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# **HISTORY OF JAVA**

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Brief introduction about the history of java.

# History of java



- Started in 1991
- A team of engineers at Sun Microsystems began a project called “Green Project” for digital devices (set-up box, television etc)
- File extension was .gt (HelloWord.gt)
- The team was led by **James Gosling** (known as the *Father of Java*).
- 1995(**Java alpha beta version**) was released, but they have highly unstable.
- JDK 1.0 was released in the year of 1996
- Originally called **Oak**

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## Why was java named as "Oak" ?



- The first name of Java was "**Oak**".
- James Gosling gave this name because there was an **oak tree outside his office**.
- Oak was chosen because it is a **symbol of strength**.
- Oak is also the **national tree** of many countries like **USA, France, Germany, and Romania**.

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## How the Name "Java" Came from Oak?

- In **1995**, the name **Oak** was changed to **Java**.
- The name was changed because "**Oak**" **was already a registered trademark** of another company (Oak Technologies).
- The team sat together to **find a new name**.
- Some suggested names were "**dynamic**", "**revolutionary**", "**Silk**", "**jolt**", "**DNA**", etc.
- They wanted a name that should be:
  - **Revolutionary**, **Dynamic**, **Cool and unique**, **Easy to spell**
- According to **James Gosling**, the two top choices were **Java** and **Silk**.
- Since **Java was very unique**, most of the team members selected it.
- The name **Java** came from **Java island in Indonesia**, where the world's **first coffee (Java coffee)** was produced.
- That is why the **coffee cup logo** was also chosen for Java.
- File extension become **.java**.

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- **Major Java Versions**
  - **JDK 1.0 (1996):** First version of Java.
  - **Java 2 (1998):** Added Swing, Collections, and more.
  - **Java 5 (2004):** Introduced Generics, Annotations.
  - **Java 8 (2014):** Introduced Lambda Expressions, Streams.
  - **Java 11 (2018):** Long Term Support (LTS) version.
  - **Java 17 (2021):** Latest LTS version, widely used today.

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- Why Java Became Popular

- Easy to learn.
- Platform independent.
- Secure and reliable.
- Java is used in **many devices and applications** like desktop software
  - (Acrobat Reader, media players),
  - websites, banking systems, mobile apps, smart cards, embedded systems, robotics, and games.
- According to Sun Microsystems, **more than 3 billion devices run Java**, which shows how important and widely used it is.
- Thankyou!!