

# Installation notes

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Choco is a Java library distributed as Java archive (a jar file). To install it, you need to:

- download the Choco jar file [here](http://prdownloads.sourceforge.net/choco/choco-0_9.jar?download) (http://prdownloads.sourceforge.net/choco/choco-0\_9.jar?download) ;
- modify the CLASSPATH environment variable.

## 1. Download of the Choco archive

The archive can be downloaded in the Choco project page in the SourceForge site, or more simply [here](http://prdownloads.sourceforge.net/choco/choco-0_9.jar?download) (http://prdownloads.sourceforge.net/choco/choco-0\_9.jar?download) . Put this archive in a directory of your hard disk (for instance C : \Choco\).

To use it easily, this jar file must be added to the CLASSPATH environment variable. The next section explains how to do that with Windows and UNIX environments.

## 2. The CLASSPATH environment variable

### 2.1. With Windows XP

- Right-click *My Computer*, and then click *Properties*.
- Click the *Advanced* tab.
- Click *Environment variables*.
- Search the CLASSPATH variable, if it does not exist create it with *New*.
- Edit its value with *Edit* and add for instance C : \Choco\choco-x\_xxx.jar.

### 2.2. With UNIX-like environments

- Edit your shell config file (.bashrc for bash for instance).
- Add the following command: `export CLASSPATH=$CLASSPATH:/path/to/jar/file` or `setenv CLASSPATH $CLASSPATH:/path/to/jar/file` depending on your shell (typically `export` for bash and `setenv` for csh)