Download MySQL driver (although MySQL is using the term 'connector')

url: https://www.mysql.com/products/connector/

1. Choose any of the two, just make sure that the tool you have can read the file format...
2. Decompress the file and just take note of the location.
   Eg. The file when decompressed will result to a folder containing the following... The only file to be noted is the location of the file highlighted below...
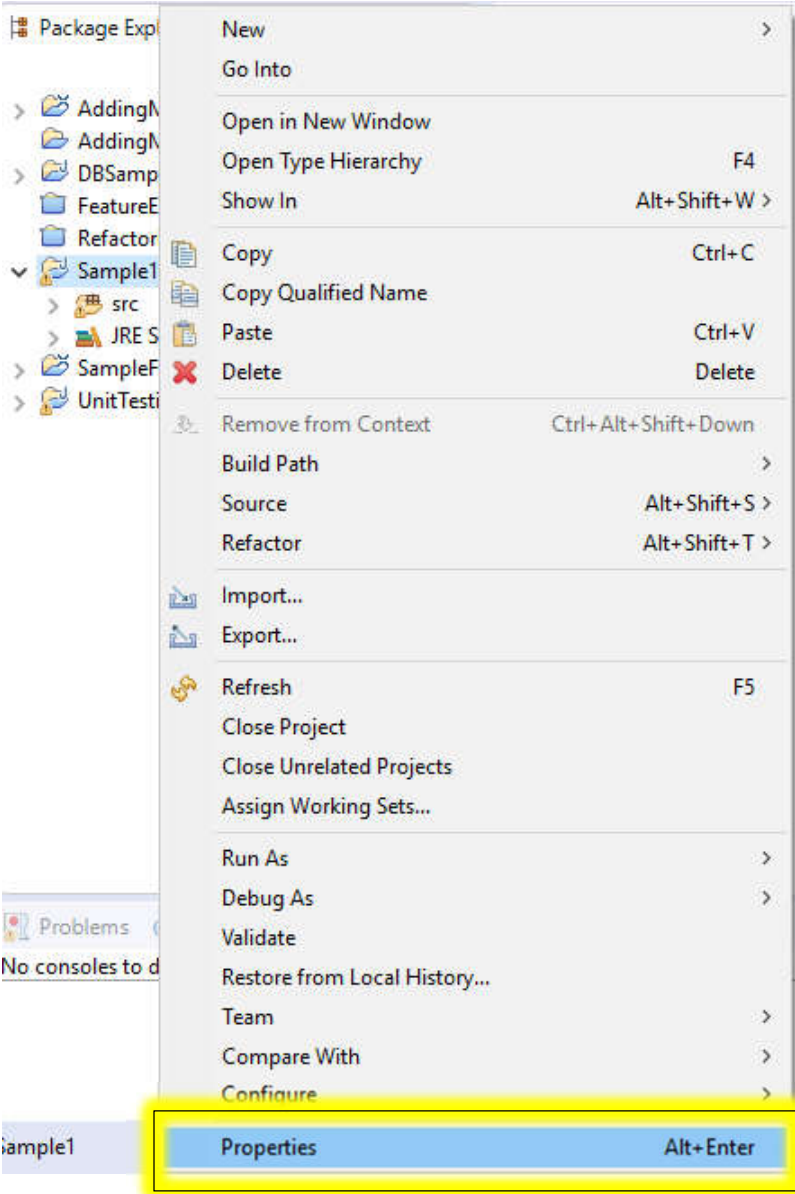
The file will then have to be included in the libraries of the chosen IDE…

A. Eclipse IDE
1. Create a new project.
2. Right click the project from the Project Explorer window and choose Properties.

3. A dialog box appears and you are to select *Java Build Path option* and click the tab Libraries. Then click Add External Jars… option and choose the file "***mysql-connector-java-5.1.44-bin.jar***" in its location
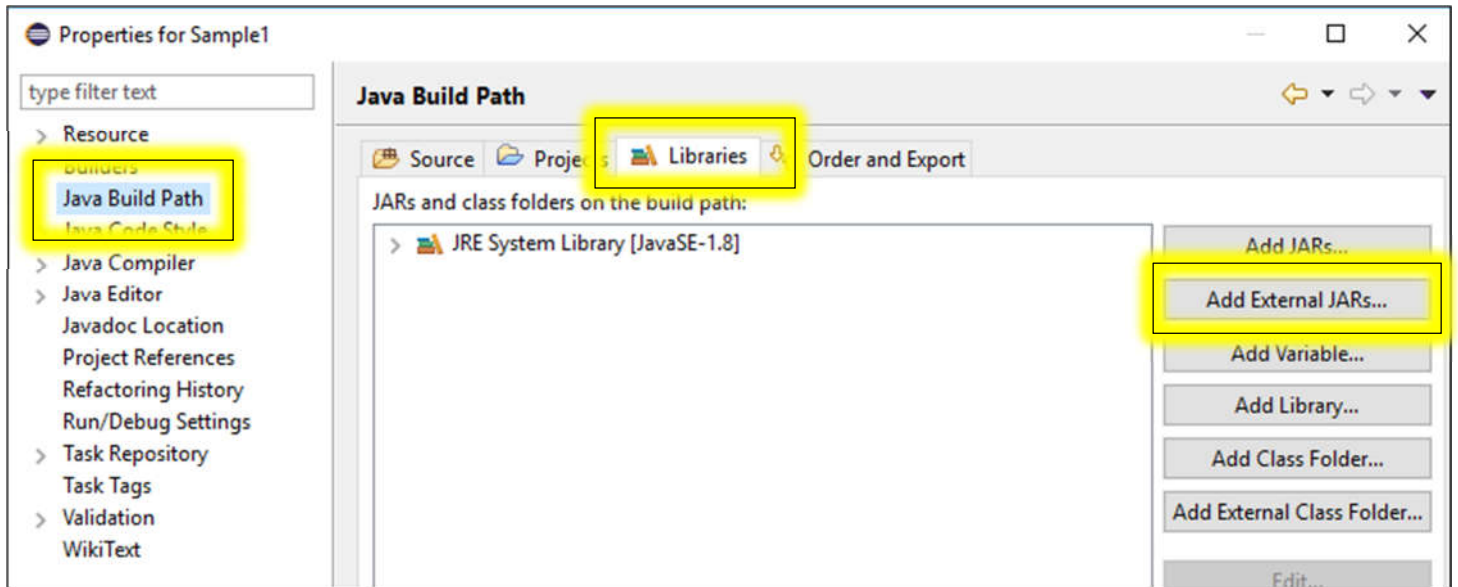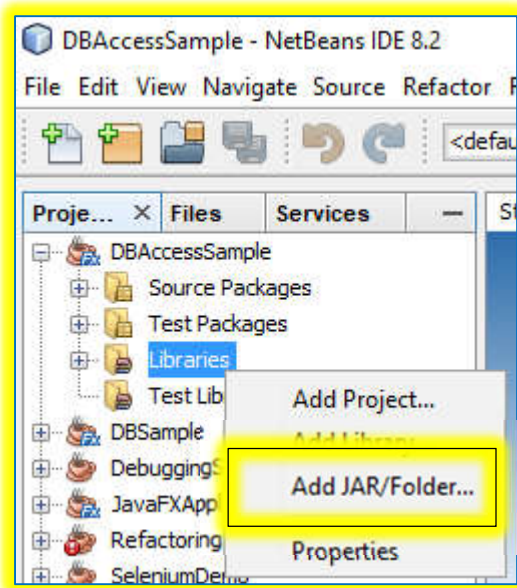
4. Verify the Project Explorer whether the file has been added in the libraries:
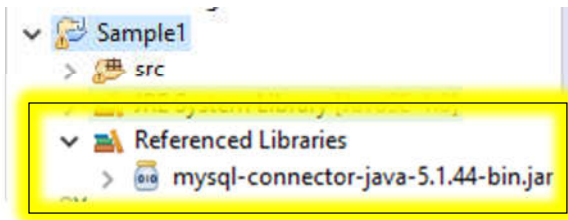
B. NetBeans IDE
   1. Create a new project.
   2. Right click the created project and select Add Jar/Folder…

   3. Select the location of the file and verify the added jar file…