

Figure 1: The workspace after you have imported Tick 3.

Getting Started

Compiling and Running Tick 3

1 Introduction

This document explains how to get started with Tick 3. This is a bit trickier than with Ticks 1 and 2, but if you follow these instructions Eclipse should set up most of the project automatically.

There are two important steps that must done:

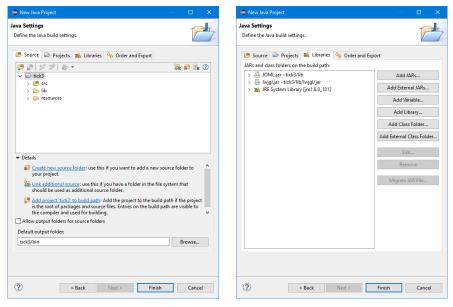
- The libaries JOML.jar and lwjgl.jar should be added to the build path. Eclipse should do this automatically when importing the project.
- The path to the LWJGL native libraries should be added to the VM options. You will do this yourself by modifying the run configuration.

1.1 Downloading and extracting source files

Download tick3.zip from Moodle, and extract the files. You should end up with a directory structure like so:



The directory you should use as the project's Location has been indicated.



 $(a) \ The \ Tick \ 3$ Java Settings.

(b) Tick 3 Libraries.

Figure 2: You will import the project in a similar way to Ticks 1 and 2. This time, check that the Tick 3 libraries have been added to the build path.

2 Importing Tick 3

The process for importing Tick 3 is similar to Ticks 1 and 2. The first five steps are the same, but there are a few extra things you should check in the Java Settings page (see Figure 2):

- 1. Select File \rightarrow New \rightarrow Java Project from the application menu.
- 2. For "Project name", enter "tick3".
- 3. Untick "use default location".
- 4. For "Location", click "Browse..." and navigate to the root directory tick3.
- 5. Click "Next" at the bottom of the dialog box.
- 6. Check that the additional directories are present in the Java Settings dialog: resources and lib (libraries).
- 7. Click the Libraries tab and check that JOML.jar and lwjgl.jar have both been added to the build path.
- 8. If everything looks okay, click "Finish" to exit the dialog.

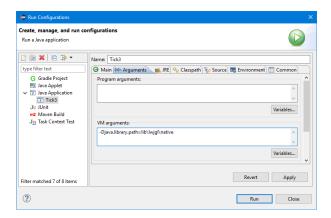


Figure 3: Make sure the VM arguments are set up correctly.

3 Running Tick 3

If you try to run Tick 3, you will get an error.

[LWJGL] Failed to load a library

This is because Java is not finding the native libraries it needs for OpenGL. To fix this, we must pass the lib folder to the JVM as an argument when we run the application:

- 1. Click $Run \to Run$ configurations... from the application menu. You should see a dialog box like the one in Figure 3.
- 2. Select Java Application → Tick 3 from the panel on the left. If Tick 3 does not exist, double click Java Application to automatically create it.
- 3. Click the Arguments tab in the panel on the right.
- 4. Enter -Djava.library.path=lib\lwjgl\native into the VM arguments box. Your application will now find the native libraries at runtime.

Now when you run the application you should see a black cube on a white background. You are now ready to start Tick 3.