## **The JAVA journey!**

As Java is quite difficult for students to understand, I would like to share my point of view on various topics from now and then. Note to everyone reading that I am also a newb and trying to learn java in the easiest way. I mean who doesn’t love an easy way! Also my point of view might make it more difficult or easier for you to understand. And one more thing, my writing skill is not so good. Enough of my blabbering. Now let's dive into it……………..

## **Where did it all start?**

The history of Java is quite bizarre in my opinion.

Java was originally designed for **interactive televisions**!!

Unbelievable, right? You can search it up. Now to the obvious question, who invented java? To answer this question, we have to go back to 1991 when a team of three engineers known as green team initiated the project of developing java language. The team was formed by **Mike Sheridan, Patric Naughton** and **James Gosling** in lead. Their goal was to make the language **simple, powerful, portable, platform independent, secured, object oriented and dynamic**. There may be some principles I missed so you can research more if you want to. 4 years later, in **1995** they came up with the language and **James Gosling** was crowned with **Father of Java** (and now we are slaves of it…haha). Initially it was designed for small systems. Later they understood that it is too advanced for small systems. And from that point, Java started to march at its own speed.

## **Was Java always “Java”?**

At first, Java was named **“Greentalk”** by **James Gosling**. After that it was called **“Oak”**, yeah you guessed right, like the **“Oak”** tree. Now let’s see why Java was named after oak tree. The only reason was that oak is considered a **symbol of strength** in many nations and oak is also a national tree in the USA, France, Germany, Romania and some other countries. Clever of the developers to name the language “Oak” to make people believe that the language is a powerful one. Later in **1995** “Oak” was renamed as **“Java”**. Now, another interesting fact.

Java is the name of an island where the first coffee was produced which is called “Java coffee”. Now you all can relate where that cup of coffee icon in java came from. You can think of naming your own programming language “Nescafe” while having a cup of coffee in your office like James Gosling did.(haha…bad joke!)

## **Present times of Java**

The first version of java **“JDK 1.0”** was released on **january 23, 1996**. From then, new features have been added constantly. Now JDK version 18 is running and 19 and 20 are available in early access. Nowadays java is being widely used in windows applications, web applications, games, mobile applications and so on. New features in every version are keeping the popularity of java at its peak point.

Enough blabbering for today, this may help you a little bit(more little) to understand the history of Java.