**Java Installation:**

Review the Instructor Videos above and follow the instructions for installing Java. NetBeans is an optional Integrated Development Environment (IDE) that may make the course easier, but it is not required.

**Discussion Question:**

Search the Internet for a helpful Java website, excluding W3Schools, and post a link along with a detailed description as to why you found it helpful.

When searching the Internet for a helpful Java website, I ran across many different options, but one that particularly stood out was the dev.Java website. Similar to our resources this week, it provides helpful information on downloading Java and getting started. So, if the resources this week are not enough to successfully install Java, then this site may help you! It also includes instructions on writing Java classes and creating a Java application. There are different instructions for various IDEs and information on new features. It provides more basic and slightly more advanced concepts like how to master the API. What I’ve explained so far is just on the Learn Java page, but there is much more that the site offers.

When exploring the site further, videos and a podcast are available to listen to. If you are looking for quicker video content, then the Sip of Java videos are perfect since they are only a minute long. If you want lengthier content, other videos are available, and the podcast is 30 minutes long. Instead of turning on music while cleaning or performing another task, switching to a podcast like Inside Java can benefit our studies.

If you dive deeper into the website, you will also stumble upon their FAQ and Oracle University. Oracle University offers free Java training that can help users learn Java programming. In addition, there is a Java Playground that allows you to practice. I definitely recommend that everyone check this site out! Here is the link: https://dev.java/learn/

**Assignment Requirements and Grading:**

* An initial post of approximately 250 words is due by **Thursday, 11:59 p.m., CST**.
* Submit your post by clicking on the assignment link above, then Create Thread. You must create a thread in order to view your peers' posts. Tip: Create your post in a Word document and then copy and paste your work into the thread.
* A minimum of three (3) responses, to the original threads of other students, of 100-200 words each are due by **Sunday, 11:59 p.m., CST**.
* To view the rubric grading criteria, click on the following link: [Discussion Board Grading Rubric](https://content.bellevue.edu/cst/csd/rubricdbv3.pdf).

Arely, I really enjoyed reading your post this week! I always find seeing what others use for further resources extremely beneficial. There are so many websites and information on coding available out there, so it helps to narrow down the search to sites that have helped people through our studies. Tutorials have often helped me when I have felt lost and confused, so I am excited to check out JavaTpoint if I start to feel that way again. I sometimes need to hear or read about a topic in various ways before I can fully comprehend it within the programming language.

Scott, you did a great job explaining why GeeksforGeeks is an excellent aid similar to W3schools. Apart from what is already assigned through W3schools, I often reference it when I need more guidance or when trying to remember a concept. So, having additional sites like that in our arsenal to reference when needed is great. I have used GeeksforGeeks throughout my entire programming journey, so I think it is a perfect resource to include. I love its versatility since it provides guidance for various languages and general coding information. The code examples can be great references or jumpstarting points when coding.

Adrian, you thoroughly explained why the resource you included is great to reference! I completely agree with you and also wrote about the same site! What better place to get information than the source? I also liked how there were guides, which are great when you are unsure where to start or move on. I loved how free Java training is available for those who want to study the fundamentals further.

I think it would have been helpful to include a link for others to reference if they wanted to. It makes it much easier to use and encourages others to check it out.