# Building from Source

The Spring Framework uses a [Gradle](http://gradle.org/)-based build system. In the instructions below, [./gradlew](http://vimeo.com/34436402) is invoked from the root of the source tree and serves as a cross-platform, self-contained bootstrap mechanism for the build.

## Prerequisites

[Git](http://help.github.com/set-up-git-redirect) and [OpenJDK 8 early access build 100 or later](http://jdk8.java.net/download.html)

Be sure that your JAVA\_HOME environment variable points to the jdk1.8.0 folder extracted from the JDK download.

## Check out sources

git clone [git@github.com:spring-projects/spring-framework.git](mailto:git@github.com:spring-projects/spring-framework.git)