Introduction to OpenResty XRay

Deep monitoring, analyses and diagnostics for your online applications

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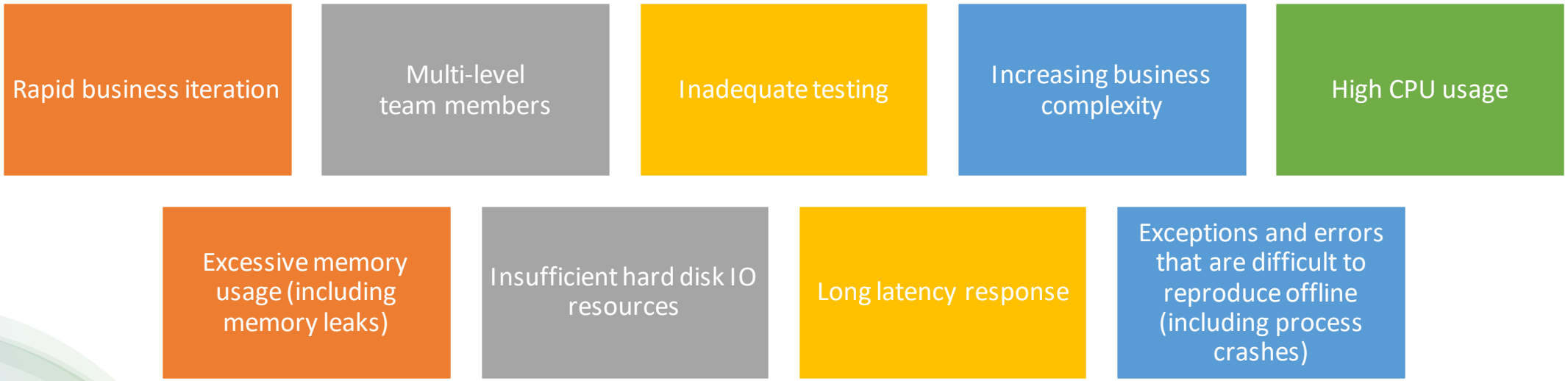
Challenges in the World of Software



Challenges in the age of K8s/Docker Containers

Lots of containers, lots of applications, lots of distributions, lots of technology stacks

Minimized containers lack the most basic debugging tools

Minimized set of container permissions

Automatically discard and restart containers when something goes wrong. Software bugs are easily swept under the carpet

Virtualized containers, Microservices - further increase the software complexity

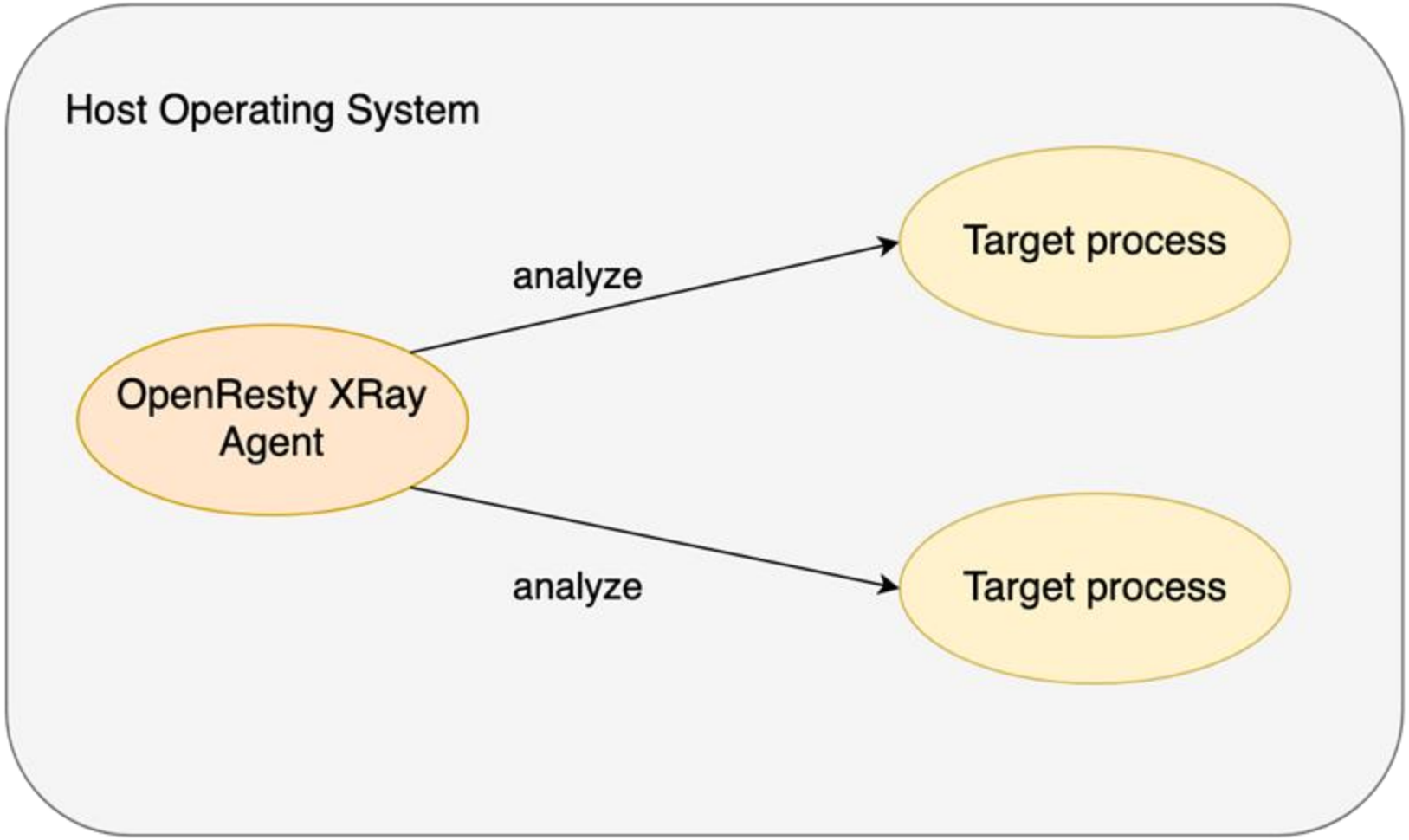
Disadvantages of Traditional Methods

- Invasive - need to modify applications
- Slow response
- Require big data storage and analysis
- Superficial indicators only
- Observations without causes
- Lack of in-depth analysis and diagnostics of the entire technology stac
- Complex, highly overloaded and error-prone data collection and processing process

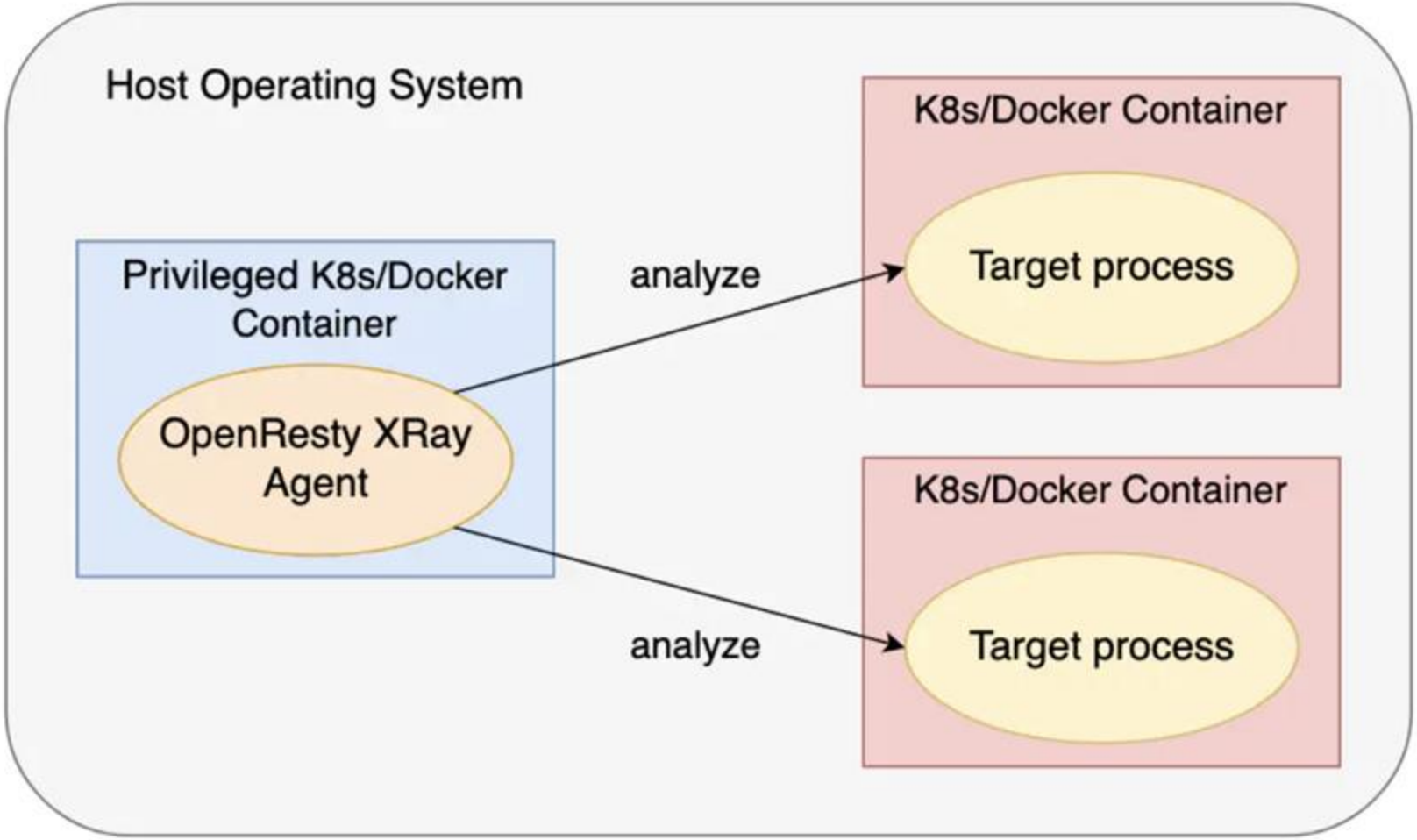
OpenResty XRay

- OpenResty XRay is a dynamic tracing product.
- Enables real-time analysis of various cloud and server applications.
- Treats running processes and containers as read-only databases and extracts the necessary information to resolve performance issues, exceptions, errors, and security vulnerabilities.
- Features a knowledge base, inference engine, and hundreds of advanced analyzers.
- Can diagnose and narrow down the root cause of deep problems without changing or affecting the target application.

OpenResty XRay Analyzes Non-container Application Processes Directly



OpenResty XRay Penetrates Containers and Analyzes Applications

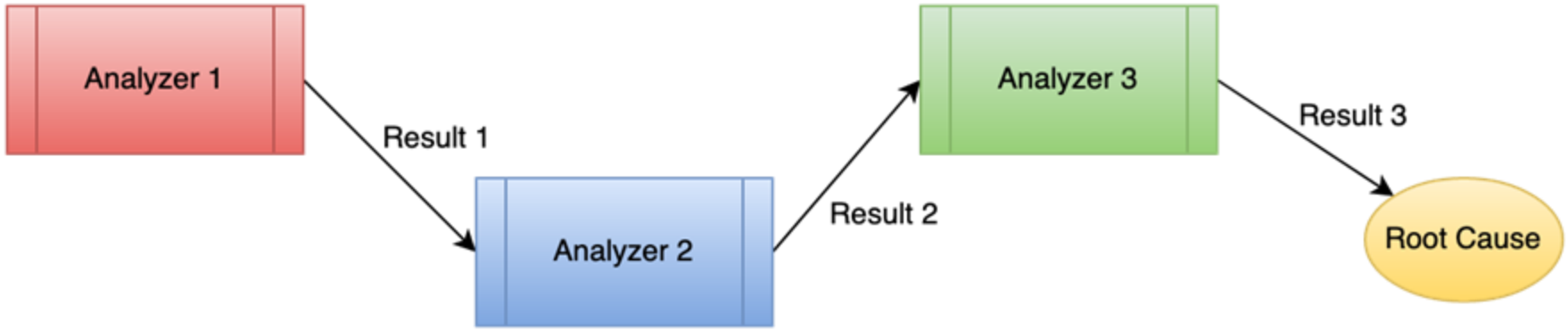


100% Non-Invasive

- No need to modify your application
- No need to add new plug-ins, modules, or patches to your application
- No need to inject any code into your applications
- No need to restart your application processes
- No need to use special startup or compilation options in your application
- No need to rebuild your existing application containers or packages

OpenResty XRay Fully Automatic Sampling, Unattended Usage Mode

- Time sampling
- Event-driven sampling (CPU changes, memory changes, IO changes, exceptions and errors)
- Reasoning chains driven

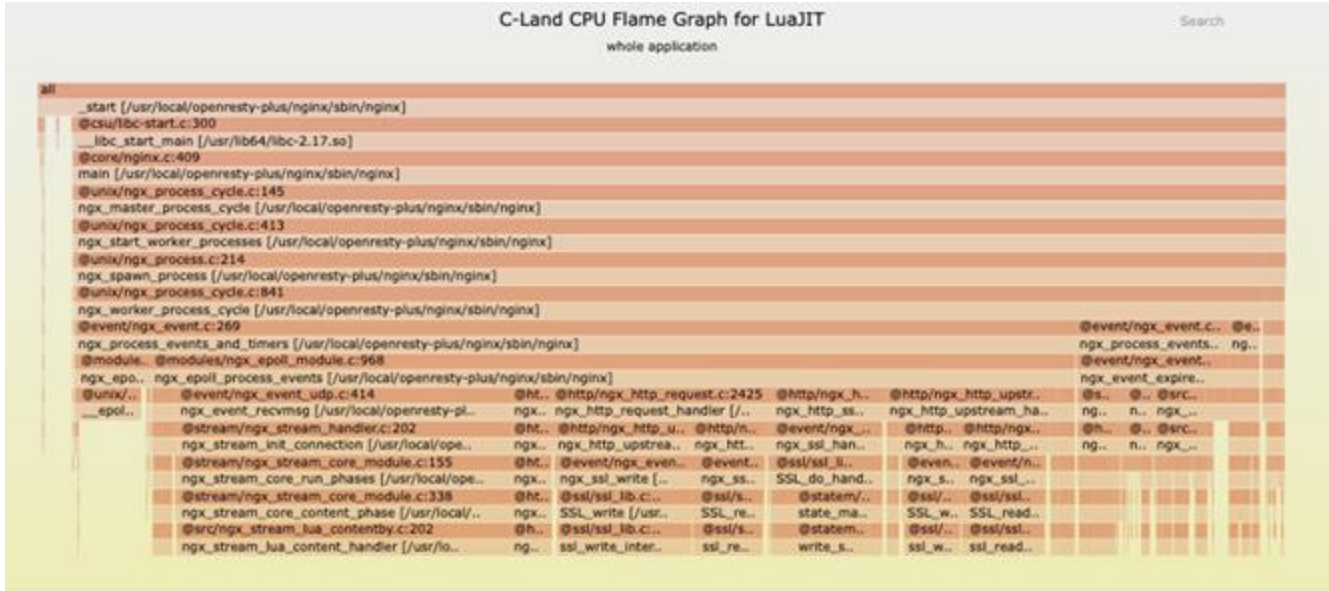


Extremely Low Performance Overhead

- Performance overhead is strictly 0 when not sampling
- Performance overhead is usually not noticeable when sampling

OpenResty XRay CPU Performance Analysis

- High CPU usage can reduce the system stability and quality of service, and even make services unavailable.
- How CPU time is distributed over different code paths in different scenarios (flame graphs, automatic flame graph interpreter).
- Covers code paths of different software levels: business programming language level (Lua/Python/PHP/Perl/Go/etc.), system programming language level (C/C++/Rust), OS kernel level (network protocol stack/process scheduler/memory management/system calls).
- Examples of common CPU bottlenecks: duplicate computations (lack of cache), SSL handshake related, garbage collection (GC) overhead, dynamic memory allocation overhead, serialization and deserialization, unexpectedly frequent system calls, infinite loops, wrong regular expression matching, inefficiently implemented (third-party) software libraries, spinlock contention.


C-Land CPU Flame Graph for LuaJIT
Search
whole application
all
_start [/usr/local/openresty-plus/nginx/sbin/nginx]
@csu/libc-start.c:300
__libc_start_main [/usr/lib64/libc-2.17.so]
@core/nginx.c:409
main [/usr/local/openresty-plus/nginx/sbin/nginx]
@unix/ngx_process_cycle.c:145
ngx_master_process_cycle [/usr/local/openresty-plus/nginx/sbin/nginx]
@unix/ngx_process_cycle.c:413
ngx_start_worker_processes [/usr/local/openresty-plus/nginx/sbin/nginx]
@unix/ngx_process.c:214
ngx_spawn_process [/usr/local/openresty-plus/nginx/sbin/nginx]
@unix/ngx_process_cycle.c:841
ngx_worker_process_cycle [/usr/local/openresty-plus/nginx/sbin/nginx]
@event/ngx_event.c:269
ngx_process_events_and_timers [/usr/local/openresty-plus/nginx/sbin/nginx]
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@event/ngx_event_udp.c:414
ngx_event_recvmsg [/usr/local/openresty-pl...
@stream/ngx_stream_handler.c:202
ngx_stream_init_connection [/usr/local/ope...
@stream/ngx_stream_core_module.c:155
ngx_stream_core_run_phases [/usr/local/ope...
@stream/ngx_stream_core_module.c:338
ngx_stream_core_content_phase [/usr/local/...
@src/ngx_stream_lua_contentby.c:202
ngx_stream_lua_content_handler [/usr/lo...
@http/ngx_http_request.c:2425
ngx_http_request_handler [/...
@http/ngx_http_u...
ngx_http_upstrea...
@event/ngx_even...
ngx_ssl_write [...
SSL_write [/usr...
ssl_write_inter...
ngx_http_ssl...
ngx_ssl_han...
SSL_do_hand...
state_ma...
write_s...
ngx_http_upstream_ha...
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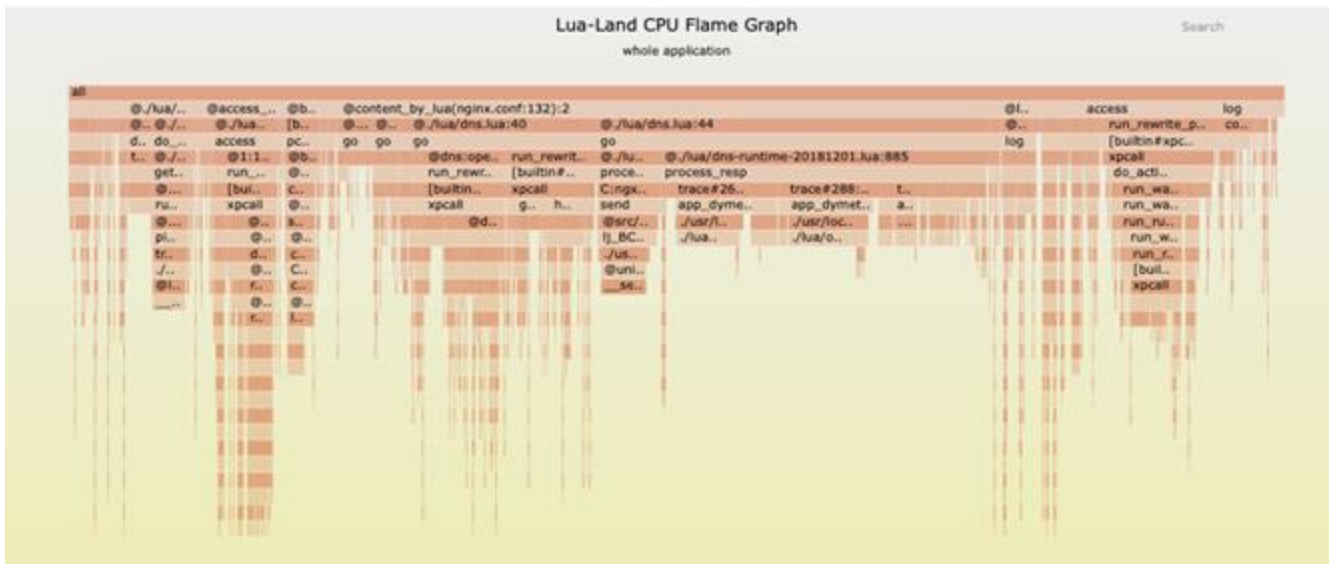
Lua-Land CPU Flame Graph
Search
whole application
all
@./lua/...
@access_...
@content_by_lua(nginx.conf:132):2
@./lua/dns.lua:40
@./lua/dns.lua:64
access
log
run_rewrite_p...
[builtin#xpc...
xpcall
do_acti...
run_wa...
run_ru...
run_r...
[buil...
@./lua/dns-runtime-20181201.lua:885
process_resp
trace#26...
trace#288:...
./usr/loc...
./lua/o...
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./lua...
./us...
@uni...
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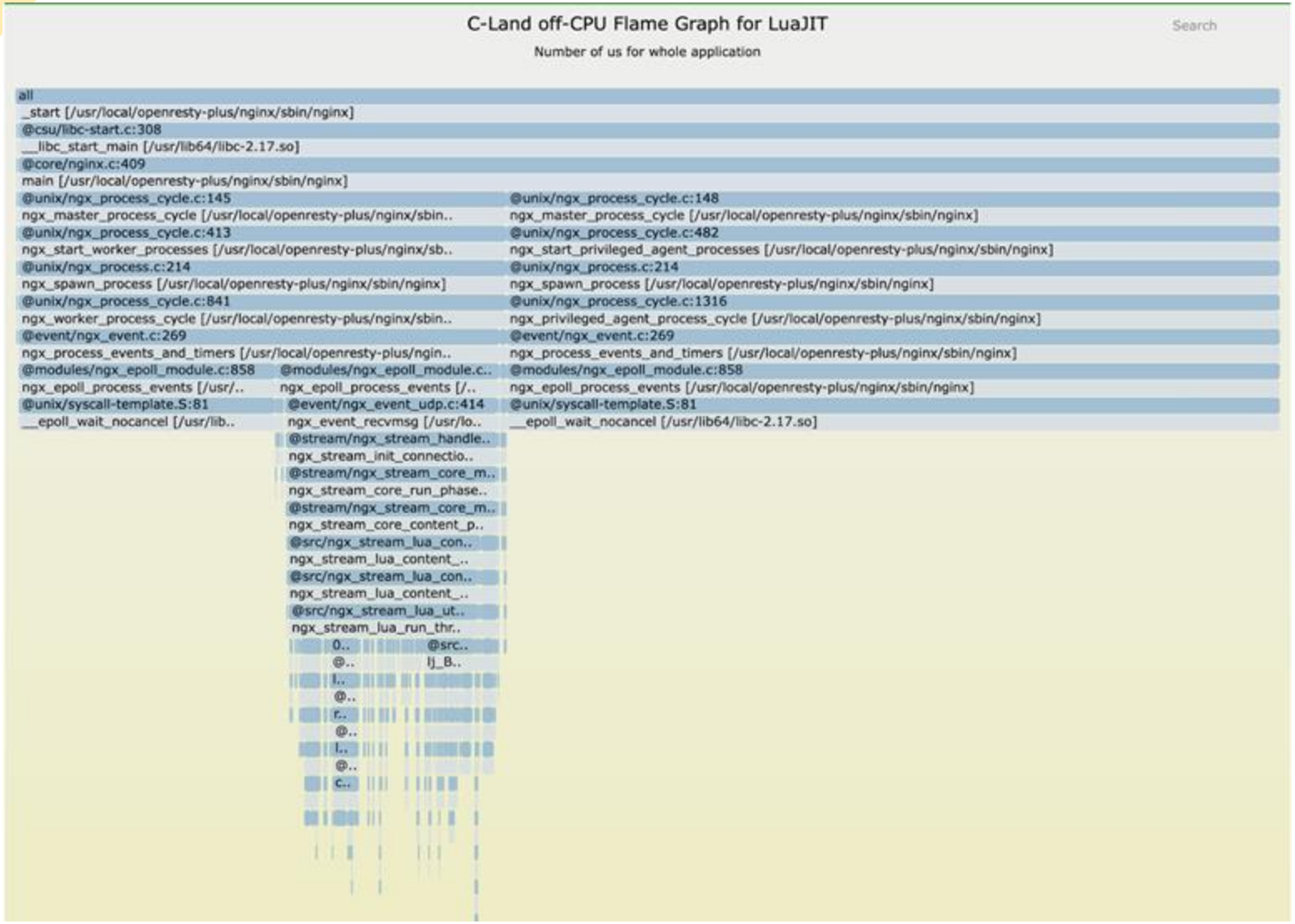
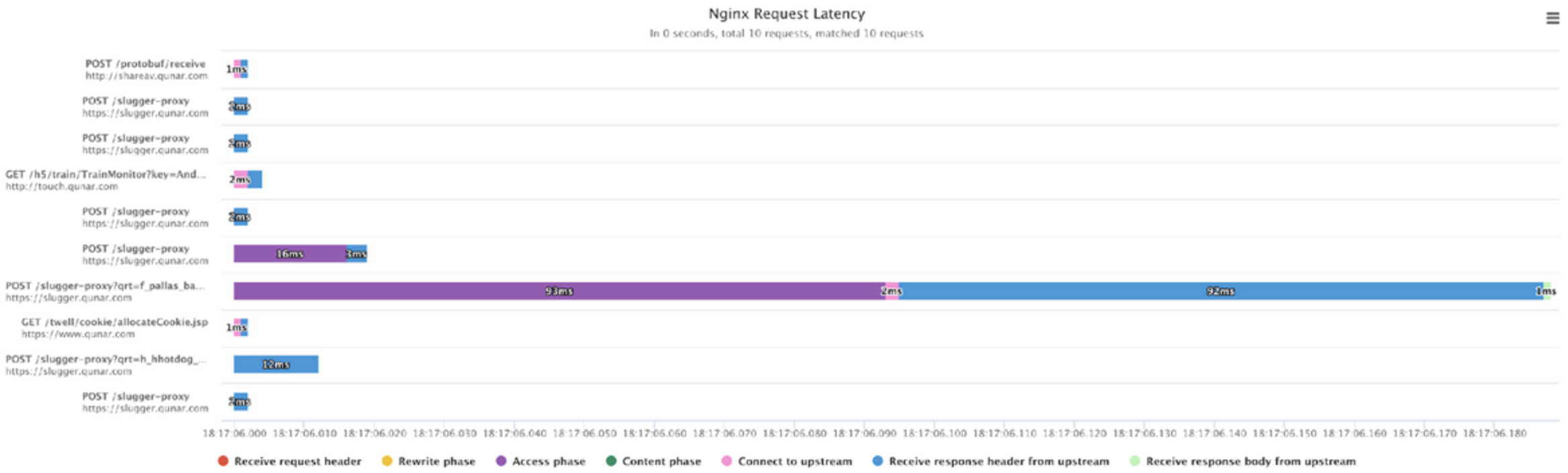
OpenResty XRay CPU Blocking (off-CPU) Analysis



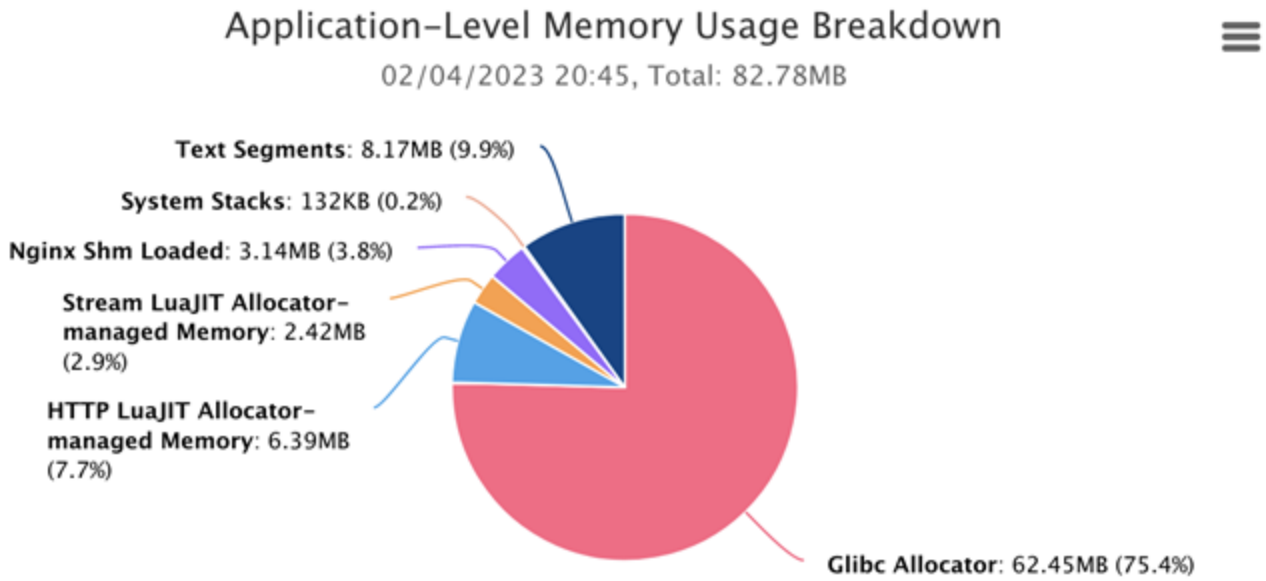
OpenResty XRay Analysis of Request Latency

- Breakdowns the latency to different operation and processing phases of applications
- Precise packet capture, only captures network packets on problematic connections (including high latency, timeouts, connection errors, when upper layer applications report errors, etc.)
- Latency statistics of asynchronous non-blocking IO (e.g. the distribution of Lua concurrent yield time over Lua code paths)



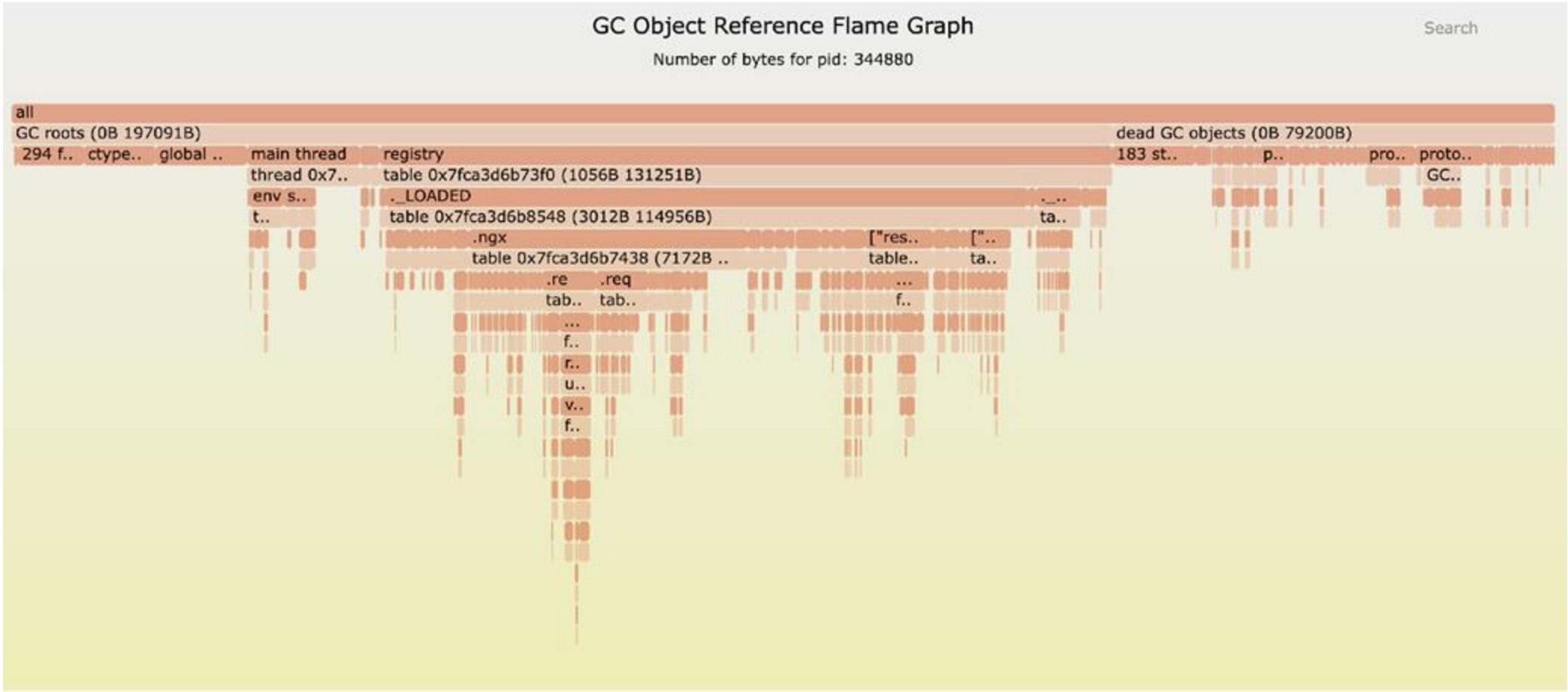
OpenResty XRay Memory Usage Analysis

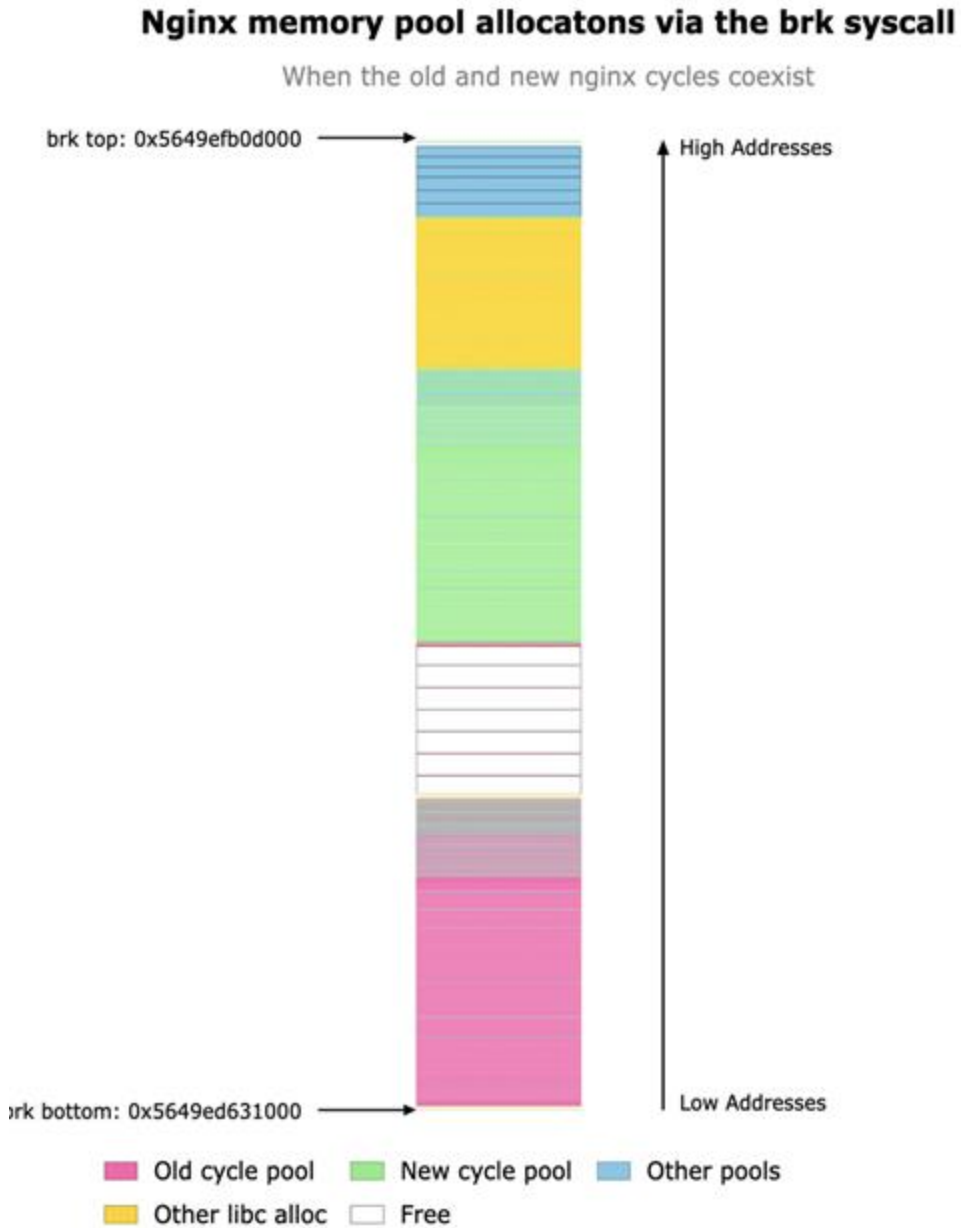
- Memory usage of C memory allocators such as Glibc/Jemalloc (including Glibc memory fragmentation).
- How memory is distributed quantitatively over all GC objects (e.g. Lua objects, Python objects, PHP objects, etc.), by reference relationships between GC objects.
- Memory leak, memory fragmentation, or delayed release?



GC Object Reference Relationship Flame Graph

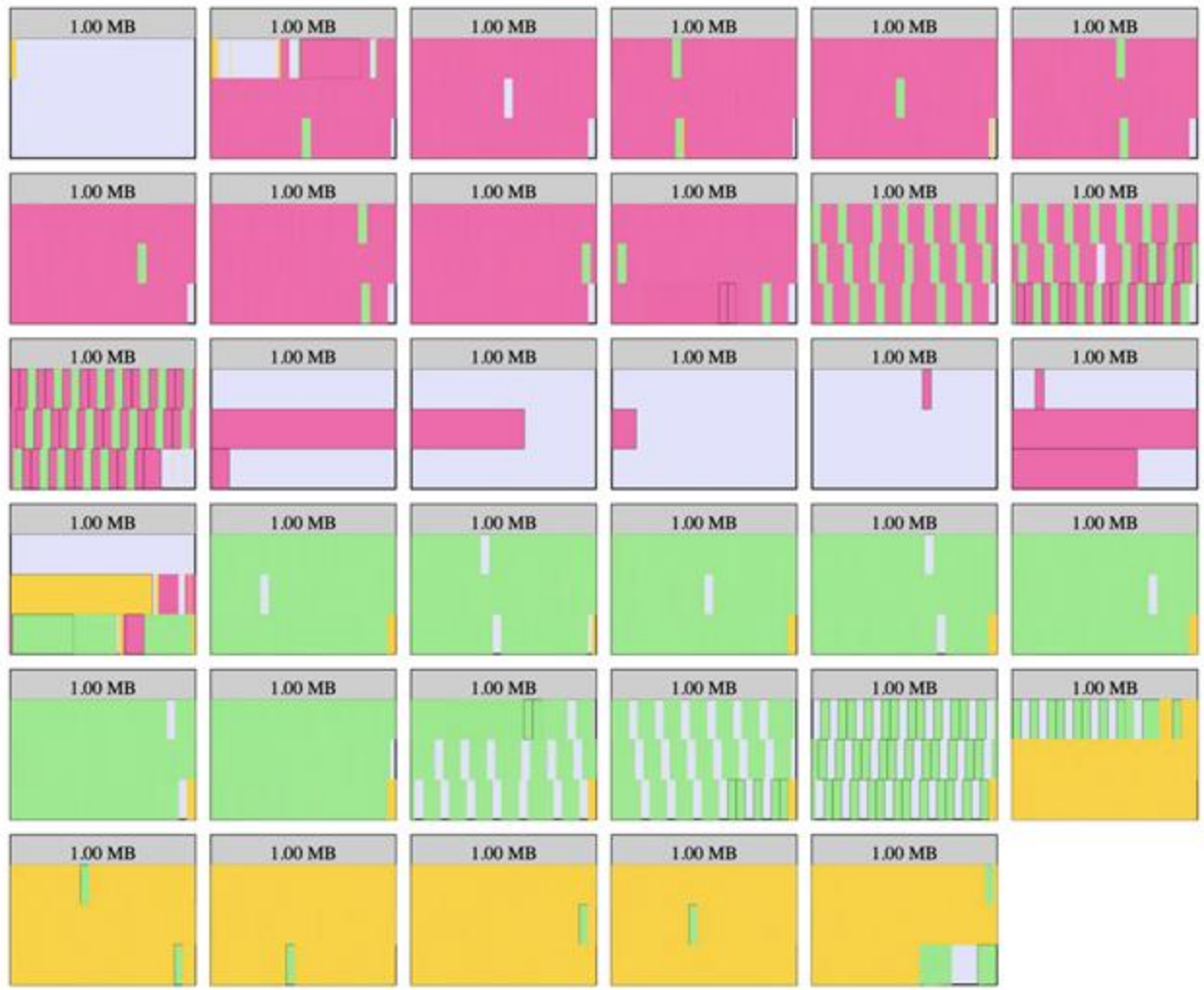
Quantitative visualization of how memory is distributed over all object reference paths



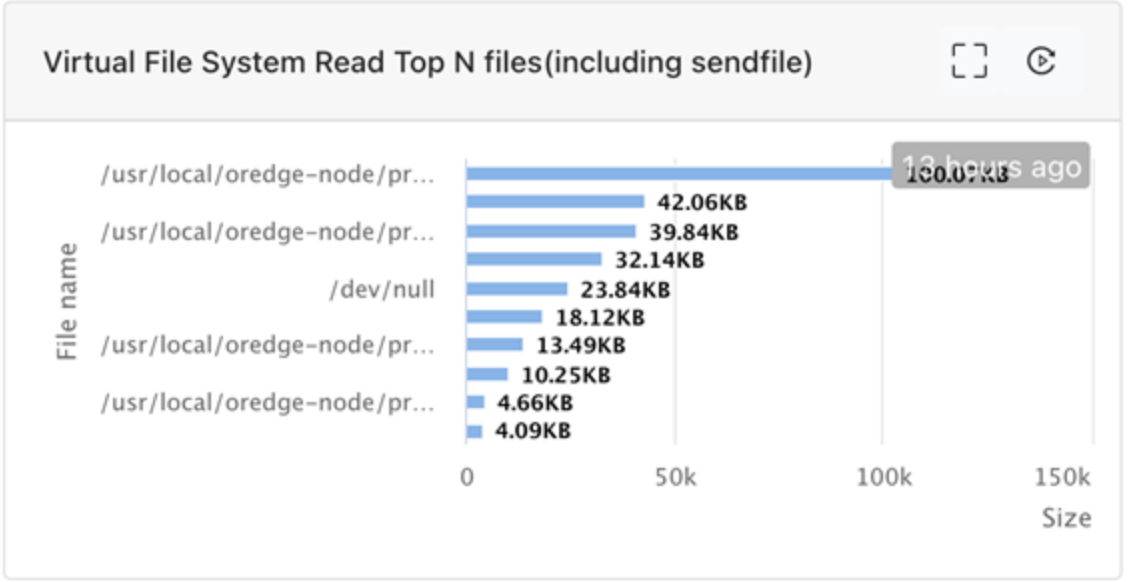

Nginx memory pool allocatons via the brk syscall
When the old and new nginx cycles coexist
brk top: 0x5649efb0d000
High Addresses
brk bottom: 0x5649ed631000
Low Addresses
Old cycle pool
New cycle pool
Other pools
Other libc alloc
Free

Nginx memory pool allocatons via the mmap syscall

For total 35.00 MB in 35 memory mappings with 49,464 chunks

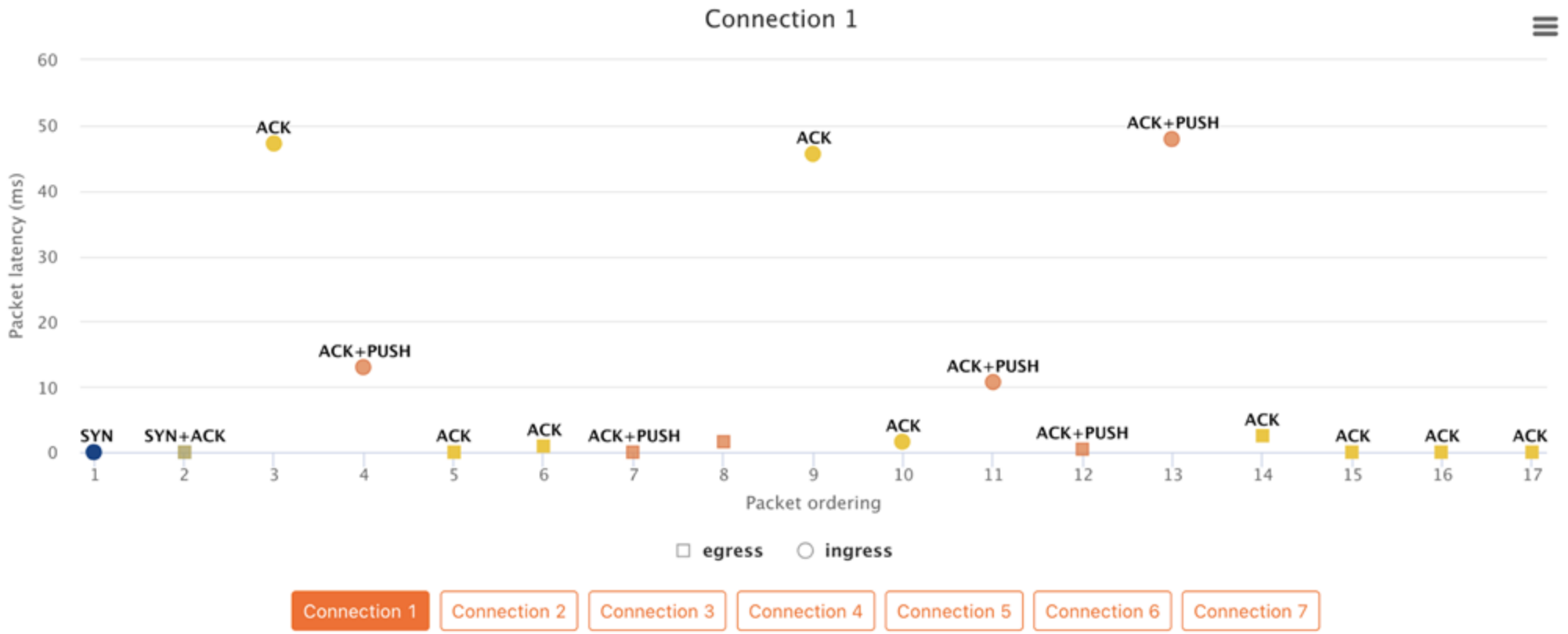


OpenResty XRay File IO Performance Analysis



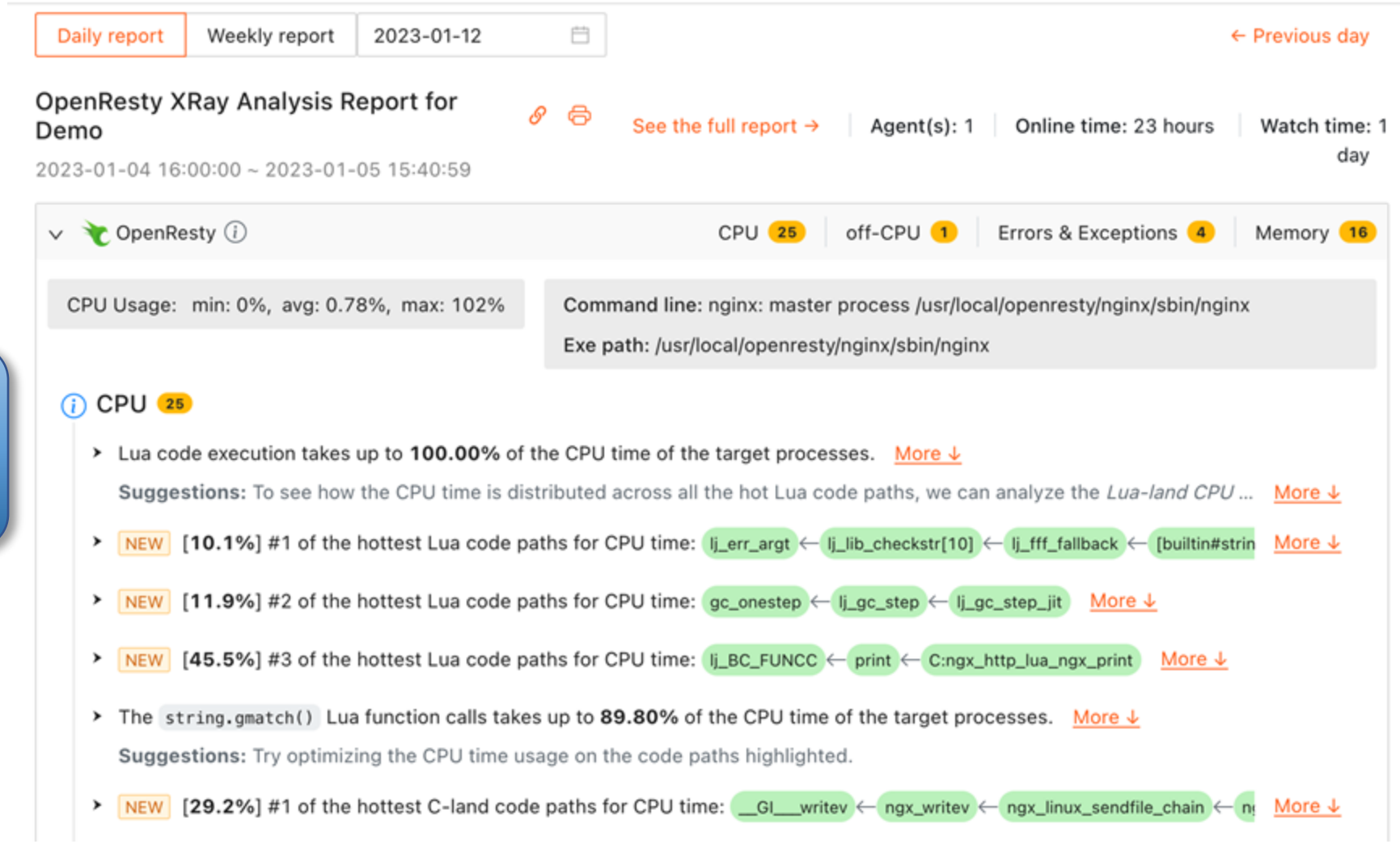
Intelligent online network packet capture

Captures packets only on abnormal network connections

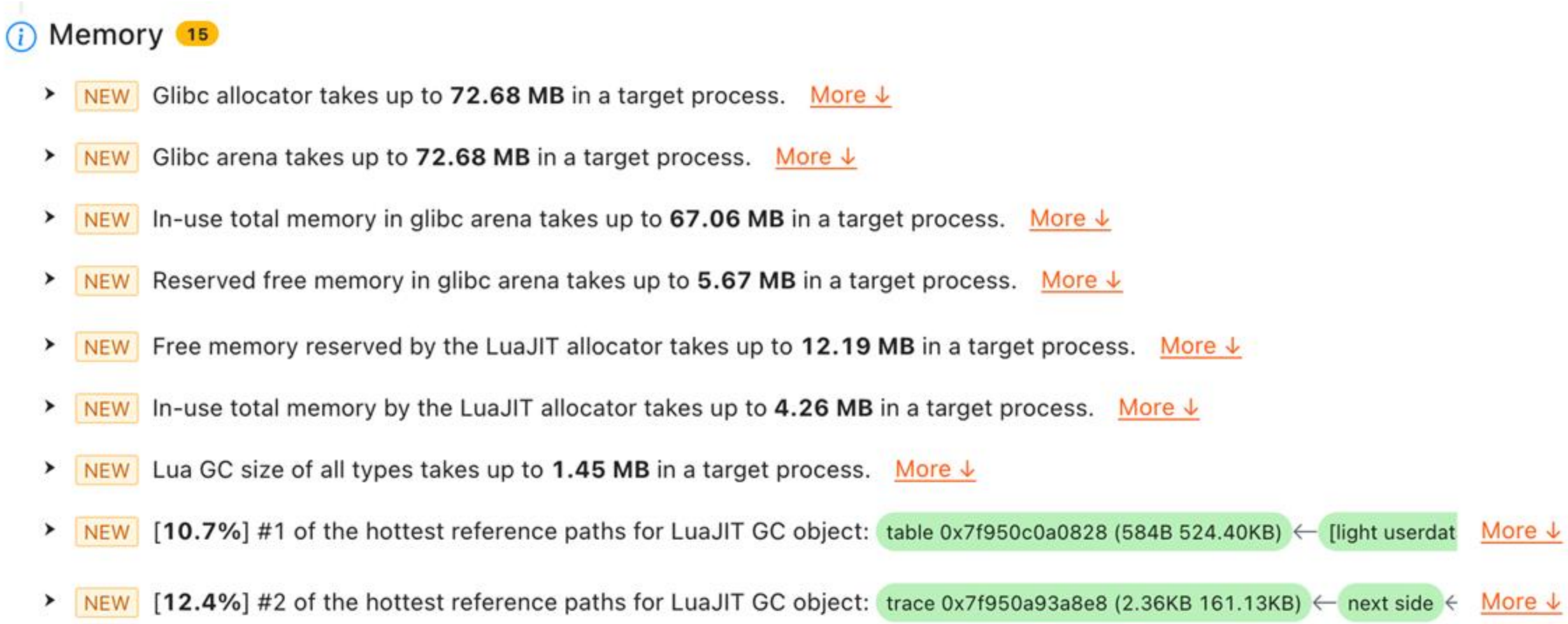


OpenResty XRay Automated Analysis Diagnostic Reports

Read blog posts on automated analysis and diagnostic reports



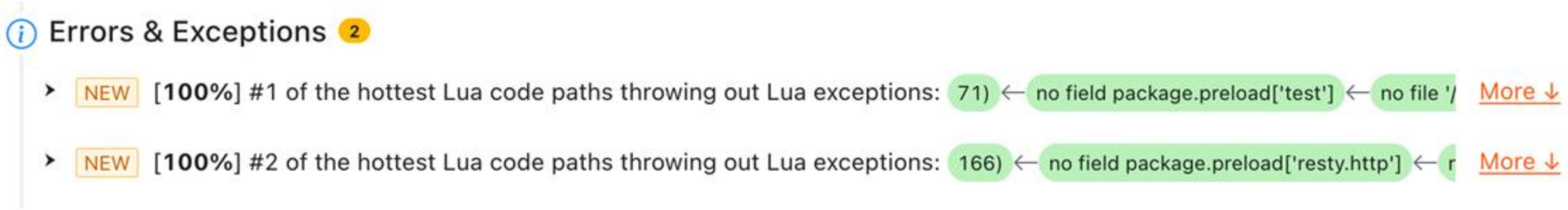
Automatic Memory Problem Diagnostic Reports



Automatic Latency Analysis and Diagnosis

off-CPU Automatic Diagnostic Report

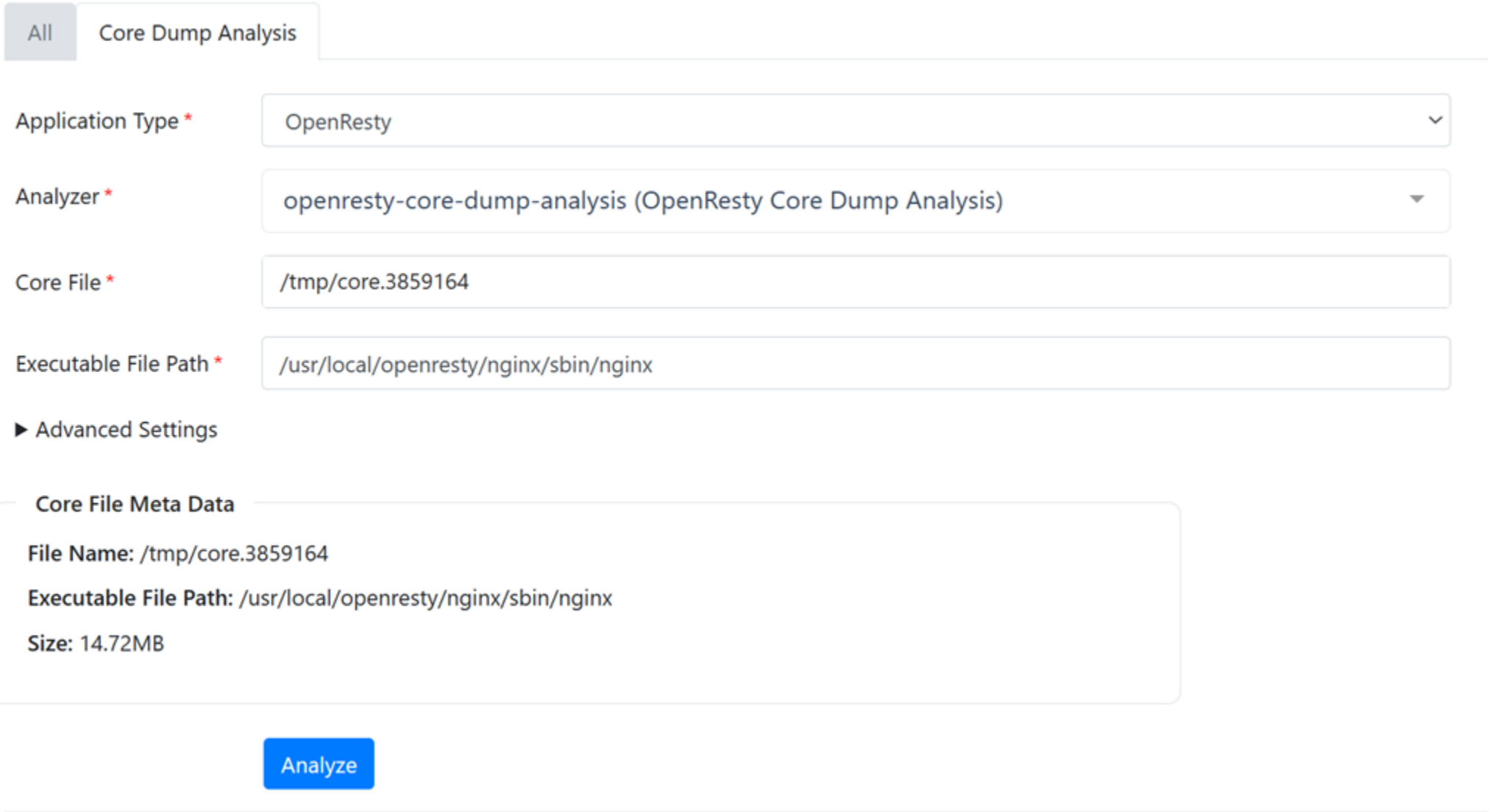
Automatic Diagnostic Reports on Errors and Exceptions



Automatic Analysis of Security Issues

- Automatic checking and reporting of connections without TLS encryption
- Dynamic scanning of TLS connections without certificate source verification
- Check the usage of a non-secure version of the SSL protocol
- Scan remote shell command execution events and code contexts

Core Dump Process Remains Analysis (Process Crashes)



Extract Deep Information from Core Dump Files

Analysis 7173425

(gdb) lbt
C:ngx_md5_body
trace#1:access.lua:4
check_token
@/usr/local/openresty/lualib/access.lua:3
auth
@/usr/local/openresty/lualib/access.lua:21
@access_by_lua(nginx.conf:51):2

(gdb) full_lbt
C:ngx_md5_body
trace#1:access.lua:4
check_token
@/usr/local/openresty/lualib/access.lua:3
auth
@/usr/local/openresty/lualib/access.lua:21
headers = "access"
token = "hello"
@access_by_lua(nginx.conf:51):2

Compiler Output | Analyzer Output | Graphs

(gdb) ngx_process_info
parent: 3859163
process: worker 0

(gdb) cur_http_req
current phase: access
schema: http, req_size: 52, resp_size: 0GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost:80
TOKEN: hello

(gdb) ubt
0x42e958 ngx_md5_body [/usr/src/debug/openresty-1.21.4.1/build/nginx-1.21.4/src/core/ngx_md5.c:199]
0x42f1be ngx_md5_final [/usr/src/debug/openresty-1.21.4.1/build/nginx-1.21.4/src/core/ngx_md5.c:91]
0x4ea997 ngx_http_lua_ffi_md5 [/usr/src/debug/openresty-1.21.4.1/build/nginx-1.21.4/../ngx_lua-0.10.21/s
7f763447ffd3: []
0x4f86a1 ngx_http_lua_run_thread [/usr/src/debug/openresty-1.21.4.1/build/nginx-1.21.4/../ngx_lua-0.10.2

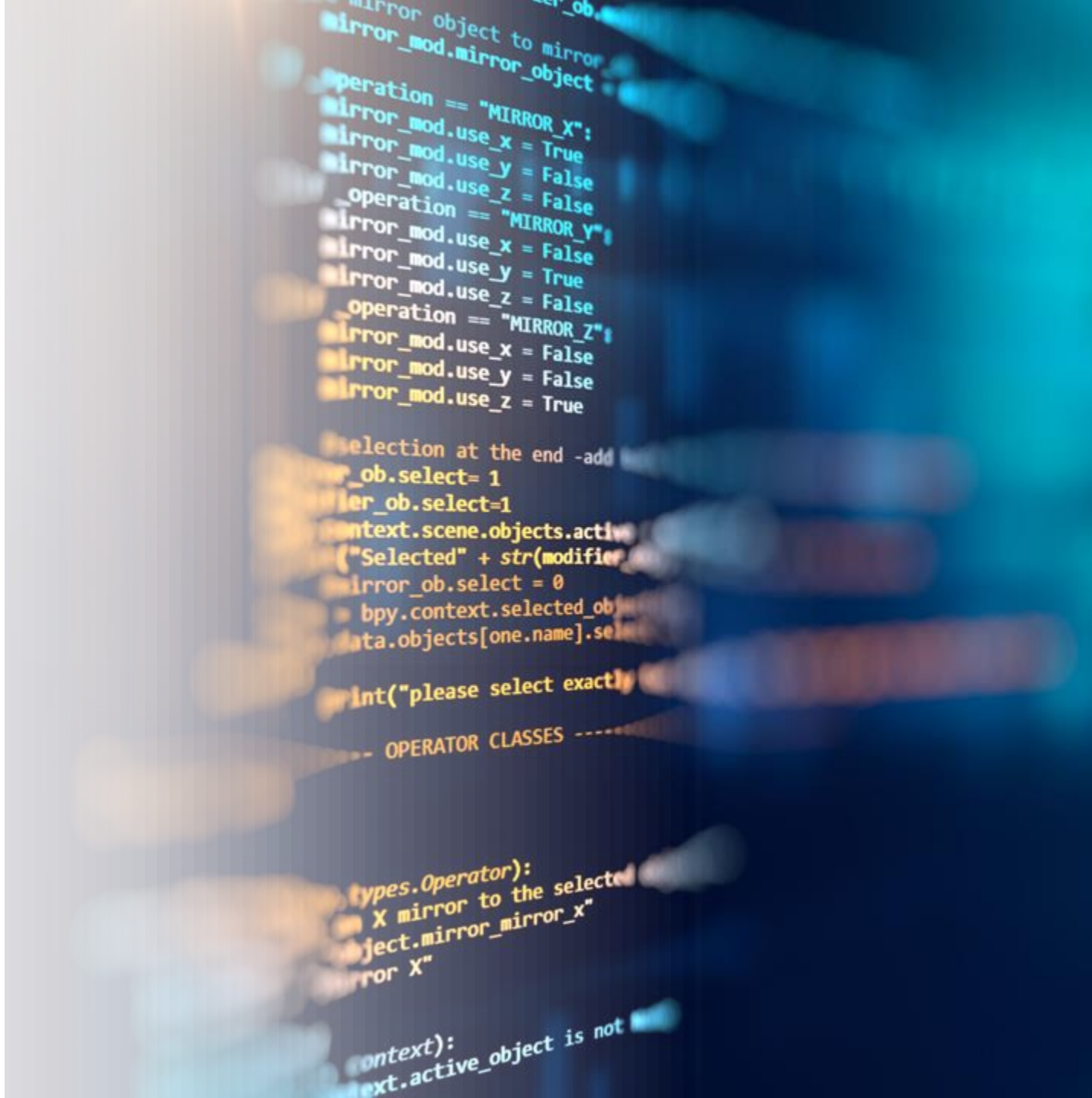
OpenResty XRay Mobile App

Watch your applications from anywhere, any time

- Android (Google Play)
- iOS (Apple Store)

OpenResty XRay is Not just for OpenResty Applications

- Nginx, LuaJIT, OpenResty
- Preliminary Support:
  Python, PHP, Perl, Redis, PostgreSQL
- Coming soon:
  Go, Ruby, NodeJS, Java

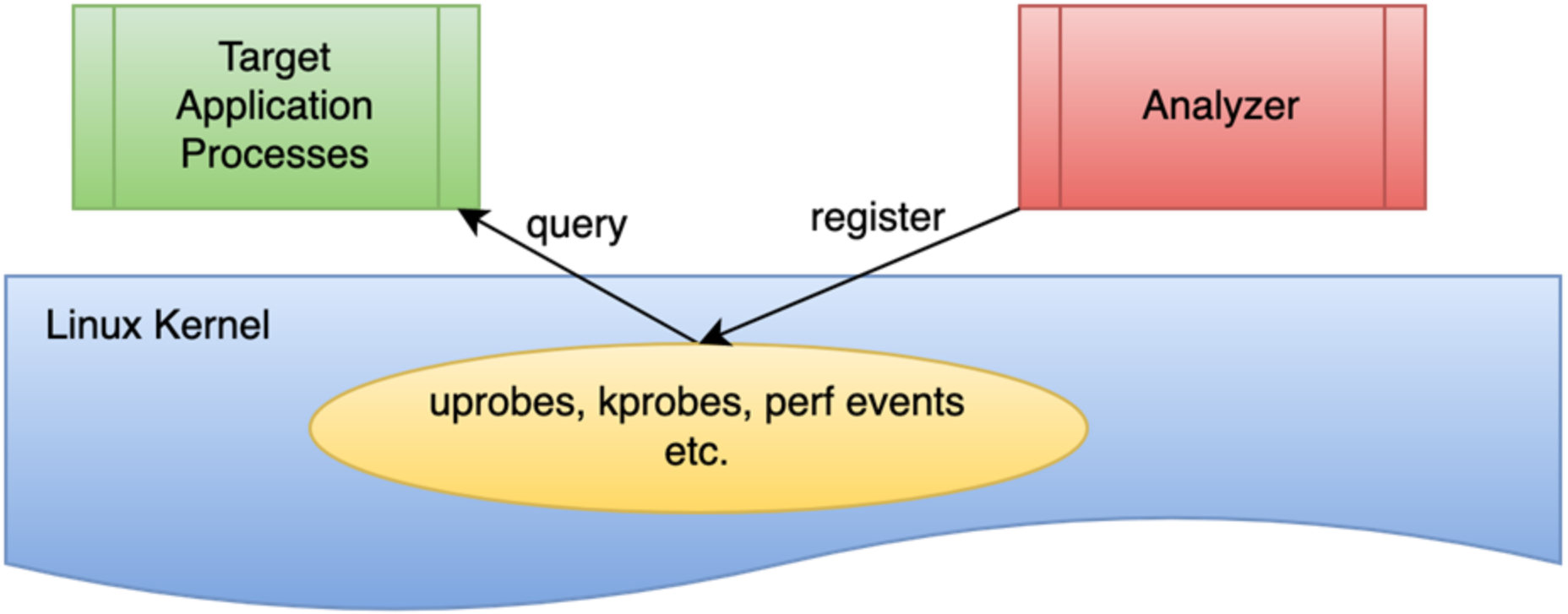


Supports Most Mainstream Linux Distributions and Container Deployment

Ubuntu

Debian

OpenResty XRay is based On the Advanced Dynamic Tracing Technology



Advantages of Dynamic Tracing

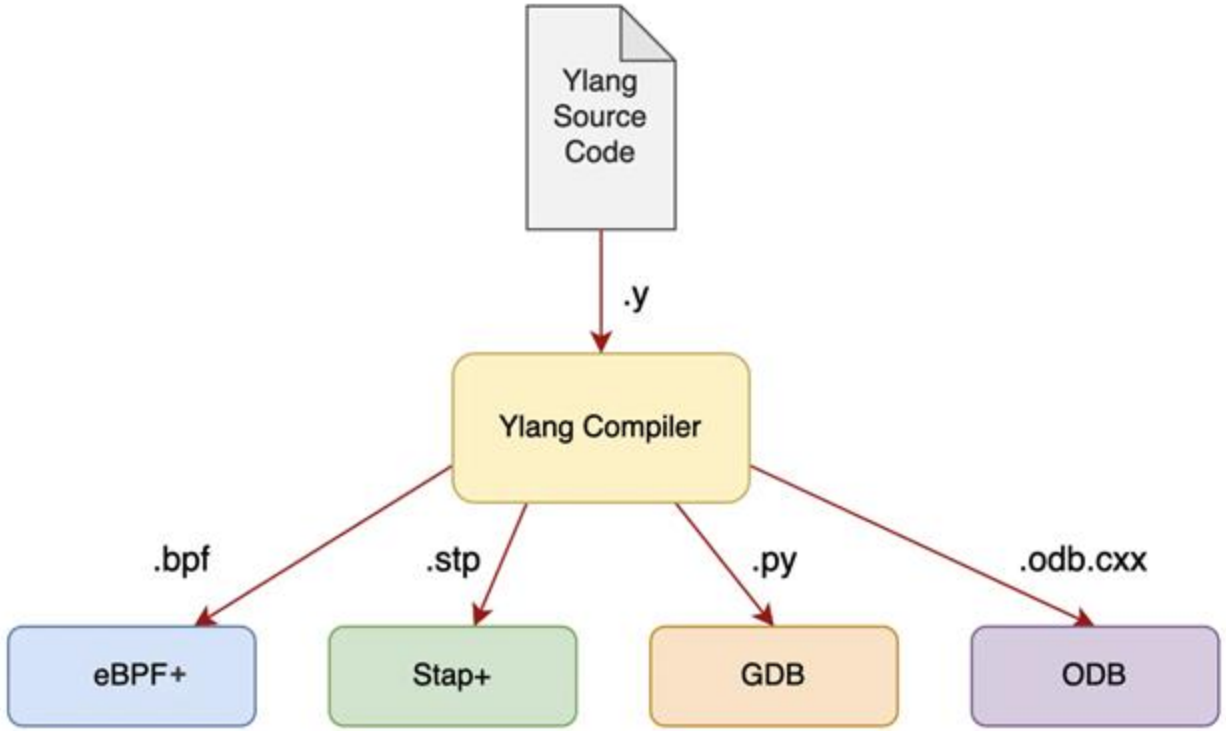
- Non-invasive, no need to modify applications
- Hot-plugging, usually does not need application cooperation (many open-source dynamic tracing tools still need application cooperation)
- Overhead is normally low and aggregation can be done at the data source
- Online real-time debug capability in a postmortem manner
- Full technology stack analysis from all angles
- On-demand sampling
- Strictly 0 loss when not sampling

OpenResty XRay New generation of Dynamic Tracing Technology

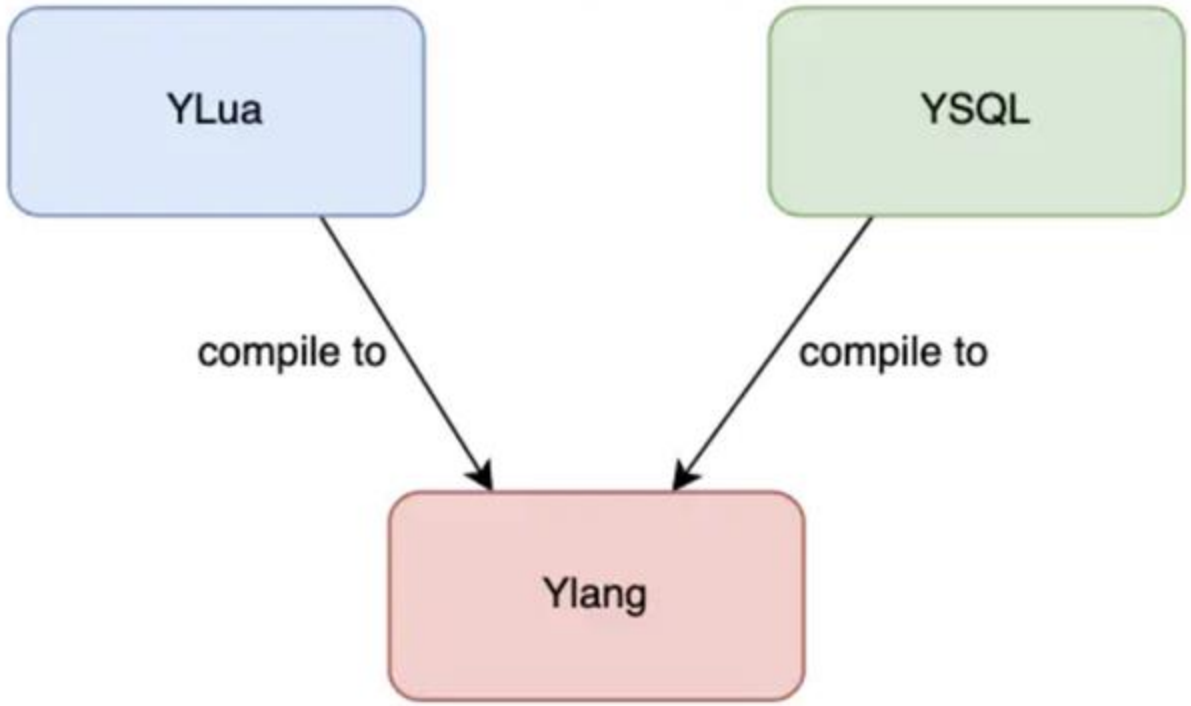
- Y-language (Ylang) compiler (supports most of the syntax of GNU C and standard C)
- Ylua Language
- YSQL Language
- Stap+ has significantly improved SystemTap
- eBPF+ significantly improves eBPF (while LLVM+ also significantly improves open-source LLVM)
- ODB is an ultra-lightweight version of GDB
- The Ylang compiler can also generate highly optimized Python extension codes of GDB
- Stringent performance loss control aimed at online production environments

“Write once, run everywhere”

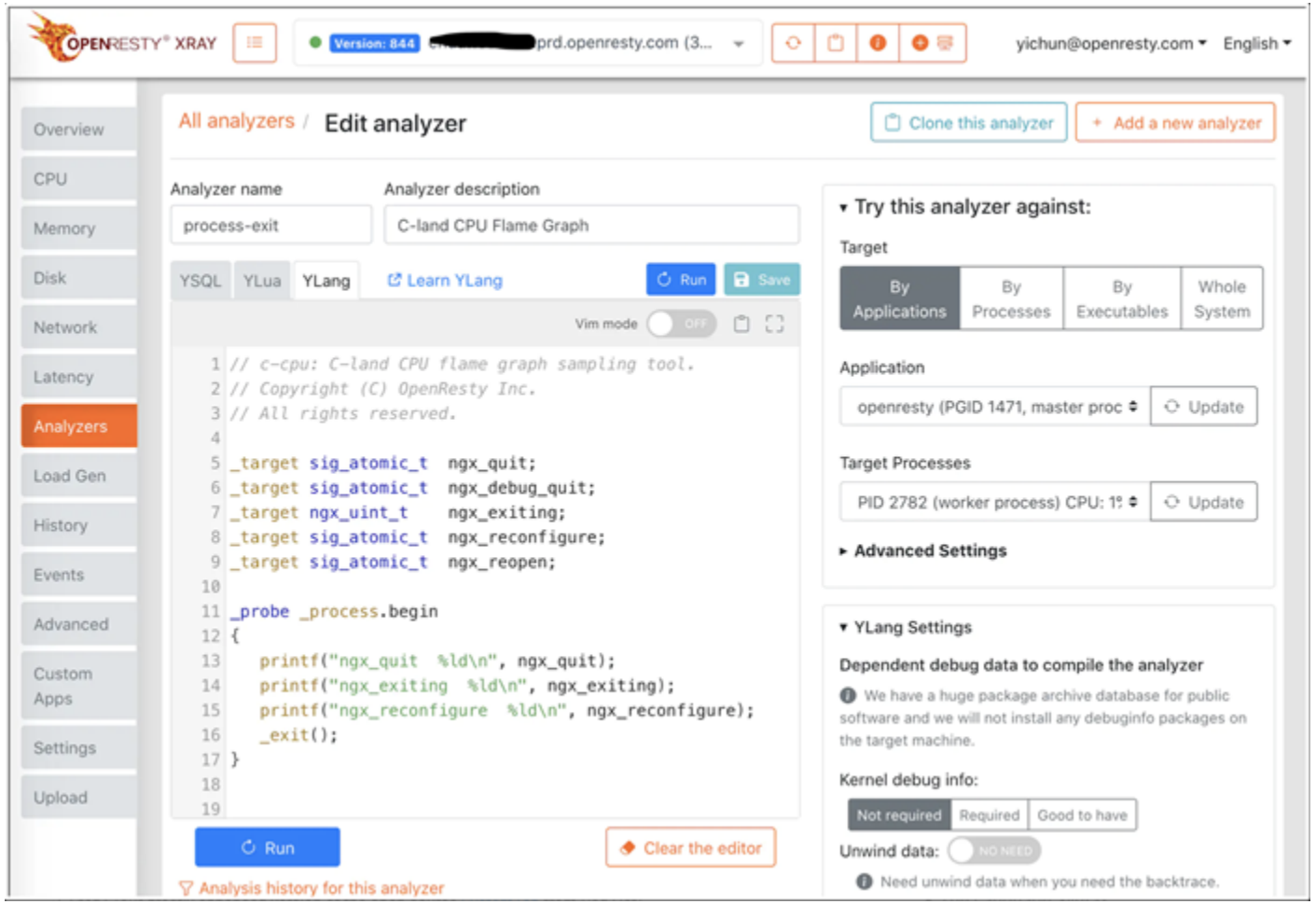
From Y-language code to various runtime codes



More Abstract Languages Based on Y Language



Write and Debug Analysis Tools Written in Languages like Ylang/YLua/YSQL on the OpenResty Xray Console's Web UI



OpenResty XRay Hundreds of Standard Analyzers

- OpenResty XRay Standard Analyzers
  - c-alloc-fgraph
  - c-count-alloc-free
  - c-memory
  - c-memory-leak-fgraph
  - c-off-cpu
  - c-on-cpu
  - collect-luajit-ffnames
  - cpu-hogs
  - epoll-loop-blocking-distr
  - epoll-sched-latency-distr
  - epoll-wait-ret-distr
  - epoll-wait-timers
  - epoll-wait-timers-fgraph
  - file-system-fgraph
  - func-latency-distr
  - glibc-chunks
  - jemalloc-bins
  - kernel-on-cpu
  - lj-add-timer-lua-fgraph
  - lj-alloc-stats
  - lj-c-memory-leak-fgraph
  - lj-c-off-cpu
  - lj-c-on-cpu
  - lj-config
  - lj-dump-loaded-mods
  - lj-err-mem
  - lj-excep-lua-fgraph
  - lj-free-stats
  - lj-gc-step-calls
  - lj-lua-exception
  - lj-gco-ref
  - lj-gco-stat
  - lj-lua-err-msg
  - lj-lua-new-timer-errors
  - lj-lua-newcdata
  - lj-lua-newfunc
  - lj-lua-newgco
  - ngx-add-timer-event-fgraph
  - lj-trace-stats
  - ngx-add-timer-event-timer-distr
  - lj-vm-states
  - mmap-leaks
  - musl-libc-chunks
  - ngx-access-log-buffer-size
  - ngx-config
  - ngx-config-servers
  - ngx-cpu-hottest-hosts
  - ngx-cpu-hottest-uris
  - ngx-downstream-keepalive-stats
  - ngx-dump-req
  - ngx-dump-timers
  - ngx-epoll-wait-timers
  - ngx-err-log-lvl-distr

Debug symbols

- OpenResty XRay has a central package database indexing hundred TB of debug symbols for public packages. This database is still growing rapidly.
- The target machine does not need to install or store debug symbols, as long as they have been indexed by the OpenResty XRay Central Package Database.
- For applications where debug symbols cannot be found or were not generated at compile time, OpenResty XRay will be able to automatically rebuild debug symbols (a prototype of a working machine learning algorithm already exists).

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