## Introduction to the Course

If I just lost you when I used the term JDK that stands for Java Development Kit, and it's the software that is used to create Java programs. But we'll find out a lot more about that as we go through the course in detail.

But if you know something about the JDK you might be wondering, "Well Tim, why are you updating the course to JDK 17" when JDK 19 is out already?

There is a very good reason for this, and in this section, there is a video titled "Which JDK?" which explains my reasoning for using JDK version 17.

But if you are running older versions of Java, say Java 11, or even Java 8 you will be able to follow along and get a lot out of this course. It's best to use Java 17 though.

