

# Configuring IntelliJ IDEA - WINDOWS, MAC and LINUX

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In this video, we want to configure IntelliJ Idea, so that we can actually start some java coding. This video is applicable whether you're running on Windows, Mac, or Linux.

So firstly, we need to link the JDK we installed, Oracle's JDK 17, with IntelliJ IDEA so that they work together. Basically, that means telling IntelliJ, where the JDK is installed, on the computer.

The **JDK** is effectively a **Software Development Kit**, or **SDK**. Whatever you call it, it contains the tools you need, to write programs. The **Java Development Kit**, includes the tools that enables the computer to understand your java code, and to execute it. It also has a debugger, and we'll be seeing what that is and how to use it, when we've written a program to debug.