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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](http://java.com)
- **Mac OS X users:** Use the Software Update feature of your operating system if needed.
- **Unix-like system users:** [java.com](http://java.com) or [openjdk.java.net/install/](http://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](http://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.

## Portable Installation

MagicPlot can be installed on USB-drive. See [portable](#) for details.

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