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Understanding How Graal Works

a Java JIT Compiler Written in Java

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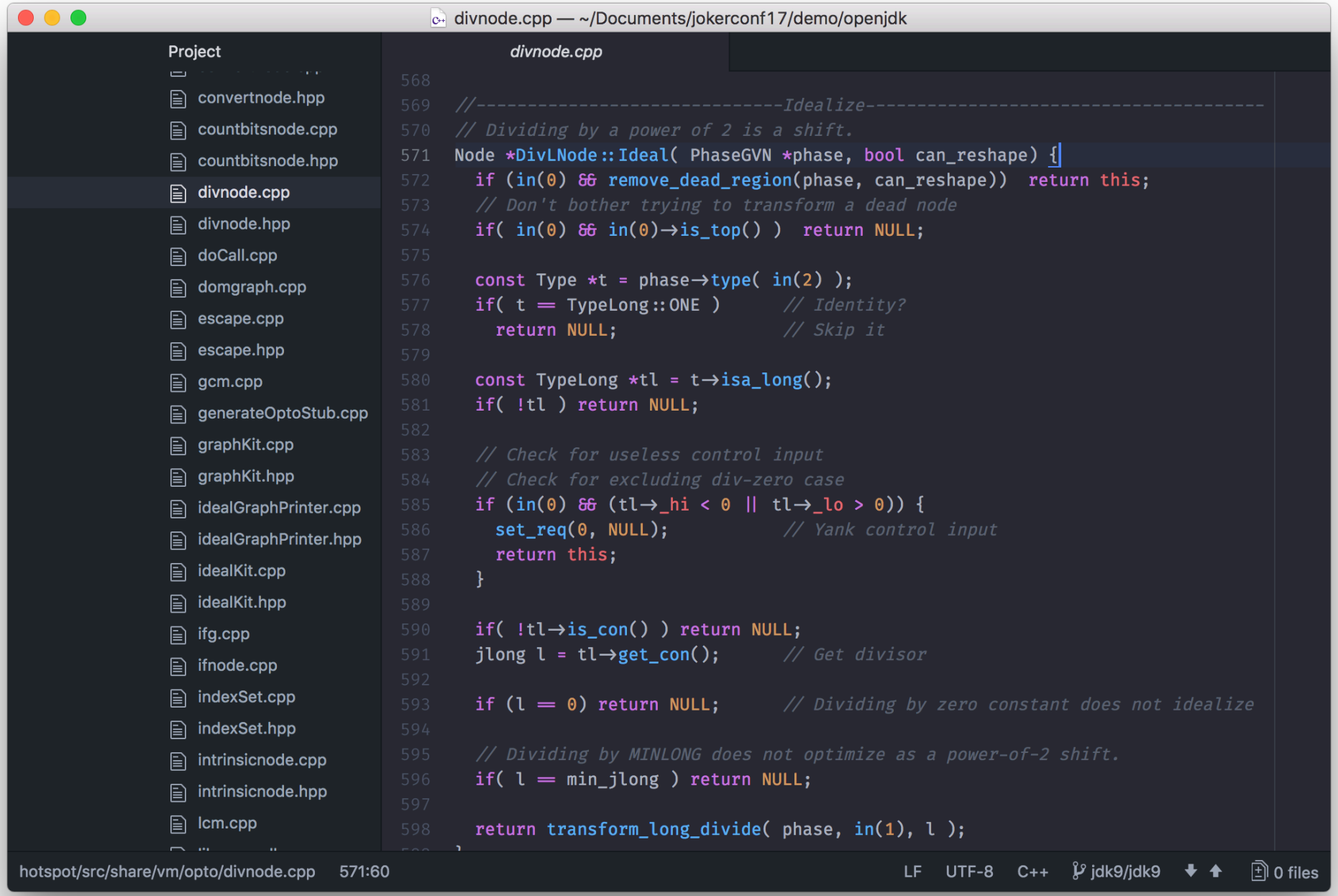
What is a JIT compiler?

Why write a JIT compiler in Java?

```
$ git clone https://github.com/dmlloyd/openjdk.git
```

```
openjdk/hotspot/src/share/vm/opto
```



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Things I won't do again...

- Write a VM in C/C++
  - Java plenty fast now
  - Mixing OOPS in a non-GC language a total pain
  - Forgetting 'this' is an OOP
    - Across a GC-allowable call
  - Roll-your-own malloc pointless now

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Setting up Graal

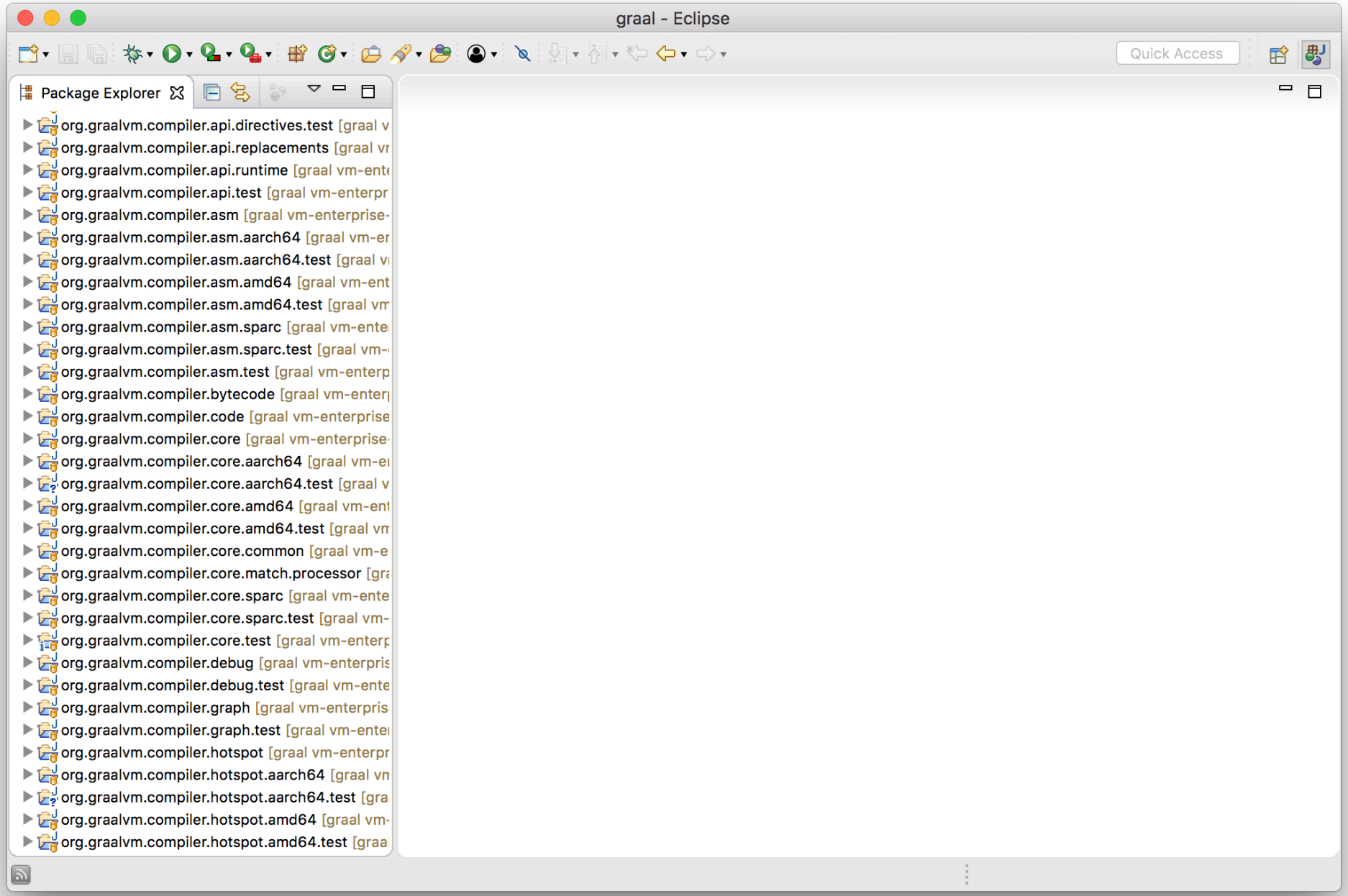
```
$ export JAVA_HOME=`pwd`/jdk9
$ export PATH=$JAVA_HOME/bin:$PATH
$ java -version
java version "9"
Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 9+181)
Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM (build 9+181, mixed mode)
```

```
$ git clone https://github.com/graalvm/mx.git
$ cd mx; git checkout 7353064
$ export PATH=`pwd`/mx:$PATH
```

```
$ git clone https://github.com/graalvm/graal.git --branch vm-enterprise-0.28.2
```

```
$ cd graal/compiler
$ mx build
```

```
$ mx eclipseinit
```



```
class Demo {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    while (true) {
      workload(14, 2);
    }
  }

  private static int workload(int a, int b) {
    return a + b;
  }
}
```

```
$ javac Demo.java
$ java \
  -XX:+PrintCompilation \
  -XX:CompileOnly=Demo::workload \
  Demo
...
    113    1       3       Demo::workload (4 bytes)
...
```

```
$ java \
  --module-path=graal/sdk/mxbuild/modules/org.graalvm.graal_sdk.jar:graal/truffle/mxbuild/..... \
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  -XX:+UseJVMCICompiler \
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  Demo
...
    583   25             Demo::workload (4 bytes)
...
```

The JVM compiler interface

```
interface JVMCICompiler {
    byte[] compileMethod(byte[] bytecode);
}
```

```
interface JVMCICompiler {
  void compileMethod(CompilationRequest request);
}

interface CompilationRequest {
    JavaMethod getMethod();
}

interface JavaMethod {
    byte[] getCode();
    int getMaxLocals();
    int getMaxStackSize();
    ProfilingInfo getProfilingInfo();
    ...
}
```

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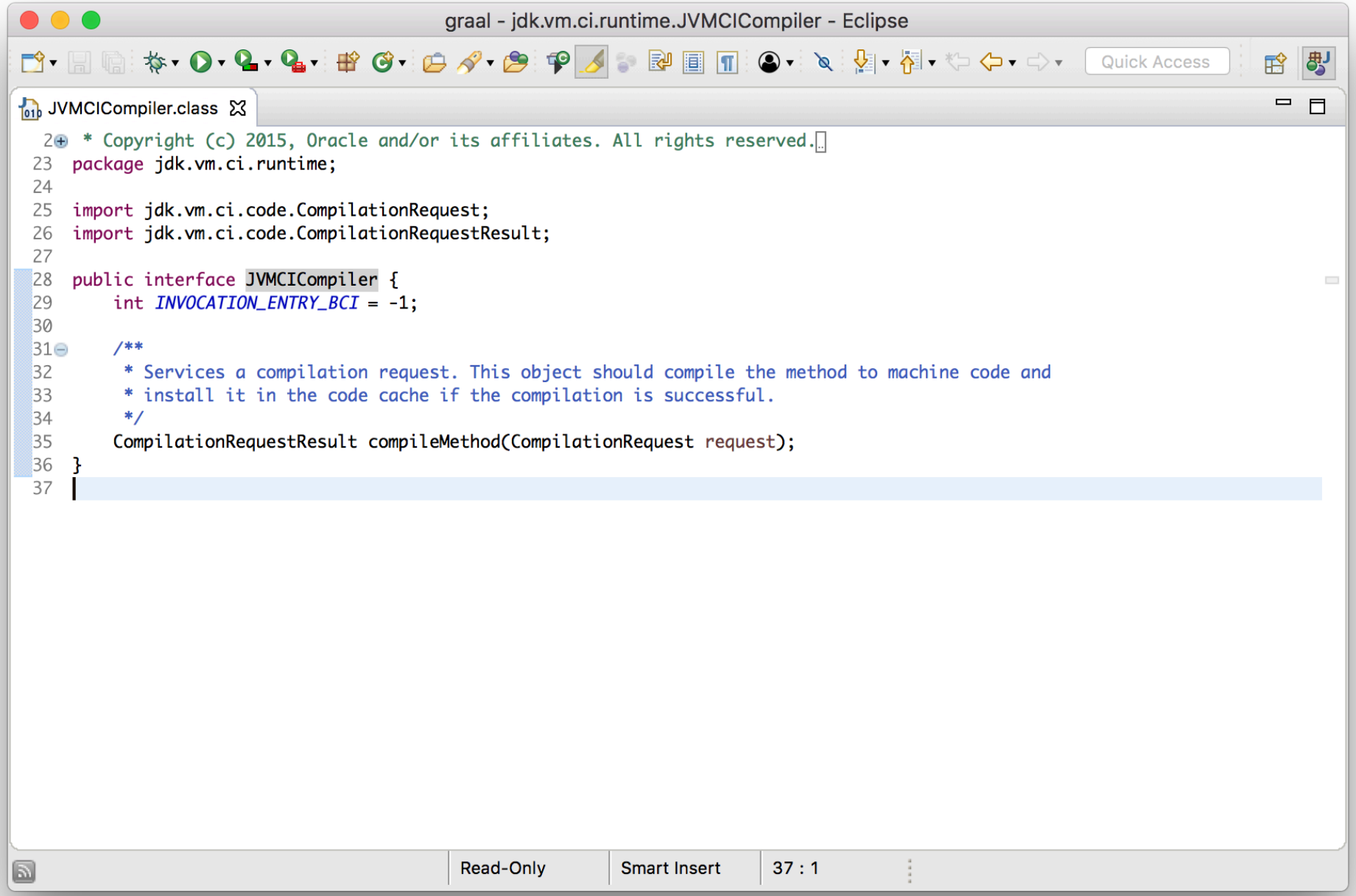
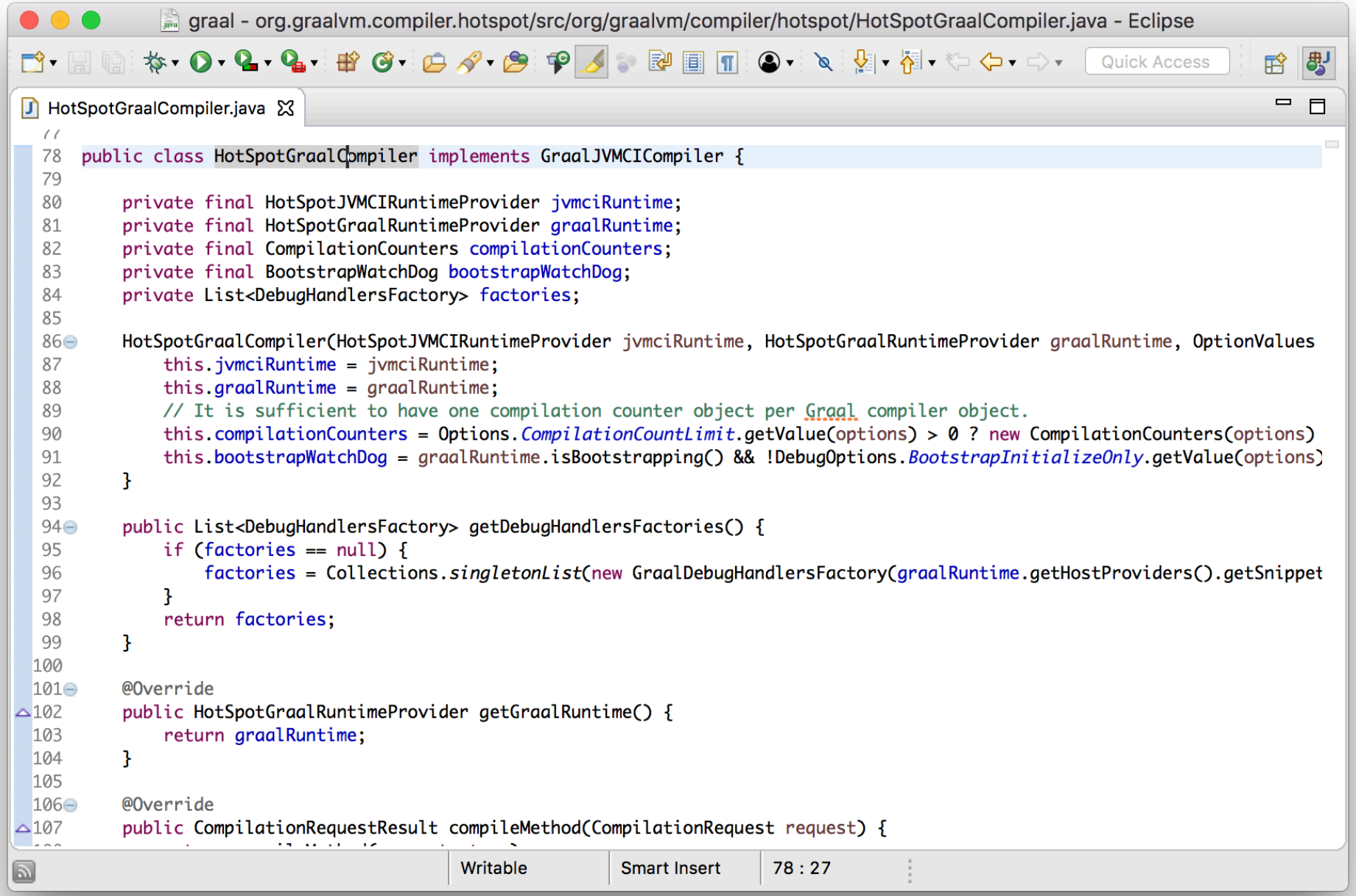
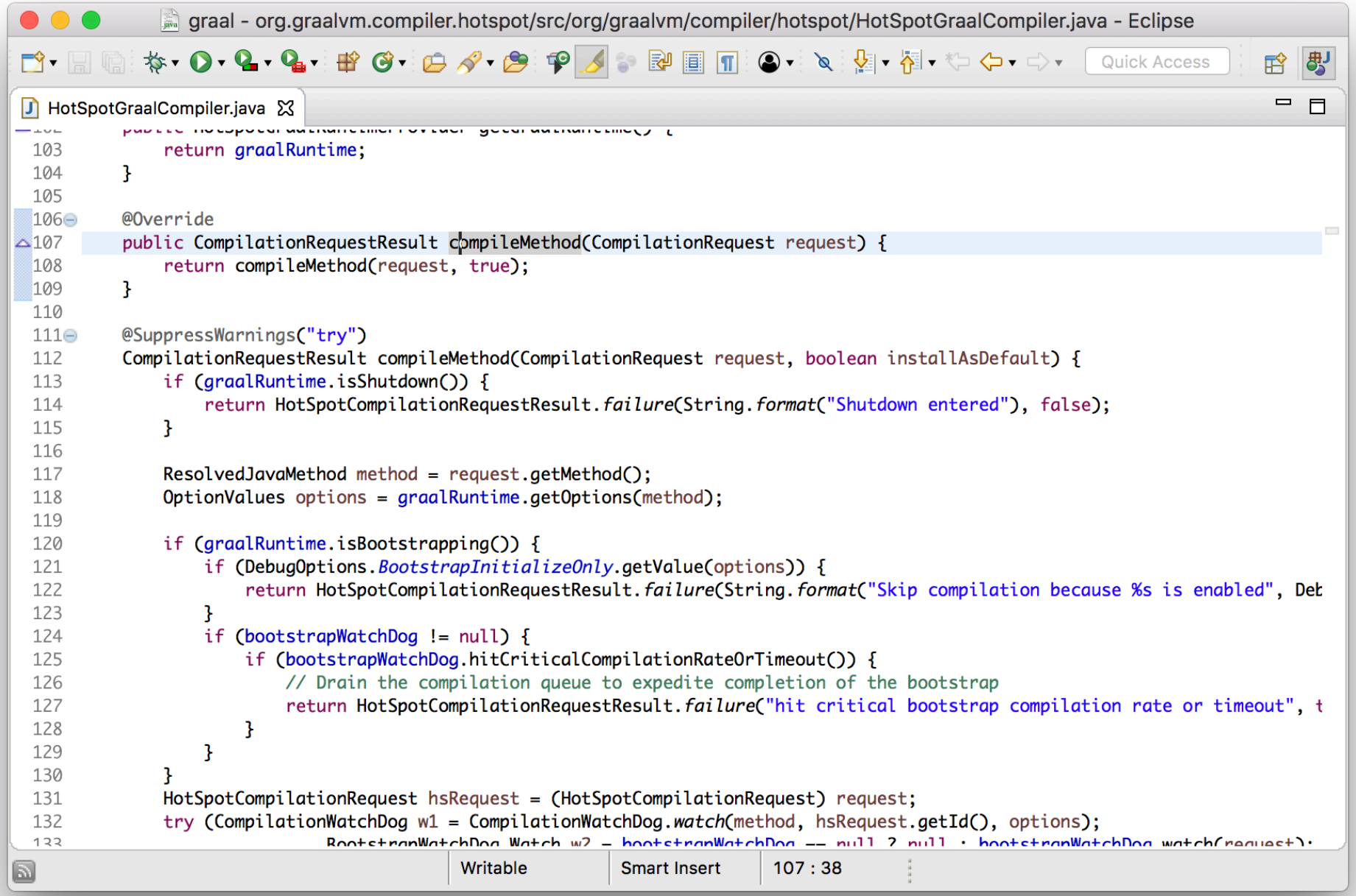
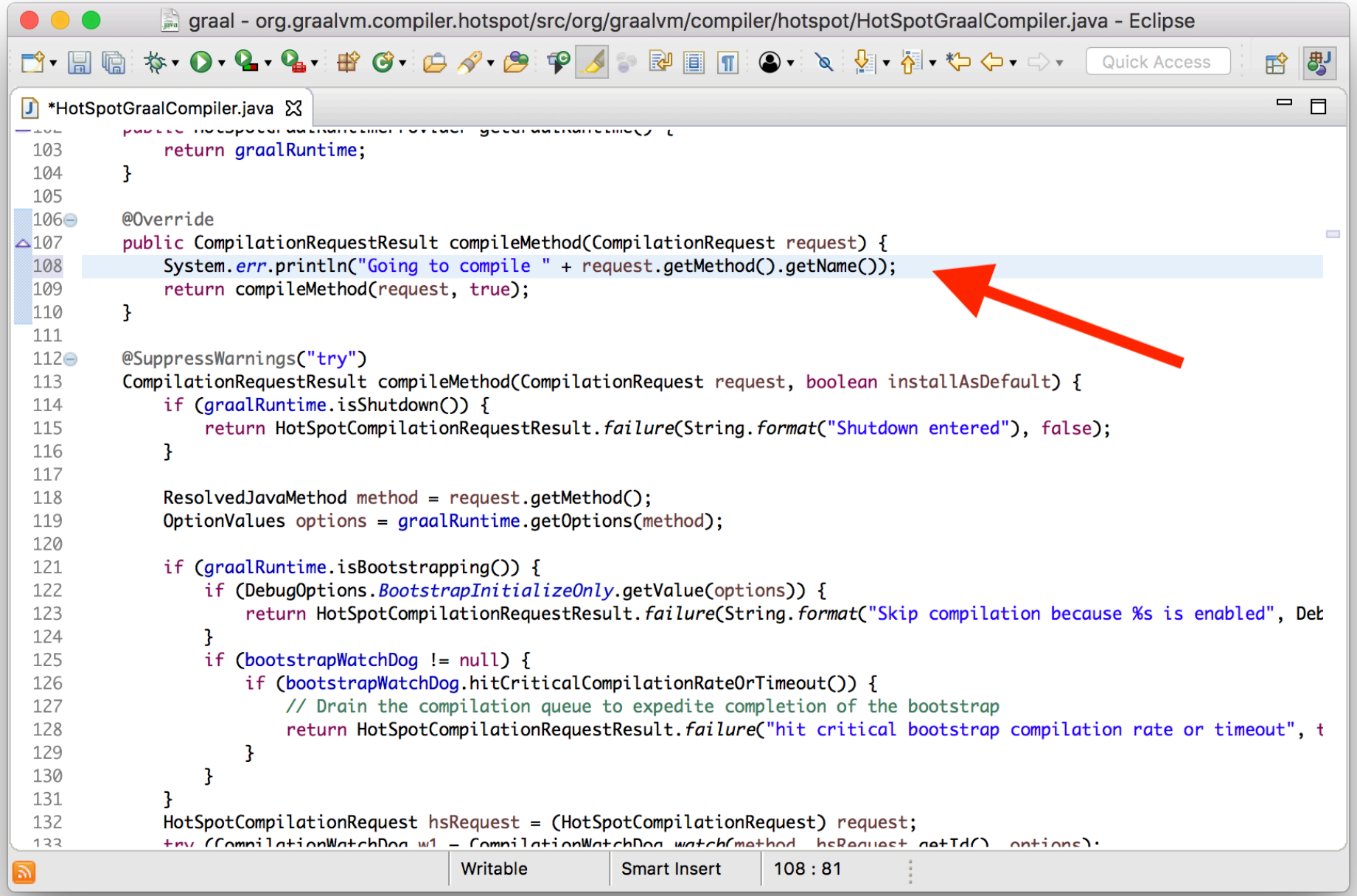
```
HotSpot.installCode(targetCode);
```







```
class HotSpotGraalCompiler implements JVMCICompiler {
  CompilationRequestResult compileMethod(CompilationRequest request) {
    System.err.println("Going to compile " + request.getMethod().getName());
    ...
  }
}
```



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  -XX:+UseJVMCICompiler \
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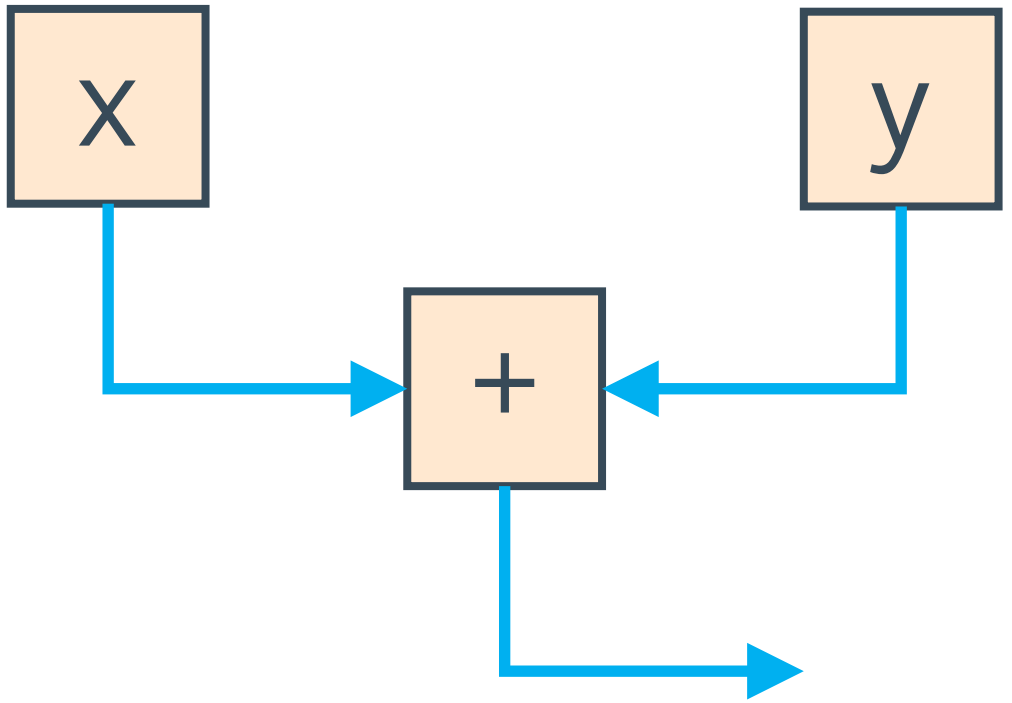
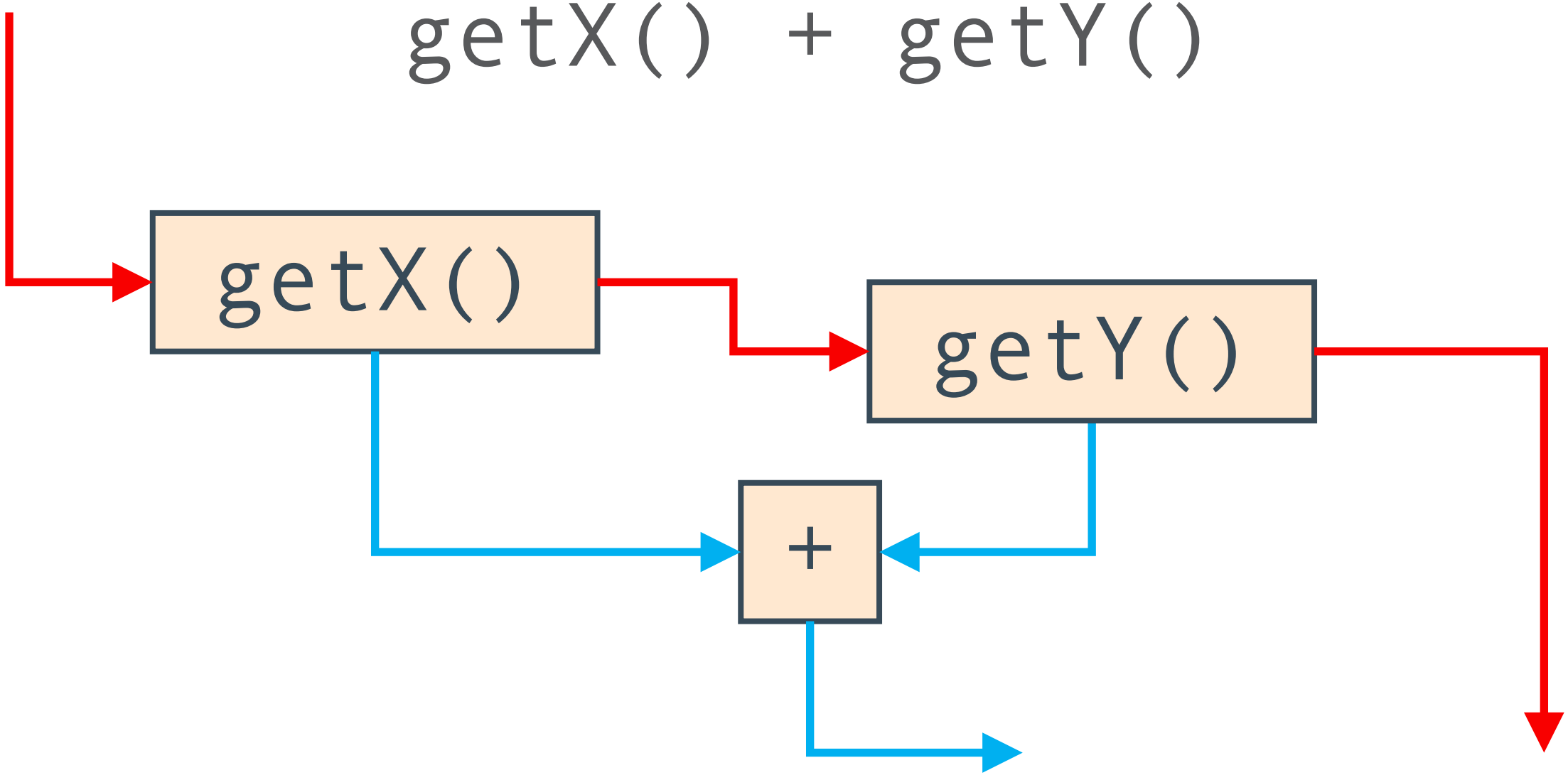
  Demo
Going to compile workload
```

The Graal graph

x + y





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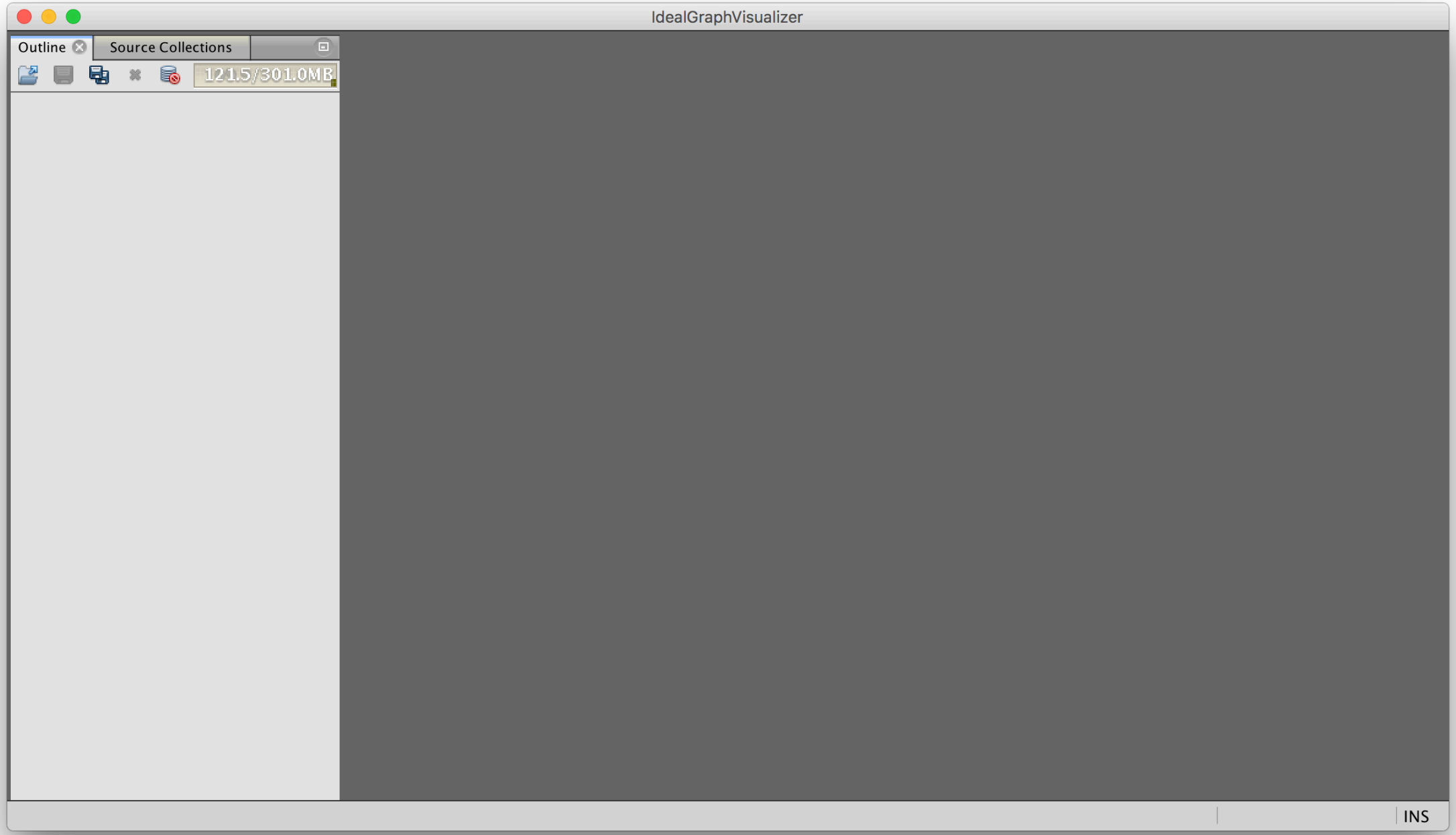
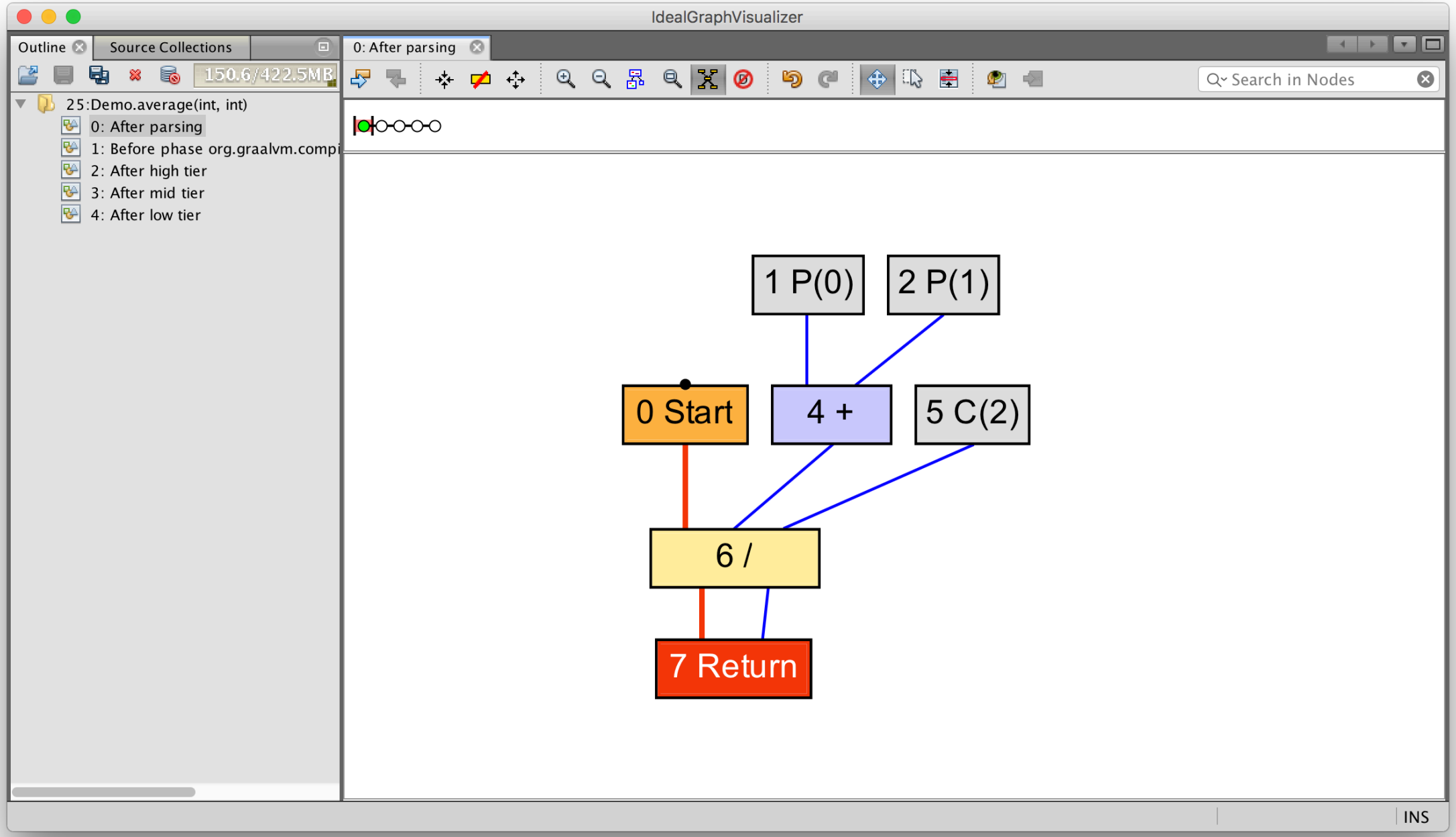
```

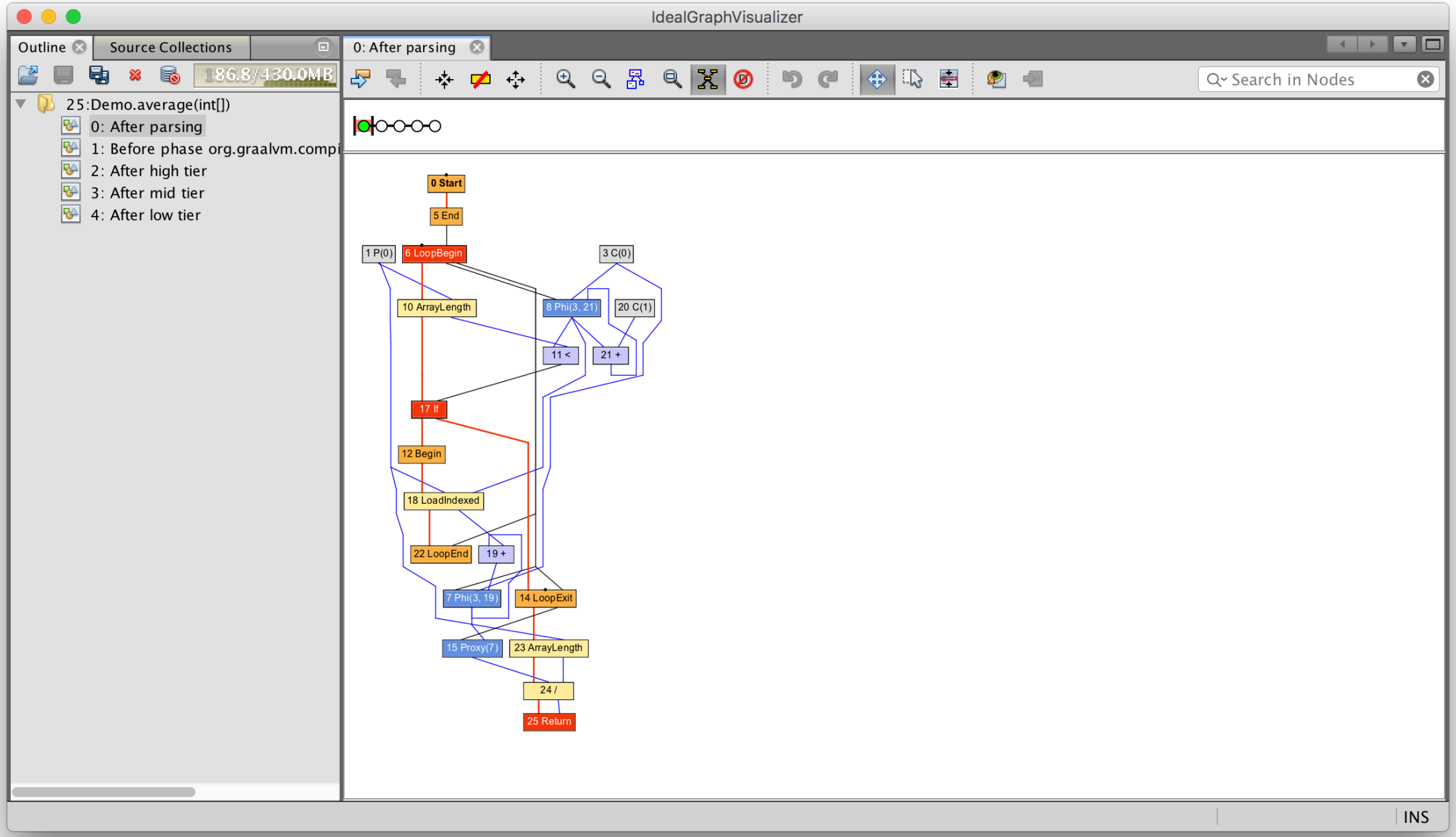


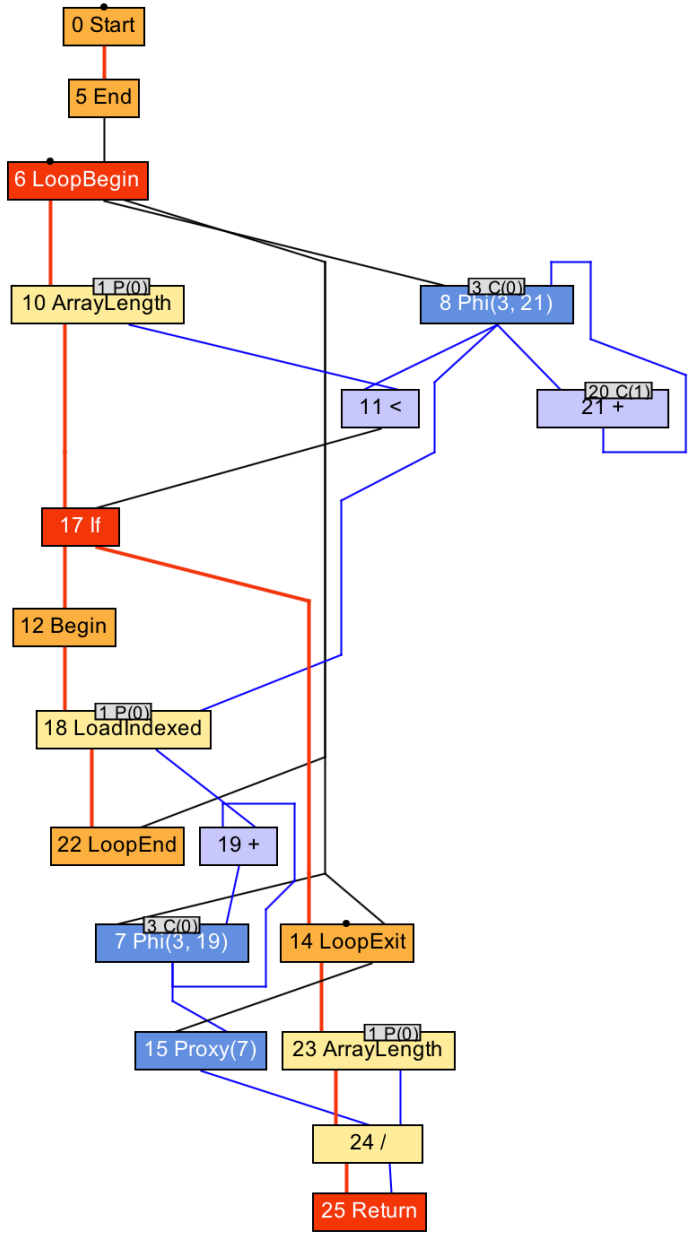
```
-Dgraal.Dump
```

```
int average(int a, int b) {
   return (a + b) / 2;
}
```



```
int average(int[] values) {
  int sum = 0;
  for (int n = 0; n < values.length; n++) {
    sum += values[n];
  }
  return sum / values.length;
}
```





From bytecode to machine code

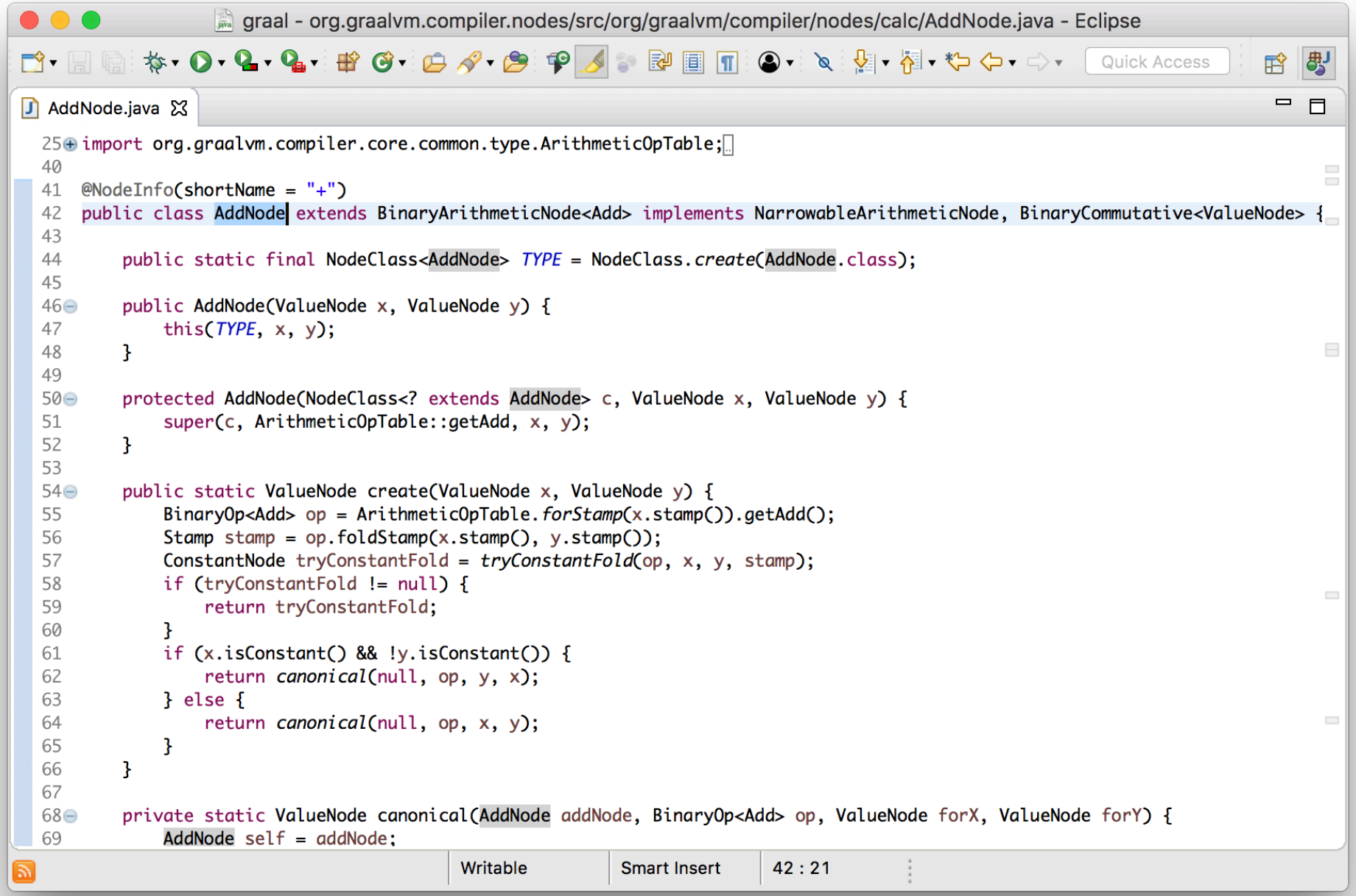
Bytecode in…

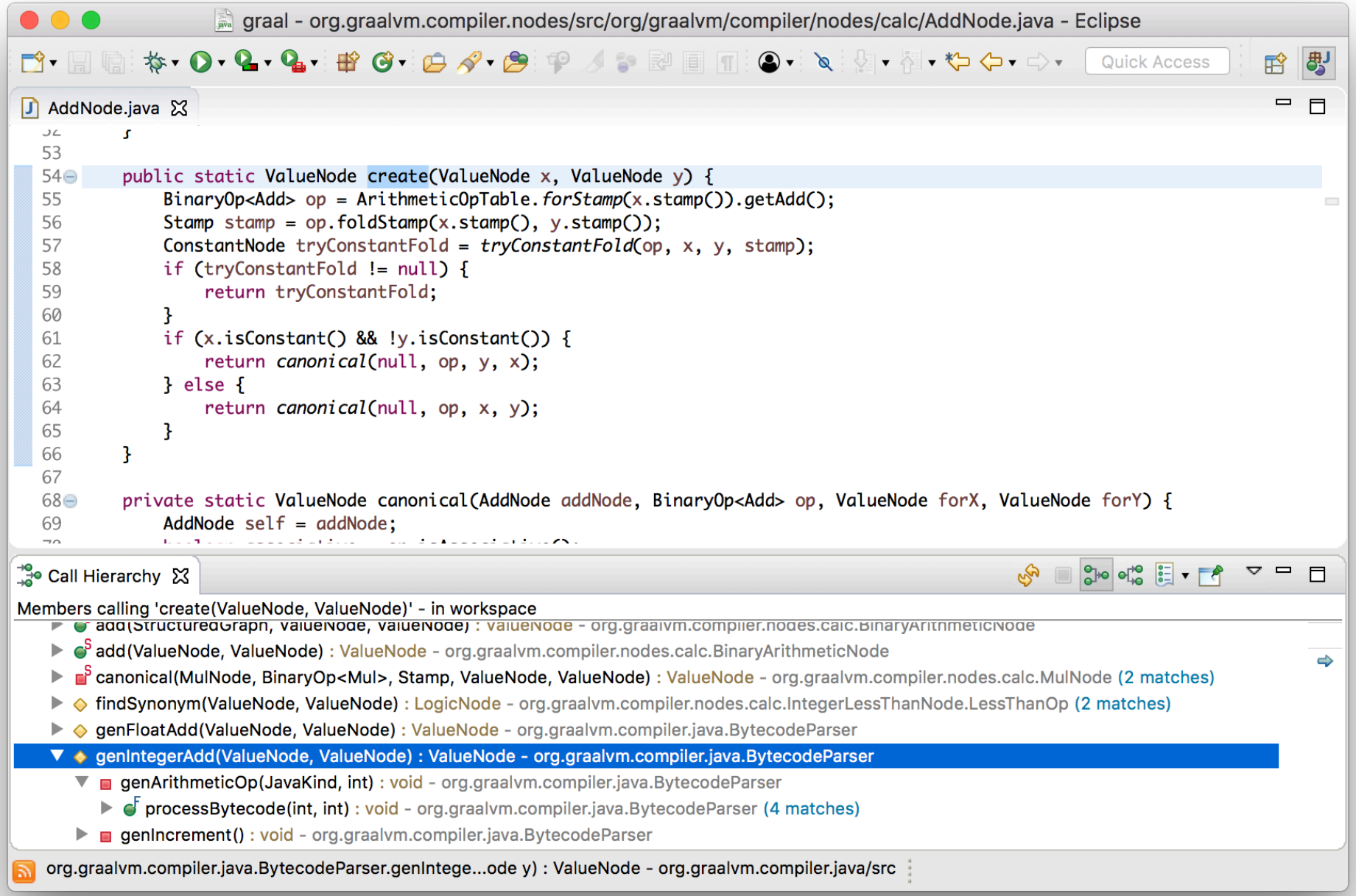
```
int workload(int a, int b) {
   return a + b;
}
```

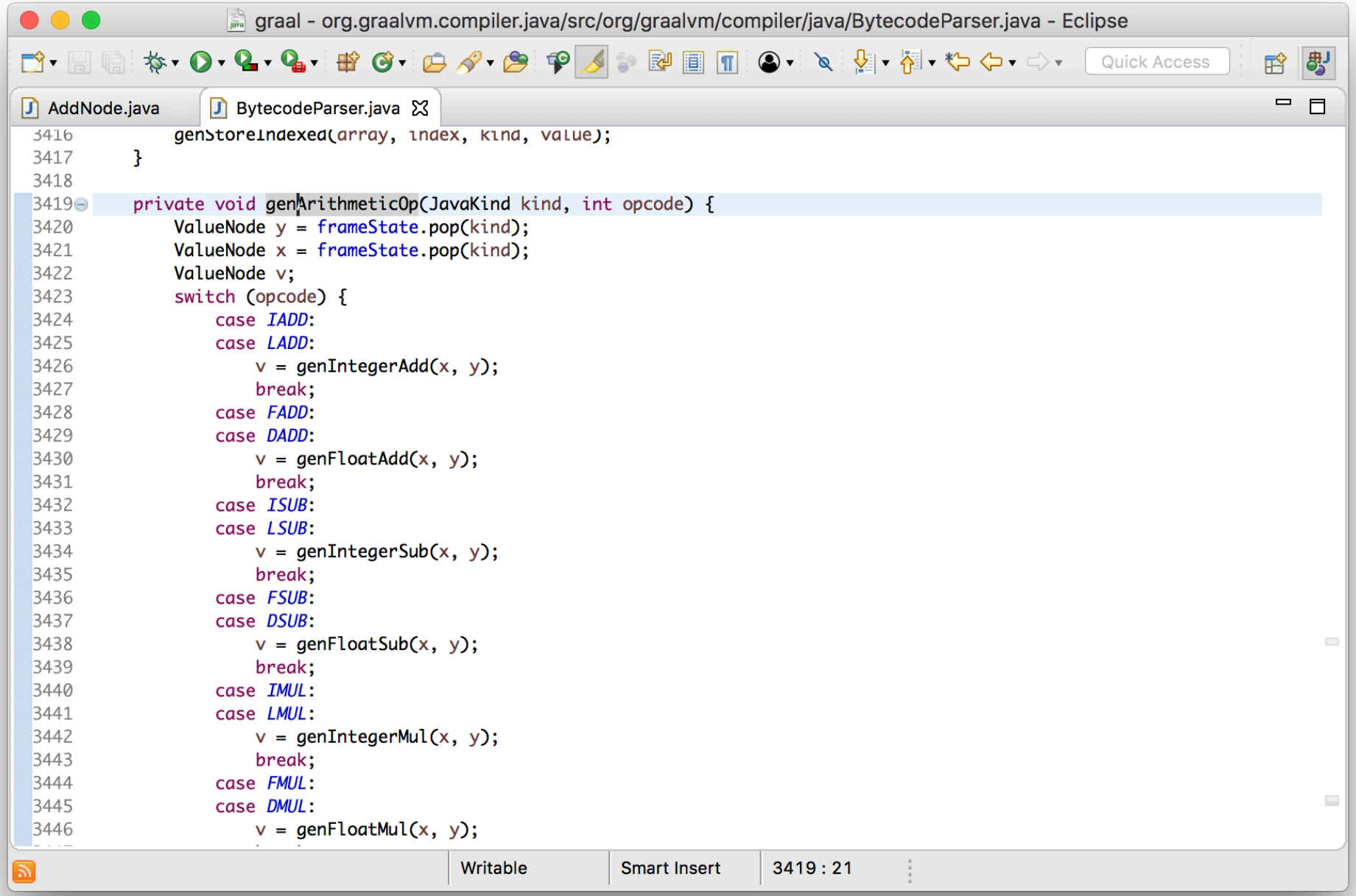
```
class HotSpotGraalCompiler implements JVMCICompiler {
  CompilationRequestResult compileMethod(CompilationRequest request) {
    System.err.println(request.getMethod().getName() + " bytecode: "
      + Arrays.toString(request.getMethod().getCode()));
    ...
  }
}
```

```
workload bytecode: [26, 27, 96, -84]
```

The bytecode parser…







```
private void genArithmeticOp(JavaKind kind, int opcode) {
    ValueNode y = frameState.pop(kind);
    ValueNode x = frameState.pop(kind);
    ValueNode v;
    switch (opcode) {
        ...
        case LADD:
            v = genIntegerAdd(x, y);
            break;
        ...
    }
    frameState.push(kind, append(v));
}
```

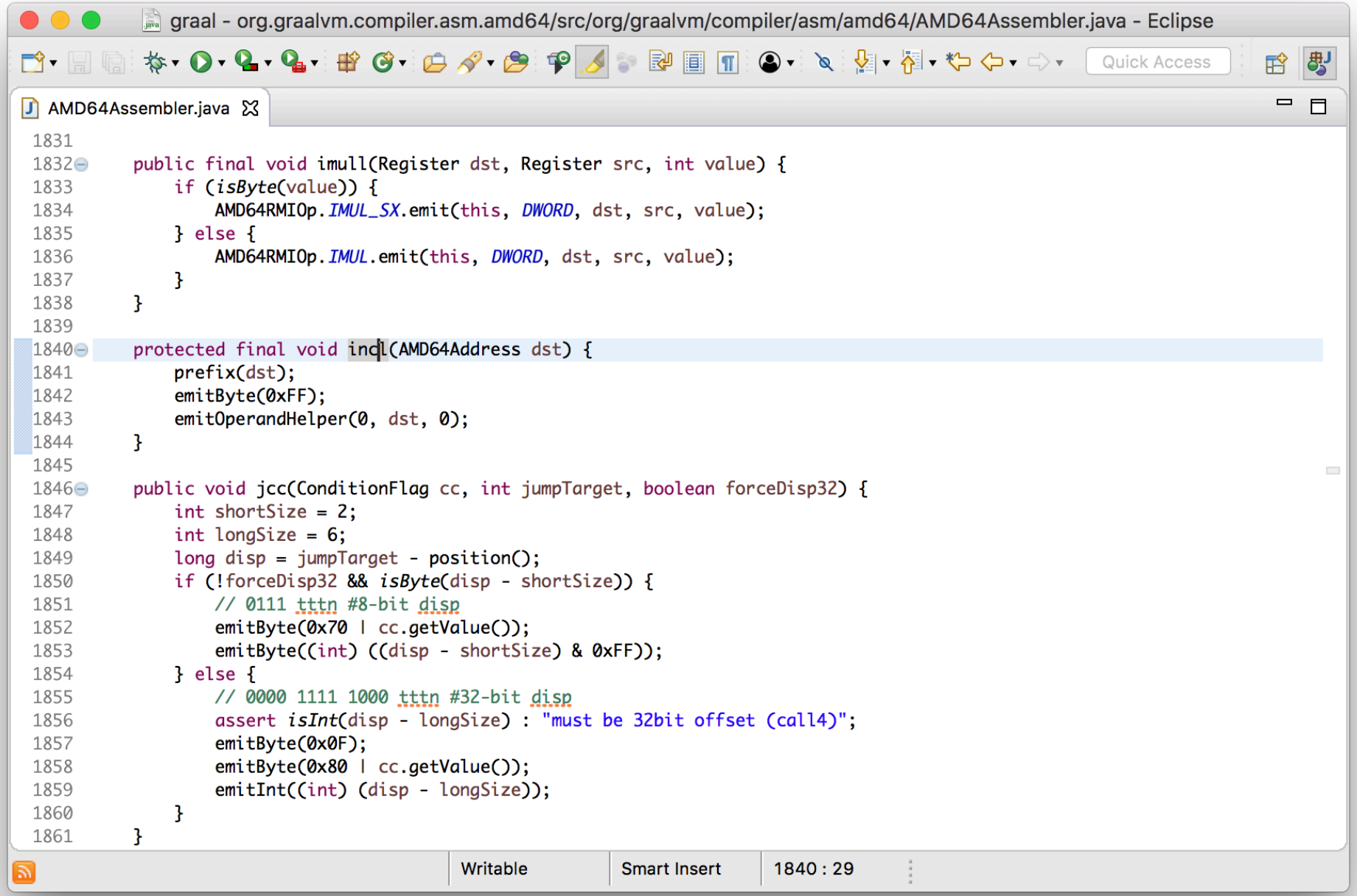
Emitting assembly…

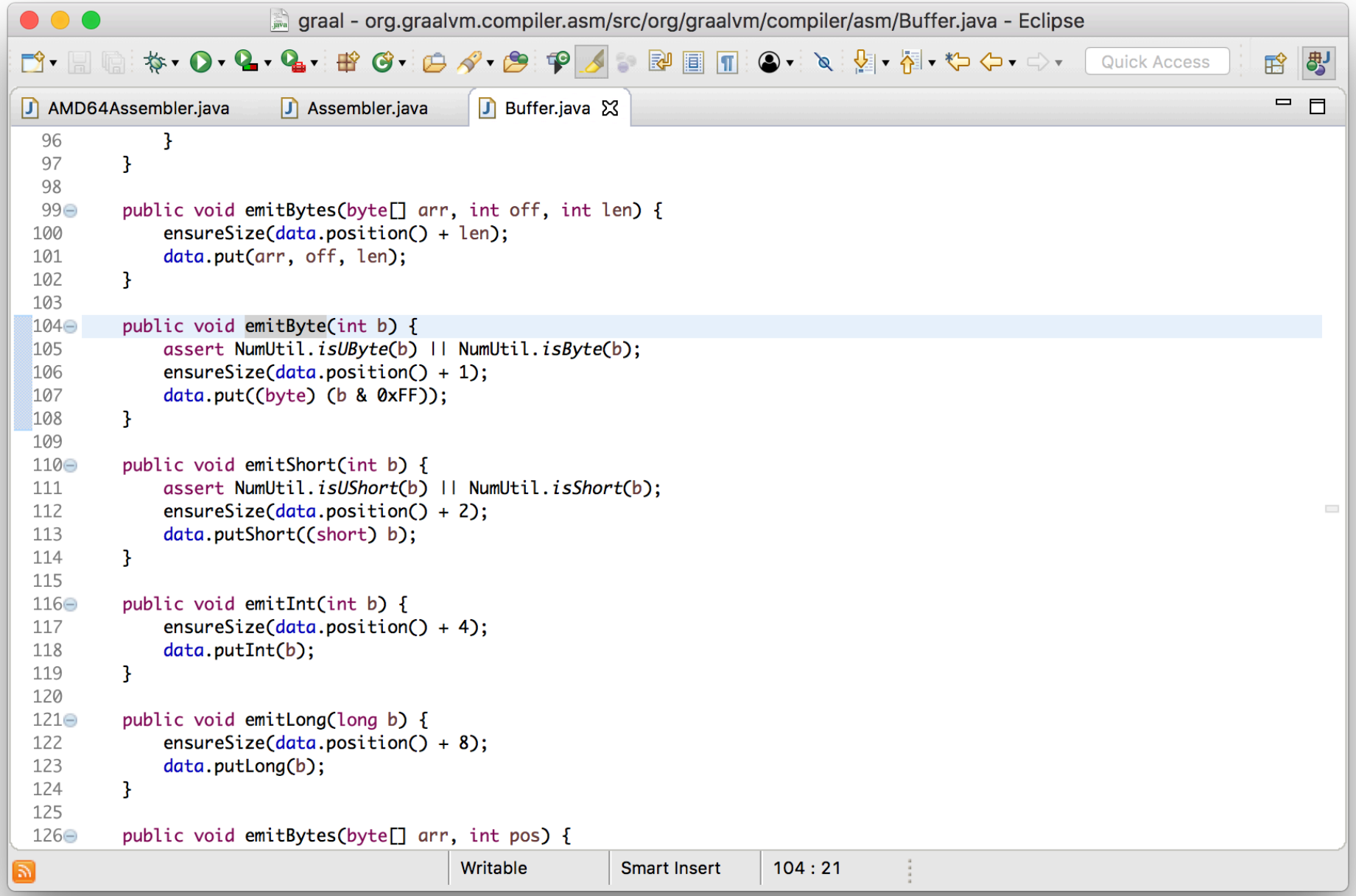
```
void generate(Generator gen) {
    gen.emitAdd(a, b);
}
```

```
int workload(int a) {
   return a + 1;
}
```

```
void incl(Register dst) {
     int encode = prefixAndEncode(dst.encoding);
     emitByte(0xFF);
     emitByte(0xC0 | encode);
}

void emitByte(int b) {
     data.put((byte) (b & 0xFF));
}
```





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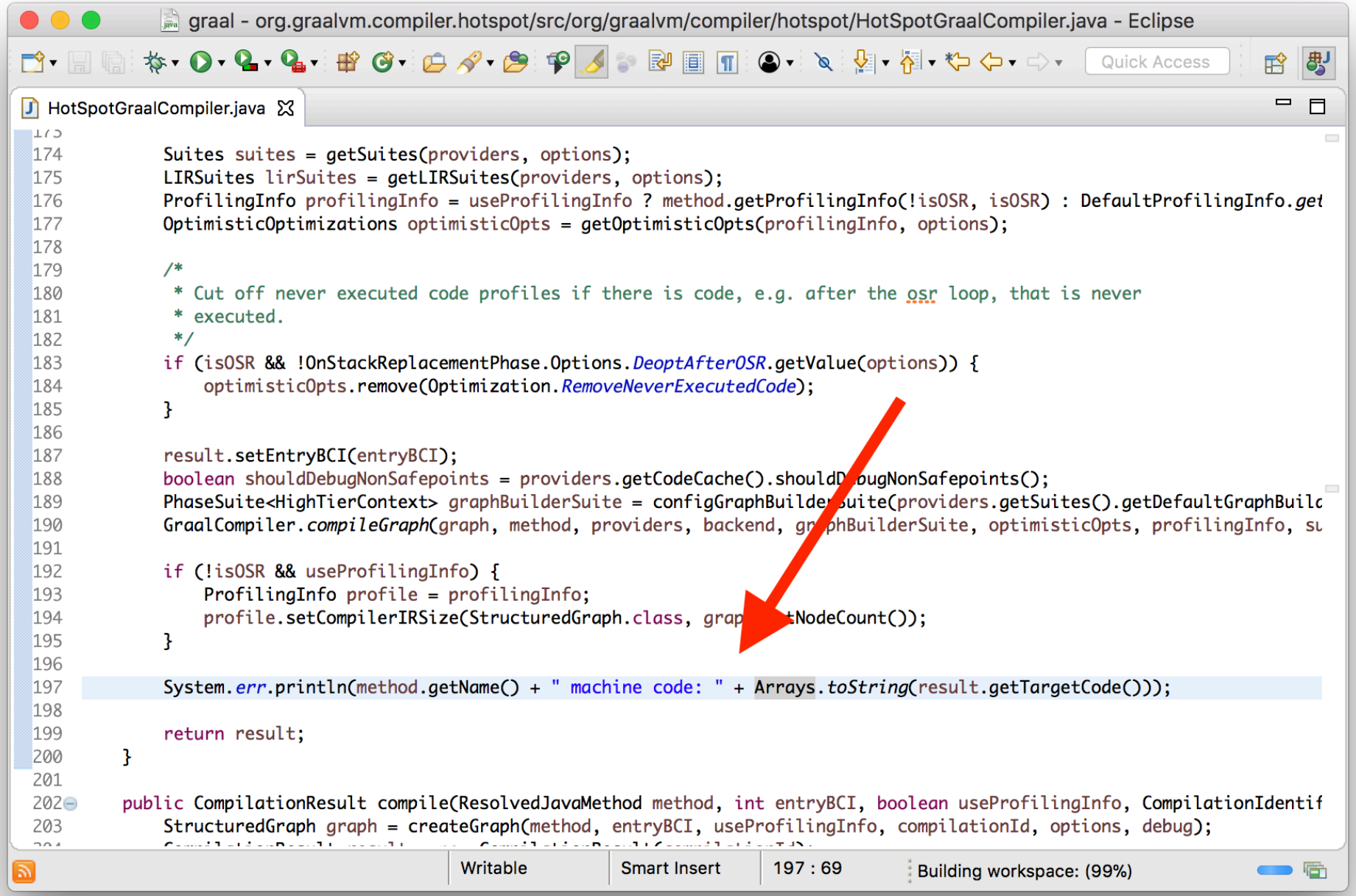
Machine code out…

```
class HotSpotGraalCompiler implements JVMCICompiler {
  CompilationResult compileHelper(...) {
    ...
    System.err.println(method.getName() + " machine code: "
      + Arrays.toString(result.getTargetCode()));
    ...
  }
}
```



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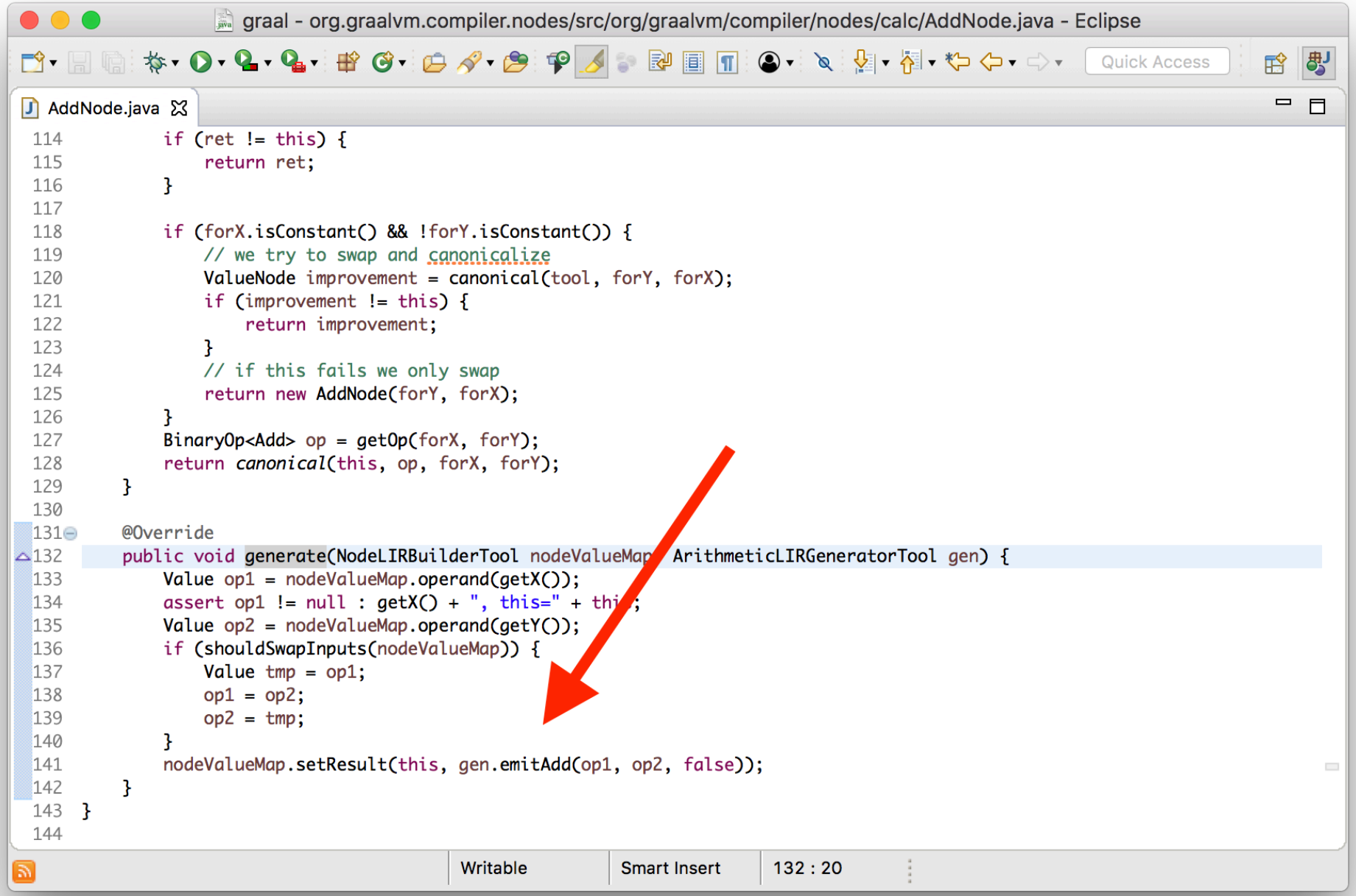
  -XX:-TieredCompilation \
  -XX:+PrintCompilation \
  -XX:+UnlockDiagnosticVMOptions \
  -XX:+PrintAssembly \
  -XX:CompileOnly=Demo::workload \
  Demo
```

```
workload machine code: [15, 31, 68, 0, 0, 3, -14, -117, -58, -123, 5, ...]
...
0x00000010f71cda0: nopl   0x0(%rax,%rax,1)
0x00000010f71cda5: add    %edx,%esi           ;*iadd {reexecute=0 rethrow=0 return_oop=0}
                                              ; - Demo::workload@2 (line 10)

0x00000010f71cda7: mov    %esi,%eax           ;*ireturn {reexecute=0 rethrow=0 return_oop=0}
                                              ; - Demo::workload@3 (line 10)

0x00000010f71cda9: test   %eax,-0xcba8da9(%rip)        # 0x0000000102b74006
                                              ;   {poll_return}
0x00000010f71cdaf: vzeroupper
0x00000010f71cdb2: retq
```



```
workload mechine code: [15, 31, 68, 0, 0, 43, -14, -117, -58, -123, 5, ...]
0x0000000107f451a0: nopl   0x0(%rax,%rax,1)
0x0000000107f451a5: sub    %edx,%esi           ;*iadd {reexecute=0 rethrow=0 return_oop=0}
                                               ; - Demo::workload@2 (line 10)

0x0000000107f451a7: mov    %esi,%eax           ;*ireturn {reexecute=0 rethrow=0 return_oop=0}
                                               ; - Demo::workload@3 (line 10)

0x0000000107f451a9: test   %eax,-0x1db81a9(%rip)        # 0x000000010618d006
                                               ;   {poll_return}
0x0000000107f451af: vzeroupper
0x0000000107f451b2: retq
```

```
[26, 27, 96, -84] → [15, 31, 68, 0, 0, 43, -14, -117, -58, -123, 5, ...]
```

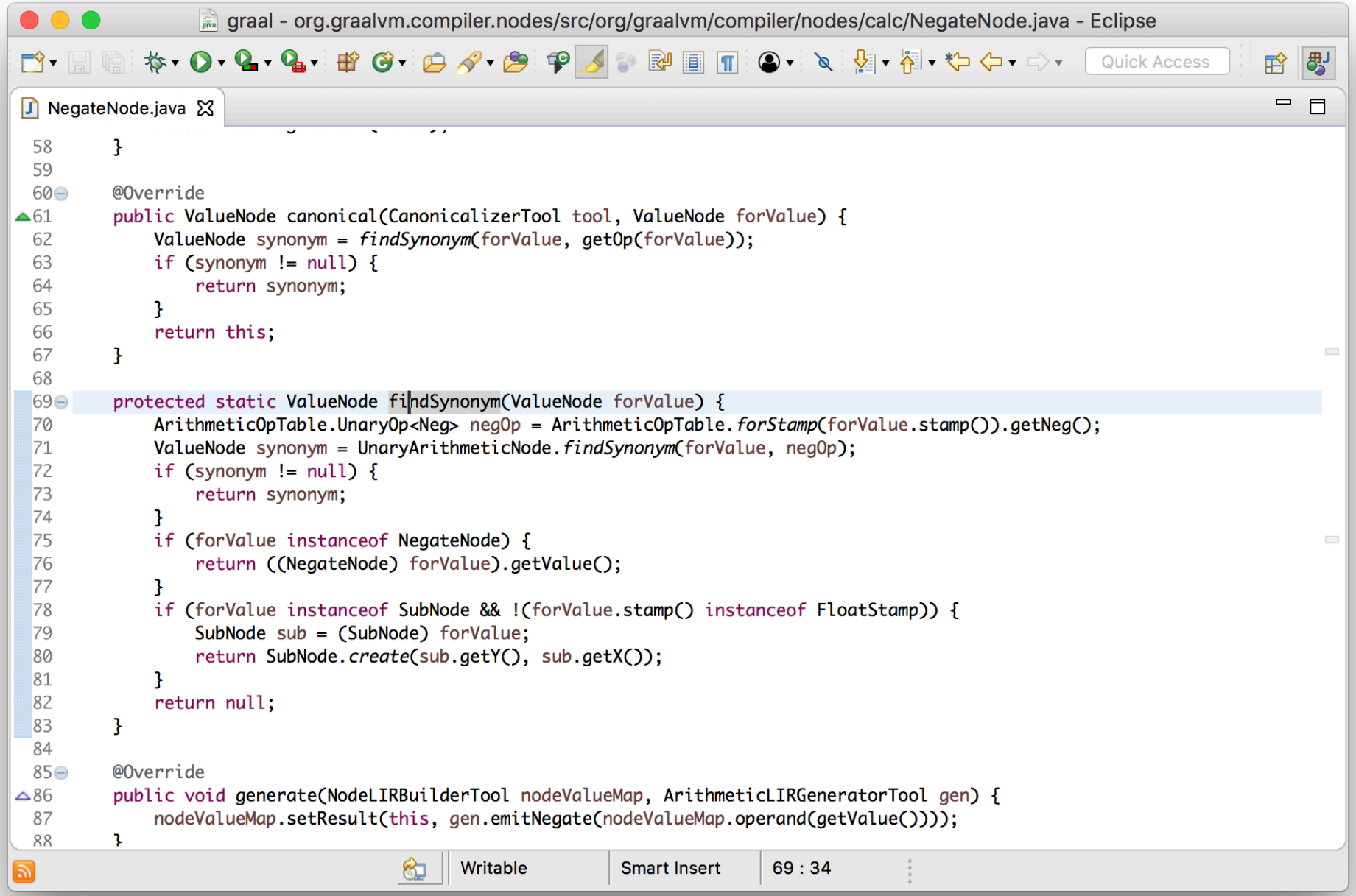
Optimisations

Canonicalisation

```
interface Phase {
  void run(Graph graph);
}
```

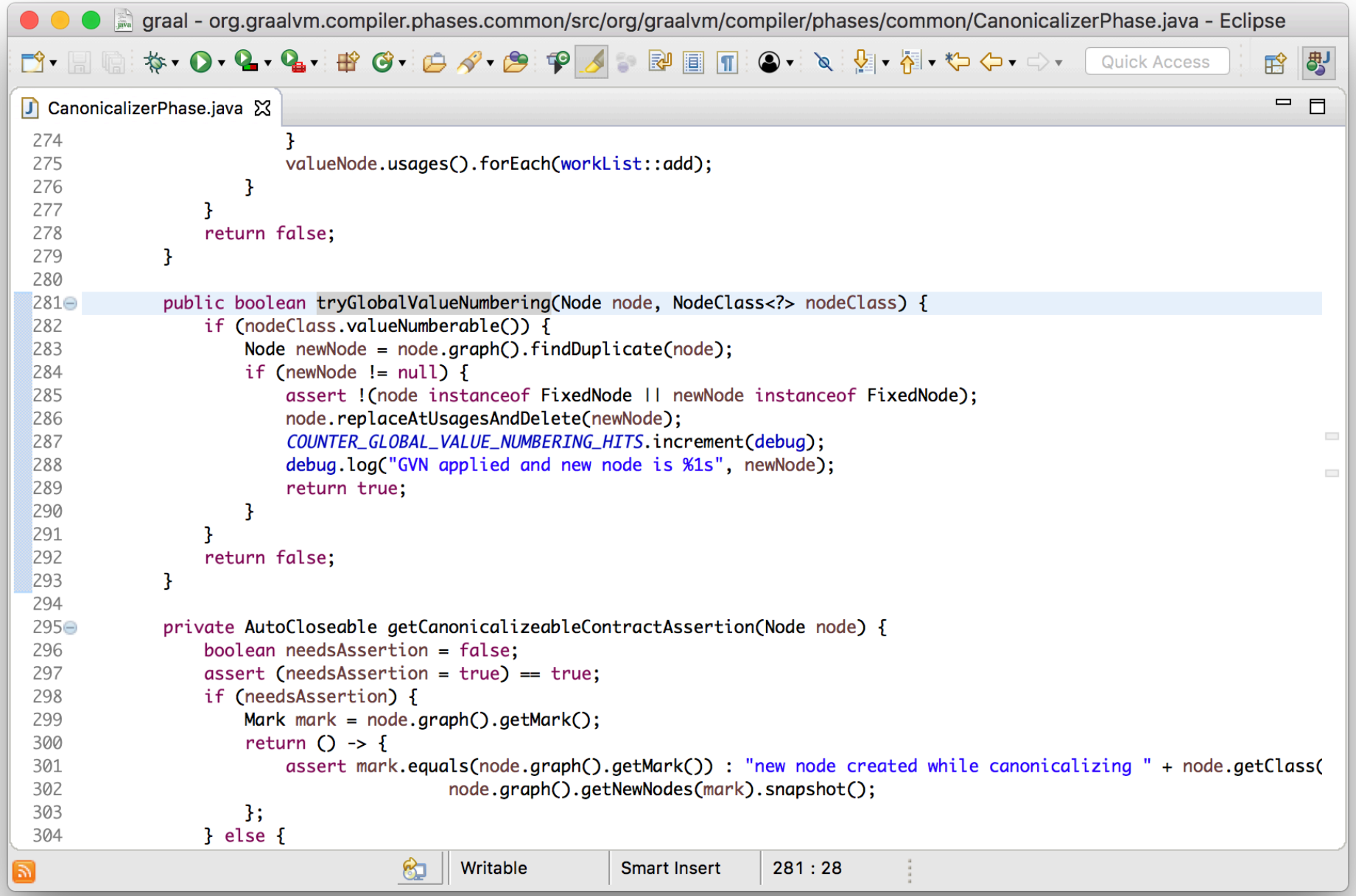
```
interface Node {
  Node canonical();
}
```

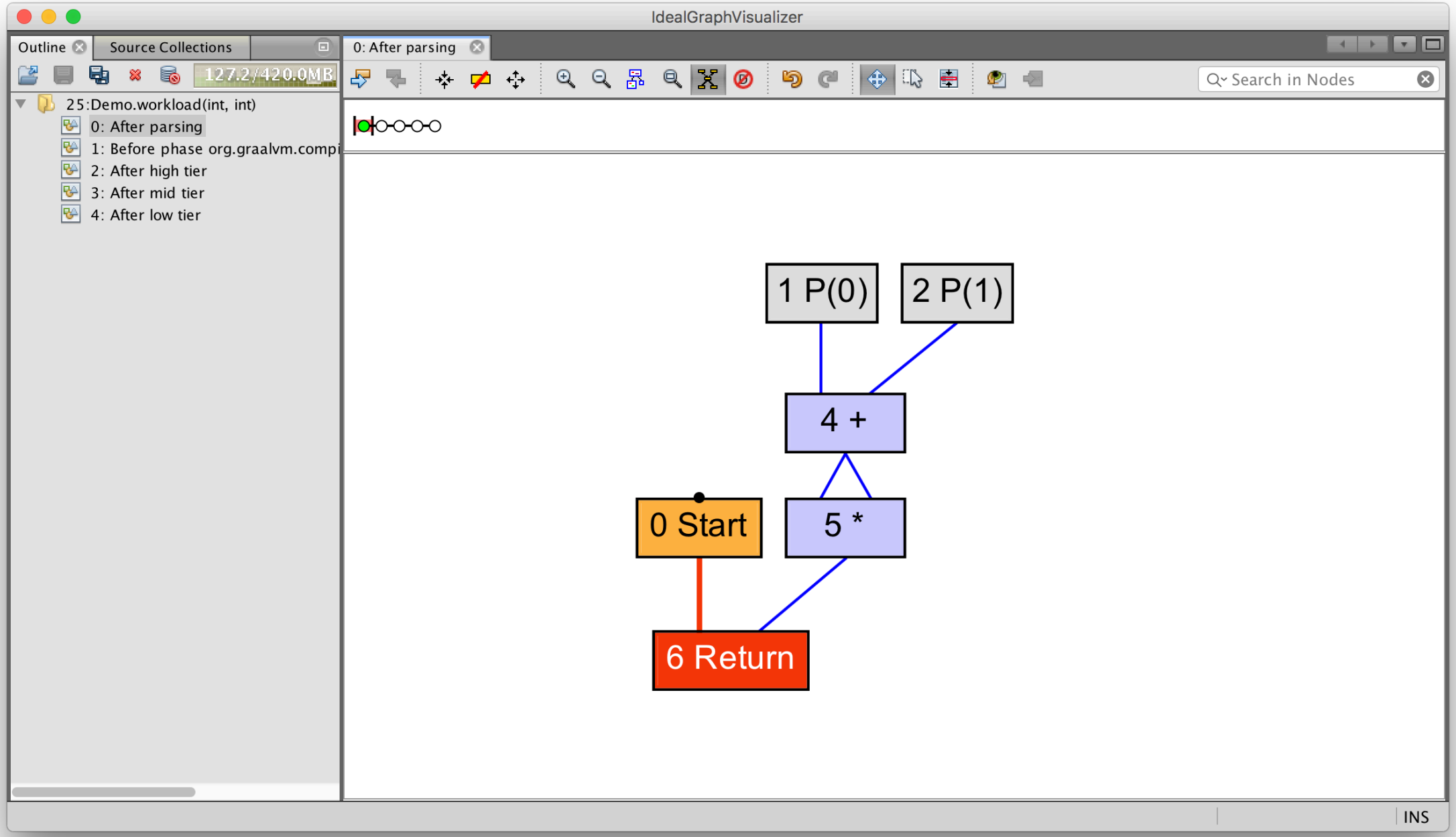
```
class NegateNode implements Node {
  Node canonical() {
    if (value instanceof NegateNode) {
      return ((NegateNode) value).getValue();
    } else {
      return this;
    }
  }
}
```



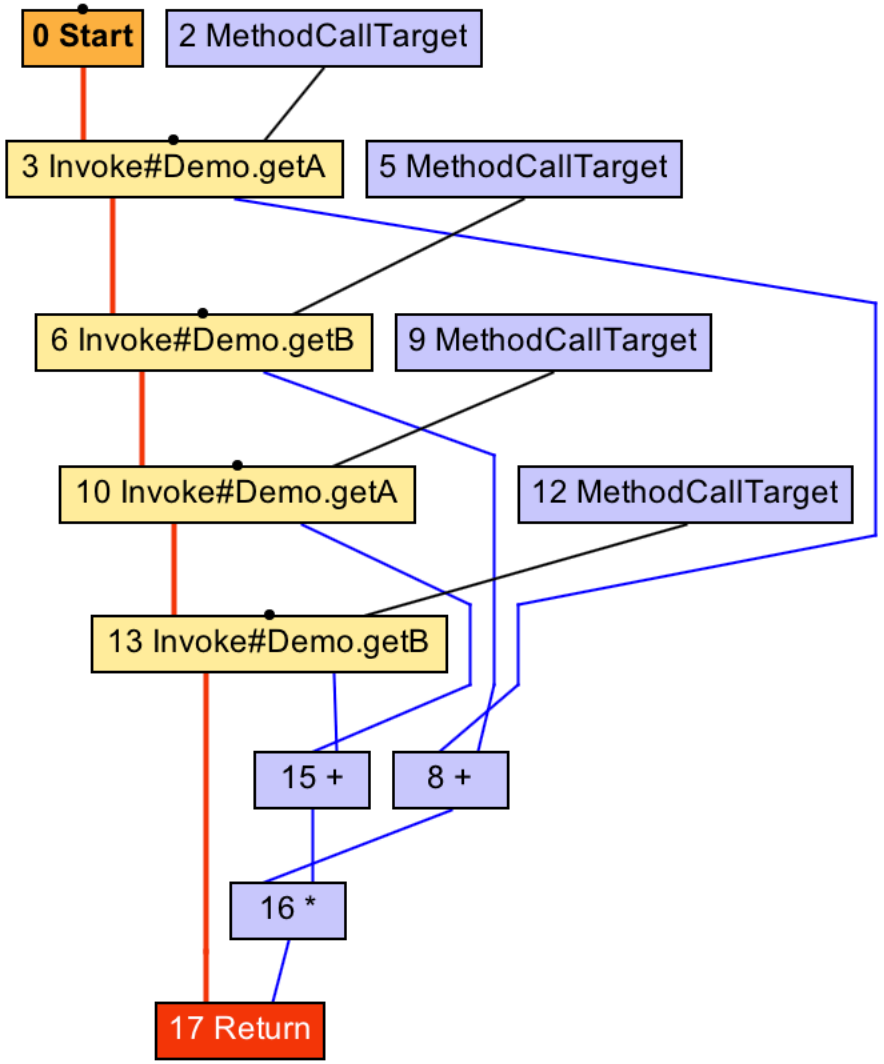
Global value numbering

```
int workload(int a, int b) {
  return (a + b) * (a + b);
}
```





```
int workload() {
  return (getA() + getB()) * (getA() + getB());
}
```



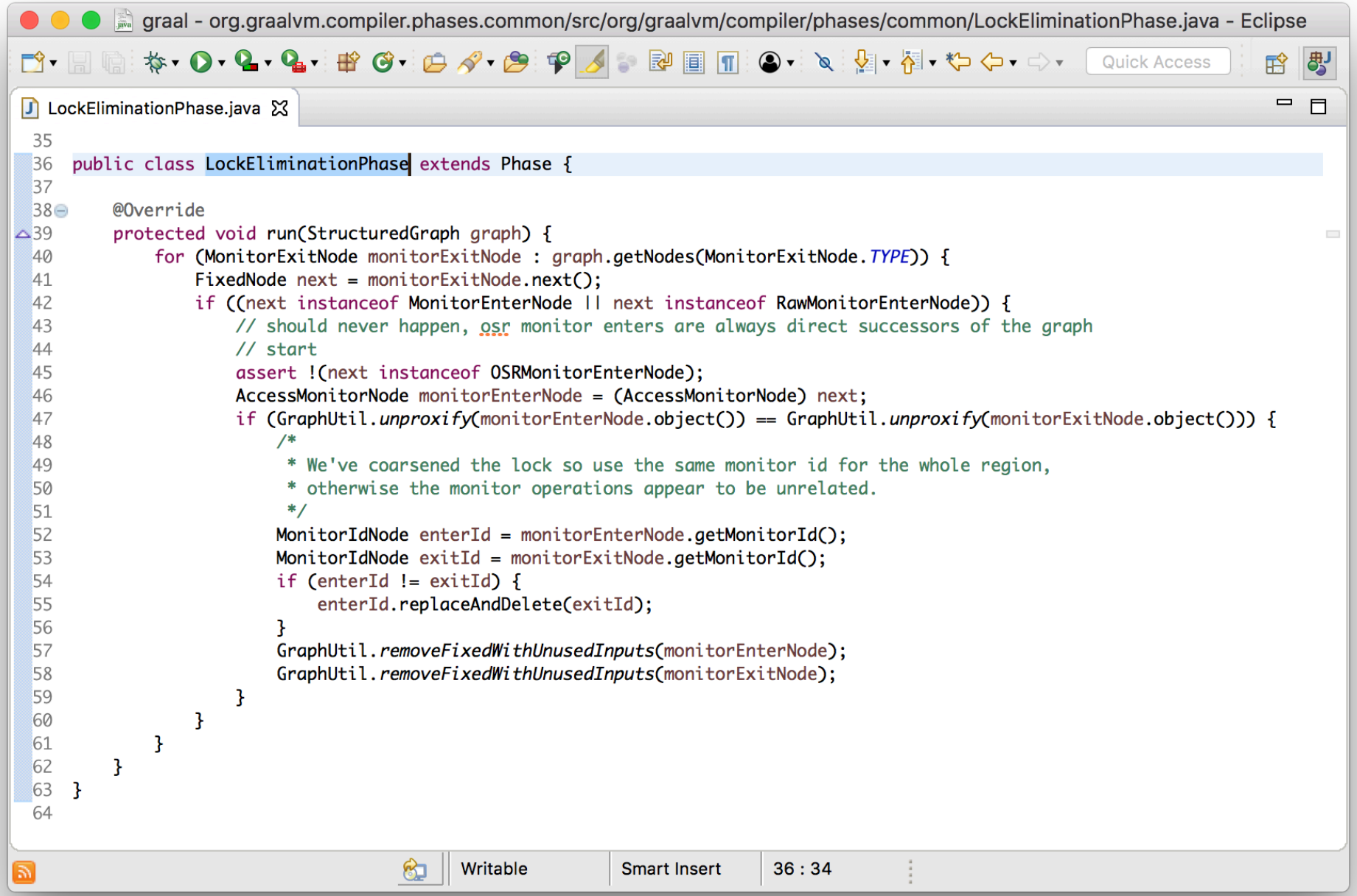
Lock coarsening

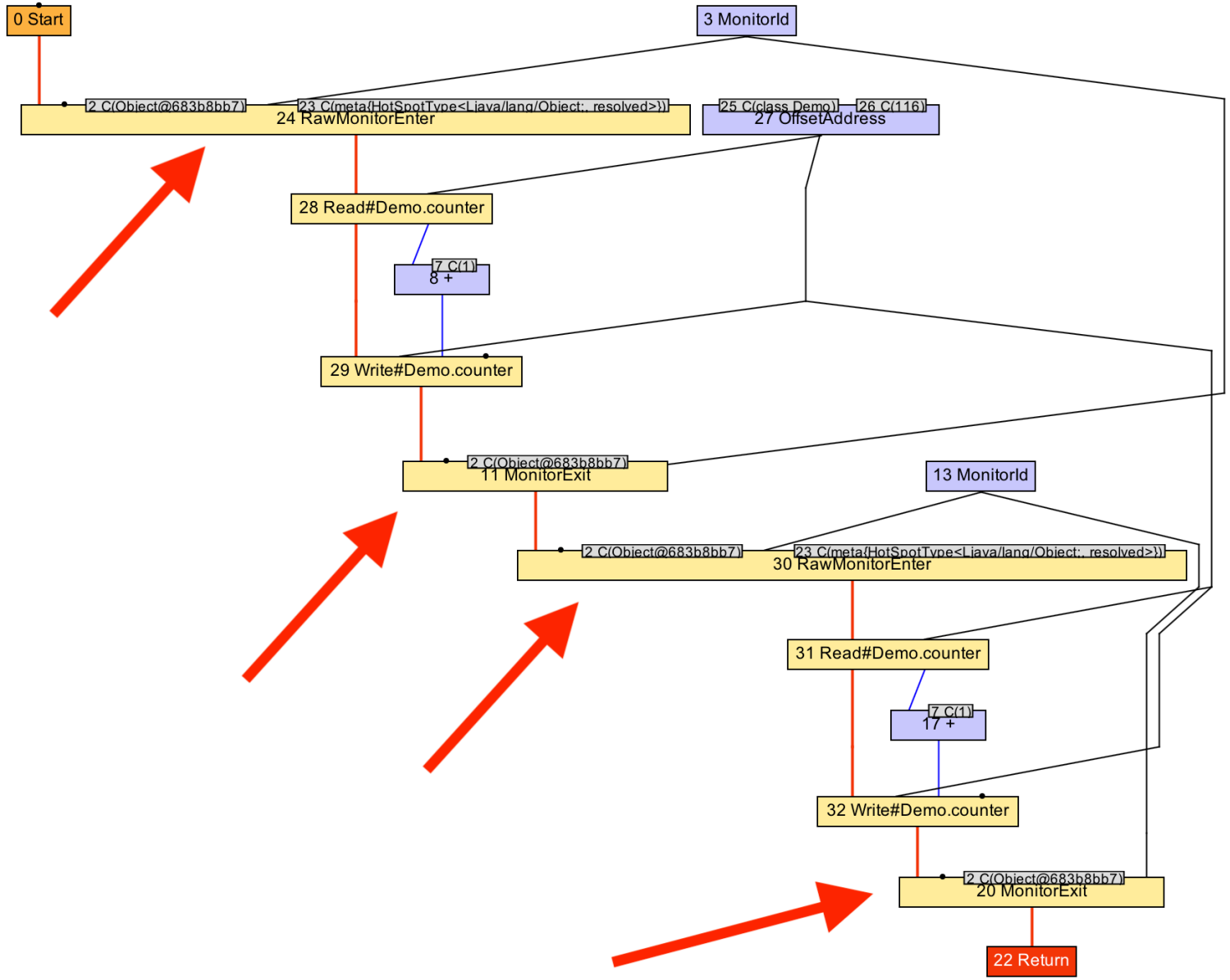
```
void workload() {
  synchronized (monitor) {
    counter++;
  }
  synchronized (monitor) {
    counter++;
  }
}
```

```
void workload() {
  monitor.enter();
  counter++;
  monitor.exit();
  monitor.enter();
  counter++;
  monitor.exit();
}
```

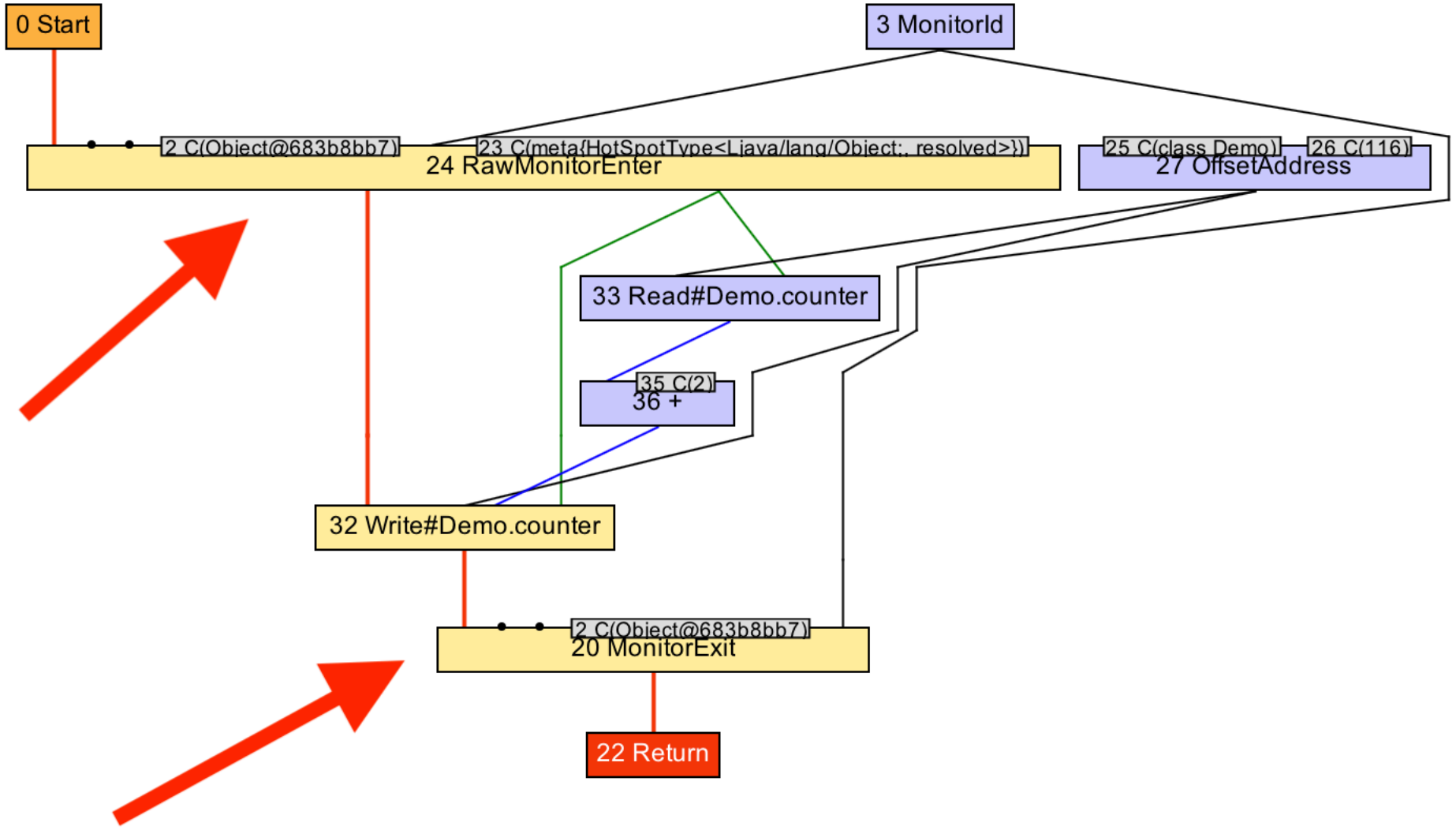
```
void workload() {
  monitor.enter();
  counter++;
  counter++;
  monitor.exit();
}
```

```
void run(StructuredGraph graph) {
  for (monitorExitNode monitorExitNode : graph.getNodes(monitorExitNode.class)) {
    FixedNode next = monitorExitNode.next();
    if (next instanceof monitorEnterNode) {
      AccessmonitorNode monitorEnterNode = (AccessmonitorNode) next;
      if (monitorEnterNode.object() == monitorExitNode.object()) {
        monitorExitNode.remove();
        monitorEnterNode.remove();
      }
    }
  }
}
```





```
void workload() {
  monitor.enter();
  counter += 2;
  monitor.exit();
}
```



Some practicalities that I haven't talked about

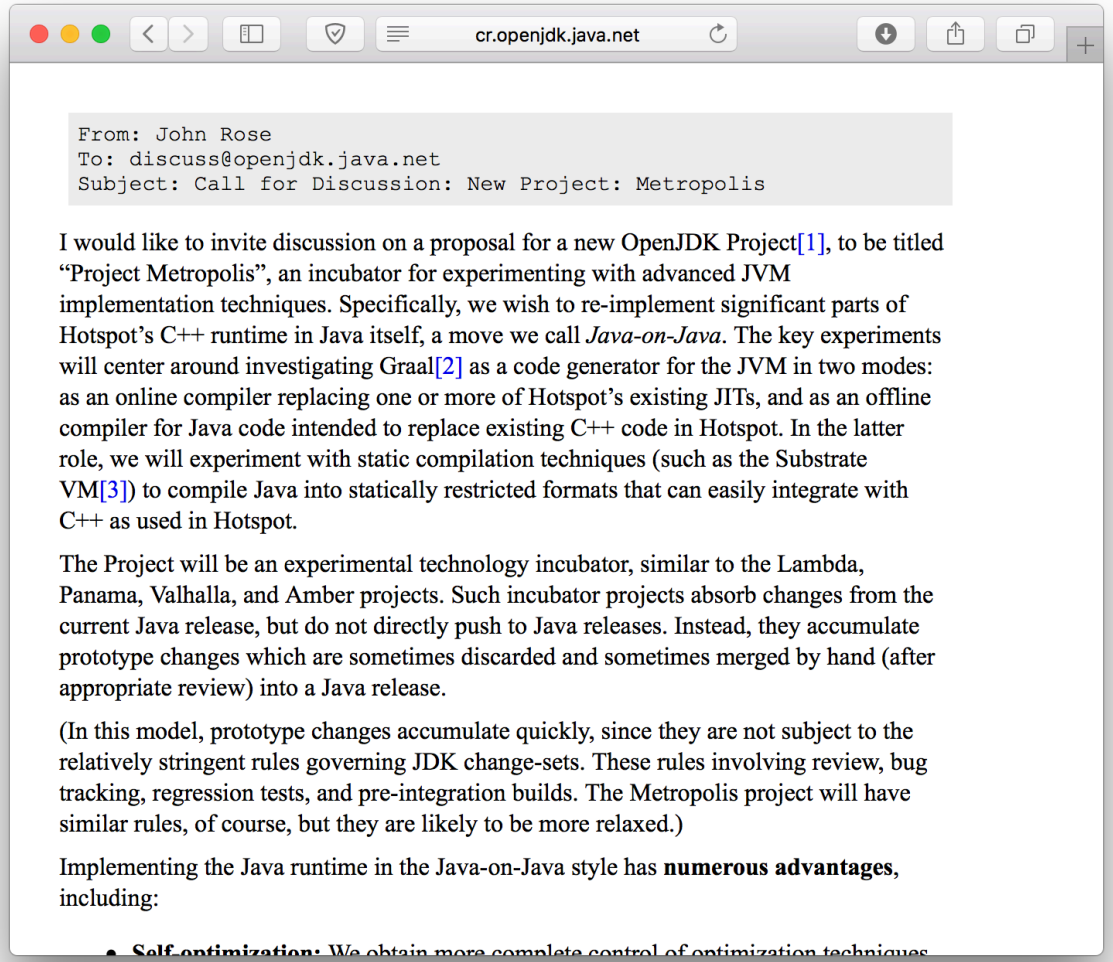
Register allocation

Scheduling

What can you use Graal for?

A final tier compiler

```
-XX:+UseJVMCICompiler
```



http://cr.openjdk.java.net/~jrose/metropolis/Metropolis-Proposal.html

Your own specific optimisations

Ahead of time compilation

```
$ javac Hello.java

$ graalvm-0.28.2/bin/native-image Hello
   classlist:     966.44 ms
       (cap):     804.46 ms
       setup:   1,514.31 ms
  (typeflow):   2,580.70 ms
   (objects):     719.04 ms
  (features):      16.27 ms
    analysis:   3,422.58 ms
    universe:     262.09 ms
     (parse):     528.44 ms
    (inline):   1,259.94 ms
   (compile):   6,716.20 ms
     compile:   8,817.97 ms
       image:   1,070.29 ms
   debuginfo:     672.64 ms
       write:   1,797.45 ms
     [total]:  17,907.56 ms
```

```
$ ls -lh hello
-rwxr-xr-x  1 chrisseaton  staff   6.6M  4 Oct 18:35 hello

$ file ./hello
./hellojava: Mach-O 64-bit executable x86_64

$ time ./hello
Hello!

real    0m0.010s
user    0m0.003s
sys 0m0.003s
```

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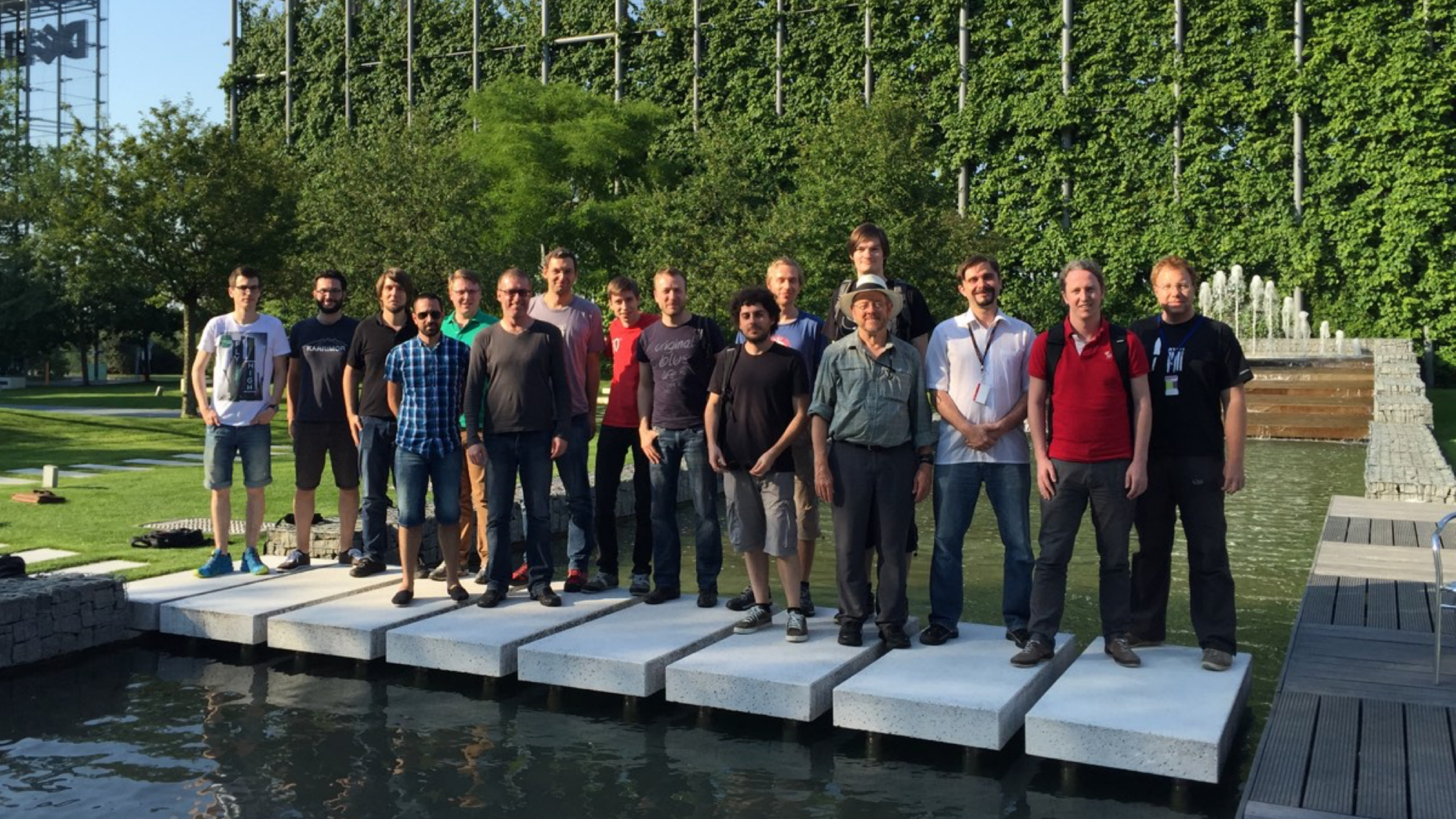

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