

Java, IntelliJ IDEA and Maven

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Objectives

- Learn why Java is a popular programming language
- Manage multiple Java versions with SDKMAN!
- Develop Java apps with IntelliJ IDEA and Maven
- Manage dependencies with Maven
- Develop essential skills for professional Java development



Java

More details for this section in the [course material](#). You can find other resources and alternatives as well.

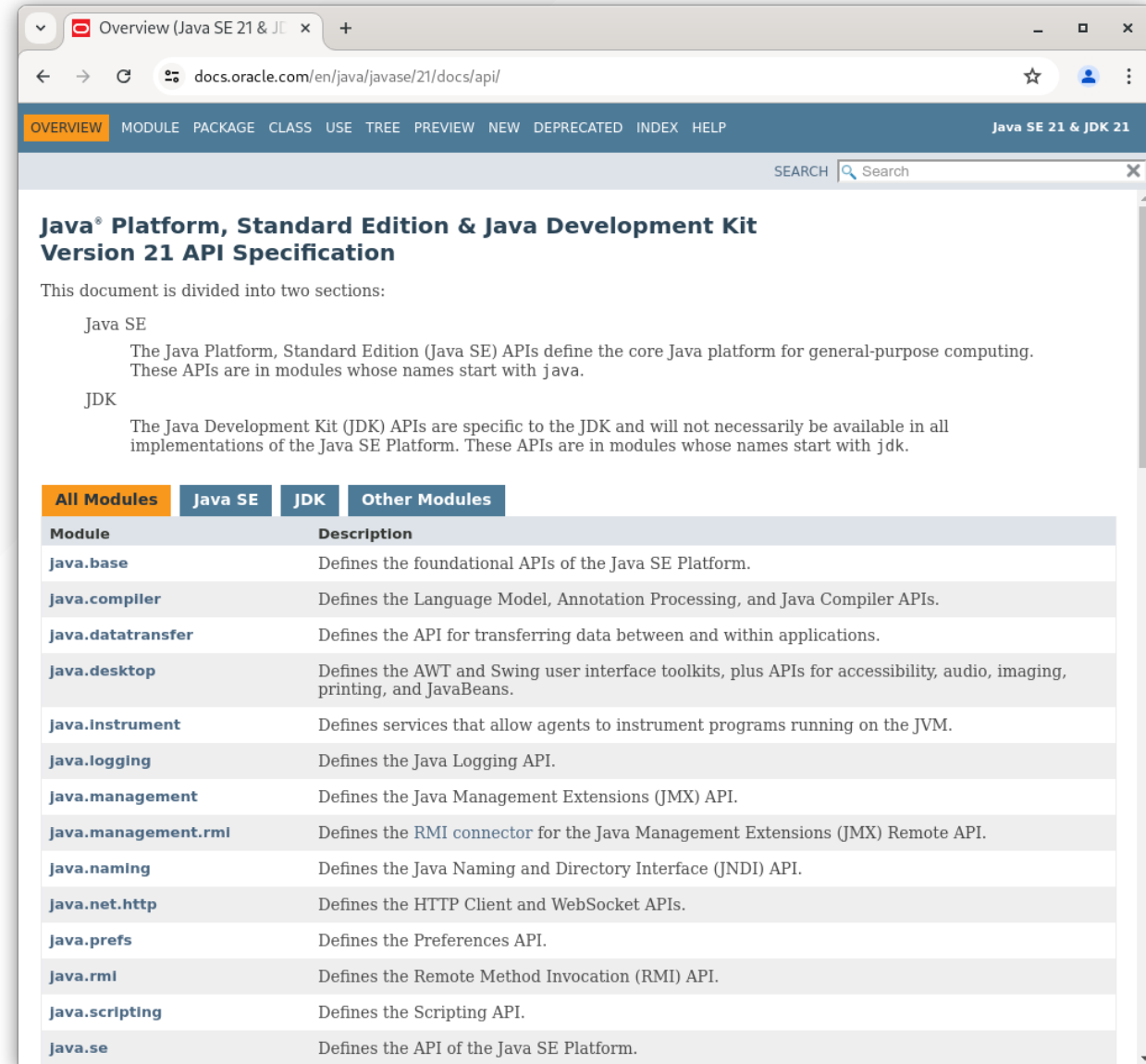
Java

- General-purpose, object-oriented language
- Write once, run anywhere (WORA)
- Created by James Gosling, 1995 at Sun Microsystems
- The documentation seems scary but you will get used to it and it is very useful



Java virtual machine

- Compiles source code to bytecode
- Executes in Java virtual machine (JVM)
- Where a JVM exists, Java can run (most of the time)

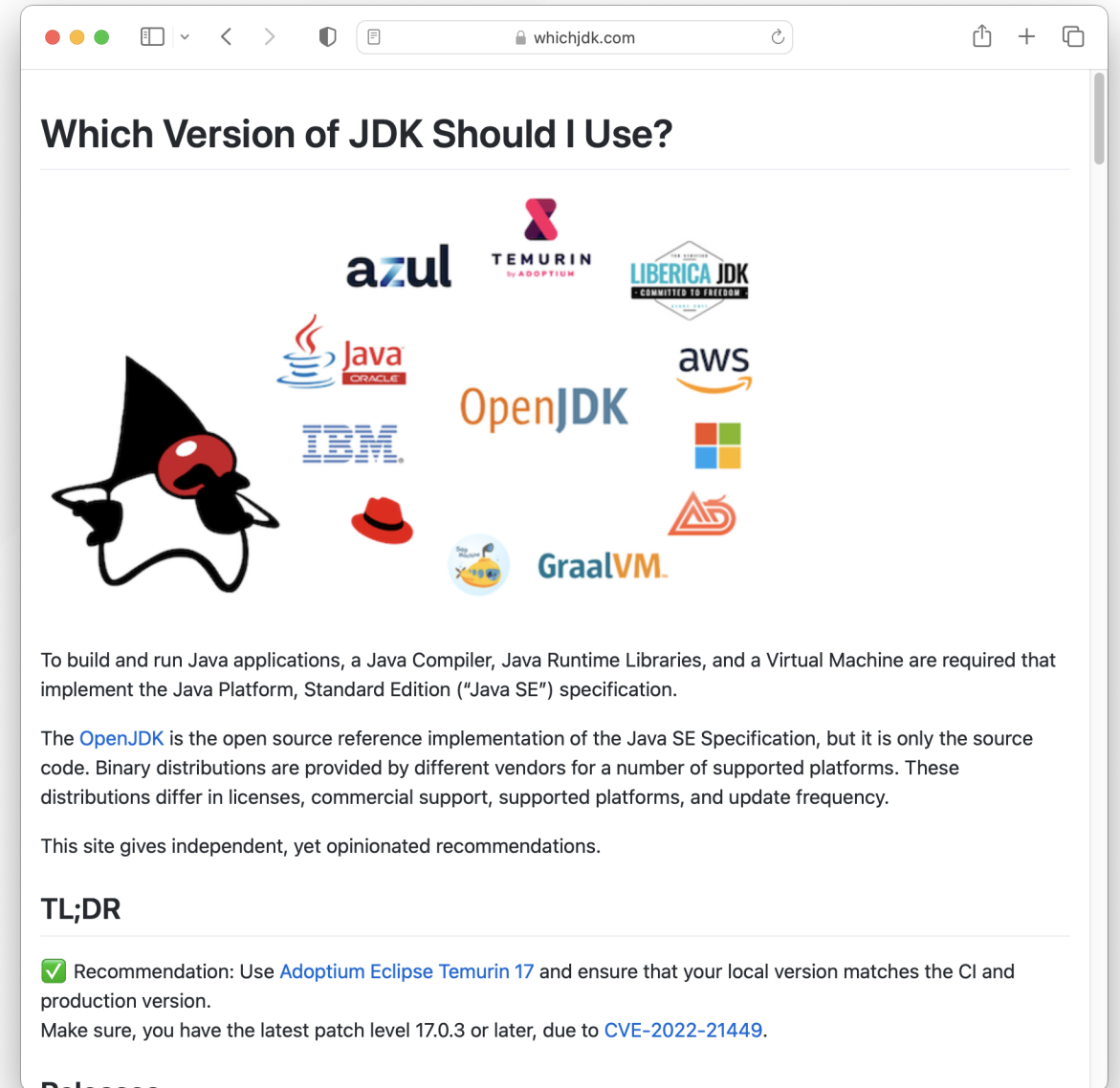


The screenshot shows the Oracle Java SE 21 & JDK 21 API Specification page. The page title is "Java® Platform, Standard Edition & Java Development Kit Version 21 API Specification". The page is divided into two sections: Java SE and JDK. Below the sections, there is a table of modules with columns for "Module" and "Description".


Module	Description
java.base	Defines the foundational APIs of the Java SE Platform.
java.compiler	Defines the Language Model, Annotation Processing, and Java Compiler APIs.
java.datatransfer	Defines the API for transferring data between and within applications.
java.desktop	Defines the AWT and Swing user interface toolkits, plus APIs for accessibility, audio, imaging, printing, and JavaBeans.
java.instrument	Defines services that allow agents to instrument programs running on the JVM.
java.logging	Defines the Java Logging API.
java.management	Defines the Java Management Extensions (JMX) API.
java.management.rmi	Defines the RMI connector for the Java Management Extensions (JMX) Remote API.
java.naming	Defines the Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) API.
java.net.http	Defines the HTTP Client and WebSocket APIs.
java.prefs	Defines the Preferences API.
java.rmi	Defines the Remote Method Invocation (RMI) API.
java.scripting	Defines the Scripting API.
java.se	Defines the API of the Java SE Platform.

JVM versions

- Multiple implementations exist
- Can target different platforms and/or specific features
- JDK for development, JRE for running
- Eclipse Temurin is recommended



Which Version of JDK Should I Use?



To build and run Java applications, a Java Compiler, Java Runtime Libraries, and a Virtual Machine are required that implement the Java Platform, Standard Edition ("Java SE") specification.

The [OpenJDK](#) is the open source reference implementation of the Java SE Specification, but it is only the source code. Binary distributions are provided by different vendors for a number of supported platforms. These distributions differ in licenses, commercial support, supported platforms, and update frequency.

This site gives independent, yet opinionated recommendations.

TL;DR

✓ Recommendation: Use [Adoptium Eclipse Temurin 17](#) and ensure that your local version matches the CI and production version.
Make sure, you have the latest patch level 17.0.3 or later, due to [CVE-2022-21449](#).

Java versions and version managers

- Java 21 is the latest LTS
- You can use [SDKMAN!](#) to manage multiple versions of Java
- Match versions for project consistency



Compiling and running Java programs

- Compile manually with `javac` command

```
javac HelloWorld.java
```

- Execute with `java` command

```
java HelloWorld
```

- Modern way: package into JAR files with the help of Maven

```
java -Xmx1024M -Xms1024M -jar minecraft_server.1.20.1.jar nogui
```


Summary

- Java is a general-purpose, class-based, object-oriented programming language.
- Java is compiled to bytecode, which is then executed by a Java virtual machine (JVM).
- Java is intended to be portable, thanks to the JVM.
- Java has various versions, each with its own set of features and improvements.
- Versions managers allow you to install and switch between different versions of Java.

IntelliJ IDEA

More details for this section in the [course material](#). You can find other resources and alternatives as well.

IntelliJ IDEA

- IDE for (Java) software development
- Developed by JetBrains
- Works on Windows, macOS, Linux
- Quite a standard in the industry



Community Edition and Ultimate Edition

- Community (free) and Ultimate (paid)
- Free student license available - you can get it!
- The Community Edition is sufficient for this course

Subscription options & Pricing

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Package	per user, first year	second year	third year onwards
IntelliJ IDEA Ultimate	\$599.00	\$479.00	\$359.00
All Products Pack (Best offer)	\$779.00	\$623.00	\$467.00

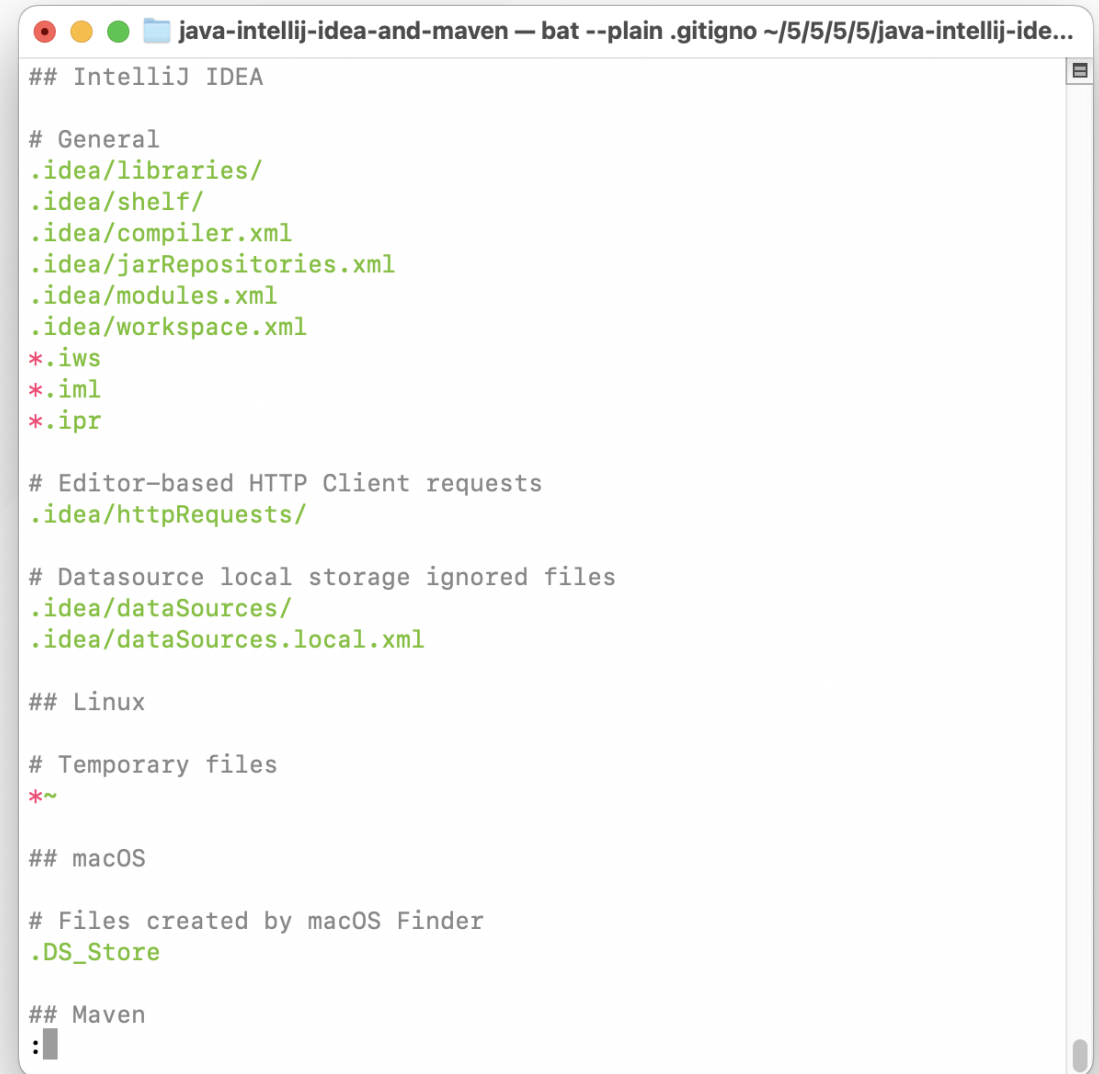
JetBrains Toolbox App

- Manage multiple JetBrains IDEs
- Install and update in one place
- Optional but very useful



Configuration files and Git

- `.idea` directory for project config
- Allow to share project settings between developers
- Some files must be ignored to avoid issue (local config) in Git



```
java-intellij-idea-and-maven — bat --plain .gitignore ~/5/5/5/5/java-intellij-ide...  
## IntelliJ IDEA  
  
# General  
.idea/libraries/  
.idea/shelf/  
.idea/compiler.xml  
.idea/jarRepositories.xml  
.idea/modules.xml  
.idea/workspace.xml  
*.iws  
*.iml  
*.ipr  
  
# Editor-based HTTP Client requests  
.idea/httpRequests/  
  
# Datasource local storage ignored files  
.idea/dataSources/  
.idea/dataSources.local.xml  
  
## Linux  
  
# Temporary files  
*~  

```

Summary

- IntelliJ IDEA is an integrated development environment (IDE) written in Java for developing computer software.
- IntelliJ IDEA is available in two editions: the Community Edition (free and open-source) and the Ultimate Edition (proprietary).
- You are eligible for a free student license for the Ultimate Edition.
- When creating a new project, IntelliJ IDEA will create a `.idea` directory containing the project configuration files.
- Some of these files must be ignored by Git, as they contain local configuration that is specific to your computer.

Maven

More details for this section in the [course material](#). You can find other resources and alternatives as well.

Maven

- Maintained by Apache Software Foundation
- Software project management tool
- Manages dependencies
- Build automation tool
- Allows to define a standard project structure



Maven project structure

- Standardized directory structure
 - `src/main/java`
 - `src/main/resources`
 - `src/test/java`
- Simplifies build process with conventions

```
java-intellij-idea-and-maven -- ~/5/5/5/java-intellij-idea-and-maven -- -fi...
[> exa --tree --all --ignore-glob .git --group-directories-first ]
.
├── .idea
│   ├── runConfigurations
│   │   └── Package_as_JAR_file.xml
│   ├── compiler.xml
│   ├── encodings.xml
│   ├── jarRepositories.xml
│   ├── misc.xml
│   ├── vcs.xml
│   └── workspace.xml
├── .mvn
│   └── wrapper
│       ├── maven-wrapper.jar
│       └── maven-wrapper.properties
├── src
│   ├── main
│   │   ├── java
│   │   │   └── ch
│   │   │       └── heigvd
│   │   │           └── Main.java
│   │   └── resources
│   └── test
│       └── java
├── .gitignore
├── dependency-reduced-pom.xml
├── mvnw
├── mvnw.cmd
└── pom.xml

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> |
```

pom.xml file

- Configuration and build settings
- Shared among developers
- Defines dependencies and plugins:
 - Plugins extend Maven functionality
 - Dependencies are external libraries

```
java-intellij-idea-and-maven — bat --plain pom.xml ~/5/5/5/5/java-intellij-id...
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0 http://
/maven.apache.org/xsd/maven-4.0.0.xsd">
  <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>

  <groupId>ch.heigvd</groupId>
  <artifactId>java-intellij-idea-and-maven</artifactId>
  <version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>

  <properties>
    <maven.compiler.source>17</maven.compiler.source>
    <maven.compiler.target>17</maven.compiler.target>
    <project.build.sourceEncoding>UTF-8</project.build.sourceEncod
ding>
  </properties>

  <build>
    <plugins>
      <plugin>
        <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
        <artifactId>maven-shade-plugin</artifactId>
        <version>3.5.0</version>
        <executions>
          <execution>
            <phase>package</phase>
            <goals>
              <goal>shade</goal>
            </goals>
          </execution>
        </executions>
      </plugin>
    </plugins>
  </build>
</project>
```

Maven lifecycle

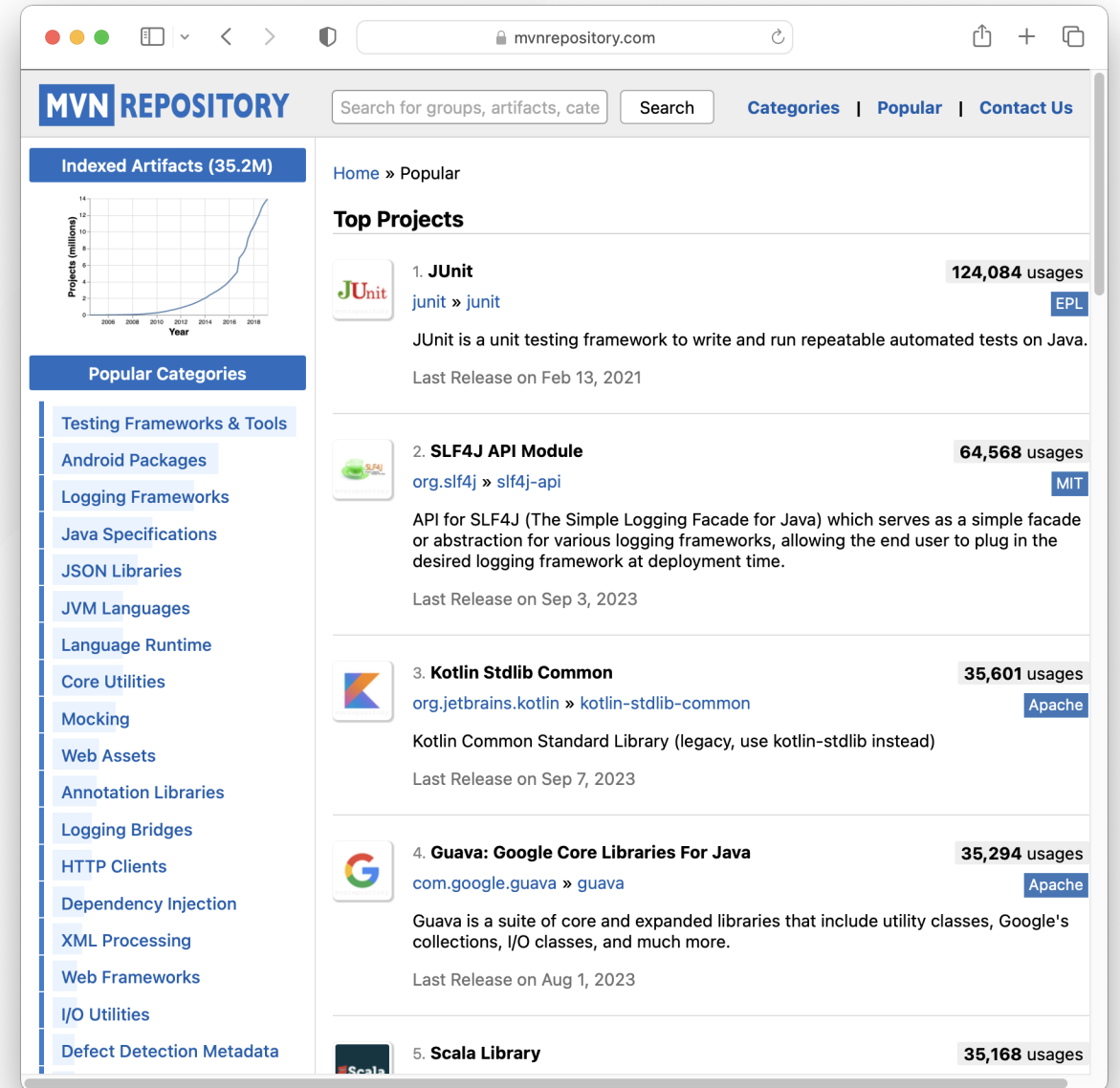
- Maven defines build process
- Composed of phases and goals
- Phases load plugin goals
- Goals execute tasks on your project (e.g., compile, test, package)



The screenshot shows the Apache Maven Project website. The browser address bar displays 'maven.apache.org'. The page header includes the Apache Maven Project logo and the word 'Maven' in a large, stylized font. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Apache / Maven / Introduction to the Build Lifecycle', 'Download', 'Get Sources', and 'Last Published: 2023-09-15'. The main content area is titled 'Introduction to the Build Lifecycle' and features a 'Table Of Contents' section with links to 'Build Lifecycle Basics', 'Setting Up Your Project to Use the Build Lifecycle' (with sub-links for 'Packaging' and 'Plugins'), 'Lifecycle Reference', and 'Built-in Lifecycle Bindings'. The 'Build Lifecycle Basics' section is highlighted, and its content explains that Maven is based on a build lifecycle, which is a process for building and distributing artifacts. It mentions three built-in lifecycles: 'default', 'clean', and 'site'. The 'default' lifecycle handles deployment, 'clean' handles project cleaning, and 'site' handles web site creation. A sub-section titled 'A Build Lifecycle is Made Up of Phases' explains that each lifecycle is defined by a list of build phases. For the default lifecycle, it lists 'validate', 'compile', and 'test' as examples, with brief descriptions of each.

Maven Repository

- Public repository of Java libraries
- Maven can download dependencies automatically
- You can publish your own libraries
- Many libraries available such as picocli, a library for building CLI applications



The screenshot shows the Maven Repository website (mvnrepository.com) with a search bar and navigation links. The main content area displays a list of top projects, including JUnit, SLF4J API Module, Kotlin Stdlib Common, Guava, and Scala Library. A sidebar on the left lists popular categories such as Testing Frameworks & Tools, Android Packages, and Logging Frameworks. A line graph in the top left corner shows the number of indexed artifacts (35.2M) over time, with the x-axis representing years from 2006 to 2018 and the y-axis representing projects in millions.

Rank	Project Name	Group ID	Artifact ID	Usage Count	License	Last Release
1	JUnit	junit	junit	124,084	EPL	Feb 13, 2021
2	SLF4J API Module	org.slf4j	slf4j-api	64,568	MIT	Sep 3, 2023
3	Kotlin Stdlib Common	org.jetbrains.kotlin	kotlin-stdlib-common	35,601	Apache	Sep 7, 2023
4	Guava: Google Core Libraries For Java	com.google.guava	guava	35,294	Apache	Aug 1, 2023
5	Scala Library			35,168		

Maven wrapper

- Allows to use Maven without installing it
- Wrapper script downloads Maven
- Ensures consistent Maven version
- Use `mvnw` or `mvnw.cmd` instead of `mvn`



The screenshot shows the Apache Maven Project website for the Maven Wrapper page. The page title is "Maven Wrapper" and the version is 3.2.0, last published on 2023-03-09. The page content includes an introduction, a license, and download instructions. The main content area is titled "Maven Wrapper" and contains the following text:

The Maven Wrapper is an easy way to ensure a user of your Maven build has everything necessary to run your Maven build.

Why might this be necessary? Maven to date has been very stable for users, is available on most systems or is easy to procure: but with many of the recent changes in Maven it will be easier for users to have a fully encapsulated build setup provided by the project. With the Maven Wrapper, this is very easy to do and it's a great idea and initial implementation borrowed from Gradle.

The easiest way to setup the Maven Wrapper for your project is to use the [Maven Wrapper Plugin](#) with its provided `wrapper` goal. To add or update all the necessary Maven Wrapper files to your project execute the following command:

```
1. mvn wrapper:wrapper
```

Normally you instruct users to install a specific version of Apache Maven, put it on the PATH and then run the `mvn` command like the following:

```
1. mvn clean install
```

But now, with a Maven Wrapper setup, you can instruct users to run wrapper scripts:

```
1. ./mvnw clean install
```

or on Windows

```
1. mvnw.cmd clean install
```

A normal Maven build will be executed, with the one important change that if the user doesn't have the necessary version of Maven specified in `.mvn/wrapper/maven-wrapper.properties` it will be downloaded for the user first, installed and then used.

Subsequent uses of `mvnw` / `mvnw.cmd` use the previously downloaded, specific version as needed.

Summary

- Maven is a software project management and comprehension tool.
- Maven is a dependency manager for Java projects.
- Maven is a build automation tool for Java projects.
- Maven defines a standard directory structure for Java projects.
- Maven defines a standard build process for Java projects.
- The `pom.xml` file contains the configuration of your Maven project.

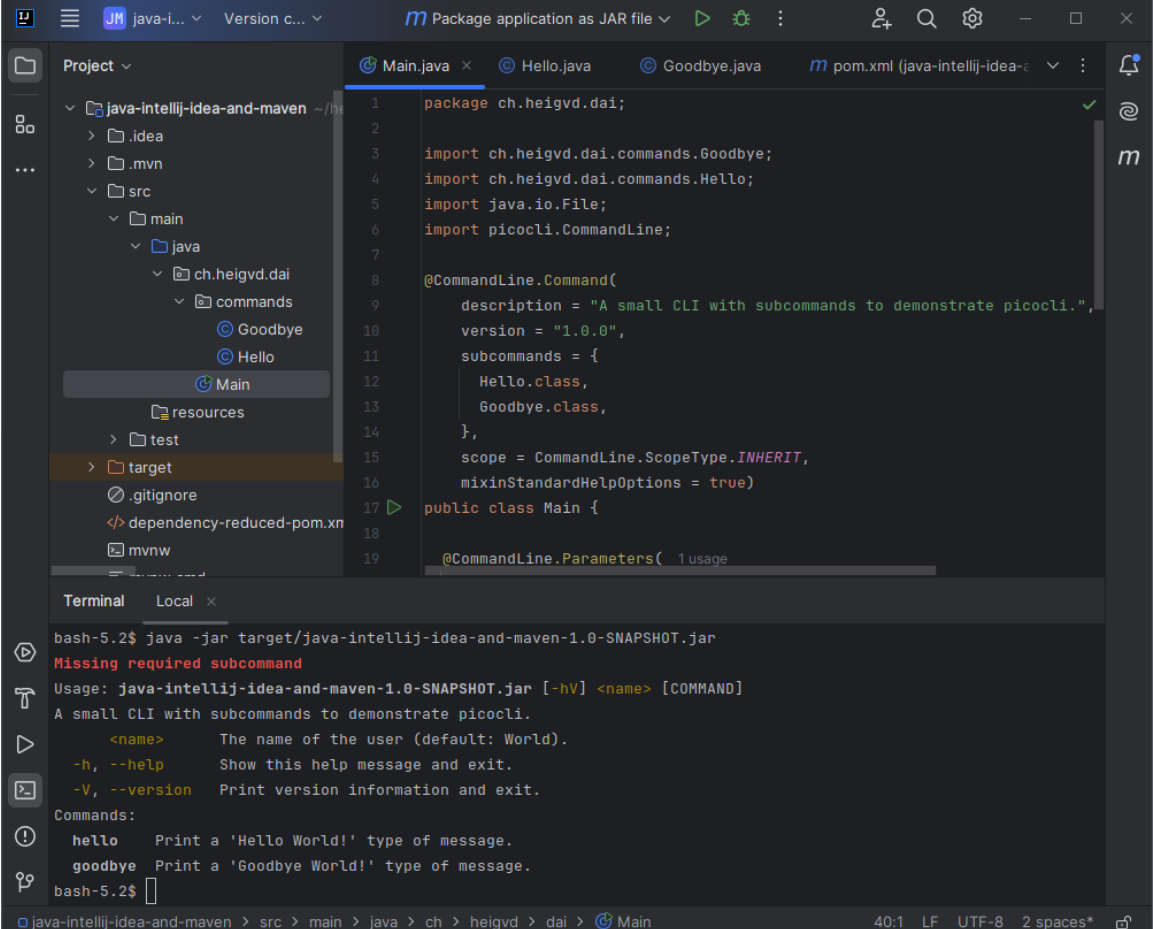
Questions

Do you have any questions?

Practical content

What will you do?

- Install and configure SDKMAN!, Java, Maven and IntelliJ IDEA
- Create and run a small CLI application with picocli, an external Maven dependency
- Publish your project on GitHub



```
package ch.heigvd.dai;

import ch.heigvd.dai.commands.Goodbye;
import ch.heigvd.dai.commands.Hello;
import java.io.File;
import picocli.CommandLine;

@CommandLine.Command(
    description = "A small CLI with subcommands to demonstrate picocli.",
    version = "1.0.0",
    subcommands = {
        Hello.class,
        Goodbye.class,
    },
    scope = CommandLine.ScopeType.INHERIT,
    mixinStandardHelpOptions = true)
public class Main {

    @CommandLine.Parameters(1 usage

Terminal
Local x
bash-5.2$ java -jar target/java-intellij-idea-and-maven-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar
Missing required subcommand
Usage: java-intellij-idea-and-maven-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar [-hV] <name> [COMMAND]
A small CLI with subcommands to demonstrate picocli.
<name> The name of the user (default: World).
-h, --help Show this help message and exit.
-V, --version Print version information and exit.
Commands:
hello Print a 'Hello World!' type of message.
goodbye Print a 'Goodbye World!' type of message.
bash-5.2$
```

Find the practical content

You can find the practical content for this chapter on [GitHub](#).



Finished? Was it easy? Was it hard?

Can you let us know what was easy and what was difficult for you during this chapter?

This will help us to improve the course and adapt the content to your needs. If we notice some difficulties, we will come back to you to help you.

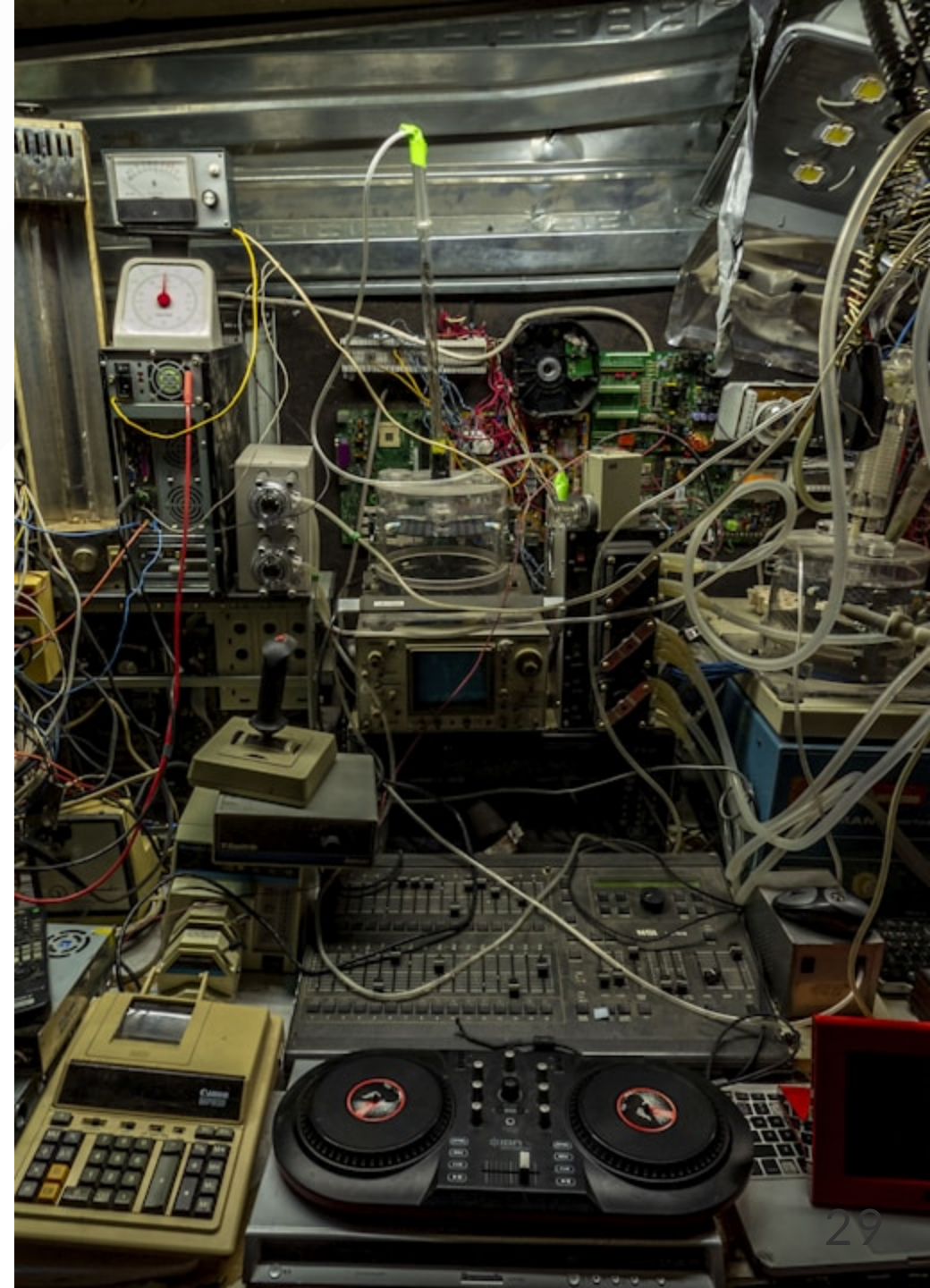
 [GitHub Discussions](#)

You can use reactions to express your opinion on a comment!

What will you do next?

In the next chapter, you will learn the following topics:

- Java IOs: input/output processing
 - How to read and write files?
 - Why is encoding important?
 - How to deal with exceptions?



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