

How to Set Up for Java / Eclipse / Git Development

1. Install the Java JDK:
 - a. Go to the Java download page: <http://tinyurl.com/2ep46tr>
 - b. Select your OS, click Download (~75mb)
 - c. Follow prompts to install the JDK
2. Install Eclipse
 - a. Go to: <http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/>
 - b. Click on Eclipse IDE for Java Developers
 - c. Select your OS on the right and download (~100mb)
 - d. Follow prompts to install Eclipse IDE (basically you just unzip it, but here is a very thorough tutorial if you have trouble: <http://www.vogella.de/articles/Eclipse/article.html>)
 - e. It's probably a good idea to make a Desktop or Start Menu shortcut that points to the eclipse.exe file for easy access.
3. Install the EGit plugin for Eclipse:
 - a. Fire up Eclipse
 - b. Go to *Help => Install New Software*
 - c. In the Work With dropdown, select "*Helios - http://download.eclipse.org/releases/helios*"
 - d. Expand the "Collaboration" tree by clicking the + beside it
 - e. Click the box beside of "Eclipse EGit (incubation)"
 - f. Click Next to install (additional steps?)
4. Create an account at <https://github.com/>
5. Follow this nifty tutorial for EGit: <http://unicase.blogspot.com/2011/01/egit-tutorial-for-beginners.html>