

Java SDK and IDE



Evolution of Java

- Java keeps evolving to:
 - Improve **performance**
 - Add **modern programming features**
 - Enhance **security**
 - Support **scalability & cloud-native apps**
- Java is **backward compatible** (mostly).



Java Release Timeline

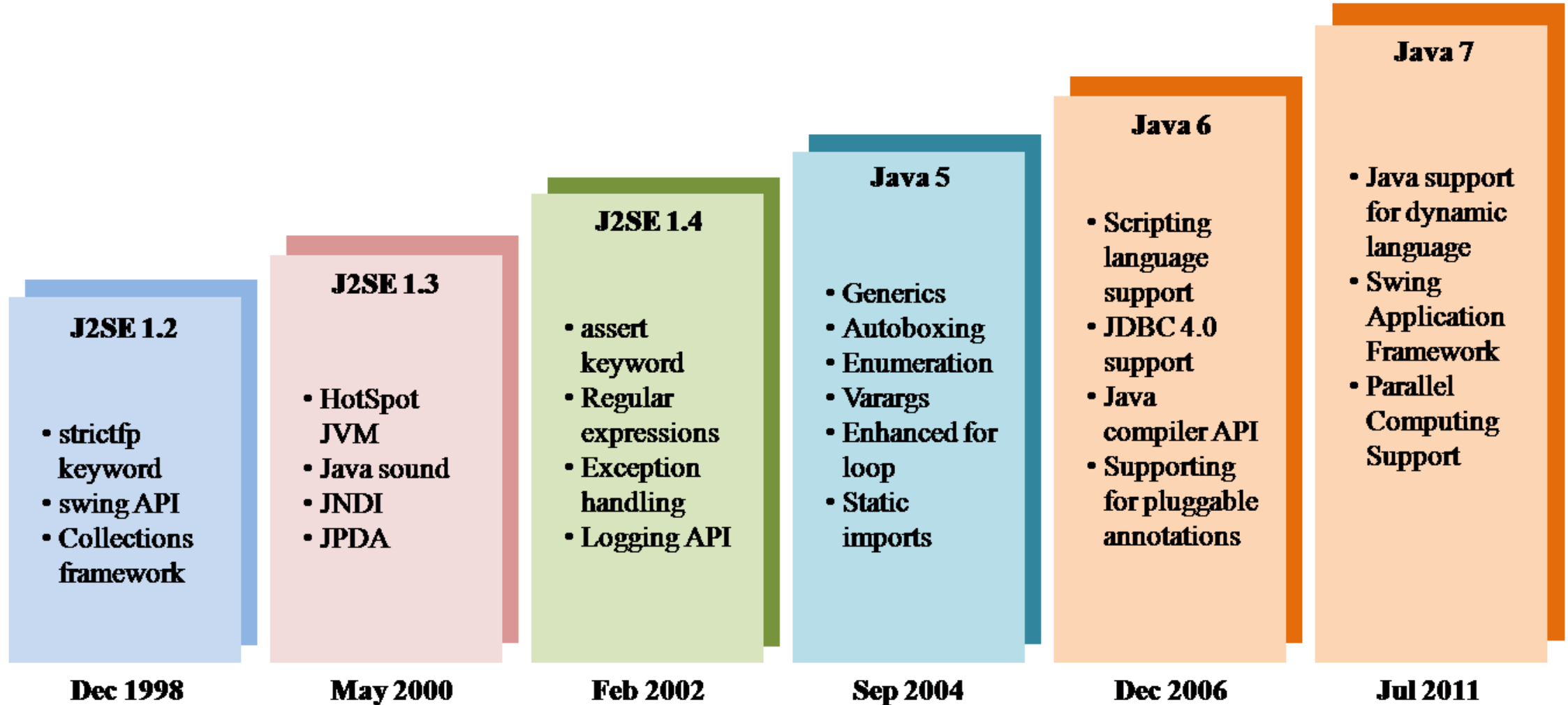
- **LTS = Long-Term Support**

Version	Year	Type
Java 1.0	1996	Initial
Java 5	2004	Major
Java 8	2014	Game changer
Java 11	2018	LTS
Java 17	2021	LTS
Java 21	2023	LTS

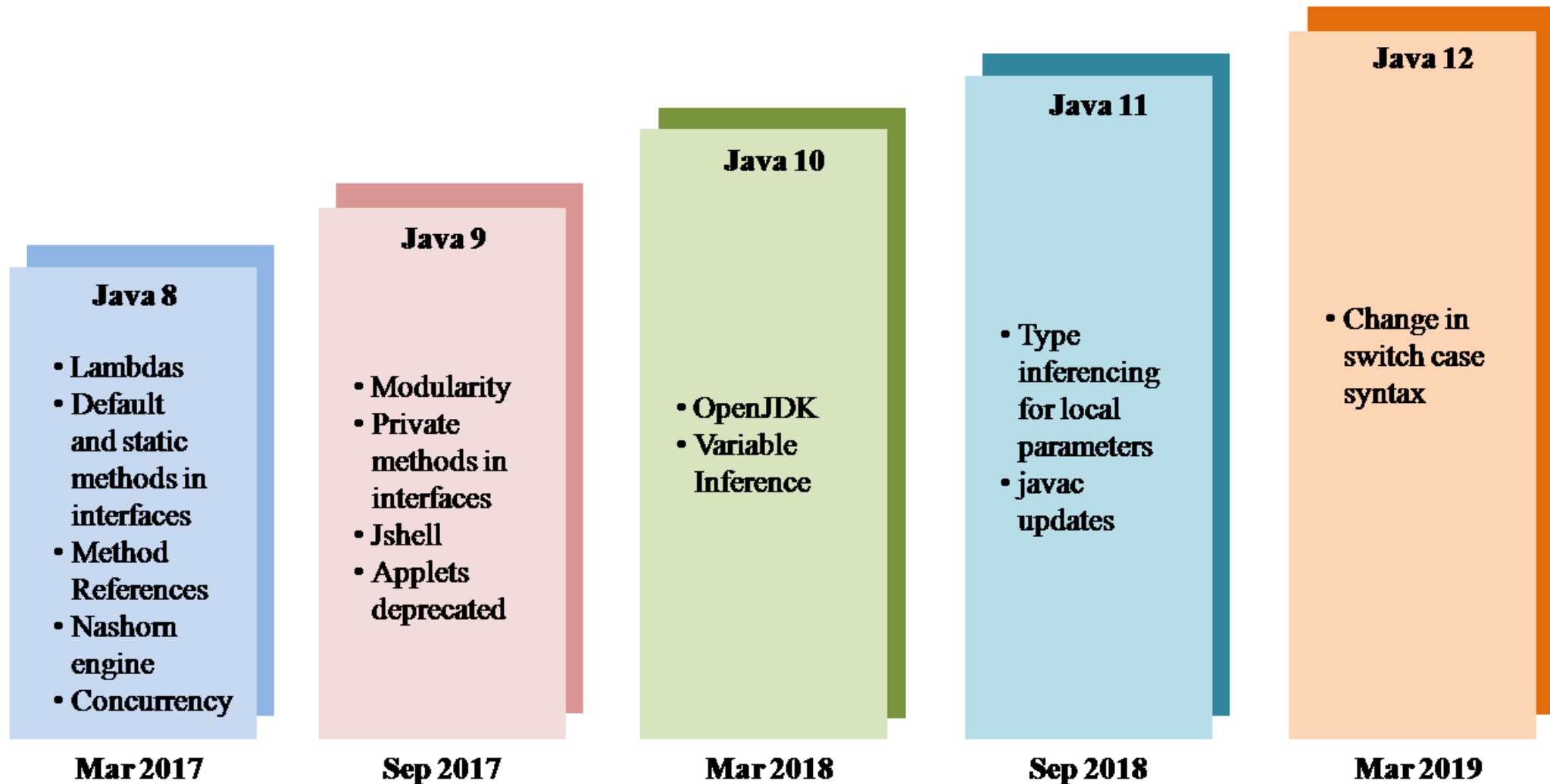
Java Versions

Version	Key Features
Java 5	Generics, Annotations, Enums
Java 7	try-with-resources, NIO.2
Java 8	Lambdas, Streams, Functional Programming
Java 9	Module System (JPMS)
Java 11 (LTS)	HTTP Client, String APIs
Java 17 (LTS)	Records, Sealed Classes
Java 21 (LTS)	Virtual Threads

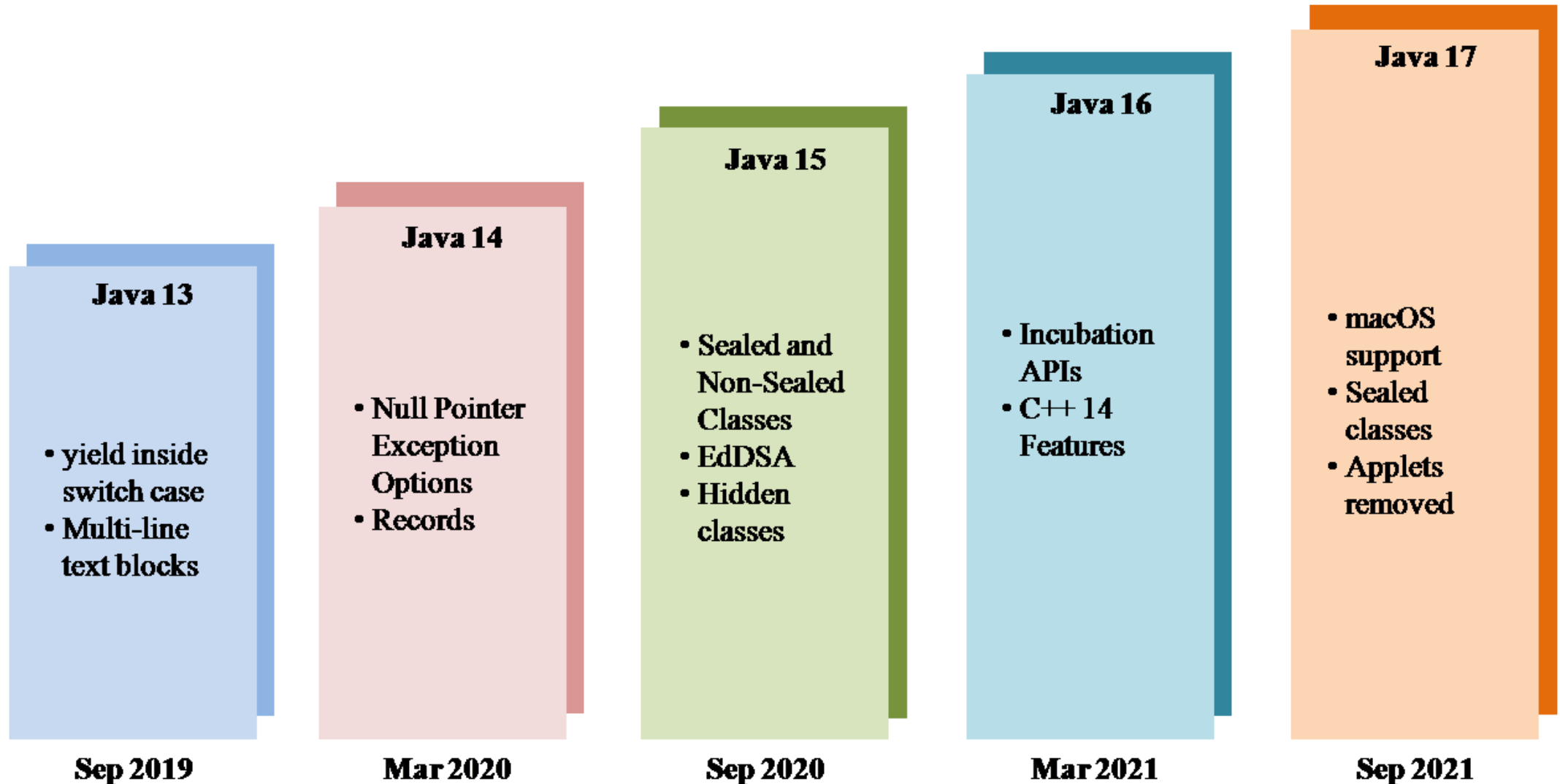
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What is OpenJDK?

- **OpenJDK (Open Java Development Kit):**
- Official **open-source implementation** of Java
- Maintained by:
 - Oracle
 - Red Hat
 - Amazon
 - Microsoft
- Follows Java SE specifications



OpenJDK vs Oracle JDK

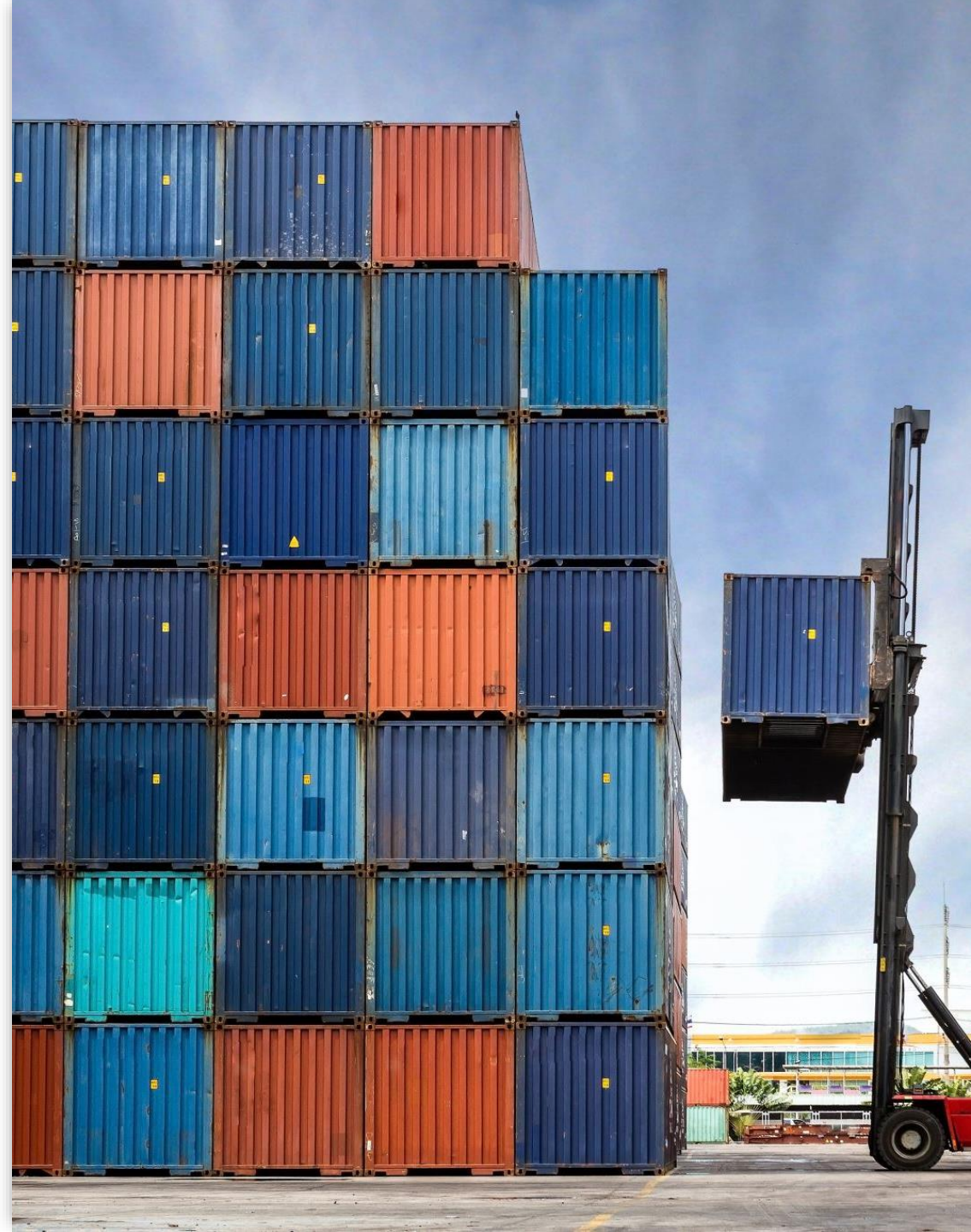
Feature	OpenJDK	Oracle JDK
License	Open source (GPL)	Commercial
Cost	Free	Paid (prod use)
Performance	Same	Same
Updates	Community & vendors	Oracle
Usage	Industry standard	Enterprise support

OpenJDK vs Oracle JDK

	OpenJDK	Oracle JDK
Licensing	No license required	Oracle license required
Support	Supported by third parties	Support only from Oracle
Flexibility	Open-source, more flexible	More restrictive
Compatibility	Wider system compatibility	Narrower system compatibility
Features	Gets newer features slightly later	Gets newer features first
Stability	Vanilla versions are slightly less stable upon release	More stable upon release

Why Companies Prefer OpenJDK?

- Free & open source
- No licensing cost
- Backed by major companies
- Used in:
 - Spring Boot
 - Microservices
 - Docker containers
 - Cloud platforms (AWS, Azure)
- Most enterprise applications today use **OpenJDK 17**, as it is stable, free, and well supported



What is JDK



The Java Development Kit (JDK) is a comprehensive, cross-platform software bundle required to develop, compile, debug, and package Java applications.



It includes the Java Runtime Environment (JRE)—featuring the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) and libraries—plus essential tools.



It is essential for writing code that runs on Java platforms.

Key Components of the JDK

- The JDK contains all necessary tools to create Java applications:
- **RE (Java Runtime Environment):** Included to run the code.
- **javac (Compiler):** Converts .java source code into .class bytecode.
- **java (Interpreter/Launcher):** Runs the compiled Java applications.
- **jar (Archiver):** Packages multiple files into a single JAR archive.
- **javadoc:** Generates documentation from source code comments.
- **jdb (Debugger):** Used for debugging applications.

Commonly Used JDK Distributions

- **Oracle JDK:** Provided by Oracle Corporation.
- **OpenJDK:** An open-source, community-driven version.



What is JRE (Java Runtime Environment)?

- **JRE (Java Runtime Environment)** provides the **environment required to run Java applications.**
- It **does NOT** help in developing Java programs. It is only for **execution.**

What does JRE contain?



JRE is made of **three main components**:



JVM (Java Virtual Machine)



Core Java Libraries



Supporting Files

What JRE does NOT contain



Compiler (javac)
Debugger
Development tools



That's why **you cannot write or compile Java code using only JRE**

Java Installation & Environment Settings



Why Java Installation & Environment Setup Is Important

Before writing or running
any Java program:

The system must know
where Java is installed

The compiler (javac) and
runtime (java) must be
accessible from anywhere

Without proper setup:

java command not found

IDE won't detect JDK

Applications fail in
production servers

Steps to Install Java (Windows / Linux / macOS)

Step 1: Download JDK

Download from:

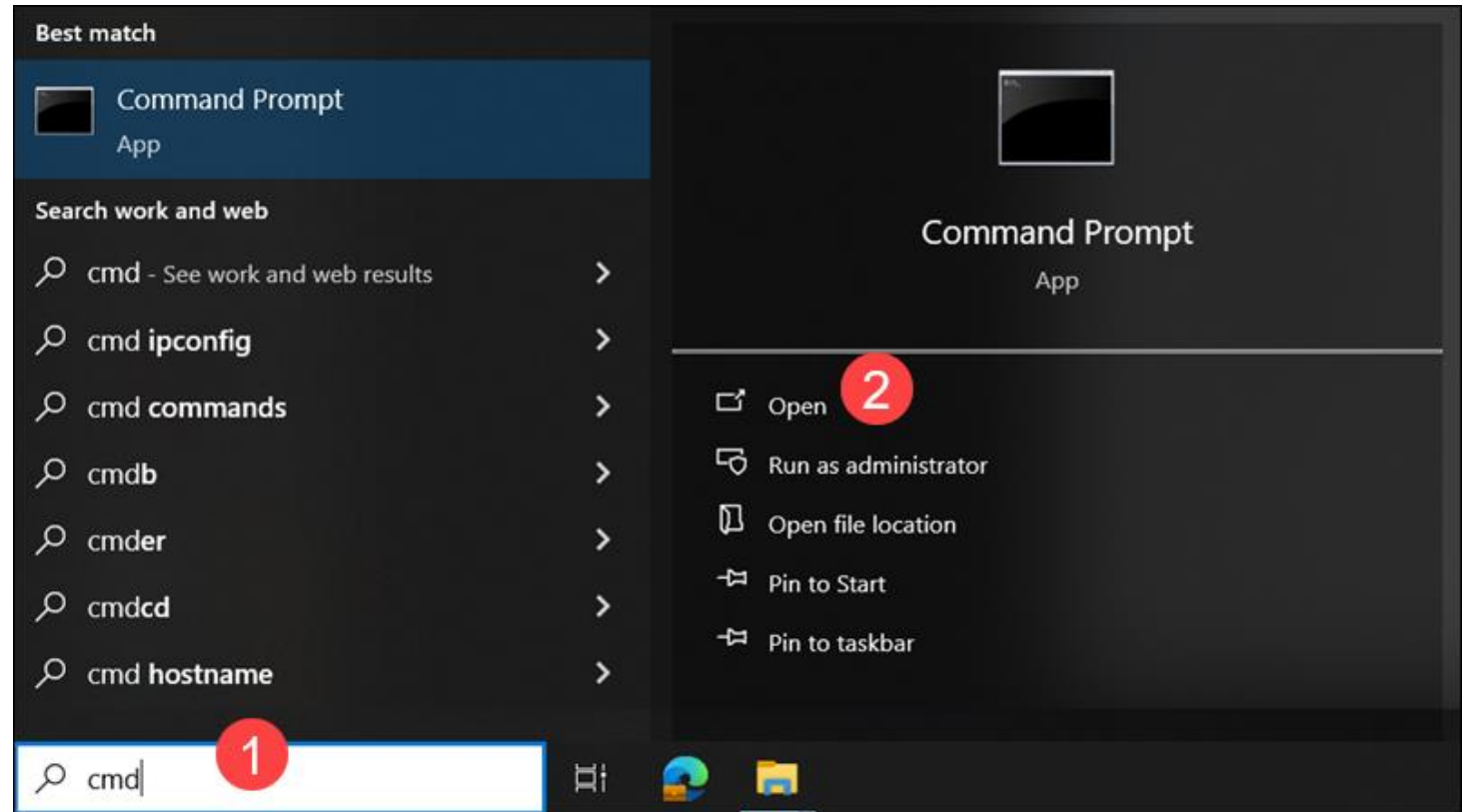
- Oracle JDK (licensed)
- OpenJDK (free & preferred)

Recommended:

- **OpenJDK 17** (LTS, industry standard)

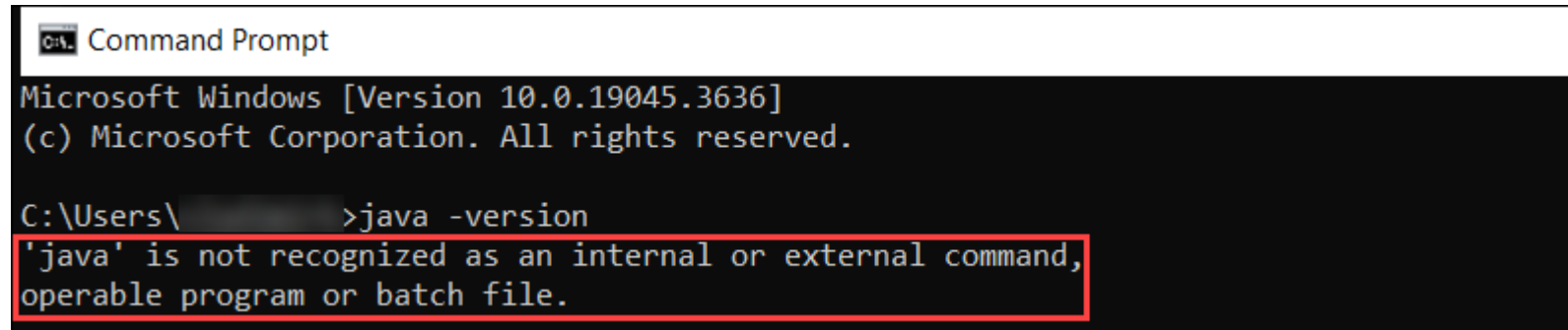
Check if Java Is Installed

- Before installing the latest Java Development Kit, check if a **Java version is already installed on Windows:**
- 1. Type **cmd** in the Windows search bar.
- 2. **Open** the **command prompt**.



Check if Java Is Installed

- Enter the following command to check the Java version in Windows:
- `java -version`



```
Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19045.3636]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\>java -version
'java' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.
```

- the message states that *Java is not recognized as an internal or external command*, which indicates that Java is not installed. If the system displays a Java version number, remove the old Java installation before proceeding.

Download Java for Windows

- OpenJDK is an **open-source** project that provides **source code** for implementing the Java platform. Many companies, including Oracle, offer distributions of OpenJDK as installers or binaries.
- To download the latest Java Development Kit installation **file** for Windows:
 - 1. Open a **web browser** and navigate to the **Oracle Java Downloads page**.
 - 2. Select the latest JDK version. In this example, the latest available version is **JDK 21**.
 - 3. Access the **Windows** tab.
 - 4. Click the **x64 Installer** download link.

Download Java for Windows

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JDK 21

JDK 17

GraalVM for JDK 21

GraalVM for JDK 17

JDK Development Kit 21.0.1 downloads

JDK 21 binaries are free to use in production and free to redistribute, at no cost, under the [Oracle No-Fee Terms and Conditions](#) (NFTC).

JDK 21 will receive updates under the NFTC, until September 2026, a year after the release of the next LTS. Subsequent JDK 21 updates will be licensed under the [Java SE OTN](#) beyond the [limited free grants](#) of the OTN license will [require a fee](#).

Linux

macOS

3Windows

Product/file description	File size	Download
x64 Compressed Archive	185.39 MB	https://download.oracle.com/java/21/latest/jdk-21_windows-x64_bin.zip (sha256)
x64 Installer	163.82 MB	4 https://download.oracle.com/java/21/latest/jdk-21_windows-x64_bin.exe (sha256)
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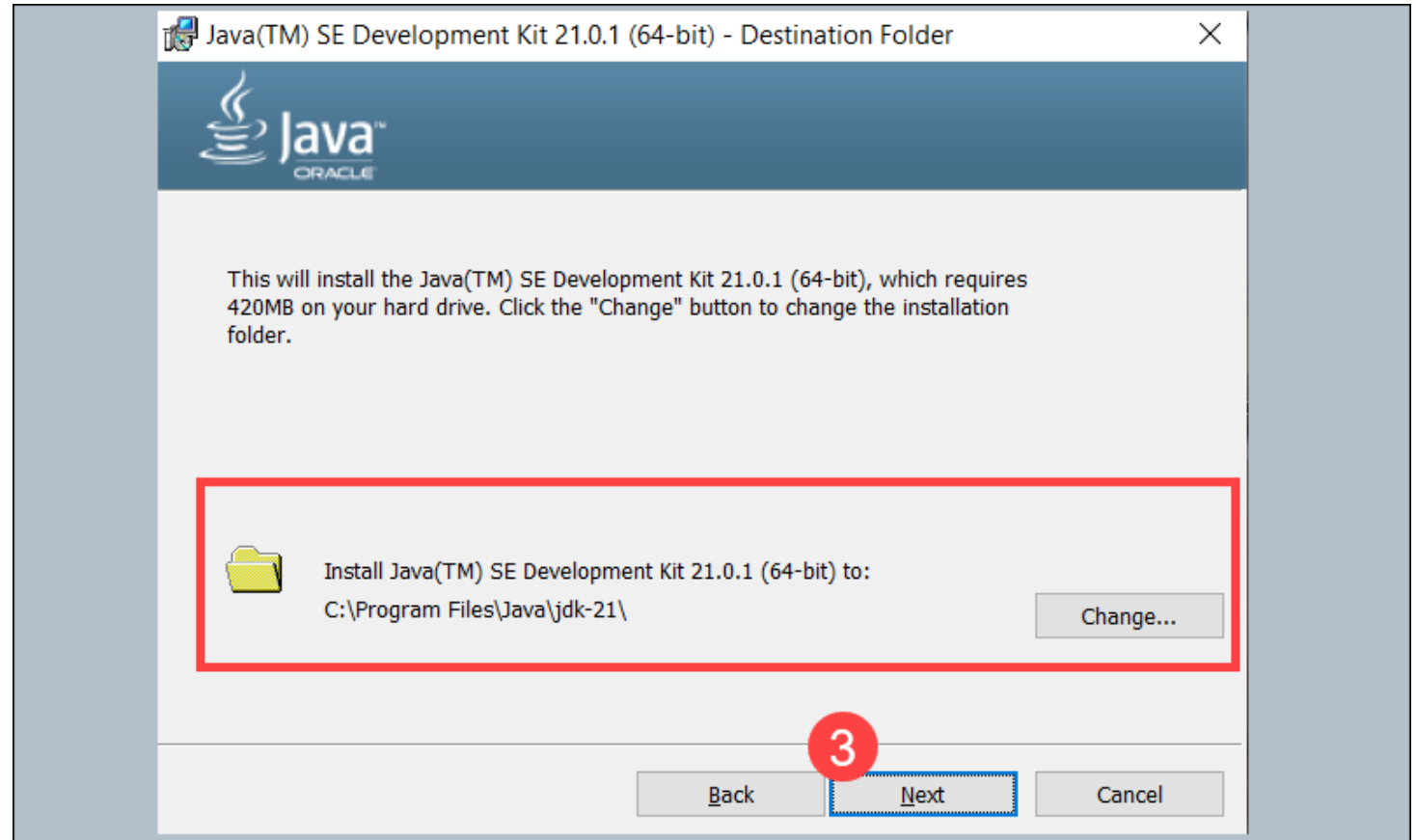
Step 2: Install JDK

- To install Java on your Windows system:
- 1. Double-click the **downloaded Java file** to start the installation.
- 2. Once the installation wizard welcome screen appears, select **Next** to proceed.



Step 2: Install JDK

- Choose the destination folder for the Java installation files, or stick to the default path and click **Next**.



Step 2: Install JDK

- The installation process is complete when the *Successfully Installed* message appears. Click **Close** to exit the wizard.



Step 2: Install JDK



Default installation
path:



C:\Program
Files\Java\jdk-17



Linux:



```
sudo apt install  
openjdk-17-jdk
```

Environment Variables

- Environment variables allow OS to:
 - Locate Java binaries
 - Run Java commands from any directory

JAVA_HOME Variable

What is JAVA_HOME?

- Points to **JDK installation directory**
- Example:
 - JAVA_HOME = C:\Program Files\Java\jdk-17

Why JAVA_HOME is Needed?

Used by:

- IDEs (Eclipse, IntelliJ)
- Build tools (Maven, Gradle)
- Application servers (Tomcat)

PATH Variable

What is PATH?

- List of directories where OS searches for executables

Add:


- %JAVA_HOME%\bin

So OS can find:

- java
- javac
- javadoc

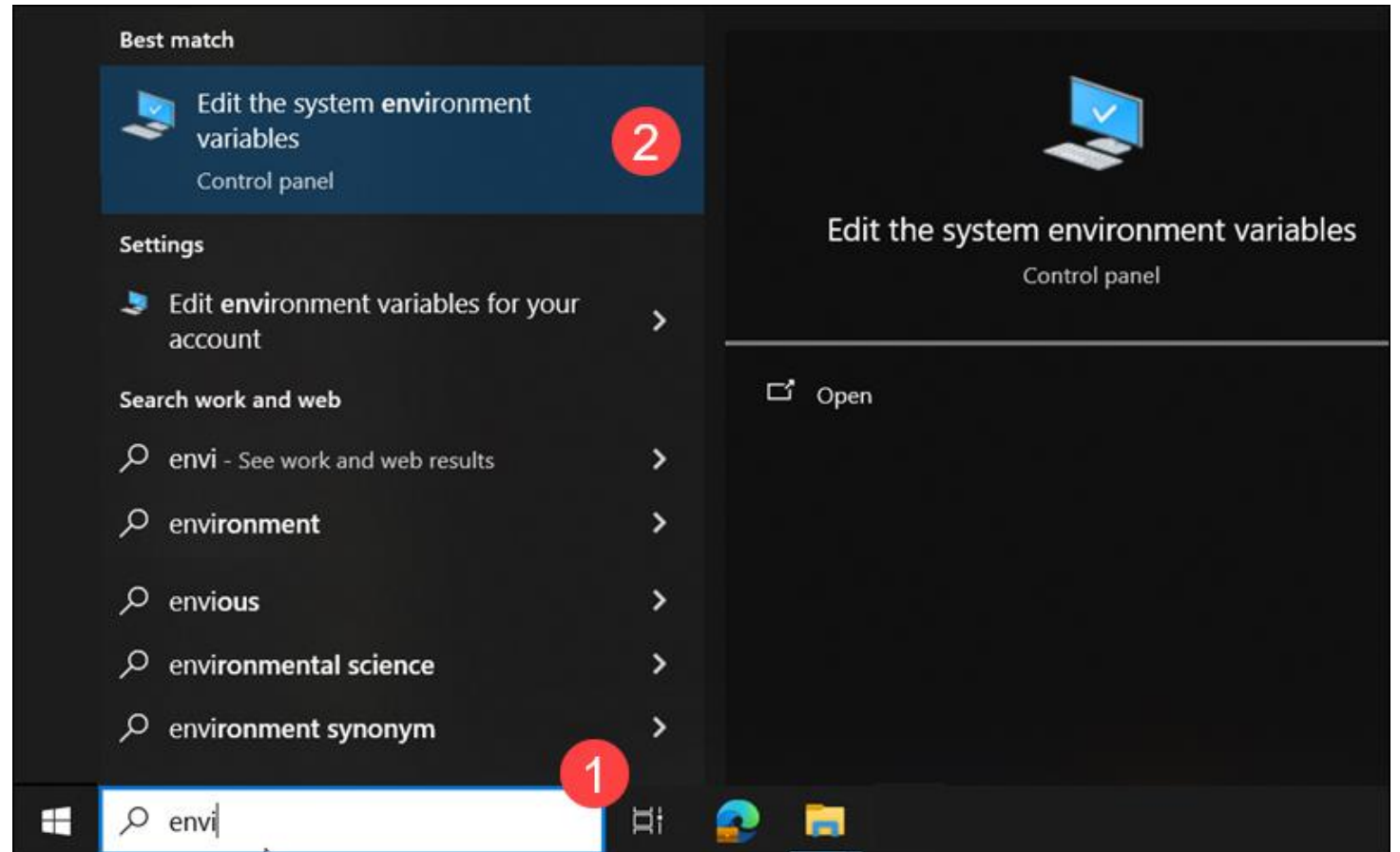


Setting Environment Variables (Windows)

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- **Steps:**
 - Right click **This PC** → **Properties**
 - Advanced System Settings
 - Environment Variables
 - Add:
 - JAVA_HOME
 - Update PATH

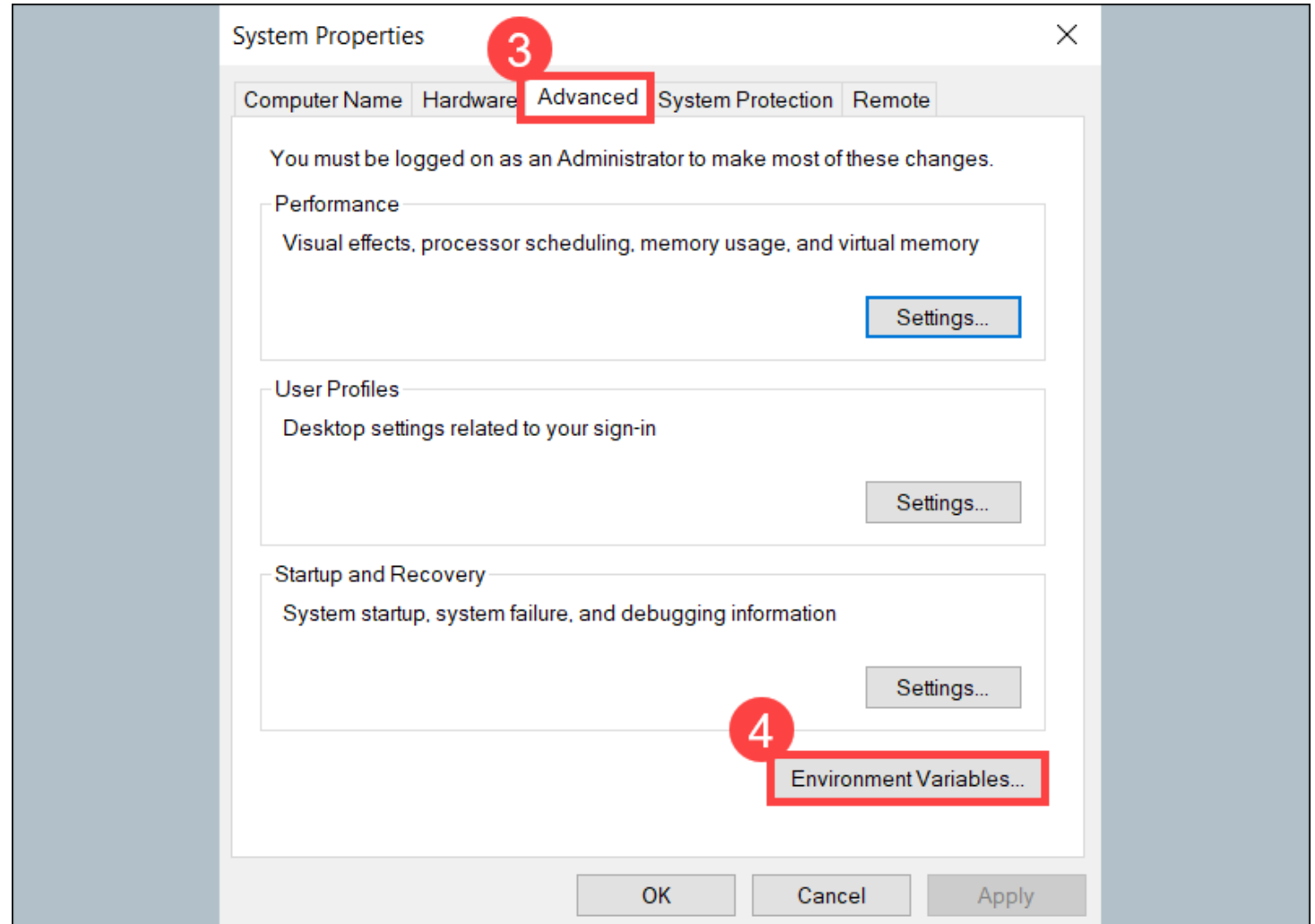
Setting Environment Variables (Windows)

- **Step 1: Add Java to System Variables**
- This step ensures that Java is accessible from the command line in any directory.
- 1. Open the **Start** menu and search for *environment variables*.
- 2. Select **Edit the system environment variables**.



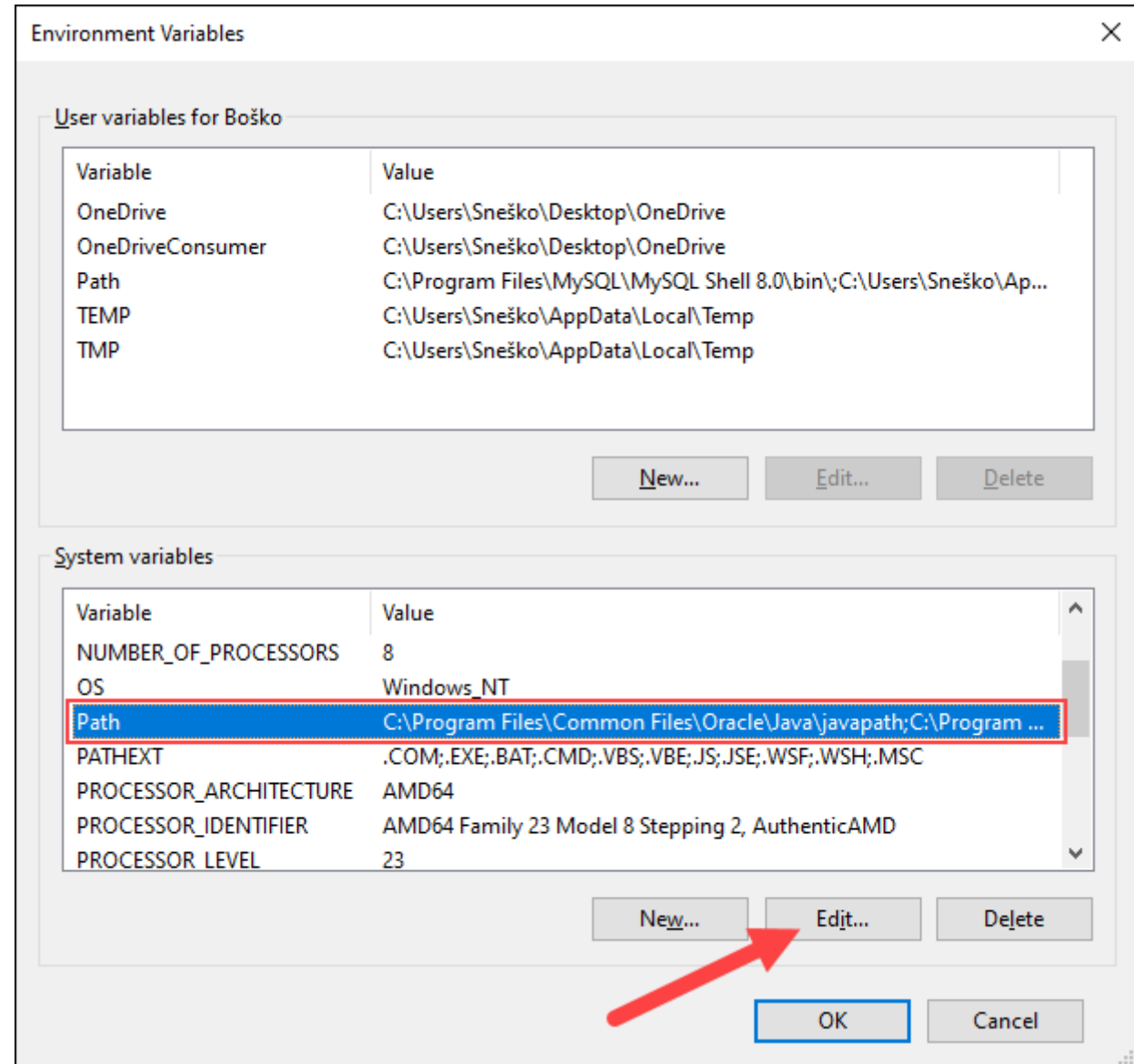
Setting Environment Variables (Windows)

- Select **Advanced** in the *System Properties* window.
- 4. Click **Environment Variables**.



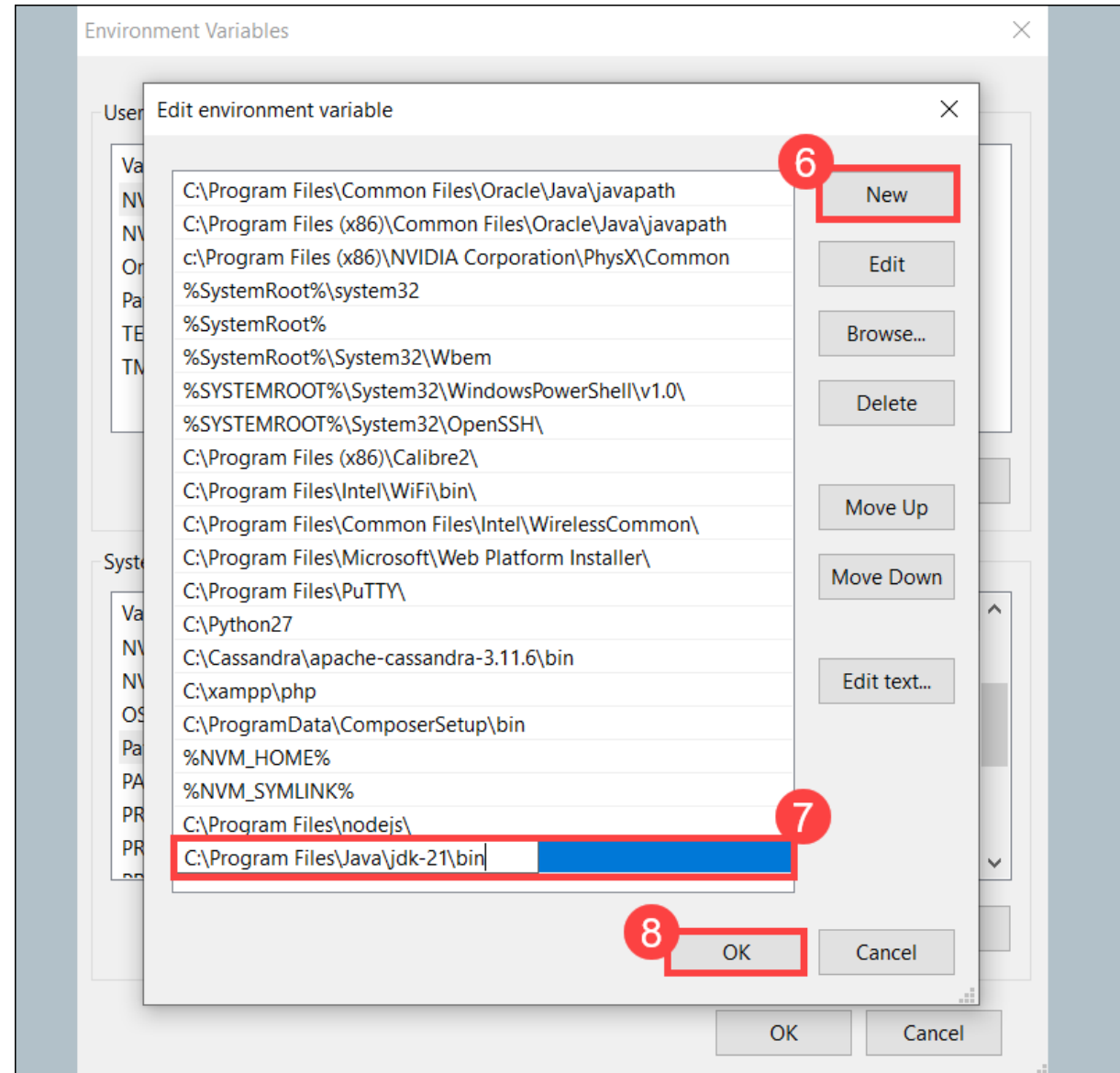
Setting Environment Variables (Windows)

- Select the **Path** variable in the *System variables* category and click **Edit**.



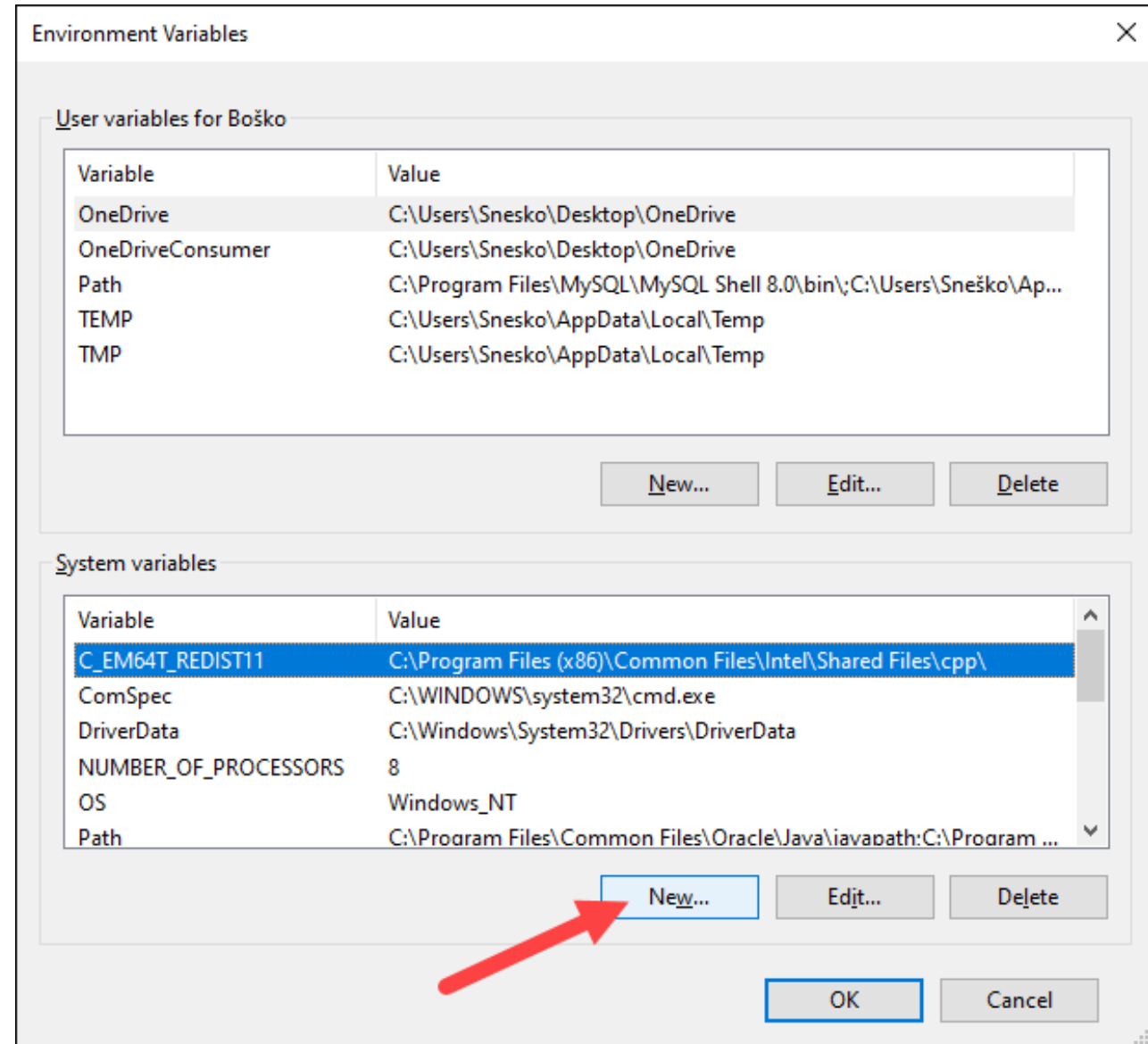
Setting Environment Variables (Windows)

- Click **New**.
- 7. Enter the path to the Java bin directory.
- 8. Click **OK** to save the changes and exit the variable editing window.



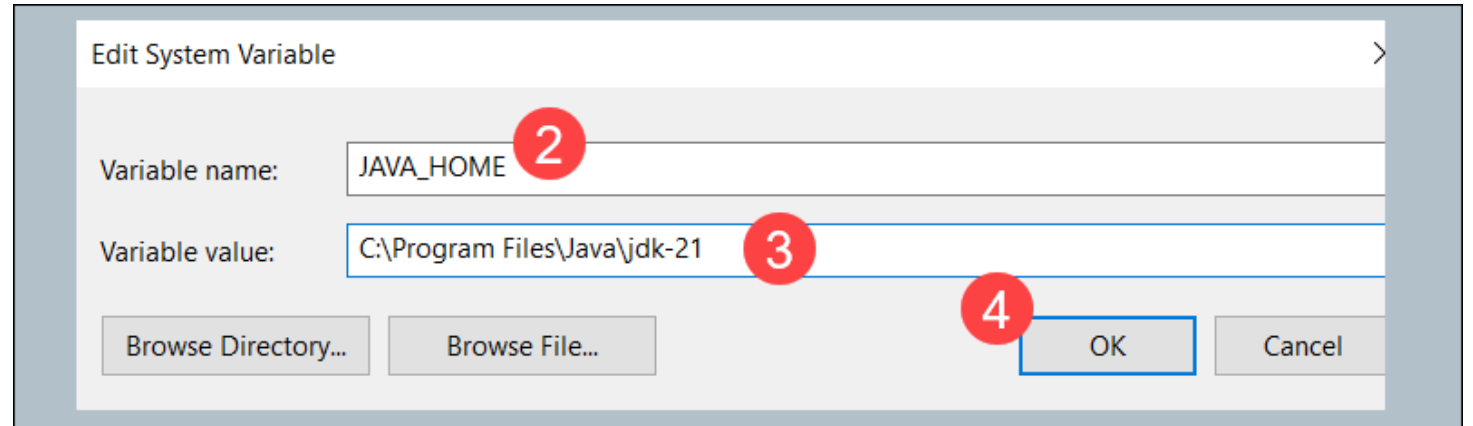
Add JAVA_HOME Variable

- Some applications require the **JAVA_HOME** variable to point to the JDK installation directory. Follow the steps below to create the variable:
- 1. Click **New** under the *System variables* category to create a new variable.



Add JAVA_HOME Variable

- Name the variable **JAVA_HOME**.
- 3. Enter the path to your Java JDK directory in the variable value field.
- 4. Click **OK**.



Setting Environment Variables (Linux / macOS)

- `export JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-17-openjdk`
- `export PATH=$JAVA_HOME/bin:$PATH`
- Persist in:
 - `.bashrc`
 - `.zshrc`

Verifying Installation

Open
terminal /
command
prompt:

```
java -version  
javac -version
```

Output:

```
openjdk version "17.0.8"
```


BRIEF ABOUT **IDE** (INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENTS)



What is an IDE?

- An **IDE (Integrated Development Environment)** is a software application that provides a complete environment to:
 - Write Java code
 - Compile and run programs
 - Debug applications
 - Manage project structure and dependencies
 - Improve productivity using tools and automation
- **IDE = Code Editor + Compiler + Debugger + Build Tools + Project Manager**

Why Do We Need an IDE for Java?

- Java projects can become large and complex (especially in real companies). IDE helps by:
- **✓ Faster Development**
 - Auto-completion (suggestions)
 - Quick fixes
 - Code templates
- **✓ Error Detection**
 - Highlights errors while typing
 - Suggests corrections instantly
- **✓ Easy Debugging**
 - Breakpoints
 - Step-by-step execution
 - Variable inspection
- **✓ Project Management**
 - Handles multiple files, packages, modules
 - Helps organize enterprise-level projects
- **✓ Build & Dependency Support**
 - Maven / Gradle integration
 - Library management

Popular Java IDEs

IntelliJ IDEA (Most popular in industry)

- Best for:
- Spring Boot
- Enterprise apps
- Smart code suggestions
- Has Community (free) + Ultimate (paid)

◆ Eclipse

- Best for:
- Beginners
- Java EE projects
- Lightweight development
- Free and widely used

◆ NetBeans

- Best for:
- Students
- Simple Java projects
- Free and easy UI

◆ VS Code (Editor + Extensions)

- VS Code is not a full IDE by default, but becomes one with extensions:
- Java Extension Pack
- Maven support
- Debugger
- Good for lightweight development

Popular Java IDEs

Best Java IDEs

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IntelliJ IDEA

2

Eclipse

3

NetBeans

4

BlueJ

5

JDeveloper

6

JCreator

7

DrJava

8

JGrasp

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CodeMix

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Sublime