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Truffle Tutorial: One VM to Rule Them All, One VM to Bind Them

Forget “this language is fast”, “this language has the libraries I need”, and “this language has the tool support I need”. The Truffle framework for implementing managed languages in Java gives you native performance, multi-language integration with all other Truffle languages, and tool support - all of that by just implementing an abstract syntax tree (AST) interpreter in Java.

Truffle applies AST specialization during interpretation, which enables partial evaluation to create highly optimized native code without the need to write a compiler specifically for a language. The Java VM contributes high-performance garbage collection, threads, and parallelism support.

This tutorial is both for newcomers who want to learn the basic principles of Truffle, and for people with Truffle experience who want to learn about recently added features. It presents the basic principles of the partial evaluation used by Truffle and the Truffle DSL used for type specializations, as well as features that were added recently such as the language-agnostic object model, language integration, and debugging support.

Oracle Labs and external research groups have implemented a variety of programming languages on top of Truffle, including JavaScript, Ruby, R, Python, and Smalltalk. Several of them already exceed the best implementation of that language that existed before.

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Truffle Presentations

- JVM Language Summit 2014, July 28-30, Santa Clara, CA: *Debugging at Full Speed: Instrumenting Truffle-implemented Programs*

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- JVM Language Summit 2013, July 29-31, Santa Clara, CA: *One VM to Rule Them All*

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- SPLASH 2012, October 19-26, Tucson AZ: *Truffle: A Self-Optimizing Runtime System*. [doi:10.1145/2384716.2384723](https://doi.org/10.1145/2384716.2384723)

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Truffle Papers

- Matthias Grimmer, Chris Seaton, Thomas Würthinger, Hanspeter Mössenböck: *Dynamically Composing Languages in a Modular Way: Supporting C Extensions for Dynamic Languages*. accepted for publication at the *14th International Conference on Modularity*, 2015
- Gülfem Savrun-Yeniçeri, Michael Van De Vanter, Per Larsen, Stefan Brunthaler, and Michael Franz, *An Efficient and Generic Event-based Profiler Framework for Dynamic Languages*
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- Michael Van De Vanter, *Building Debuggers and Other Tools: We Can "Have it All"* (Position Paper)
In the *10th Implementation, Compilation, Optimization of Object-Oriented Languages, Programs and Systems Workshop (ICOOOLPS 2015)*, July 6, 2015.

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Describes the vision of the Truffle approach, and the full system stack including the interpreter and dynamic compiler.

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- Thomas Würthinger, Andreas Wöss, Lukas Stadler, Gilles Duboscq, Doug Simon, Christian Wimmer: *Self-Optimizing AST Interpreters*. In *Proceedings of the Dynamic Languages Symposium*, pages 73-82. ACM Press, 2012. doi:10.1145/2384577.2384587

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Describes the design of self-optimizing and self-specializing interpreter, and the application to JavaScript.