# Jar vs War

Jar files contains the code along with the tomcat server (embedded server). So this can be run on a standalone type.

War file only contains our code. This needs tomcat to run.

To run from the command line:

Java - jar <jar file>

Or use maven plugin

mvn spring-boot:run

Spring boot maven plugin is already available if we build using initialzr which helps in packaging the app as executable jar or war file to run.

./mvnw package
./mvnw spring-boot:run