

Re: Installed JDK on Windows XP, no javac?

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jg.campbell.ng@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

> jg.campbell.ng@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:
>> Hardly a Java question, but I'll try my luck.
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>> I've just installed JDK (JDK-1_5_0_04-windows-i586-p.exe) on a Windows
>> XP machine; or thought that I did. 'java'(exe) is there in the
>> relevant \bin directory. But no 'javac'? Am I going mad?
[...]
> But I'm now reinstalling — last time, and the previous (on another
> machine), I assumed that everything (from memory: SDK, Demos, Examples,
> JRE) would have been installed. Now I'm presented with a pretty vague
> menu. More later.
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Apologies for the delay in following up — Windows suggested that it clear some space on the C: partition; I agreed, not realising that the task would take more than one hour. I was installing JDK onto another partition, but maybe the shortage of space on C: is a clue to the odd behaviour described.

In any case, the reinstallation (from the /same/ .exe file) worked and everything is as expected; 'javac.exe' is now in 'jdk...\bin'.

So, there are things in 'jdk...\bin' that were absent earlier, e.g. 'javac.exe'. And 'tools.jar' is in 'jdk...\lib' — also absent earlier.

And there are files missing from 'jdk...\bin' that were present earlier — I've forgotten the details, but a bunch of files with names suggestive of foreign languages.

The 'pretty vague menu' (asking what needs to be installed — jdk, jre, etc.) mentioned above is now clear enough; initially, the method and indication of selection was incomprehensible to me.

The other difference with the second installation is that it asked about registering with both installed browsers (IE and Firefox), whereas the original asked only about IE.

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So, the original installation must somehow have got confused — perhaps by the lack of space on C:.

Thanks everyone. But probably not the last you have heard from me :-)

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