Removing old Java versions

Java is notorious for installing updates (current version as of this writing is version 6, Update 23) but not removing the old versions.

Finding a system with multiple Java versions (e.g. Java 6 Update 10, Java 6 Update 17, and Java 6 Update 20 all on the system's Add/Remove Programs) is fairly common.

Java until recently did not provide for proper "upgrading" of old versions or cleanup of them. Fortunately Java 6 Update 23 does do this properly.

To remove older versions:

http://www.java.com/en/download/faq/remove_olderversions.xml

http://www.java.com/en/download/help/uninstall_java.xml

It is, unfortunately, fairly primitive— simply to to Add/Remove Programs or Programs and Features and remove them one at a time by uninstalling them.

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