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# OpenJDK on Windows

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OpenJDK is a prerequisite for operating the Extended Search and the PDF export. The steps listed here are therefore optional and only required if you want to use one or more of these services in your BlueSpice installation.



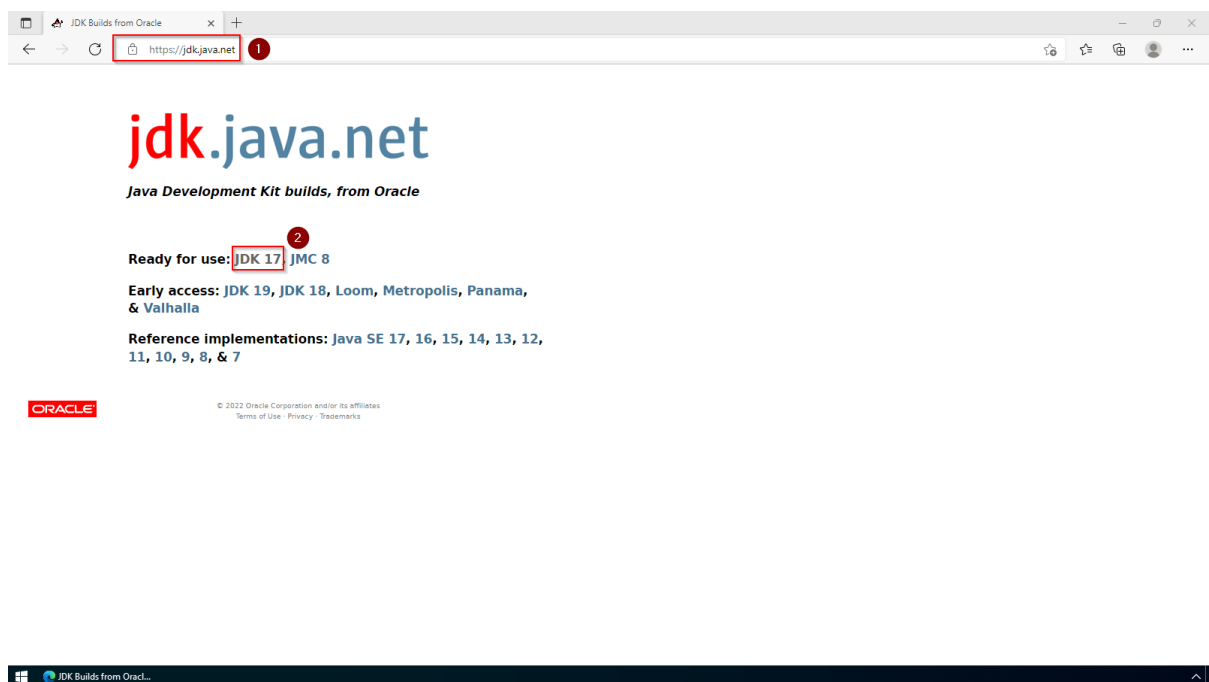
In the following documentation, we work with OpenJDK in version 17.0.2, the current version at the time of writing. You can also use other versions as long as they meet the system requirements we have published. Please note that you then have to adjust the information in this documentation accordingly.

## Download

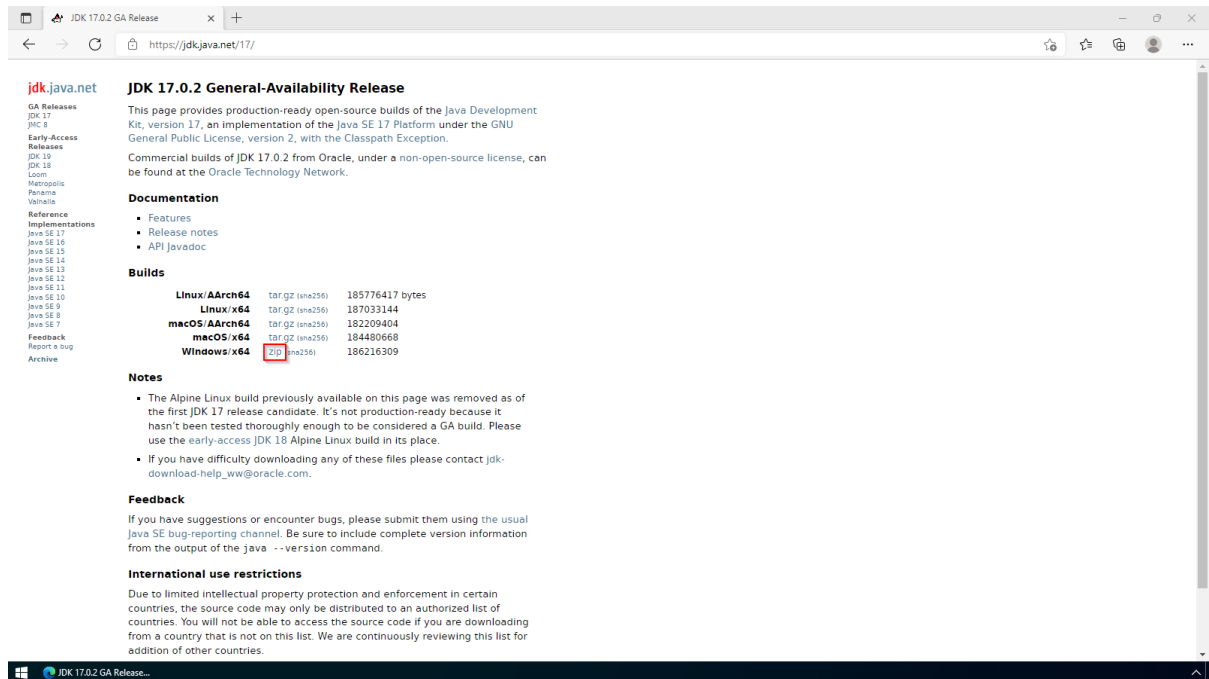


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Open the [official website at java.net](https://jdk.java.net) (1) and **click** "JDK 17" (2):



**Download** the ZIP archive for Windows:



## Unpacking the ZIP archive



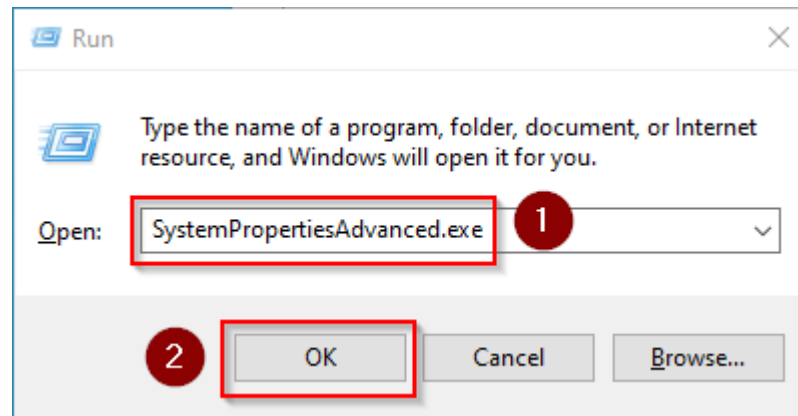
**This documentation is based on the [folder structure recommended by us](#). If you want to adjust this individually, you have to adjust the paths yourself according to your own level of knowledge.**

Unpack the downloaded ZIP archive to `C:\BlueSpice\bin`. The file structure `C:\BlueSpice\bin\jdk-17.0.2` should be the result.

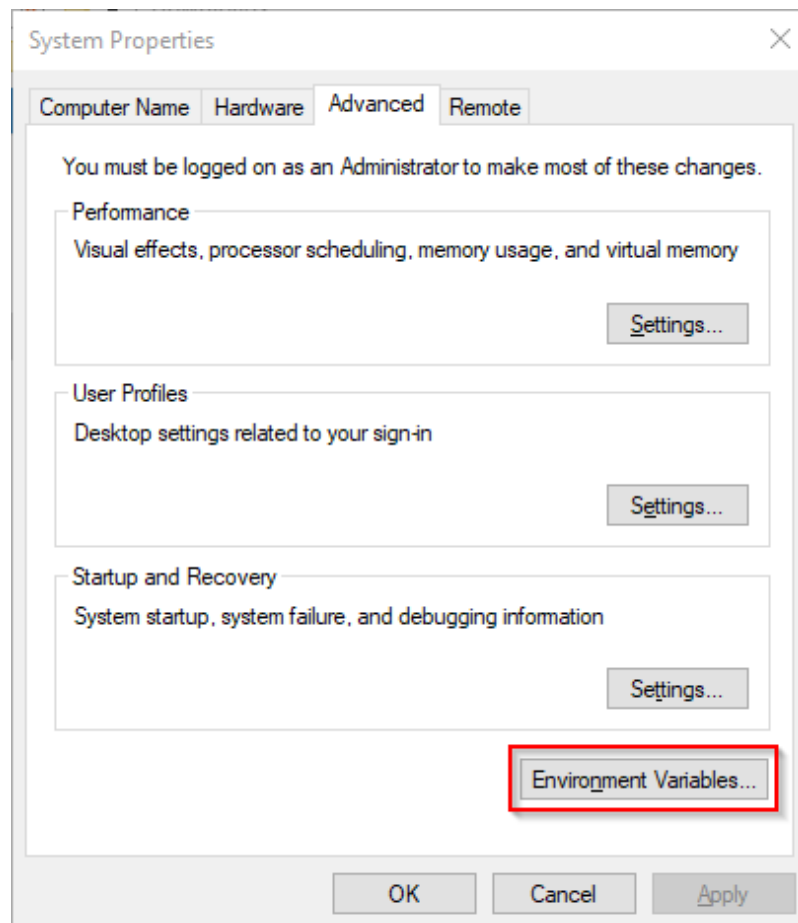
## Setting the environment variable

**Enter** the key combination Windows+R.

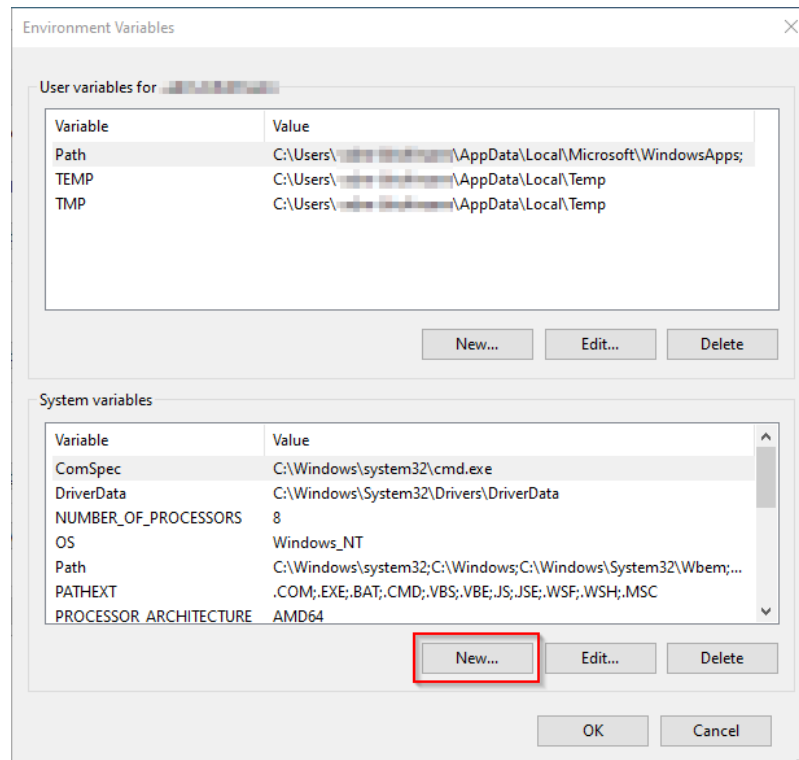
**Enter** "SystemPropertiesAdvanced.exe" (1) in the dialog window and **click** "OK" (2):



**Click "Environment Variables...":**



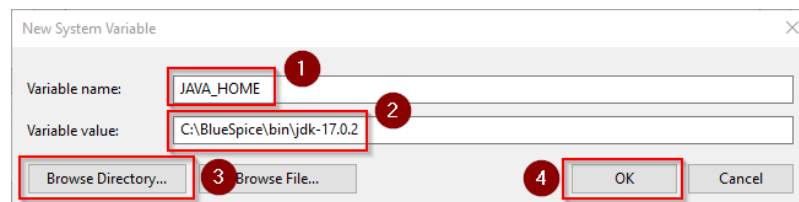
**Click "New...":**



**Set** the variable name to "JAVA\_HOME" (1), and the variable value to the directory of your OpenJDK installation that you just copied to *C:\bluespice\bin* (2).

You can use the "Browse directory" button (3) for that.

**Click** "OK" (4):



**Close** all newly opened windows one after the other by clicking "OK".

## Next step

If you have successfully completed all of the above steps, proceed to the next step: [Apache Tomcat](#).