
PART 1: Install and Configure Java, Scala, and Spark (on Windows)

This setup will:

- run Spark **natively on Windows**,
- let you **develop and run apps in IntelliJ IDEA**,
- optionally use **WSL 2** for Linux-style file access.

1. Install Java (JDK 17)

Spark 3.5.x works best with **Java 17**.

 **In PowerShell (Run as Administrator)**

```
winget install --id EclipseAdoptium.Temurin.17.JDK -e
```

Verify:

```
java -version
```

Expected:

```
openjdk version "17.0.x"
```

2. Install Scala (2.12.x)

Spark 3.5.1 requires Scala **2.12**.

```
choco install scala -y
```

(If you don't have Chocolatey yet, install it first:

```
Set-ExecutionPolicy Bypass -Scope Process -Force;  
[System.Net.ServicePointManager]::SecurityProtocol =  
[System.Net.ServicePointManager]::SecurityProtocol -bor 3072; iex  
((New-Object  
System.Net.WebClient).DownloadString('https://community.chocolatey.org  
/install.ps1'))
```

Then re-run the Scala install.)

Verify:

```
scala -version
```

Output:

```
Scala code runner version 2.12.x
```



3. Download Apache Spark (Pre-Built with Hadoop)

Download Spark 3.5.1 (Hadoop 3) pre-built package.

```
cd C:\  
Invoke-WebRequest -Uri  
"https://downloads.apache.org/spark/spark-3.5.1/spark-3.5.1-bin-hadoop  
3.tgz" -OutFile "spark.tgz"  
tar -xvzf spark.tgz  
Rename-Item "spark-3.5.1-bin-hadoop3" "spark"
```

Now Spark is located at `C:\spark`.



4. Set Environment Variables

In PowerShell:

```
[Environment]::SetEnvironmentVariable("SPARK_HOME", "C:\spark",
"Machine")
[Environment]::SetEnvironmentVariable("HADOOP_HOME", "C:\spark",
"Machine")
[Environment]::SetEnvironmentVariable("JAVA_HOME", "C:\Program
Files\Eclipse Adoptium\jdk-17", "Machine")
[Environment]::SetEnvironmentVariable("PATH", $env:PATH +
";C:\spark\bin;C:\spark\sbin;C:\Program Files\Eclipse
Adoptium\jdk-17\bin", "Machine")
```

Close PowerShell and open a new one, then check:

```
spark-shell
```

✔ You should see:

Welcome to

```

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```

version 3.5.1

Exit Spark shell:

```
:quit
```

PART 2: Setup in IntelliJ IDEA (Windows)

1 Install Plugins

Open IntelliJ IDEA →

File → Settings → Plugins → Marketplace

Install:

- ☒ Scala Plugin
 - ☒ SBT (comes built-in with Community edition)
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2 Create a New Spark Project

File → New → Project → Scala (SBT)

Set:

- Project name: `SparkHelloWorld`
 - Scala version: `2.12.18`
 - JDK: `17`
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3 Edit `build.sbt`

Replace with this:

```
name := "SparkHelloWorld"
version := "1.0"
scalaVersion := "2.12.18"

libraryDependencies ++= Seq(
  "org.apache.spark" %% "spark-core" % "3.5.1",
  "org.apache.spark" %% "spark-sql" % "3.5.1"
)
```

Click **Reload Project** when prompted.

4 Create a Sample Spark Application

Create file:


```
src/main/scala/com/example/HelloSpark.scala
```


```
package com.example
```

```
import org.apache.spark.sql.SparkSession
```

```
object HelloSpark {  
  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {  
    val spark = SparkSession.builder()  
      .appName("HelloSparkApp")  
      .master("local[*]")  
      .getOrCreate()  
  
    import spark.implicits._  
  
    val data = Seq(("Asha", 30), ("Vikram", 25), ("Priya", 28))  
    val df = data.toDF("name", "age")  
  
    df.show()  
  
    spark.stop()  
  }  
}
```

5 Run in IntelliJ

Click **Run**  on `HelloSpark`.

 Output:

```
+-----+----+  
|  name|age|  
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|  Asha| 30|  
|Vikram| 25|  
| Priya| 28|  
+-----+----+
```

PART 3: Optional — Use WSL 2 with Spark

If you prefer to run Spark from **Ubuntu (WSL 2)** while developing in IntelliJ:

1. Place Spark folder in `/mnt/c/spark`

In WSL:

```
cd /mnt/c/spark
./bin/spark-shell
```

- 2.

You can also submit apps from WSL:

```
./bin/spark-submit --class com.example.HelloSpark
/mnt/c/Users/<YourUser>/IdeaProjects/SparkHelloWorld/target/scala-2.12
/sparkhelloworld_2.12-1.0.jar
```

- 3.

This way, Spark runs in a Linux-like environment, but your development stays in Windows.

PART 4: Test GitHub Repository

Clone this **beginner-friendly Spark + Scala** repo:

👉 <https://github.com/awesome-spark/spark-scala-hello>

In PowerShell:

```
cd C:\
git clone https://github.com/awesome-spark/spark-scala-hello.git
cd spark-scala-hello
```

Then open the project in IntelliJ → **Reload Project** → **Run**.



Summary Checklist

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2	Install Scala 2.12	PowerShell / Chocolatey
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7	Add build.sbt dependencies	IntelliJ
8	Run HelloSpark.scala	IntelliJ
9	(Optional) Run Spark in WSL	WSL Terminal
