

## JDK 16

JDK 16 is the open-source reference implementation of version 16 of the Java SE Platform, as specified by by [JSR 390](#) in the Java Community Process.

JDK 16 reached [General Availability](#) on 16 March 2021. Production-ready binaries under the GPL are [available from Oracle](#); binaries from other vendors [will follow shortly](#).

The features and schedule of this release were proposed and tracked via the [JEP Process](#), as amended by the [JEP 2.0 proposal](#). The release was produced using the [JDK Release Process](#) (JEP 3).

### Features

- 338: [Vector API \(Incubator\)](#)
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### Schedule

2020/12/10	<a href="#">Rampdown Phase One</a> (fork from main line)
2021/01/14	<a href="#">Rampdown Phase Two</a>
2021/02/04	<a href="#">Initial Release Candidate</a>
2021/02/18	<a href="#">Final Release Candidate</a>
2021/03/16	<a href="#">General Availability</a>

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