

What is the difference between a JDK and a JRE?

"JRE" – for **users**. Java Runtime Environment. An implementation of the Java Virtual Machine which **executes** Java programs.

"JDK"– for **developers**. Java Development Kit, used to **develop** Java based software. Contains JRE(s), compiler, debuggers, dev libraries etc. **You need a JDK to compile**

Where are they located? (windows command line demo)

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C:\Users\Perkins>java -version
java version "1.7.0_51"
Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 1.7.0_51-b13)
Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM (build 24.51-b03, mixed mode)

C:\Users\Perkins>where java
C:\Windows\System32\java.exe
C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.7.0_51\bin\java.exe
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