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Java Foundations

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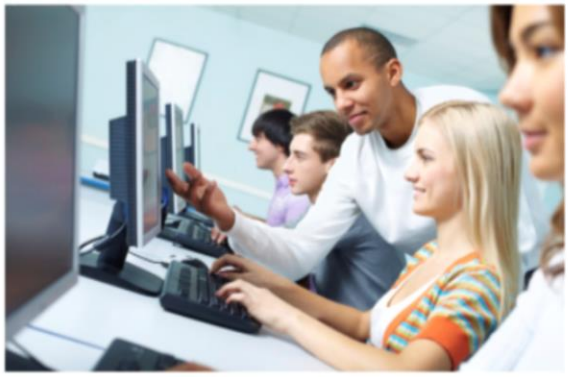
Setting Up Java



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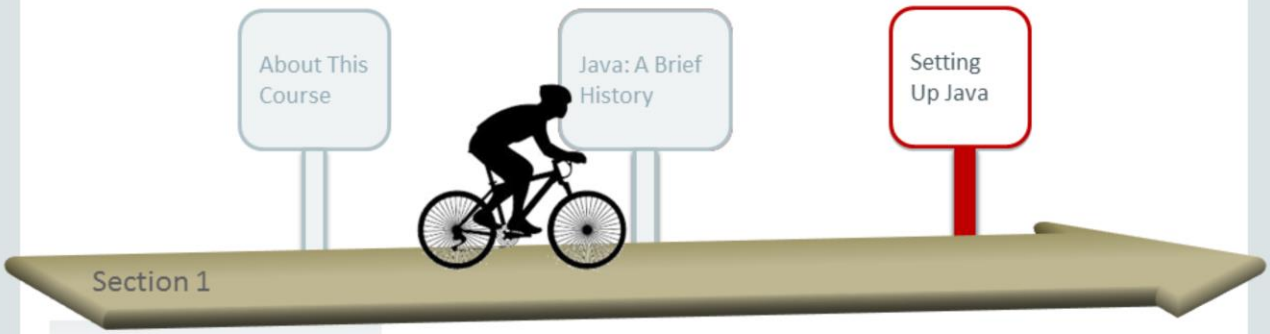
Objectives

This lesson covers the following objectives:

- Understand the difference between the JDK and JRE
- Understand the difference between `.java` and `.class` files
- Describe the purpose of an integrated development environment (IDE)
- Download and install the JDK, JRE, and NetBeans IDE
- Import a project into NetBeans

Topics

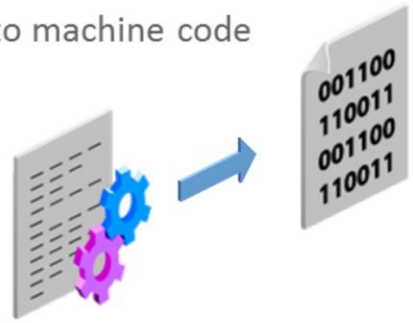
- Understanding the JRE, JDK, and NetBeans IDE
- Time to Set Up!



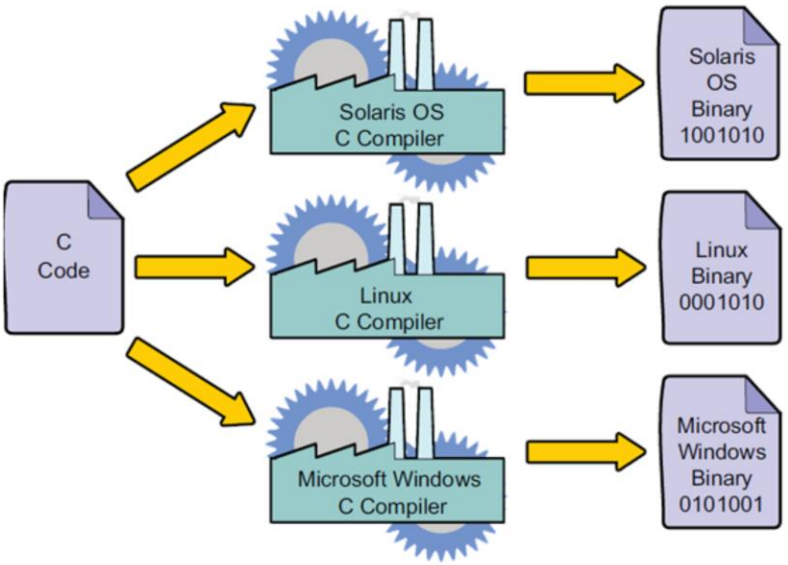
Purpose of a Computer Program

A computer program is a set of instructions that run on a computer or other digital device.

- At the machine level, the program consists of binary instructions (1s and 0s).
  - Machine code
- Most programs are written in high-level code (readable).
  - Must be translated to machine code



Translating High-Level Code to Machine Code



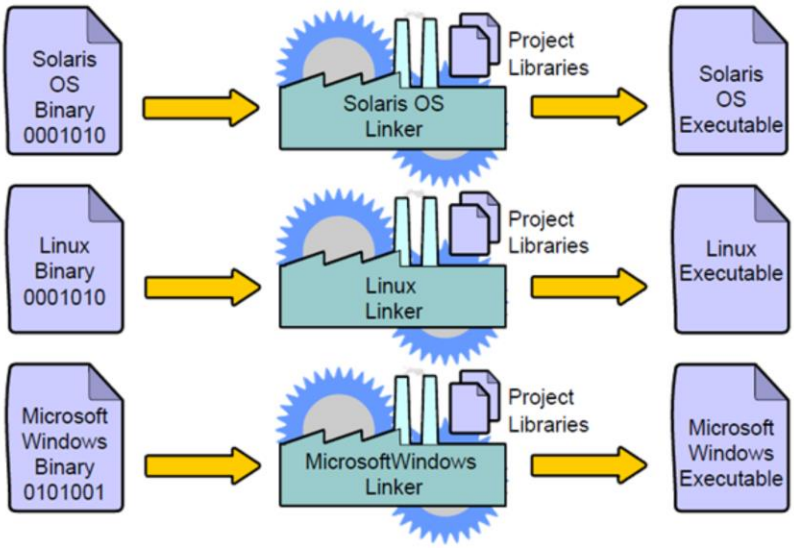
Programs written in most languages usually require numerous modifications to run on more than one type of computing platform (a combination of a CPU and an operating system). That's because most languages require you to write code specific to the underlying platform.

Popular programming languages like C and C++ require programmers to compile and link their programs, resulting in an executable program that's unique to a platform. A compiler is an application that converts a program that you write into a CPU-specific code called *machine code*. These platform-specific files (binary files) are often combined with other files, such as libraries of prewritten code. And a linker creates a platform-dependent program, called an *executable*, that an end user can execute.

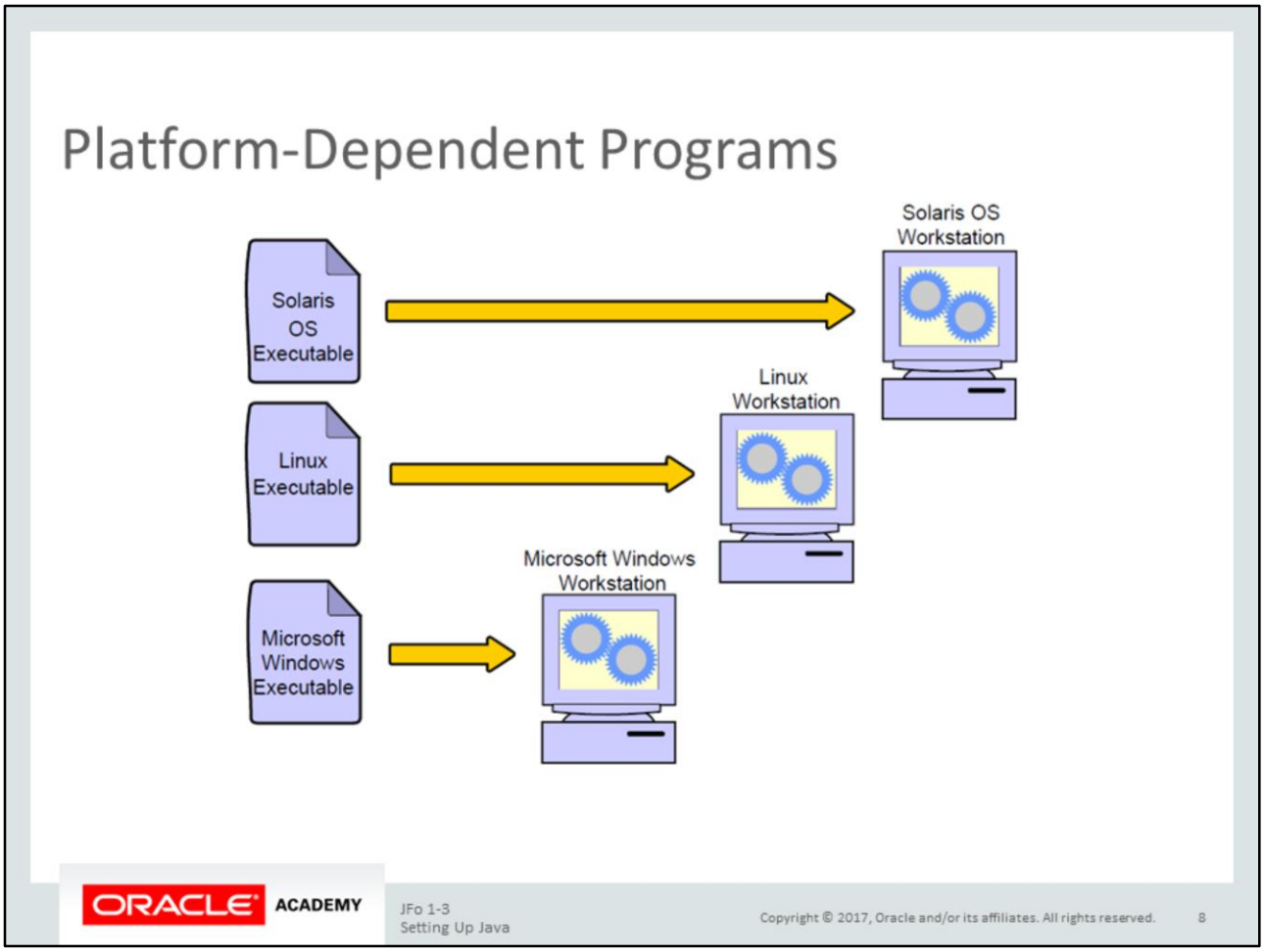
Unlike C and C++, the Java programming language is platform-independent.

The image illustrates how a compiler creates a binary file.

Linked to Platform-Specific Libraries

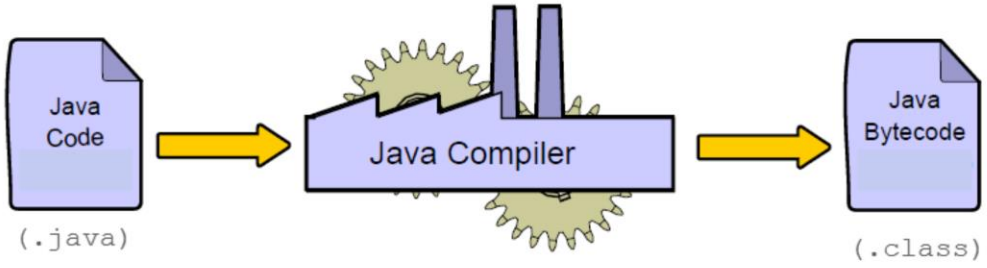


The image illustrates how a binary file is linked with libraries to create a platform-dependent executable.



The image illustrates how platform-dependent executables can execute only on one platform.

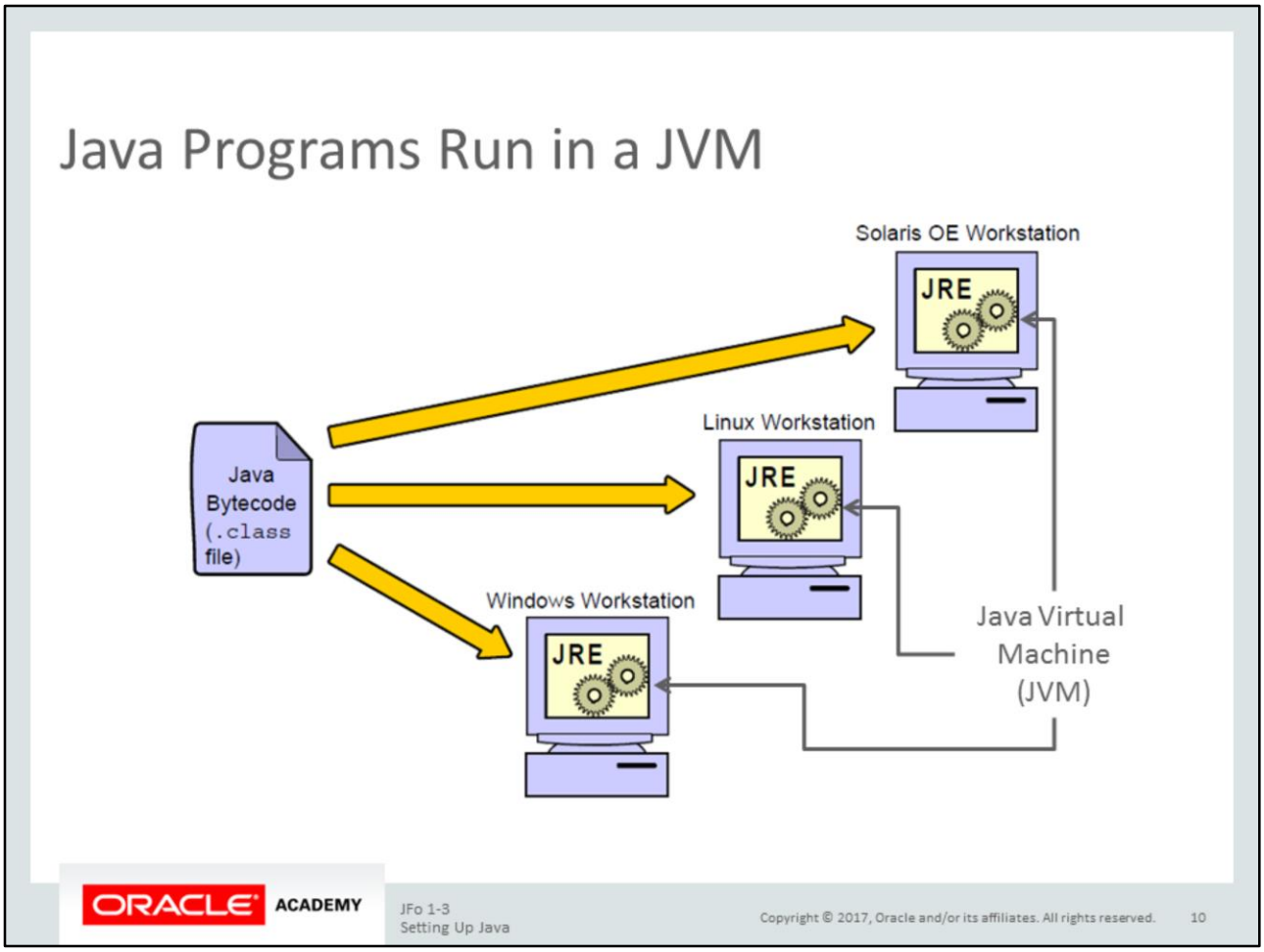
Java Is Platform-Independent



A Java program can run on several different CPUs and operating system combinations, such as the Solaris OS on a SPARC chip, MacOS X on an Intel chip, and Microsoft Windows on an Intel chip, usually with few or no modifications.

As illustrated in the image, Java programs are compiled with a Java compiler. The resulting format of a compiled Java program is platform-independent Java bytecode instead of CPU-specific machine code.

The created bytecode is interpreted by a bytecode interpreter called the Java Virtual Machine (JVM). A virtual machine is a platform-specific program that understands platform-independent bytecode and can execute it on a particular platform. For this reason, the Java programming language is often referred to as an interpreted language, and Java technology programs are said to be portable or executable on any platform. Another interpreted language is Perl.



The image illustrates a Java bytecode file executing on several platforms where a Java runtime environment exists.

A virtual machine gets its name because it's a piece of software that runs code, a task usually accomplished by the CPU or hardware machine. For Java programs to be platform-independent, the JVM is required on every platform where your program will run. The JVM is responsible for interpreting Java code, loading Java classes, and executing Java programs.

However, a Java program needs more than just a JVM to execute. It also needs a set of standard Java class libraries for the platform. Java class libraries are libraries of prewritten code that can be combined with the code that you write to create robust applications.

Combined, the JVM software and Java class libraries are referred to as the **Java Runtime Environment (JRE)**. JREs are available from Oracle for many common platforms.

Java Runtime Environment (JRE)

JRE

- Includes:
  - The Java Virtual Machine (JVM)
  - Java class libraries
- Purpose:
  - Read bytecode (`.class`)
  - **Run** the same bytecode anywhere with a JVM

Java Development Kit (JDK)

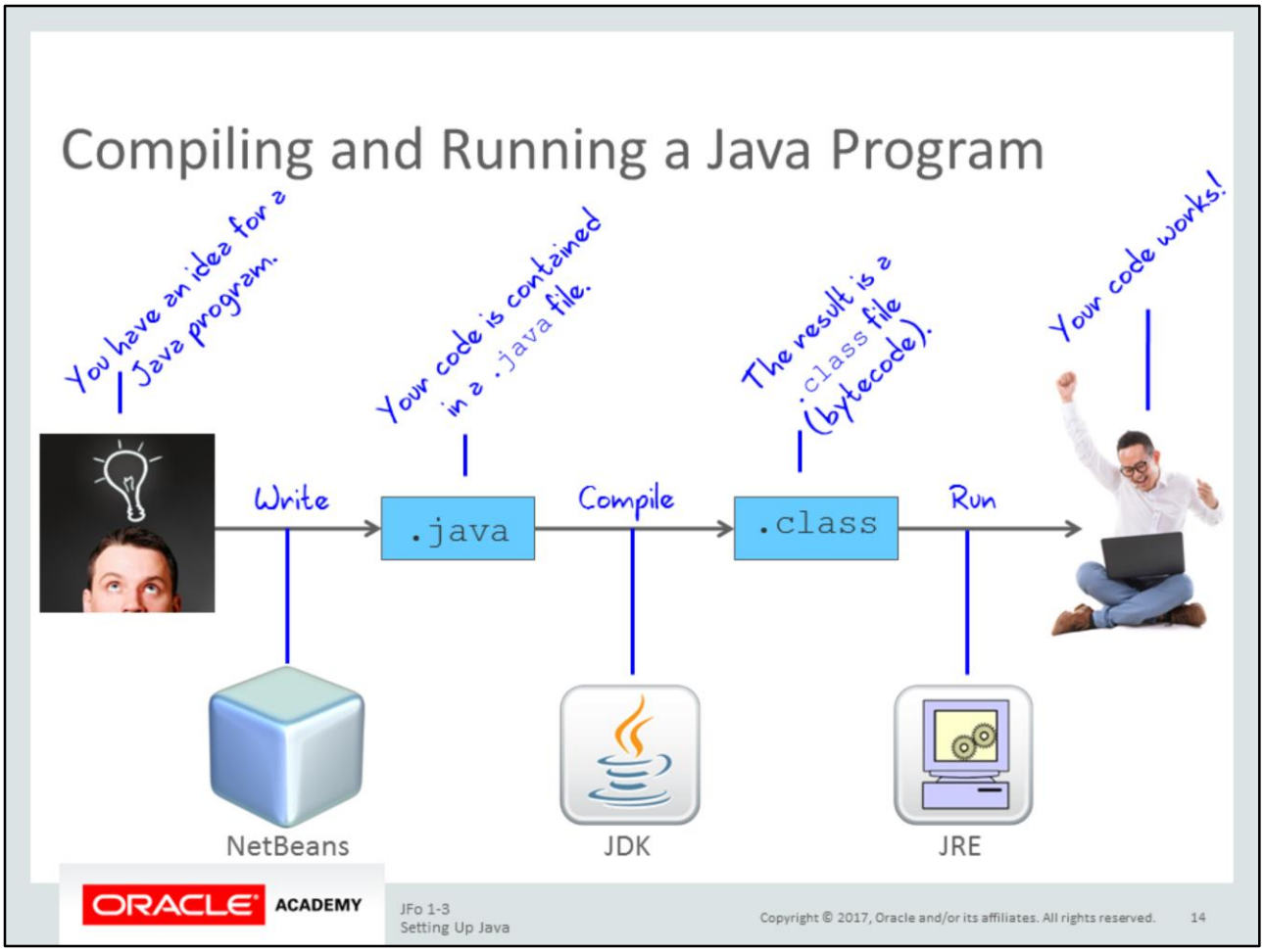
JDK

- Includes:
  - JRE 
  - Java Compiler
  - Additional tools
- Purpose:
  - **Compile** bytecode (`.java` → `.class`)

Integrated Development Environment (IDE)

NetBeans IDE

- Purpose:
  - Provide a sophisticated text editor
  - Offer assistance debugging code
  - Manage projects
  - **Write** source code (`.java`)
- Examples:
  - NetBeans
  - Greenfoot and BlueJ
  - Alice



The diagram shows what happens when you compile and run a Java program:

- You have an idea for a Java program.
- The Java code is written in NetBeans, and the file has a `.java` extension. This is called the "Java source code."
- The compiler component of the JDK compiles the source code into a bytecode file with a `.class` extension. This is called a Java class.
- The JVM component of the JRE runs the Java class. This is your Java program.
- Celebrate triumphantly when your code works, because most of the time it won't work. This diagram oversimplifies the debugging aspect of development.

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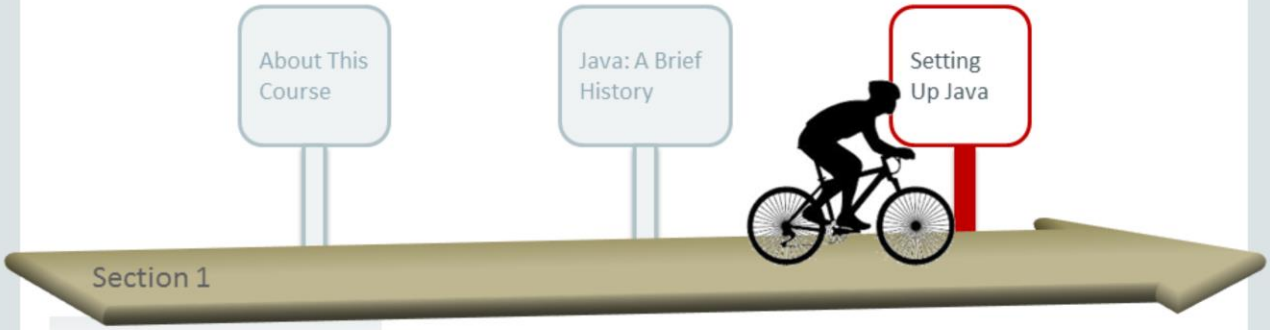


Time to Set Up!

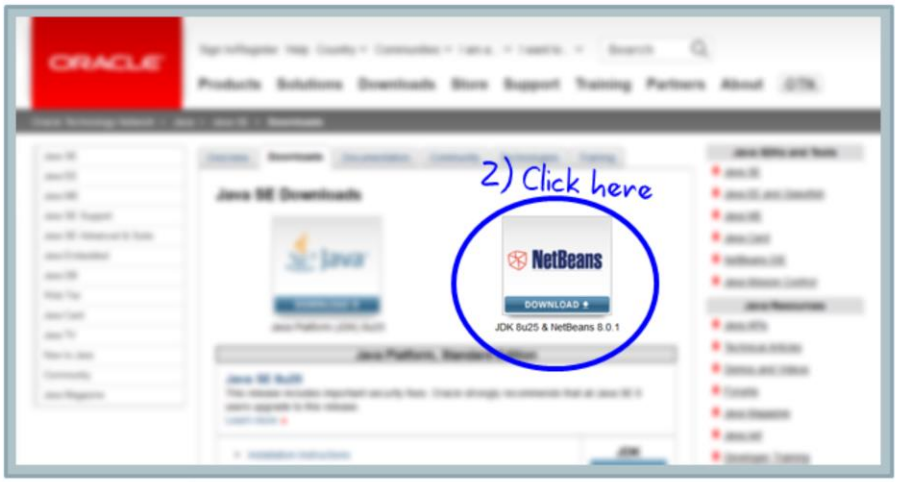
JRE

JDK

NetBeans IDE

Downloading JDK 8 & NetBeans

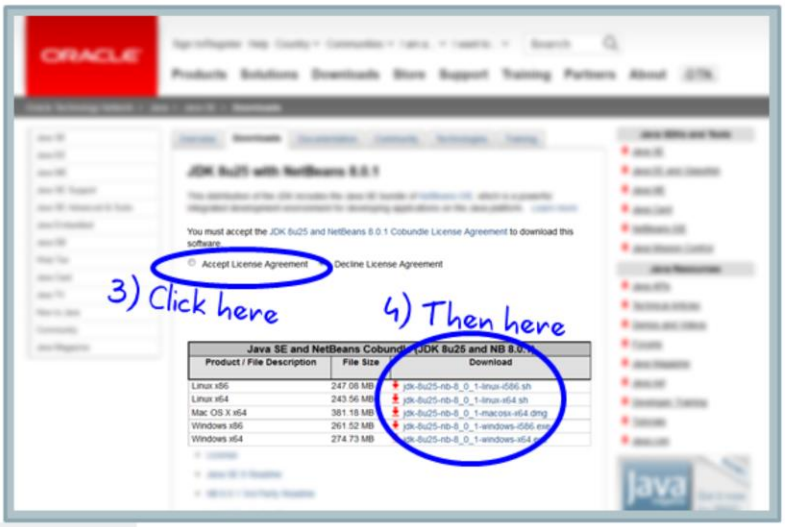
1. Go to the Java SE Downloads page at http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html.
2. Select the combined JDK & NetBeans.



You'll need Java SE Development Kit 8 (JDK 8) or later for this course.

Downloading JDK 8 & NetBeans

3. Accept the license agreement.
4. Select the correct download for your system.



Installing JDK 8 & NetBeans (Windows)

1. Double-click the installer file to run the installer.
2. On the Welcome page of the installation wizard, click **Next.**
3. On the JUnit License Agreement page, decide if you want to install JUnit (Optional), select the appropriate option, and click **Next.**
4. On the JDK Installation page, specify which directory to install the JDK into, and click **Next.**

Installing JDK 8 & NetBeans (Windows)

5. On the NetBeans IDE Installation page, do the following:
   a) Specify the directory for the NetBeans IDE installation.
   b) Accept the default JDK installation to use with the IDE.
6. Click **Next.**
7. Review the Summary page to ensure that the software installation locations are correct.
8. Click **Install** to begin the installation.
9. On the Setup Complete page, provide anonymous usage data if wanted, and click **Finish.**

Installing JDK 8 & NetBeans (Mac)

1. After the download is completed, run the installer. The installer file has the `.dmg` extension.
2. On the panel that opens, double-click the package icon. The package has the `.mpkg` extension. The installation wizard starts.
3. On the Introduction page of the installation wizard, click **Continue.**

Installing JDK 8 & NetBeans (Mac)

4. On the Installation Type page, select the appropriate option:
   - To perform a standard installation of the Software Bundle, click **Install,** and then skip to step 7.
   - To specify another installation location, click **Change Install Location,** and then proceed to step 5.
5. On the Destination Select page, specify the disk for Software Bundle installation, and click **Continue.**

Installing JDK 8 & NetBeans (Mac)

6. On the Installation Type page, click **Install.**
7. On the Installation page, enter the administrator's name and password for your system, and click **Install Software** to begin the installation. The page displays the installation's progress.
8. When the installation is completed, click **Close** on the Summary page.

Installing JDK 8 & NetBeans (Linux)

1. Enter the following command from the directory where you placed the installation file: `./<installer-file-name>`
2. On the Welcome page of the installation wizard, click **Next.**
3. On the JUnit License Agreement page, decide if you want to install JUnit (optional), select the appropriate option, and click **Next.**
4. On the JDK Installation page, specify which directory to install the JDK into, and click **Next.**

Installing JDK 8 & NetBeans (Linux)

5. On the NetBeans IDE Installation page, do the following:
   - Specify the directory for the NetBeans IDE installation.
   - Accept the default JDK installation to use with the IDE or specify another JDK location.
6. Click **Next.**
7. Review the Summary page to ensure that the software installation locations are correct.

Installing JDK 8 & NetBeans (Linux)

8. Click **Install** to begin the installation.
9. On the Setup Complete page, provide anonymous usage data if wanted, and click **Finish.**

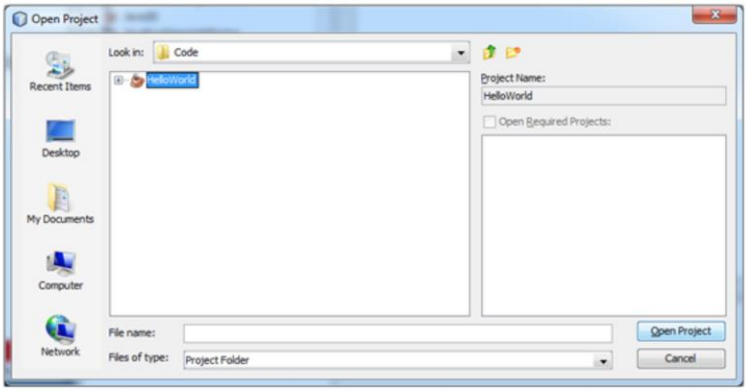
Note: If you install this bundle in a systemwide location such as `/usr/local`, you must first log on as `root` to gain the necessary permissions.

Testing NetBeans

1. Download and unzip the `HelloWorld` project: 

2. Launch NetBeans: 

3. Select **File > Open Project,** and then select **HelloWorld.**



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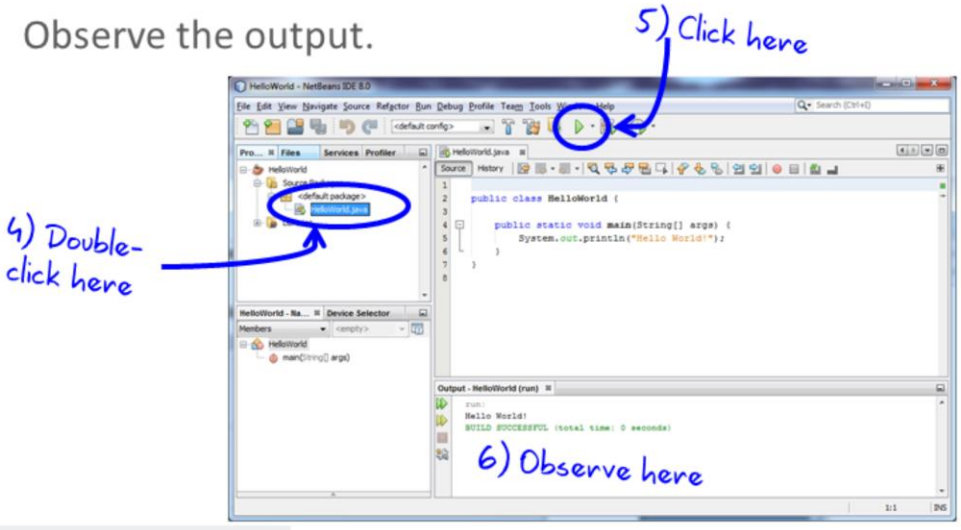
4. Expand the project and open `HelloWorld.java`.
5. Compile and run the project.
6. Observe the output.



Exercise

- Edit the code so that it prints a message other than `"Hello World!"`
  - Compile and run your code to verify that your changes work.
- Change the `'S'` in `"System"` to lowercase and try to compile it.
  - Is Java syntax case-sensitive?
- Remove the semicolon (;) and try to compile.
  - Is the semicolon important to Java syntax?

Note to Instructors: Print statements are formally introduced in Section 2. The goal of this exercise to check that everything is installed properly. The exercise also offers students a chance to learn through experimentation, which should make them more receptive when print statements are discussed later.

Summary

- A computer program is written in a high-level language, but must be compiled into machine code.
- Most programming languages compile a separate executable for each platform.
- Java is platform-independent.

An IDE like NetBeans is used to **write** source code (`.java`).

The JDK **compiles** bytecode (`.java` → `.class`).

Bytecode **runs** in a JVM, which is part of the JRE.

Summary

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