on the details of every single system tick.
- A specific SystemView extension made by MicroEJ allows to trace the OS tasks and the MicroEJ Java threads at the same time.
- For example, it can be used to measure the rendering time of images in a GUI application:



```
public void render(GraphicsContext qc) {
    drawTracer.recordEvent(MY EVT ID);
    int length = images.size();
    for(int i = -1; ++i<length;) {
        images.get(i).paint(gc);
    drawTracer.recordEventEnd(MY EVT ID);
       Custom trace event to track the
      execution of the render() method
```

SETUP THE ENVIRONMENT FOR SYSTEMVIEW (1/2)



The following software are required:

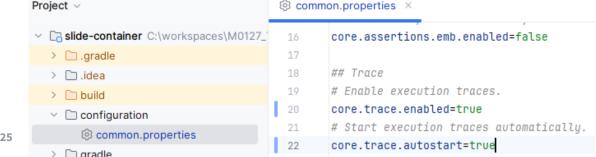
- Install <u>SEGGER J-Link</u>:
 - Create the **JLINK_INSTALLATION_DIR** environment variable that points to the SEGGER J-Link installation directory (e.g. C:\Program Files\SEGGER\Jlink):



Install <u>SEGGER SystemView</u>

The runtime traces of the application needs to be enabled to see MicroEJ VEE tasks activity in SystemView:

- Open the configuration file of the application project (e.g. common.properties):
- Set core.trace.enabled and core.trace.autostart to true



SETUP THE ENVIRONMENT FOR SYSTEMVIEW (2/2)

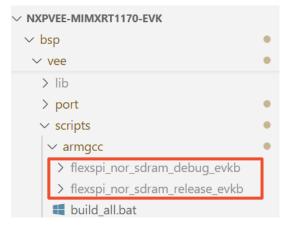


Enable SystemView in the VEE Port:

- Open CMakePresets.json file located in nxp-vee-mimxrt1170evk/bsp/vee/scripts/armgcc/CMakePresets.json
- Set ENABLE_SYSTEM_VIEW to 1:

Remove the build folders of the BSP to ensure the **ENABLE_SYSTEM_VIEW** property to be taken into account

during next build (nxp-vee-mimxrt1170-evk/bsp/vee/scripts/armgcc/):



USE A J-LINK PROBE



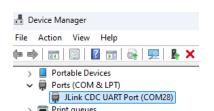
SystemView is a SEGGER tool, consequently it requires a J-Link probe to be used.

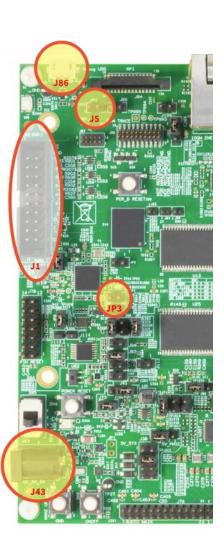
There are 2 ways to use a J-Link probe with the NXP i.MX RT1170 EVK:

- **1. Option 1:** Connect an external J-Link probe:
 - Connect jumper JP5
 - Connect the probe to the J1 Connector
- **2. Option 2:** Reprogram the embedded probe of the EVK (MCU-Link):
 - Unplug J86 and J43 connectors. Plug the J43 connector, **then** the J86.
 - Make sure jumper JP5 is removed and the USB cable is connected to J86
 - Run the following script: C:\nxp\MCU-LINK_installer_{version}\scripts\program_JLINK.cmd
 - Turn OFF the EVK + unplug the J86 USB cable, then Connect jumper JP3 and turn the board back ON + plug J86
 - Press **SPACE**

```
grammed successfully - To use: remove ISP jumper and reboot.
```

- Remove the JP3 jumper
- Turn OFF and ON the EVK + unplug / plug the J86 USB cable.
- The probe can be seen in the device manager:





UPDATE THE BUILD SCRIPT CONFIGURATION



 If not already done, enable the DEBUG mode by setting RELEASE=0 in nxpvee-mimxrt1170evk\bsp\vee\scripts\set_project_env.bat:

```
= set_project_env.bat ×

16
17  REM Set 1 for RELEASE mode and 0 for DEBUG mode
18  IF "%RELEASE%" == "" (
19  SET RELEASE=6
20 )
```

2. Update the **FLASH_CMD** variable to use a J-Link probe:

```
set_project_env.bat ×

REM Set "flash_cmsisdap" for Linkserver probe or "flash" for J-Link probe

IF "%FLASH_CMD%" == "" (

SET FLASH_CMD=flash

)
```

Once done, build and flash the application on the device using the **runOnDevice** task.

Once done, the following trace should appear in the console:

Termite 3.4 (by CompuPhase)

COM28 115200 bps, 8

[00][00]START_SDCARD_Task

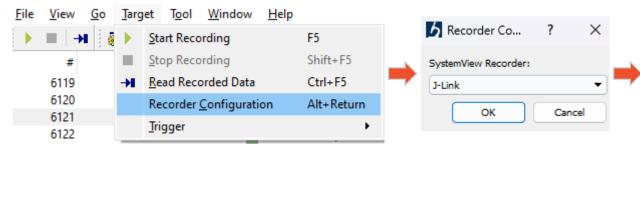
SEGGER_RTT block address: 8007E654

[APP_SDCARD_Task] start
microej_task

START THE ACQUISITION ON SYSTEMVIEW

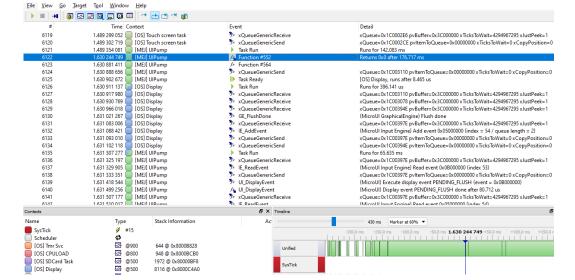


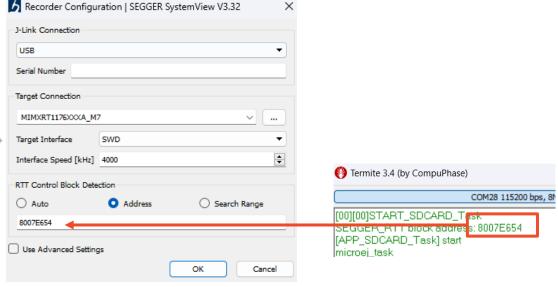
- Start SystemView (tested with version 3.32)
- Set the following recorder configuration:



Once done, click on the **Play** button.

The acquisition starts, events can be see in SystemView:





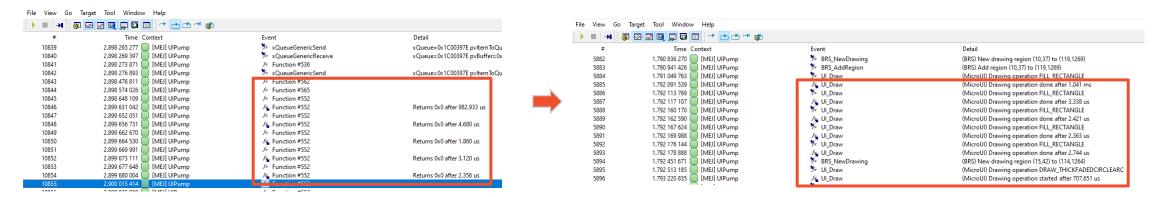
GET MICROUI DEBUG TRACES



MicroUI logs several actions when traces are enabled (see **Event Tracing**).

Those traces can be added in SystemView to ease the analysis:

- Copy the traces provided in the following section: https://docs.microej.com/en/latest/ApplicationDeveloperGuide/UI/MicroUI/traces.html#systemview-integration
 - Warning: jump a line at the end of the line for it to be taken into account
- Save them in a SYSVIEW_MicroUI.txt file (the syntax of the file matters) in
 C:\Program Files\SEGGER\SystemView\Description
- Restart SystemView and start a new acquisition
- The UI events are now detailed:

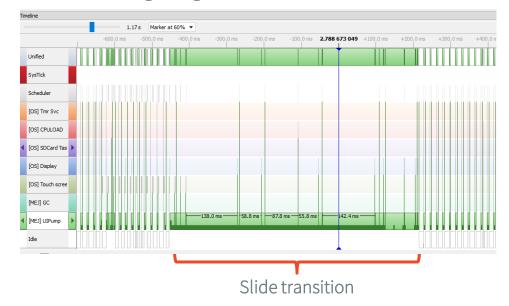


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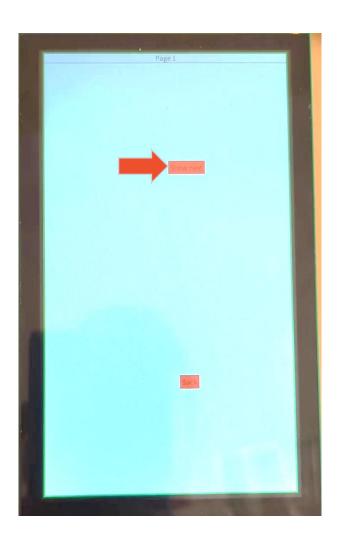
TRACE ANALYSIS

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- Start a new acquisition in SystemView.
- Press the Show next button.
- Stop the acquisition.
- The following diagram can be seen:



• At a first glimpse, we can see that the CPU is fully loaded during the slide transition. There are no "Idle" events, all the time is spent in the UIPump thread.



ADD A CUSTOM TRACE (1/2)



- Custom traces can be added in SystemView to figure out which events are occurring during the slide transition.
- Follow the steps below to add a custom trace:
 - Add Trace library in the build.gradle.kts:

```
implementation("ej.api:trace:1.1.1")
```

- Reload the Gradle project to get the dependency. Otherwise, the wrong TRACE library might be imported (sun.java2d.windows.GDIRenderer)
- Create a new Tracer in the SlideContainer class:

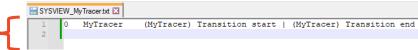
```
private static final Tracer slideTracer = new Tracer("MyTracer", 1); // The Tracer object
private static final int MY_EVT_ID = 0; // The ID that will be used to track the slide transition event
```

Update the doAnimation method to track the start and the end of the transition:

ADD A CUSTOM TRACE (2/2)



- The custom **MyTracer** event needs to be added to SystemView description files in order to be taken into account during the analysis.
- Create a SYSVIEW_MyTracer.txt file in C:\Program Files\SEGGER\SystemView\Description
- Add the following content in it:
 - 0 MyTracer (MyTracer) Transition start | (MyTracer) Transition end
 - Warning: jump a line at the end of the line for it to be taken into account:



- Restart SystemView and start a new acquisition + press the Show next button in the application.
- The MyTracer events can be seen in the events view:

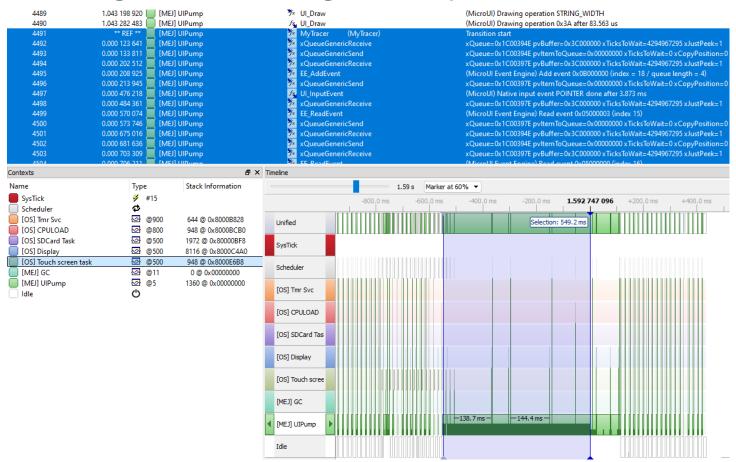
1.042 762 794 [MEJ] UIPump 1.043 056 725 [MEJ] UIPump	/s_ UI_Draw	(MicroUI) Drawing operation 0x3A after 113.007 us
1 043 056 725 MEII HIPump		
	∜∞ UI_Draw	(MicroUI) Drawing operation STRING_WIDTH
1.043 115 816 📗 [MEJ] UIPump	√s UI_Draw	(MicroUI) Drawing operation 0x3A after 59.091 us
1.043 198 920 🔲 [MEJ] UIPump	> UI_Draw	(MicroUI) Drawing operation STRING_WIDTH
1.043 282 483 [MEJ] UIPump	√s UI_Draw	(MicroUI) Drawing operation 0x3A after 83.563 us
1.043 499 739 [III] [MEJ] UIPump	MyTracer (MyTracer)	Transition start
1.043 623 380 📗 [MEJ] UIPump	🔭 xQueueGenericReceive	xQueue=0x1C00394E pvBuffer=0x3C000000 xTicksToWait=4294967295 xJustPeek=1
1 043 633 550 MFIT HIPumn	% v∩ueueGenericSend	vOueue=0v1C00394E nvltemToOueue=0v00000000 vTicksToWait=0 vConvPosition=0
1.592 238 928 [] [MEI] UIPump	* xOueueGenericReceive	xQueue=0x1C00397E pvBuffer=0x3C000000 xTicksToWait=4294967295 xJustPeek=1
	> EE AddEvent	(MicroUl Event Engine) Add event 0x05000002 (index = 29 / queue length = 1)
1,592 280 490 MEJ] UIPump	* xOueueGenericSend	xQueue=0x1C00397E pvltemToQueue=0x00000000 xTicksToWait=0 xCopyPosition=0
	* xQueueGenericReceive	xQueue=0x1C00397E pvBuffer=0x3C000000 xTicksToWait=4294967295 xJustPeek=1
1.592 716 629 [MEJ] UIPump		
	* EE_AddEvent * vQueueGenericSend	(MicroUl Event Engine) Add event 0x05000003 (index = 30 / queue length = 2) xQueue=0x1C00397E pvltemToQueue=0x00000000 xTicksToWait=0 xCopyPosition=0
	1.043 198 920 [MEJ] UlPump 1.043 282 483 [MEJ] UlPump 1.043 697 739 [MEJ] UlPump 1.043 623 380 [MEJ] UlPump 1.043 623 550 [MEJ] UlPump 1.592 238 928 [MEJ] UlPump 1.592 275 212 [MEJ] UlPump 1.592 275 212 [MEJ] UlPump 1.592 200 490 [MEJ] UlPump	1.043 198 920

ANALYSIS (1/6)

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TIMELINE OVERVIEW

The following events are occurring between MyTracer start and end:



What we can observe:

- The transition is during approximately 550ms → ideally it should last 400ms see (TRANSITION_DURATION in SlideContainer class)
- There are big "blocks" in the timeline (138.7ms, 144.4ms)
- → The next slide will provide a way to interpret the results

ANALYSIS (2/6)

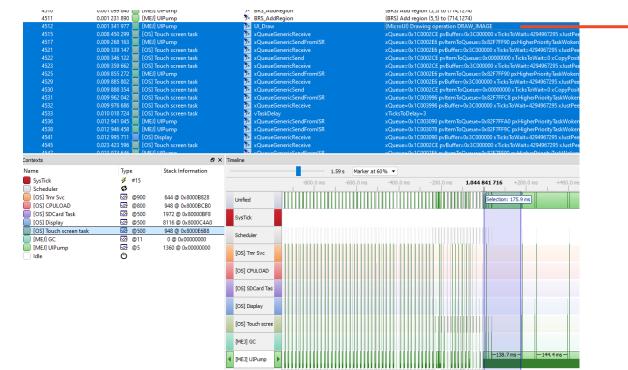


LOOK FOR TIME CONSUMING OPERATIONS

- Go down in the events list, between MyTracer start and MyTracer end
- Look for the big operations, for example this drawing operation that took 175.9ms:

4575	0.039 002 158 [OS] Touch screen task	∜x xQueueGenericSend	xQueue=0x1C0002CE pv/temToQueue=0x00000000 xTicksToWait=0 xCopyPosition=0
4577	0.177 326 539 🥅 [MEJ] UIPump	/s UI_Draw	(MicroUI) Drawing operation done after 175.984 ms
4578	0 177 725 857 MEI LIPumn	🔭 BRS FlushMulti	(BRS) Flush LCD (id=230 buffer=0x83880000) 2 regions

• Once identified, scroll up 175.9ms earlier to see what was the nature of the drawing operation:



→ This is a **drawImage** operation

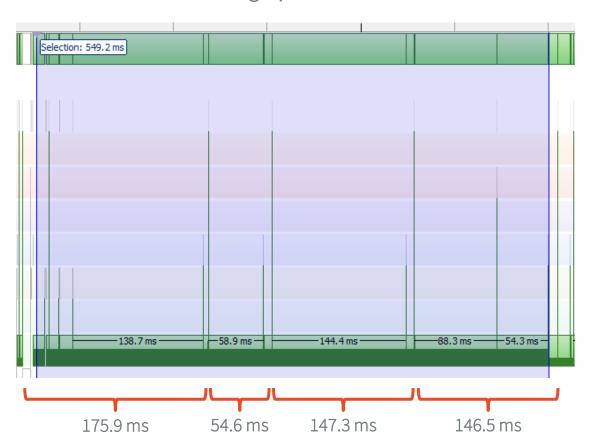
→ Locate all the other "time consuming" operations until **MyTracer end**

ANALYSIS (3/6)



DRAWIMAGE OPERATIONS ARE THE MAIN BOTTLENECK

Most of the time-consuming operations are related to **drawImage** operations:



drawImage operations are taking 95% of the slide transition time.

We can see that there are 4 drawImage operations performed. It is related to the 4 FPS observed in the console logs.

The next steps are:

- 1. Check the application implementation to understand why / how **drawImage** operations are done.
- 2. Check that the **drawImage** LLAPI is properly implemented in the BSP (use hardware accelerator, front buffer located in a high speed memory, memory cache enabled, ...)

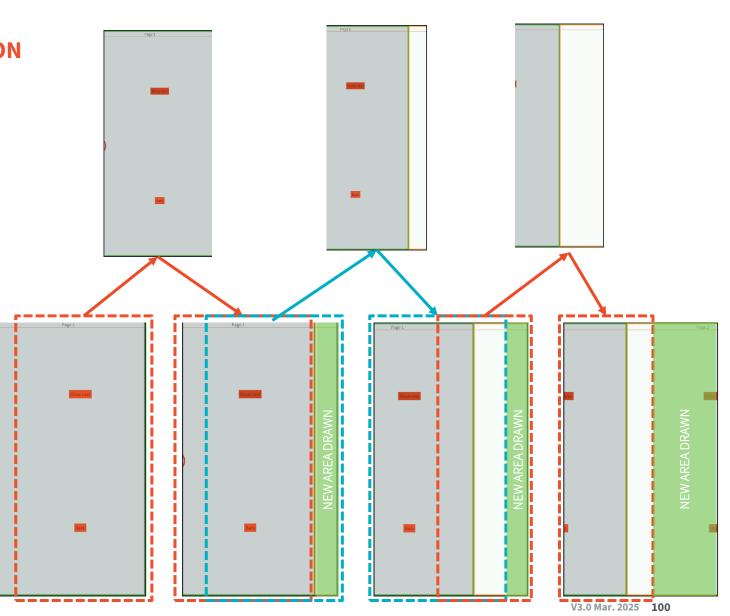
ANALYSIS (4/6)

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ABOUT THE SLIDE CONTAINER IMPLEMENTATION

The slide container sample is optimized for low CPU usage:

- Drawings are done as less as possible during the transition (from right to left).
- For each frame:
 - The content previously drawn on the screen is reused in the next frame on the left part of the screen (like a screenshot).
 - Only the right part of the screen is drawn (Green area).
- The screen content can be reused using the drawDisplayRegion API.
 It allows to copy a part of the screen on itself.
- The drawDisplayRegion implementation is calling the drawImage API. This confirms the drawImage events seen in SystemView.



ANALYSIS (5/6)

ABOUT THE DRAWIMAGE IMPLEMENTATION

The **drawImage** method is implemented in the **LLUI_PAINTER_impl.c** source file.

The implementation chosen on the NXP i.MXRT1170 is performing a **memcpy** when it comes to copying the screen content on itself.

Check the <u>Image Renderer</u> documentation to learn more about the drawImage implementations.

Next step: perform benchmarks on the NXP i.MXRT1170



```
public static void drawDisplayRegion(GraphicsContext gc, int xSrc, int ySrc, int width, int height, int xDest,
                                                                       int vDest) {
                                                               drawRegion(gc, Display.getDisplay().getGraphicsContext().getSNIContext(), xSrc, ySrc, width, height, xDest,
                              (MicroUl library)
                                                                              yDest, GraphicsContext. OPAQUE);
                                                   private static void drawRegion(GraphicsContext gc, byte[] srcSd, int xSrc, int ySrc, int width, int height,
                                                                   int xDest, int yDest, int alpha) {
                                                           // compute destination area
                                                            xDest += gc.translateX;
                                                            yDest += gc.translateY;
                                                            PainterNatives.drawImage(gc.getSNIContext(), srcSd, xSrc, ySrc, width, height, xDest, yDest, alpha);
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                                                   C LLUI PAINTER impl.c ×
                                                  bsp > vee > port > ui > src > C LLUI_PAINTER_impl.c > \( \frac{1}{2} \) LLUI_PAINTER_IMPL_drawImage(MICROUI_GraphicsContext *, MICROUI_Image *, jint, 
                                                   419
                                                   420
                                                               // See the header file for the function documentation
                                                               void LLUI PAINTER IMPL drawImage(MICROUI GraphicsContext *gc, MICROUI Image *img, jint regionX, jint regionY,
                                                   423
                                                                                                                         jint width, jint height, jint x, jint y, jint alpha) {
                                                   424
                                                                      if (LLUI DISPLAY requestDrawing(gc, (SNI callback) & LLUI PAINTER IMPL drawImage))
                                                   425
                                                                             DRAWING_Status status = DRAWING_DONE;
                                                   426
                                                                             LOG DRAW START(drawImage);
                                                   445
                                                                                            if (gc->image.format == img->format)
                              Module)
                                                                                                   // source & destination have got the same pixels memory representation
                     BSP (C code)
                                                    448
                                                                                                   MICROUI_Image *image = LLUI_DISPLAY_getSourceImage(img);
                                                                                                   if ((0xff /* fully opaque */ == l_alpha) && !LLUI_DISPLAY_isTransparent(img))
                               MicroUIC
                                                                                                          // copy source on destination without applying an opacity (beware about the overlapping)
                                                                                                          status = UI_DRAWING_copyImage(gc, image, regionX, regionY, width, height, x, y);
                                                 >452
                                                   453
                                                                                                      else if (LLUI_DISPLAY_getBufferAddress(img) == LLUI_DISPLAY_getBufferAddress(&gc->image)) {
                                                                                                          // blend source on itself applying an opacity (beware about the overlapping)
                                                                                                          status = UI DRAWING drawRegion(gc, regionX, regionY, width, height, x, y, l alpha);
                                                      bsp > vee > port > ui > src > C ui_drawing.c > 😯 UI_DRAWING_DEFAULT_copyImage(MICROUI_GraphicsContext *, MICROUI_Image *, jint, jint, jint, jint, jint, jint)
                                                                   // See the header file for the function documentation
                                                                   BSP_DECLARE_WEAK_FCNT DRAWING_Status UI_DRAWING_DEFAULT_copyImage(MICROUI_GraphicsContext *gc, MICROUI_Image *img,
                                                      1059
                                                                                                                                                                                  jint regionX, jint regionY, jint width, jint height,
                                                                                                                                                                                  jint x, jint y) {
Performs a
                                                      1061
                                                                  #if !defined(LLUI IMAGE CUSTOM FORMATS)
                                                                         return UI_DRAWING_SOFT_copyImage(gc, img, regionX, regionY, width, height, x, y);
memcpy
                                                      1063
                                                      1064
                                                                        return UI_IMAGE_DRAWING_copy(gc, img, regionX, regionY, width, height, x, y);
                                                      1065
                                                      1066
```

ANALYSIS (6/6)



PERFORM BENCHMARKS ON THE TARGET

- Knowing that drawImage operations are "taking too much time" to execute, benchmarks should be performed on the target to figure out which hardware element is the bottleneck.
- Several kinds of benchmarks can be executed:
 - At the BSP level (see <u>Core Testsuite Engine</u>):
 - EEMBC Coremark (see
 - RAM speed tests
 - At MICROEJ VEE level:
 - Run GUI benchmarks in Java (see <u>java-testsuite-runner-ui3</u>)

Conclusions on NXP i.MXRT1170:

- The screen has a high resolution (1280x720), thus a high number of pixels to drive: 1280x720x16BPP/8 ~ 1.8Mb to transfer each time the screen is fully refreshed
- Front buffers are located in External RAM due to memory requirements.
- The benchmarks are showing that External RAM to External RAM copy is the bottleneck when it comes to copy a such amount of data. Hardware accelerators such as DMA or PXP are not improving results in that case.
- → On NXP i.MXRT1170 it is more interesting to limit RAM to RAM copy and perform drawings using the CPU to get a better framerate.

The procedure on how to run benchmarks is not described in this training.

UPDATE THE APPLICATION CODE



- Open the **SlideContainer** class of the **slide-container** example.
- Comment the Render implementation 1 (render() and renderContent() methods).
- Look for the Render implementation 2, uncomment the render() content method:

```
294
             /*
              * Render implementation 2: fully render the 2 pages at each frame during the slide transition.
295
              * This implementation is more CPU consuming but is not relying on the drawDisplayRegion API that performs a
              * RAM to RAM copy.
297
298
              * Warning: this implementation is drawing all the children hierarchy, even if they are not visible.
299
300
              * Next step: override the renderContent method to only draw the 2 last children (the visible ones).
301
302
             @Override
303
             public void render(GraphicsContext q) {
304 6T
                 if (this.moving) {
305
                     this.previousPosition = this.position;
306
307
                  super.render(g);
309
```

Run the application on the device.

RUN THE APPLICATION ON THE DEVICE



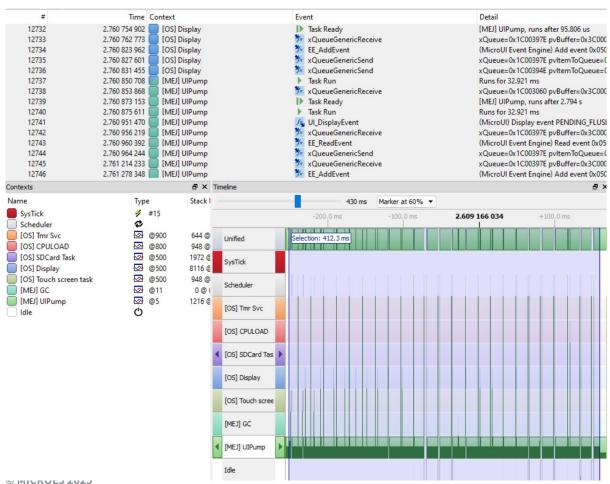
- Click on the Show next button on the screen.
- The implementation looks way smoother, see video in slide-container/videos/slide_containrer_nxp_rt1170_optimized.m4v
- The FPS have increased to 60 FPS:



• Next step (not part of this training): to go further in the optimizations, override the renderContent method to only draw the 2 last children (the visible ones).

SYSTEMVIEW ANALYSIS OF IMPLEMENTATION 2 (1/2)

The SystemView Analysis shows that all drawImage operations are gone. They have been replaced by many **DRAW_STRING** and **FILL_RECTANGLE** operations (corresponding to what is drawn on the screen).



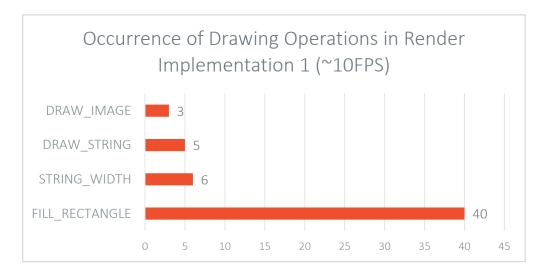
The transition duration is now close to the expected 400ms transition time (412 ms).

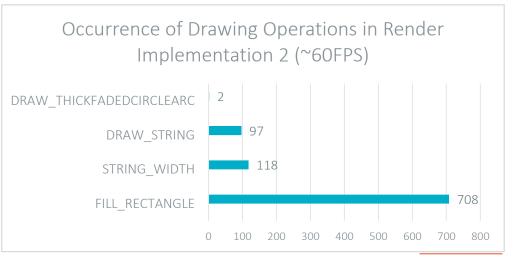
Note that the CPU load is still near 100% (almost no idle time in the timeline)

- This is due to the implementation of the slide animation. An **Animator** is used, it executes animations as fast as possible to get the best framerate.
- Check the <u>Animations implementation</u> documentation to learn more about the various implementations available.

SYSTEMVIEW ANALYSIS OF IMPLEMENTATION 2 (2/2)

- The SystemView analysis results are available slide-container/systemView.
 They have been exported to CSV format to perform a deeper analysis.
- Number of drawing operations:
 - Implementation 1 (~10FPS): 54
 - Implementation 2 (~60FPS): 925





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MicroUl Event Buffer Dump

MICROUI EVENT BUFFER DUMP



MicroUI is using a circular buffer to manage the input events.

As soon as an event is added, removed, or replaced in the queue, the event engine calls the associated Abstraction Layer API (LLAPI)

LLUI_INPUT_IMPL_log_queue_xxx().

This LLAPI allows the BSP to log this event and to dump it later thanks to a call to **LLUI_INPUT_dump()** (see dump beside).

For more information, read <u>MicroUI Event Buffer</u> documentation.

```
----- Old Events
[27: 0x00000000] garbage
[28: 0x00000000] garbage
[\ldots]
[99: 0x00000000] garbage
[00: 0x08000000] Display SHOW Displayable (Displayable index = 0)
[01: 0x00000008] Command HELP (event generator 0)
[02: 0x0d000000] Display REPAINT Displayable (Displayable index = 0)
[03: 0x07030000] Input event: Pointer pressed (event generator 3)
                 at 159,99 (absolute)
[04: 0x009f0063]
[05: 0x07030600] Input event: Pointer moved (event generator 3)
[06: 0x00aa0064]
                 at 170,100 (absolute)
[07: 0x02030700] Pointer dragged (event generator 3)
[08: 0x0d000000] Display REPAINT Displayable (Displayable index = 0)
[09: 0x07030600] Input event: Pointer moved (event generator 3)
                at 179,102 (absolute)
[10: 0x00b30066]
[11: 0x02030700] Pointer dragged (event generator 3)
[12: 0x0d000000] Display REPAINT Displayable (Displayable index = 0)
[13: 0x07030600] Input event: Pointer moved (event generator 3)
                 at 197,103 (absolute)
[14: 0x00c50067]
[15: 0x02030700] Pointer dragged (event generator 3)
[16: 0x0d000000] Display REPAINT Displayable (Displayable index = 0)
[17: 0x07030600] Input event: Pointer moved (event generator 3)
[18: 0x00d00066]
                 at 208,102 (absolute)
[19: 0x02030700] Pointer dragged (event generator 3)
[20: 0x0d000000] Display REPAINT Displayable (Displayable index = 0)
[21: 0x07030100] Input event: Pointer released (event generator 3)
[22: 0x00000000]
                 at 0,0 (absolute)
[23: 0x00000008] Command HELP (event generator 0)
      ----- New Events ------
[24: 0x0d000000] Display REPAINT Displayable (Displayable index = 0)
[25: 0x07030000] Input event: Pointer pressed (event generator 3)
[26: 0x002a0029] at 42,41 (absolute)
----- New Events' Java objects
[java/lang/Object[2]@0xC000FD1C
[0] com/microej/examples/microui/mvc/MVCDisplayable@0xC000BAC0
```

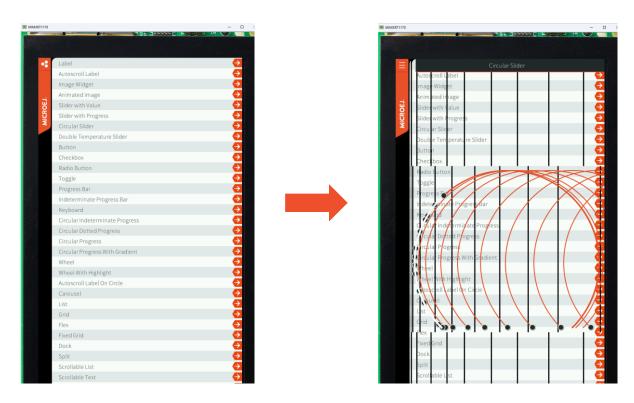


Debugging Rendering Issues

IDENTIFY GUI RENDERING ISSUES



- Tools:
 - <u>Widget Debug Utilities</u>
 - <u>MWT Debug Utilities</u>
- Example:
 - Debug the rendering issue of a page



Rendering issue when entering an application page



Widget Debug Utilities

Debug tools provided in the Widget library

WIDGET DEBUG UTILITIES (1/3)



The Widget Library provides several Debug Utilities to investigate and troubleshoot GUI applications:

- Print the hierarchy of widgets and styles
- Print the path to a widget
- Count the number of widgets or containers
- Count the maximum depth of a hierarchy
- Print the bounds of a widget
- Print the bounds of all the widgets in a hierarchy

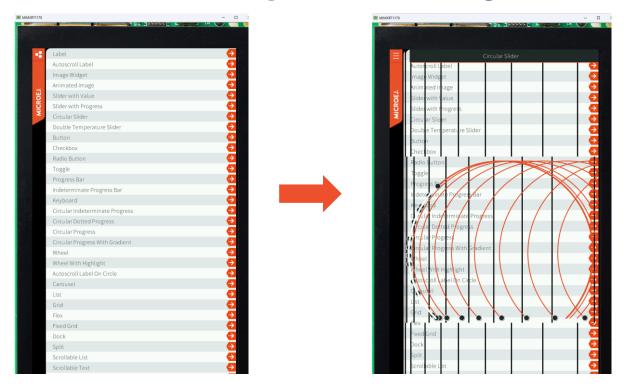
Check the **Debug Utilities** page for more information.

WIDGET DEBUG UTILITIES (2/3)

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REPRODUCE THE ISSUE

- Run the example-java-widget project the on Simulator.
- Enter the Circular Slider Page to see the rendering issue:



WIDGET DEBUG UTILITIES (3/3)



ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

- The background is not redrawn when the page shows up
- Add the following code in the **CircularSlider** page to print the style hierarchy of the Desktop:

```
@Override
protected void onShown(){
  HierarchyInspector.printHierarchyStyle(getDesktop().getWidget());
 super.onShown();
```

The following output can be seen in the console:

```
======= [ Launching on Simulator ] ========
SimpleDock{x=0,y=0,w=720,h=1280} (color=white, background=NoBackground, font=Font[SourceSansPro_19px-300], horizontalAl:
+--SimpleDock{x=0,y=0,w=44,h=1280} (color=white, background=NoBackground, font=Font[SourceSansPro_19px-300], horizontal/
  +--TitleButton{x=0,y=0,w=44,h=46} (color=white, background=RectangularBackground, border=FlexibleRectangularBorder, p
  +--ImageWidget{x=0,y=46,w=44,h=1234} (color=white, background=RectangularBackground, font=Font[SourceSansPro_19px-300
+--OverlapContainer{x=44,y=0,w=676,h=1280} (color=white, background=NoBackground, font=Font[SourceSansPro_19px-300], hou
  +--SimpleDock{x=44,y=0,w=676,h=1280} (color=white, background=NoBackground, border=FlexibleRectangularBorder, padding
     +--Label{x=54,y=0,w=660,h=54} (color=white, background=RectangularBackground, border=FlexibleRectangularBorder, pa
     +--CircularSlider{x=54,y=370,w=660,h=574} (dimension=OptimalDimension[XY], color=white, background=NoBackground,
  +--ImageWidget{x=44,y=0,w=20,h=16} (dimension=OptimalDimension[XY], background=NoBackground, font=Font[SourceSansPro
  +--ImageWidget{x=44,y=1264,w=20,h=16} (dimension=OptimalDimension[XY], background=NoBackground, font=Font[SourceSansi
```

→ There are only transparent backgrounds used in the widget hierarchy

Check the default style configuration:

```
public static void addCommonStyle(CascadingStylesheet stylesheet) {
    Selector titleButton = new ClassSelector(TITLE BUTTON CLASSSELECTOR);
    EditableStyle style = stylesheet.getDefaultStyle();
    style.setColor(DemoColors.DEFAULT FOREGROUND);
    style.setBackground(NoBackground.NO BACKGROUND);
```

- → The default style is providing a transparent background.
- The CircularSlider page is not setting the background neither:

```
*CircularSliderPage.java ×
        @Override
        public void populateStylesheet(CascadingStylesheet stylesheet) {
            EditableStyle sliderStyle = stylesheet.getSelectorStyle(new TypeSelector(CircularSlider.class));
            sliderStyle.setFont(Fonts.getSourceSansPro16px700());
            sliderStyle.setExtraInt(CircularSlider.THICKNESS ID, THICKNESS);
            sliderStyle.setExtraInt(CircularSlider.SLIDER COLOR ID, DemoColors.DEFAULT BACKGROUND);
            sliderStyle.setExtraInt(CircularSlider.GUIDE THICKNESS ID, GUIDE THICKNESS);
            sliderStyle.setExtraInt(CircularSlider.GUIDE COLOR ID, BAR COLOR);
            sliderStyle.setExtraInt(CircularSlider.SLIDER DIAMETER ID, SLIDER SIZE);
            sliderStyle.setExtraInt(CircularSlider.SLIDER THICKNESS ID, SLIDER THICKNESS);
```

Fix proposals:

- Set an opaque background in the default StyleSheet (if possible)
- Set the background in the StyleSheet of the CircularSlider page (at least on the top level widget of the CircularSlider page → SimpleDock) V3.0 Mar. 2025 114



MWT Debug Utilities

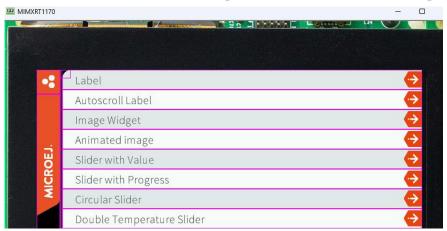
Debug tools provided in the MWT library

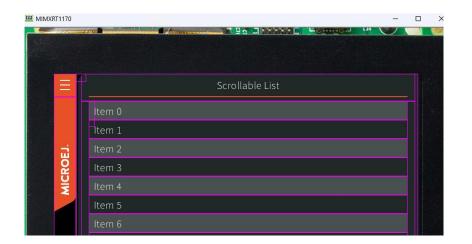
MWT DEBUG UTILITIES (1/3)



HIGHLIGHTING THE BOUNDS OF THE WIDGETS

- When designing a UI, it can be pretty convenient to highlight the bounds of each widget. Here are some cases where it helps:
 - Verify if the layout fits the expected design
 - Set the outlines (margin, padding, border)
 - Check the alignment of the widget content inside its bounds
- Example with the Home page and the Wheel page:





Check the **Debug Utilities** page for more information.

MWT DEBUG UTILITIES (2/3)



MONITORING THE RENDER OPERATIONS

- It may not be obvious what/how exactly the UI is rendered, especially if:
 - A widget is re-rendered from a distant part of the application code
 - A specific RenderPolicy is used (e.g. OverlapRenderPolicy)
- The Widget library provides a default monitor implementation that prints the operations on the standard output.
- The logs produced also contain information about what is rendered (widget and area) and what code requested the rendering.
- Example with the RadioButton page (application logs after click):

rendermonitor@ INFO: Render requested on com.common.PageHelper\$2 > SimpleDock > OverlapContainer > SimpleDock > List > RadioButton at {0,0 87x25} of {221,116 87x25} by com.microej.demo.widget.radiobutton.widget.RadioButtonGroup.setChecked(RadioButtonGroup.java:47)

rendermonitor@ INFO: Render requested on com.common.PageHelper\$2 > SimpleDock > OverlapContainer > SimpleDock > List > RadioButton at {0,0 87x25} of {221,166 87x25} by com.microej.demo.widget.radiobutton.widget.RadioButtonGroup.setChecked(RadioButtonGroup.java:50)

rendermonitor@ INFO: Render executed on com.common.PageHelper\$2 > SimpleDock > OverlapContainer > SimpleDock > List > RadioButton at {-221,-116 87x25} of {221,116 87x25} rendermonitor@ INFO: Render executed on com.common.PageHelper\$2 > SimpleDock > OverlapContainer > SimpleDock > List > RadioButton at {-221,-141 87x25} of {221,141 87x25}





Check the <u>Debug</u>
<u>Utilities</u> page for more information.

MWT DEBUG UTILITIES (3/3)



MONITORING THE ANIMATORS

- Since an animator ticks its animations as often as possible, the animator may take **100% CPU usage** if none of its animations requests a render.
- MWT notifies when **none of the animations has requested a render** during an animator tick:

animatormonitor WARNING: None of the animations has requested a render during the animator tick. Animations list:

[com.microej.demo.widget.carousel.widget.Carousel\$1@2d6d4]

- requestRender() is only executed when the widget is moving, or if the user is manipulating it. The tick() method loops indefinitely if there is no animation to do.
 - → Stop the animation when not required to save CPU time

KEY TAKEWAYS



- SystemView: live analysis of an application with a cross view between RTOS & VEE threads
 → bottlenecks analysis & profiling
- Flush Visualizer: show the pixel surface drawn between two MicroUI front buffer flushes
 → avoid useless redraws, improve performances
- MWT & Widget Debug utilities: detect issues with the widget hierarchy
 → debug rendering issues



Static Analysis Tools

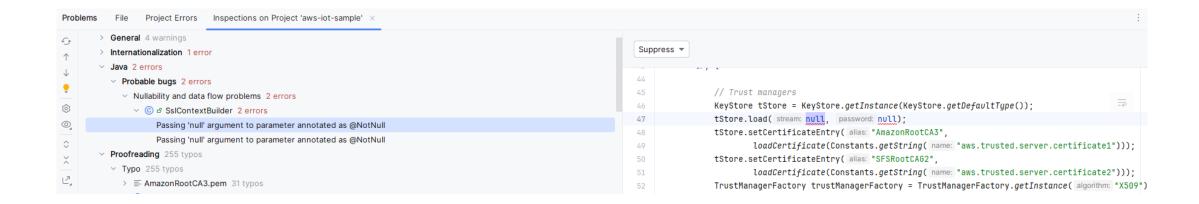
STATIC ANALYSIS TOOLS (1/3)



NULL ANALYSIS

Static analysis tools are helpful allies to prevent several classes of bugs.

• Use the <u>Null Analysis tool</u> to detect and prevent <u>NullPointerException</u>, one of the most common causes of runtime failure of Java programs.



STATIC ANALYSIS TOOLS (2/3)



SONARQUBE

- <u>SonarQube™</u> is an open source platform for continuous inspection of code quality. SonarQube offers reports on duplicated code, coding standards, unit tests, code coverage, code complexity, potential bugs, comments, and architecture.
- SonarQube can be integrated with CI tools to monitor code quality during the project life.
- To set it up on your MicroEJ application project, please refer to <u>this documentation</u>. (configures the set of rules relevant to the context of MicroEJ Application development)



SonarQube code analysis performed inside Eclipse IDE



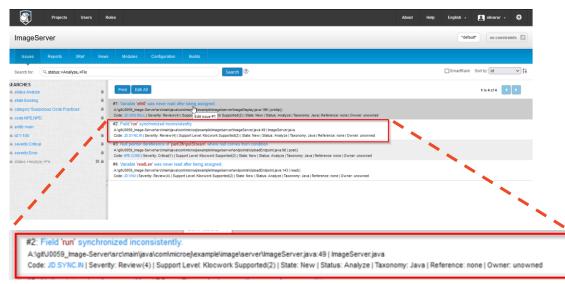
SonarQube code analysis performed on SonarQube server

STATIC ANALYSIS TOOLS (3/3)

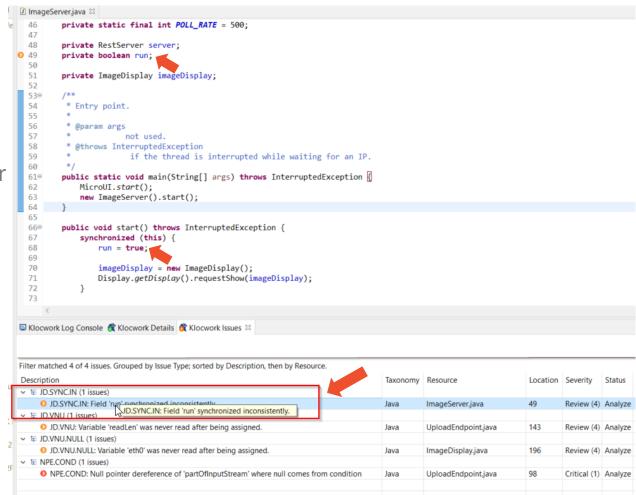


KLOCWORK

- Klocwork is another code analysis platform that can be integrated to MICROEJ SDK.
 Documentation can be found here.
- Klocwork can be integrated with CI tools to monitor code quality during the project life.



Klocwork code analysis performed on Klocwork server



Klocwork code analysis performed inside Eclipse IDE

THANK YOU

for your attention!



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