Java 9 - The (G1) GC Awakens

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A long time ago in a galaxy (not so) far, far away....



GARBAGE FIRST GARBAGE COLLECTOR

About Me

- Java/JVM/GC Performance Consultant
- Have worked with HotSpot for more than a decade.
- Was the performance lead for G1 GC @Oracle.

Agenda

- Heap Regions
- Additional Data Structures
 - CSet & RSets
- Young Collection
- Marking Threshold & Concurrent Marking Stages
- Mixed Collection
- Evacuation Failures
- Fragmentation
- Humongous Objects
- Tuneables

G1 GC Heap Regions



Contiguous Java Heap

- Heap region size = heap size/2048
 - can range from 1 MB to 32 MB
 - is a power of 2
 - is aligned



- Young Regions Regions that house objects in the Eden and Survivor Spaces
- Old Regions Regions that house objects in the Old generation.
- Humongous Regions Regions that house Humongous Objects.

Additional Data Structures

G1 GC Collection Set & Remembered Sets

- Additional data structure to help with maintenance and collection
- Add a slight footprint overhead (~5%)

- A young collection set (CSet) will incorporate all the young regions
- A mixed collection set will incorporate all the young regions and a few candidate old regions based on the "most garbage first" principle.



Cset during a mixed collection -



• G1MixedGCLiveThresholdPercent

Enable UnlockExperimentalVMOptions

• G10ldCSetRegionThresholdPercent

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Log Output with -Xlog:gc*,ergo*=trace

• G10ldCSetRegionThresholdPercent

[86.548s][debug][gc,ergo,cset] GC(71) Finish adding old regions to CSet (reclaimable percentage not over threshold). old 13 regions, max 68 regions, reclaimable: 35485144B (4.98%) threshold: 5%

Remembered Sets

Remembered Sets

- Maintains and tracks incoming references into its region
 - old-to-young references
 - old-to-old references
- Remembered sets have varying granularity based on the "popularity" of objects or regions.

Quick Info: The next few figures and log outputs are from chapters 2 and 3 of the upcoming Java Performance Companion and will be marked with **.



Figure 2.3 Remembered sets with incoming object references**

Remembered Sets

- Different granularities:
 - sparse per-region-table (PRT)
 - fine-grained PRT
 - coarse-grained bitmap

Log Output with -Xlog:gc +remset=trace

Recent concurrent refinement statistics

Processed 23270 cards

Of 96 completed buffers:

96 (100.0%) by concurrent RS threads.

0 (0.0%) by mutator threads

Did 0 coarsenings.

** -XX:+UnlockDiagnosticVMOptions -XX:G1SummarizeRSetStatsPeriod=1

A Young Collection

G1 GC Heap



During a Young Collection



After a Young Collection



A Young Collection Log Snippet with -Xlog:gc*,gc +phases=debug

Young Collection

[10.578s][info][gc,start]	GC(20)	Pause Mixed (G1 Evacuation Paus	e)	(10.5	578s)								
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Parallel Time: 24.1 ms												
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	GC Worker Start:	Mi	n: 10	0578	.1,	A∨g:	1057	78.1, M	Max: 10	578.1,	Diff:	0.0	
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Ext Root Scanning:	Mi	n: (0.2,	A∨g	j: 0	.2, M	Max: (0.3, Di	ff: 0	.1, Su	m: 1.	9
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Thread Roots:		Min	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.1	L, Max	: 0.3,	Diff:	0.3,	Sum:	0.6
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	StringTable Roots:		Min	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.1	L, Max	: 0.2,	Diff:	0.2,	Sum:	1.1
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Universe Roots:		Min:	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.0	0, Max	: 0.0,	Diff:	0.0,	Sum:	0.0
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	JNI Handles Roots:		Min	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.0	0, Max	: 0.0,	Diff:	0.0,	Sum:	0.0
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	ObjectSynchronizer Roo	ts:	Min	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.0	0, Max	: 0.0,	Diff:	0.0,	Sum:	0.0
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	FlatProfiler Roots:		Min	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.0	0, Max	: 0.0,	Diff:	0.0,	Sum:	0.0
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Management Roots:		Min	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.0	0, Max	: 0.0,	Diff:	0.0,	Sum:	0.0
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	SystemDictionary Roots	:	Min	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.0	0, Max	: 0.0,	Diff:	0.0,	Sum:	0.0
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	CLDG Roots:		Min	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.0	0, Max	: 0.2,	Diff:	0.2,	Sum:	0.2
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	JVMTI Roots:		Min	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.0	ð, Max	: 0.0,	Diff:	0.0,	Sum:	0.0
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	CM RefProcessor Roots:		Min:	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.0	0, Max	: 0.0,	Diff:	0.0,	Sum:	0.0
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Wait For Strong CLD:		Min	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.0	ð, Max	: 0.0,	Diff:	0.0,	Sum:	0.0
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Weak CLD Roots:		Min	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.0	ð, Max	: 0.0,	Diff:	0.0,	Sum:	0.0
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	SATB Filtering:		Mina	: 0	.0,	Avg:	0.0	0, Max	: 0.0,	Diff:	0.0,	Sum:	0.0
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Update RS:	Mi	n: 3	3.9,	Avg	j: 4	.0, N	Max: 4	4.2, Di	ff: 0	.3, Su	m: 32.	3
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Processed Buffers:		Min:	: 5,	Avg	j: 6	.2, M	Max: 8	, Diff:	3, Su	m: 50		
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Scan HCC:		Min:	: 0	.4,	Avg:	0.5	5, Max	: 0.5,	Diff:	0.1,	Sum:	3.8
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Scan RS:	Mi	n: 6	5.0,	Avg	j: 10	.4, N	Max: 12	1.2, Di	ff: 5	.2, Su	m: 82.	9
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Code Root Scanning:	Mi	n: (0.0,	Avg	j: 0	.7, N	Max:	5.2, Di	ff: 5	.2, Su	m: 5.	3
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Object Copy:	Mi	n: 8	3.6,	Avg	j: 8	.7, N	Max:	8.8, Di	ff: 0	.2, Su	m: 69.	4
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Termination:	Mi	n: (0.0,	Avg	j: 0	.1, M	Max: (0.1, Di	ff: 0	.1, Su	m: Ø.	7
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Termination Attempts:		Min	: 1,	Avg	g: 12	.2, M	Max: 10	6, Diff	: 15,	Sum: 9	8	
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	GC Worker Other:	Mi	n: (0.0,	Avg	j: 0	.0, N	Max: (0.0, Di	ff: 0	.0, Su	m: 0.	0
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	GC Worker Total:	Mi	n: 24	1.0,	Avg	g: 24	.1, N	Max: 24	4.1, Di	.ff: 0	.0, Su	m: 192	2.5
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	GC Worker End:	Mi	n: 10	0602	.2,	Avg:	1060	02.2, M	Max: 10	602.2,	Diff:	0.0	

Young Collection

[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Code Root Fixup: 0.1 ms					
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Code Root Purge: 0.0 ms					
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Clear CT: 0.1 ms					
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Expand Heap After Collection: 0	0.0 ms				
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Other: 0.7 ms					
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Choose CSet: 0.0 ms					
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Ref Proc: 0.1 ms					
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Ref Enq: 0.0 ms					
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Redirty Cards: 0.1 ms					
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Parallel Redirty:	Min:	0.1,	Avg:	0.1,	Max:
0.1, Diff: 0.0,	Sum: 0.8								
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Redirtied Cards:	Min:	7563,	Avg:	8703.4	, Max:
10349, Diff: 278	6, Sum: 69627								
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Humongous Register: 0.0 ms					
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Humongous Reclaim: 0.0 ms					
[10.603s][debug][gc,phases]	GC(20)	Free CSet: 0.3 ms					
[10.603s][info][gc,heap]	GC(20)	Eden regions: 14->0(164)					
[10.603s][info][gc,heap]	GC(20)	Survivor regions: 11->1(4)					
[10.603s][info][gc,heap]	GC(20)	0ld regions: 202->203					
[10.603s][info][gc,heap]	GC(20)	Humongous regions: 6->6					
[10.603s][info][gc,metaspace	e]	GC(20)	Metaspace: 9996K->9996K(1058816K)					
[10.603s][info][gc]	GC(20)	Pause Mixed (G1 Evacuation Pause)	232M->	>209M(5	500M)	(10.57	8s,
10.603s) 25.329m	S								
[10.603s][info][gc,cpu]	GC(20)	User=0.19s Sys=0.00s Real=0.03s					

A Young Collection Log Snippet with -XX: +PrintGCDetails

Young Collection

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154.431: [GC pause (G1 Evacuation Pause) (young), 0.2584864 secs]
   [Parallel Time: 253.2 ms, GC Workers: 8]
      [GC Worker Start (ms): Min: 154431.3, Avg: 154431.4, Max: 154431.5, Diff: 0.1]
      [Ext Root Scanning (ms): Min: 0.1, Avg: 0.2, Max: 0.3, Diff: 0.1, Sum: 1.4]
      [Update RS (ms): Min: 3.3, Avg: 3.5, Max: 3.8, Diff: 0.6, Sum: 28.2]
         [Processed Buffers: Min: 3, Avg: 3.5, Max: 5, Diff: 2, Sum: 28]
      [Scan RS (ms): Min: 46.1, Avg: 46.4, Max: 46.7, Diff: 0.6, Sum: 371.2]
      [Code Root Scanning (ms): Min: 0.0, Avg: 0.1, Max: 0.1, Diff: 0.1, Sum: 0.5]
      [Object Copy (ms): Min: 202.7, Avg: 202.8, Max: 202.9, Diff: 0.3, Sum: 1622.4]
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      [Ref Eng: 0.0 ms]
      [Redirty Cards: 0.3 ms]
      [Humongous Reclaim: 0.0 ms]
      [Free CSet: 3.2 ms]
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G1 GC Sub-component Plot



Marking Threshold

Initiating Heap Occupancy Percent

- Threshold to start the concurrent marking cycle to identify candidate old regions.
- When old generation occupancy crosses this adaptive threshold.
- Based on the total heap size.

The Concurrent Marking Stages

Concurrent Marking - Initial Mark Stage

- stop the world, piggy-backed on a young pause
- marks all root objects

Concurrent Marking - Root Region Scanning Stage

- works concurrently with the mutators
- survivor regions are root regions
- must complete before the next GC pause

Concurrent Marking -Concurrent Marking Stage

- works concurrently with the mutators
 - -XX:ConcGCThreads
- pre-write barrier needed
- live data accounting
- XX:+ClassUnloadingWithConcurrentMark

Concurrent Marking - Final Mark Stage

- stop the world
 - XX:ParallelGCThreads
 - traverse any unvisited live objects.
 - safely complete live data accounting.
 - reference processing
 - XX:+ParallelRefProcEnabled

Concurrent Marking -Cleanup Stage

- stop the world
 - identifying completely free regions
 - sorting regions based on "efficiency"
 - RSet scrubbing
- concurrent
 - reset and return empty region to the free list.

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Cleanup Phase



Cleanup Phase



Concurrent Marking Stages Log Snippet with -Xlog:gc*,ergo*

Concurrent Marking Stages

] GC(17) Pause Initial Mark (G1 Evacuation Pause) (9.474s) [9.474s][info][ac.start] GC(17) Eden regions: 142->0(143) [9.507s][info][gc,heap [9.507s][info][gc,heap] GC(17) Survivor regions: $6 \rightarrow 11(19)$] GC(17) Old regions: 218->218 [9.507s][info][gc,heap [9.507s][info][gc,heap] GC(17) Humongous regions: 30->30 [9.507s][info][gc,metaspace] GC(17) Metaspace: 9976K->9976K(1058816K) [9.507s][info][gc GC(17) Pause Initial Mark (G1 Evacuation Pause) 395M->258M(500M) (9.474s, 9.507s) 33.170ms [9.507s][info][gc,cpu] GC(17) User=0.20s Sys=0.00s Real=0.03s [9.507s][info][gc] GC(18) Concurrent Root Region Scan (9.507s) [9.534s][info][gc] GC(18) Concurrent Root Region Scan (9.507s, 9.534s) 26.740ms [9.534s][info][gc] GC(18) Concurrent Mark (9.534s) [9.791s][info][gc] GC(18) Concurrent Mark (9.534s, 9.791s) 256.961ms [9.791s][info][gc,start] GC(18) Pause Remark (9.791s) [9.794s][info][gc] GC(18) Pause Remark 269M->269M(500M) (9.791s, 9.794s) 3.008ms [9.794s][info][gc,cpu] GC(18) User=0.01s Sys=0.00s Real=0.01s] GC(18) Pause Cleanup (9.794s) [9.794s][info][gc,start [9.795s][info][gc] GC(18) Pause Cleanup 269M->223M(500M) (9.794s, 9.795s) 1.219ms [9.795s][info][gc,cpu] GC(18) User=0.01s Sys=0.00s Real=0.00s] GC(18) Concurrent Cleanup (9.795s) [9.795s][info][gc] GC(18) Concurrent Cleanup (9.795s, 9.795s) 0.115ms [9.795s][info][gc

Incremental Compaction aka Mixed Collection

G1 GC Heap



During a Mixed Collection



After a Mixed Collection



A Mixed Collection Log Snippet with -Xlog:gc*,ergo*=trace

[98.879s][info][gc,start] GC(40) Pause Mixed (G1 Evacuation Pause) (98.879s) [98.879s][trace][gc,ergo,cset] GC(40) Start choosing CSet. pending cards: 9847 predicted base time: 9.51ms remaining time: 40.49ms target pause time: 50.00ms [98.879s][trace][gc,ergo,cset] GC(40) Add young regions to CSet. eden: 179 regions, survivors: 21 regions, predicted young region time: 76.52ms, target pause time: 50.00ms [98.880s][debug][gc,ergo,cset] GC(40) Finish adding old regions to CSet (predicted time is too high). predicted time: 0.77ms, remaining time: 0.00ms old 22 regions, min 22 regions [98.880s][debug][gc,ergo,cset] GC(40) Added expensive regions to CSet (old CSet region num not reached min).old: 22 regions, expensive: 22 regions, min: 22 regions, remaining time: 0.00ms

[98.880s][debug][gc,ergo,cset] GC(40) Finish choosing CSet. old: 22 regions, predicted old region time: 14.78ms, time remaining: 0.00

[98.927s][debug][gc,ergo] GC(40) continue mixed GCs (candidate old regions available). candidate old regions: 148 reclaimable: 91013912 (8.48) threshold: 5

[98.927s][info][gc,heap] GC(40) Eden regions: 179->0(193)

- [98.927s][info][gc,heap] GC(40) Survivor regions: 21->7(25)
- [98.927s][info][gc,heap] GC(40) Old regions: 291->289
- [98.927s][info][gc,heap] GC(40) Humongous regions: 14->14

[98.927s][info][gc,cpu

[98.927s][info][gc,metaspace] GC(40) Metaspace: 10418K->10418K(1058816K)

[98.927s][info][gc] GC(40) Pause Mixed (G1 Evacuation Pause) 503M->309M(1024M) (98.879s, 98.927s) 47.529ms

] GC(40) User=0.36s Sys=0.01s Real=0.05s

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min).old: 22 regions, expensive: 22 regions, min: 22 regions, remaining time: 0.00ms
[98.880s][debug][gc,ergo,cset] GC(40) Finish choosing CSet. old: 22 regions, predicted old region time:
14.78ms, time remaining: 0.00
[98.927s][debug][gc,ergo] GC(40) continue mixed GCs (candidate old regions available). candidate old
regions: 148 reclaimable: 91013912 (8.48) threshold: 5
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• XX:G1MixedGCCountTarget



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[239.335s][debug][gc,ergo,cset] GC(145) Finish adding old regions to CSet (predicted time is too high). predicted time: 1.23ms, remaining time: 0.83ms old 45 regions, min 16 regions

[239.335s][debug][gc,ergo,cset] GC(145) Finish choosing CSet. old: 45 regions, predicted old region time: 28.08ms, time remaining: 0.83

• XX:G1HeapWastePercent

] GC(40) continue mixed GCs (candidate old regions [98.927s][debug][gc,ergo available). candidate old regions: 148 reclaimable: 91013912 (8.48) threshold: 5



Promotion/Evacuation Failures In The G1 Collector
Evacuation Failures

276.731: [GC pause (G1 Evacuation Pause) (young) (to-space exhausted), 0.8272932 secs] [Parallel Time: 387.0 ms, GC Workers: 8]

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[Code Root Fixup: 0.1 ms]
[Code Root Purge: 0.0 ms]
[Clear CT: 0.2 ms]
[Other: 440.0 ms]
[Other: 440.0 ms]
[Evacuation Failure: 437.5 ms]
[Choose CSet: 0.0 ms]
[Ref Proc: 0.1 ms]
[Ref Proc: 0.1 ms]
[Ref Enq: 0.0 ms]
[Redirty Cards: 0.9 ms]
[Redirty Cards: 0.9 ms]
[Humongous Reclaim: 0.0 ms]
[Free CSet: 0.9 ms]
[Eden: 831.0M(900.0M)->0.0B(900.0M) Survivors: 0.0B->0.0B Heap: 1020.1M(1024.0M)-
>1020.1M(1024.0M)]
[Times: user=3.64 sys=0.20, real=0.83 secs]
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Evacuation Failures

- When there are no more regions available for survivors or tenured objects, G1 GC encounters an evacuation failure.
- An evacuation failure is expensive and the usual pattern is that if you see a couple of evacuation failures; full GC could* soon follow.

A heavily tuned JVM command line may be restricting the G1 GC ergonomics and adaptability.

Start with just your heap sizes and a reasonable pause time goal

Your live data set + long live transient data may be too large for the old generation

 Check LDS+ and increase heap to accommodate everything in the old generation.

Initiating Heap Occupancy Threshold could be the issue.

- Check IHOP and make sure it accommodates the LDS+.
- IHOP threshold too high -> Delayed marking -> Delayed incremental compaction -> Evacuation Failures!

Marking Cycle could be taking too long to complete?

- Increase concurrent marking threads
- ★ Reduce IHOP

to-space survivors are the problem?

 Increase the G1ReservePercent, if to-space survivors are triggering the evacuation failures!

fragmentation an issue?

Fragmentation In The G1 Collector

G1 Heap Waste Percentage

- G1 GC is designed to "absorb" some fragmentation.
- Default is 5% of the total Java heap
- Tradeoff so that expensive regions are left out.

G1 Mixed GC (Region) Liveness Threshold

- G1 GC's old regions are also designed to "absorb" some fragmentation.
- Default is 85% liveness in a G1 region.
- Tradeoff so that expensive regions are left out.

A young generation region

An old generation region





Object < 50% of G1 region size





Object NOT Humongous

Object Humongous

Object Humongous -> Needs Contiguous Regions



Ideally, humongous objects are few in number and are short lived.

 A lot of long-lived humongous objects can cause evacuation failures since humongous regions add to the old generation occupancy. Humongous Allocation Log Snippet with -Xlog:gc*,ergo*

Humongous Allocations

[161.363s][info][gc,start]] GC(110) Pause Initial Mark (G1 Humongous Allocation) (161.363s) [161.388s][info][gc,heap] GC(110) Eden regions: 33->0(61) [161.388s][info][gc,heap]] GC(110) Survivor regions: 14->5(13)] GC(110) Old regions: 431->445 [161.388s][info][gc,heap] GC(110) Humongous regions: 32-[161.388s][info][gc,heap >32 [161.388s][info][gc,metaspace] GC(110) Metaspace: 10422K->10422K(1058816K) [161.388s][info][gc] GC(110) Pause Initial Mark (G1 Humongous Allocation) 508M->481M(662M) (161.363s, 161.388s) 25.455ms [161.388s][info][gc,cpu]] GC(110) User=0.18s Sys=0.00s Real=0.02s

The Tuneables

Tuneables

Goal:

Get the GC ergonomics to work for you and know the defaults Tunables:

- Pause time goal, heap size, max and min nursery, concurrent and parallel threads
- The marking threshold, number of mixed GCs after marking, liveness threshold for the old regions, garbage toleration threshold, max old regions to be collected per mixed collection

Tuneables

Things to remember -

- Know your defaults!
 - Understand your G1HeapRegionSize It could be any factor of two from 1MB to 32MB. G1 strives for 2048 regions.
- Fixing the nursery size (using Xmn) will meddle with the GC ergonomics/adaptiveness.
- Don't set really aggressive pause time goals this will increase the GC overhead.
- Spend time taming your mixed GCs mixed GCs are incremental collections

Tuneables

Things to remember -

- Taming mixed GCs:
 - Adjust the marking cycle according to you live data set.
 - Adjust you liveness threshold this is the live occupancy threshold per region. Any region with liveness beyond this threshold will not be included in a mixed collection.
 - Adjust your garbage toleration threshold helps G1 not get too aggressive with mixed collections
 - Distribute mixed GC pauses over a number of mixed collections adjust your mixed GC count target and change your max old region threshold percent so that you can limit the old regions per collection

Further Reading

http://www.infoq.com/articles/G1-One-Garbage-Collector-To-Rule-Them-All

http://www.infoq.com/articles/tuning-tips-G1-GC

http://www.infoq.com/articles/Make-G1-Default-Garbage-Collector-in-Java-9

Upcoming Book: Java Performance Companion, Chapters 1-3.

Unified GC Logging: http://openjdk.java.net/jeps/271

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