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This manual describes how to use `gcj`, the GNU compiler for the Java programming language. `gcj` can generate both `.class` files and object files, and it can read both Java source code and `.class` files.

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# 1 Invoking gcj

As `gcj` is just another front end to `gcc`, it supports many of the same options as `gcc`. See section “Option Summary” in *Using the GNU Compiler Collection (GCC)*. This manual only documents the options specific to `gcj`.

## 1.1 Input and output files

A `gcj` command is like a `gcc` command, in that it consists of a number of options and file names. The following kinds of input file names are supported:

<code>file.java</code>	Java source files.
<code>file.class</code>	Java bytecode files.
<code>file.zip</code>	
<code>file.jar</code>	An archive containing one or more <code>.class</code> files, all of which are compiled. The archive may be compressed. Files in an archive which don't end with <code>.class</code> are treated as resource files; they are copmiled into the resulting object file as <code>'core:'</code> URLs.
<code>@file</code>	A file containing a whitespace-separated list of input file names. (Currently, these must all be <code>.java</code> source files, but that may change.) Each named file is compiled, just as if it had been on the command line.
<code>library.a</code>	
<code>library.so</code>	
<code>-llibname</code>	Libraries to use when linking. See the <code>gcc</code> manual.

You can specify more than one input file on the `gcj` command line, in which case they will all be compiled. If you specify a `-o FILENAME` option, all the input files will be compiled together, producing a single output file, named `FILENAME`. This is allowed even when using `-S` or `-c`, but not when using `-C` or `--resource`. (This is an extension beyond the what plain `gcc` allows.) (If more than one input file is specified, all must currently be `.java` files, though we hope to fix this.)

## 1.2 Input Options

`gcj` has options to control where it looks to find files it needs. For instance, `gcj` might need to load a class that is referenced by the file it has been asked to compile. Like other compilers for the Java language, `gcj` has a notion of a *class path*. There are several options and environment variables which can be used to manipulate the class path. When `gcj` looks for a given class, it searches the class path looking for matching `.class` or `.java` file. `gcj` comes with a built-in class path which points at the installed `'libgcj.jar'`, a file which contains all the standard classes.

In the below, a directory or path component can refer either to an actual directory on the filesystem, or to a `.zip` or `.jar` file, which `gcj` will search as if it is a directory.

**-Idir** All directories specified by **-I** are kept in order and prepended to the class path constructed from all the other options. Unless compatibility with tools like `javac` is important, we recommend always using **-I** instead of the other options for manipulating the class path.

**--classpath=path**

This sets the class path to *path*, a colon-separated list of paths (on Windows-based systems, a semicolon-separated list of paths). This does not override the builtin (“boot”) search path.

**--CLASSPATH=path**

Deprecated synonym for **--classpath**.

**--bootclasspath=path**

Where to find the standard builtin classes, such as `java.lang.String`.

**--extdirs=path**

For each directory in the *path*, place the contents of that directory at the end of the class path.

#### CLASSPATH

This is an environment variable which holds a list of paths.

The final class path is constructed like so:

- First come all directories specified via **-I**.
- If ‘**--classpath**’ is specified, its value is appended. Otherwise, if the **CLASSPATH** environment variable is specified, then its value is appended. Otherwise, the current directory (“.”) is appended.
- If **--bootclasspath** was specified, append its value. Otherwise, append the built-in system directory, ‘`libgcj.jar`’.
- Finally, if **--extdirs** was specified, append the contents of the specified directories at the end of the class path. Otherwise, append the contents of the built-in extdirs at `$(prefix)/share/java/ext`.

The classfile built by `gcj` for the class `java.lang.Object` (and placed in `libgcj.jar`) contains a special zero length attribute `gnu.gcj.gcj-compiled`. The compiler looks for this attribute when loading `java.lang.Object` and will report an error if it isn’t found, unless it compiles to bytecode (the option **-fforce-classes-archive-check** can be used to override this behavior in this particular case.)

**-fforce-classes-archive-check**

This forces the compiler to always check for the special zero length attribute `gnu.gcj.gcj-compiled` in `java.lang.Object` and issue an error if it isn’t found.

## 1.3 Encodings

The Java programming language uses Unicode throughout. In an effort to integrate well with other locales, `gcj` allows ‘.java’ files to be written using almost any encoding. `gcj` knows how to convert these encodings into its internal encoding at compile time.

You can use the `--encoding=NAME` option to specify an encoding (of a particular character set) to use for source files. If this is not specified, the default encoding comes from your current locale. If your host system has insufficient locale support, then `gcj` assumes the default encoding to be the ‘UTF-8’ encoding of Unicode.

To implement `--encoding`, `gcj` simply uses the host platform’s `iconv` conversion routine. This means that in practice `gcj` is limited by the capabilities of the host platform.

The names allowed for the argument `--encoding` vary from platform to platform (since they are not standardized anywhere). However, `gcj` implements the encoding named ‘UTF-8’ internally, so if you choose to use this for your source files you can be assured that it will work on every host.

## 1.4 Warnings

`gcj` implements several warnings. As with other generic `gcc` warnings, if an option of the form `-Wfoo` enables a warning, then `-Wno-foo` will disable it. Here we’ve chosen to document the form of the warning which will have an effect – the default being the opposite of what is listed.

### `-Wredundant-modifiers`

With this flag, `gcj` will warn about redundant modifiers. For instance, it will warn if an interface method is declared `public`.

### `-Wextraneous-semicolon`

This causes `gcj` to warn about empty statements. Empty statements have been deprecated.

### `-Wno-out-of-date`

This option will cause `gcj` not to warn when a source file is newer than its matching class file. By default `gcj` will warn about this.

### `-Wno-deprecated`

Warn if a deprecated class, method, or field is referred to.

### `-Wunused`

This is the same as `gcc`’s `-Wunused`.

### `-Wall`

This is the same as `-Wredundant-modifiers -Wextraneous-semicolon -Wunused`.

## 1.5 Code Generation

In addition to the many `gcc` options controlling code generation, `gcj` has several options specific to itself.

### `--main=CLASSNAME`

This option is used when linking to specify the name of the class whose `main` method should be invoked when the resulting executable is run.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The linker by default looks for a global function named `main`. Since Java does not have global functions, and a collection of Java classes may have more than one class with a `main` method, you need to let the linker know which of those `main` methods it should invoke when starting the application.

**-Dname [=value]**

This option can only be used with `--main`. It defines a system property named *name* with value *value*. If *value* is not specified then it defaults to the empty string. These system properties are initialized at the program's startup and can be retrieved at runtime using the `java.lang.System.getProperty` method.

**-C**

This option is used to tell `gcj` to generate bytecode (`.class` files) rather than object code.

**--resource resource-name**

This option is used to tell `gcj` to compile the contents of a given file to object code so it may be accessed at runtime with the core protocol handler as `'core:/resource-name'`. Note that *resource-name* is the name of the resource as found at runtime; for instance, it could be used in a call to `ResourceBundle.getBundle`. The actual file name to be compiled this way must be specified separately.

**-d directory**

When used with `-C`, this causes all generated `.class` files to be put in the appropriate subdirectory of *directory*. By default they will be put in subdirectories of the current working directory.

**-fno-bounds-check**

By default, `gcj` generates code which checks the bounds of all array indexing operations. With this option, these checks are omitted, which can improve performance for code that uses arrays extensively. Note that this can result in unpredictable behavior if the code in question actually does violate array bounds constraints. It is safe to use this option if you are sure that your code will never throw an `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`.

**-fno-store-check**

Don't generate array store checks. When storing objects into arrays, a runtime check is normally generated in order to ensure that the object is assignment compatible with the component type of the array (which may not be known at compile-time). With this option, these checks are omitted. This can improve performance for code which stores objects into arrays frequently. It is safe to use this option if you are sure your code will never throw an `ArrayStoreException`.

**-fjni**

With `gcj` there are two options for writing native methods: CNI and JNI. By default `gcj` assumes you are using CNI. If you are compiling a class with native methods, and these methods are implemented using JNI, then you must use `-fjni`. This option causes `gcj` to generate stubs which will invoke the underlying JNI methods.

**-fno-assert**

Don't recognize the `assert` keyword. This is for compatibility with older versions of the language specification.

**-fno-optimize-static-class-initialization**

When the optimization level is greater or equal to `-O2`, `gcj` will try to optimize the way calls into the runtime are made to initialize static classes upon their first

use (this optimization isn't carried out if `-C` was specified.) When compiling to native code, `-fno-optimize-static-class-initialization` will turn this optimization off, regardless of the optimization level in use.

## 1.6 Configure-time Options

Some gcj code generations options affect the resulting ABI, and so can only be meaningfully given when `libgcj`, the runtime package, is configured. `libgcj` puts the appropriate options from this group into a 'spec' file which is read by gcj. These options are listed here for completeness; if you are using `libgcj` then you won't want to touch these options.

### `-fuse-boehm-gc`

This enables the use of the Boehm GC bitmap marking code. In particular this causes gcj to put an object marking descriptor into each vtable.

### `-fhash-synchronization`

By default, synchronization data (the data used for `synchronize`, `wait`, and `notify`) is pointed to by a word in each object. With this option gcj assumes that this information is stored in a hash table and not in the object itself.

### `-fuse-divide-subroutine`

On some systems, a library routine is called to perform integer division. This is required to get exception handling correct when dividing by zero.

### `-fcheck-references`

On some systems it's necessary to insert inline checks whenever accessing an object via a reference. On other systems you won't need this because null pointer accesses are caught automatically by the processor.

## 2 Compatibility with the Java Platform

As we believe it is important that the Java platform not be fragmented, `gcj` and `libgcj` try to conform to the relevant Java specifications. However, limited manpower and incomplete and unclear documentation work against us. So, there are caveats to using `gcj`.

### 2.1 Standard features not yet supported

This list of compatibility issues is by no means complete.

- `gcj` implements the JDK 1.2 language. It supports inner classes and the new 1.4 `assert` keyword. It does not yet support the Java 2 `strictfp` keyword (it recognizes the keyword but ignores it).
- `libgcj` is largely compatible with the JDK 1.2 libraries. However, `libgcj` is missing many packages, most notably `java.awt`. There are also individual missing classes and methods. We currently do not have a list showing differences between `libgcj` and the Java 2 platform.
- Sometimes the `libgcj` implementation of a method or class differs from the JDK implementation. This is not always a bug. Still, if it affects you, it probably makes sense to report it so that we can discuss the appropriate response.
- `gcj` does not currently allow for piecemeal replacement of components within `libgcj`. Unfortunately, programmers often want to use newer versions of certain packages, such as those provided by the Apache Software Foundation's Jakarta project. This has forced us to place the `org.w3c.dom` and `org.xml.sax` packages into their own libraries, separate from `libgcj`. If you intend to use these classes, you must link them explicitly with `-l-org-w3c-dom` and `-l-org-xml-sax`. Future versions of `gcj` may not have this restriction.

### 2.2 Extra features unique to `gcj`

The main feature of `gcj` is that it can compile programs written in the Java programming language to native code. Most extensions that have been added are to facilitate this functionality.

- `gcj` makes it easy and efficient to mix code written in Java and C++. See Chapter 10 [About CNI], page 30, for more info on how to use this in your programs.
- When you compile your classes into a shared library they can be automatically loaded by the `libgcj` system classloader. When trying to load a class `gnu.pkg.SomeClass` the system classloader will first try to load the shared library `'lib-gnu-pkg-SomeClass.so'`, if that fails to load the class then it will try to load `'lib-gnu-pkg.so'` and finally when the class is still not loaded it will try to load `'lib-gnu.so'`. Note that all `'.'`s will be transformed into `'-'`s and that searching for inner classes starts with their outermost outer class. If the class cannot be found this way the system classloader tries to use the `libgcj` bytecode interpreter to load the class from the standard classpath. This process can be controlled to some degree via the `gnu.gcj.runtime.VMClassLoader.library_control` property; See Section 11.3 [libgcj Runtime Properties], page 47.



- `libgcj` includes a special ‘`gcjlib`’ URL type. A URL of this form is like a `jar` URL, and looks like ‘`gcjlib:/path/to/shared/library.so!/path/to/resource`’. An access to one of these URLs causes the shared library to be `dlopen()`d, and then the resource is looked for in that library. These URLs are most useful when used in conjunction with `java.net.URLClassLoader`. Note that, due to implementation limitations, currently any such URL can be accessed by only one class loader, and libraries are never unloaded. This means some care must be exercised to make sure that a `gcjlib` URL is not accessed by more than one class loader at once. In a future release this limitation will be lifted, and such libraries will be mapped privately.
- A program compiled by `gcj` will examine the `GCJ_PROPERTIES` environment variable and change its behavior in some ways. In particular `GCJ_PROPERTIES` holds a list of assignments to global properties, such as would be set with the ‘`-D`’ option to `java`. For instance, ‘`java.compiler=gcj`’ is a valid (but currently meaningless) setting.

### 3 Invoking gcjh

The `gcjh` program is used to generate header files from class files. It can generate both CNI and JNI header files, as well as stub implementation files which can be used as a basis for implementing the required native methods.

- `-stubs`      This causes `gcjh` to generate stub files instead of header files. By default the stub file will be named after the class, with a suffix of `‘.cc’`. In JNI mode, the default output file will have the suffix `‘.c’`.
  - `-jni`        This tells `gcjh` to generate a JNI header or stub. By default, CNI headers are generated.
  - `-add text`     Inserts *text* into the class body. This is ignored in JNI mode.
  - `-append text`   Inserts *text* into the header file after the class declaration. This is ignored in JNI mode.
  - `-friend text`   Inserts *text* into the class as a **friend** declaration. This is ignored in JNI mode.
  - `-prepend text`   Inserts *text* into the header file before the class declaration. This is ignored in JNI mode.
  - `--classpath=path`
  - `--CLASSPATH=path`
  - `-Idirectory`
  - `-d directory`
  - `-o file`      These options are all identical to the corresponding `gcj` options.
  - `-o file`      Sets the output file name. This cannot be used if there is more than one class on the command line.
  - `-td directory`   Sets the name of the directory to use for temporary files.
  - `-M`          Print all dependencies to stdout; suppress ordinary output.
  - `-MM`        Print non-system dependencies to stdout; suppress ordinary output.
  - `-MD`        Print all dependencies to stdout.
  - `-MMD`      Print non-system dependencies to stdout.
  - `--help`     Print help about `gcjh` and exit. No further processing is done.
  - `--version`    Print version information for `gcjh` and exit. No further processing is done.
  - `-v, --verbose`    Print extra information while running.
- All remaining options are considered to be names of classes.

## 4 Invoking `jv-scan`

The `jv-scan` program can be used to print information about a Java source file (`.java` file).

`--no-assert`  
Don't recognize the `assert` keyword, for backwards compatibility with older versions of the language specification.

`--complexity`  
This prints a complexity measure, related to cyclomatic complexity, for each input file.

`--encoding=name`  
This works like the corresponding `gcj` option.

`--print-main`  
This prints the name of the class in this file containing a `main` method.

`--list-class`  
This lists the names of all classes defined in the input files.

`--list-filename`  
If `--list-class` is given, this option causes `jv-scan` to also print the name of the file in which each class was found.

`-o file`    Print output to the named file.

`--help`    Print help, then exit.

`--version`  
Print version number, then exit.

## 5 Invoking jcf-dump

This is a class file examiner, similar to `javap`. It will print information about a number of classes, which are specified by class name or file name.

- `-c`            Disassemble method bodies. By default method bodies are not printed.
- `--javap`     Generate output in `javap` format. The implementation of this feature is very incomplete.
- `--classpath=path`
- `--CLASSPATH=path`
- `-Idirectory`
- `-o file`      These options as the same as the corresponding `gcj` options.
- `--help`      Print help, then exit.
- `--version`     Print version number, then exit.
- `-v, --verbose`    Print extra information while running.

## 6 Invoking `gij`

`gij` is a Java bytecode interpreter included with `libgcj`. `gij` is not available on every platform; porting it requires a small amount of assembly programming which has not been done for all the targets supported by `gcj`.

The primary argument to `gij` is the name of a class or, with `-jar`, a jar file. Options before this argument are interpreted by `gij`; remaining options are passed to the interpreted program.

If a class name is specified and this class does not have a `main` method with the appropriate signature (a `static void` method with a `String[]` as its sole argument), then `gij` will print an error and exit.

If a jar file is specified then `gij` will use information in it to determine which class' `main` method will be invoked.

`gij` will invoke the `main` method with all the remaining command-line options.

Note that `gij` is not limited to interpreting code. Because `libgcj` includes a class loader which can dynamically load shared objects, it is possible to give `gij` the name of a class which has been compiled and put into a shared library on the class path.

`-cp path`

`-classpath path`

Set the initial class path. The class path is used for finding class and resource files. If specified, this option overrides the `CLASSPATH` environment variable. Note that this option is ignored if `-jar` is used.

`-Dname [=value]`

This defines a system property named *name* with value *value*. If *value* is not specified then it defaults to the empty string. These system properties are initialized at the program's startup and can be retrieved at runtime using the `java.lang.System.getProperty` method.

`-ms=number`

This sets the initial heap size.

`-mx=number`

This sets the maximum heap size.

`-X`

`-Xargument`

Supplying `-X` by itself will cause `gij` to list all the supported `-X` options. Currently there are none. Unrecognized `-X` options are ignored, for compatibility with other runtimes.

`-jar`

This indicates that the name passed to `gij` should be interpreted as the name of a jar file, not a class.

`--help`

`-?` Print help, then exit.

`--showversion`

Print version number and continue.

`--version`

Print version number, then exit.

## 7 Invoking `jv-convert`

```
jv-convert [OPTION] ... [INPUTFILE [OUTPUTFILE]]
```

`jv-convert` is a utility included with `libgcj` which converts a file from one encoding to another. It is similar to the Unix `iconv` utility.

The encodings supported by `jv-convert` are platform-dependent. Currently there is no way to get a list of all supported encodings.

`--encoding` *name*

`--from` *name*

Use *name* as the input encoding. The default is the current locale's encoding.

`--to` *name*

Use *name* as the output encoding. The default is the `JavaSrc` encoding; this is ASCII with `'\u'` escapes for non-ASCII characters.

`-i` *file* Read from *file*. The default is to read from standard input.

`-o` *file* Write to *file*. The default is to write to standard output.

`--reverse`

Swap the input and output encodings.

`--help` Print a help message, then exit.

`--version`

Print version information, then exit.

## 8 Invoking `rmic`

`rmic` [`OPTION`] ... *class* ...

`rmic` is a utility included with `libgcj` which generates stubs for remote objects.

Note that this program isn't yet fully compatible with the JDK `rmic`. Some options, such as `-classpath`, are recognized but currently ignored. We have left these options undocumented for now.

Long options can also be given with a GNU-style leading `--`. For instance, `--help` is accepted.

`-keep`

`-keepgenerated`

By default, `rmic` deletes intermediate files. Either of these options causes it not to delete such files.

`-v1.1` Cause `rmic` to create stubs and skeletons for the 1.1 protocol version.

`-vcompat` Cause `rmic` to create stubs and skeletons compatible with both the 1.1 and 1.2 protocol versions. This is the default.

`-v1.2` Cause `rmic` to create stubs and skeletons for the 1.2 protocol version.

`-nocompile`

Don't compile the generated files.

`-verbose` Print information about what `rmic` is doing.

`-d directory`

Put output files in *directory*. By default the files are put in the current working directory.

`-help` Print a help message, then exit.

`-version` Print version information, then exit.



## 9 Invoking rmiregistry

`rmic` [`OPTION`] ... [*port*]

`rmiregistry` starts a remote object registry on the current host. If no port number is specified, then port 1099 is used.

`--help`      Print a help message, then exit.

`--version`  
              Print version information, then exit.

## 10 About CNI

This documents CNI, the Compiled Native Interface, which is a convenient way to write Java native methods using C++. This is a more efficient, more convenient, but less portable alternative to the standard JNI (Java Native Interface).

### 10.1 Basic concepts

In terms of languages features, Java is mostly a subset of C++. Java has a few important extensions, plus a powerful standard class library, but on the whole that does not change the basic similarity. Java is a hybrid object-oriented language, with a few native types, in addition to class types. It is class-based, where a class may have static as well as per-object fields, and static as well as instance methods. Non-static methods may be virtual, and may be overloaded. Overloading is resolved at compile time by matching the actual argument types against the parameter types. Virtual methods are implemented using indirect calls through a dispatch table (virtual function table). Objects are allocated on the heap, and initialized using a constructor method. Classes are organized in a package hierarchy.

All of the listed attributes are also true of C++, though C++ has extra features (for example in C++ objects may be allocated not just on the heap, but also statically or in a local stack frame). Because `gcj` uses the same compiler technology as `G++` (the GNU C++ compiler), it is possible to make the intersection of the two languages use the same ABI (object representation and calling conventions). The key idea in CNI is that Java objects are C++ objects, and all Java classes are C++ classes (but not the other way around). So the most important task in integrating Java and C++ is to remove gratuitous incompatibilities.

You write CNI code as a regular C++ source file. (You do have to use a Java/CNI-aware C++ compiler, specifically a recent version of `G++`.)

A CNI C++ source file must have:

```
#include <gcj/cni.h>
```

and then must include one header file for each Java class it uses, e.g.:

```
#include <java/lang/Character.h>
#include <java/util/Date.h>
#include <java/lang/IndexOutOfBoundsException.h>
```

These header files are automatically generated by `gcjh`.

CNI provides some functions and macros to make using Java objects and primitive types from C++ easier. In general, these CNI functions and macros start with the `Jv` prefix, for example the function `JvNewObjectArray`. This convention is used to avoid conflicts with other libraries. Internal functions in CNI start with the prefix `_Jv_`. You should not call these; if you find a need to, let us know and we will try to come up with an alternate solution. (This manual lists `_Jv_AllocBytes` as an example; CNI should instead provide a `JvAllocBytes` function.)

#### 10.1.1 Limitations

Whilst a Java class is just a C++ class that doesn't mean that you are freed from the shackles of Java, a CNI C++ class must adhere to the rules of the Java programming language.

For example: it is not possible to declare a method in a CNI class that will take a C string (`char*`) as an argument, or to declare a member variable of some non-Java datatype.

## 10.2 Packages

The only global names in Java are class names, and packages. A *package* can contain zero or more classes, and also zero or more sub-packages. Every class belongs to either an unnamed package or a package that has a hierarchical and globally unique name.

A Java package is mapped to a C++ *namespace*. The Java class `java.lang.String` is in the package `java.lang`, which is a sub-package of `java`. The C++ equivalent is the class `java::lang::String`, which is in the namespace `java::lang` which is in the namespace `java`.

Here is how you could express this:

```
(// Declare the class(es), possibly in a header file:
namespace java {
    namespace lang {
        class Object;
        class String;
        ...
    }
}

class java::lang::String : public java::lang::Object
{
    ...
};
```

The `gcjh` tool automatically generates the necessary namespace declarations.

### 10.2.1 Leaving out package names

Always using the fully-qualified name of a java class can be tiresomely verbose. Using the full qualified name also ties the code to a single package making code changes necessary should the class move from one package to another. The Java **package** declaration specifies that the following class declarations are in the named package, without having to explicitly name the full package qualifiers. The **package** declaration can be followed by zero or more **import** declarations, which allows either a single class or all the classes in a package to be named by a simple identifier. C++ provides something similar with the **using** declaration and directive.

In Java:

```
import package-name.class-name;
```

allows the program text to refer to *class-name* as a shorthand for the fully qualified name: *package-name.class-name*.

To achieve the same effect C++, you have to do this:

```
using package-name::class-name;
```

Java can also cause imports on demand, like this:

```
import package-name.*;
```

Doing this allows any class from the package *package-name* to be referred to only by its class-name within the program text.

The same effect can be achieved in C++ like this:

```
using namespace package-name;
```

## 10.3 Primitive types

Java provides 8 *primitives* types which represent integers, floats, characters and booleans (and also the void type). C++ has its own very similar concrete types. Such types in C++ however are not always implemented in the same way (an int might be 16, 32 or 64 bits for example) so CNI provides a special C++ type for each primitive Java type:

Java type	C/C++ typename	Description
char	jchar	16 bit Unicode character
boolean	jboolean	logical (true or false) values
byte	jbyte	8-bit signed integer
short	jshort	16 bit signed integer
int	jint	32 bit signed integer
long	jlong	64 bit signed integer
float	jfloat	32 bit IEEE floating point number
double	jdouble	64 bit IEEE floating point number
void	void	no value

When referring to a Java type You should always use these C++ typenames (e.g.: `jint`) to avoid disappointment.

### 10.3.1 Reference types associated with primitive types

In Java each primitive type has an associated reference type, e.g.: `boolean` has an associated `java.lang.Boolean` class. In order to make working with such classes easier GCJ provides the macro `JvPrimClass`:

`JvPrimClass type` [macro]  
 Return a pointer to the `Class` object corresponding to the type supplied.  
`JvPrimClass(void) ⇒ java.lang.Void.TYPE`

## 10.4 Interfaces

A Java class can *implement* zero or more *interfaces*, in addition to inheriting from a single base class.

CNI allows CNI code to implement methods of interfaces. You can also call methods through interface references, with some limitations.

CNI doesn't understand interface inheritance at all yet. So, you can only call an interface method when the declared type of the field being called matches the interface which declares that method. The workaround is to cast the interface reference to the right superinterface.

For example if you have:

```
interface A
{
    void a();
}
```

```
interface B extends A
```

```

{
    void b();
}

```

and declare a variable of type B in C++, you can't call `a()` unless you cast it to an A first.

## 10.5 Objects and Classes

### 10.5.1 Classes

All Java classes are derived from `java.lang.Object`. C++ does not have a unique root class, but we use the C++ class `java::lang::Object` as the C++ version of the `java.lang.Object` Java class. All other Java classes are mapped into corresponding C++ classes derived from `java::lang::Object`.

Interface inheritance (the `implements` keyword) is currently not reflected in the C++ mapping.

### 10.5.2 Object fields

Each object contains an object header, followed by the instance fields of the class, in order. The object header consists of a single pointer to a dispatch or virtual function table. (There may be extra fields *in front of* the object, for example for memory management, but this is invisible to the application, and the reference to the object points to the dispatch table pointer.)

The fields are laid out in the same order, alignment, and size as in C++. Specifically, 8-bit and 16-bit native types (`byte`, `short`, `char`, and `boolean`) are *not* widened to 32 bits. Note that the Java VM does extend 8-bit and 16-bit types to 32 bits when on the VM stack or temporary registers.

If you include the `gcjh`-generated header for a class, you can access fields of Java classes in the *natural* way. For example, given the following Java class:

```

public class Int
{
    public int i;
    public Integer (int i) { this.i = i; }
    public static zero = new Integer(0);
}

```

you can write:

```

#include <gcj/cni.h>;
#include <Int>;

Int*
mult (Int *p, jint k)
{
    if (k == 0)
        return Int::zero; // Static member access.
    return new Int(p->i * k);
}

```

### 10.5.3 Access specifiers

CNI does not strictly enforce the Java access specifiers, because Java permissions cannot be directly mapped into C++ permission. Private Java fields and methods are mapped to private C++ fields and methods, but other fields and methods are mapped to public fields and methods.

## 10.6 Class Initialization

Java requires that each class be automatically initialized at the time of the first active use. Initializing a class involves initializing the static fields, running code in class initializer methods, and initializing base classes. There may also be some implementation specific actions, such as allocating `String` objects corresponding to string literals in the code.

The GCJ compiler inserts calls to `JvInitClass` at appropriate places to ensure that a class is initialized when required. The C++ compiler does not insert these calls automatically—it is the programmer’s responsibility to make sure classes are initialized. However, this is fairly painless because of the conventions assumed by the Java system.

First, `libgcj` will make sure a class is initialized before an instance of that object is created. This is one of the responsibilities of the `new` operation. This is taken care of both in Java code, and in C++ code. When G++ sees a `new` of a Java class, it will call a routine in `libgcj` to allocate the object, and that routine will take care of initializing the class. Note however that this does not happen for Java arrays; you must allocate those using the appropriate CNI function. It follows that you can access an instance field, or call an instance (non-static) method and be safe in the knowledge that the class and all of its base classes have been initialized.

Invoking a static method is also safe. This is because the Java compiler adds code to the start of a static method to make sure the class is initialized. However, the C++ compiler does not add this extra code. Hence, if you write a native static method using CNI, you are responsible for calling `JvInitClass` before doing anything else in the method (unless you are sure it is safe to leave it out).

Accessing a static field also requires the class of the field to be initialized. The Java compiler will generate code to call `Jv_InitClass` before getting or setting the field. However, the C++ compiler will not generate this extra code, so it is your responsibility to make sure the class is initialized before you access a static field from C++.

## 10.7 Object allocation

New Java objects are allocated using a *class instance creation expression*, e.g.:

```
new Type ( ... )
```

The same syntax is used in C++. The main difference is that C++ objects have to be explicitly deleted; in Java they are automatically deleted by the garbage collector. Using CNI, you can allocate a new Java object using standard C++ syntax and the C++ compiler will allocate memory from the garbage collector. If you have overloaded constructors, the compiler will choose the correct one using standard C++ overload resolution rules.

For example:

```
java::util::Hashtable *ht = new java::util::Hashtable(120);
```

**void\* \_Jv\_AllocBytes (jsize size)** [Function]  
 Allocates *size* bytes from the heap. The memory is not scanned by the garbage collector but it freed if no references to it are discovered.

## 10.8 Arrays

While in many ways Java is similar to C and C++, it is quite different in its treatment of arrays. C arrays are based on the idea of pointer arithmetic, which would be incompatible with Java's security requirements. Java arrays are true objects (array types inherit from `java.lang.Object`). An array-valued variable is one that contains a reference (pointer) to an array object.

Referencing a Java array in C++ code is done using the `JArray` template, which as defined as follows:

```
class __JArray : public java::lang::Object
{
public:
    int length;
};

template<class T>
class JArray : public __JArray
{
    T data[0];
public:
    T& operator[](jint i) { return data[i]; }
};
```

There are a number of `typedefs` which correspond to `typedefs` from the JNI. Each is the type of an array holding objects of the relevant type:

```
typedef __JArray *jarray;
typedef JArray<jobject> *jobjectArray;
typedef JArray<jboolean> *jbooleanArray;
typedef JArray<jbyte> *jbyteArray;
typedef JArray<jchar> *jcharArray;
typedef JArray<jshort> *jshortArray;
typedef JArray<jint> *jintArray;
typedef JArray<jlong> *jlongArray;
typedef JArray<jfloat> *jfloatArray;
typedef JArray<jdouble> *jdoubleArray;
```

**T\* elements (JArray<T> array)** [Method on `template<class T>`]  
 This template function can be used to get a pointer to the elements of the array. For instance, you can fetch a pointer to the integers that make up an `int[]` like so:

```
extern jintArray foo;
jint *intp = elements (foo);
```

The name of this function may change in the future.

```
jobjectArray JvNewObjectArray (jsize length, jclass klass, jobject init) [Function]
```

Here *klass* is the type of elements of the array and *init* is the initial value put into every slot in the array.

### 10.8.1 Creating arrays

For each primitive type there is a function which can be used to create a new array of that type. The name of the function is of the form:

```
JvNewTypeArray
```

For example:

```
JvNewBooleanArray
```

can be used to create an array of Java primitive boolean types.

The following function definition is the template for all such functions:

```
jbooleanArray JvNewBooleanArray (jint length) [Function]
    Create's an array length indices long.
```

```
jsize JvGetArrayLength (jarray array) [Function]
    Returns the length of the array.
```

## 10.9 Methods

Java methods are mapped directly into C++ methods. The header files generated by `gcjh` include the appropriate method definitions. Basically, the generated methods have the same names and *corresponding* types as the Java methods, and are called in the natural manner.

### 10.9.1 Overloading

Both Java and C++ provide method overloading, where multiple methods in a class have the same name, and the correct one is chosen (at compile time) depending on the argument types. The rules for choosing the correct method are (as expected) more complicated in C++ than in Java, but given a set of overloaded methods generated by `gcjh` the C++ compiler will choose the expected one.

Common assemblers and linkers are not aware of C++ overloading, so the standard implementation strategy is to encode the parameter types of a method into its assembly-level name. This encoding is called *mangling*, and the encoded name is the *mangled name*. The same mechanism is used to implement Java overloading. For C++/Java interoperability, it is important that both the Java and C++ compilers use the *same* encoding scheme.

### 10.9.2 Static methods

Static Java methods are invoked in CNI using the standard C++ syntax, using the `::` operator rather than the `.` operator.

For example:

```
jint i = java::lang::Math::round((jfloat) 2.3);
```

C++ method definition syntax is used to define a static native method. For example:



```
#include <java/lang/Integer>
java::lang::Integer*
java::lang::Integer::getInteger(jstring str)
{
    ...
}
```

### 10.9.3 Object Constructors

Constructors are called implicitly as part of object allocation using the `new` operator.

For example:

```
java::lang::Integer *x = new java::lang::Integer(234);
```

Java does not allow a constructor to be a native method. This limitation can be coded round however because a constructor can *call* a native method.

### 10.9.4 Instance methods

Calling a Java instance method from a C++ CNI method is done using the standard C++ syntax, e.g.:

```
// First create the Java object.
java::lang::Integer *x = new java::lang::Integer(234);
// Now call a method.
jint prim_value = x->intValue();
if (x->longValue == 0)
    ...
```

Defining a Java native instance method is also done the natural way:

```
#include <java/lang/Integer.h>

jdouble
java::lang::Integer::doubleValue()
{
    return (jdouble) value;
}
```

### 10.9.5 Interface methods

In Java you can call a method using an interface reference. This is supported, but not completely. See Section 10.4 [Interfaces], page 32.

## 10.10 Strings

CNI provides a number of utility functions for working with Java `String` objects. The names and interfaces are analogous to those of JNI.

```
jstring JvNewString (const char* chars, jsize len) [Function]
    Returns a Java String object with characters from the C string chars up to the index len in that array.

jstring JvNewStringLatin1 (const char* bytes, jsize len) [Function]
    Returns a Java String made up of len bytes from bytes.
```

`jstring JvNewStringLatin1 (const char* bytes)` [Function]  
 As above but the length of the `String` is `strlen(bytes)`.

`jstring JvNewStringUTF (const char* bytes)` [Function]  
 Returns a `String` which is made up of the UTF encoded characters present in the C string `bytes`.

`jchar* JvGetStringChars (jstring str)` [Function]  
 Returns a pointer to an array of characters making up the `String str`.

`int JvGetStringUTFLength (jstring str)` [Function]  
 Returns the number of bytes required to encode the contents of the `String str` in UTF-8.

`jsize JvGetStringUTFRegion (jstring str, jsize start, jsize len, char* buf)` [Function]  
 Puts the UTF-8 encoding of a region of the `String str` into the buffer `buf`. The region to fetch is marked by `start` and `len`.  
 Note that `buf` is a buffer, not a C string. It is *not* null terminated.

## 10.11 Interoperating with C/C++

Because CNI is designed to represent Java classes and methods it cannot be mixed readily with C/C++ types.

One important restriction is that Java classes cannot have non-Java type instance or static variables and cannot have methods which take non-Java types as arguments or return non-Java types.

None of the following is possible with CNI:

```
class ::MyClass : public java::lang::Object
{
    char* variable;  // char* is not a valid Java type.
}
```

```
uint
::SomeClass::someMethod (char *arg)
{
    .
    .
    .
}  // uint is not a valid Java type, neither is char*
```

Of course, it is ok to use C/C++ types within the scope of a method:

```
jint
::SomeClass::otherMethod (jstring str)
{
    char *arg = ...
```

```

        .
        .
        .
    }

```

But this restriction can cause a problem so CNI includes the `gnu.gcj.RawData` class. The `RawData` class is a *non-scanned reference* type. In other words variables declared of type `RawData` can contain any data and are not checked by the compiler in any way.

This means that you can put C/C++ data structures (including classes) in your CNI classes, as long as you use the appropriate cast.

Here are some examples:

```

class ::MyClass : public java::lang::Object
{
    gnu.gcj.RawData string;

    MyClass ();
    gnu.gcj.RawData getText ();
    void printText ();
}

::MyClass::MyClass ()
{
    char* text = ...
    string = text;
}

gnu.gcj.RawData
::MyClass::getText ()
{
    return string;
}

void
::MyClass::printText ()
{
    printf("%s\n", (char*) string);
}

```

## 10.12 Exception Handling

While C++ and Java share a common exception handling framework, things are not yet perfectly integrated. The main issue is that the run-time type information facilities of the two languages are not integrated.

Still, things work fairly well. You can throw a Java exception from C++ using the ordinary `throw` construct, and this exception can be caught by Java code. Similarly, you can catch an exception thrown from Java using the C++ `catch` construct.

Here is an example:

```
if (i >= count)
    throw new java::lang::IndexOutOfBoundsException();
```

Normally, G++ will automatically detect when you are writing C++ code that uses Java exceptions, and handle them appropriately. However, if C++ code only needs to execute destructors when Java exceptions are thrown through it, GCC will guess incorrectly. Sample problematic code:

```
struct S { ~S(); };

extern void bar();    // Is implemented in Java and may throw exceptions.

void foo()
{
    S s;
    bar();
}
```

The usual effect of an incorrect guess is a link failure, complaining of a missing routine called `__gxx_personality_v0`.

You can inform the compiler that Java exceptions are to be used in a translation unit, irrespective of what it might think, by writing `#pragma GCC java_exceptions` at the head of the file. This `#pragma` must appear before any functions that throw or catch exceptions, or run destructors when exceptions are thrown through them.

## 10.13 Synchronization

Each Java object has an implicit monitor. The Java VM uses the instruction `monitorenter` to acquire and lock a monitor, and `monitorexit` to release it.

The corresponding CNI macros are `JvMonitorEnter` and `JvMonitorExit` (JNI has similar methods `MonitorEnter` and `MonitorExit`).

The Java source language does not provide direct access to these primitives. Instead, there is a `synchronized` statement that does an implicit `monitorenter` before entry to the block, and does a `monitorexit` on exit from the block. Note that the lock has to be released even when the block is abnormally terminated by an exception, which means there is an implicit `try finally` surrounding synchronization locks.

From C++, it makes sense to use a destructor to release a lock. CNI defines the following utility class:

```
class JvSynchronize() {
    jobject obj;
    JvSynchronize(jobject o) { obj = o; JvMonitorEnter(o); }
    ~JvSynchronize() { JvMonitorExit(obj); }
};
```

So this Java code:

```
synchronized (OBJ)
{
    CODE
```

```
}

```

might become this C++ code:

```
{
    JvSynchronize dummy (OBJ);
    CODE;
}
```

Java also has methods with the `synchronized` attribute. This is equivalent to wrapping the entire method body in a `synchronized` statement. (Alternatively, an implementation could require the caller to do the synchronization. This is not practical for a compiler, because each virtual method call would have to test at run-time if synchronization is needed.) Since in `gcj` the `synchronized` attribute is handled by the method implementation, it is up to the programmer of a synchronized native method to handle the synchronization (in the C++ implementation of the method). In other words, you need to manually add `JvSynchronize` in a native `synchronized` method.

## 10.14 Invocation

CNI permits C++ applications to make calls into Java classes, in addition to allowing Java code to call into C++. Several functions, known as the *invocation API*, are provided to support this.

**jint JvCreateJavaVM (void\* vm\_args)** [Function]

Initializes the Java runtime. This function performs essential initialization of the threads interface, garbage collector, exception handling and other key aspects of the runtime. It must be called once by an application with a non-Java `main()` function, before any other Java or CNI calls are made. It is safe, but not recommended, to call `JvCreateJavaVM()` more than once provided it is only called from a single thread. The `vmargs` parameter can be used to specify initialization parameters for the Java runtime. It may be `NULL`. This function returns 0 upon success, or -1 if the runtime is already initialized.

*Note:* In GCJ 3.1, the `vm_args` parameter is ignored. It may be used in a future release.

**java::lang::Thread\* JvAttachCurrentThread (jstring name, java::lang::ThreadGroup\* group)** [Function]

Registers an existing thread with the Java runtime. This must be called once from each thread, before that thread makes any other Java or CNI calls. It must be called after `JvCreateJavaVM`. `name` specifies a name for the thread. It may be `NULL`, in which case a name will be generated. `group` is the `ThreadGroup` in which this thread will be a member. If it is `NULL`, the thread will be a member of the main thread group. The return value is the Java `Thread` object that represents the thread. It is safe to call `JvAttachCurrentThread()` more than once from the same thread. If the thread is already attached, the call is ignored and the current thread object is returned.

**jint JvDetachCurrentThread ()** [Function]

Unregisters a thread from the Java runtime. This should be called by threads that were attached using `JvAttachCurrentThread()`, after they have finished making calls

to Java code. This ensures that any resources associated with the thread become eligible for garbage collection. This function returns 0 upon success, or -1 if the current thread is not attached.

### 10.14.1 Handling uncaught exceptions

If an exception is thrown from Java code called using the invocation API, and no handler for the exception can be found, the runtime will abort the application. In order to make the application more robust, it is recommended that code which uses the invocation API be wrapped by a top-level try/catch block that catches all Java exceptions.

### 10.14.2 Example

The following code demonstrates the use of the invocation API. In this example, the C++ application initializes the Java runtime and attaches itself. The `java.lang.System` class is initialized in order to access its `out` field, and a Java string is printed. Finally, the thread is detached from the runtime once it has finished making Java calls. Everything is wrapped with a try/catch block to provide a default handler for any uncaught exceptions.

The example can be compiled with `c++ test.cc -lgcj`.

```
// test.cc
#include <gcj/cni.h>
#include <java/lang/System.h>
#include <java/io/PrintStream.h>
#include <java/lang/Throwable.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv)
{
    using namespace java::lang;

    try
    {
        JvCreateJavaVM(NULL);
        JvAttachCurrentThread(NULL, NULL);

        String *message = JvNewStringLatin1("Hello from C++");
        JvInitClass(&System::class$);
        System::out->println(message);

        JvDetachCurrentThread();
    }
    catch (Throwable *t)
    {
        System::err->println(JvNewStringLatin1("Unhandled Java exception:"));
        t->printStackTrace();
    }
}
```

## 10.15 Reflection

Reflection is possible with CNI code, it functions similarly to how it functions with JNI.

The types `jfieldID` and `jmethodID` are as in JNI.

The functions:

- `JvFromReflectedField`,
- `JvFromReflectedMethod`,
- `JvToReflectedField`
- `JvToFromReflectedMethod`

will be added shortly, as will other functions corresponding to JNI.

## 11 System properties

The runtime behavior of the `libgcj` library can be modified by setting certain system properties. These properties can be compiled into the program using the `-Dname [=value]` option to `gcj` or by setting them explicitly in the program by calling the `java.lang.System.setProperty()` method. Some system properties are only used for informational purposes (like giving a version number or a user name). A program can inspect the current value of a property by calling the `java.lang.System.getProperty()` method.

### 11.1 Standard Properties

The following properties are normally found in all implementations of the core libraries for the Java language.

<code>java.version</code>	The <code>libgcj</code> version number.
<code>java.vendor</code>	Set to 'The Free Software Foundation, Inc.'
<code>java.vendor.url</code>	Set to <code>http://gcc.gnu.org/java/</code> .
<code>java.home</code>	The directory where <code>gcj</code> was installed. Taken from the <code>--prefix</code> option given to <code>configure</code> .
<code>java.class.version</code>	The class format version number supported by the <code>libgcj</code> byte code interpreter. (Currently '46.0')
<code>java.vm.specification.version</code>	The Virtual Machine Specification version implemented by <code>libgcj</code> . (Currently '1.0')
<code>java.vm.specification.vendor</code>	The name of the Virtual Machine specification designer.
<code>java.vm.specification.name</code>	The name of the Virtual Machine specification (Set to 'Java Virtual Machine Specification').
<code>java.vm.version</code>	The <code>gcj</code> version number.
<code>java.vm.vendor</code>	Set to 'The Free Software Foundation, Inc.'
<code>java.vm.name</code>	Set to 'GNU libgcj'.
<code>java.specification.version</code>	The Runtime Environment specification version implemented by <code>libgcj</code> . (Currently set to '1.3')



<code>java.specification.vendor</code>	The Runtime Environment specification designer.
<code>java.specification.name</code>	The name of the Runtime Environment specification (Set to 'Java Platform API Specification').
<code>java.class.path</code>	The paths (jar files, zip files and directories) used for finding class files.
<code>java.library.path</code>	Directory path used for finding native libraries.
<code>java.io.tmpdir</code>	The directory used to put temporary files in.
<code>java.compiler</code>	Name of the Just In Time compiler to use by the byte code interpreter. Currently not used in <code>libgcj</code> .
<code>java.ext.dirs</code>	Directories containing jar files with extra libraries. Will be used when resolving classes. Currently not used in <code>libgcj</code> .
<code>java.protocol.handler.pkgs</code>	A ' ' separated list of package names that is used to find classes that implement handlers for <code>java.net.URL</code> .
<code>java.rmi.server.codebase</code>	A list of URLs that is used by the <code>java.rmi.server.RMIClassLoader</code> to load classes from.
<code>jdbc.drivers</code>	A list of class names that will be loaded by the <code>java.sql.DriverManager</code> when it starts up.
<code>file.separator</code>	The separator used in when directories are included in a filename (normally '/' or '\').
<code>file.encoding</code>	The default character encoding used when converting platform native files to Unicode (usually set to '8859_1').
<code>path.separator</code>	The standard separator used when a string contains multiple paths (normally ':' or ';'), the string is usually not a valid character to use in normal directory names.)
<code>line.separator</code>	The default line separator used on the platform (normally '\n', '\r' or a combination of those two characters).
<code>policy.provider</code>	The class name used for the default policy provider returned by <code>java.security.Policy.getPolicy</code> .

<code>user.name</code>	The name of the user running the program. Can be the full name, the login name or empty if unknown.
<code>user.home</code>	The default directory to put user specific files in.
<code>user.dir</code>	The current working directory from which the program was started.
<code>user.language</code>	The default language as used by the <code>java.util.Locale</code> class.
<code>user.region</code>	The default region as used by the <code>java.util.Local</code> class.
<code>user.variant</code>	The default variant of the language and region local used.
<code>user.timezone</code>	The default timezone as used by the <code>java.util.TimeZone</code> class.
<code>os.name</code>	The operating system/kernel name that the program runs on.
<code>os.arch</code>	The hardware that we are running on.
<code>os.version</code>	The version number of the operating system/kernel.
<code>awt.appletWarning</code>	The string to display when an untrusted applet is displayed. Returned by <code>java.awt.Window.getWarningString()</code> when the window is “insecure”.
<code>awt.toolkit</code>	The class name used for initializing the default <code>java.awt.Toolkit</code> . Defaults to <code>gnu.awt.gtk.GtkToolkit</code> .
<code>http.proxyHost</code>	Name of proxy host for http connections.
<code>http.proxyPort</code>	Port number to use when a proxy host is in use.

## 11.2 GNU Classpath Properties

`libgcj` is based on the GNU Classpath (Essential Libraries for Java) a GNU project to create free core class libraries for use with virtual machines and compilers for the Java language. The following properties are common to libraries based on GNU Classpath.

<code>gcj.dumpobject</code>	Enables printing serialization debugging by the <code>java.io.ObjectInput</code> and <code>java.io.ObjectOutput</code> classes when set to something else then the empty string. Only used when running a debug build of the library.
<code>gnu.classpath.vm.shortname</code>	This is a succinct name of the virtual machine. For <code>libgcj</code> , this will always be ‘ <code>libgcj</code> ’.

`gnu.classpath.home.url`

A base URL used for finding system property files (e.g., `'classpath.security'`).  
By default this is a `'file:'` URL pointing to the `'lib'` directory under `'java.home'`.

### 11.3 libgcj Runtime Properties

The following properties are specific to the `libgcj` runtime and will normally not be found in other core libraries for the java language.

`java.fullversion`

The combination of `java.vm.name` and `java.vm.version`.

`java.vm.info`

Same as `java.fullversion`.

`impl.prefix`

Used by the `java.net.DatagramSocket` class when set to something else than the empty string. When set all newly created `DatagramSockets` will try to load a class `java.net.[impl.prefix]DatagramSocketImpl` instead of the normal `java.net.PlainDatagramSocketImpl`.

`gnu.gcj.progname`

The name that was used to invoke the program.

`gnu.gcj.runtime.NameFinder.demangle`

Whether names in a stack trace should be demangled. Defaults to `true`.

`gnu.gcj.runtime.NameFinder.sanitize`

Whether calls to initialize exceptions and starting the runtime system should be removed from the stack trace. Only done when names are demangled. Defaults to `true`.

`gnu.gcj.runtime.NameFinder.remove_unknown`

Whether calls to unknown functions (class and method names are unknown) should be removed from the stack trace. Only done when the stack is sanitized. Ignored if this means no stack trace information would be available anymore. Defaults to `true`.

`gnu.gcj.runtime.NameFinder.remove_interpreter`

Whether runtime interpreter calls (methods in the `_Jv_InterpMethod` class and functions starting with `'ffi_'`) should be removed from the stack trace. Only done when the stack is sanitized. Defaults to `true`.

`gnu.gcj.runtime.NameFinder.use_addr2line`

Whether an external process (`addr2line` or `addr2name.awk`) should be used as fallback to convert the addresses to function names when the runtime is unable to do it through `dladdr`.

`gnu.gcj.runtime.VMClassLoader.library_control`

This controls how shared libraries are automatically loaded by the built-in class loader. By default, or if this property is set to `'full'`, a full search is done for each requested class. If this property is set to `'cache'`, then any failed lookups

are cached and not tried again. If this property is set to ‘**never**’, then lookups are never done. For more information, See Section 2.2 [Extensions], page 20.

## 12 Resources

While writing `gcj` and `libgcj` we have, of course, relied heavily on documentation from Sun Microsystems. In particular we have used The Java Language Specification (both first and second editions), the Java Class Libraries (volumes one and two), and the Java Virtual Machine Specification. In addition we've used the online documentation at <http://java.sun.com/>.

The current `gcj` home page is <http://gcc.gnu.org/java/>.

For more information on gcc, see <http://gcc.gnu.org/>.

Some `libgcj` testing is done using the Mauve test suite. This is a free software Java class library test suite which is being written because the JCK is not free. See <http://sources.redhat.com/mauve/> for more information.