

1 JDK (Java Development Kit)

◆ Definition:

The **JDK** is the **complete toolkit** needed to **develop, compile, debug, and run** Java programs.

It includes:

- **JRE (Java Runtime Environment)** → to run programs
- **Compiler (`javac`)** → converts `.java` → `.class` (bytecode)
- **Tools** → debugger (`jdb`), jar tool, documentation generator (`javadoc`), etc.

JDK Structure:

JDK

```
├── JRE
│   ├── JVM
│   ├── Core Libraries (java.*, javax.*, etc.)
│   └── Supporting Files
├── Development Tools
│   ├── javac → Compiler
│   ├── jar → Packaging tool
│   ├── javadoc → Documentation tool
│   └── jdb → Debugger
```

✓ In short:

If you want to *write and run* Java → you need JDK.

2 JRE (Java Runtime Environment)

◆ Definition:

The **JRE** provides everything you need to **run** Java programs — but not to **develop** them.

It includes:

- JVM
- Core Java Libraries (like `java.lang`, `java.util`, `java.io`)

- Supporting files

🧠 Think of JRE as the *playground* where the compiled Java program runs.

Note: You can install only JRE on user systems where you just need to run Java apps (no need for compilation tools).

🧠 3 JVM (Java Virtual Machine)

♦ Definition:

The **JVM** is the *virtual processor* that executes Java **bytecode** (platform-independent code).

It is the **engine** of Java's "Write Once, Run Anywhere" principle.

🧩 Key Responsibilities:

1. **Class Loader:** Loads `.class` files (bytecode) into memory.
2. **Bytecode Verifier:** Ensures the code doesn't violate access rights or memory safety.
3. **Interpreter & JIT Compiler:** Converts bytecode → machine code.
4. **Memory Management:**
 - Heap (objects)
 - Stack (method calls, local vars)
 - Garbage Collector (automatic cleanup)

🧱 JVM Internal Memory Areas:

Memory Area	Description
Method Area	Stores class metadata, static variables, method code
Heap	Runtime object storage
Stack	Stores local variables, method calls
PC Register	Tracks the current instruction
Native Method Stack	Supports native (C/C++) method calls

⚡ 4 How Bytecode Works

◆ Compilation Flow:

1. **Source Code** (`.java`) — written by you
2. **Compiler** (`javac`) → converts source → **Bytecode** (`.class`)
3. **JVM** executes the bytecode on any machine.

Example:

```
public class Hello {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("Hello, World!");  
    }  
}
```

When you compile:

```
javac Hello.java
```

It produces:

```
Hello.class
```

◆ Bytecode Details:

- Bytecode = **intermediate representation** (neither pure machine code nor plain text).
- It is **platform-independent**, meaning the same `.class` file can run on Windows, macOS, Linux, etc. — as long as there's a JVM installed.

◆ Example:

If you open a `.class` file, you might see:

```
CAFEBABE 0000 0034 ...
```

That's the **bytecode**, executed by JVM instructions.

5 JIT Compilation (Just-In-Time Compiler)

♦ Why JIT Exists:

Originally, JVM interpreted bytecode line by line — **slow**.

JIT (part of JVM) was added to **improve performance** by compiling frequently executed bytecode sections **into native machine code at runtime**.

♦ How It Works:

1. JVM starts interpreting bytecode.
2. It identifies *hot code paths* (methods/loops called repeatedly).
3. JIT compiles those sections into **native CPU instructions** (machine code).
4. The next time that code runs → executes directly → **much faster**.

JIT Workflow:

```
Java Source Code (.java)
    ↓ (javac)
Bytecode (.class)
    ↓ (JVM loads)
Interpreter + JIT
    ↓
Native Machine Code (CPU-specific)
```

♦ Benefits:

- Faster execution after first few runs.
- Adaptive optimization (JIT keeps improving hot code).
- Makes Java programs perform closer to compiled languages like C++.

♦ Example Analogy:

- **Interpreter:** Reads and translates one line at a time (slow).
- **JIT Compiler:** Notices repeated paragraphs, translates them once, and keeps them ready for reuse (fast).

Component	Full Form	Contains	Purpose
JVM	Java Virtual Machine	Interpreter + JIT + GC	Executes bytecode
JRE	Java Runtime Environment	JVM + Core Libraries	Runs Java apps
JDK	Java Development Kit	JRE + Tools	Develops and runs apps
Bytecode	Intermediate code	<code>.class</code> files	Portable & platform-independent
JIT Compiler	Just-In-Time Compiler	Inside JVM	Converts hot bytecode → machine code

Visual Summary

Java Source Code (`.java`)



[Compiler - `javac`]



Bytecode (`.class`)



[JVM]

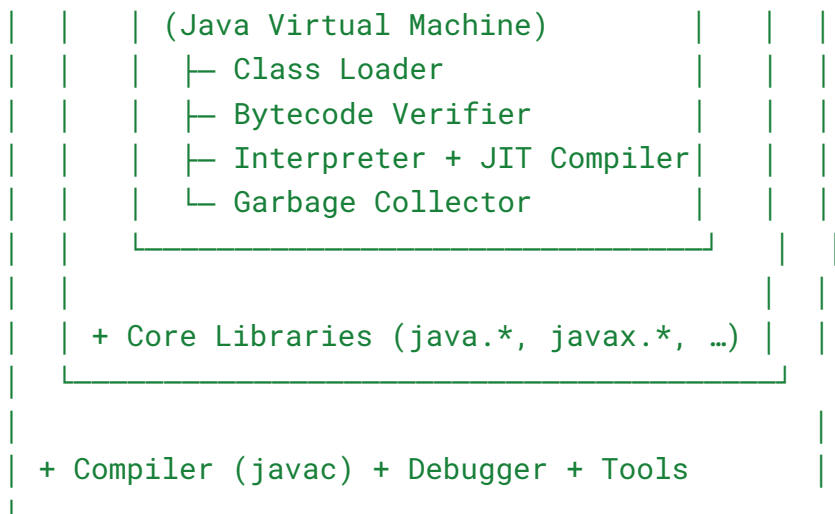
- |— Class Loader
- |— Bytecode Verifier
- |— Interpreter + JIT Compiler
- |— Garbage Collector



Native Machine Code → Execution

① Relationship: JDK → JRE → JVM





● In simple terms:

- **JDK** → Everything (to *develop* and *run*)
- **JRE** → Only for *running*
- **JVM** → Actually *executes* the code

⚡ 2 Flow: Java Code → Bytecode → JIT → Machine Code

[1] Write Code

└→ Hello.java

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[2] Compile with javac

└→ javac Hello.java

↓

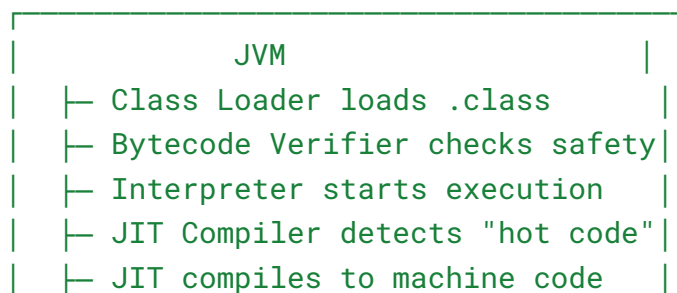
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(Bytecode)

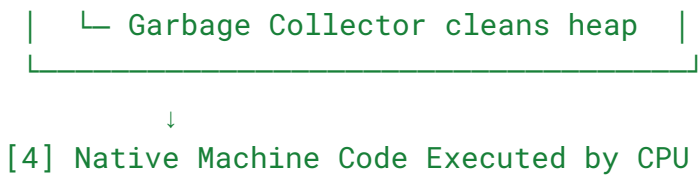
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[3] Run with JVM

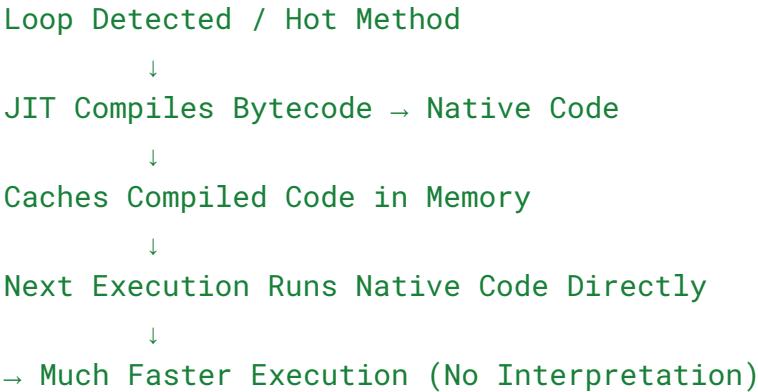
└→ java Hello

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⚙️ JIT Compilation Cycle (Simplified)



🧠 Summary Points

Step	Process	Tool / Component	Output
1	Write Java Code	Text Editor / IDE	.java file
2	Compile	javac (Compiler in JDK)	.class bytecode
3	Load & Verify	JVM (Class Loader + Verifier)	Valid bytecode
4	Execute	JVM Interpreter + JIT	Native code
5	Manage Memory	Garbage Collector	Efficient runtime

let's go **step by step** with a real-world example and trace exactly what happens from your Java code → bytecode → JIT compilation → machine execution.

🧩 Example Code

```
public class Hello {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("Hello, World!");  
    }  
}
```

```
}
```

Step 1 — Compilation (Source Code → Bytecode)

When you compile:

```
javac Hello.java
```

It generates:

```
Hello.class
```

This `.class` file contains **bytecode**, which is platform-independent.

You can check what's inside using:

```
javap -c Hello
```

Output:

```
Compiled from "Hello.java"
```

```
public class Hello {  
    public static void main(java.lang.String[]);  
        Code:  
        0: getstatic      #2    // Field java/lang/System.out:Ljava/io/PrintStream;  
        3: ldc           #3     // String "Hello, World!"  
        5: invokevirtual #4     // Method  
java/io/PrintStream.println:(Ljava/lang/String;)V  
        8: return  
}
```

Step 2 — Understanding the Bytecode

Line	Bytecode Instruction	Meaning
0	<code>getstatic #2</code>	Load the static field <code>System.out</code> (a <code>PrintStream</code>)
3	<code>ldc #3</code>	Load constant <code>"Hello, World!"</code> onto the stack


```
5    invokevirtual #4    Call the println method of PrintStream
8    return              Exit method
```

👉 Each line is a **JVM instruction** that the **JVM interpreter** understands. This bytecode is **universal** — it can run on any machine with a JVM.

🧱 Step 3 — Execution (JVM loads and runs)

When you run:

```
java Hello
```

The following sequence happens inside the JVM:

- 1. Class Loader loads Hello.class
 - 2. Bytecode Verifier checks for security/syntax integrity
 - 3. JVM Interpreter starts executing bytecode line by line
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⚡ Step 4 — JIT Compilation in Action

The **Just-In-Time (JIT) compiler** now comes into play.

Here's what it does:

Phase	Description
🌿 Interpretation	JVM first runs the bytecode line by line.
🔥 Hot Spot Detection	JVM monitors which methods or loops are used frequently.
⚙️ JIT Compilation	Converts those <i>hot</i> bytecode sections into native machine code.
⚡ Execution Optimization	Next time, it directly executes the native code (no interpretation).
♻️ Adaptive Optimization	Continuously optimizes based on runtime behavior.

Since `main()` in this example runs only once, JIT optimization impact is minimal here. But for code like:

```
for (int i = 0; i < 1_000_000; i++) sum += i;
```

the loop body would be **JIT-compiled** and run much faster after the first few iterations.



Step 5 — Machine Code Execution

Once JIT compiles a method, the **machine-native code** (CPU instructions) is stored in memory. Next execution skips the bytecode interpreter entirely.

Simplified Flow:

Bytecode (.class)



Interpreter (initial runs)



JIT identifies hot methods



Compiles to machine code (native)



Caches & runs directly on CPU

Performance improves significantly for long-running or repetitive tasks.



Step 6 — Memory and Garbage Collection

During runtime:

- Objects like "Hello, World!" and `System.out` live in the **heap**.
 - The **stack** holds method calls (like `main`).
 - After program ends, the **Garbage Collector (GC)** reclaims used memory automatically.
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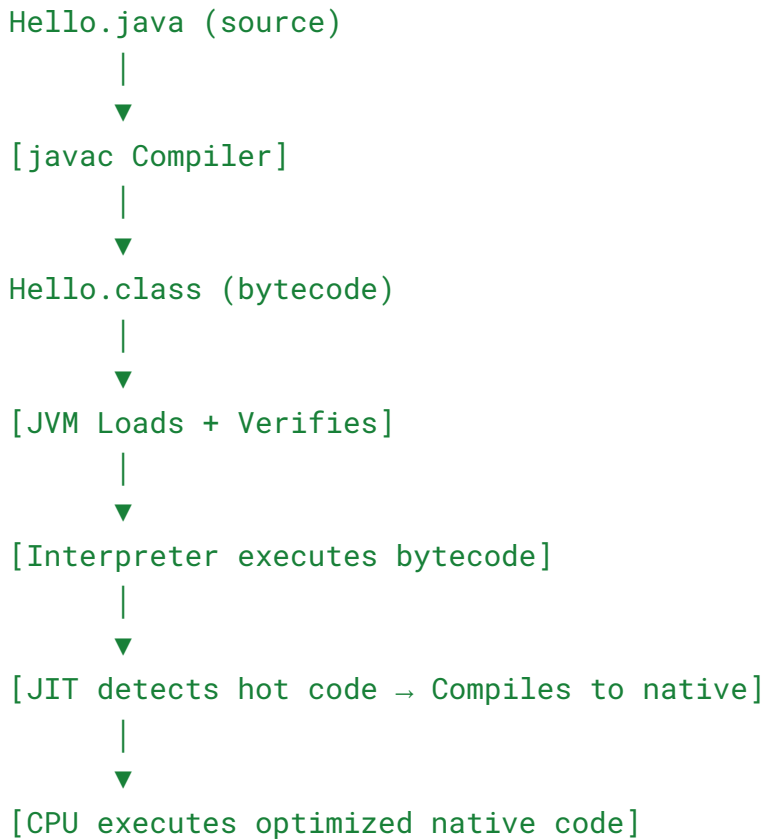


Putting It All Together

Stage	Tool/Component	Input	Output
1. Compile	<code>javac</code>	<code>.java</code> source	<code>.class</code> bytecode
2. Load	Class Loader	<code>.class</code>	In-memory bytecode

3. Verify	Bytecode Verifier	Bytecode	Safe, verified code
4. Execute	Interpreter + JIT	Bytecode	Native code
5. Manage	Garbage Collector	Heap memory	Memory cleanup

Full Visual Flow



Summary:

- **JDK** → Tools to create and compile Java code
- **JRE** → Environment to run Java apps
- **JVM** → Executes the bytecode
- **Bytecode** → Platform-independent intermediate code
- **JIT Compiler** → Converts frequently executed bytecode into fast, native machine code