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JAVA VERSION FROM BEGINNING TO TILL DATE WITH CHANGES

Overview Of Java Versions From The Beginning To The Present,
Highlighting The Major Changes Introduced With Each Version:

1. JDK 1.0 (January 1996)

- Initial release.

2. JDK 1.1 (February 1997) -

Inner classes.

- JavaBeans.
- JDBC (Java Database Connectivity).
- RMI (Remote Method Invocation).
- AWT event model improvements. Reflection (introspection only).

3. J2SE 1.2 (December 1998)

- Swing API.
- Collections framework.
- Java Plug-in.
- IDL (Interface Definition Language) and CORBA support. - JIT (Just-In-Time) compiler included.

4. J2SE 1.3 (May 2000)

- HotSpot JVM included.
- JPDA (Java Platform Debugger Architecture). -RMI over IIOP.

5. J2SE 1.4 (February 2002) -

assert keyword.

- Regular expressions.
- Exception chaining.
- Logging API.
- Image I/O API.
- Integrated XML parser and XSLT processor (JAXP). New I/O (NIO).

6. J2SE 5.0 (September 2004) [also known as Java 5] -

Generics.

- Metadata (annotations).
- Autoboxing/unboxing.
- Enumerated types.
- The enhanced for loop.
- Varargs.
- Static import. Concurrency utilities (java.util.concurrent).

7. Java SE 6 (December 2006) -

Scripting Language Support (JSR 223).

- JDBC 4.0.
- Improvements in GUI.
- Compiler API.
- Pluggable annotations processing API. New APIs for web services.

8. Java SE 7 (July 2011) -

The diamond operator.

- Strings in switch.
- Try-with-resources.
- Improved type inference for generic instance creation.
- Simplified varargs method invocation.
- NIO.2.
- Fork/Join framework. JavaFX 2.0.

9. Java SE 8 (March 2014) -

Lambda expressions.

- Method references.
- Default methods.
- Stream API.
- Optional class.
- Nashorn JavaScript engine.
- Date and Time API (java.time). Base64 encoding and decoding.

10. Java SE 9 (September 2017)

- Module system (Project Jigsaw).
- JShell (the interactive Java shell).
- Factory methods for immutable collections.
- Enhanced @Deprecated annotation.
- Stream API improvements. HTTP/2 client.

11. Java SE 10 (March 2018)

- Local-variable type inference (var keyword).
- Time-based release versioning.
- Application class-data sharing. Root certificates in the default keystore.

12. Java SE 11 (September 2018) [Long Term Support] - New HTTP client API.

- Local-variable syntax for lambda parameters.
- Removal of Java EE and CORBA modules.
- New Epsilon garbage collector. Flight Recorder (Java Flight Recorder).

13. Java SE 12 (March 2019)

- Switch expressions (preview).
- Shenandoah low-pause-time garbage collector.
 - Microbenchmark Suite.

14. Java SE 13 (September 2019) -

Text blocks (preview).

- Reimplementation of the legacy socket API. - Dynamic CDS archives.

15. Java SE 14 (March 2020)

- Records (preview).
- Pattern matching for instanceof (preview). Switch expressions (standard).

16. Java SE 15 (September 2020) -

Sealed classes (preview).

- Hidden classes. - Text blocks (standard).

17. Java SE 16 (March 2021)

- Records (standard).
- Pattern matching for instanceof (standard). Vector API (incubator).

18. Java SE 17 (September 2021) [Long Term Support] -

Sealed classes (standard).

- Foreign Function & Memory API (incubator). - New macOS rendering pipeline.

19. Java SE 18 (March 2022)

- Simple web server.
- UTF-8 by default.
- Code snippets in Java API documentation. Deprecate finalization for removal.

20. Java SE 19 (September 2022)

- Structured concurrency (incubator).
- Foreign Function & Memory API (preview).
- Vector API (second incubator). Pattern matching for switch (preview).

21. Java SE 20 (March 2023)

- Scoped values (incubator).
- Virtual threads (preview).
- Structured concurrency (second incubator). Record patterns (preview).

22. Java SE 21 (September 2023) [Long Term Support] -

Virtual threads (standard).

- Sequenced collections.
- Pattern matching for switch (standard).
- String templates (preview). Record patterns (second preview).