

# Installation guide

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*This is a short 3-step guide telling you how to install Jim on your system.*

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## 1. Intended Audience

All people who want to try Jim and therefore have to install it on their system.

## 2. Start

### 2.1. Download and install Java

All you need to run Jim is the Java Runtime Environment. Below one way to install Java is described, of course there are others depending on your operating system.

*If you already have Java installed on your computer you can skip this step!*

1. **Download Java** for absolutely free charge from <http://java.com/>.  
Just *click the big centered download button and follow the instructions* (choose the package that fits most to your system).
2. **Install Java** by *running the self-extracting installer package and following the instructions* given by the installation dialog.

### 2.2. Download Jim

Jim's current version level is 2.1.0.

- **Download Jim Standard Edition** (*recommended*)  
Contains Jim together with seven pre-installed plugins:
  - [JimFileOrganizer](#) - A plugin helping you to manage your images on filesystem level.
  - [JimSearch](#) - This plugin offers a simple search engine for your images.
  - [JimPath2TagMapper](#) - A plugin to tag images with their file path to access them as if you were in a file explorer.
  - [JimGui](#) & interfaces for the plugins above - Jim's standard user interface.
- **Other releases** (*advanced download*)

### 2.3. Start Jim

1. **Extract the .zip file** you downloaded in the last step.  
If your system does not support extracting zip files by default try installing [7-Zip](#) which is a powerful Zip-Extractor available for many platforms.
2. **Start Jim** by starting Jim's start script:
  - On Windows systems: jimStarter.bat
  - On Linux systems: jimStarter.sh
  - On other systems: JimStarter.jar

If you have problems to find the correct startup script try reading [the FAQ entry](#) .  
If you experience problems with the startup scripts try reading [this FAQ entry](#).

### 3. Frequently Asked Questions

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#### 3.1. 1 There is none of the named three starting scripts available!

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This is probably because your operating system does not show any filename extensions (like .bat or .jar).

A way to fix that would be to turn them on again (on Windows systems this can be done by clicking

"Start" --> "System" --> "Folder options" --> "View" --> "Hide known file extensions" ).

Another thing you could do if you use a graphical file explorer is to just click on the one jimStarter file that has an icon. For example on most Windows systems .bat files normally have the following icon:

#### 3.2. 2 What to do if nothing works?

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*Remember: If nothing worked there is a [special entry in the global FAQ only for you](#) ..*