Native Image Quick Reference v2

**INSTALL**

Download [GraalVM JDK](https://github.com/graalvm/jdk) and install Native Image. The quickest way to get started is to run:

```
bash <(curl -sL https://get.graalvm.org/jdk)
```

**BUILD**

Use `bin/native-image` in the same way you would use `bin/java`. Here are some common examples:

- For a JAR:
  ```
  native-image -jar Foo.jar
  ```
- For a module:
  ```
  native-image -p Foo.jar -m org.foo.Main
  ```
- For a class:
  ```
  native-image -cp Foo.jar org.foo.Main
  ```

**BUILD OPTIONS**

Enable the quick build mode for development:

```
-0
```

Specify a name for the resulting binary:

```
-o <myapp>
```

Build a shared library:

```
--shared
```

Build a statically linked binary with libc implementation:

```
--static --libc=<glib | musl | bionic>
```

Enable a specific set of URL protocols:

```
--enable-ur1-protocols=http | https | file | resource | JAR
```

Specify a list of packages and classes to be linked at build time:

```
--link-at-build-time=<comma-separated list of packages and classes>
```

Specify a garbage collector:

```
--gc=<serial | G1* | epsilon>
```

Provide java.lang.Terminator exit handlers:

```
--install-exit-handlers
```

**INTEGRATIONS**

Use the **Gradle** plugin for GraalVM Native Image:

```
https://graalvm.github.io/native-build-tools/latest/gradle-plugin
```

Use the **Maven** plugin for GraalVM Native Image:

```
https://graalvm.github.io/native-build-tools/latest/maven-plugin
```

Use the **GitHub Action** for GraalVM:

```
https://github.com/marketplace/actions/github-action-for-graalvm
```

**CONFIGURE**

There are three ways to configure Native Image for external Java libraries:

1. Configuration is provided by a framework such as Micronaut, Helidon, Spring, and Quarkus.
2. Configuration is automatically pulled in by the Maven/Gradle plugin from GraalVM Reachability Metadata Repository.
3. Configuration is provided manually. The Tracing Agent can help in this process.

**MONITOR**

Tune the garbage collector:

```
./myapp -Xm<ms> -Xmn<ms> ...
```

Gather garbage collection logs:

```
./myapp -XX:+PrintGC -XX:+VerboseGC
```

Prerequisite: Enable VM inspection when building a native executable with: `--enable-monitoring=<all,heapdump,jfr,jvmstat>`. Defaults to all.

Enable JFR support and record events:

```
./myapp -XX:+FlightRecorder -XX:StartFlightRecording="filename=recording.jfr"
```

Dump the initial heap of a native executable:

```
./myapp -XX:+DumpHeapAndExit
```

**DEBUG**

Build a native executable with debug information and with compiler optimizations disabled:

```
-g -08
```

Debug a native executable with GDB or any IDE that integrates GDB.

* Available with GraalVM Enterprise Native Image

More info at [www.graalvm.org/native-image](http://www.graalvm.org/native-image)