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# System Requirements and First Launch

MagicPlot is a cross-platform application based on Java technology. You need to install JavaSE (Java Standard Edition) Virtual Machine (JVM, also referred as Java Runtime Environment, JRE) with version not older than **6**. Java 6 is also referred to as Java 1.6.

## Where to get the Java Virtual Machine?

- **Microsoft Windows users:** java.com
- **Mac OS X users:** Use the Software Update feature of your operating system if needed.
- **Unix-like system users:** java.com or openjdk.java.net/install/
  - If you run MagicPlot jar-file from command line, set the maximum Java heap size by specifying the following parameters:
    `java -Xmx1024m -jar magicplot.jar`
  - MagicPlot may not launch on old versions of OpenJDK Java Runtime (version 1.6.0_18 is enough) which may be installed by default on your Unix-like system. In such case update OpenJDK Java Runtime or install JVM from java.com.

## First Launch

- MagicPlot does not need any installation procedure.
- Put MagicPlot executable file to directory you prefer.
- MagicPlot preferences and registration data are stored in your operating system profile and are individual for each account.

## Opening Projects on Double Click

To make Windows to open your MagicPlot project files (.mppz) in MagicPlot just open context menu of one project file in Explorer and select `Open With → Choose Program` item. In the opened window press `Browse` button and choose MagicPlot.exe file. Click to select the `Always use the selected program to open this kind of file` check box if it is not selected.

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