

How to set up antlr4 with intelliJ on windows 10:

The version of antlr being used is: Antlr 4.7.1 (this version needs at least Java 7 to work)

The version of intelliJ being used is: community version 2017.3.3

The version of Java being used is: Java jdk 9.0.4

1. download intelliJ from the JetBrains website

2. Setup intelliJ, after setting up you should be prompted with this screen:

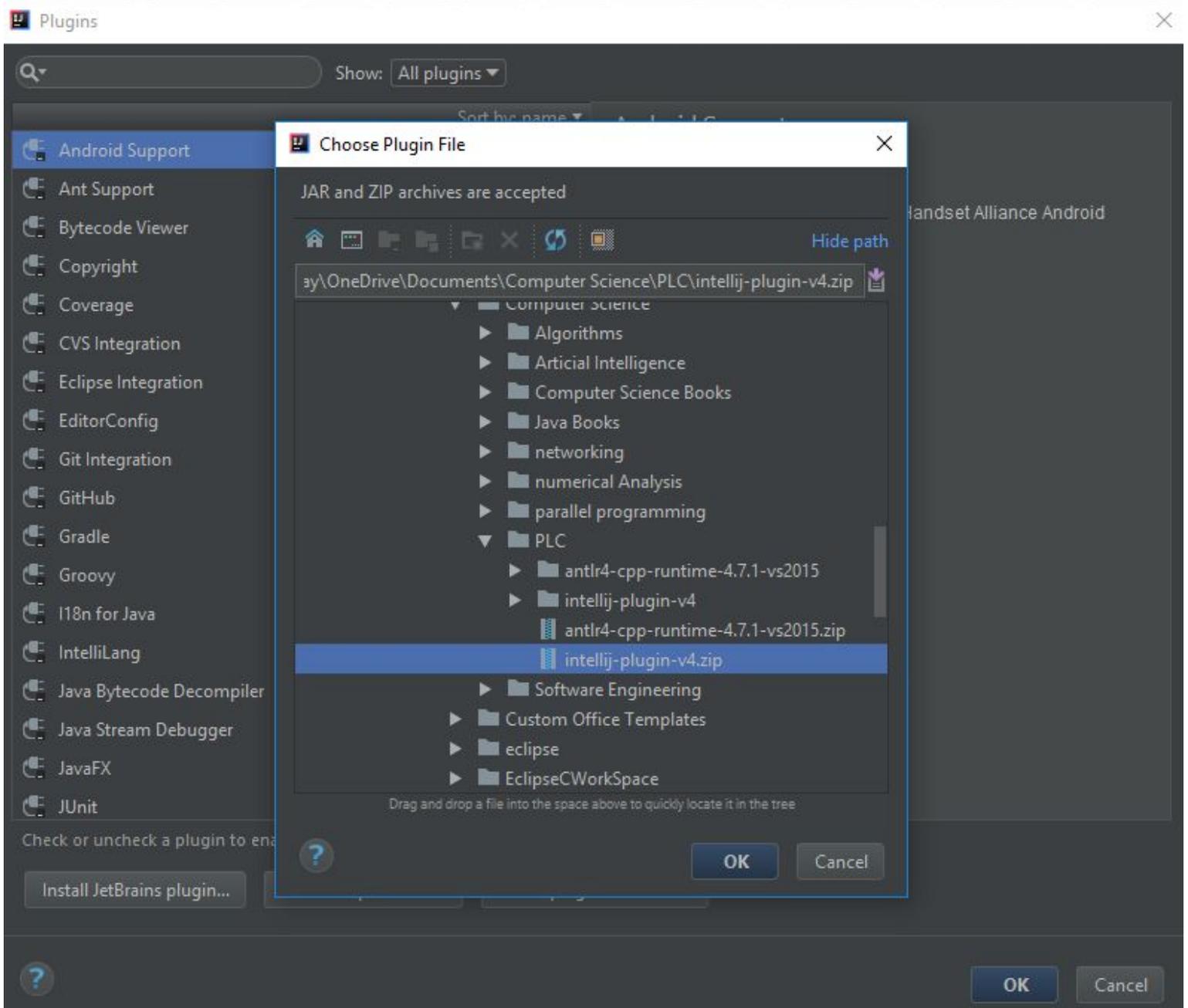


3. Before starting a new project you're going to want to download antlr4 and java, if your computer doesn't already have it.

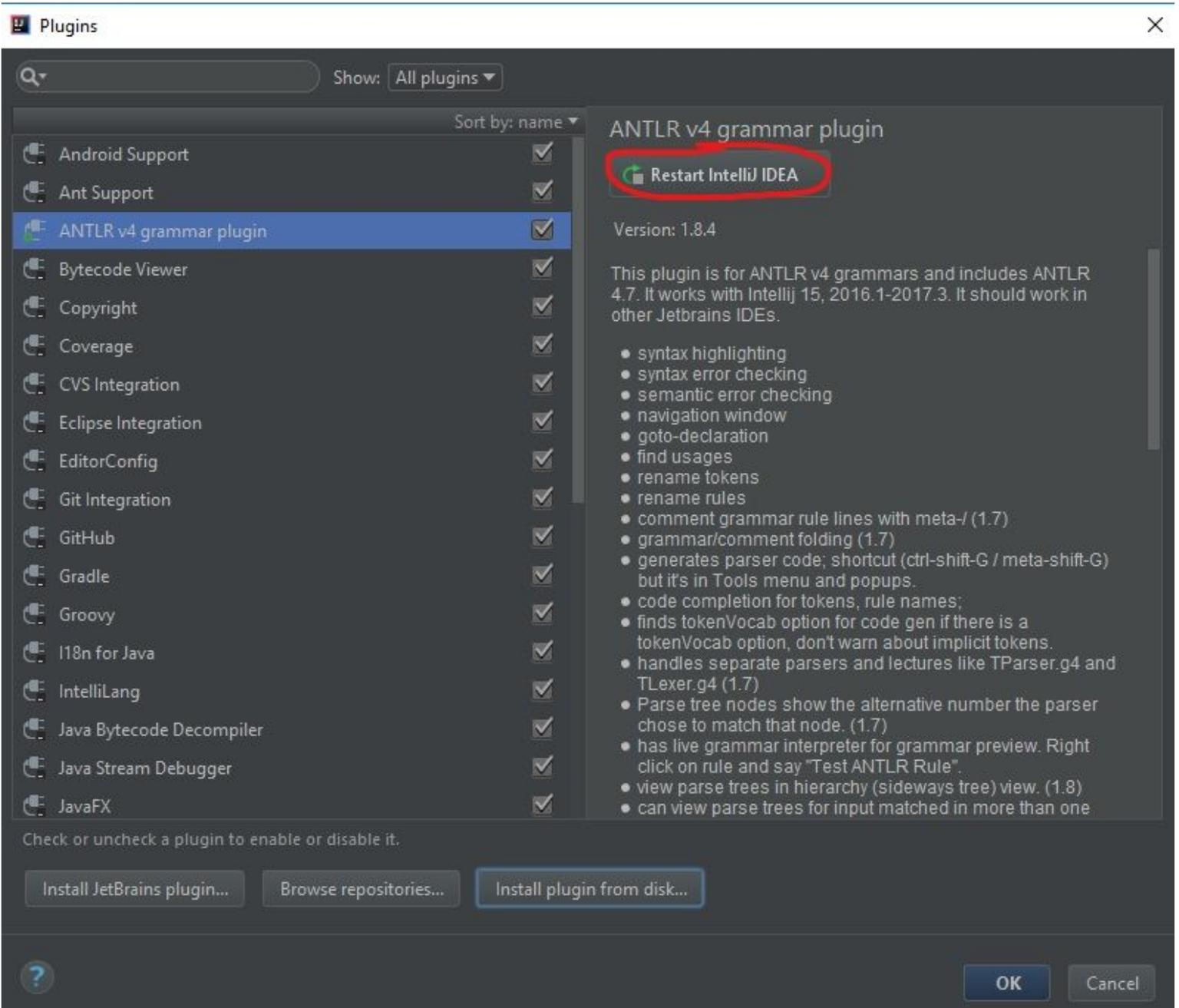
4. To get antlr4, type "antlr4 plugin intelliJ" into your web browser, and the first link should be the plugins.jetbrains.com; if not look for that link then download it from there. You will need to unzip the file, and also remember the folder/directory you downloaded the zipped file to if it wasn't the downloads' folder/directory.

5. Now back to the intelliJ IDE, in the picture above you should notice at the bottom right, there is a configuration gear, click on it and select "plugins".

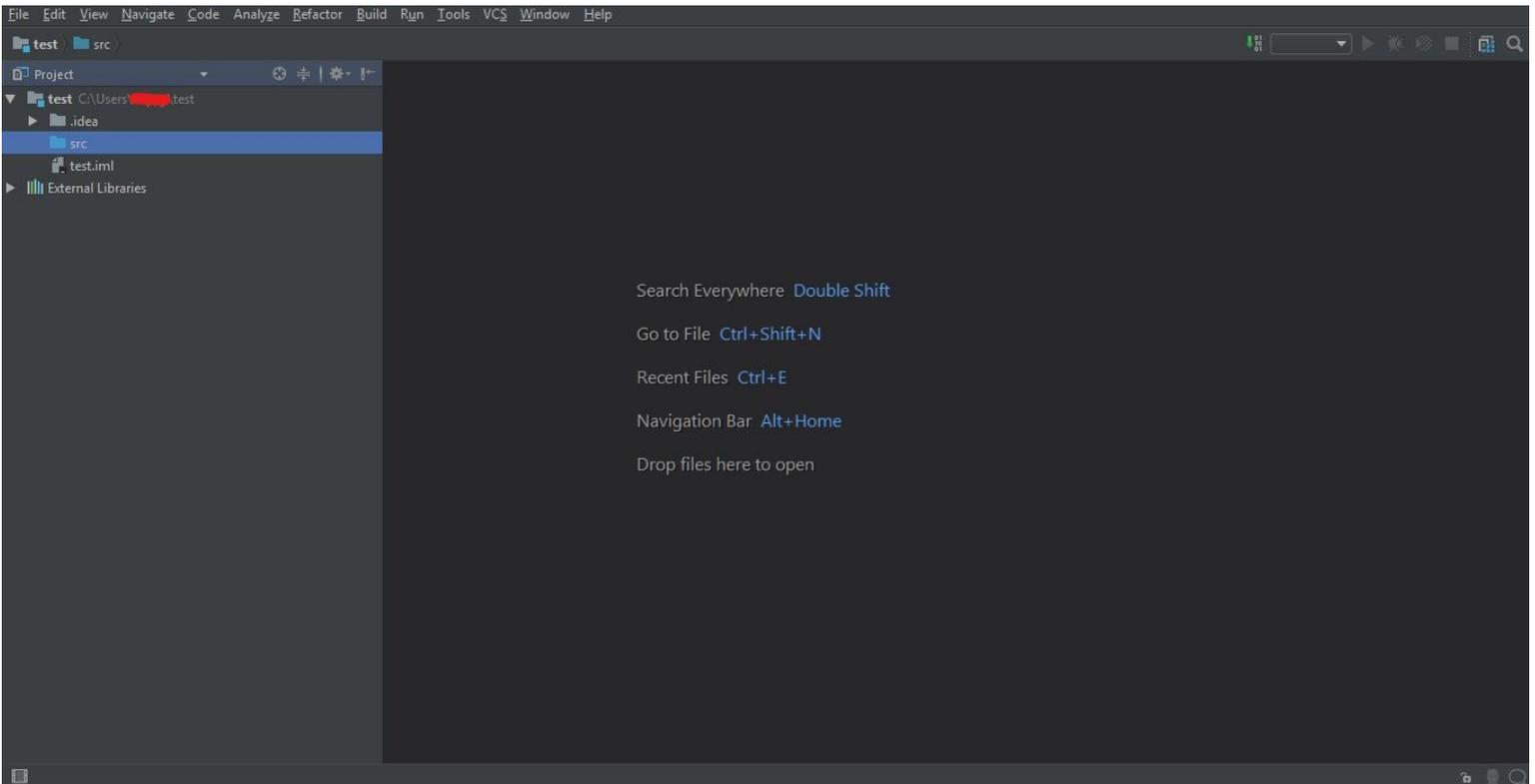
6. Click on the “Install Plugin from disk...”, and type in the folder/directory that the zipped antlr4 file is sitting in, then select the zipped file:



7. After clicking “OK”, you will see that the plugin now appears in the plugins section and also with the antlr4 plugin selected you should see an option to restart IntelliJ:



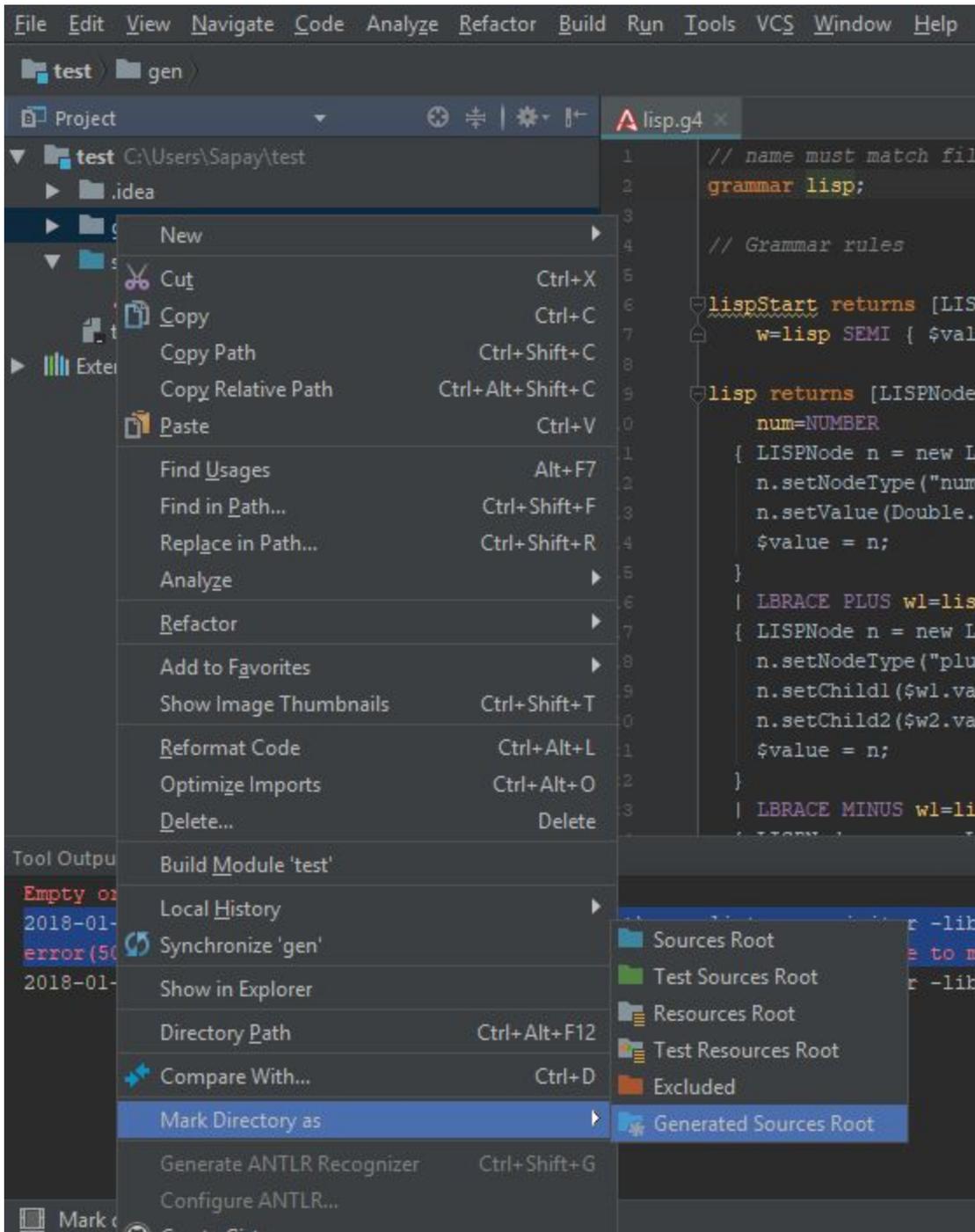
8. Restart IntelliJ, now you are able to make a new project. Now on the new project screen, you should be able to select your Java SDK (note this will most likely be in your C:\Program Files\Java folder/directory unless you changed the installation folder/directory), then click next until you get to the screen that asks you to name your project and save location. You should see something like this:



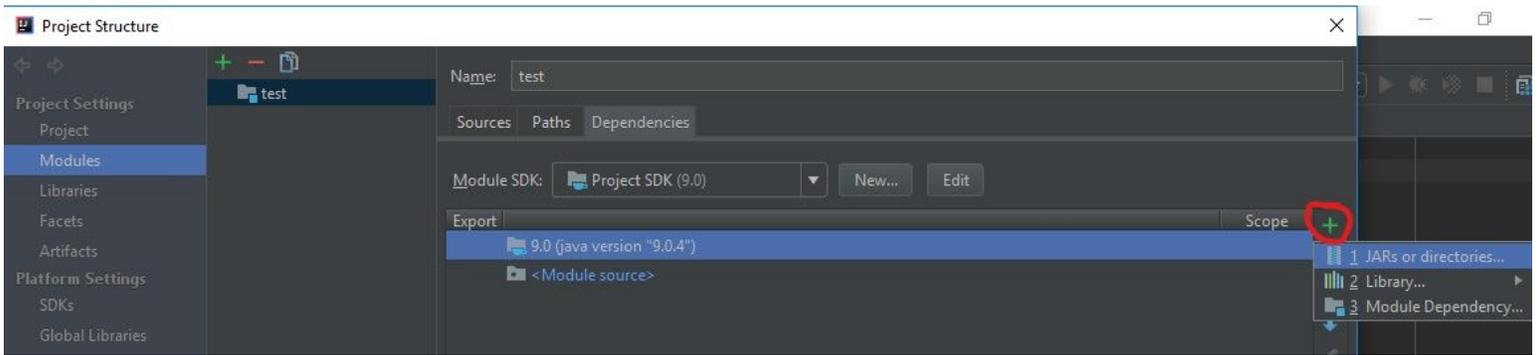
9. Right click src, and add a new java class, then add a new file with the same name as the java class but add the extension “.g4”. So for example test.g4, and make sure when you make the file you manually write the extension “.g4” as this will allow you to right click the file under the src folder/directory and select the option “Generate ANTLR Recognizer” (located at the bottom) AFTER writing the grammar. If you try to generate the antlr recognizer with a blank file IntelliJ will give you an error:

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Empty or bad grammar in file test.g4
2018-01-30 00:12:10: antlr4 -o C:/Users/Username/test/gen -listener -visitor -lib C:/Users/Username/test/src
C:/Users/Username/test/src/test.g4
error(50): test.g4:1:0: syntax error: '<EOF>' came as a complete surprise to me
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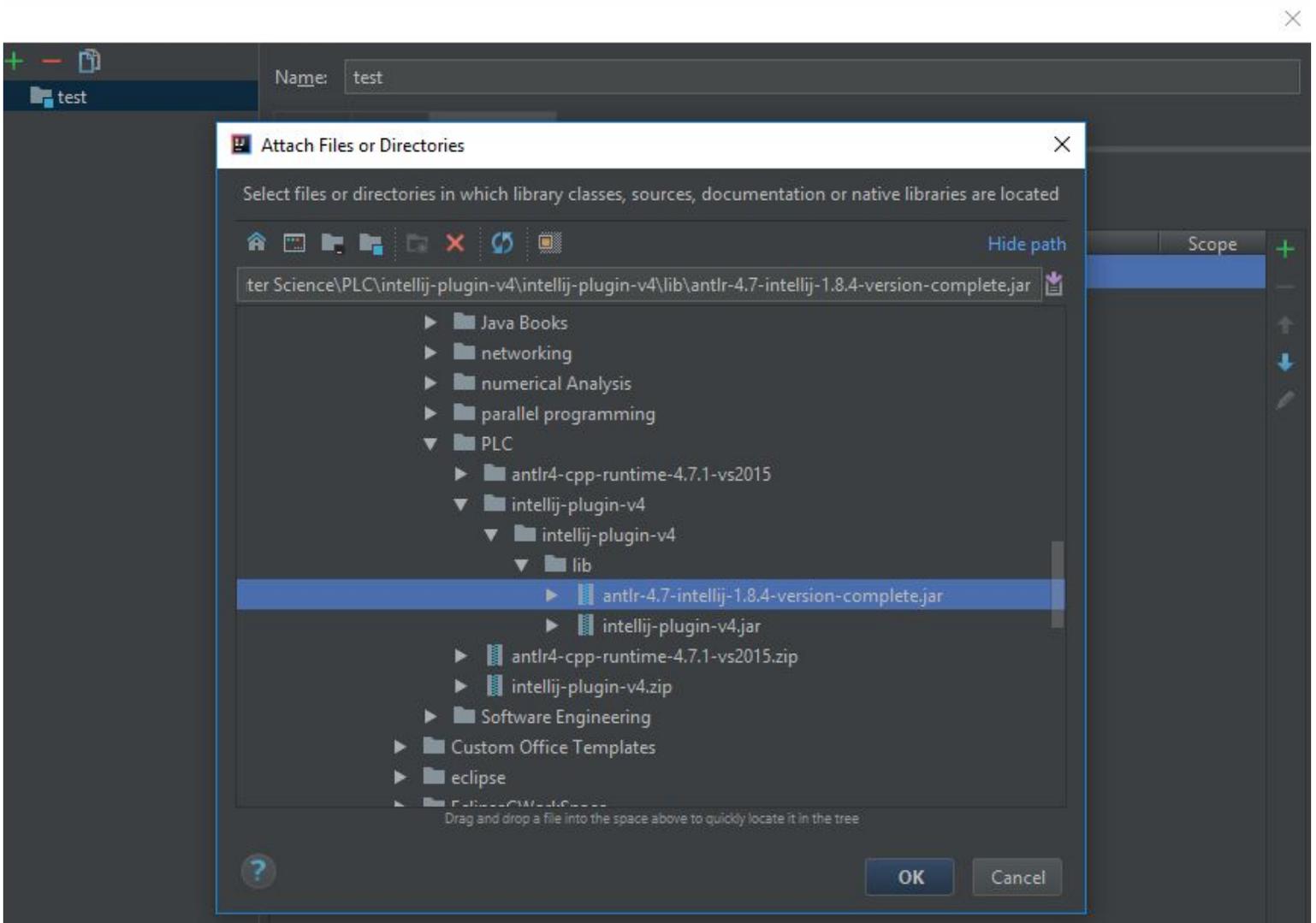
10. Once you have grammar that generates an antlr recognizer you should see a gen folder/directory appear in your project folder/directory, you will now want to right click on gen and at the bottom of the menu you should see an option “Mark Directory as” and then select the “Generated Sources root” option.



11. Now click on the “File” option in the top menu, and select “project structure”, or you could use the shortcut `ctrl+atl+shift+s`. Then under the “modules” section you want to go to the “dependencies” tab add a new module (the green plus button) and select the “JARs or directories...” option:



12. Last go back to the folder/directory you unzipped the antlr4 plugin, and go into the folder/directory until you find the JAR files and select the complete version; apply the module and leave the “scope” to compile.



Now all you're java classes written using the antlr grammar will work.