Windows - JRE Update (6u20)

Windows - JRE Install (6u24)

Exhibit A - Windows Java SE version 6 update 20 Update Flow (released by Oracle on April 15, 2010)

Release in mid-February 2011
Below are the flows for Windows and Mac JRE install and update, and JDK install.

All visual design assets can be found on this wiki page.

Windows - JRE Install (7u9)

Release in mid-October 2012

Screencast (includes extra path of changing install directory, etc.)

Windows - JRE Update (7u9)

Screencast (note, UAC dialog not visible in screencast)

Related Docs

Windows - JRE Install (7u9) Screencast (Release in mid-October 2012)

Windows - JRE Update (7u9) Screencast

Windows - JDK Install (7u9) Screencast

Exhibit B - Windows Java SE version 7 update 9 Update Flow (released by Oracle on October 16, 2012)
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This article applies to:
- Platform(s): All Platforms
- Java version(s): All JRE Versions

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Should I remove older versions of Java?

We highly recommend users to remove all older versions of Java from your system.

Keeping old and unsupported versions of Java on your system presents a serious security risk. Removing older versions of Java from your system ensures that Java applications will run with the most up-to-date security and performance improvements on your system.

How can I remove older versions of Java?

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Do I need older versions of Java?

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