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Thread: [How would I make an executable jar open a command prompt window?](#)

ImportUsername - November 28, 2013, 8:30 am

I have my program in an executable jar, which has output from `System.out.println()`. However unless someone goes into cmd/terminal and runs it, the output doesn't appear anywhere, even though it's running (making it a lot more difficult to close as well). I was wondering how I could make it open a command prompt window on startup so that the output could always appear, regardless to if it were run in cmd/terminal or if it were just double-clicked.

?ovu - November 28, 2013, 8:45 am

As an alternative to that, you could make it open a JFrame with an info field that you use instead of `System.out.println`.

ImportUsername - November 28, 2013, 8:46 am

(Nov 28, 2013 09:45 AM)Rainfur Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) As an alternative to that, you could make it open a JFrame with an info field that you use instead of `System.out.println`.

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3 Kings - November 28, 2013, 9:32 am

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@echo off
java -jar jarFile.jar
pause
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put this in the notepad and save it as:

run.bat

Then run it with the jar file located locally

?ovu - November 28, 2013, 12:47 pm

(Nov 28, 2013 09:46 AM)ImportUsername Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That sounds like it could work as well. How would I go about doing that?

Make a JFrame, add a label or text field. Then, just `.add()` to it the `system.out.println`s.

Manthe - November 28, 2013, 7:36 pm

(Nov 28, 2013 10:32 AM)3 Kings Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) make a batch file:

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Sparta. - November 29, 2013, 9:34 am

(Nov 28, 2013 08:36 PM)tango_beast Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thats missing the whole point of having an executable jar.

Not really. You are using a bat file to open the executable.

That's like saying "using the mouse to double-click and execute it" is missing the whole point of having an executable jar.

Cyllon - November 29, 2013, 10:17 am

`Runtime.getRuntime().exec("cmd /c start");`

I also think you can add "echo" and the text you want, if you place it behind start in the runtime command[/quote]

I think its that ?