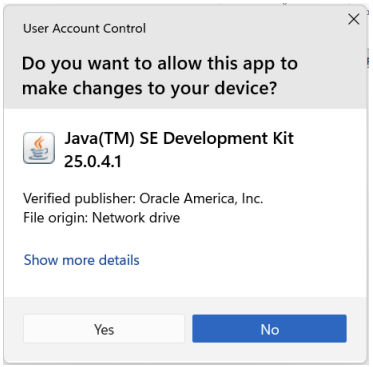
INSTALLING THE LATEST JDK ON A WINDOWS

Step 1	Visit the Java Downloads page at: https://www.oracle.com/java/technologies/downloads/.
Step 2	Determine the latest *Long-Term Support* (LTS) release of the Java SE Platform As of the time this was written, the latest release is JDK 26, but the latest LTS release is JDK 25. Y want to install the latest LTS release. In this case, that is JDK 25, not JDK 26. Select the option for the JDK version you want to install.
Step 3	Select the correct platform. Under the area where you select which JDK to install, there will be options for downloading installation packages for Linux, macOS, and Windows. Select the *Windows* option.
Step 4	Download the x64 Installer (the .exe file). The link for it will look something like: https://dowload.oracle.com/java/25/latest/jdk-25_windows-x64_bin.exe
Step 5	When the download is complete, find the downloaded executable file and double click on it. This should display a dialog window that asks whether you want to allow this app to make changes to your device:  Select *Yes*

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Step 6	Eventually, this should start the Java SE Development Kit Installation Wizard:  Select *Next>* Accept the default options for installation. E.g. Location C:\Program Files\Java\jdk-25.0.4.1\ Take note of where the JDK is installed. Select *Next* again.0
Step 7	If you want to review tutorials, documentation, etc., you can select the “Next Steps” button. But all you really need to do is select the *Close* button.

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Step 8	Once you've successfully installed the JDK, you should check your installation in a Windows Terminal (a.k.a. Windows Powershell). Open the Windows Terminal by searching for "Terminal" in the Windows search bar and selecting the Terminal App. In the Terminal window, issue the following commands.
	• The parts shown in `black` are system prompts and may vary slightly.
	• The parts shown in `red` are the commands you enter.
	• The parts shown in `blue` are the system responses to your commands.
	`PS C:\Users\tbb> cd 'C:\Program Files\Java\'`
	`PS C:\Program Files\Java> dir`
	
	`    Directory: C:\Program Files\Java`
	
	`Mode                 LastWriteTime         Length Name`
	`----                 -------------         ------ ----`
	`d-----          8/18/2026   4:59 PM                jdk-25.0.4.1`
	`d-----          8/18/2026   4:59 PM                latest`
	Look for a subdirectory which is named to indicate that it is the JDK that you just installed. For example, installing JDK version 25 as the illustrations above show, should result in a subdirectory named `jdk-25.0.4.1` in the `\Program  Files\Java` directory.
	Then issue the following commands:
	`PS C:\Program Files\Java> cd ~`
	`PS C:\Users\tbb> javac -version`
	`javac 25.0.4.1`
	`PS C:\Users\tbb> java -version`
	`java 25.0.4.1 2026-08-18 LTS`
	`Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 25.0.4.1+1-LTS-5)`
	`Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM (build 25.0.4.1+1-LTS-5, mixed mode, sharing)`
	Both of these commands (`java` and `javac`) should show a version that matches what you've just installed.

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