An Introduction to IntelliJ

IntelliJ IDE for Java Developers

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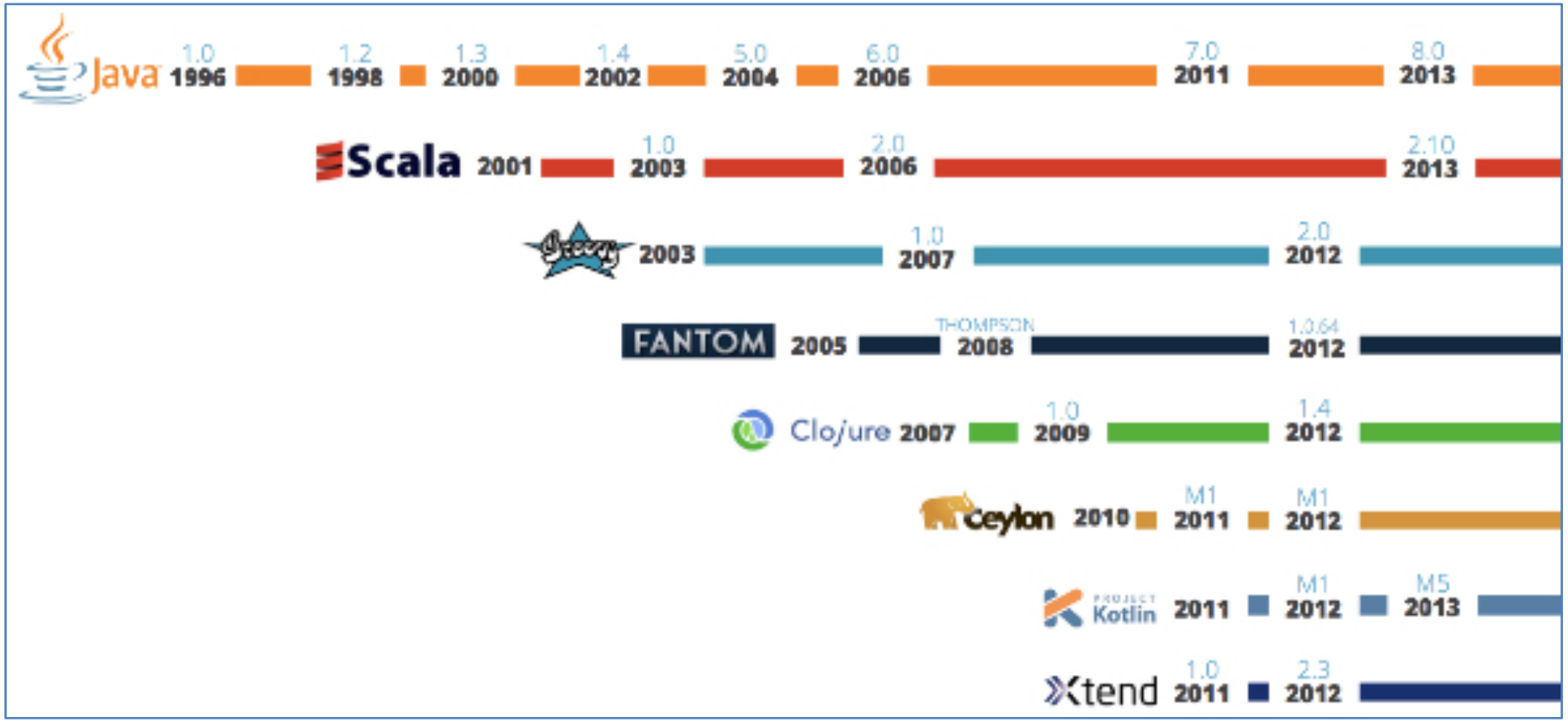
” Most people talk about Java the language, and this may sound odd coming from me, but I could hardly care less. At the core of the Java ecosystem is the JVM. “

James Gosling,

Creator of the Java Programming Language(2011, TheServerSide)

JVM Language History



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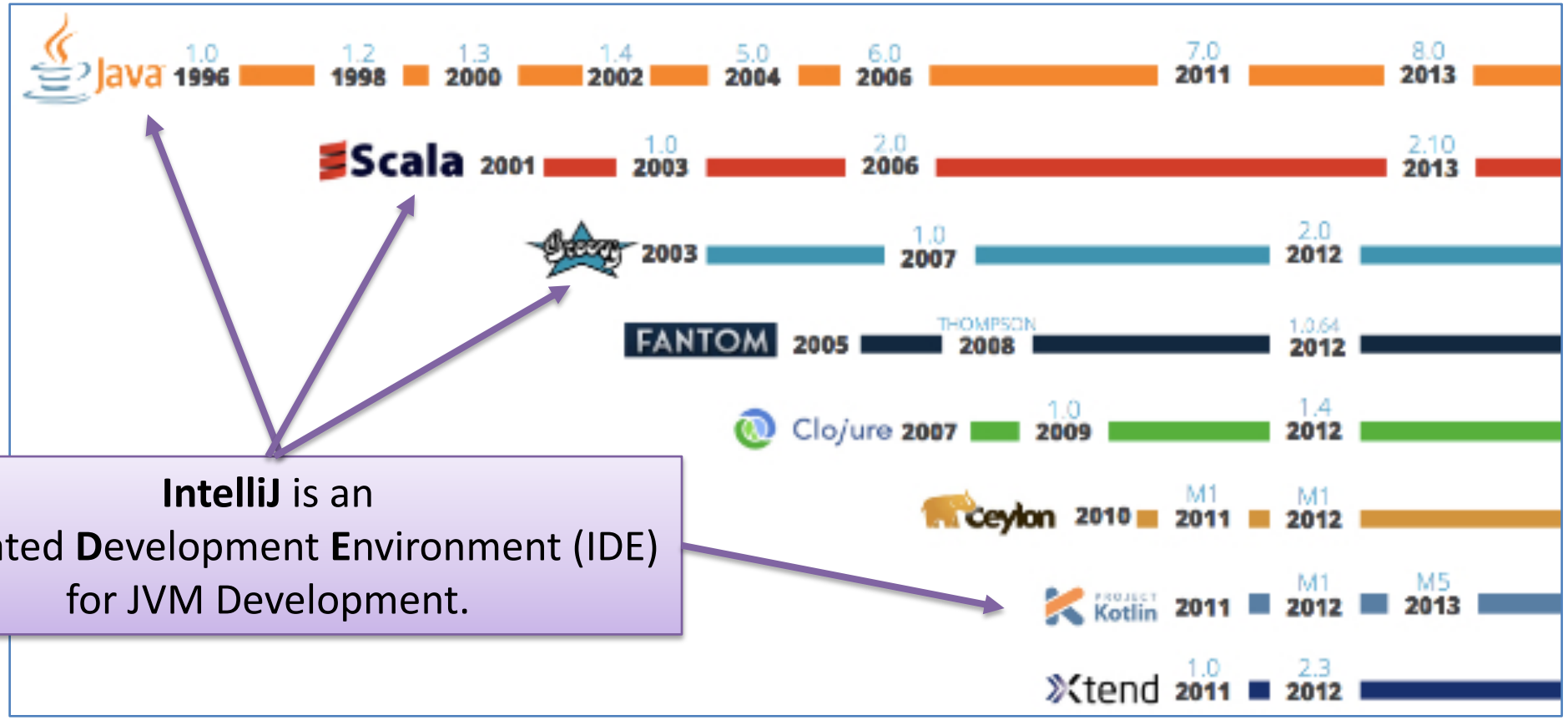
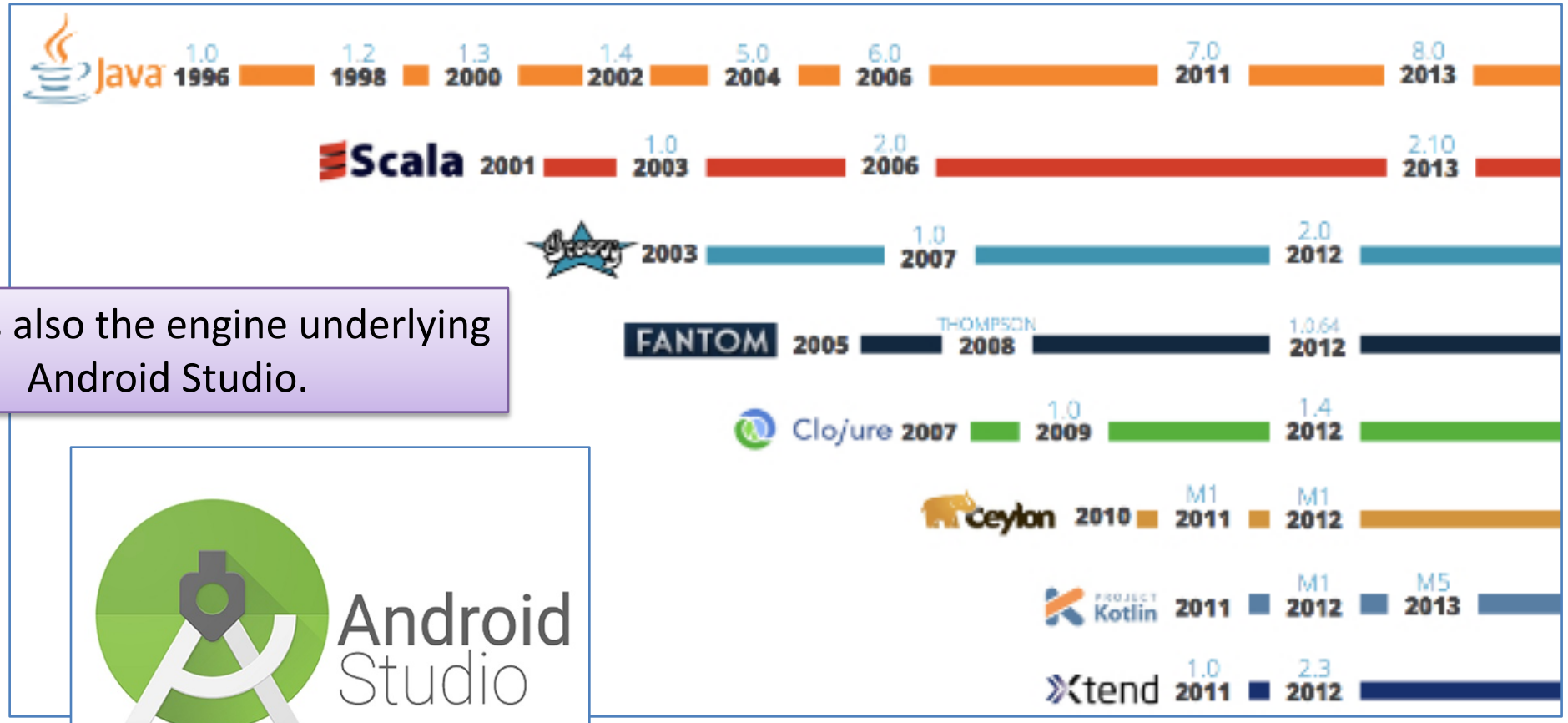
IntelliJ and the JVM



IntelliJ is an
Integrated **D**evelopment **E**nvironment (IDE)
for JVM Development.

IntelliJ and the JVM



IntelliJ is also the engine underlying Android Studio.

Android Studio

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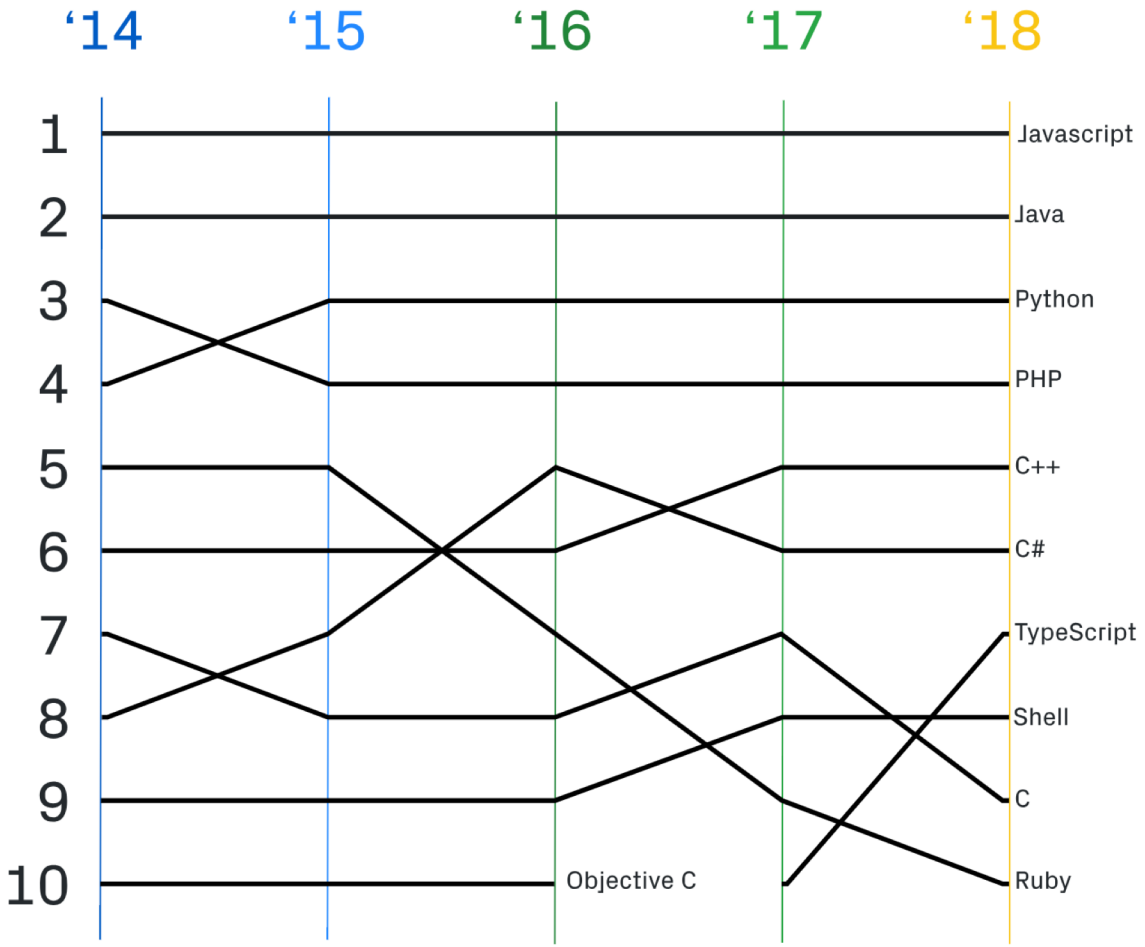


Installing IntelliJ

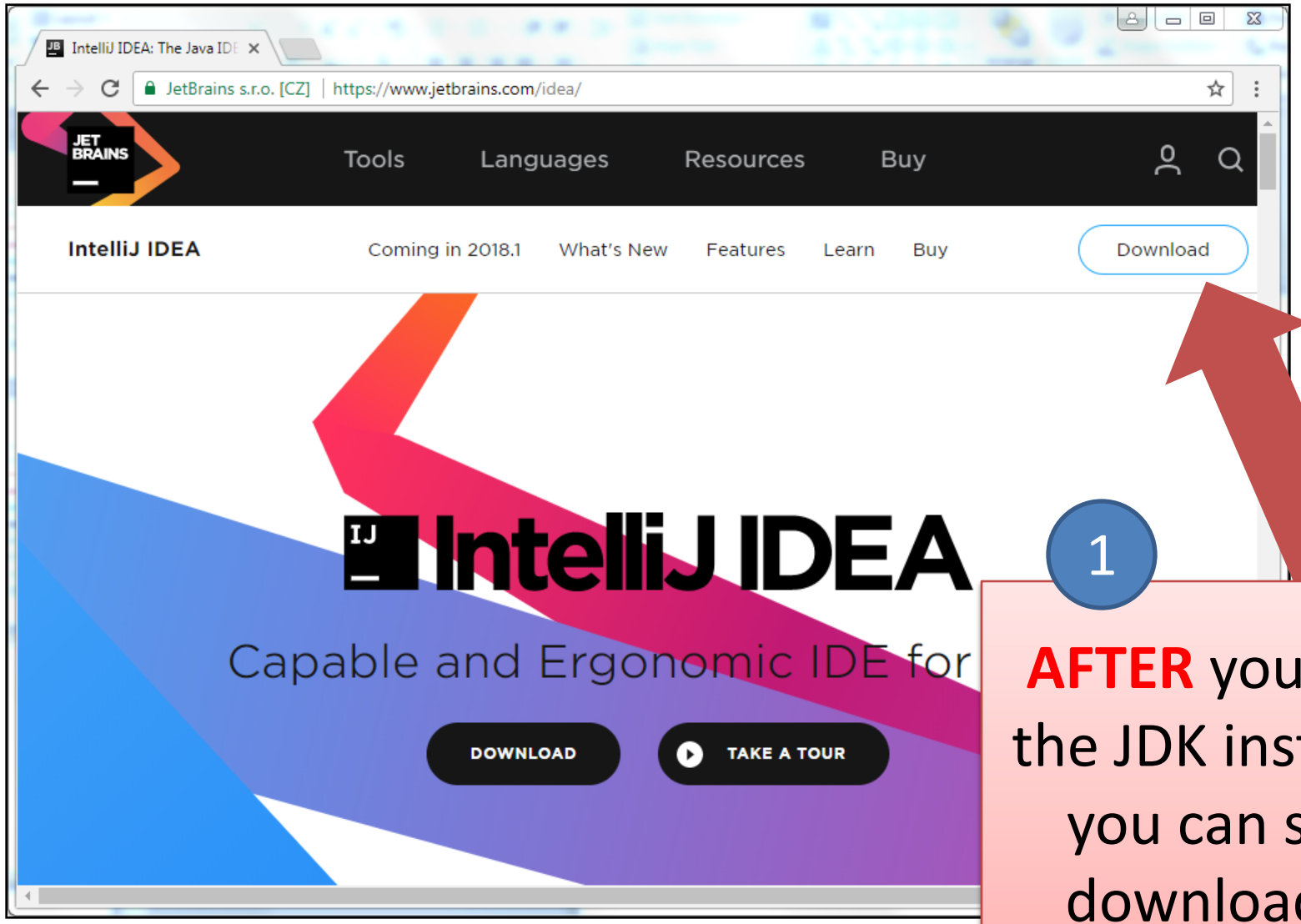
BEFORE you install IntelliJ
Download and Install the **JDK** first using
IE on windows or Safari on OSX!

2 IntelliJ Editions:

- **Community** (free) is a subset of
- **Ultimate** (paid)

As a WIT student you can use **ULTIMATE**

The following slides show how to install Community Edition.
Lab 07a demonstrates similar steps to **install Ultimate instead**. Use Ultimate!



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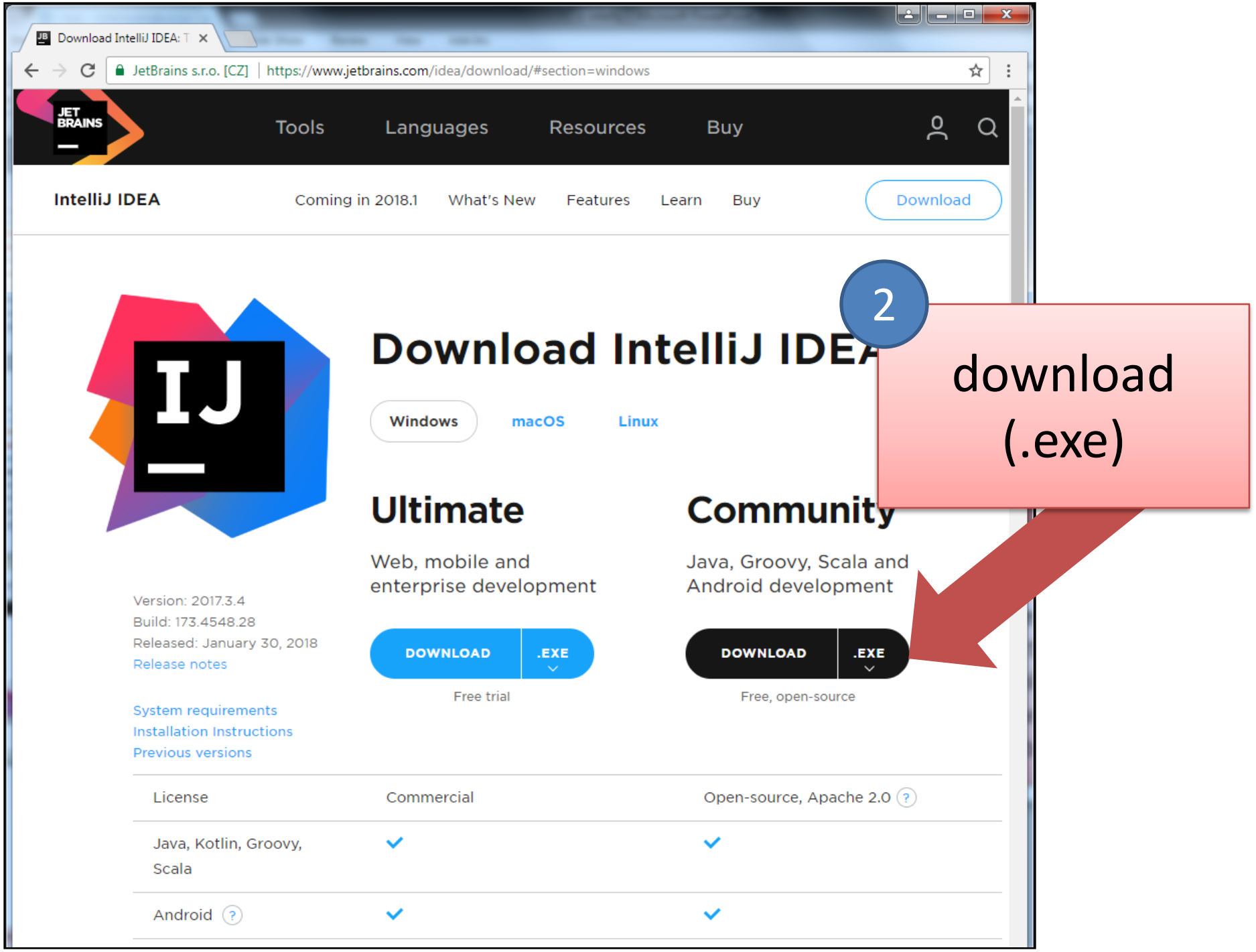
AFTER you have the JDK installed, you can start downloading **IntelliJ**.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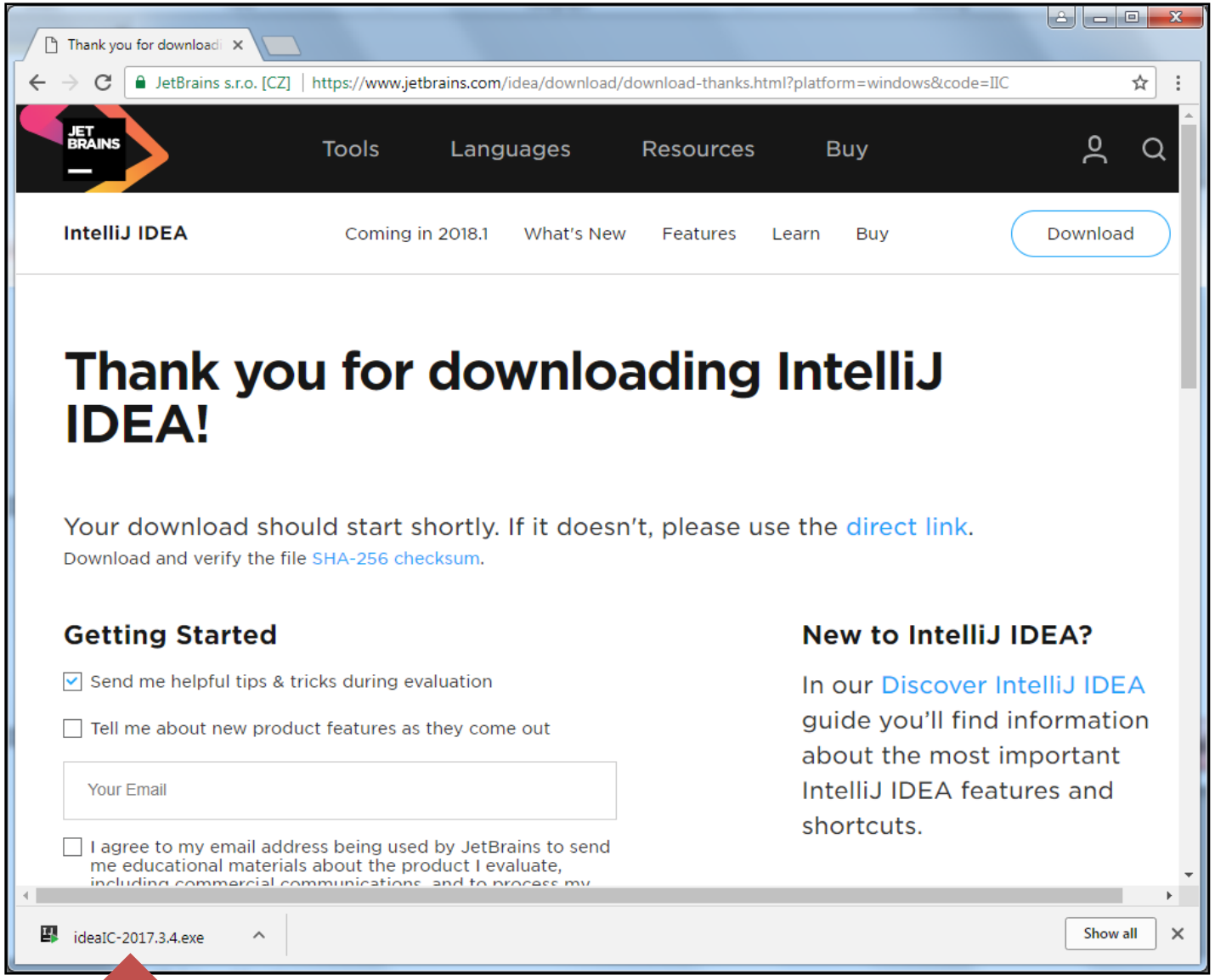

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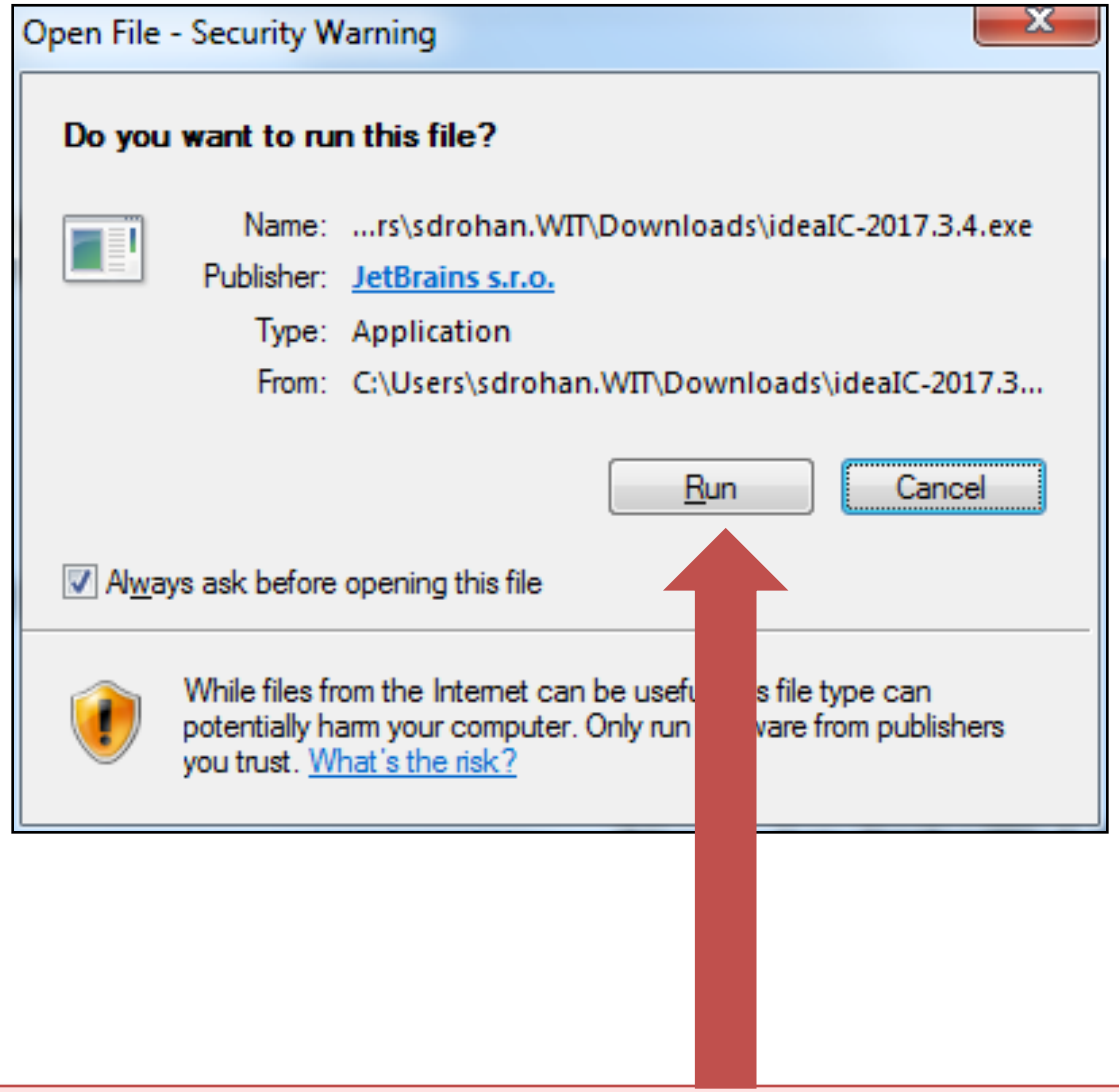
Click on the downloaded file to start the installation.



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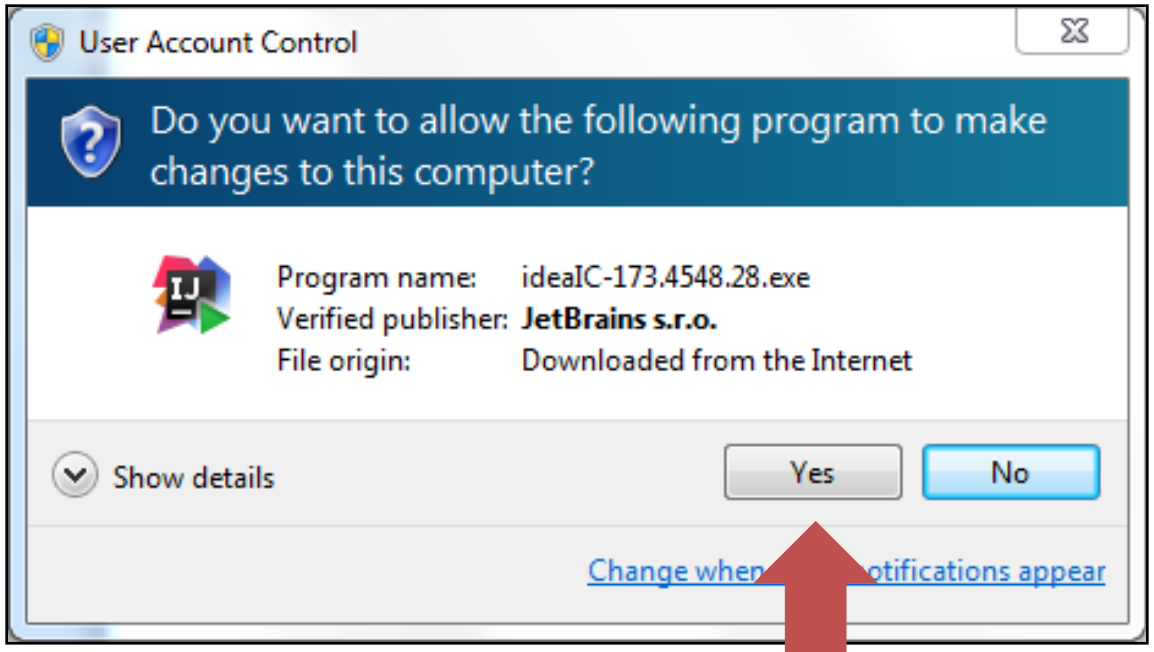
If you are presented with a security warning, click **Run**.



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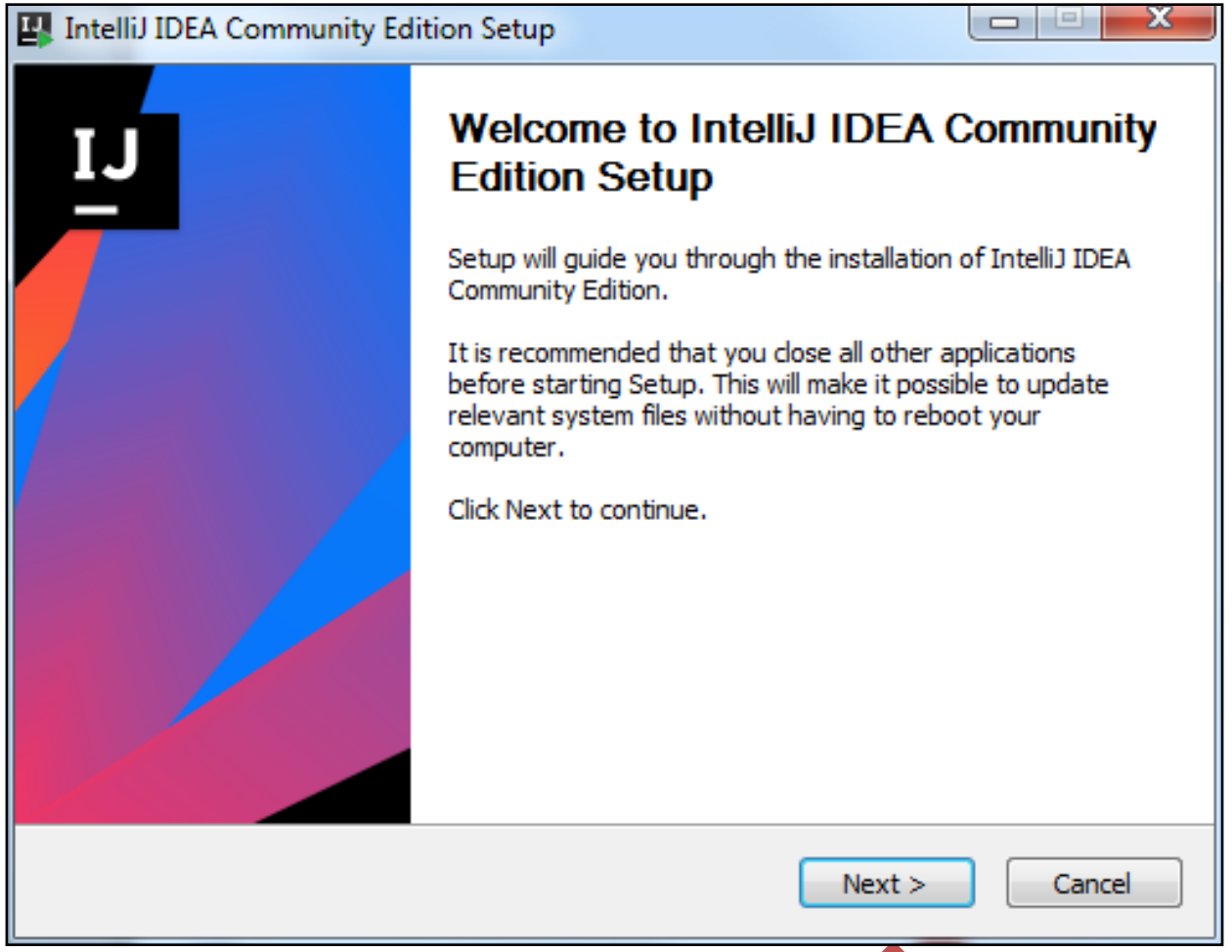
If you are presented with this warning, click **Yes**.



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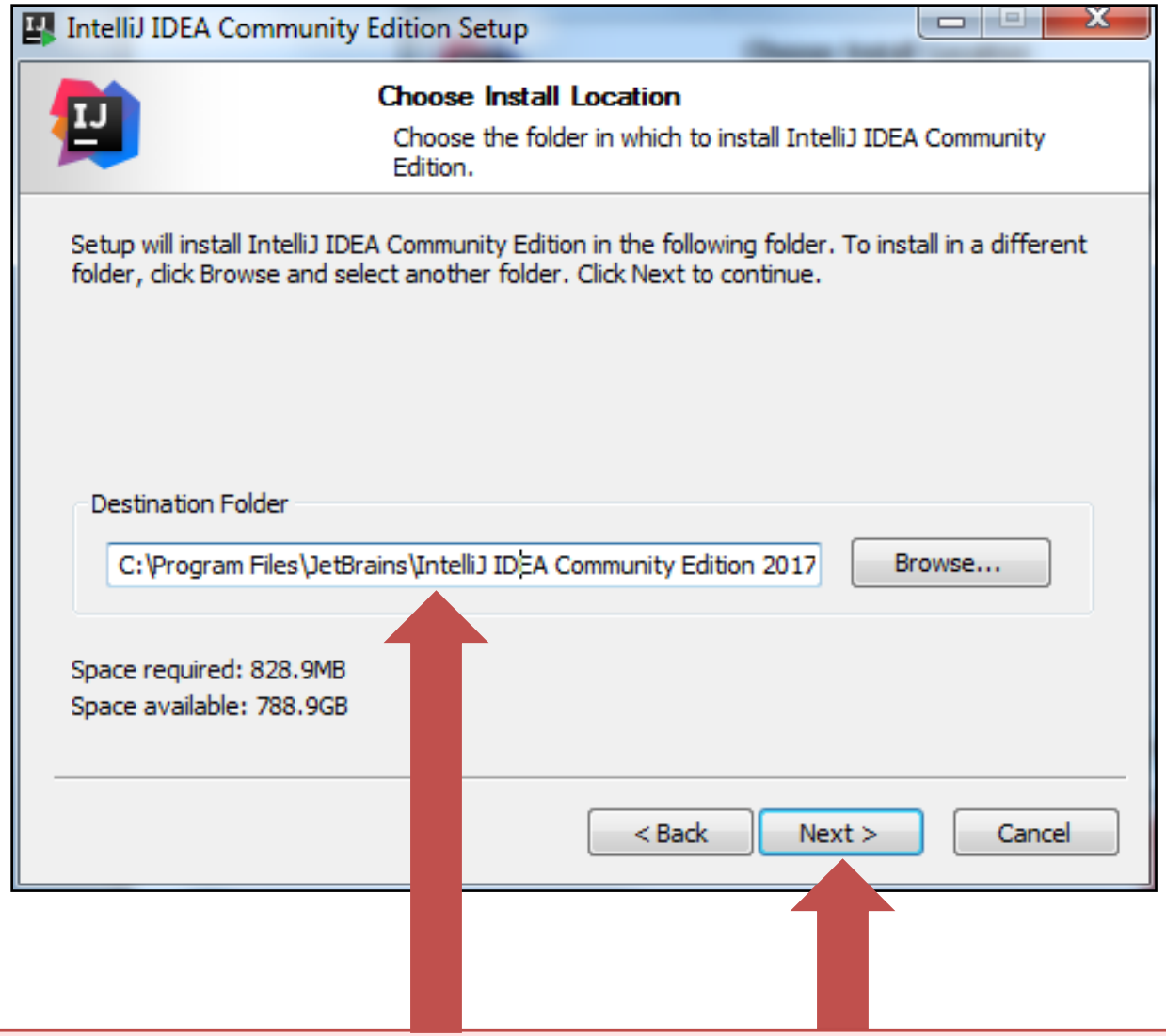
Click **Next** to continue…



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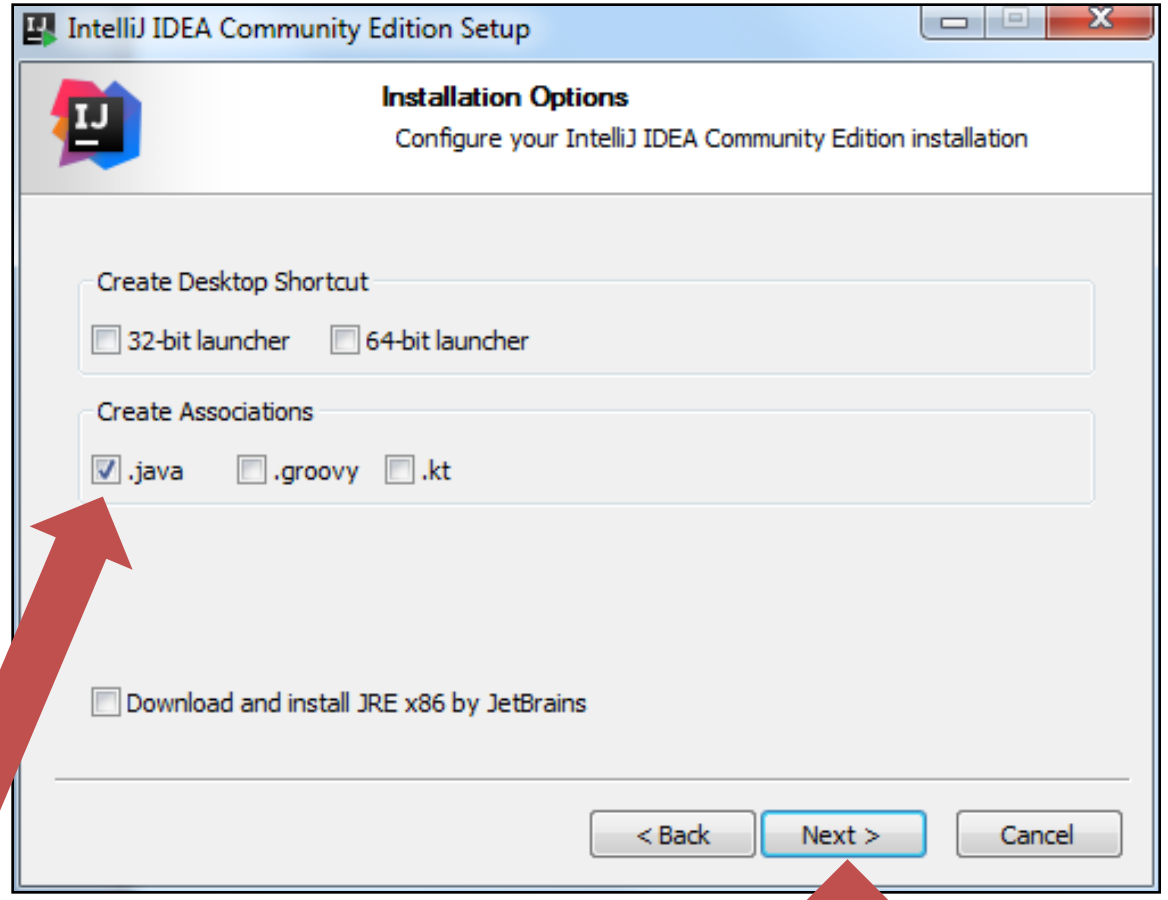
Accept the default destination folder
(you can change this if you prefer) and click **Next**.



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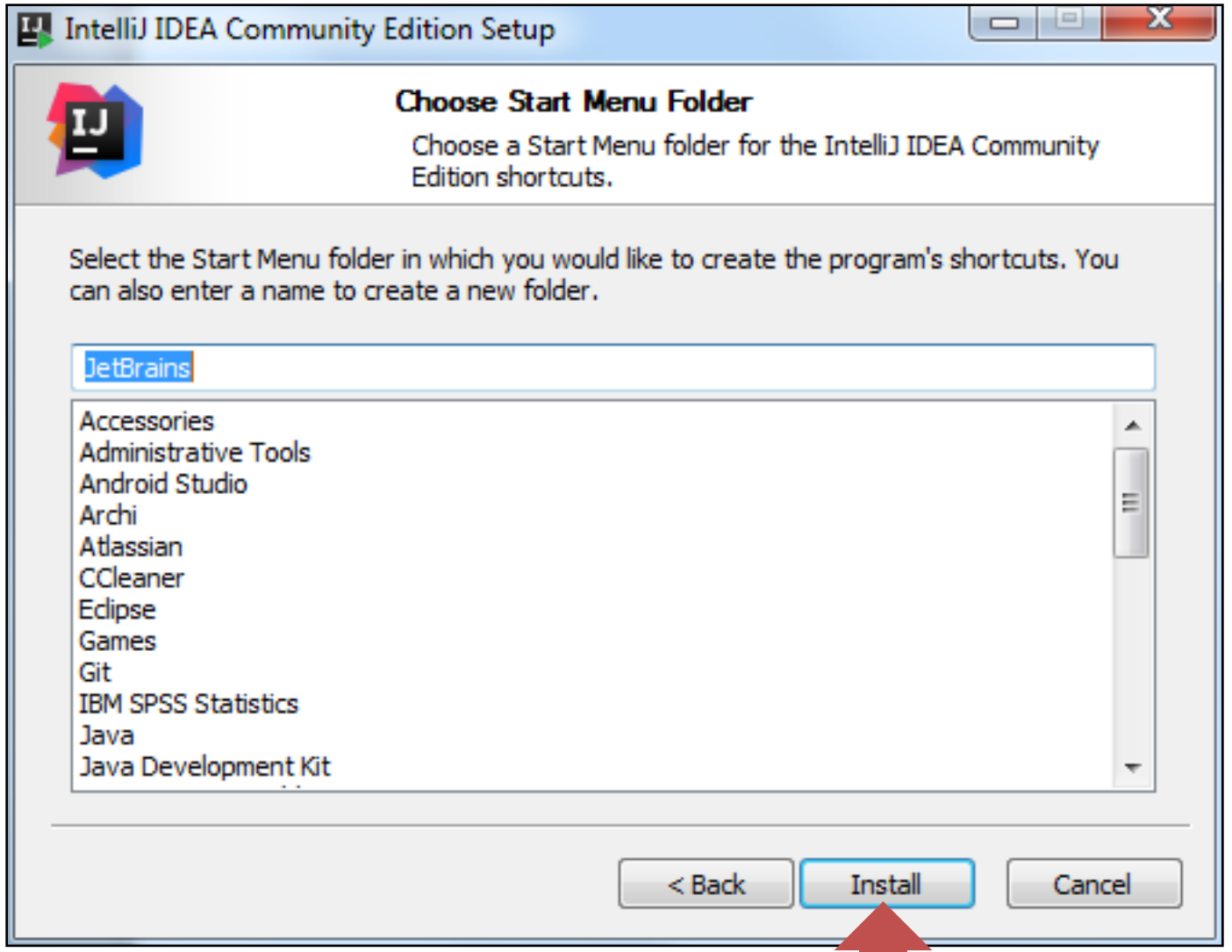
Tick the **.java** box to create a file association.
Click the **Next** button.



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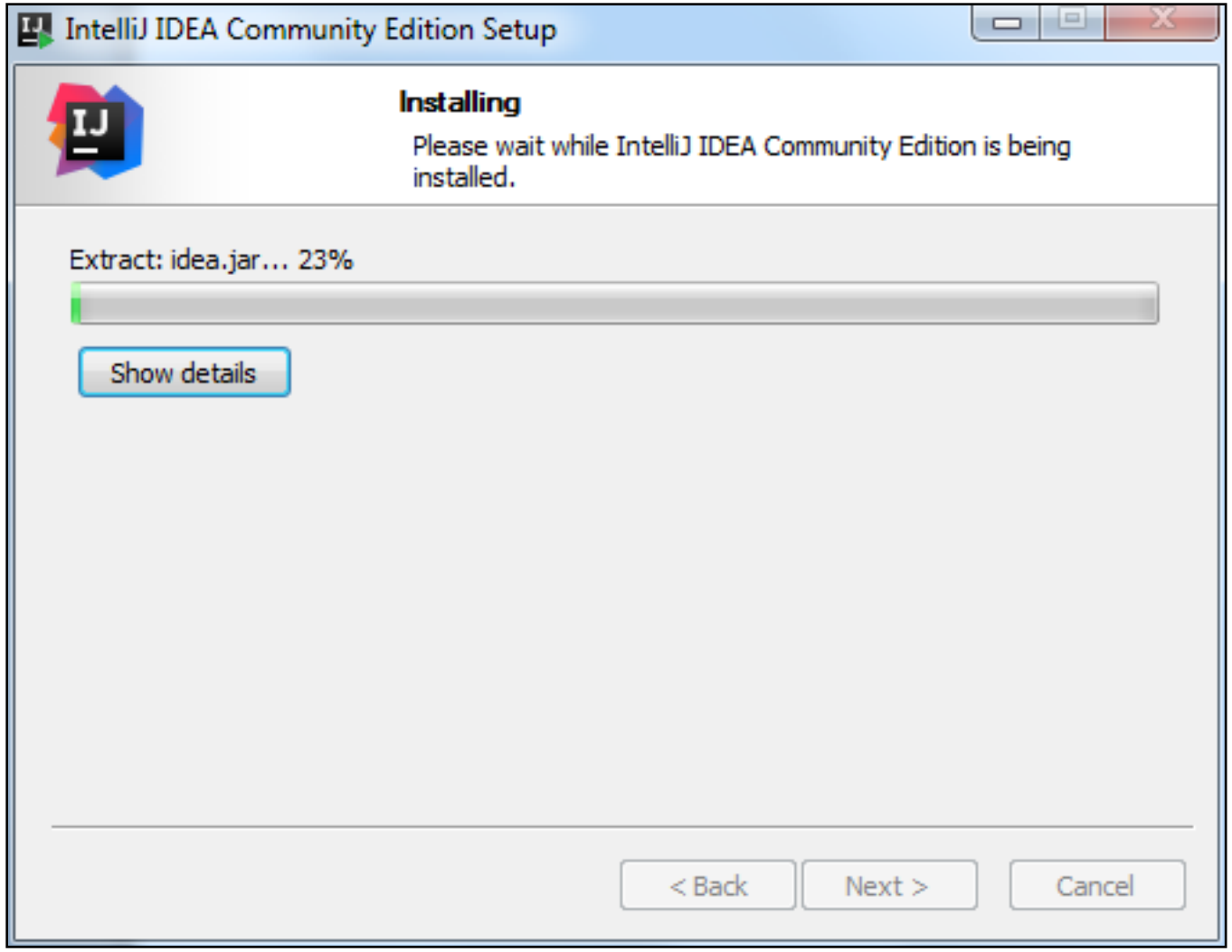
Click **Install** to continue…



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The installation is in progress…

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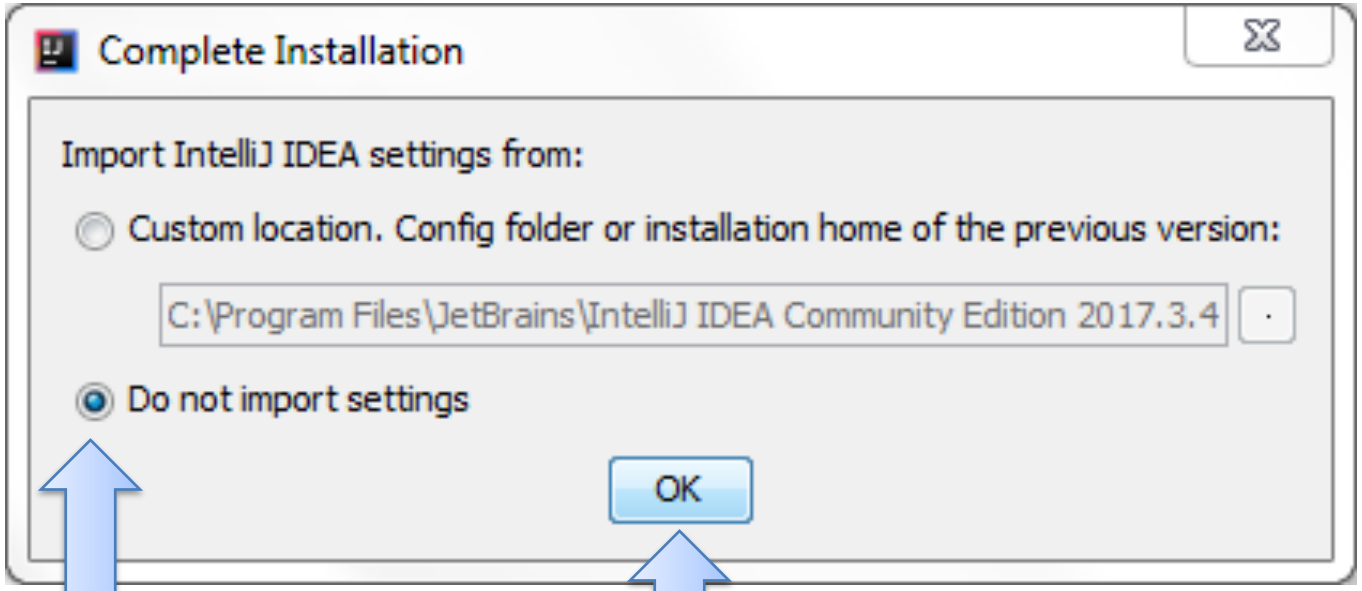
The installation is done…click the **Finish** button

Now that you have installed the JDK and IntelliJ,
let's create and run our first project.

*We will print **HelloWorld!** to the console.*



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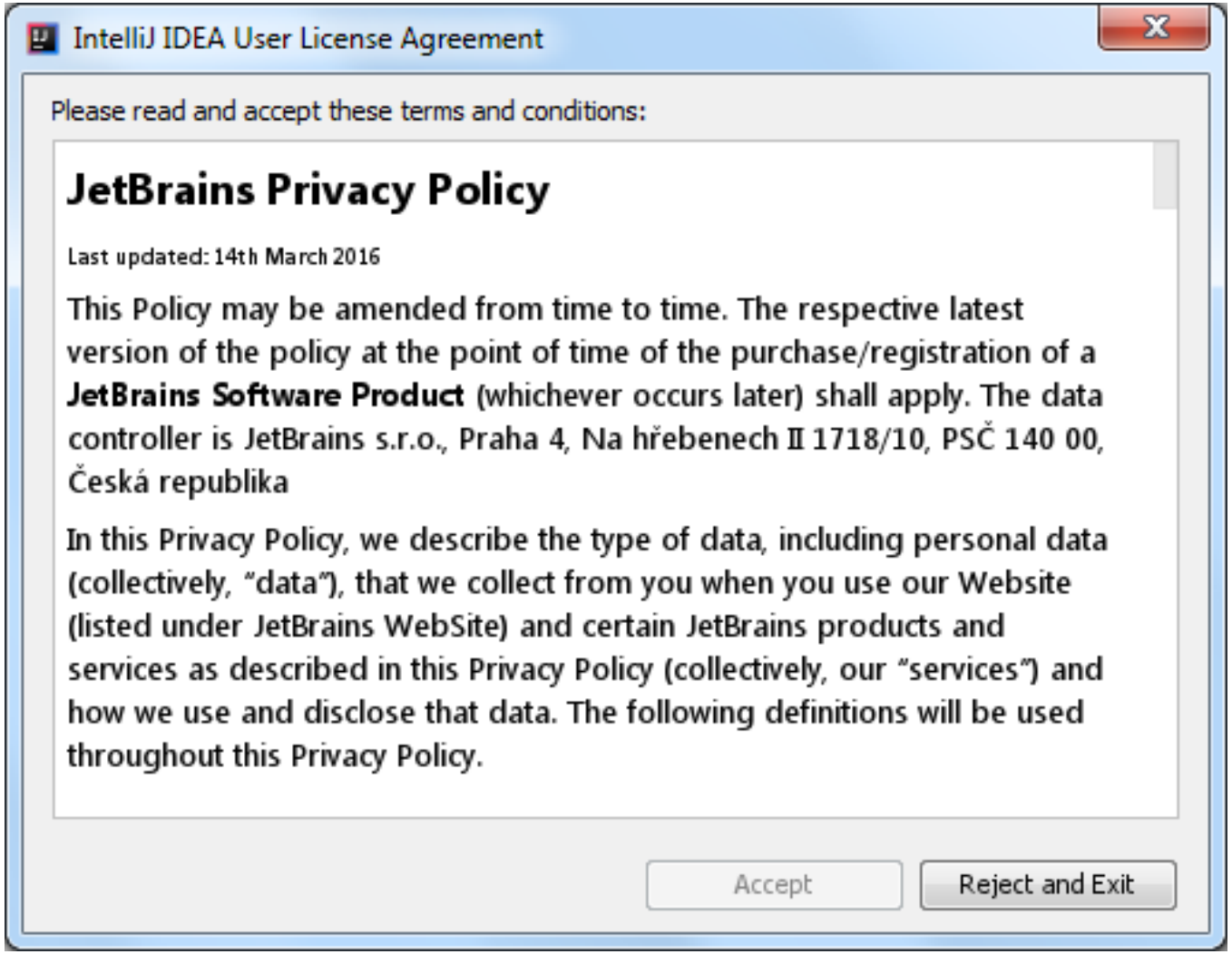
Appears when you first start IntelliJ.
Don't import the settings. Click OK.



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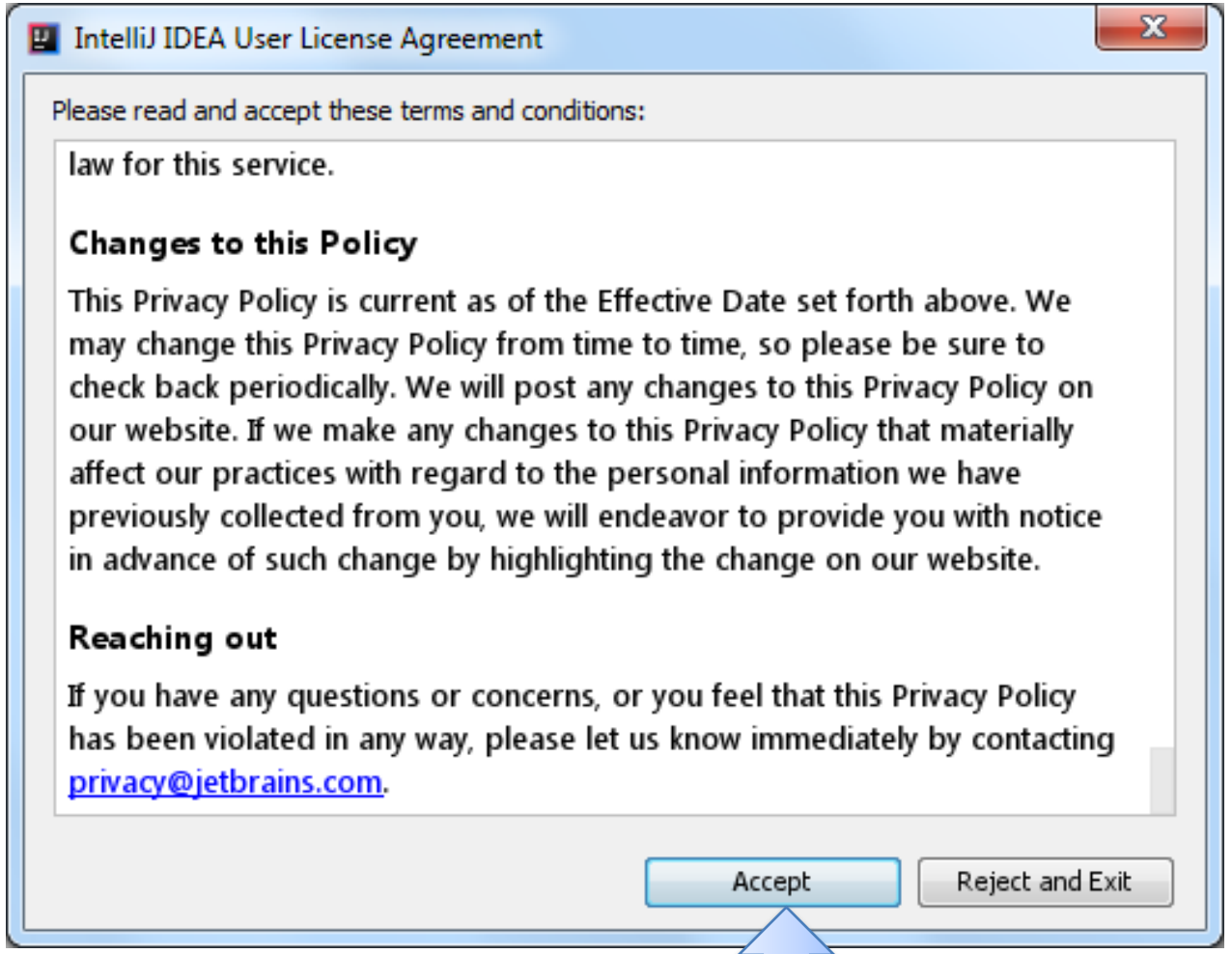
Scroll down to the end of the User Licence Agreement (ULA)…



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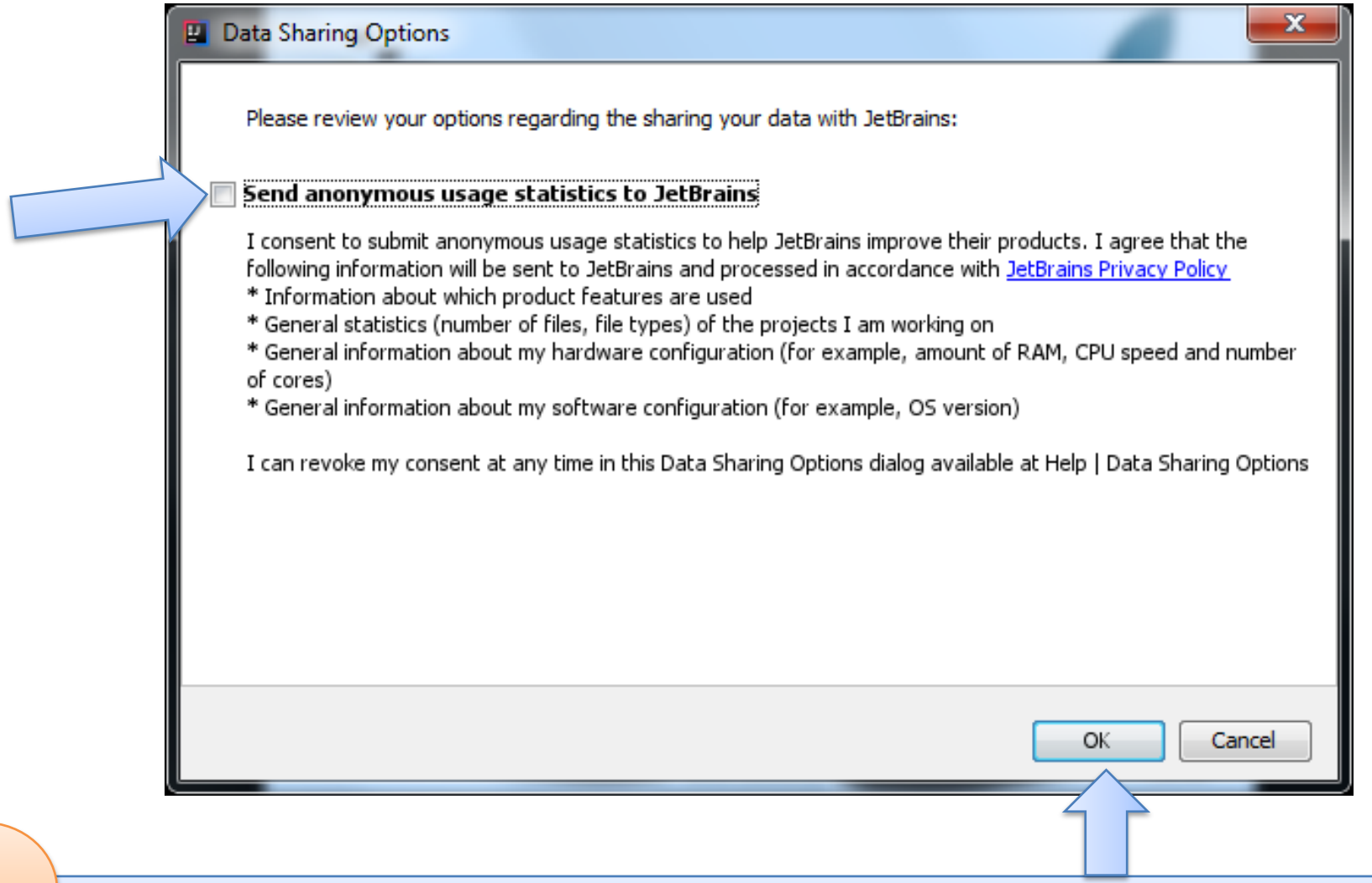
When the Accept button appears, click it.



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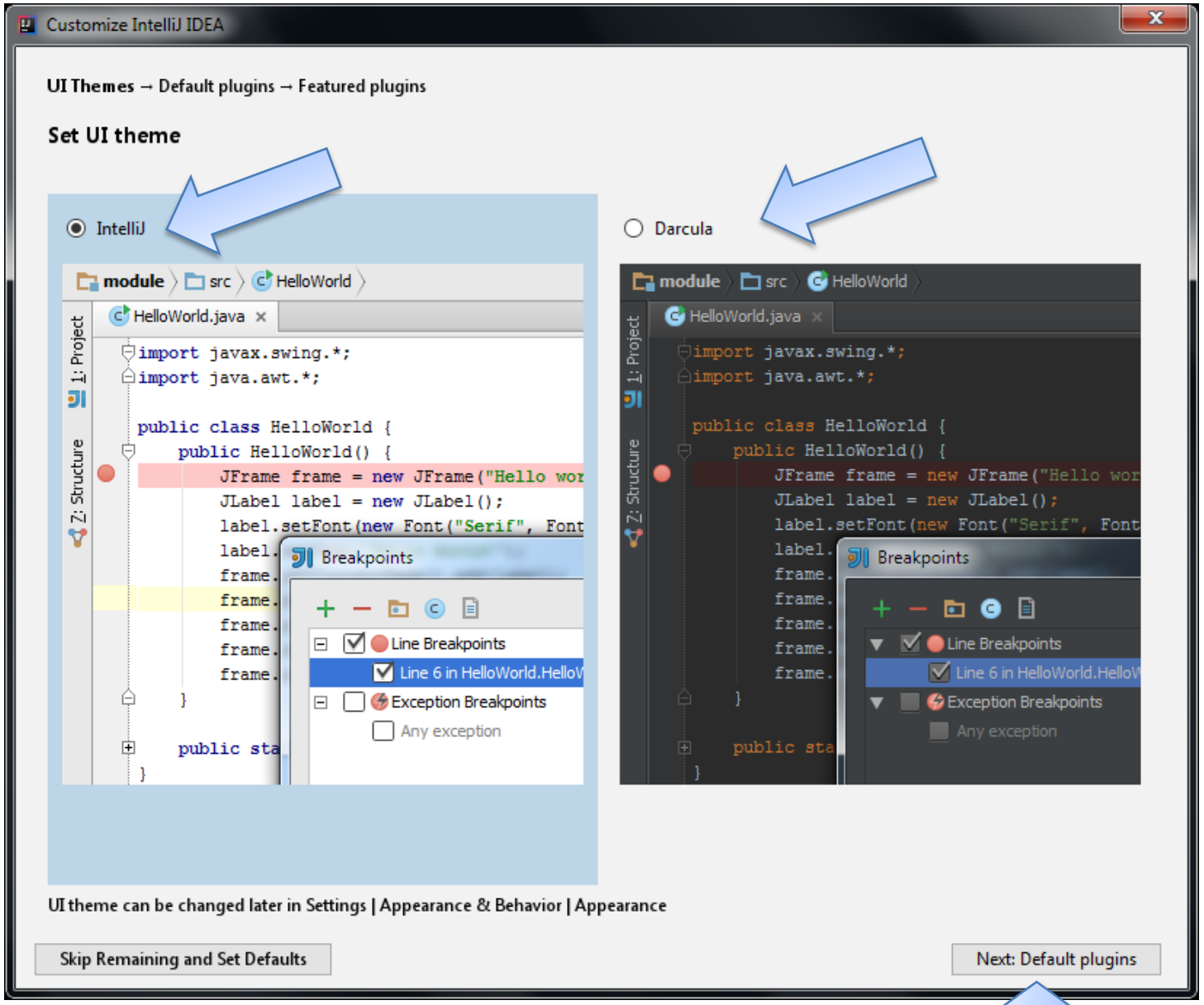
Decide if you want to share anonymous data with Jetbrains and click the OK button.



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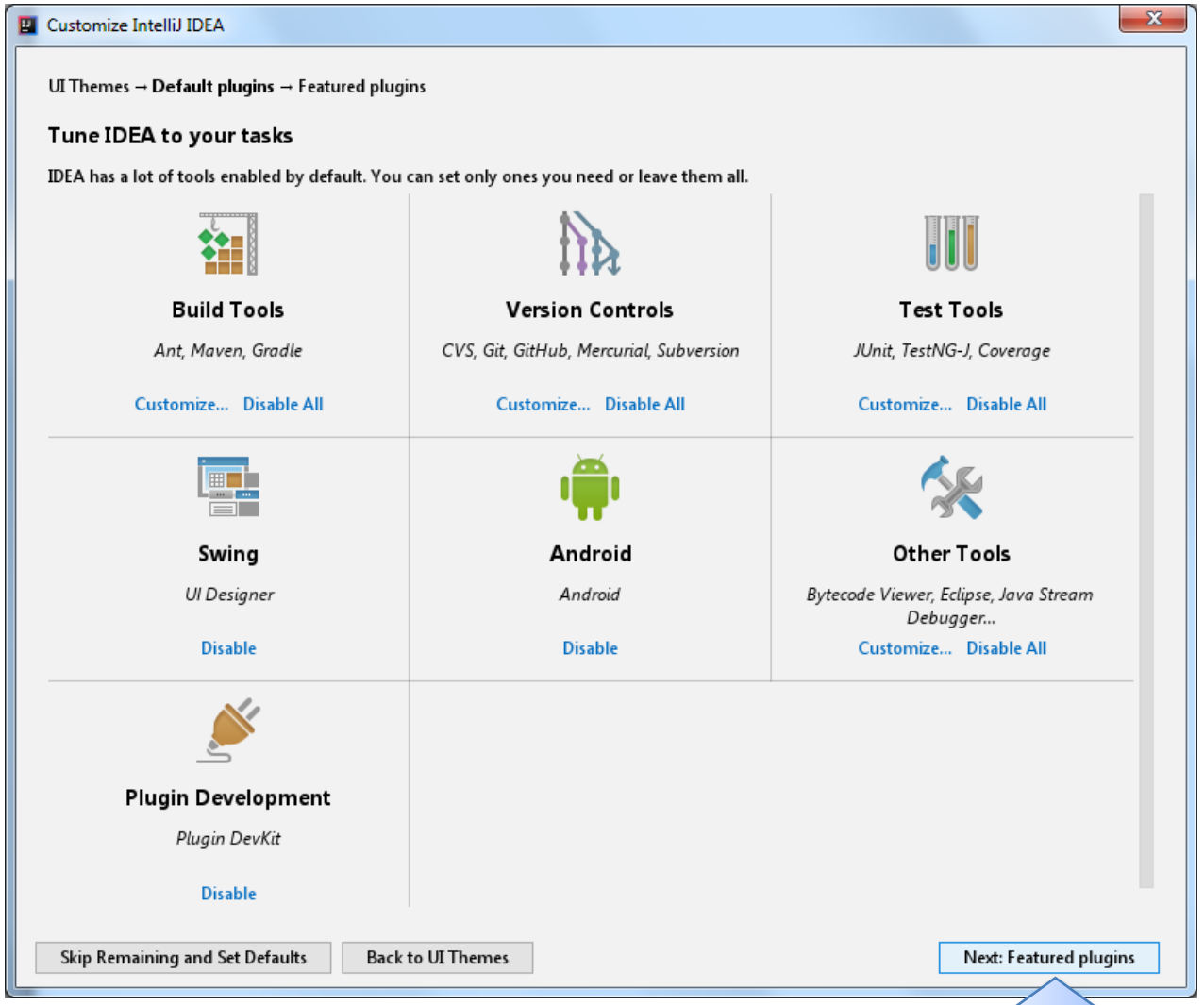
Choose your preferred theme and click Next.



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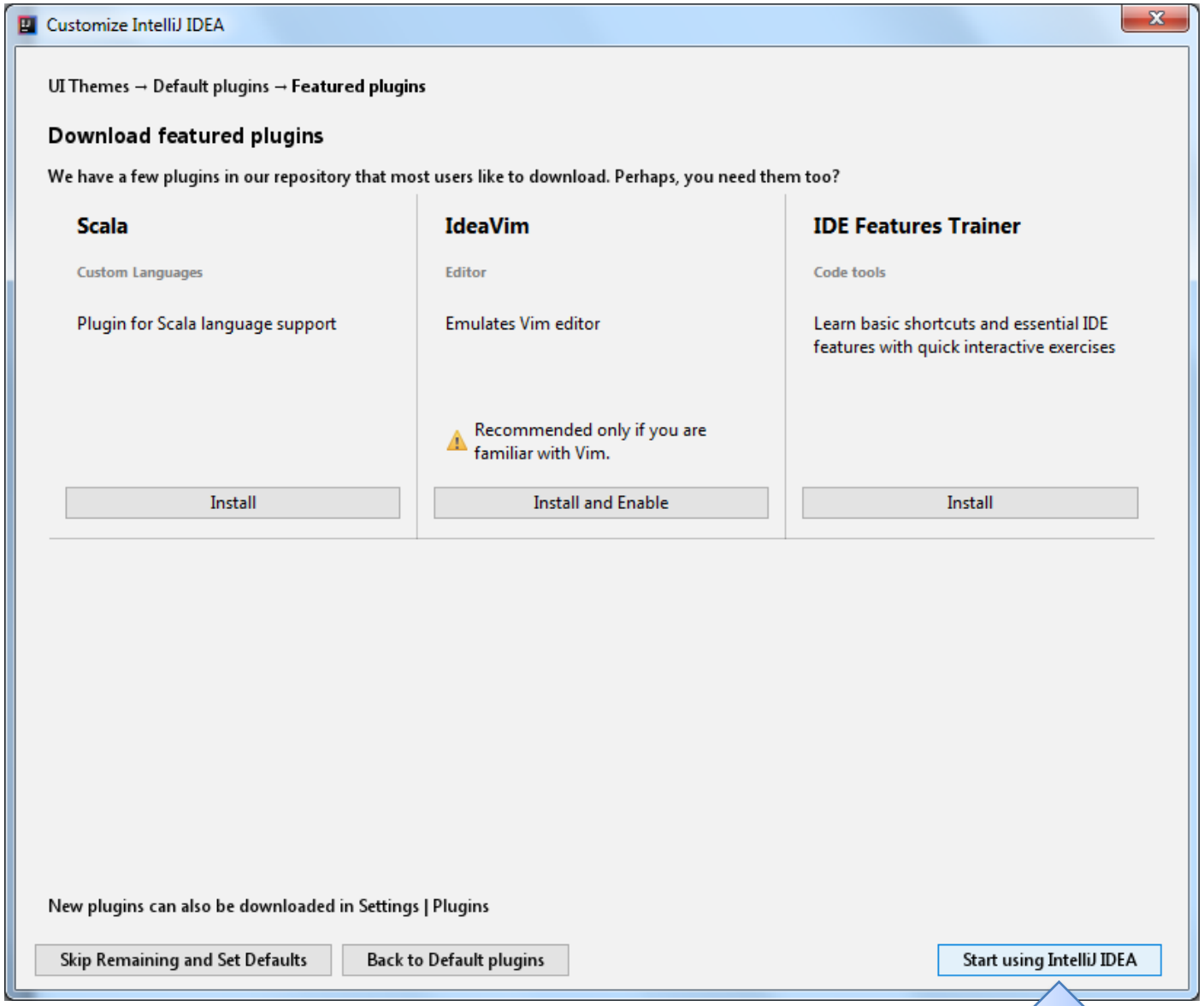
You will come across a lot of these plugins, in some form or other, during the course.

At the moment, we won't be using them, so click **Next**.



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Same again here…we aren't using these plugins, so click Start…

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You will see this splash screen and then…

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IntelliJ is now running…
click on the **Create New Project** link

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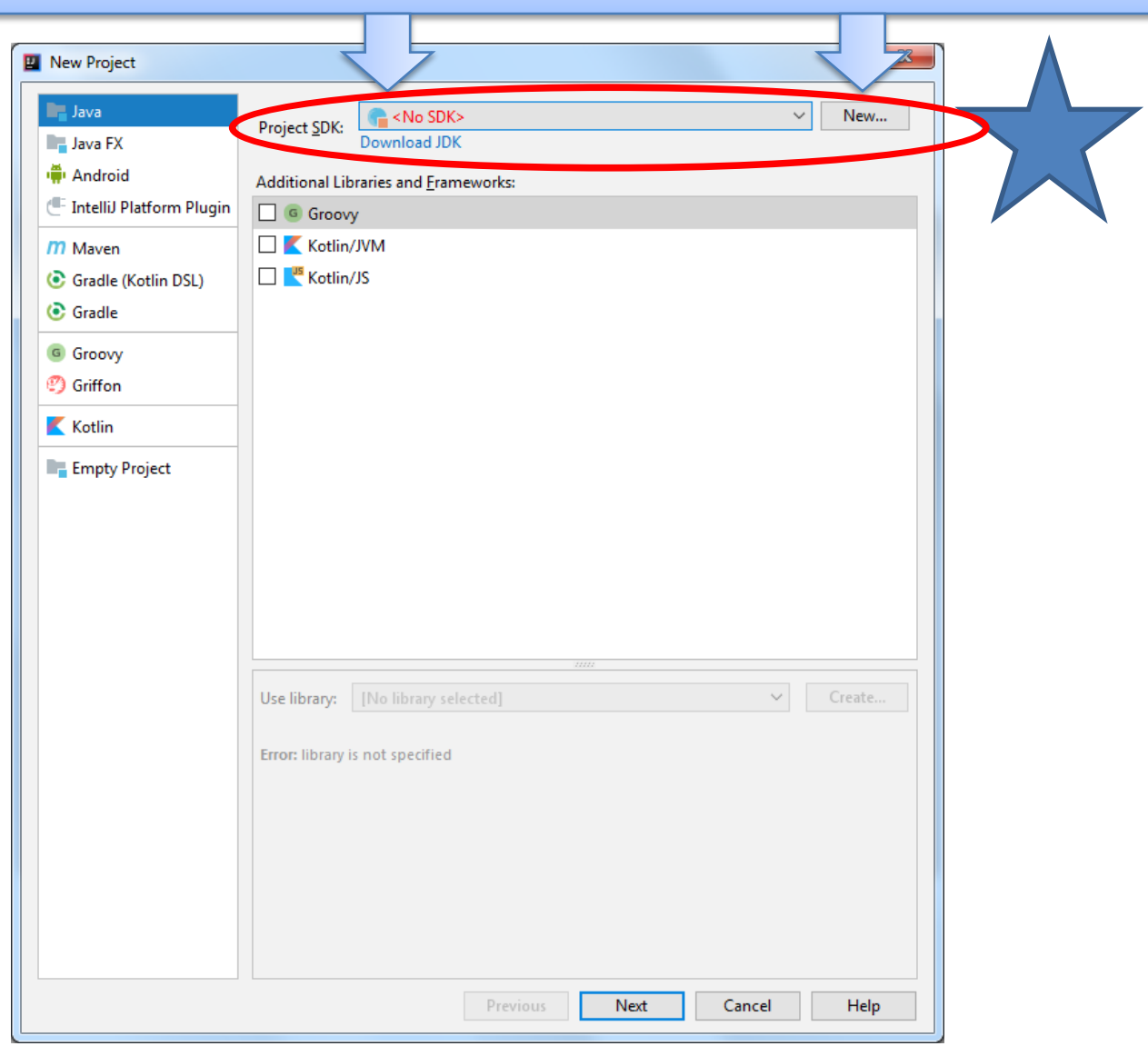
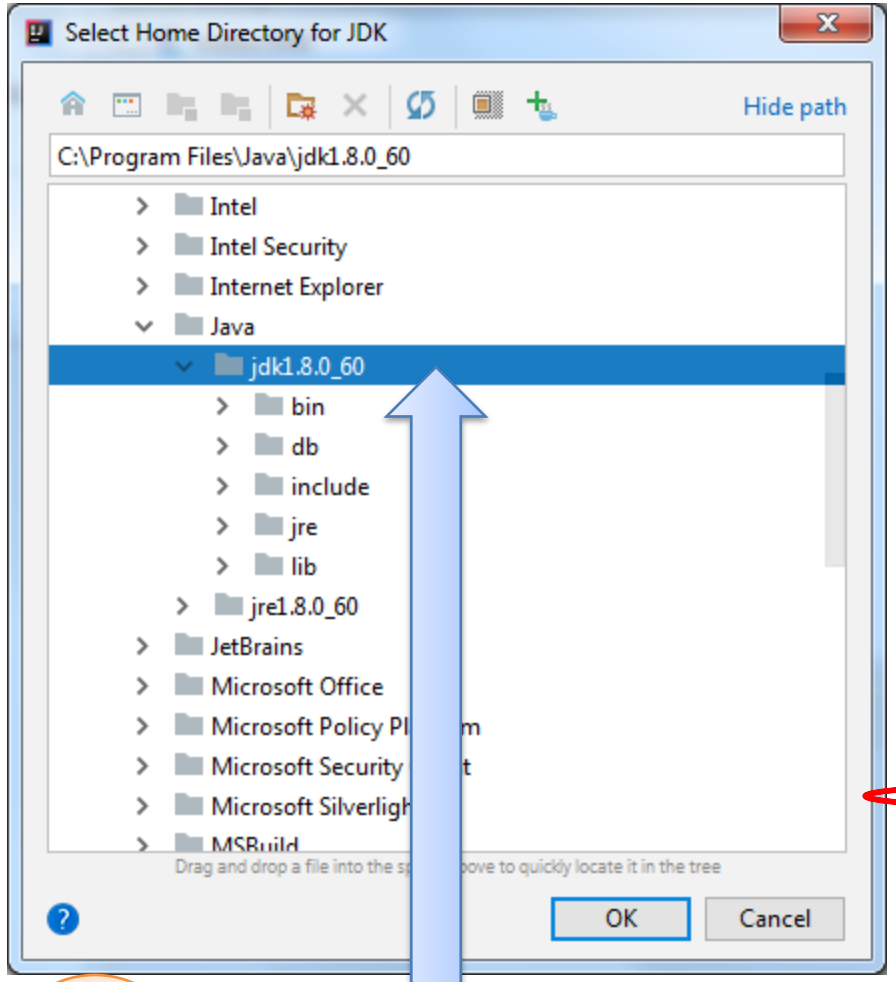
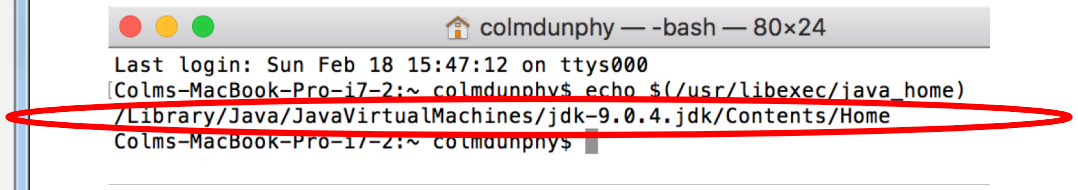
You may get this…no SDK. If so, click on the “New…” button





On OSX,
run a terminal window
and enter the following command

Echo $(/usr/libexec/java_home



(IntelliJ already comes with JDK v8 labelled 1.8)

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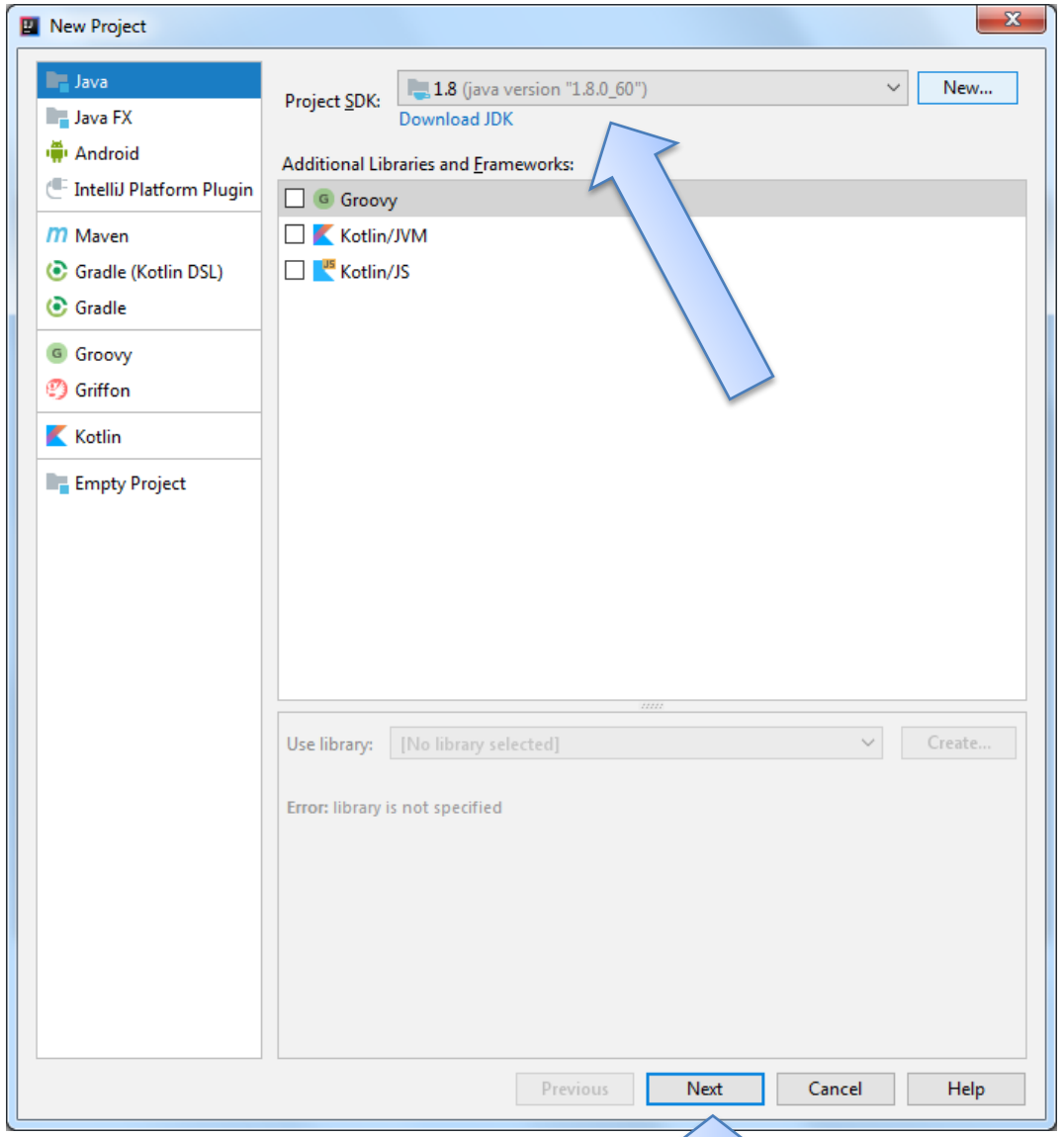
…and **locate** the version of java you previously installed. Click **Ok**



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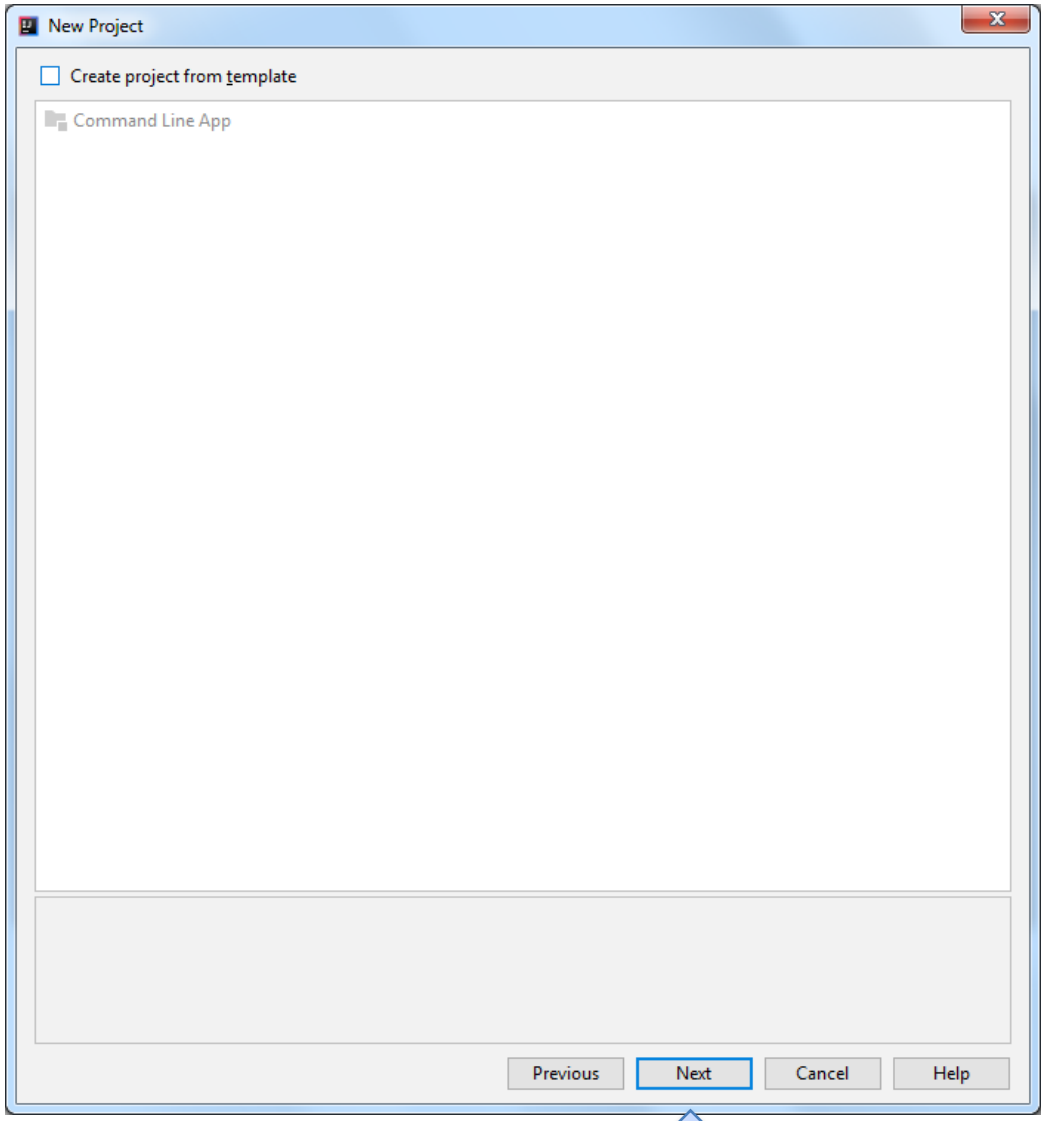
Now that Java is located, click Next.



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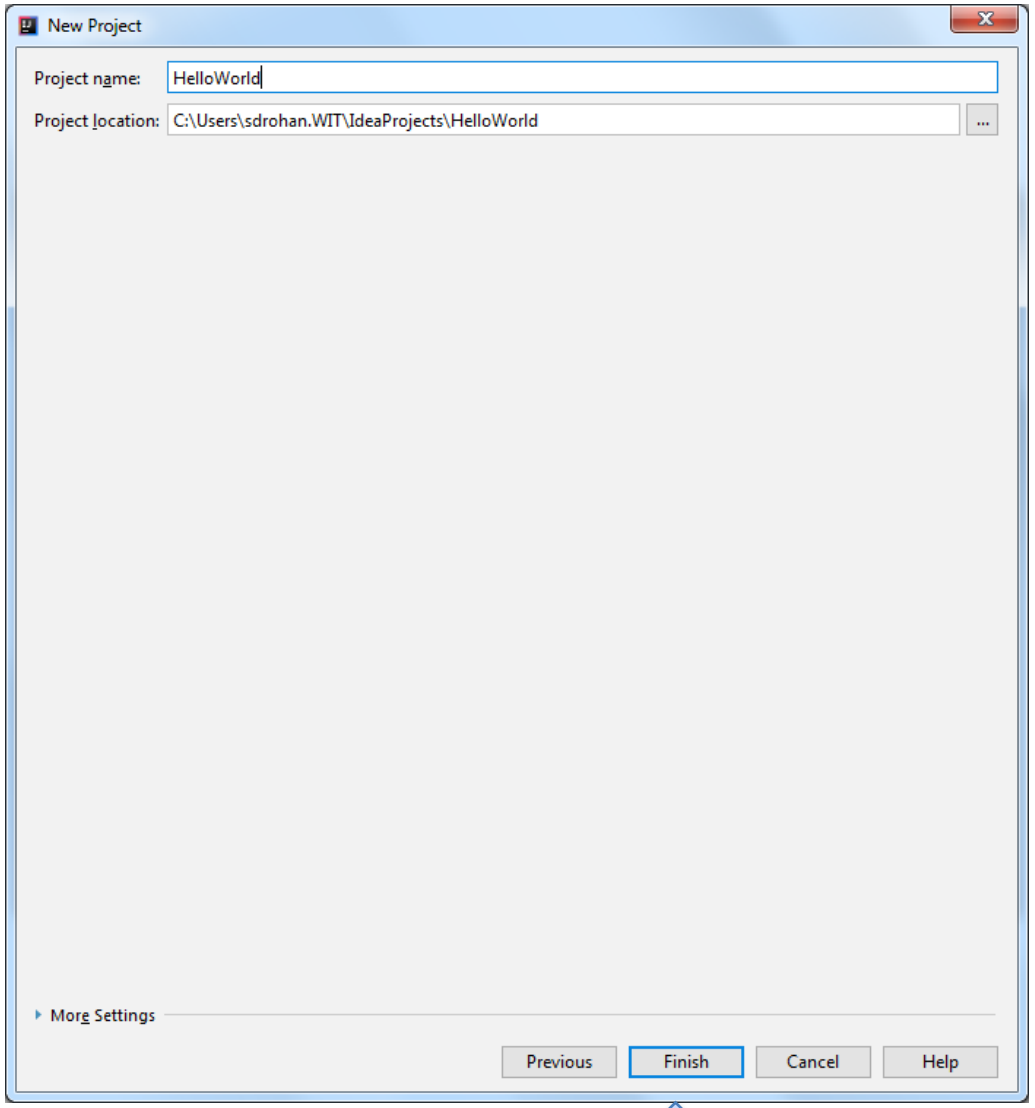
Accept the default settings by clicking Next



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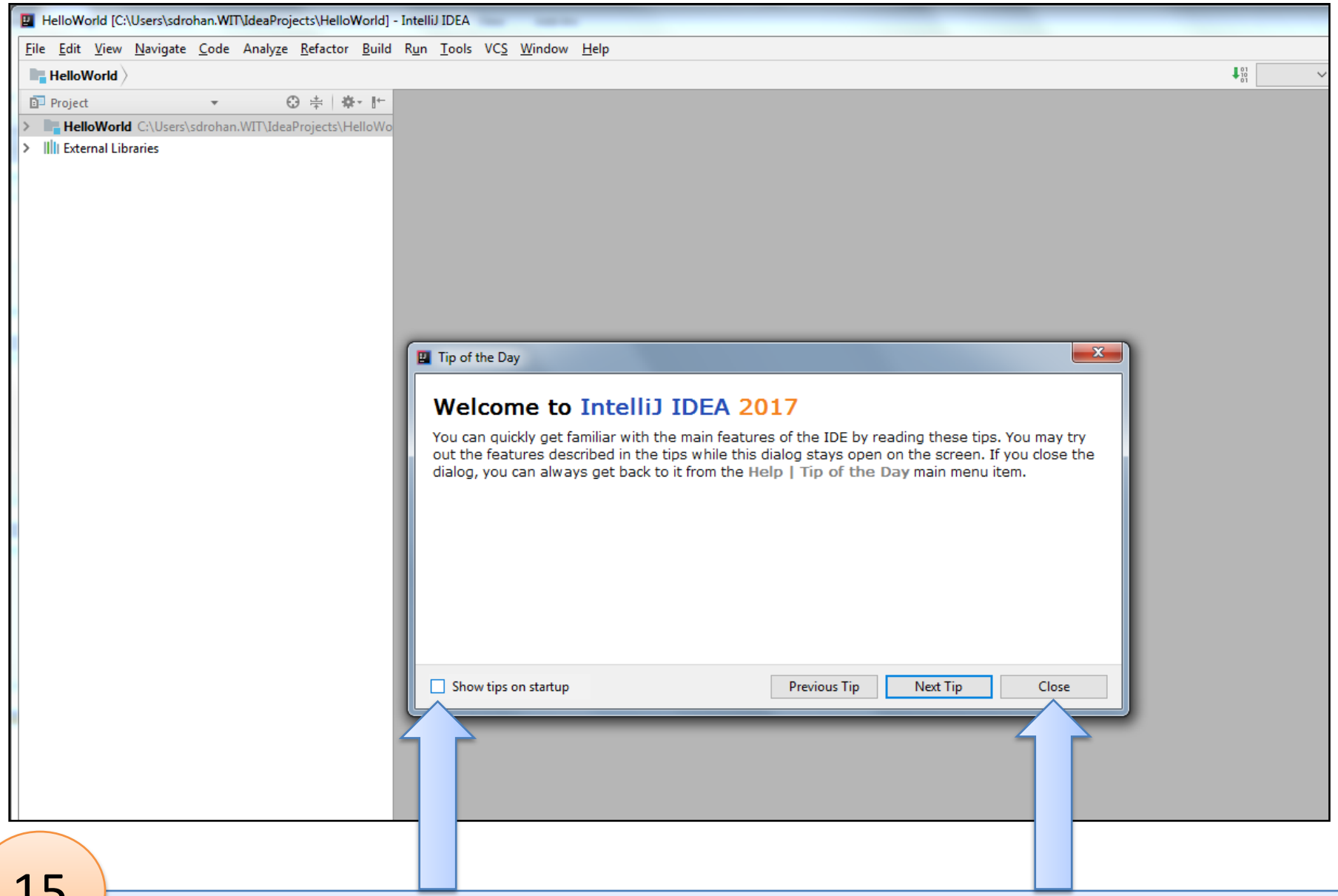
Enter project name (**HelloWorld**) and if you are happy with the default location, click Finish.



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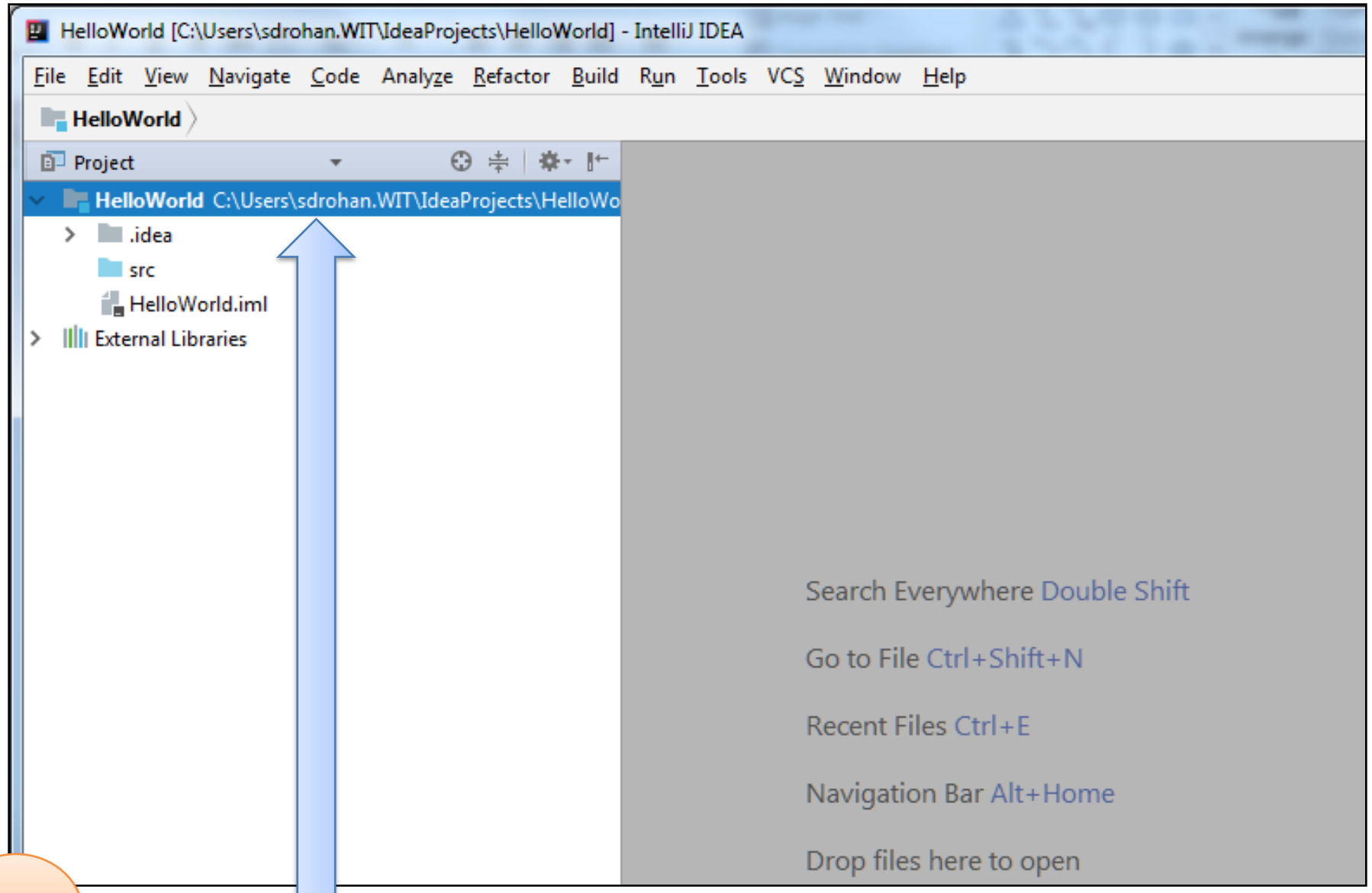
Decide whether you want to see tips each time you start IntelliJ. Then close the tip window.



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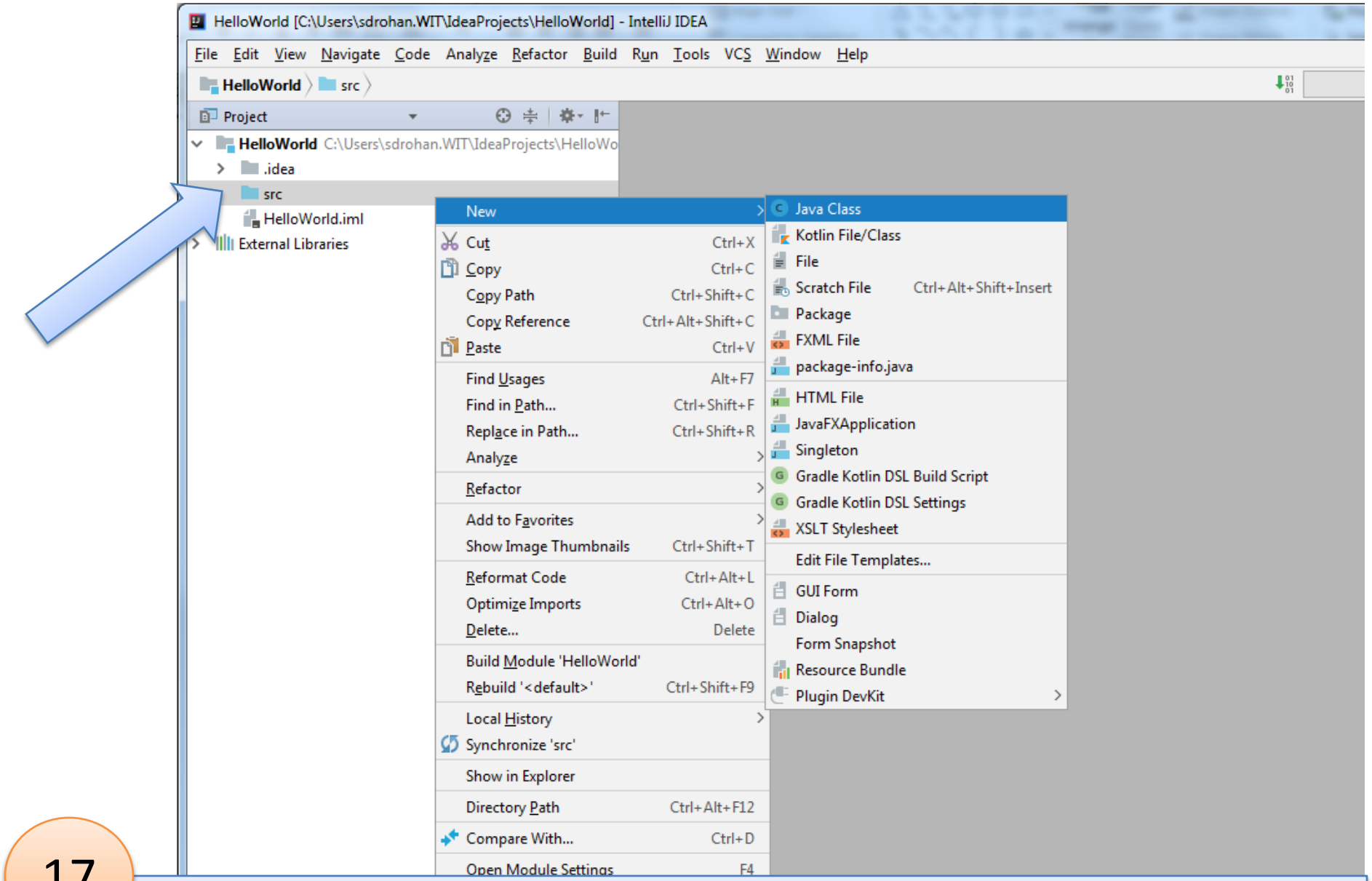
An empty HelloWorld project is created.



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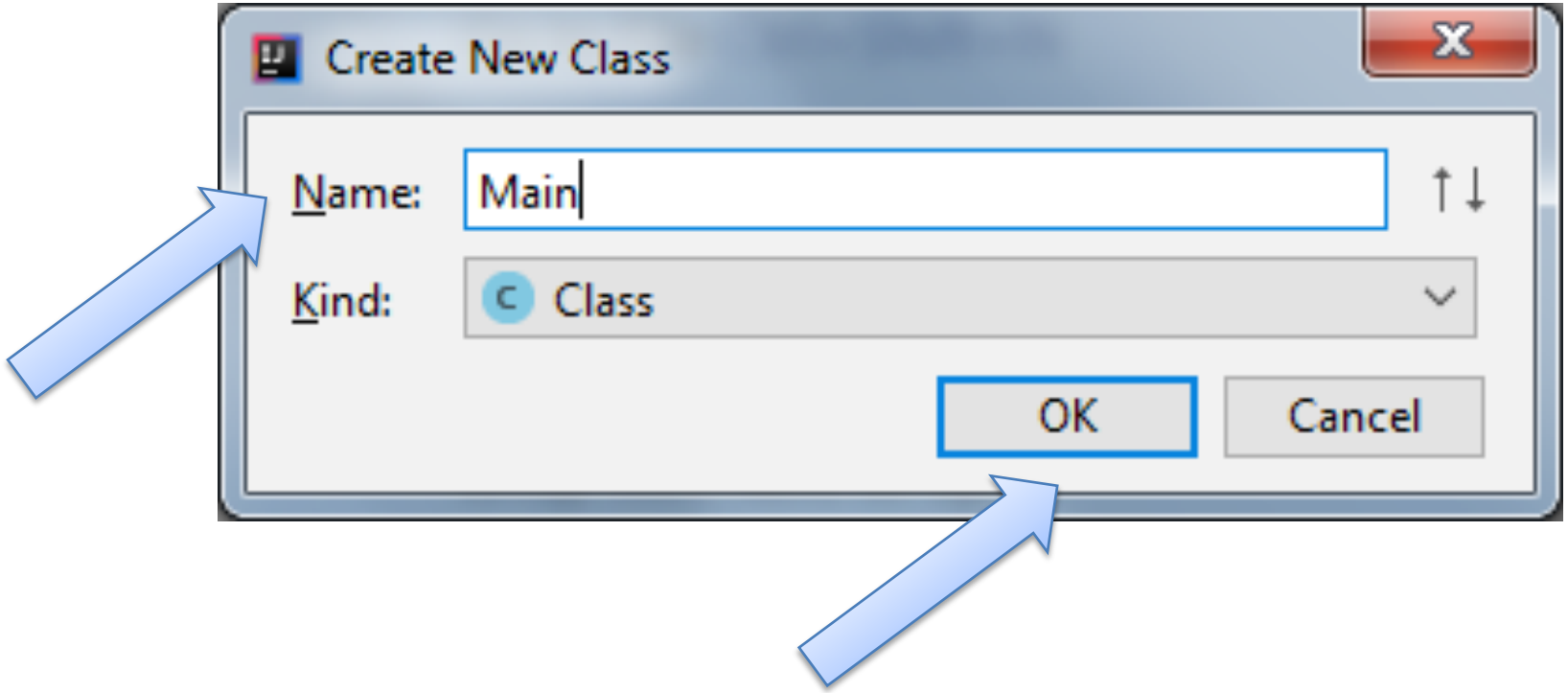
Right click on **src** folder….select **New → Java Class**



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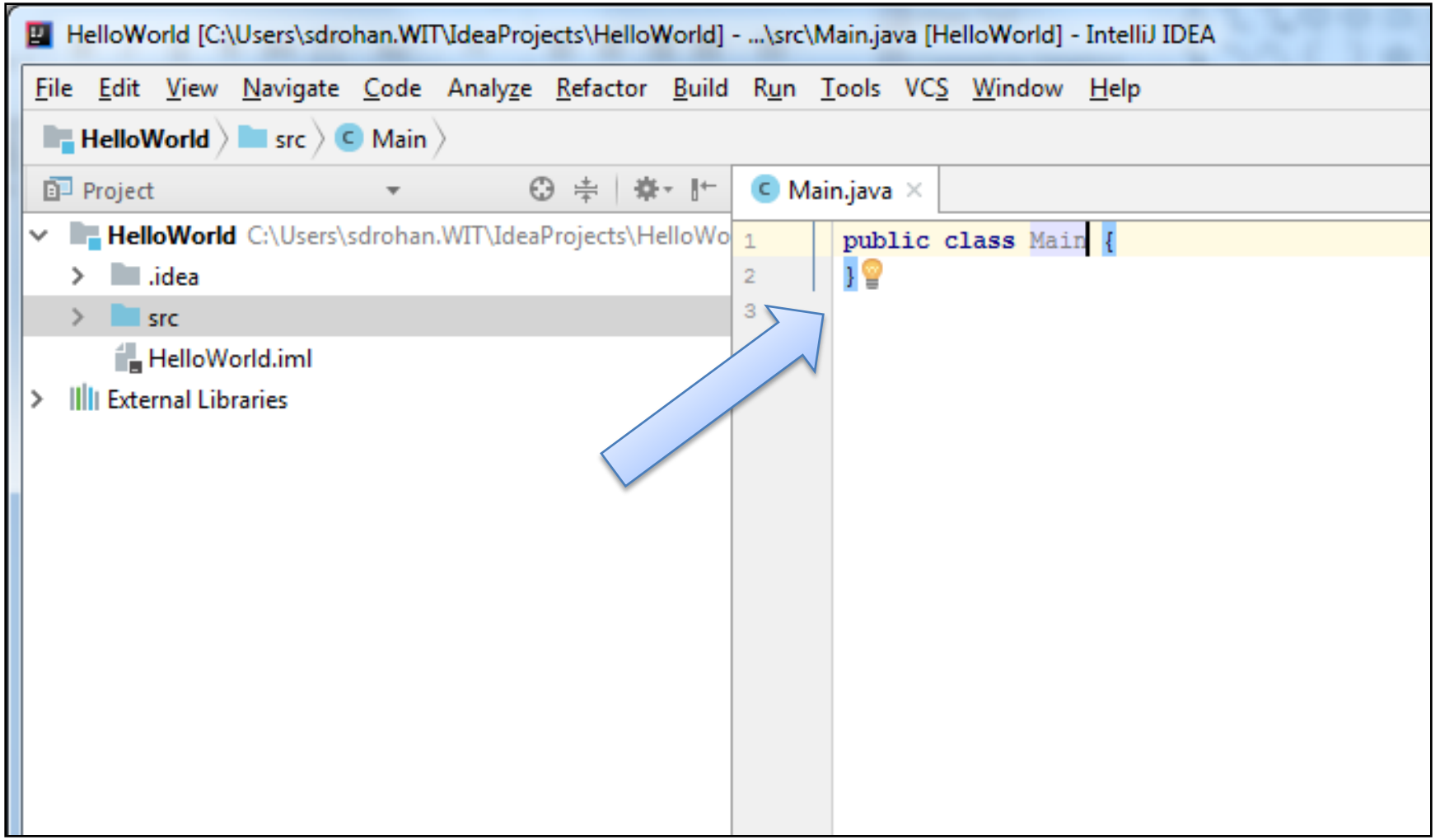
Enter the class name **Main** and click **OK**



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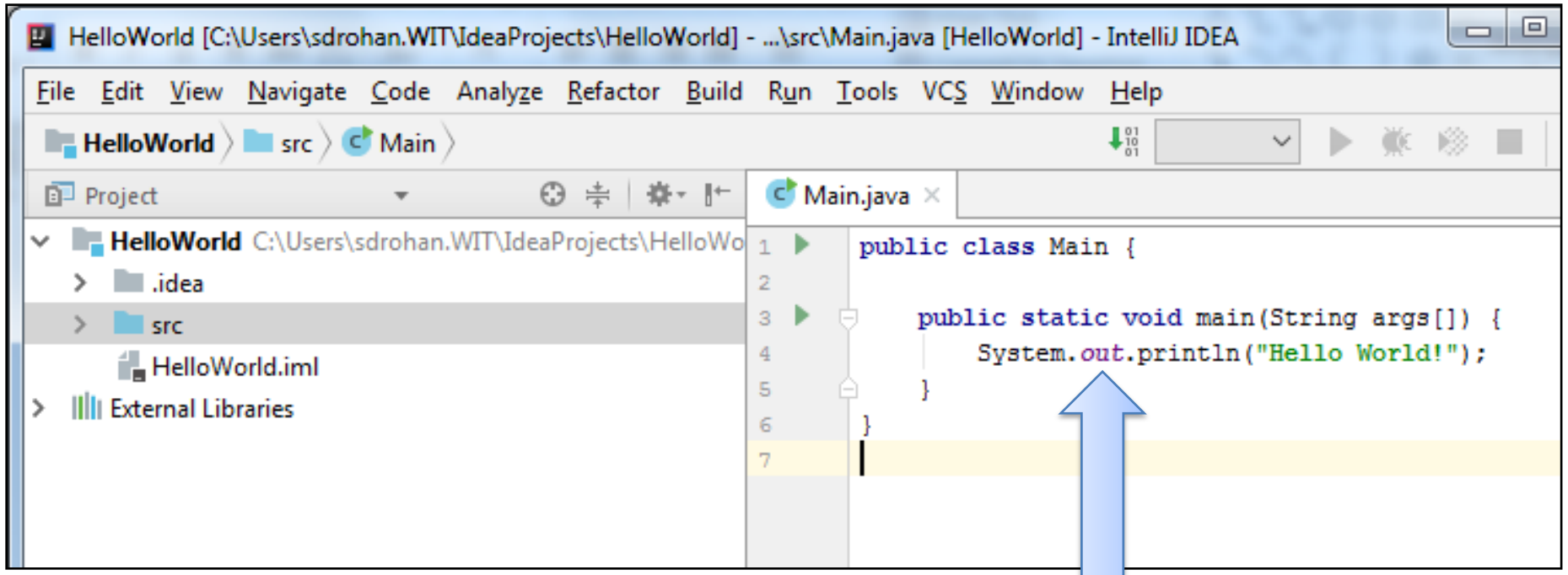
A new **Main** class has been created.



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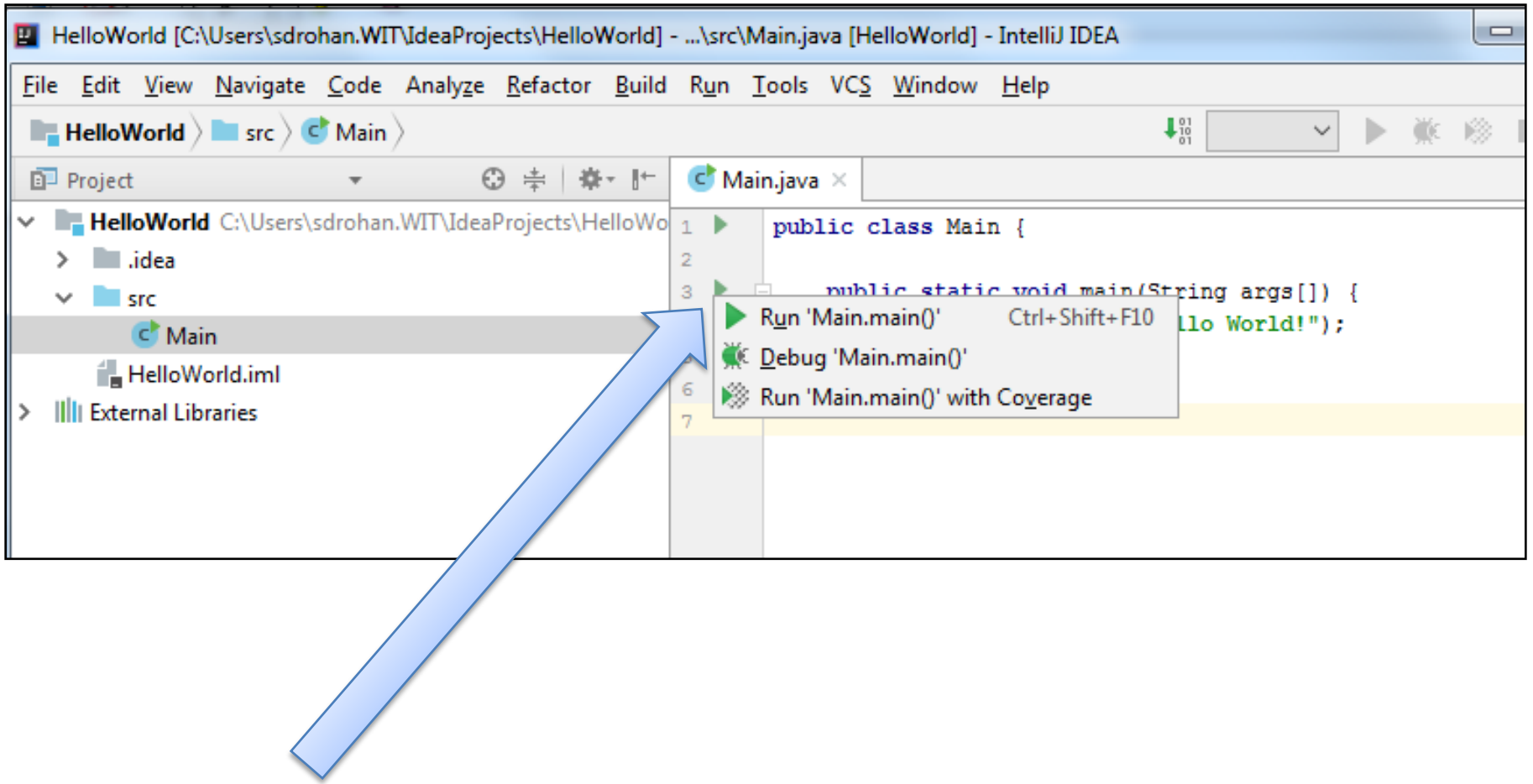
Enter this code into the **Main** class.



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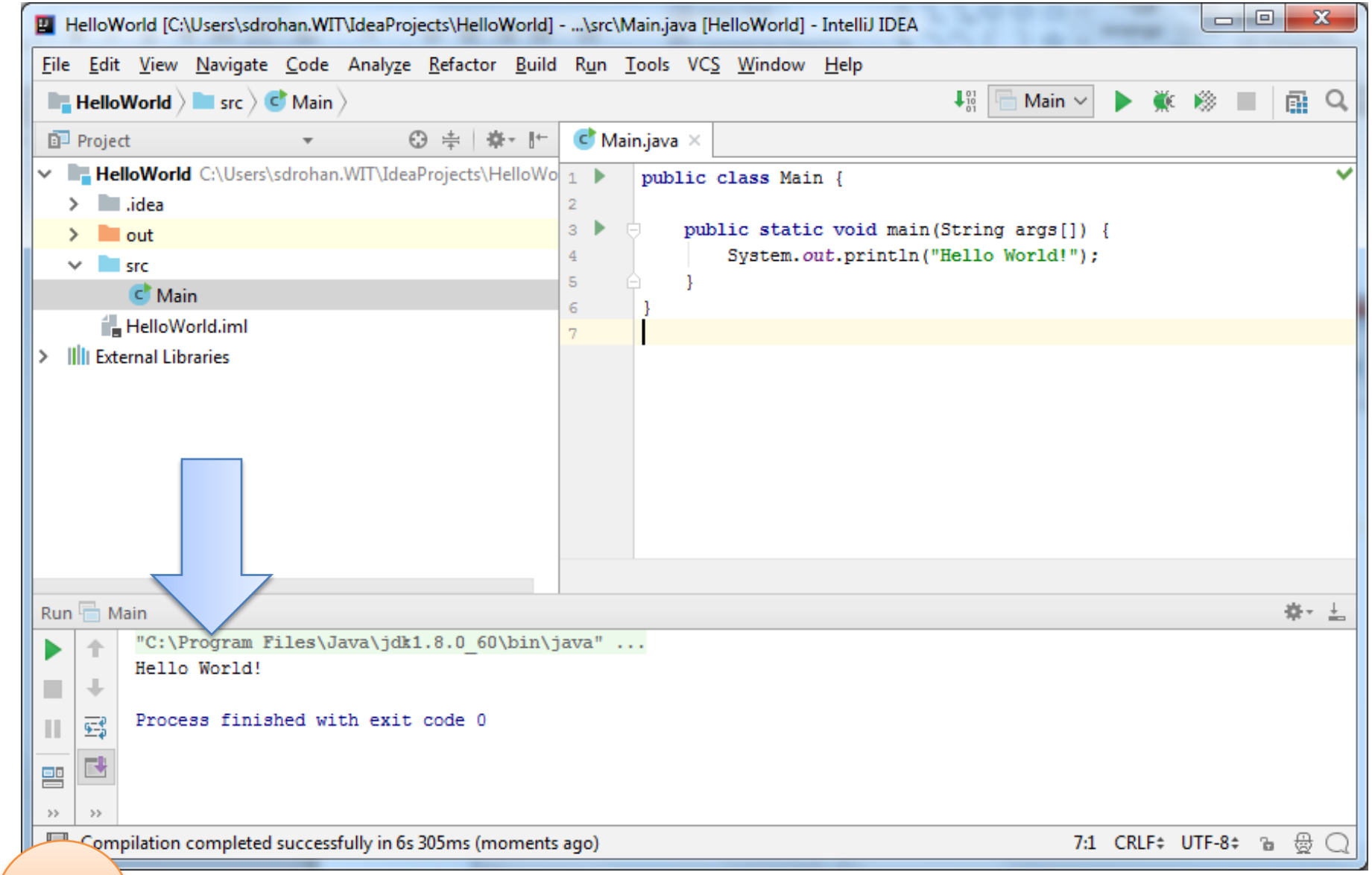
Click on the green triangle beside the main method.
Then select **Run 'Main.main()'**



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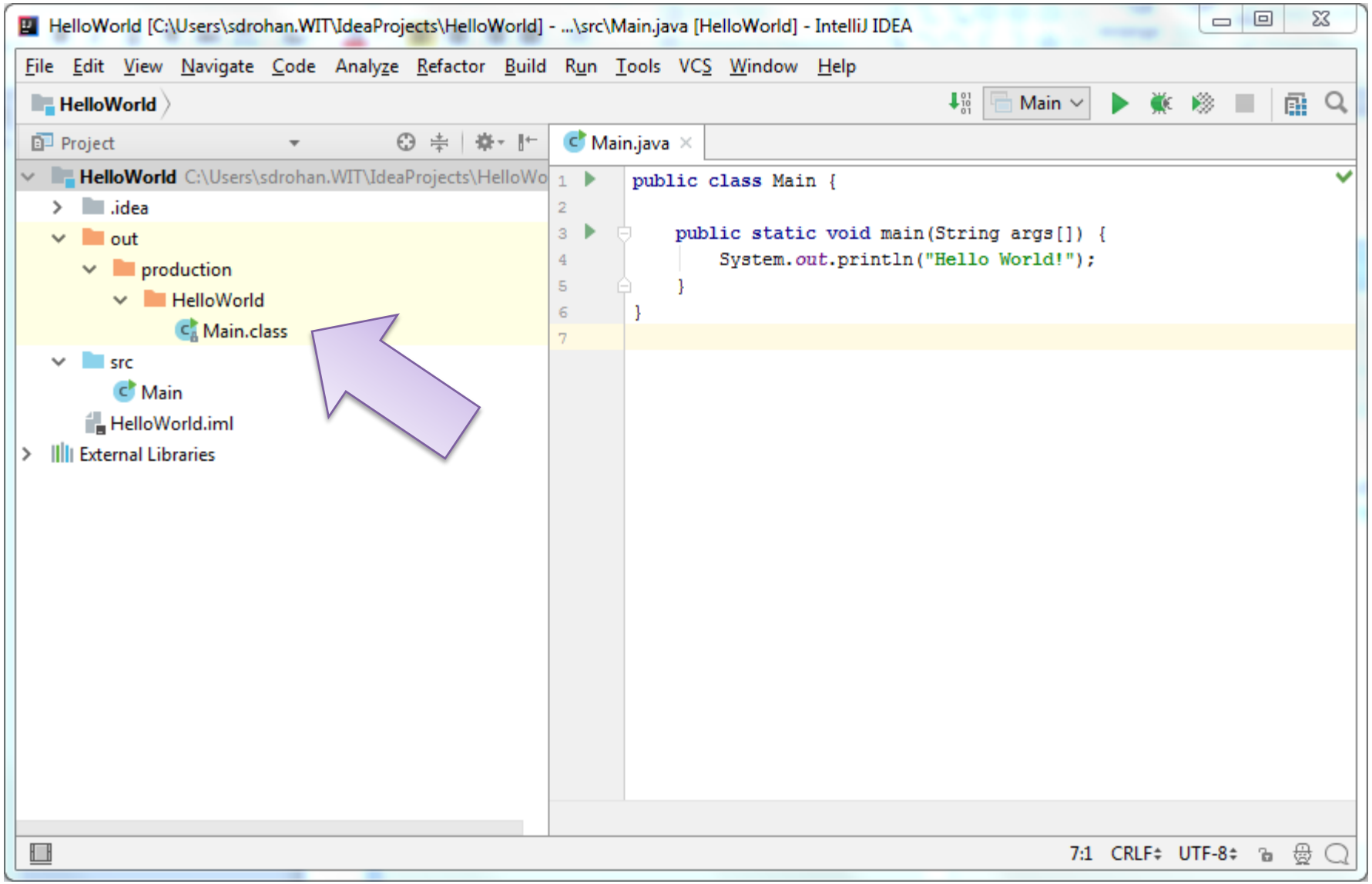
Hello World! is printed to console.

Let's look at where our
Main.class
file lives…



Main.class is the **bytecode** of **Main.Java**

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