

HDF Java

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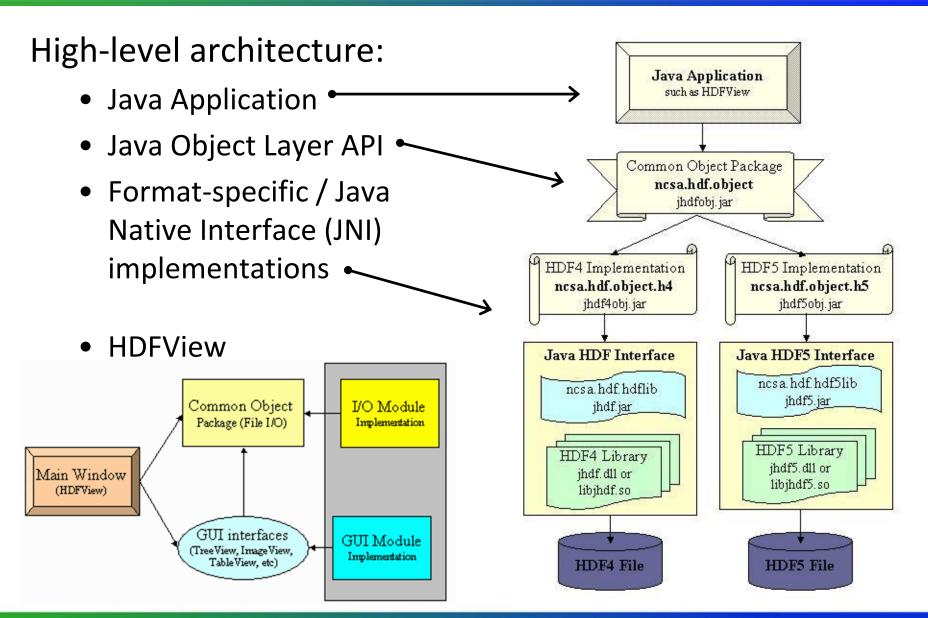
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An HDF-Java Timeline

Jan 1996 Java

1.0

Fall 1997

Java Proposal Summer 2002

Common Object Model

Summer 2003

Abstract Interfaces & plug-in framework Summer 2013

CF Conventions



















JHV & JHI 1996

HDF5 Object Layer **Spring**

1999

Editing

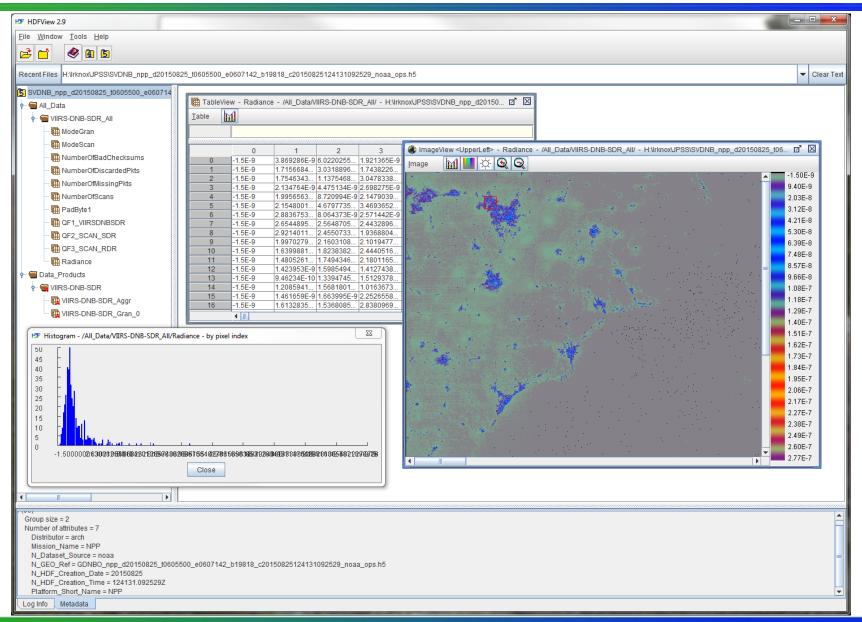
Spring 2003

JPSS: region references & bitfields

> **Summer** 2009



HDFView





Support:

- Prebuilt-binaries:
 - Windows 32- and 64-bit (Visual Basic 2012)
 - Mac OS X Darwin
 - Linux CentOS 5 and CentOS 6
 - Solaris
- Source distribution with CMake builds





The Good:

- JNI layer is moderately complete (limited callbacks)
- HDFView application most popular HDF download
- HDFView plug-in architecture for customization

The Bad:

- JNI data type implementation is incomplete and insufficiently documented (compound types)
- HDFView and Object Model memory usage is very inefficient
- Java staffing has dwindled

The Ugly:

The HDFView "look and feel" is outdated

Current Work



- Separate JNI layer from Pure Java code
 - Include HDF4 and HDF5 JNI layers with the appropriate library release (from HDF5 v1.10)
 - Release HDFView separately as complete standalone application (plus source)
 - Use Ant to build native Java components
- Prototyping an SWT GUI implementation
 - More modern and platform-native look and feel
 - Anticipates the deprecation of the Swing GUI
- Prepare for HDF version 1.10
 - API changes and new features
 - All new Java development will target v1.10
- Memory Model
 - Study issue and make plan for remedy



Other HDF5-capable Java APIs

- NetCDF Java (Unidata, UCAR)
 - Implements the Common Data Model (CDM)
 - Supports a wide variety of scientific data formats and products
 - Native Java reading / JNI (netCDF C library) writing
 - http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/thredds/current/netcdf-java/
- JHDF (Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics)
 - Supports Linux, Windows, Macintosh 10.6 10.10
 - High-level API on top of HDF JNI layer
 - https://wiki-bsse.ethz.ch/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=26609113





- Do our users need/want....
 - More JPSS-specific tailoring (e.g., plugins)?
 - Additional functionality?
 - Additional platforms or builds?
 - Maintain the status quo?



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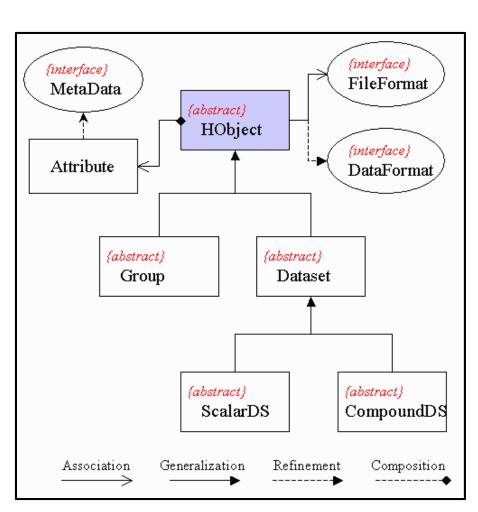


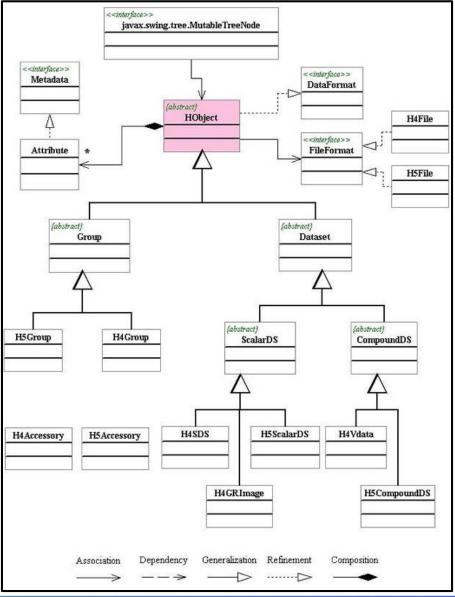
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HDF-Java Object Classes







Basic capabilities & limitations

HDFView:

- Image & table views, editing, animation, some metadata convention support
- Plug-in architecture for I/O and GUI (netCDF, FITS, HDF-EOS2/5)
- Outdated graphical interface; scope creep

Java Object Layer:

- Abstraction of HDF & generic dataset concepts
- Data type mapping issues from HDF representation to Java
- Memory model: monolithic

HDF4/HDF5 JNI Layer:

- Most HDF functionality and data types supported
- Some missing: e.g., variable length types, compound compound

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HDFView

