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# System Requirements and First Launch

MagicPlot is a cross-platform application based on [Java](#) technology. You need to install Java software (Java Runtime Environment, also referred to as the Java Runtime, Runtime Environment, Runtime, JRE, Java Virtual Machine, Virtual Machine, Java VM, JVM, VM) 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.
- Place 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 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** checkbox if it is not selected.

## Portable Installation

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

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