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# Portable Installation on USB-drive

You can copy MagicPlot executable file on your portable USB-drive and launch it directly from it on various computers without installation. To do this you have to copy MagicPlot preferences file to the folder on USB-drive which contains MagicPlot executable file. Here are step-by-step instructions:

1. Create new folder on USB-drive for MagicPlot.
2. Move MagicPlot executable file to this folder.
3. Run MagicPlot.
4. Exit from MagicPlot. It will automatically store preferences file `magicplot.ini` in MagicPlot folder in your operating system profile (see below).
5. Move `magicplot.ini` from MagicPlot folder in your operating system profile to the folder on USB-drive which contains MagicPlot executable.

#### Where does MagicPlot save preferences in my operating system profile?

- **Windows XP:** `C:\Documents and Settings\<Your account>\Application Data\MagicPlot\`
- **Windows Vista, 7:** `C:\Users\<Your account>\AppData\MagicPlot\`
- **Mac OS X:** `<home>/Library/Application Support/MagicPlot`
- **Unix-like systems:** `<home>/.magicplot`

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