

How to install VStar under Windows

Prerequisites: *VStar* is a Java-based application. It requires Java Runtime Environment (JRE) version 1.8 or later. You can download JRE installer for free from the official site:

<https://www.java.com/en/download/>

Currently, *Vstar* is distributed as a zip-package. It can be downloaded from the *SourceForge* repository.

Follow the link <https://sourceforge.net/projects/vstar/files/>, select a directory corresponding to the highest version (2.21.1 on 07-May-2020).

Click on *vstar-<version>-win.zip* (*vstar-2.21.1-win.zip* for a version 2.21.1) to download.

Unpack downloaded zip archive into the desired location (for example, to “Documents” folder or to your home folder). Inside the “*vstar*” folder find the *VStar.exe* executable file and launch it like any other application.

You can also create desktop and user menu shortcuts to *VStar.exe* launching “CreateVStarShortcuts.vbs” script.

The functionality of *VStar* is extendable with plugins. There are plenty of plugins available, you can find an instruction on how to use and install plugins here:

<https://aavso.org/vstar-plugin-library>