

# Convert Java Project Built in Maven Framework to Executable Windows Application

If you want to convert your Java project built in maven to Windows [executable\(.exe\)](#) application, you should add following plugins into pom.xml file:

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1 <plugin>
2   <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
3   <artifactId>maven-shade-plugin</artifactId>
4   <version>1.7.1</version>
5   <executions>
6     <execution>
7       <phase>package</phase>
8       <goals>
9         <goal>shade</goal>
10      </goals>
11    </execution>
12  </executions>
13  <configuration>
14    <shadedArtifactAttached>true</shadedArtifactAttached>
15    <shadedClassifierName>shaded</shadedClassifierName>
16    <transformers>
17      <transformer
18        implementation="org.apache.maven.plugins.shade.resource.ManifestResourceTransformer">
19        <mainClass>com.example.Main</mainClass>
20      </transformer>
21    </transformers>
22  </configuration>
23 </plugin>
24 <plugin>
25   <groupId>com.akathist.maven.plugins.launch4j</groupId>
26   <artifactId>launch4j-maven-plugin</artifactId>
27   <version>1.5.1</version>
28   <executions>
29     <execution>
30       <id>l4j-clui</id>
31       <phase>package</phase>
32       <goals>
33         <goal>launch4j</goal>
34       </goals>
35     <configuration>
36       <headerType>gui</headerType>
37       <jar>${project.build.directory}/${artifactId}-${version}-shaded.jar</jar>
38       <outfile>${project.build.directory}/${artifactId}.exe</outfile>
39       <downloadUrl>http://java.com/download</downloadUrl>
40       <classPath>
41         <mainClass>com.example.Main</mainClass>
42       </classPath>
43       <icon>src/main/resources/exe.ico</icon>
44       <jre>
45         <minVersion>1.6.0</minVersion>
46         <jdkPreference>preferJre</jdkPreference>
47       </jre>
48       <versionInfo>
49         <fileVersion>1.0.0.0</fileVersion>
50         <txtFileVersion>${project.version}</txtFileVersion>
51         <fileDescription>${project.name}</fileDescription>
52         <copyright>2012 hasCode.com</copyright>
53         <productVersion>1.0.0.0</productVersion>
54         <txtProductVersion>1.0.0.0</txtProductVersion>
55         <productName>${project.name}</productName>
56         <companyName>hasCode.com</companyName>
57         <internalName>hasCode</internalName>
58         <originalFilename>hasCode.exe</originalFilename>
59       </versionInfo>
60     </configuration>
61   </execution>
62 </executions>
63 </plugin>
```

**NOTE:** If you have some Unicode letter problems, then you can easily overcome by copying following statements into pom.xml file:

```
1 <properties>
2 <project.build.sourceEncoding>UTF-8</project.build.sourceEncoding>
3 </properties>
```