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"Could not load main class" JRE 1.8 (#p2304)

by **culturejam** » Sat Apr 25, 2015 7:05 am

I'm trying to run SpinCAD on Windows 7 and JRE 1.8.

Double clicking the Jar file gets nothing. Running from the command line gives me: "Error: Could not find or load main class SpinCAD-915.jar"

I tried it first with JRE 1.7 and then updated to 1.8 thinking that would fix the issue.

It runs fine on my work laptop, which is also Windows 7 and JRE 1.8.

Any ideas?

Thanks!

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Re: "Could not load main class" JRE 1.8 (#p2305)

by **Digital Larry** » Sat Apr 25, 2015 7:53 am

Hum, that's pretty baffling. Of course I have it running OK on a couple of systems here at home, so it's not straightforward for me to reproduce the issue.

I looked up the error and got a fair amount of gobbledy-gook that no program user should have to worry about, but here it is anyway:

[http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1809 ... class-mean](http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1809...class-mean) (<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/18093928/what-does-could-not-find-or-load-main-class-mean>)

What happens if you open a command window (Start->Run> cmd) and then cd to the Desktop folder (assuming that's where the SpinCAD jar file is located):

```
cd Desktop
```

then run the following command line:

```
javaw -jar SpinCAD-915.jar
```

??

Sorry, you said what happens then.

Try downloading it again. Confirm that the file size is: 1,050,235 bytes after extracting it from the ZIP file.

I have the 7-zip archive compression software installed on my laptop. If I right-click on the JAR, I get a 7-zip menu that contains the option "Open Archive". Jar files are in fact ZIP files containing a bunch of Java class files and libraries and other bits and pieces.

This is what it should look like in 7-zip:

Jar-in-7-zip.jpg

Jar-in-7-zip.jpg (62.41 KiB) Viewed 552 times

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Re: "Could not load main class" JRE 1.8 (#p2306)

by **culturejam** » Sat Apr 25, 2015 9:22 am

Previously I was just typing "javaw SpinCAD.jar" and leaving off the "-jar" argument. When I add "-jar" it works.

Thanks!

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Re: "Could not load main class" JRE 1.8 (#p2307)

by **Digital Larry** » Sat Apr 25, 2015 9:26 am

Glad to hear it. Sometimes JARs get file-associated with an archive program, but it's not clear why in your case double clicking on the file does nothing.

If you'd like to see what SpinCAD spews out behind the scenes (including some hints as to when it doesn't work correctly), try:

```
java -jar SpinCAD-915.jar.
```

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