How to completely disable Java on Windows

Starting with Java Version 7 Update 10, a new security feature has been added to Java. Some Web pages may include content or apps that use the Java plug-in, and these can now be disabled using a single option in the Java Control Panel.

Disabling Java through the Java Control Panel will disable Java in all browsers.

How to Find the Java Control Panel

Windows XP
- Click on the Start button and then click on the Control Panel option.
- Double-click on the Java icon to open the Java Control Panel (Figure 1, next page).

Windows 7, Vista
- Click on the Start button and then click on the Control Panel option.
- In the Control Panel Search field, enter Java Control Panel and hit Enter.
- Click on the Java icon to open the Java Control Panel (Figure 1, next page).

Windows 8
Use search to find the Control Panel:
- Press Windows logo key + W to open the Search charm to search settings
  OR
  Drag the Mouse pointer to the bottom-right corner of the screen, then click on the Search icon.
- In the search box, type Java Control Panel and hit Enter.
- Click on the Java icon to open the Java Control Panel (Figure 1, next page).
Disabling Java via the Java Control Panel

Note: The example shows the Java Control Panel for Java 7 Update 10

1. In the Java Control Panel (Figure 1), click on the **Security** tab.
2. **De-select** the check box for **Enable Java content in the browser (Figure 2, next page)**. This will disable the Java plug-in in the browser.
3. Click **Apply**. When the Windows User Account Control (UAC) dialog appears, allow permissions to make the changes.
4. Click **OK** in the Java Plug-in confirmation window.
5. Restart the browser for changes to take effect.
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