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Evolution of a Platform as a Service from the inside

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Agenda

Act 1, 2008 : The Genesis

Act 2, 2009 : Java, Restricted

Act 3, 2017 : The Next Generation

Act 4, 2019 : Java 11, Unrestricted



Act 1, 2008

The Genesis

guido@ [Nov 2008](#): *“Unlike other cloud offerings, App Engine does not offer you a virtual machine, but a scalable container in which your application runs...”*

Original Slides at

<http://web.stanford.edu/class/ee380/Abstracts/081105-slides.pdf>

Act 1: Public Announcement



11 years
ago...

In April 2008, **Google** launched **App Engine**, with a free trial version limited to 10,000 developers.^[16] This was said to have "turned the Internet cloud computing space into a fully-fledged industry virtually overnight."^[17]

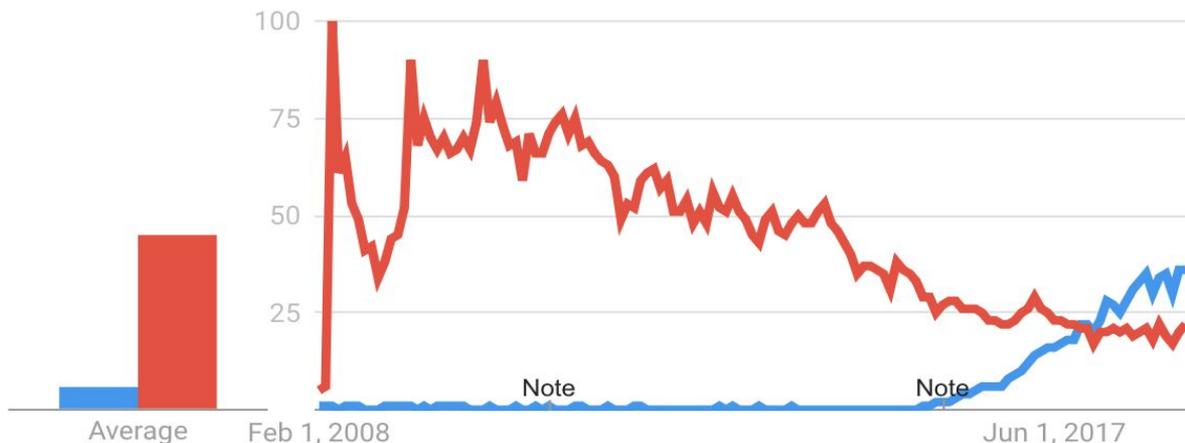
Act 1: Serverless Before Serverless Was a Thing



Interest over time

Google Trends

● serverless ● Google App Engine



Serverless Runtimes^[edit]

Most, but not all, serverless vendors offer compute runtimes, also known as [function as a service \(FaaS\)](#) platforms, which execute application logic but do not store data. The first "pay as you go" code execution platform was Zimki, released in 2006, but it was not commercially successful.^[3] In 2008, Google released [Google App Engine](#), which featured metered billing for applications that used a custom Python framework, but could not execute arbitrary code.^[4] PiCloud, released in 2010, offered FaaS support for Python.^[5]



App Engine

Now serving

>300 Billion

requests per day

Act 1: With Sandboxing Restrictions



guido@ [circa 2008](#): *"Unlike other cloud offerings, App Engine does not offer you a virtual machine, but a scalable container in which your application runs..."* **securely...**

Advantages

- Sandboxing a process, not an OS
- No network programming involved
- Low configuration overhead for instances
- Low memory overhead per instance

Which lead to...

- Fast startup times => O(1) scaling
- High instance creation rates (xxK/sec)
- Extreme multi-tenancy (xxM daily active)
- Low memory pressure (infrequent eviction => fewer cold starts)

Drawbacks

- Security requirements imposing restrictions.
- Non-standard request and API protocol
- No standard application packaging format, no runtime definition or contract.

Which lead to...

- Stagnation: Java 7 to Java 8 lag...

Act 2, 2009

Java, restricted



Act 2: Announcing App Engine Java



Cloud Computing
Infrastructure
Container



In 2009...

Act 2: Java Sandboxing



Java Support

- Servlets
- Software services
- Sandboxing
- DevAppServer
- Deployment
- Tooling



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Sandboxing (in Java 6, 7)

Act 2: Java Sandboxing Restrictions



Sandboxing

- What do we do?
 - Restrict JVM permissions
 - WhiteList classes
- Why is it necessary?
 - Clustering - JVMs come and go
 - Protect applications from one another
 - Quality of service

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App Engine Security Sandbox



Machine in Google Datacenter (shared Borg)

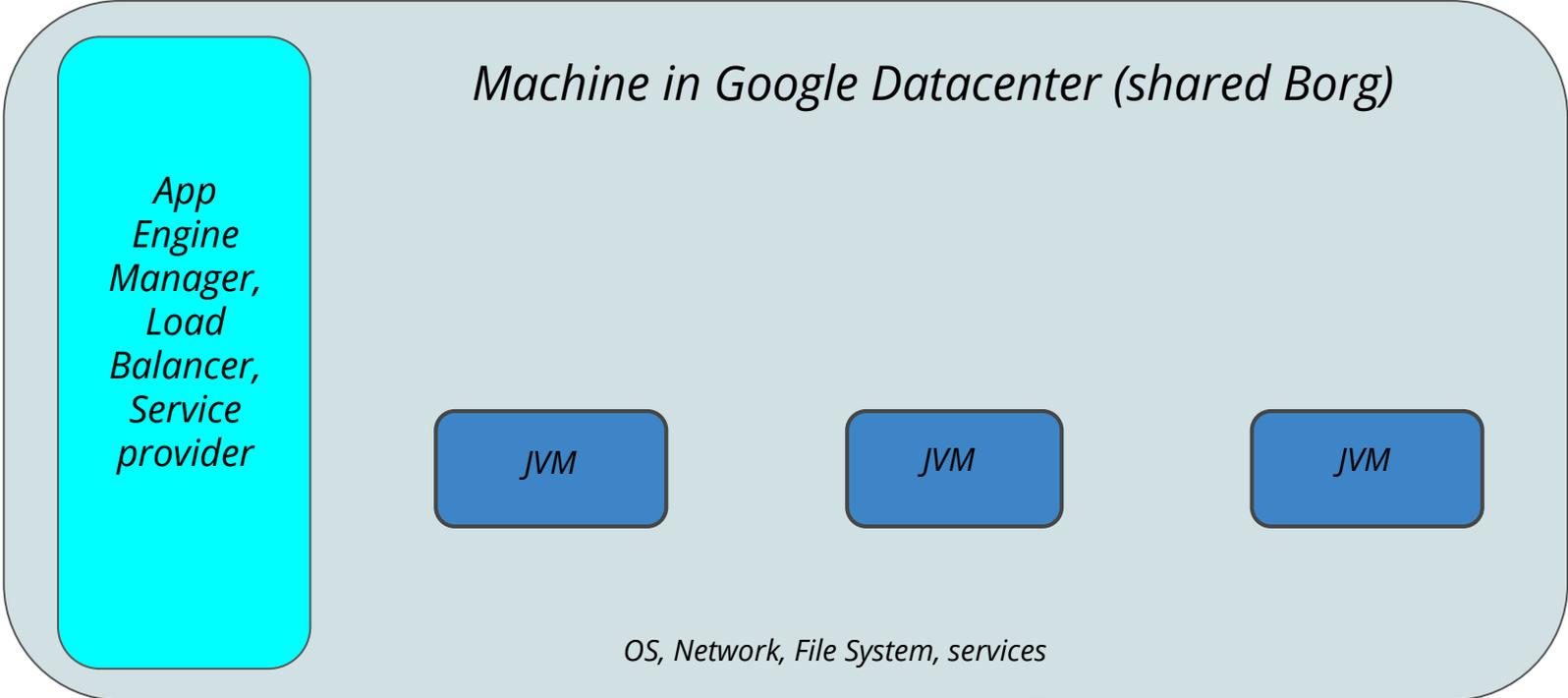
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Engine
Manager,
Load
Balancer,
Service
provider*

OS, Network, File System, services



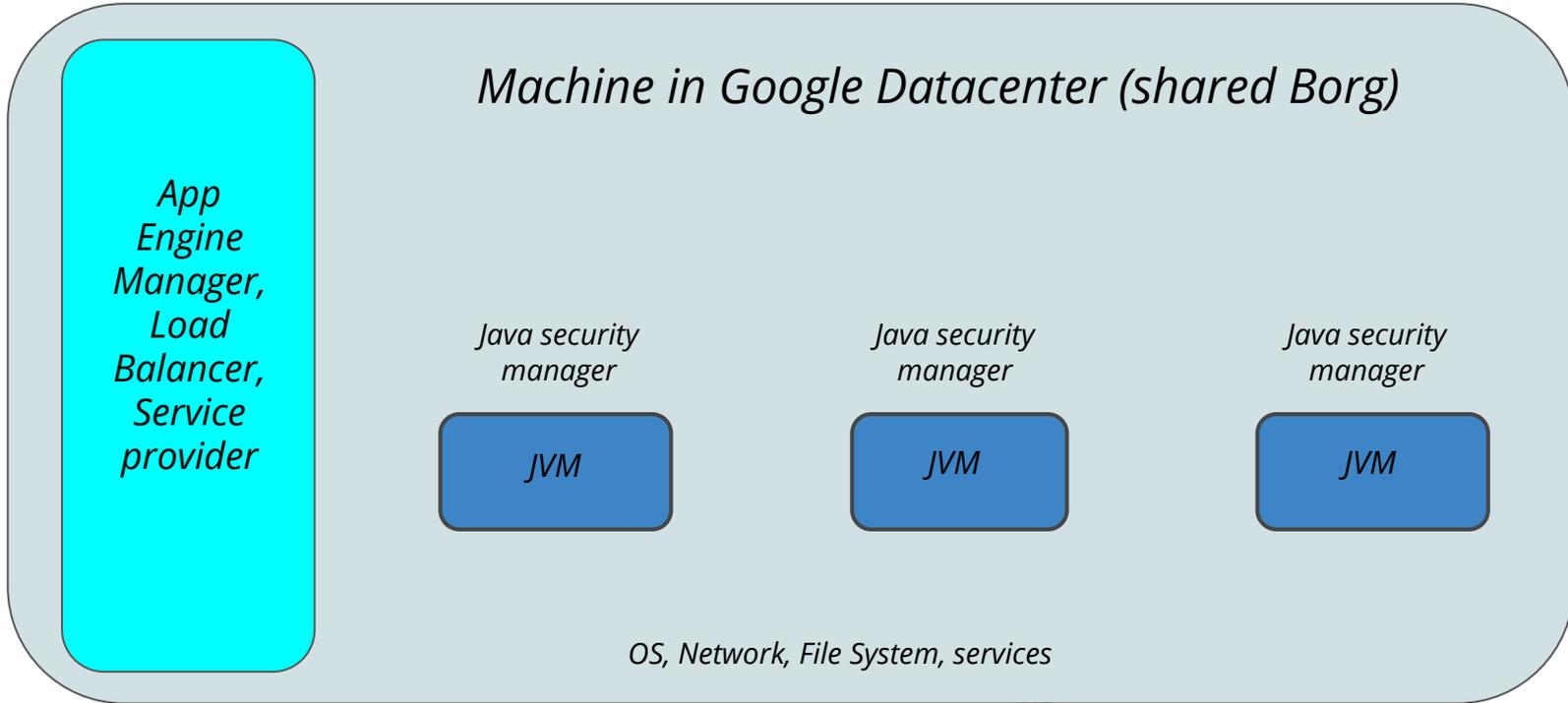
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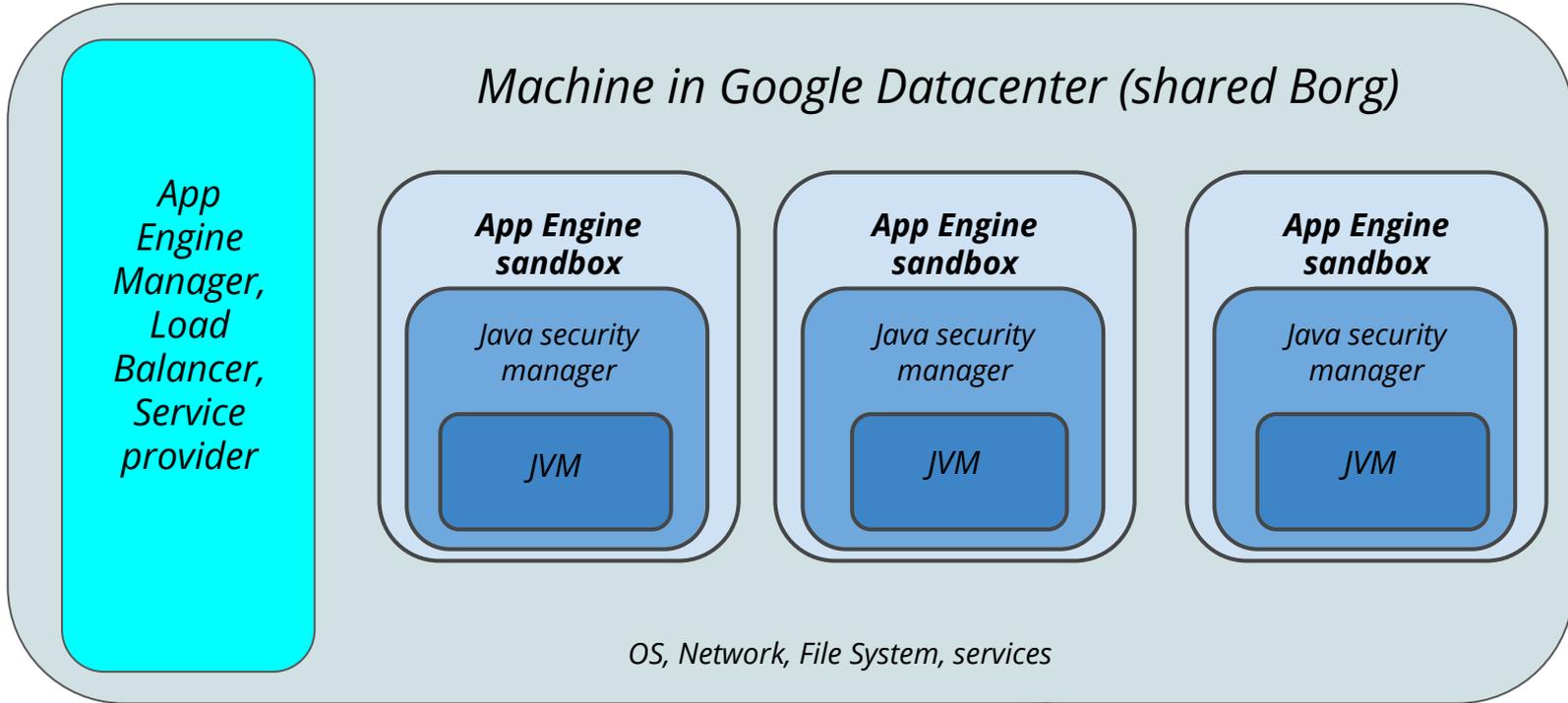
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Act 2: The Original App Engine Security Sandbox



- Google Security mandates more than 1 security layer
 - For Java 6, Java 7:
 - Java Security Manager, Java Permissions
 - [Class whitelist](#), no native code, limited threads,...
 - User Code introspection to detect vectors of attacks
 - pTrace
- Java 8 exposed more ways to be attacked...
- We could not use anymore this type of sandboxing with Java 8...

Act 2: App Engine Security Attacks: (Public Ones)



<https://www.computerworld.com/article/2857007/more-than-30-vulnerabilities-found-in-google-app-engine.html> Dec 2014

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/details-of-unpatched-vulnerabilities-in-google-app-engine-revealed/> May 2015

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/google-awards-student-10k-for-discovery-of-app-engine-flaw> August 2017

<https://security.googleblog.com/2018/01/todays-cpu-vulnerability-what-you-need.html> 2018 (Google Project Zero, Intel CPUs)

Act 2: Initial Java 6,7 Sandboxing Restrictions



Sandboxing Restrictions

Restriction	Alternative
Threads	Async API (coming soon)
Direct network connections	URLConnection
Direct file system writes	Memory, memcache, datastore
Java2D	Images API Software rendering
Native code	Pure Java Libraries

2017 Java8:
All limitations **gone**
with the
new Sandboxing

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Act 3, 2017

The Next Generation

Enter: gVisor (2017)



Evolution of a Platform As A Service



2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020... 2021...

Java 6, with restrictions

Java 7, with restrictions

Java 8 Web App no restrictions

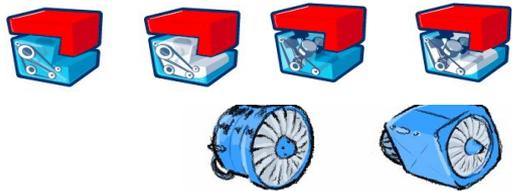
Java 11 Fat Jar

Go/Node/PHP/Py...



Original Restrictive Sandbox

gVisor Sandbox(2nd Gen)



Quiz: Which logo do you prefer?

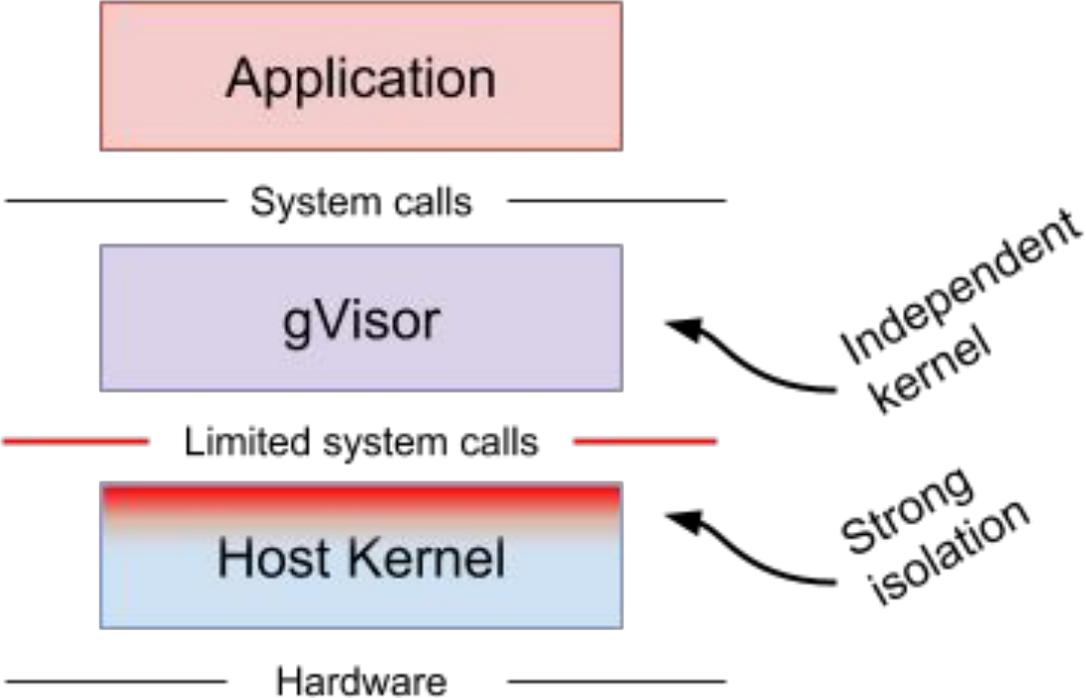
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gVisor is a user-space kernel, written in Go, that implements a substantial portion of the Linux system surface.

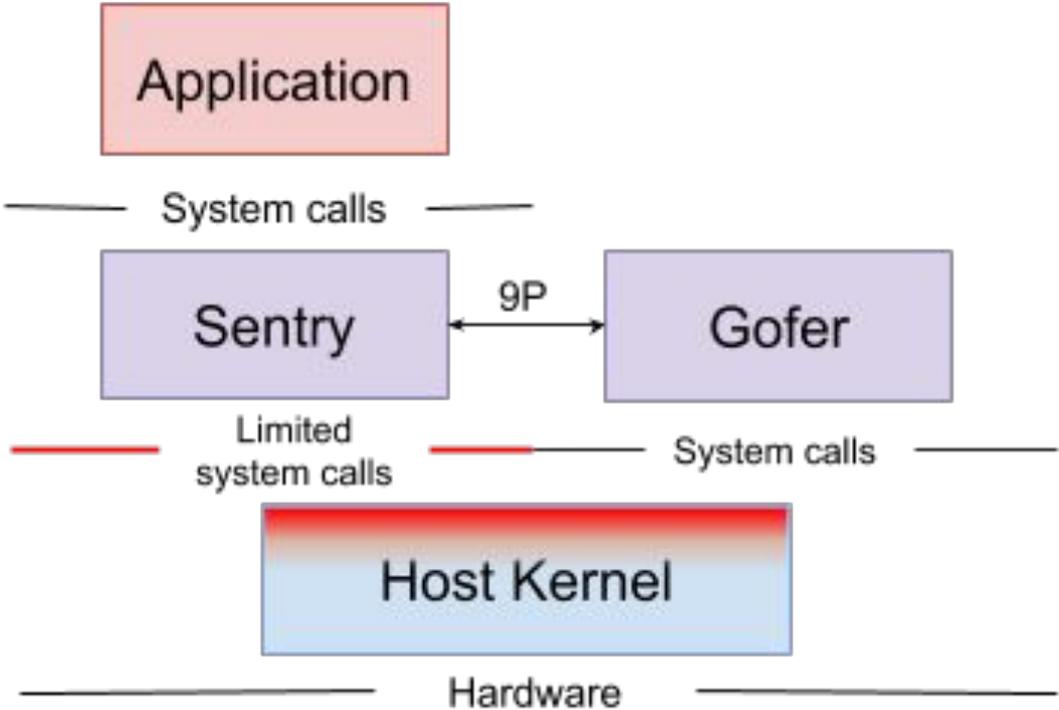
gVisor intercepts application system calls and acts as the guest kernel.

github.com/google/gvisor

Act 3: The Next Generation



Act 3: The Next Generation



- A virtualization based sandbox.
- Providing strong isolation and security guarantees by adopting an application OS approach.
- It's **not** a virtual machine.
- It allows most Linux syscalls (250+ and growing).
- It's lightweight and fast.
- It doesn't require **any** changes to the Java JVM/Libraries.
 - gVisor can now run in Docker as well (runsc)...

- Launched **GA** Sept 26th 2017
- Very Strict backward compatibility for Millions of Apps
- **Without** the previous limitations
- Allowing **both** the Standard GAE APIs and the Cloud APIs
- Already serving **Millions** of Queries Per Second (QPS)
- Open JDK 8 and Jetty 9 (Servlet 3.1 based)



Act 4, 2019

Java 11

Unrestricted

- Send us a fat jar, a collection of jars, including a Web Server
- Listen to port 8080
- Optionally the entrypoint command
- Use Google Cloud APIs
- Seamlessly shift from App Engine to Kubernetes or VMs (even with a competitor) as needed

app.yaml:

```
runtime : java11
```

```
entrypoint : java -jar myjar.jar
```

```
// Optional
```

```
instance_class: F4 // Optional
```

```
// Scalability settings Optional
```

You give us your jar(s) once...

- We maintain a Ubuntu 18.0.4 base image (LTS)
- We maintain an Open JDK 11 (LTS)
- Your App deployed in 2019 (now) will inherit automatic updates from the base layers
- If you are aware of another platform doing this, let me know...

Try it today:

goo.gl/b8N7L2 (Form to apply)

<https://github.com/ludoch/samples/tree/master/java11>



Act 5, 2019

Java 11 Demos

Simple Java 11 app ever

SpringBoot

Micronaut

Spark Java

Jetty 9.4 Web Apps (embedded)

Your App?...



Thanks!

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