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You can copy MagicPlot executable file to your portable USB drive and launch it on some other computer directly from this USB drive, 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. Copy MagicPlot executable file to this folder
3. Run MagicPlot
4. Exit MagicPlot. It will automatically store preferences file `magicplot.ini` in MagicPlot folder in your operating system profile (see below)
5. Copy `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\\Application Data\MagicPlot\`
- **Windows Vista, 7, 8:** `C:\Users\\AppData\Roaming\MagicPlot\`
- **Mac OS X:** `<home>/Library/Application Support/MagicPlot`
- **Unix-like systems:** `<home>/magicplot.`

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