Why do I get a warning "major version 51 is newer than 50"?

After installing is COBOL 2020R1 or earlier with JDK 7 you may get a compiler warning such as the following:

warning: javalangObject.class(javalang:Object.class): major version 51 is newer than 50, the highest major version supported by this compiler.

This happens when there is a tools.jar file from JDK 6 in CLASSPATH before the one from JDK 7.

For example, if you installed is COBOL with JDK 6 and then installed it with JDK 7, your user CLASSPATH setting might be as follows:

C:Program FilesVeryantisCOBOL2012R1lib*; C:Program FilesJavajdk1.6.0_26libtools.jar; C:Program FilesJavajdk1.7.0_03libtools.jar

To fix this problem:

- 1. Launch the control panel
- 2. Edit the system environment variables (e.g. In Windows 7 search for "environment variables" or go to "System and Security > System > Advanced system settings" and click on Environment Variables)
- 3. Double-click on CLASSPATH and delete the path to the JDK 6 version of tools.jar in both "User variables" and "System variables

NOTE:

The tools.jar does not need to be in the classpath in version 2020 R2 and above, so you should not get the message in these versions.

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