

Installing IntelliJ IDEA for Mac

For this course, we're going to use an IDE called **IntelliJ IDEA**. An **IDE**, or **Integrated Development Environment**, is the tool that we use to write programs.

The main feature is a text editor, that we type our code into. But an IDE also compiles and runs our programs for us. And as you'll see, it also warns us about errors in our code, before we run it.

The IDE we're going to use is called IntelliJ IDEA, created by a company called **JetBrains**. There are other IDEs available, and you can use any that you want for this course.

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If you've already got an IDE that you like, and you're comfortable using, then it's fine to continue using it. Most modern IDEs provide the same, or very similar, features.

If you haven't used an IDE before, I suggest you use IntelliJ IDEA. That way your environment will work the same way as you'll see in the videos.

A reminder that this video is for the Mac, check out the other videos in this section, if you are on Windows or running Linux.

It's time to download and install IntelliJ IDEA, which we need to write Java programs.