

How to Run a Jar File in Windows by Double-Clicking

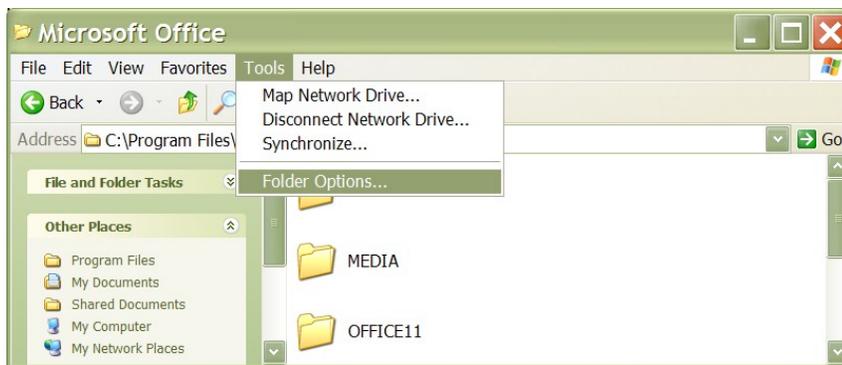
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Jar (Java ARchive) is a type of Java executable program. On Win32 systems, the installation program in the Java 2 Runtime Environment can register a default association for Jar files so that double-clicking a Jar file on the desktop will automatically run it with “javaw - jar”. This feature makes the end-user runtime environment much easy to use on Win32 systems.

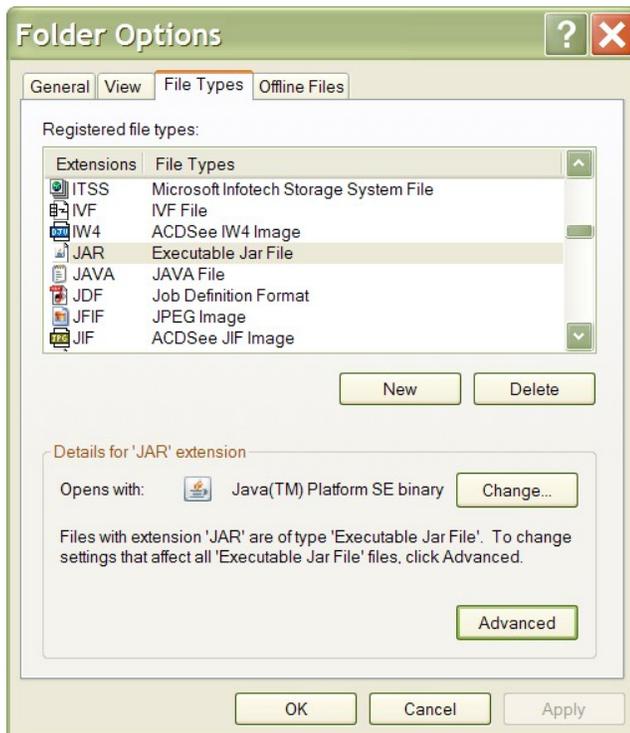
If a Jar file does not run by double-clicking in your Windows system, you can associate the .jar file extension with Java interpreter to make it executable by double-clicking.

Here is how to associate files with .jar extension to the Java interpreter, **java** or **javaw**, in a Windows environment.

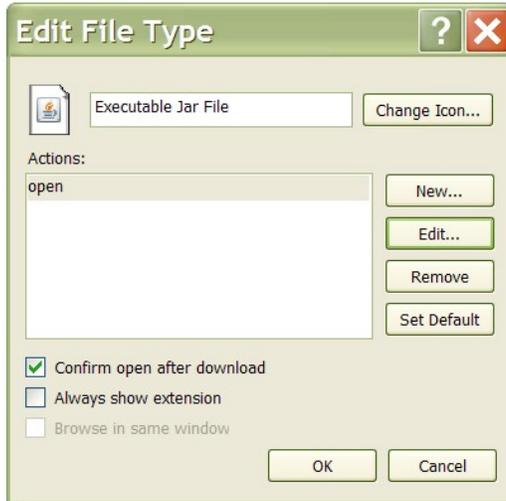
1. In Windows File Explorer, select **Tools->Folder Options...**



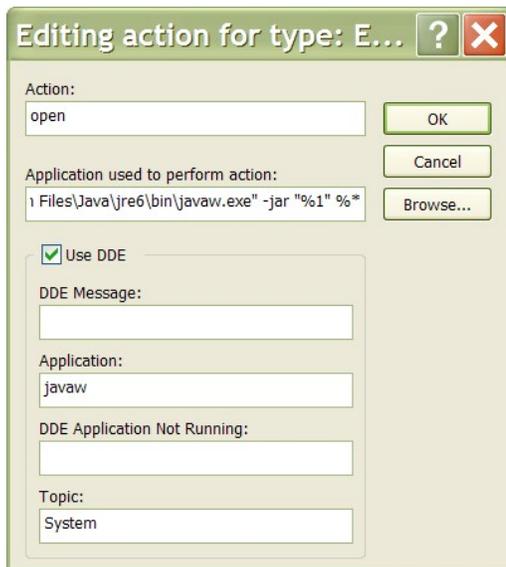
2. Click **File Types** tab and select **JAR Executable Jar File** option. Click **Advanced** button.



3. In the **Edit File Type** dialog box, select **open** in **Actions** box and click **Edit...**



4. If you have JRE 1.6 installed on your machine, the interpreter java or javaw is usually found at C:\Program Files\Java\jre6\bin\javaw.exe. Type "**C:\Program Files\Java\jre6\bin\javaw.exe" -jar "%1" %*** in **Application used to perform action** field and click **OK**.



5. Done. You now can launch .jar program by double-clicking it.