

## Lab 3: DIY HJ-lib Programming, Futures, HJ-Viz

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### Goals for this lab

- Learn how to use HJ-lib on your own (without maven), and how to optionally generate abstract metrics
- Experiment with functional programming and futures, including the `future` API
- Learn how to use HJ-Viz to visualize Computation Graphs (CGs) for small inputs

### Downloads

Download the .zip file for this lab located in the Lab 3 entry towards the bottom of the course web site, <http://comp322.rice.edu>. It contains the following:

- Three .java source files, `AsyncFinishTest.java`, `BinaryTreeTest.java`, and `BinaryTrees.java`.
- A directory named `Jars` containing three .jar files that you will use today.
- A directory named `hjeviz` for the HJ-Viz part of the lab.

## 1 Setting up an HJ-lib project from scratch

### 1.1 Creating Project Structure and adding External Dependencies

For this exercise our first task is to structure our project. This was done automatically for you in Lab 1 and Lab 2 by using maven, but now you can learn how to do it yourself manually.

Create an IntelliJ project using the three java files in `lab_3.zip`. You should see a project structure similar to Figure 1

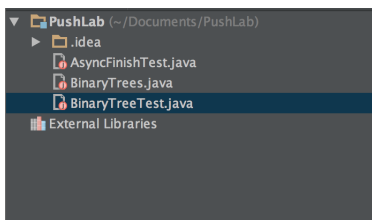


Figure 1: Initial Directory Layout of the project

- Create two folders one for source files and the other for test files. Add folders (as shown in Figure 2) and re-organize the files as shown in Figure 3. Note, we have added the source files in `main` (you may choose any name) and the test files in `test` (you may choose any name).

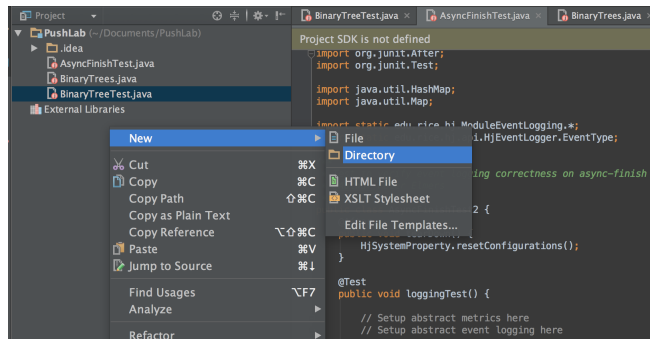


Figure 2: Creating folders

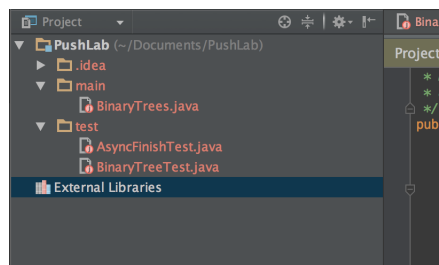


Figure 3: A screen grab of the new folder structure

- Now we need to add our dependencies for the Java project. Open module settings, as shown in Figure 4.

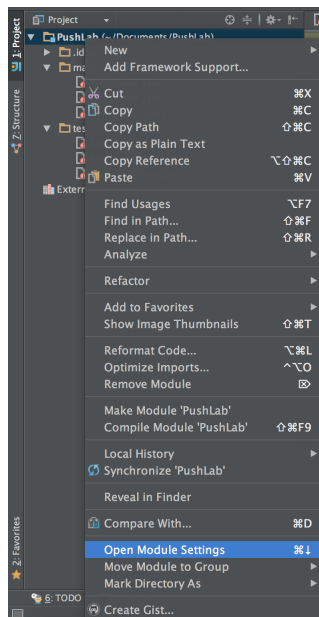


Figure 4: Opening module settings

- Under the 'Projects' tab, set Project SDK as 1.8 and Project Language Level as 8, as shown in Figure 5.

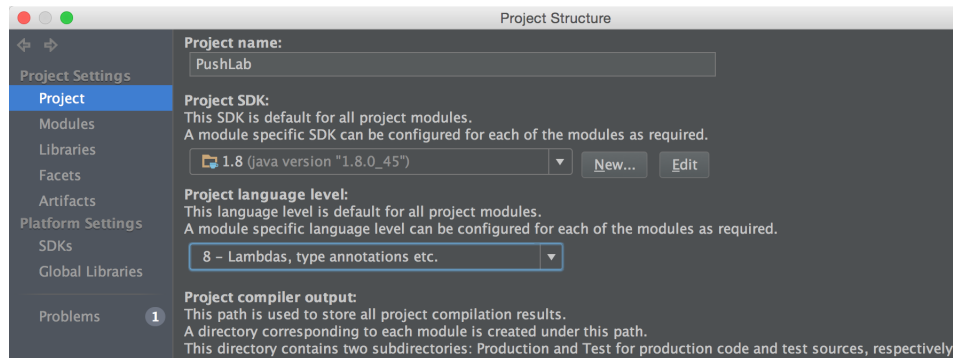


Figure 5: Configuring the Project SDK and Language Level

- Under the 'Libraries' tab, click on add(+) > New Project Library from *Java*. Locate each .jar file under the Jars directory on your local machine and add each one through the dialog shown in Figure 6.

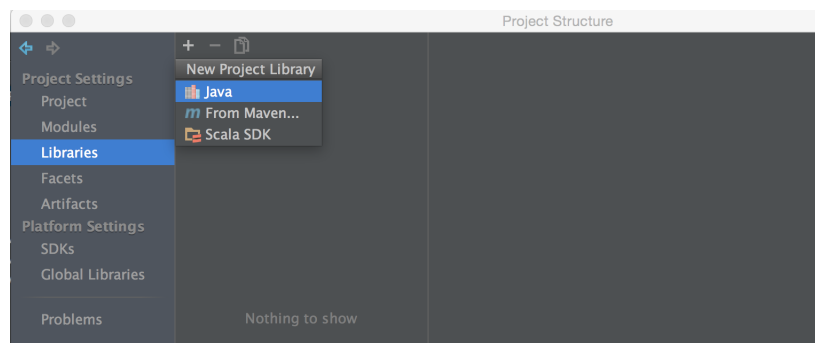
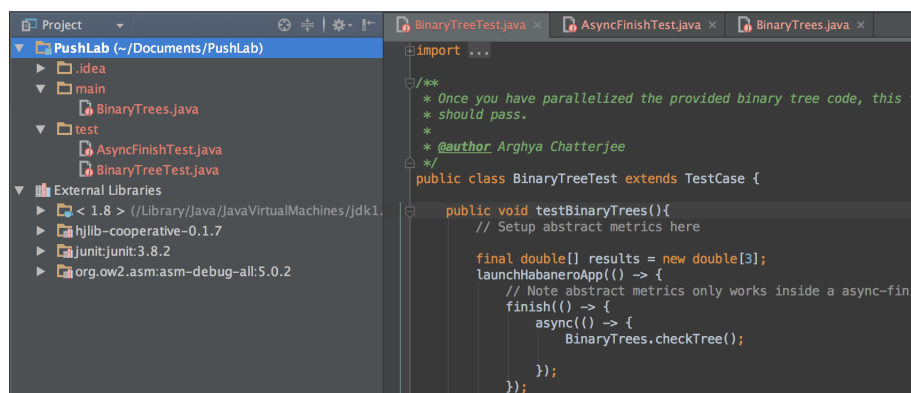


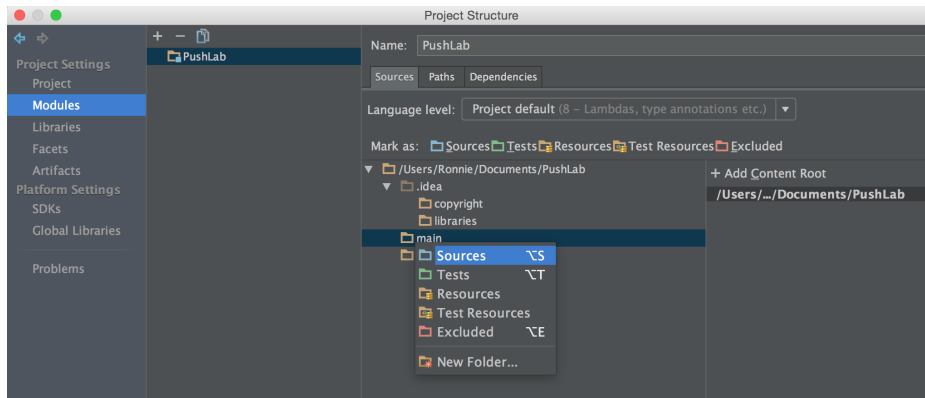
Figure 6: Adding the HJlib dependency

- After adding the External Dependencies your project structure should look like this :

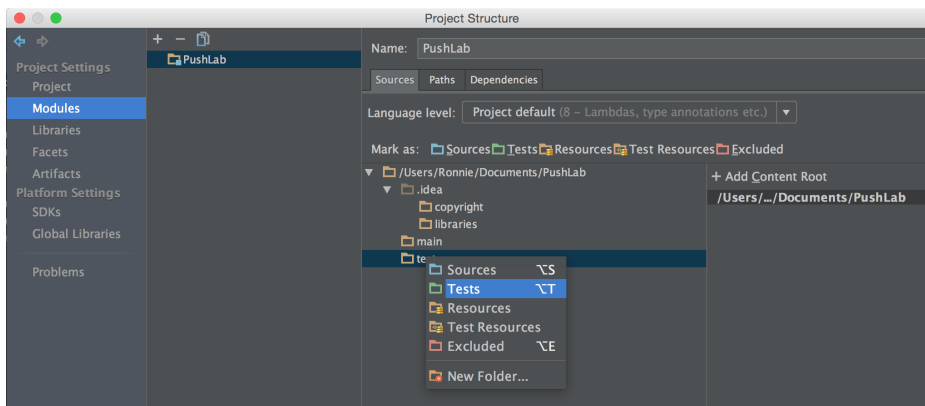


## 1.2 Add sources for our project files and add VM options

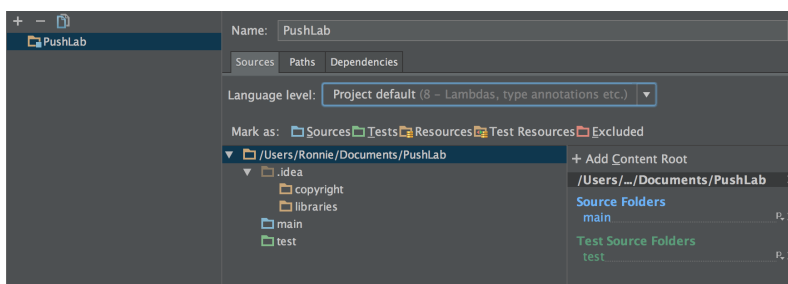
- Open module settings, and under the 'Modules' tab > Sources, mark source folder ('main' in my case) as Sources :



- Under the same 'Modules' tab > Sources, mark tests folder ('test' in my case) as Tests :



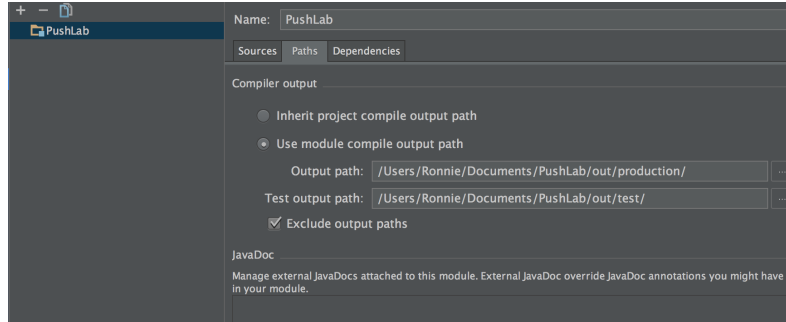
- After marking your sources and tests your content root should look like :



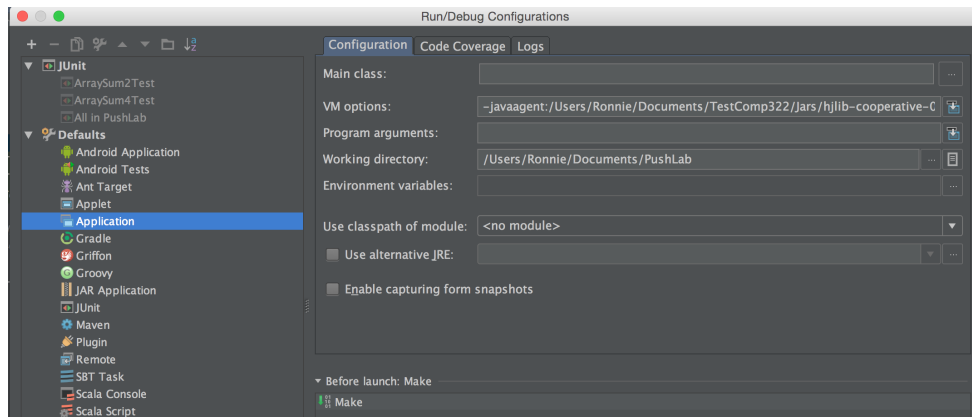
- We need to add the *Output folder* for our project, under the same 'Modules' tab > Paths, click on *Use module compile output path* –  
for Output Path : add < your folder path > /out/production/<sup>1</sup>.  
for Test Output Path : add < your folder path > /out/test/<sup>1</sup>  
On my machine it looks like :

- Now we need to add the VM options, go to Run/Debug configurations and under 'Defaults' tab >

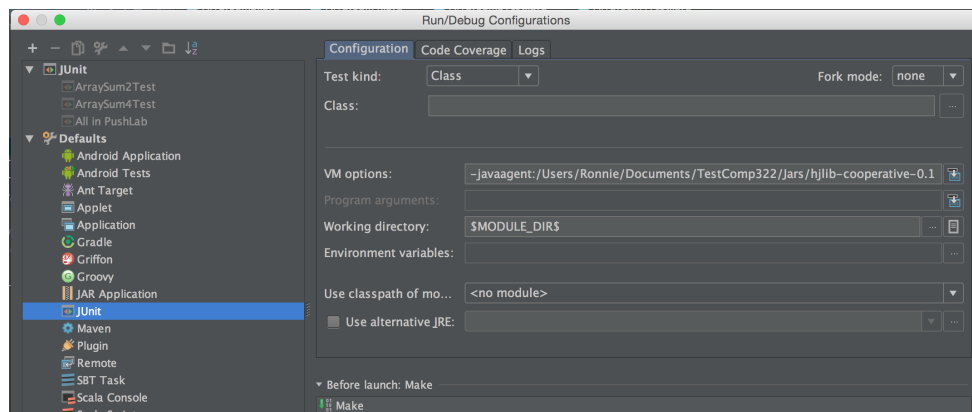
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Application add the `-javaagent: < Path/to/the/HJ-lib/jar/ on/your/local/machine >`<sup>2</sup>. for the VM options :



- Similarly add the VM options for the jUnit under the 'Defaults' tab (same `-javaagent:.././`):



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## 2 Manually turning on HJ-lib Abstract Metrics

Abstract metrics were turned on in Lab 2 but were off by default in Lab 1. In this exercise, you will learn how to use the HJ-lib API to optionally turn on abstract metrics. First, you will need to add two import statements:

- `import edu.rice.hj.runtime.config.HjSystemProperty`
- `import static edu.rice.hj.Module0.abstractMetrics`

Now, to turn ‘on’ abstract metrics you need to add “`HjSystemProperty.abstractMetrics.setProperty(true)`” inside each test file, just before the call to “`launchHabaneroApp()`”.

The purpose of the call to `launchHabaneroApp()` is to launch the specified code expression as a lambda to be executed in parallel by the HJ-lib runtime, while all code before and after the call to `launchHabaneroApp()` is executed as standard Java code. For the current version of HJ-lib, it is good practice to include a top-level `finish` in the body of `launchHabaneroApp()`. *In particular, the current implementation of abstract metrics may not print correct results if a top-level finish is omitted in `launchHabaneroApp()`.*

## 3 Getting Familiar with Futures

In this exercise, you are given sequential code for a functional program that constructs a binary tree, and then traverses it using calls to `checkTree()` and `itemCheck()`. Your task is to convert it to a correctly executing parallel HJ-lib program with futures. Once correctly implemented, your code should pass the provided `BinaryTreeTest`. Think back on your previous experience with functional programming, and your knowledge of futures and how they relate to your task.

1. Compile and run the original `BinaryTreeTest` program and note that it fails.
2. Now modify the program by replacing standard object references by future object references, *e.g.*, by replacing `TreeNode` by `HjFuture<TreeNode>`.
3. After you get your modified program to work, think about the new WORK and CPL values.

## 4 Visualize Parallelism using HJ-Viz

### 4.1 Prerequisites

- Python 2.7 (<http://python.org/>)
- GraphViz (<http://graphviz.org/>)

If you’re on Linux, we suggest using your package manager. Homebrew and macports on Mac have the software as well. For GraphViz:

- Windows: <http://graphviz.org/pub/graphviz/stable/windows/graphviz-2.38.msi>
- Mac: <http://www.graphviz.org/pub/graphviz/stable/macos/mountainlion/graphviz-2.36.0.pkg>

## 4.2 Assignment

HJ-Viz generates interactive Computation Graphs (CGs) of parallel programs by analyzing event logs. Programmers can use the visualization of the CG by HJ-Viz to pinpoint potential sources of bugs and points of improvement for parallel performance by highlighting the critical path.

The goal of tonight's lab is to write a program whose output graph drawn using HJ-Viz, matches the provided figure below and to verify its correctness using the tool.

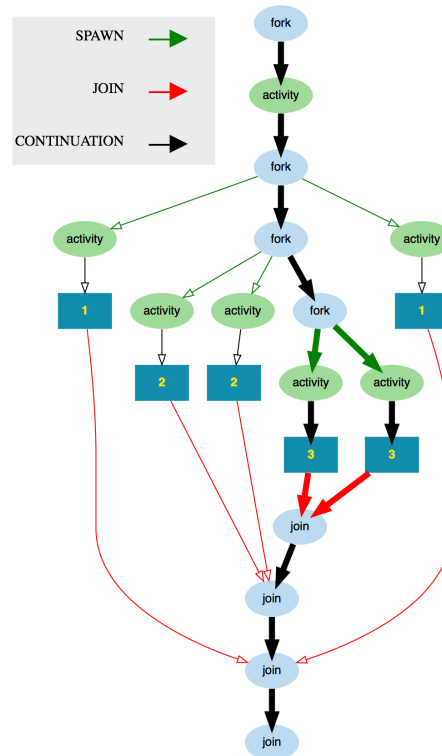


Figure 7: `fork` nodes indicate the start of a finish scope. `join` nodes correspond to the end of a finish scope. `activity` nodes refer to the start of an async task. Square nodes labeled by a number  $x$  shows that the task did  $x$  units of abstract work. Green edges direct from the enclosing scope to the spawned async task. Red edges direct from the ending task to the closing scope. Black edges indicate sequential dependence within the same task. Bold edges are on the critical path.

We have provided a skeleton file, `AsyncFinishTest.java` in your turnin repository as well.

- Follow section 2 to add the Abstract Metrics for this file as well.
- Add `HjSystemProperty.eventLogging.setProperty(true)`; to the provided file, *before* the call to `launchHabaneroApp()`. This option activates event logging in the runtime
- Add `ModuleEventLogging.dumpEventLog(<file path>)`<sup>3</sup>; *within* the call to `launchHabaneroApp`, after your async-finish constructs, replacing `< file path >`<sup>3</sup> with the path to a file to write the output log (*e.g.*, “output.log”).
- Use only finish and async constructs to write a program whose output through HJ-Viz matches the given figure.

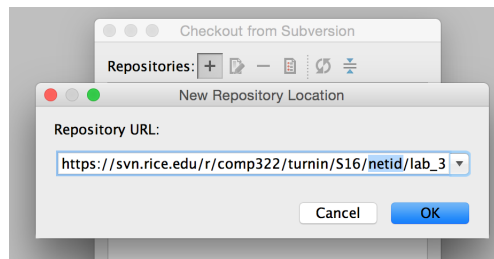
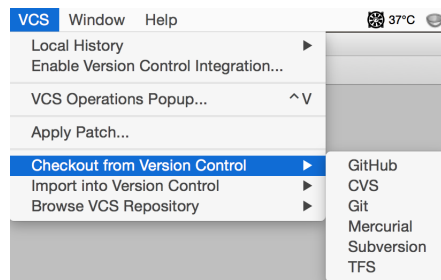
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- On running the AsyncFinishTest.java file the code should generate a .log file.
- We have provided a HJ-Viz folder with all the required files to run HJ-Viz
  1. HJ-Viz is a Python program. Execute 'python main.py <path/to/the/log/file >' <sup>3</sup>., where logfile is the path to the .log file produced in the previous step.
  2. On Windows, you should be able to drag and drop the log file onto main.py in the file explorer.
  3. The graph output resides in output.html.
  4. See README for details.
- Show a teaching assistant that the output is correct.

## Turning in your lab work

For each lab, you will need to turn in your work before leaving, as follows.

1. Show your work to an instructor or TA to get credit for this lab. Be prepared to explain the lab at a high level, as well as answer the following question:
  - What was your strategy in rewriting the provided sequential binary tree as a parallel one? How did functional programming aid you in this pursuit?
2. Turn in your code to SVN.
  - Your lab\_3 repository is currently empty. Import it as subversion from IntelliJ by checking out into where you extracted the project zip previously downloaded. [https://svn.rice.edu/r/comp322/turnin/S16/netid/lab\\_3](https://svn.rice.edu/r/comp322/turnin/S16/netid/lab_3)



- Use IntelliJ to add the Java files to Subversion, and commit your solutions.



