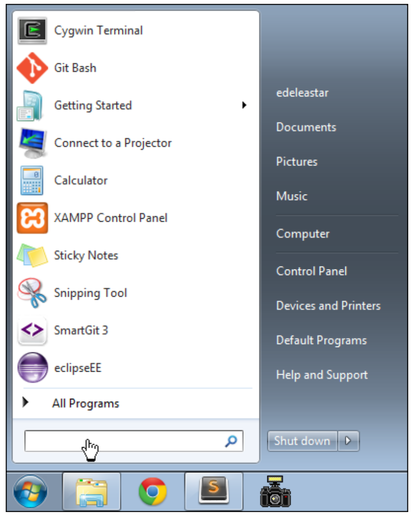
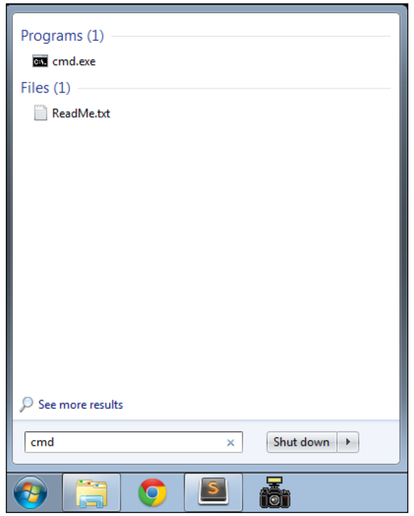
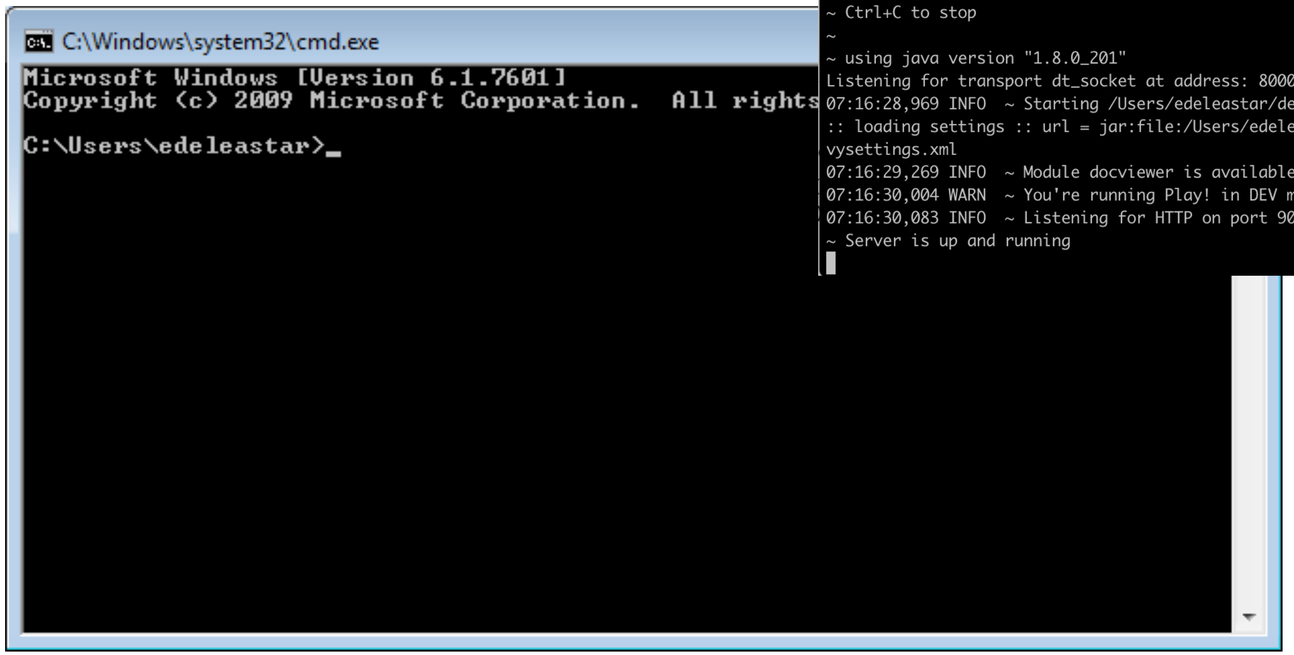
Getting Started with Play

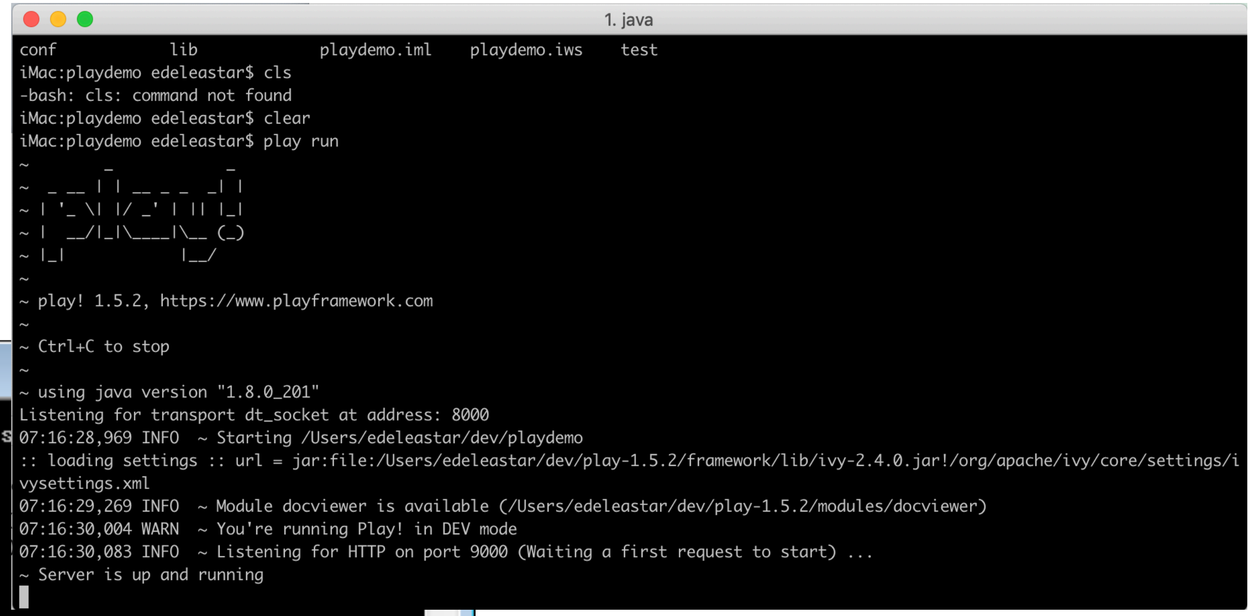
Web Development

Command Prompt / Terminal









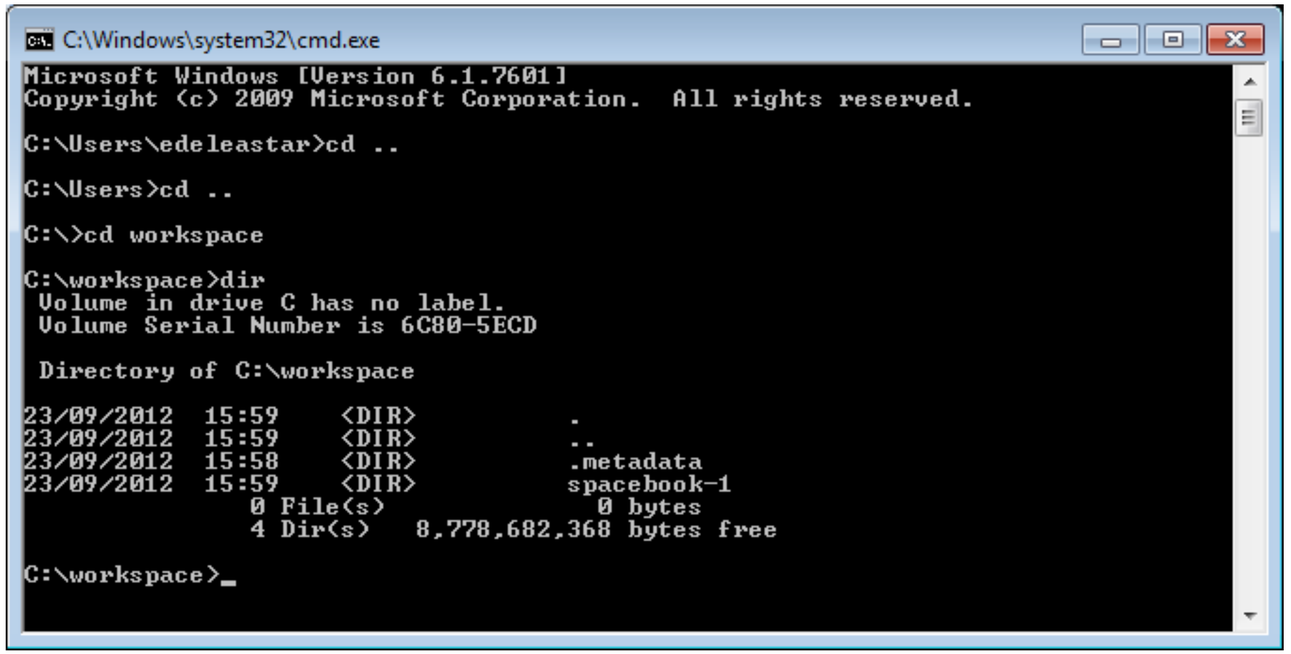
- This is the Command Line Interface for Windows (CLI)
- In Mac/Linux it is called “Terminal”
- Learning to use the CLI is an **essential** skill for a programmer

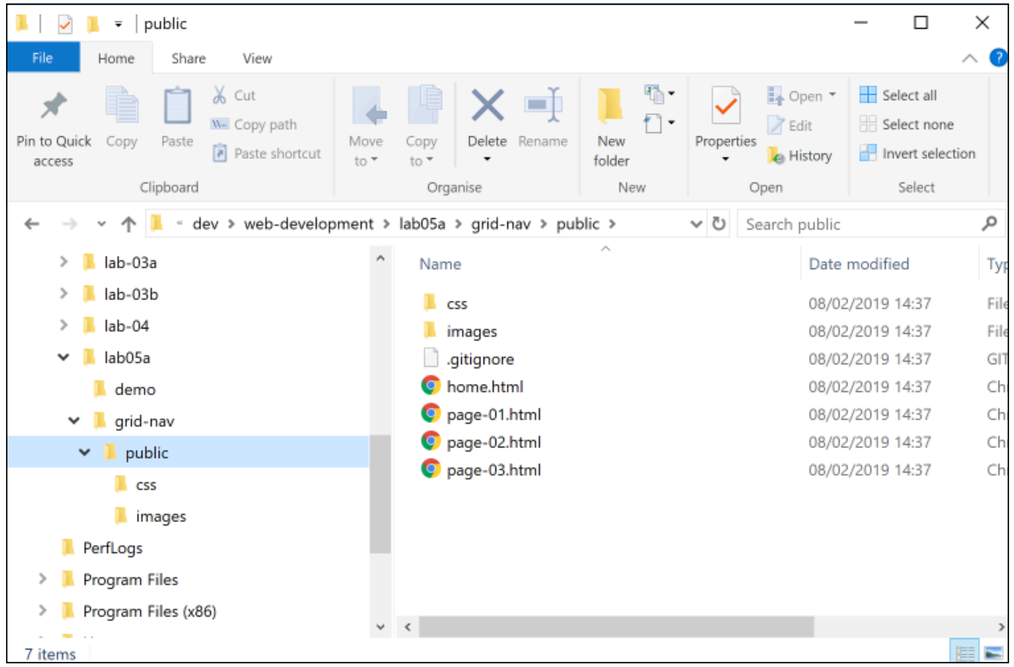
Example DOS Commands

- **dir**
  - list all files in a directory
- **cd** ..
  - change to a parent directory
- **cd** <directory name>
  - change to a specific directory
- **mkdir** <directory name>
  - create a directory
- **rmdir** <directory name>
  - delete a directory
- On Mac/Linux:
  - use **ls** instead of **dir**

- These commands always have a 'current directory' in mind
- A directory is another name for a folder.
- On Windows, the current directory appears in the ‘prompt’

- In Mac/Linux, type ‘**pwd**’ to find out the current directory.
- On Windows, ‘\’ or ‘/’ can be used to separate directory names
- On Mac/Linux, only ‘/’ is accepted
- So --> always is ‘/’ to avoid confusion





C:\Users\edeleastar>cd ..

C:\Users\>cd ..

C:\>cd workspace

C:\>workspace>dir

...

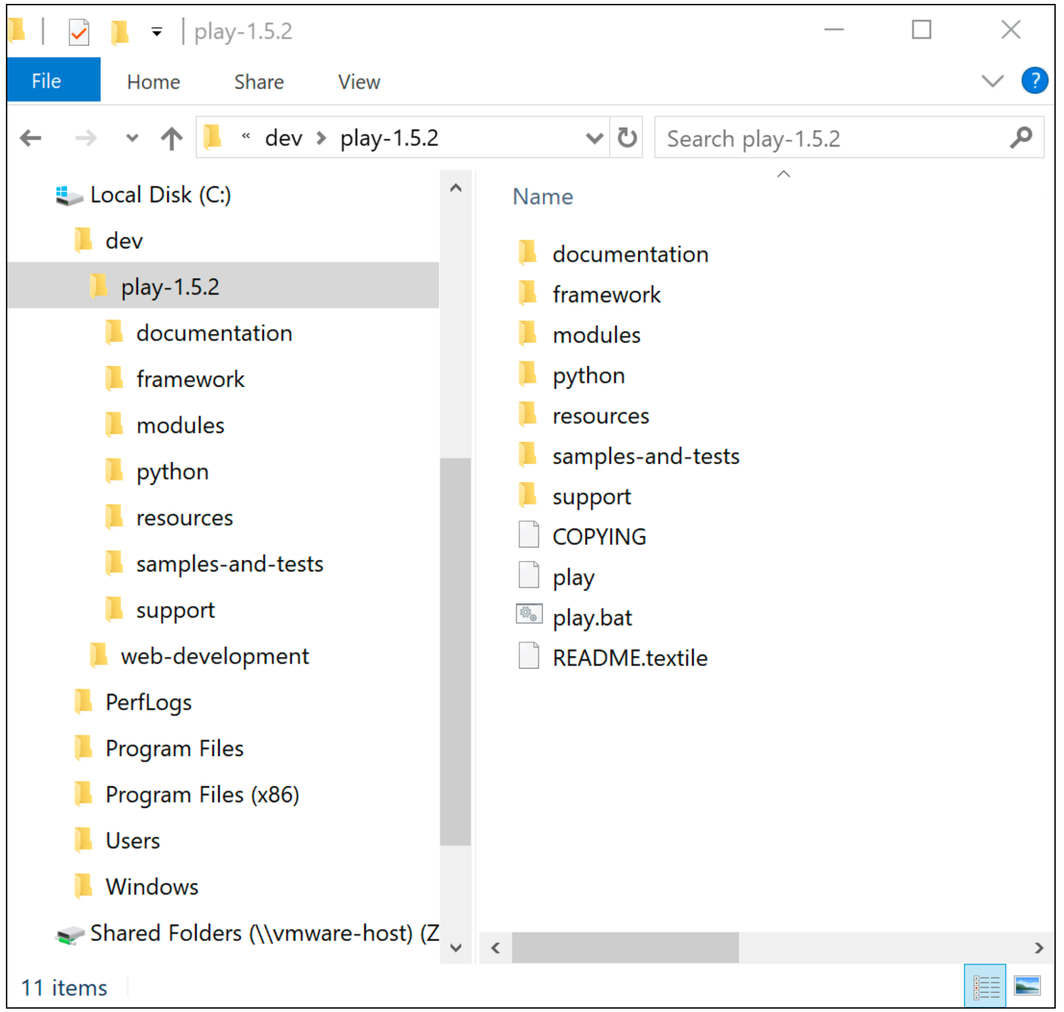
...

C:\>

- Never use spaces in directory or file names
- Never use upper case in directory or file names
- If you wish to use readable multiple words for a directory or file name, separate the words with '-'. e.g.
  - web-development
  - java-projects

Installing Play

- Play must be downloaded and installed on your PC
  - www.playframework.org
  - Use version 1.5.2
- Installing Play on your PC is just expanding the zip archive into a folder
- This folder must be placed on the ‘System Path’
- This will equip the PC with a new command



1.5 Setup Instructions

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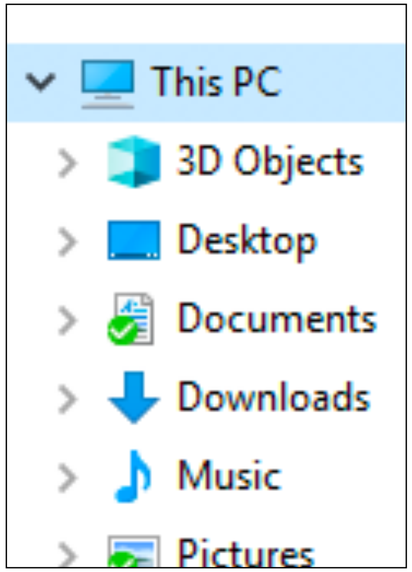
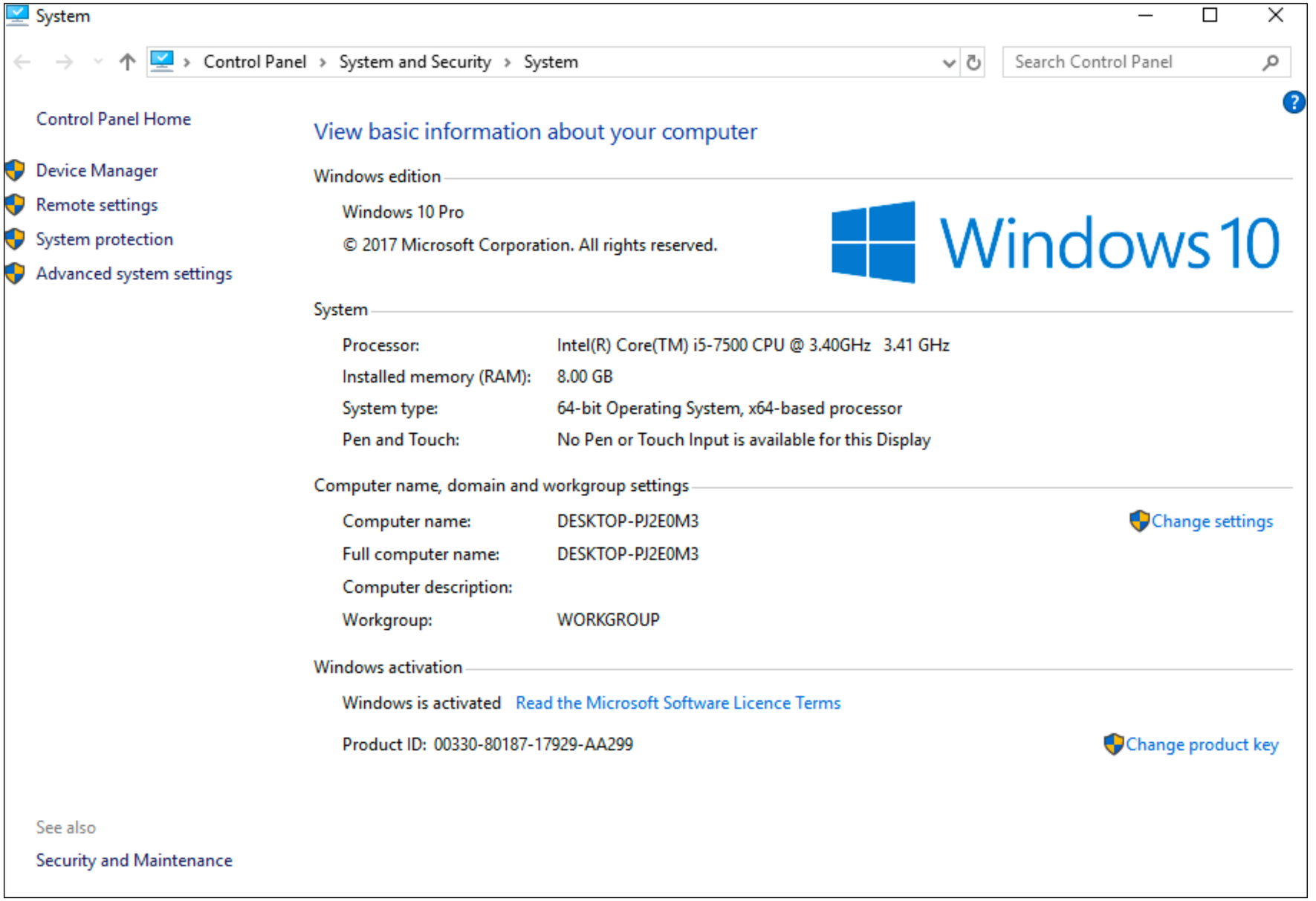
Path Configuration





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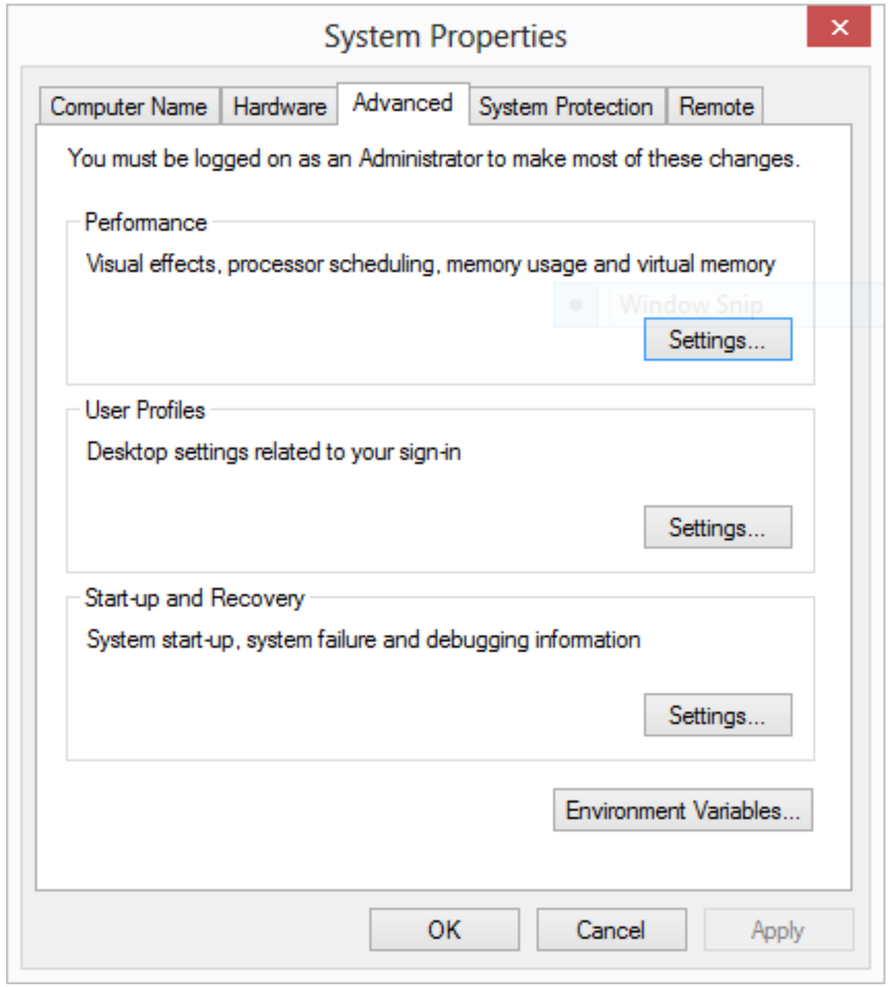
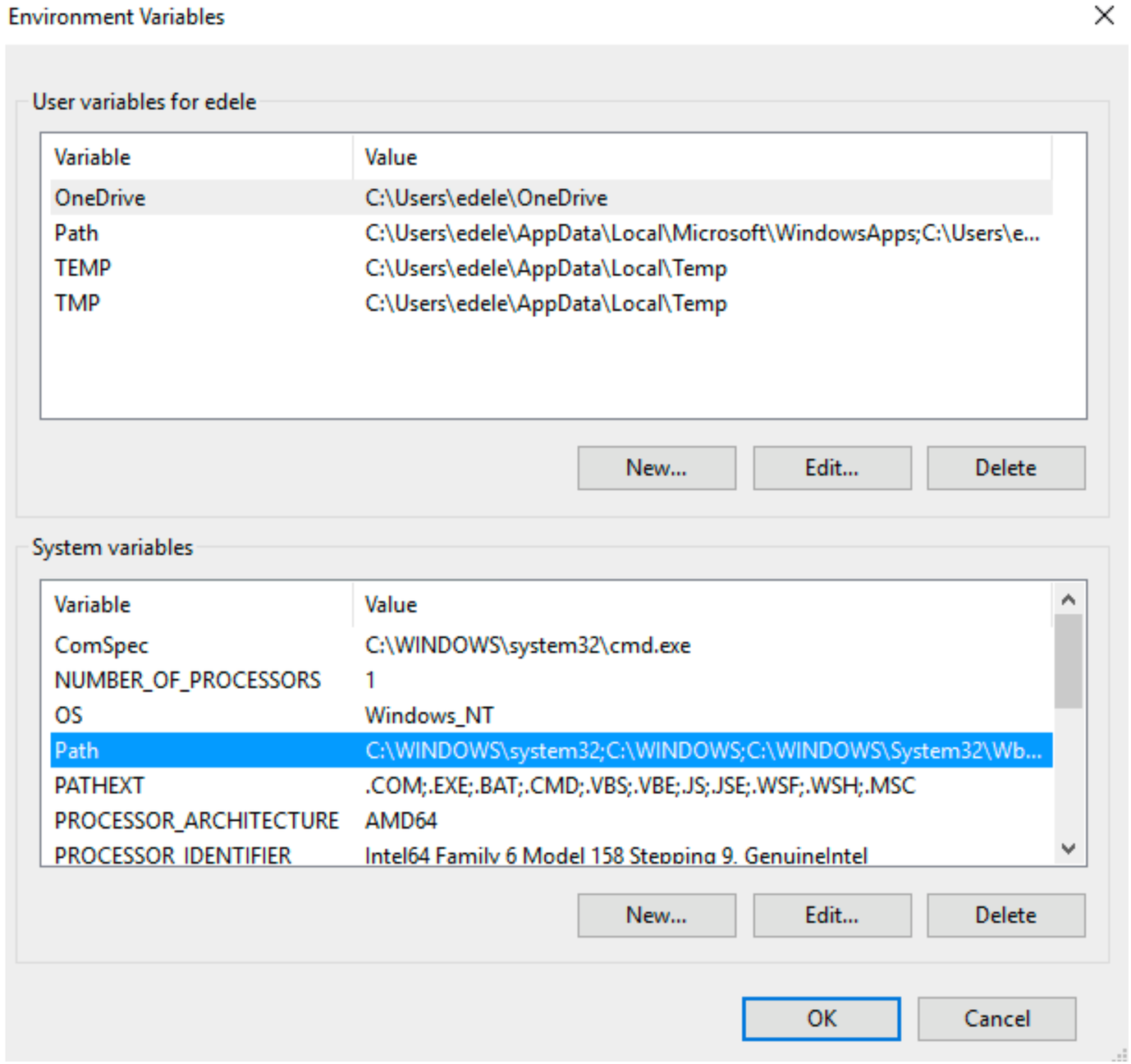
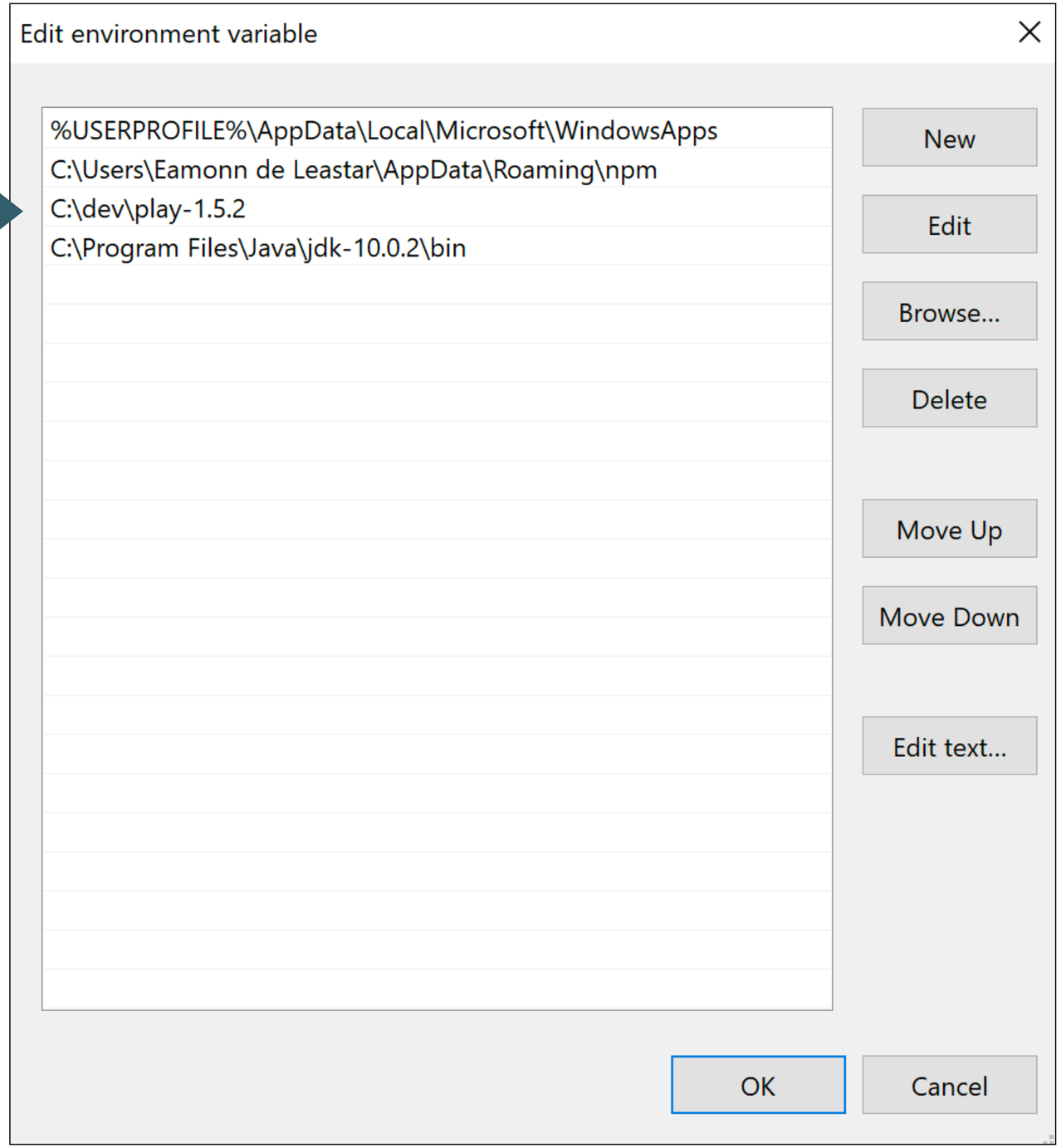


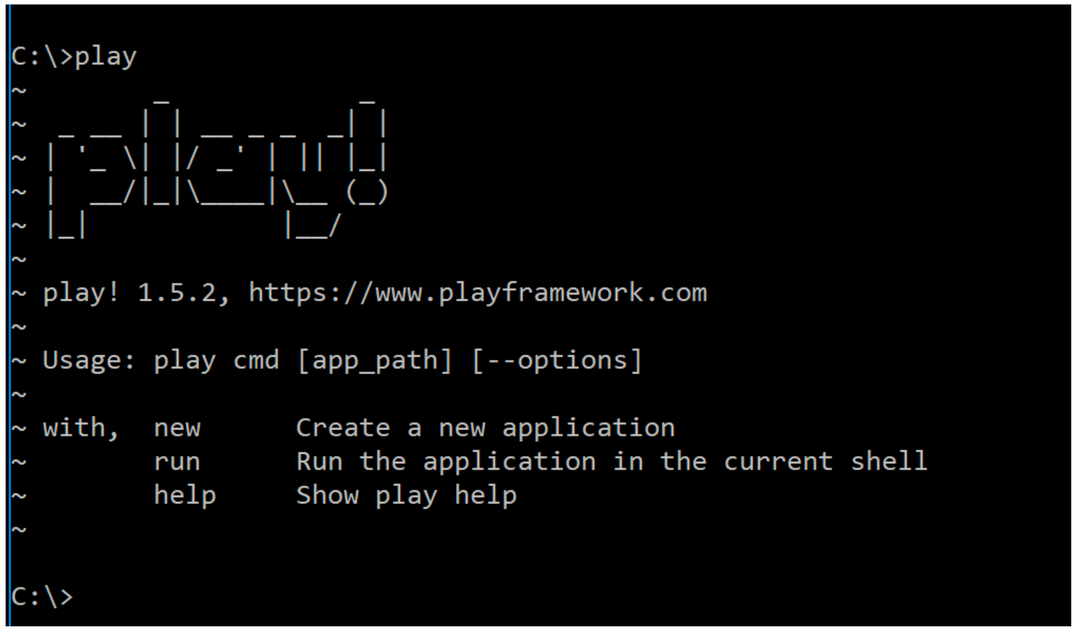




- New entry in system path

Verifying Play

- Play applications are created and executed using the shell
- You must be able to navigate your folder structure using the shell
- To verify play, just type **play** on command line
  - This works if play is ‘on the path’
- If no response (error), then type
  - **c:\dev\play-1.5.3\play**
  - This is an ‘explicit path’ - ie. a fully qualified path to the play program



Create a Project

- This command creates a skeleton play application called ‘playdemo’ in the current directory

- Usually you will want to ‘change into’ this new directory for subsequent commands

    c:\dev\>play new playdemo

    c:\dev\>cd playdemo

    c:\dev\playdemo>

```
play new playdemo
```

You should get:

```
~        _            _
~  _ __ | | __ _ _  _| |
~ | '_ \| |/ _' | || |_|
~ |  __/|_|\____|\__ (_)
~ |_|             |__/
~
~ play! 1.5.2, http://www.playframework.org
~
~ The new application will be created in c:\dev\playdemo
~ What is the application name? [playdemo]
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Press return when prompted for the name to accept the default (playdemo)

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~
~ OK, the application is created.
~ Start it with : play run playdemo
~ Have fun!
~
```

Idealize

```
play idealize
```

The system will respond with:

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~        _            _
~  _ __ | | __ _ _  _| |
~ | '_ \| |/ _' | || |_|
~ |  __/|_|\____|\__ (_)
~ |_|              |__/
~
~ play! 1.5.2, https://www.playframework.com
~
~ OK, the application is ready for Intellij Idea
~ Use File, Open Project... to open "playdemo.ipr"
~
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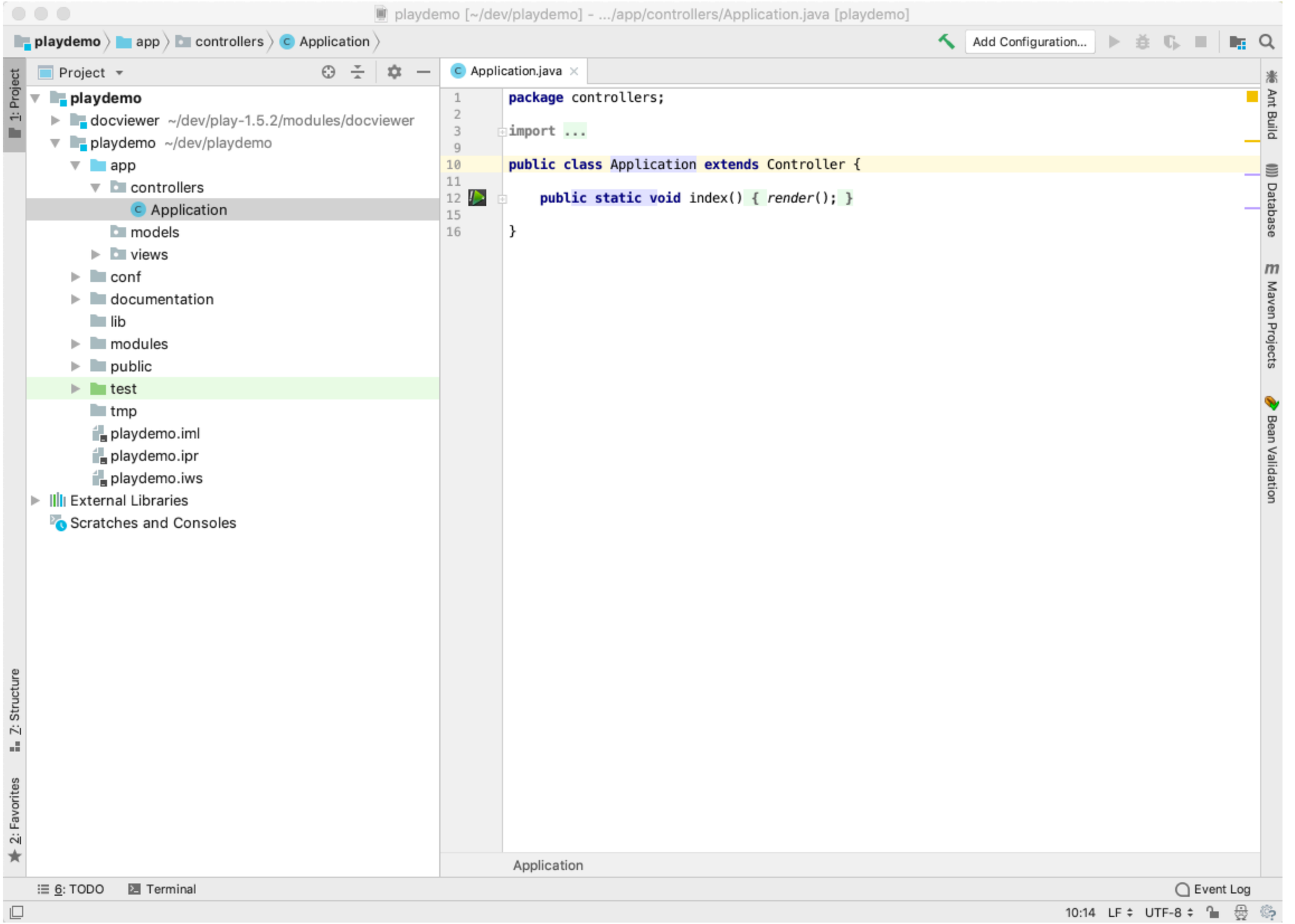
- Enable the project to be opened by Idea

In Idea


playdemo [~/dev/playdemo] - .../app/controllers/Application.java [playdemo]
playdemo
app
controllers
Application
Add Configuration...
Project
playdemo
docviewer ~/dev/play-1.5.2/modules/docviewer
playdemo ~/dev/playdemo
app
controllers
Application
models
views
conf
documentation
lib
modules
public
test
tmp
playdemo.iml
playdemo.ipr
playdemo.iws
External Libraries
Scratches and Consoles
Application.java
1 package controllers;
3 import ...
10 public class Application extends Controller {
12 public static void index() { render(); }
16 }
Application
1: Project
2: Favorites
7: Structure
Ant Build
Database
Maven Projects
Bean Validation
6: TODO
Terminal
Event Log
10:14
LF
UTF-8

Running the Play Application

- We have generated an “Web App” NOT at “Web Site”
- A Web App requires an ‘Application Server’ to run
- Play has one built-in, so running the server + the web app is a single command

```
play run
```

Play will respond with something like this:

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~        _            _
~  _ __ | | __ _ _  _| |
~ | '_ \| |/ _' | || |_|
~ |  __/|_|\____|\__ (_)
~ |_|             |__/
~
~ play! 1.5.2, https://www.playframework.com
~
~ Ctrl+C to stop
~
~ using java version "1.8.0_201"
Listening for transport dt_socket at address: 8000
09:41:27,910 INFO  ~ Starting /Users/edeleastar/dev/playdemo
:: loading settings :: url = jar:file:/Users/edeleastar/dev/play-1.5.2/framework/lib/ivy-
09:41:28,327 INFO  ~ Module docviewer is available (/Users/edeleastar/dev/play-1.5.2/modu
09:41:28,721 WARN  ~ You're running Play! in DEV mode
09:41:28,764 INFO  ~ Listening for HTTP on port 9000 (Waiting a first request to start) .
~ Server is up and running
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The Skeleton App:

- The application is now ‘hosted’ on our local machine (localhost)
- To use it, we browse to:

  http://localhost:9000/

- 9000 is a random ‘port’ number in which the app is being ‘served’
- The ‘default’ app is documentation on play itself