



**J9 VM Runtime Guide  
For Red Hat Linux 8.0**

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# Chapter 1. Introduction

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## About this document

This document will help you customize your environment to run a J9 VM executable. It will also provide assistance on how to complete runtime image and execute the desired class library configuration on the target, using the **Red Hat Linux** operating system.

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## About the J9 runtime environment

The J9 VM, the core of *Workplace Client Technology, Micro Edition (WCTME)*, is IBM's implementation of the *Java Virtual Machine Specification, Version 1.3*. A Java virtual machine executes machine instructions, known as bytecodes, typically compiled from Java language source code. For more on the Java Virtual Machine Specification, see <http://java.sun.com/docs/books/vmspec/>.

The J9 VM and *Java Class Libraries (JCL)* comprise the J9 runtime environment. The J9 runtime environment is *Java 2 Platform, Micro Edition (J2ME)* compliant and contains *Connected Limited Device Configuration (CLDC)* and *Connected Device Configuration (CDC)* based technologies. In addition, the *WebSphere Everyplace Custom Environment (WECE)* is a combination of the J9 VM and IBM custom libraries.

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## Chapter 2. Tasks

The instructions provided in this section will help a developer create and deploy a complete runtime image and execution environment-which includes the J9 VM and desired class library configuration(s)-on the target.

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### J9 runtimes included

In order to execute the J9 VM on the target, one of the runtimes for a Windows target is required. For Red Hat Linux the runtime package is found:

J2ME Profile	Location
CDC/Foundation 1.0	\opt\IBM\DeviceDeveloper\wsdd5.0\ive-2.2\runtimes\linux\x86\foundation10
CLDC 1.1/MIDP 2.0	\opt\IBM\DeviceDeveloper\wsdd5.0\ive-2.2\runtimes\linux\x86\midp20
Personal Profile 1.0	\opt\IBM\DeviceDeveloper\wsdd5.0\ive-2.2\runtimes\linux\x86\ppro10

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### Updating the software

Additional libraries can be installed as features, using the WebSphere® Studio Device Developer Update Manager.

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### Customizing the J9 runtime

The J9 runtime is a feature-rich VM that can be customized to fit the needs of a specific application. Depending on which runtime is being used, all of the files may or may not be in the directory structure.

Before loading the runtime files onto the target, some of the files can be stripped out from the runtime image in order to minimize its size.

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### Remove unused runtime files

Not all of the files and subdirectories are required to run the J9 VM. If trying to minimize the size of the runtime, many of the files included in this package can be removed.

#### Development Files

The first components that should not be loaded to the target devices are the following subdirectories, which are used for development purposes only:

- /exe
- /include
- /lib

#### Unused SO Files

As a general rule, any component for a shared library, or SO file, that is not being used can be removed from the target image.

For instance, if debugger and MicroAnalyzer support are no longer needed on the target, then the corresponding shared library files (for example, j9dbg22.so and j9prf22.so) can be removed from the runtime image.

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## Unnecessary class libraries

Another simple way to reduce the runtime is class library native files. The application likely only uses one class library at a time; therefore, only the specific supporting native shared library files are needed on the target.

For instance, if the application uses the CLDC 1.1 library, only the j9c1dc11\_22.so file is required on the target, among all of the Java™ Class Library native files.

This example runtime allows for the execution of a very simple Java application, the Hanoi sample program, on a target using the CLDC 1.1 class library configuration.

**Note:** The Hanoi sample program is included with the WebSphere Studio Device Developer workbench. Examples are accessed by WebSphere Studio Device Developer plug-in.

The minimized RedHat Linux runtime in its entirety consists of the following files:

<p>ivere122.so Relocator and file class loader for .jxe files.</p> <p>j9c1dc: Main J9 executable for the J2ME CLDC Java Class Library.</p> <p>j9c1dc22.so: Natives for J2ME CLDC jcl.</p> <p>j9dyn22.so Dynamic class loading and helper routines for Smartlinker.</p> <p>j9prt22.so: J9 port library.</p> <p>j9thr22.so: Thread library native.</p> <p>j9vm22.d11: J9 VM library.</p>
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As can be seen, removing unused or unnecessary files obviously minimizes the size of the runtime. Of course, as features or capabilities are added, more libraries must be added to the target to support them.



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## Chapter 3. J9 command options

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### Common options

The following table contains common J9 v2.2 command line options.

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J9 - VM for the Java(TM) platform, Version 2.2
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Usage: j9 [options] classname [args...]
Usage: j9 [options] -jxe:<jxeFile> [args...]
[options]
  -classpath <path>
  -cp <path>          set classpath to <path>.
  -jxe:<jxeFile>      run the named jxe file.
  -D<prop>=<val>     set the value of a system property.
  -debug:<options>   enable debug, JDWP standard <options>.
  -jcl:<config>[:options]
                    specify which JCL DLL to use (e.g. cdc, cldc, ...).
  -verbose[:class,gc,stack,sizes]
                    enable verbose output(default=class).
  -verify            enable class file verification.
  -X                print help on non-standard options.
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Refer to the following table for a more detailed description of each of these options:

Syntax	Description
-? or -help	This command option displays help

Syntax	Description
-classpath	<p>This command option sets the class path for this invocation of J9. The final value of -classpath is determined by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If the -classpath option is indicated, its value is used.</li> <li>2. Otherwise, if the CLASSPATH environment variable is set, its value is used.</li> <li>3. If both are unspecified, the value "." is used.</li> </ol> <p>If the class path includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than one class path entry, you should separate them with your operating system's path separators (for example, on Windows, use semicolons.)</li> <li>• A JAR, ZIP or JXE file, you should add the full name of the file to the class path.</li> <li>• CLASS files, you should specify the top-level directory of the CLASS file tree.</li> </ul> <p><b>Example: (on windows)</b> -classpath c:\live\lib\classes.zip;c:\myclasses;c:\myjars\foo.jar</p> <p><b>CAUTION:</b>  <b>The J9 class libraries (classes.zip) and the J9 VM are not compatible with other vendors' class libraries. It is possible that you might have more than one runtime environment installed on your host computer. You must make sure that you do not mismatch these libraries when specifying the class path.</b></p>
-cp<path>	Set classpath to <path>
-jxe:<jxeFile>	<p>This command option reads the specified JXE file, looking for the classes in this file. All classes found in the JXE are placed on the "boot path."</p> <p><b>Note:</b> When using the -jxe option, do not specify the startup class.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> -jxe:hello.jxe</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The -jxe option must be the last option on the command line.</p>
-Dprop=<val>	<p>This command option sets the value of a system property.</p> <p>For example, -Dmy.property=some.value sets the value of my.property to some.value. -Dprop sets the value to null.</p> <p>You can use multiple instances of this option by repeating the option statement separated with a space. <b>Example:</b></p> <pre>j9 -Dprop1=val1 -Dprop2=val2 -Dprop3=val3</pre> <p><b>Note:</b> Spacing is important in this option's syntax. There is never a space between the initial -D, its property argument, the equals sign, or the value argument.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> -Dname="John Smith"</p>
-debug:<options>	This command enables debug, <b>Java Debug Wire Protocol (JDWP)</b> standard <options>

Syntax	Description
-jcl:<config>[:options]	<p>This command option specifies which JCL DLL to use (which JNI natives are used by the class library Java code.)</p> <p>If you use the <i>-jcl:option</i> without indicating a <i>-Xbootclasspath: option</i>, then the value for the <i>-Xbootclasspath: option</i> is assumed (%JAVAHOME%/lib/jclLibraryName/classes.zip). However, if the class libraries are stored in a non-default location, then you must include the <i>-Xbootclasspath: option</i> in order to direct the VM to the <i>classes.zip</i> file.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If the <i>-Xbootclasspath</i> and the <i>-jcl</i> VM options are mismatched, the VM will generate an "incompatible class" error.</p> <p>The possible library arguments are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -jcl:foun (jclFoundation class library)</li> <li>• -jcl:cdc (jclCdc class library)</li> <li>• -jclPPro10 (jclPPro10 class library)</li> <li>• -jcl:cldc10 (jclCldc1.0 class library)</li> <li>• -jcl:cldc11 (jclCldc1.1 class library)</li> <li>• -jcl:midp20 (jclMidp2.0 class library)</li> <li>• -jcl:max (jclMax class library)</li> <li>• -jcl:rm (jclRM class library)</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Not all these options are available for all platforms.</p>
-verbose[:class, gc, stack, sizes]	<p>This command option turns one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>class</i> displays each fully-qualified class name as it is loaded (that is, enable verbose class loading). <i>This is the default value.</i></li> <li>• <i>gc</i> displays garbage collection information.</li> <li>• <i>stack</i> displays stack information.</li> <li>• <i>sizes</i> displays default VM sizes.</li> </ul>
-verify	<p>This command option enables bytecode verification. The <i>-verify</i> option is on by default. To disable bytecode verification specify <i>-noverify</i>.</p>
-X	<p>This command option prints help on non-standard options.</p>

## Advanced options

The following options are non-standard and subject to change without notice:

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-Xbootclasspath:<path>    set bootstrap classpath to <path>
-Xbootclasspath/p:<path>  prepend <path> to bootstrap classpath
-Xbootclasspath/a:<path>  append <path> to bootstrap classpath

-Xrun<dll>[:options]     Load helper libraries, such as those used with JVMPI

-Xint                    run interpreted only (equivalent to -Xnojit -Xnoaot)
-Xnojit                  disable to JIT
-Xnoaot                  do not run precompiled code
-Xfuture                 enable strictest checks, anticipating future default

Arguments to the following options are expressed in bytes.
Values suffixed with "k" (kilo) or "m" (mega) will be factored accordingly.
-Xmca<x>                 set RAM class segment increment to <x>
-Xmco<x>                 set ROM class segment increment to <x>
-Xmn<x>                  set initial/maximum new space size to <x>
-Xmns<x>                 set initial new space size to <x>
-Xmnx<x>                 set maximum new space size to <x>
-Xmo<x>                  set initial/maximum old space size to <x>
-Xmos<x>                 set initial old space size to <x>
-Xmox<x>                 set maximum old space size to <x>
-Xmoi<x>                 set old space increment to <x>
-Xms<x>                  set initial memory size to <x>
-Xmx<x>                  set memory maximum to <x>
-Xmr<x>                  set remembered set size to <x>
-Xmrx<x>                 set maximum size of remembered set to <x>
-Xmso<x>                 set OS thread stack size to <x>
-Xiss<x>                 set initial java thread stack size to <x>
-Xss<x>                  set maximum java thread stack size to <x>
-Xmine<x>                set minimum size for heap expansion to <x>
-Xmaxe<x>                set maximum size for heap expansion to <x>

Arguments to the following options are expressed as a decimal from 0 to 1.
A value of 0.3 represents a request of 30%
-Xminf<x>                minimum percentage of heap free after GC
-Xmaxf<x>                maximum percentage of heap free after GC

Arguments to the following options are expressed as decimal numbers.
-Xgcthreads<x>          set number of GC threads
-Xnoclassgc              disable dynamic class unloading
-Xclassgc                enable dynamic class unloading
-Xalwaysclassgc          enable dynamic class unloading on every GC
-Xnocompactexplicitgc    disable compaction on a system GC
-Xcompactexplicitgc      enable compaction on a system GC
-Xcompactgc              enable compaction
-Xnocompactgc            disable compaction
-Xlp                      enable large page support

-Xdbg:<options>           enable debug, JDWP standard options
-Xrunjdpw:<options>       enable debug, JDWP standard options
-Xdbginfo:<symbol file path> enable debug info server
-Xrdbginfo:<host><port>   enable remote debug info server
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Refer to the following tables for a more detailed description of each of these options:

Syntax	Description
-Xbootclasspath:<path>	This command option sets the bootstrap classpath to <path>. <b>Note:</b> When using this command line option, the <i>-jcl:LibraryName</i> option must be used to indicate which class library natives the application should use:  -Xbootclasspath:c:\ive\lib\jcl\dc\classes.zip  If you use the <i>-jcl:option</i> without indicating a <i>-Xbootclasspath:option</i> , then the value for the <i>Xbootclasspath:option</i> is assumed (%JAVAHOME%/lib/jclLibraryName/classes.zip). However, if the class libraries are stored in a non-default location, then you must include the <i>-Xbootclasspath:option</i> in order to direct the VM to the <i>classes.zip</i> file.
-Xbootclasspath/p:<path>	This command option prepends <path> to the bootstrap classpath. <b>Note:</b> This option is useful for applying temporary fixes and/or adding to the bootstrap classpath.
-Xbootclasspath/a:<path>	This command option appends <path> to the bootstrap classpath. <b>Note:</b> This option is useful for applying temporary fixes and/or adding to the bootstrap classpath.
-Xrun<dll>[:options]	This command option starts JVMPI profiling.
-Xint	This command option runs interpreted only. <b>Note:</b> This is equivalent to <i>-Xnojit -Xnoaot</i> .
-Xnojit	This command option disables the JIT.
-Xnaot	This command option prevents running the precompiled code.
-Xgcpolicy:optthruput	This command option sets no scavenger and no concurrent mark. <i>This is the default.</i>
-Xgcpolicy:optavgpause	This command option sets scavenger and concurrent mark.
-Xfuture	This command option enables the strictest checks, anticipating a future default.

Syntax	Description
-Xmca<x>	This command line option sets the RAM class segment increment to <x>.
-Xmco<x>	This command line option sets the ROM class segment increment to <x>.
-Xmn<x>	This command line option sets the initial/maximum old space size to <x>. <b>Note:</b> This sets the size of the <i>NewSpace</i> and <i>SurvivorSpace</i> . This command is only relevant if <i>-Xgcpolicy:optavgpause</i> is set.
-Xmns<x>	This command line option sets the initial space size to <x>.
-Xmnx<x>	This command line option sets the maximum new space size to <x>.
-Xmo<x>	This command line option sets the initial/maximum old space size to <x>.
-Xmos<x>	This command line option sets the initial old space size to <x>.

Syntax	Description
-Xmox<x>	This command line option sets the maximum old space size to <x>.
-Xmjit<x>	This command line option enables the micro JIT. <b>Note:</b> The micro JIT is not enabled by default. You must explicitly enable the micro JIT on platforms that support it or J9 will run in interpreted mode only.
-Xmoi<x>	This command line option sets the old space increment to <x>.
-Xms<x>	This command line option sets the initial memory size to <x>. <b>Note:</b> This option is the same as -Xmo<x>.
-Xmx<x>	Memory maximum (Xmx >= Xms)  scavenger enabled: minimum size 1024 bytes on 32 bit architectures, 2048 bytes on 64 bit architectures  scavenger disabled: minimum size 512 bytes on 32 bit architectures, 1024 bytes on 64 bit architectures
-Xmr<x>	This command line option sets the remembered set size to <x>.
-Xmrx<x>	This command line option sets the maximum size of remembered set to <x>.
-Xmso<x>	This command line option sets the OS thread stack size to <x>.
-Xiss<x>	This command line option sets the initial Java thread stack size to <x>.
-Xss<x>	This command line option sets the maximum Java thread to <x>.
-Xmine<x>	This command line option sets the minimum size for heap expansion to <x>.
-Xmaxe<x>	This command line option sets the maximum size for heap expansion to <x>.
-Xmdx<x>	This command line option sets the default memory space maximum size. <i>Xmdx</i> <= <i>Xmx</i> . <b>Note:</b> This is ignored if -Xresman is not entered.
-Xresman<x>	This command line option enables resource managed support.

Syntax	Description
-Xminf<x>	This command line option sets the minimum percentage of heap free after GC.
-Xmaxf<x>	This command line option sets the maximum percentage of heap free after GC.

Syntax	Description
-Xgcthreads<x>	This command line option sets the number of GC threads
-Xnoclassgc<x>	This command line option disables dynamic class unloading

Syntax	Description
-Xclassgc<x>	This command line option enables dynamic class unloading
-Xalwaysclassgc<x>	This command line option enables dynamic class unloading
-Xnocompactexplicitgc<x>	This command line option will disable compaction on a system GC.
-Xcompactexplicitgc<x>	This command line option will enable compaction on every system GC.
-Xcompactgc<x>	This command line option will enable compaction.
-Xnocompactgc<x>	This command line option will disable compaction.
-Xlp	This command line option will enable large page support.

Syntax	Description
-Xdbg:<options>	This command line option enables standard Java Debug Wire Protocol (JDWP) debug options.
-Xrunjdwpc:<options>	This command line option enables standard JDWP debug options. <b>Note:</b> Start a JDWP server. For more information on the JDWP options, see the <i>Connection and Invocation Details</i> web site.
-Xdbginfo:<symbol file path>	This command line option enables the debug info server.
-Xrdbginfo:<host>:<port>	This command line option enables the remote debug info server.





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## Appendix. Additional information

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