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The Impact of Realtime Garbage Collection on Realtime Java Programming by Fridtjof Siebert aicas GmbH, Karlsruhe

Extensions like the Real-Time Specification for Java (RTSJ) enable the use of Java in more and more time-critical application domains. The RTSJ enables the development of realtime code in Java even though a classical garbage collector causes unpredictable pauses to non-realtime code.

This presentation gives an overview of how a modern realtime garbage collector operates. It presents the impact the presence of such a realtime garbage collector has on the development of complex applications that need to perform time-critical and non-time-critical tasks. The use of realtime garbage collection technology simplifies the application development even in systems that do not use dynamic memory allocation within realtime code.

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