Mac OS X Port Project Status

This page outlines the status of high-level feature areas to bring from Apple’s Java SE 6 to the Mac OS X port of JDK 7u4.

7u4 is now complete; 7u6 is in active development in jdk7u-dev.

A list of popular open issues is available at the JIRA bug reporter.

Features in the macosx-port src repository

- **Build**
  - build using clang
  - build jdk bundle (for CommandLine and embedded use only)
  - build embeddable jre bundle
    - build JavaAppLauncher stub
- **HotSpot**
  - remove ALWAYS_PASS_TEST_GAMMA hack
  - register new threads as Obj-GC capable
  - DTrace v2-style probes
- **Core Libraries**
  - Precomposed/Decomposed File path translation
  - NIO
    - kqueue based Selectors
    - WatchService implementation (kqueue-based)
    - WatchService implementation (polling-based)
    - Async I/O API
  - Proxy Server handling
  - Locale support
  - System properties fixup (vendor name, etc)
    - Resolve "Darwin" vs. "Mac OS X" checks
- **JNI interface**
- **Networking**
- **X11**
- **Universal binaries**
- **JObjC**
  - get tests passing
  - self-generate BridgeSupport full files
- **Cocoa AWT**
  - 2D drawing (OpenGL based)
  - OpenGL layer needs to be vended from an NSOpenGLLayer (10.6+)
  - Cocoa key/text events
    - cleanup to use JRSEvent API
  - merge JDK6 CWindow -> LWCWindow changes and style flags
  - update CImage
  - Transparent window support
  - Headless
  - remove $AWT_TOOLKIT=CToolkit, switch to default
  - threading cleanup
- **Aqua LaF**
  - Requires an image tile cache
  - Screen Menu Bar
    - Needs cleanup to use JRSMenu API
  - Needs refresh from Apple trunk
- **Fonts/Text drawing**
- **Accessibility**
- **Clipboard**
- **Drag & Drop**
- **InputMethod support**
- **AppleScript javax.script engine**
- **Sound**
- **Printing**
- **Keychain Provider**
- **JAWT (for SWT/3D embedding)**
- **Smartcard**
  - Fix Kerberos code to read config info from SCDynamicStore (needed on Lion) [http://java.net/jira/browse/MACOSX_PORT-566]
- **AWT Desktop API**
- **System Tray**

Features not yet ported from Apple's Java SE 6

- Bundled app launching
JavaApplicationStub replacement
- Stub source now checked in. More tools for bundling an app are coming.
- Stub and AWT reviewed for sandboxing
  - need to fix JavaSound, launcher stub, and remove dependency on X11 libfreetype.

Features not in public macosx-port ("deploy" is private to Oracle). You'll have to trust us on these – deploy is not ready to be open-sourced.

- **Applets/Plugin2**
  - Need to create .plugin bundle
  - Need to embed slimmed JRE into .plugin bundle
  - Need NPAPI/Cocoa event to Java event conversion
  - Need the LWAWT to render into NSOpenGLLayer (see above)
  - Need cross-process CALayer connection mechanism to be exposed
  - Need to determine update mechanism (Sparkle.framework?)
  - JavaFx support

- **Web Start**
  - Need to determine delivery vehicle (inside Applet plug-in, or some other form) – Java Web Start.app will find javaws in the deployment bundle and execute that. Requires at least 10.7.3.
  - Shortcut support

- **Java Preferences**
  - UI cleanup: Look better on Mac OS X
  - Preference pane

Non-feature tasks

- **Merge BSDPort into mainline jdk so that Mac OS X Port can be inserted into mainline:**
  - Merge BSDPort hotspot, patch and description at: BSDPort, Description of jdk7 changes

- **Move internal bugs to http://java.net/jira/browse/MACOSX_PORT**

- **Write up development wiki pages for**
  - Quickstart
  - Status
  - Compiler changes/issues
  - Cocoa & Java crash course
  - Threading manifesto
  - Memory management manifesto
  - AppKit Threading & Cocoa Memory Management best practices examples
  - Internal "Adopt-an-app" testing workflows

- **Port private JUnit harness tests to jtreg**
  - Detailed status

Non-Features

These features will not be ported to OpenJDK from the Apple Java SE 6 port

- **MacRoman default encoding**
  - UTF-8 only, for all locales/languages

- **NSView-based AWT heavyweight widgets**
  - LWAWT Swing-based widgets only

- **NSView-based JAWT embedding**
  - CALayer embedding instead

- **CocoaComponent**
  - Use CALayer-based JAWT embedding instead

- **SWT Carbon EventLoop support**
  - No 32-bit only technologies, Cocoa only

- **JNI instantiation through the JavaVM.framework**
  - Embed your own JRE instead

- **Apple JavaApplicationStub**
  - Use the new JavaAppLauncher, loads an embedded .jre, JavaApplicationStub compatible

- **Apple native crypto**
  - Use standard Java crypto

- **HotSpot Shared Archive Generation**
  - Automatic JSA creation is of limited use until HotSpot supports class sharing in 64-bit, and in all garbage collectors

Status icon meanings
- ✔ Done
- ! In progress
- ✗ Not done
- ❓ Unknown