# Junie: Your AI Coding Agent in JetBrains IDEs

**Autonomous Coding with Safety Controls** 

Transform Your Development Workflow with AI-Powered Automation

Four-Hour Hands-On Workshop

# **o** What You'll Master Today

## **Core Concepts**

- Ask Mode: Analysis & insights
- **Code Mode**: Automated changes
- **Guidelines**: Team conventions
- 🏮 **Safety:** Approvals & controls

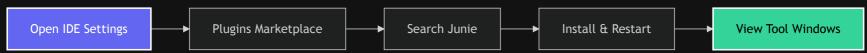
#### Hands-On Labs

- Java: Spring Boot APIs
- **Z Python**: Refactoring & testing
- **React**: Forms & validation
- \ MCP: External tool integration

- 陼 Prerequisites Check
- **▼ JetBrains IDE** (IntelliJ IDEA, PyCharm, or WebStorm)
- **▼ JetBrains AI Pro** subscription
- **▼ Development Environment** (Java 17+ / Python 3.8+ / Node 16+)

**Quick Setup:** We'll install Junie together in the first 5 minutes

# Installation in 60 Seconds

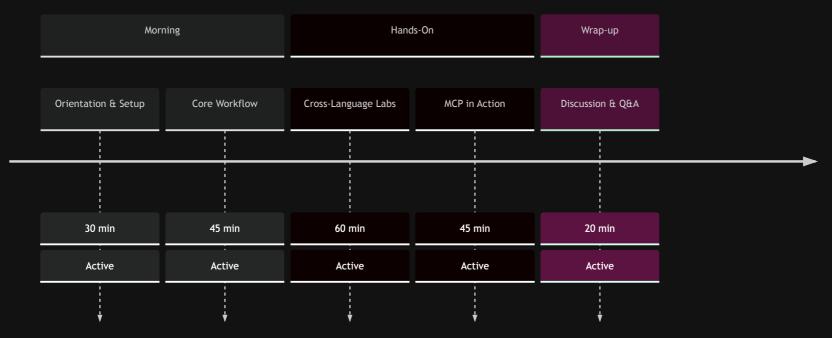


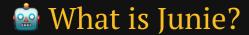
#### **Available Models:**



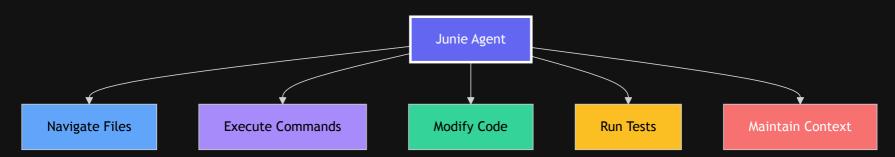
# Today's Journey

### **Four-Hour Workshop Timeline**

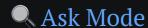




#### **JetBrains' AI-Powered Coding Agent**



# Two Operating Modes



#### **Read-Only Analysis**

- Explain complex code
- Analyze architecture
- Find bugs & issues
- Review security
- Check test coverage

Perfect for understanding before changing

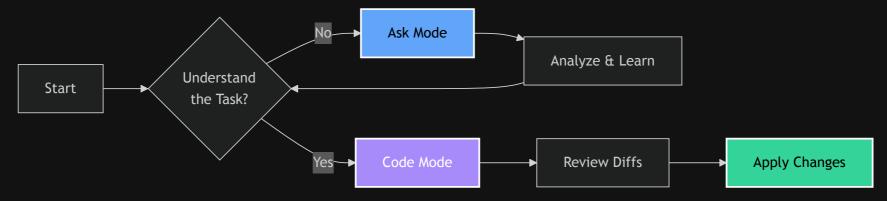
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#### **Make Changes**

- Implement features
- Fix bugs
- Refactor code
- Generate tests
- Update dependencies

Executes multi-step plans with diffs

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☆ Always start with Ask mode for complex tasks

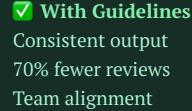
# Project Guidelines

Location: .junie/guidelines.md

```
## Technology Stack
- Framework: Spring Boot 3.2
- Testing: JUnit 5 + AssertJ

## Conventions
- REST: /api/v1/{resource}
- DTOs: Java records
- Tests: Given-When-Then
```

Without GuidelinesInconsistent patternsMultiple review cyclesStyle conflicts



# Safety Controls



# ★ When to Use Each Mode

Mode	Good For	Not For	
Approvals	<ul><li> Critical business logic</li><li> First-time tasks</li><li> Learning Junie</li></ul>	<ul><li>Repetitive formatting</li><li>Simple refactors</li></ul>	
Allowlist	<ul><li> Known file sets</li><li> Defined scope</li><li> Team reviews</li></ul>	<ul><li>Exploratory changes</li><li>Unknown impact</li></ul>	
Brave	<ul><li> Test generation</li><li> Formatting</li><li> Documentation</li></ul>	<ul><li> Production code</li><li> Database changes</li><li> First attempts</li></ul>	



## MCP: Model Context Protocol

#### **Available Tools**

#### **context7**

- Real-time library docs
- 1000+ libraries
- Version compatibility
- No API key needed!

#### 🥵 Playwright

- E2E test generation
- Browser automation
- Accessibility-first
- TypeScript output

## Configuration

```
"mcpServers": {
  context7": {
    "command": "npx",
    "args": ["@upstash/context7"]
  'playwright": {
    "command": "npx",
    'args": ["@playwright/mcp-server"]
```

Settings  $\rightarrow$  Junie  $\rightarrow$  MCP  $\rightarrow$  Edit mcp.json



Lab A: Java Lab B: Python Lab C: React Lab D: Upgrades Demo: Playwright

#### Timing:

- Lab A: 45-60 min
- Lab B: 30-45 min
- Lab C: 30-45 min
- Lab D: 20-30 min
- Demo: 20-30 min

**☞ Java**Spring Boot
REST APIs
JUnit + AssertJ

**Python**PEP 8
Type hints
pytest

React
TypeScript
Forms
Testing Library

MCPcontext7UpgradesMigration

# Lab A: Spring Boot Journey



#### **Without Guidelines**

- Inconsistent patterns
- Various styles
- More review cycles

#### With Guidelines

- Consistent code
- Team standards
- Faster approval



# **Lab B: Python Transformation**

## Before 🚱

```
def calc(x,y,op):
   if op=="add": return x+y
   elif op=="sub": return x-y
```

- No type hints
- Poor naming
- No tests
- No docs

## After 🚼

```
x float
   operation: str
) -> Optional[float]:
    """Calculate result.
       x: First number
       y: Second number
       operation: Operation
   Returns:
       Calculation result
```

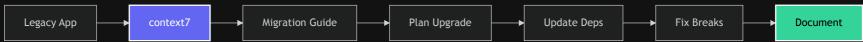
# React Forms

**React Hook Form**Form state

**Zod** Validation **Testing Library** 90% coverage

Accessibility
ARIA compliant

# ↑ Lab D: Smart Upgrades with context7



React 17  $\rightarrow$  React 18

Legacy Modern



#### **Generate E2E Tests in 5 Minutes**

```
test('successful login', async ({ page }) => {
  const loginPage = new LoginPage(page);
  await loginPage.goto();
  await loginPage.login('user@example.com', 'pass');

await expect(page).toHaveURL('/dashboard');
  await expect(page.getByRole('heading', { name: 'Welcome' }))
    .toBeVisible();
});
```

**▼** Page Objects

Accessibility

**▼** TypeScript

**▼** Retry Logic

X Junie vs The Competition

Feature	Junie	Copilot	Cursor	Codeium
Multi-file edits	<b>▽</b> Full	×	✓	A
Test execution	<b>▽</b> Yes	×	×	×
Rollback	<b>▽</b> Yes	×	<b>A</b>	×
MCP tools	<b>▽</b> Yes	×	×	×
IDE native	<b>▽</b> Full	A	×	A

## **©** Common Patterns

#### TDD Flow

1. Ask: "What tests?"

2. Code: "Generate tests"

3. Code: "Implement"

 $Red \rightarrow Green \rightarrow Refactor$ 

## Safe Refactoring

- 1. Generate tests
- 2. Identify issues
- 3. Refactor safely

Tests stay green

## Upgrades

- 1. context7 check
- 2. Update deps
- 3. Fix breaks

Systematic migration

# CI/CD Integration

```
name: Junie Guidelines Check
on: [pull_request]

jobs:
   guidelines-compliance:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
   steps:
    - uses: actions/checkout@v3
    - name: Check guidelines
     run: |
        # Validate against .junie/guidelines.md
        # Ensure consistency
```

**Pre-commit**Local validation

**CI Pipeline**Automated checks

**PR Review**Team alignment

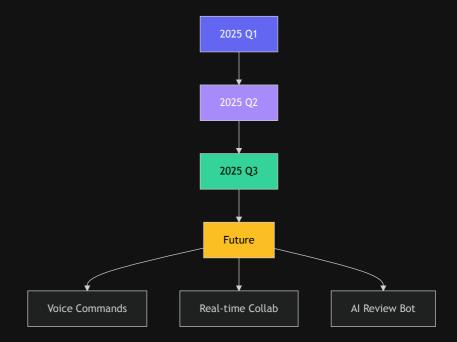
# ✓ Future Roadmap

Q1 2025

- of GPT-5 as default
- Multi-repo support
- NS Code beta

## Q2 2025

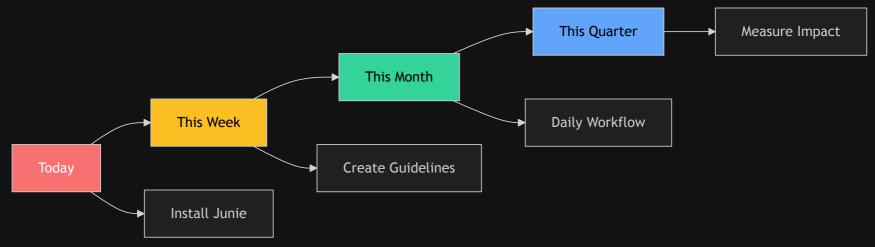
- GitHub PR reviews
- **MCP** marketplace
- **11** Team guidelines



## ★ Key Takeaways

- ▼ **Ask before Code** Understand first, implement second
- **▼ Guidelines drive consistency** Encode your team's DNA
- **▼ MCP extends capabilities** Leverage external tools
- **▼ Safety first** Review diffs, maintain control

# **©** Your Next Steps



Start with Approvals Mode → Build Trust → Scale Up

## Discussion Time

## Let's Explore Together:

- What would you trust Junie to do unattended?
- **Where do you always want human review?**
- **l** How could guidelines help your team?
- **♦ Which MCP tools fit your workflow?**
- **#** How will AI agents change development?



#### Documentation

- 🕮 Getting Started
- **W** Guidelines Guide
- MCP Settings

#### **Tutorials**

- 💡 IntelliJ Playbook
- 🌽 PyCharm Playbook

#### GitHub

- Tuidelines Catalog
- **EXECUTE** Context7 MCP
- / This repository

## Community

- p JetBrains AI Slack
- Stack Overflow: jetbrains-junie
- Support team



## AI amplifies good practices

Remember:

Invest in your guidelines today, reap consistency forever!

Questions? Let's explore together! 🚀

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AI agents aren't here to replace developers—they're here to make us **better** developers.



## **Keyboard Shortcuts**

- `Ctrl+Alt+J` Open Junie
- `Ctrl+Enter` Execute
- `Esc` Cancel operation
- `Ctrl+Z` Undo changes

#### Common Commands

"Analyze this file"

"Add tests with 90% coverage"

"Refactor to best practices"

"Fix all type errors"

#### MCP Tools

```
{
  "context7": "Library docs",
  "playwright": "E2E tests",
  "search": "Web search",
  "custom": "Your tools"
}
```

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