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Beyond Java 8

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Upgrading Past Java 9 Sounds Scary

...and I don't want to pay for Java

A vibrant rainbow arches across a pale, overcast sky. Below the rainbow, a row of weathered, cylindrical pipes or conduits runs horizontally across the bottom of the frame. The pipes are dark and show signs of age and moisture. The overall scene is a mix of natural beauty and industrial elements.

Super happy with Java 8, thanks



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Which version of **#Java** are you using?

78% Java 8

2% Java 9

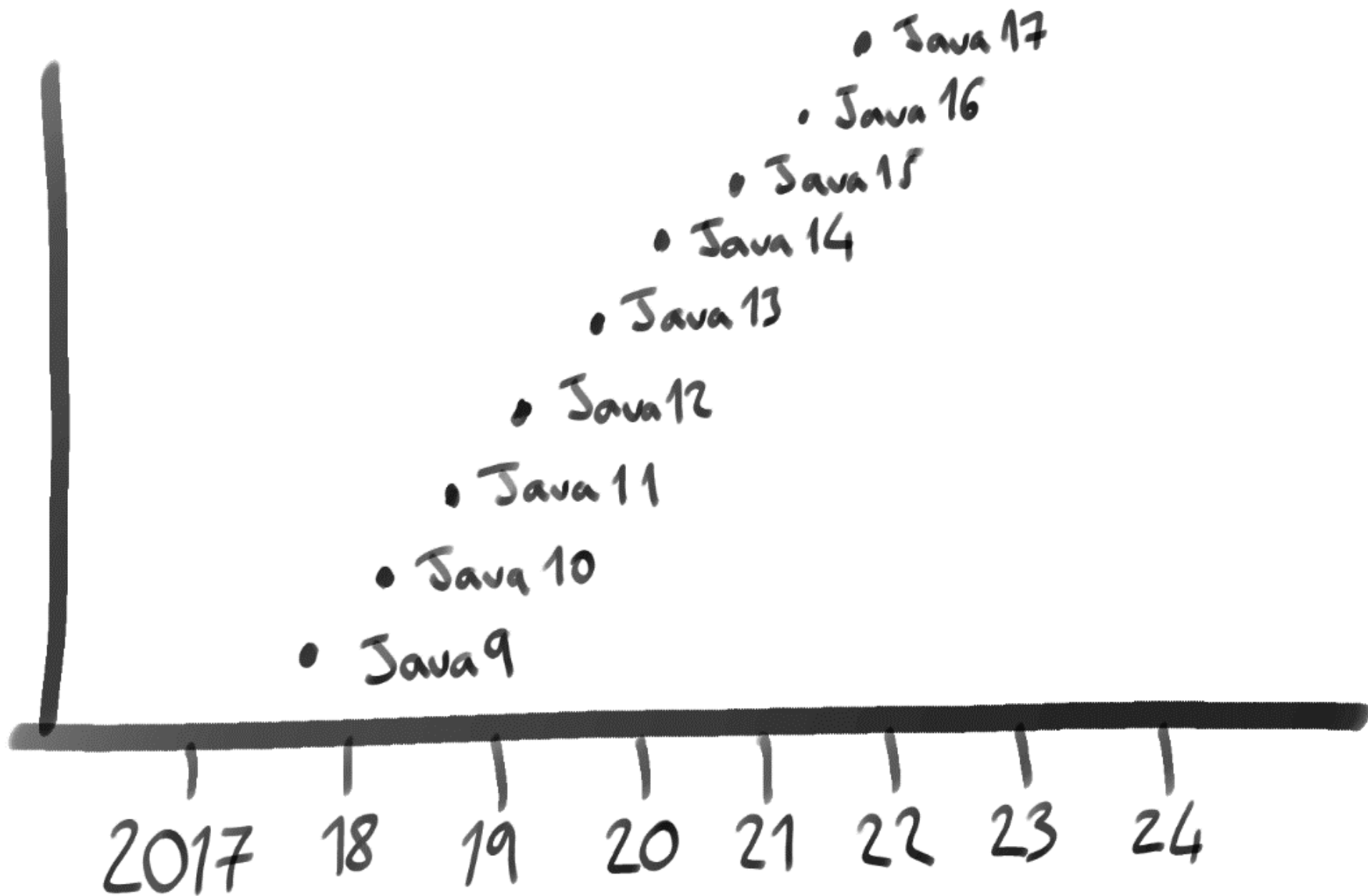
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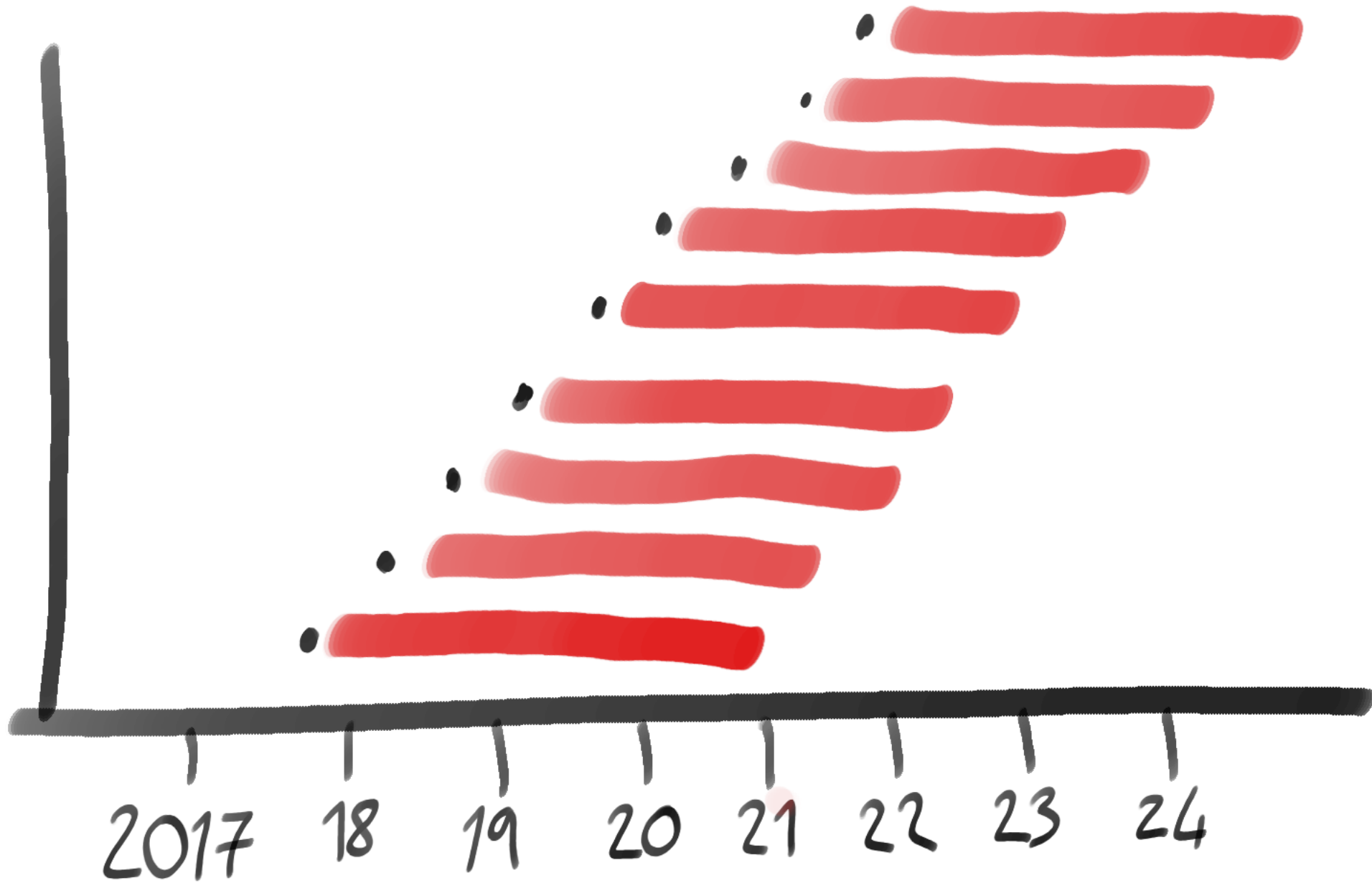
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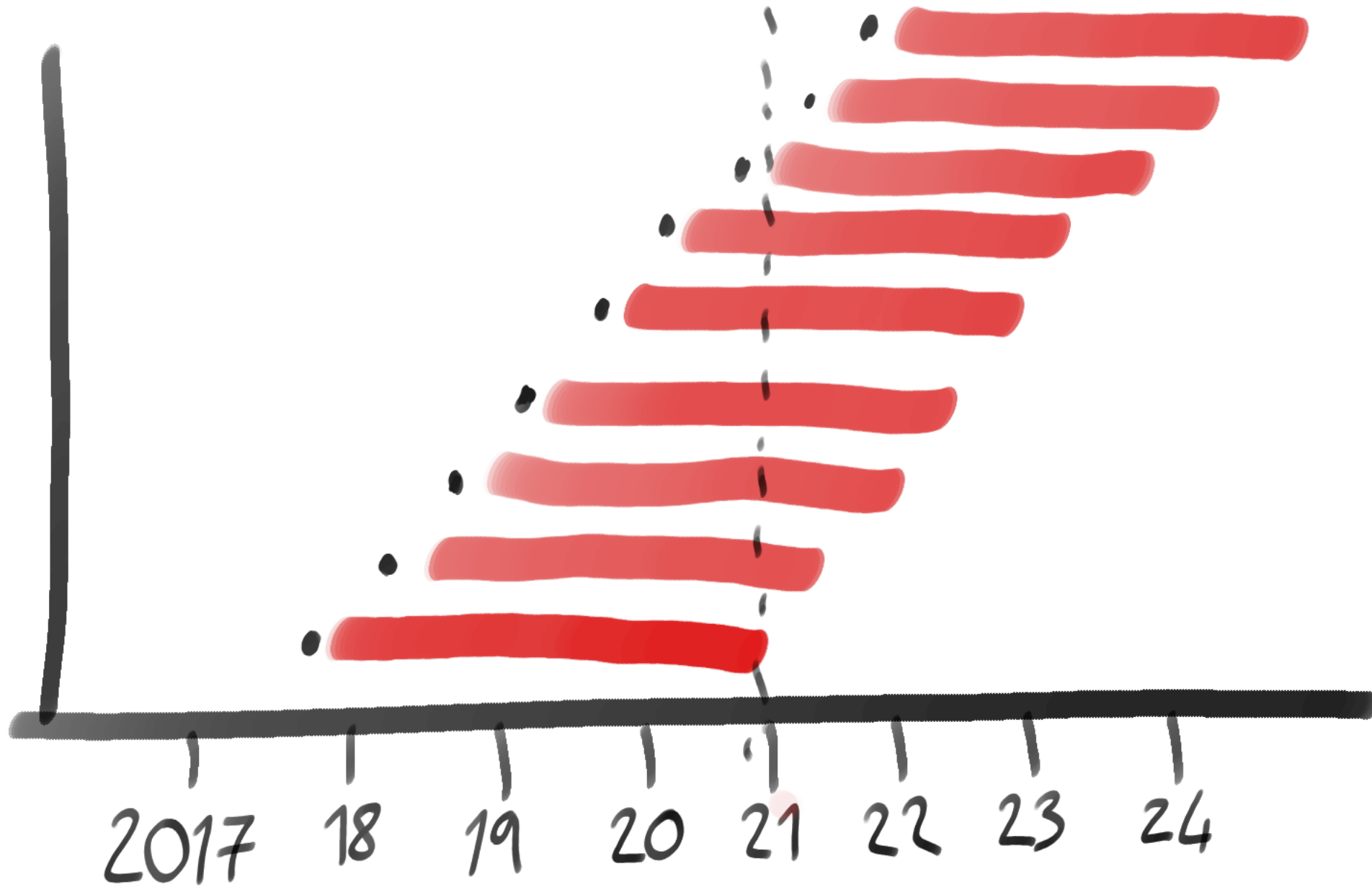
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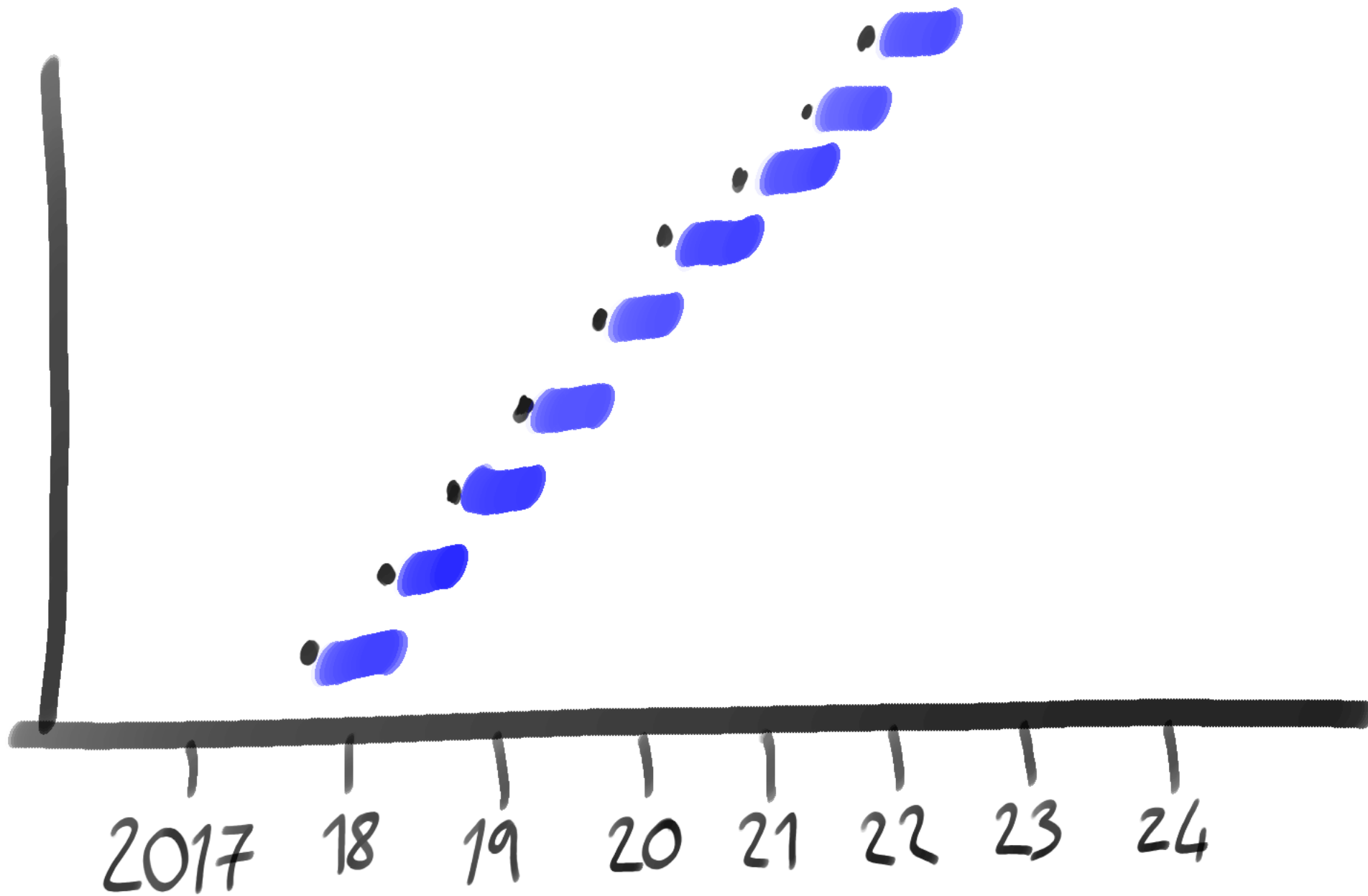
Releases, Updates, Licensing & Support

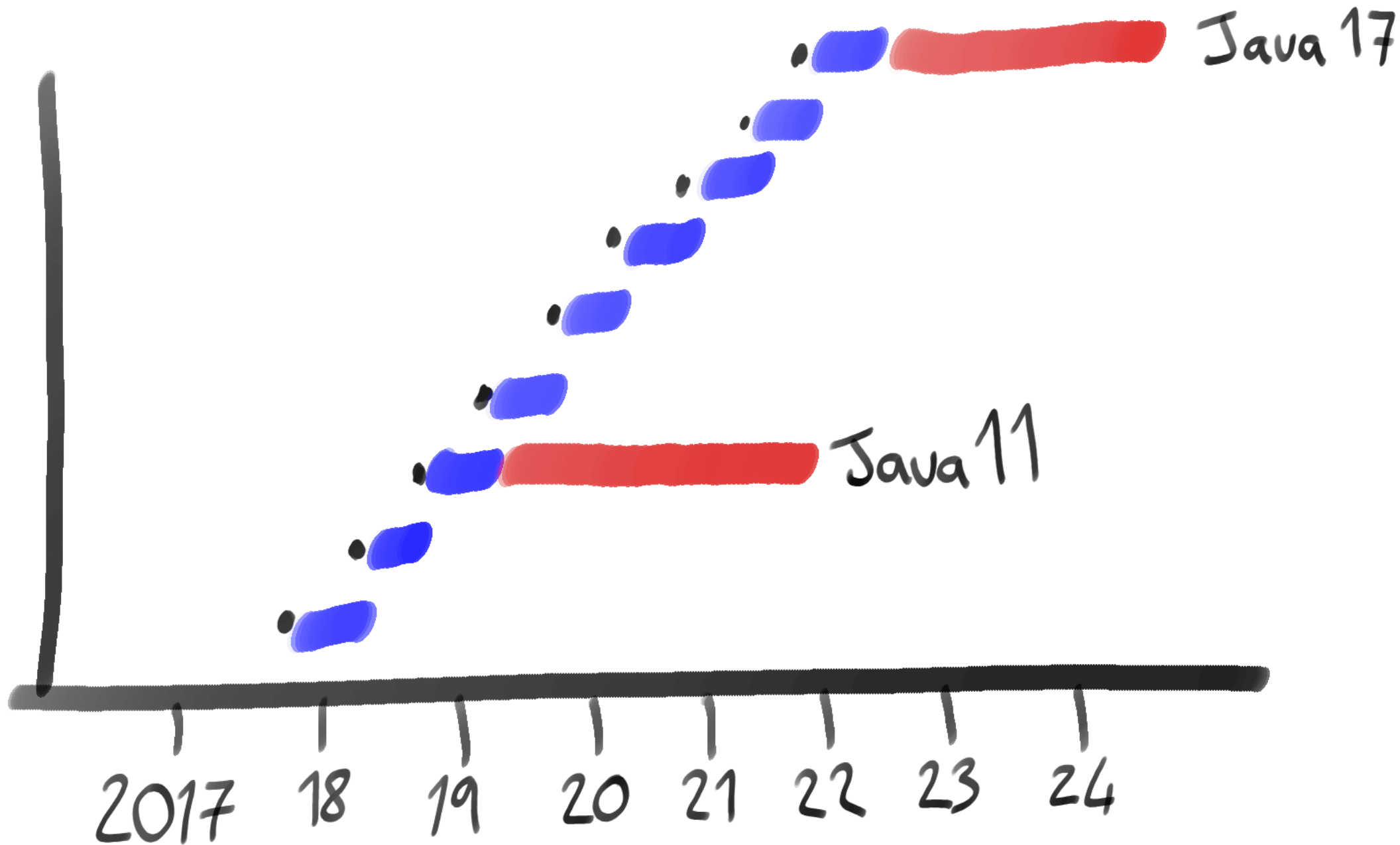




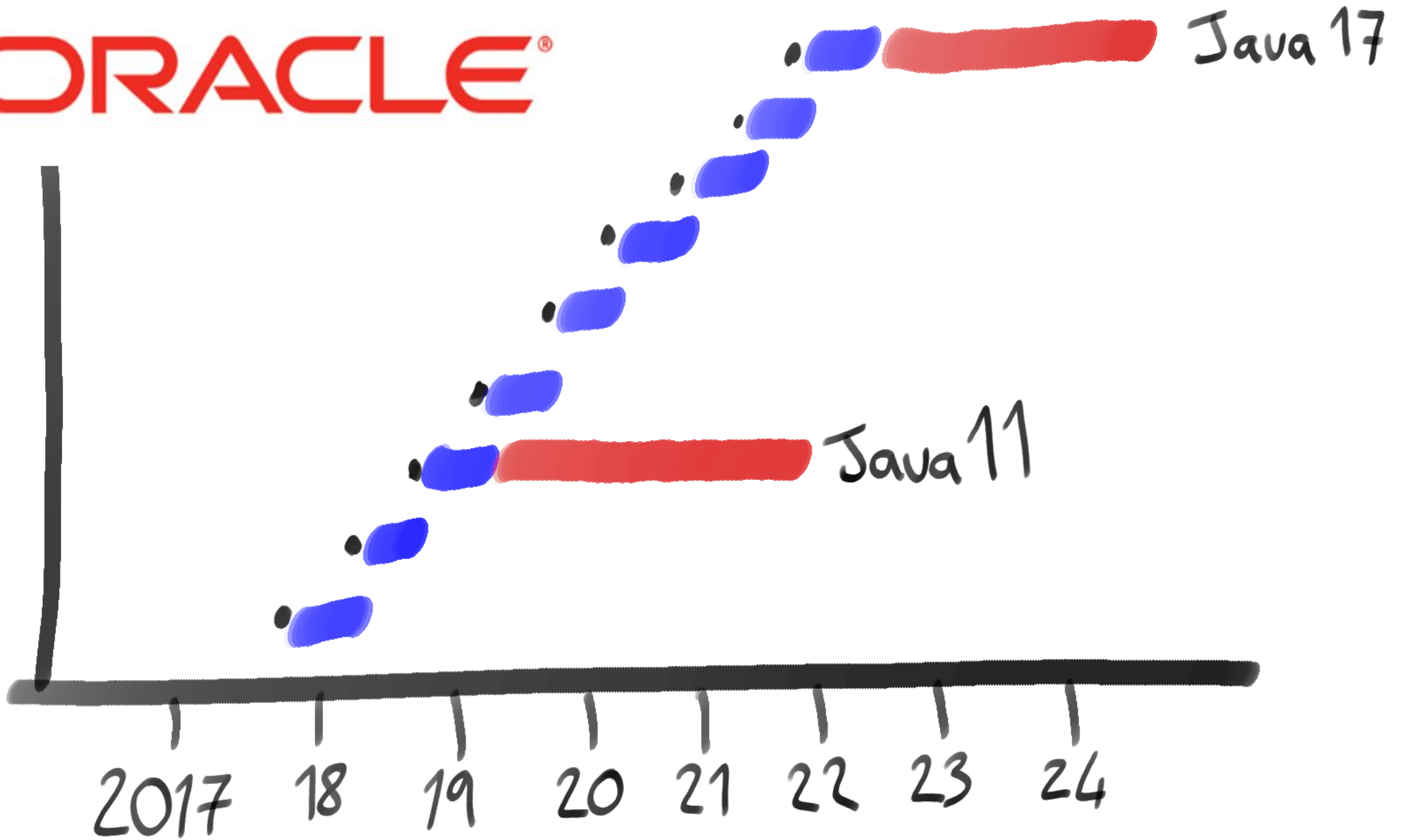








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<https://blogs.oracle.com/java-platform-group/oracle-jdk-releases-for-java-11-and-later>

Donald Smith, Sr. Director of Product Management (June 2018)

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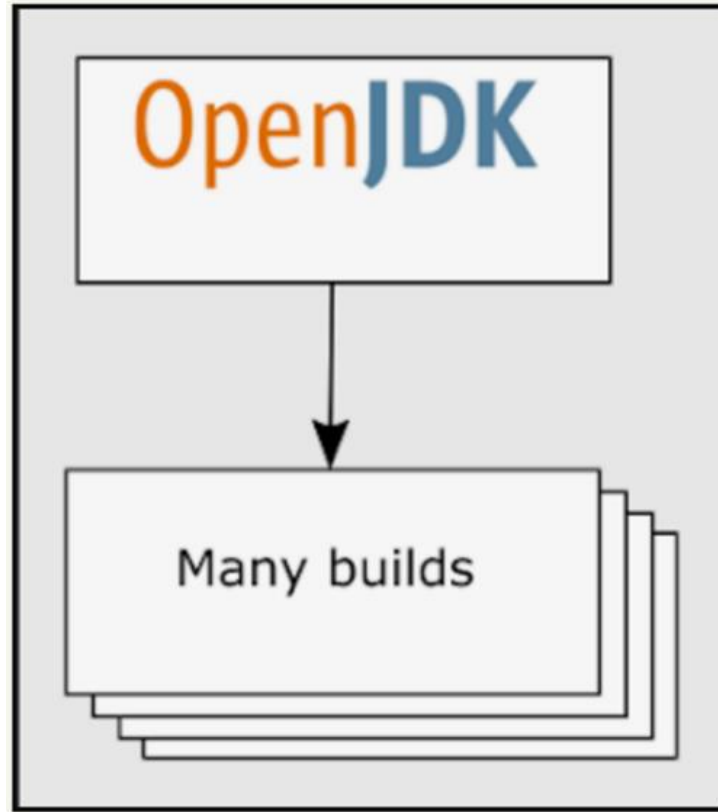
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From Java 11 forward, Oracle JDK builds and [OpenJDK builds](https://blogs.oracle.com/java-platform-group/oracle-jdk-releases-for-java-11-and-later) will be essentially identical.

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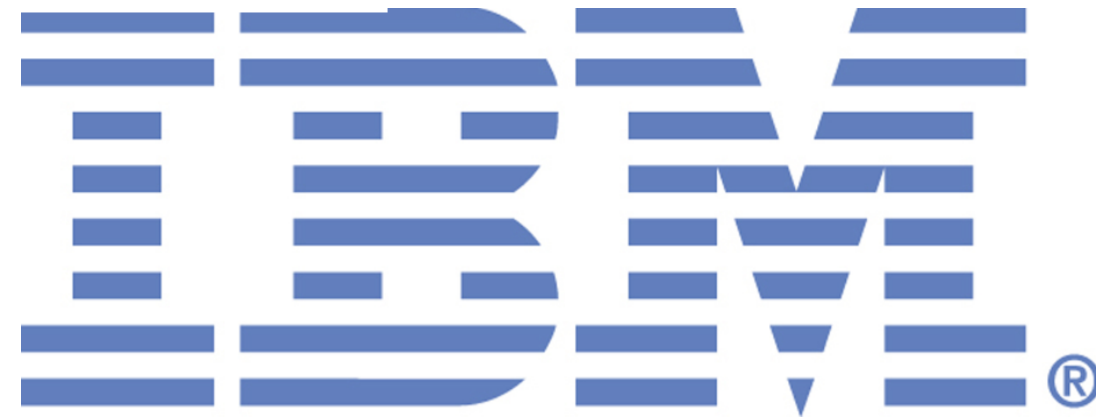
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<https://blog.joda.org/2018/09/time-to-look-beyond-oracles-jdk.html>



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AdoptOpenJDK

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1. Choose a Version

- OpenJDK 8 (LTS)
- OpenJDK 9
- OpenJDK 10
- OpenJDK 11 (LTS)

2. Choose a JVM

- HotSpot
- OpenJ9

Select a platform



Docker

Official Image



Linux x64

jdk8u202-b08



Windows x32

jdk8u202-b08



Windows x64

jdk8u202-b08



macOS x64

jdk8u202-b08



Linux s390x

jdk8u202-b08

In addition, every three years one feature release will be designated as the Long Term Supported (LTS) release. We will produce LTS releases for at least four years. This assurance will allow you to stay on a well-defined code stream, and give you time to migrate to the next, new, stable, LTS release when it becomes available.

Based upon this roadmap, and starting with Java 8:

	First Availability	End of Availability [1]
Java 8 (LTS)	March 2014	At Least Sep 2023
Java 9	Sept 2017	March 2018
Java 10	March 2018	Sept 2018
Java 11 (LTS)	Sept 2018	At Least Sept 2022

Why bother?



Language features

JShell



Stuart Marks

@stuartmarks

Following



Replying to [@trisha_gee](#)

You won't be surprised to hear that I use the collections factories. 😊 One thing I didn't predict is that I use jshell CONSTANTLY.

2:58 AM - 19 Feb 2019

JShell



Shaggy Dude @akubot · Feb 18

Replying to [@craftingjava](#) [@trisha_gee](#)

v9+ has jshell built in, so no need to install another utility or run Scala REPL instead



JShell



Christian Stein @sormuras · Feb 18



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Tudor Prodan @tudor_prodan · Feb 18

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var



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Davy Steegen @dsteeegen · Feb 18



Replying to [@trisha_gee](#)

I start to enjoy using the var keyword and the better memory management in Docker containers.

var



Laszlo Csontos @craftingjava · Feb 18



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Compact strings, List.of(), Var, Optional.ifPresentOrElse(), standardized JVM options and log, free flight recorder (11+)

var



Marcel Overdijk @marceloverdijk · Feb 18

Replying to @lukaseder @trisha_gee

var is great, but val in @kotlin is even nicer 🙌



var



Adeyemo Adesegun @alexcrownus · Feb 18



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Java 11 + Lombok kind of gets me closer to Kotlin-like productivity for existing codebase. I might want to use Kotlin for new projects though.

Convenience Factory Methods for Collections



Laszlo Csontos @craftingjava · Feb 18



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redestad @cl4es · Feb 18



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I work on [@OpenJDK](#) so I'm surely biased, but my daily [#java](#) usage has become so much more enjoyable with jshell, var, Map/Set/List.of and overall better performance, snappier startup etc..

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Arash Shahkar @ArashShahkar · Feb 19

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11, and lots of reasons. The ones I find useful every single day: CGroup-friendliness, collection factories, Optional enhancements.



Collecting to Unmodifiable Collections

```
items.stream()  
    .filter(Objects::nonNull)  
    .map(Object::toString)  
    .collect(Collectors.toUnmodifiableList());
```

New Methods on Stream API

```
items.stream()  
    .takeWhile(user -> user.count() < maxCount)  
    .forEach(user -> position.incrementAndGet());
```

Predicate.not()



Daniel Kraus @beatngu1101 · Feb 18



Replying to [@trisha_gee](#)

Since it hasn't been mentioned so far: There's finally `Predicate::not` in Java 11.



New Methods on Optional



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Http Client



Colin Vipurs I am eagerly awaiting moving to 11 (it's imminent), purely for the HTTP client. We've moved fully to kotlin now, so the language features don't interest me, but having a really good built in HTTP client will solve other headaches.

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Trisha Gee That is really useful to know

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Colin Vipurs Proper non-blocking, reactive-streams support, HTTP1.1 and 2. It's got everything we need. Every other client ends up with some kind of dependency hell so excited to have a built-in one

Multi Release Jar Files



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Jigsaw

Java Module System

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Eugene Krylov @ekrylov_us · Feb 18



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Waiting for weblogic to get certified past java 8 for main app. Modules would be one reason (we have some structuring to do in our monolith).

Another reason would be to stay current. Whenever upgrade jump gets to be big, chances of doing it get to next to 0.

JLink



Gonzalo Ortiz @gortizja · Feb 18

Replying to [@trisha_gee](#)

jlink to create (very) small docker images



And in the future?

Java 12: Switch expressions

<https://blog.jetbrains.com/idea/2019/02/java-12-and-intellij-idea/>

And in the future?

- [JEP 302: Lambda Leftovers \(including underscore for param\)](#)
- [JEP 305: Pattern Matching \(Preview\)](#)
- [Data Classes for Java](#)
- [Project Amber](#)
- [Valhalla](#)
- [Loom](#)

**The Business Doesn't Care
About Language Features**



Performance

Memory Usage

Garbage Collectors

- Java 9: JEP 248: G1 the Default GC
- Java 10: JEP 307: Parallel Full GC for G1
- Java 11: JEP 318: Epsilon (Experimental)
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- Java 11: JEP 333: ZGC (Experimental)
- Java 12: JEP 189: Shenandoah (Experimental)
- Java 12: More Updates to G1
- Java 12: More Improvements to ZGC

Cost

£\$€

Catch the 6 month release train



If It Hurts, Do It More Frequently, and Bring the Pain Forward

Continuous Delivery – Jez Humble & Dave Farley

An idea from Extreme Programming (XP)

Pain?



Modularity?

Missing classes / methods

Tips for Migration



Run on updated JDK

It might “just work”

Address compiler warnings

...they are there for a reason

Update your dependencies

And add new ones

Update your build tool

Maven and Gradle work with Java 12

Compile against updated JDK

...and start using the shiny new features

In Summary



Java Is Changing

...fast

Modern Java Can Help You

Performance, cost, maintenance...

Upgrade Now And Reduce Future Pain

...and keep upgrading, at least in CI

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