

# Launching a JAVAW application

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Hi Everyone,

I am hoping that someone can point me in the right direction as I keep hitting my head against the wall with what seems to be a simple problem.

I am using a batch file to launch a javaw app. The app sits quietly in the background and waits for tasks to be sent to it, and returns the results. From the batch it works fine, but it requires that someone actually double click it to run the app.

What I would like to be able to do, is to launch the application at system startup before a user logs in. The batch file currently used does some processing to build the classpath statements and so on before actually starting javaw. (If anyone is interested the application is an open source project from Pentaho ([www.pentaho.com](http://www.pentaho.com)) called PDI (Pentaho Data Integration / Kettle), specifically the Carte 'slave' software).

I am hoping not to have to turn this into a Windows (XP) service, and somehow launch the .bat file at system start. I have tried using group policy and setting the startup scripts, and likewise directly in the windows registry. So far I have had absolutely no luck at all.

If anyone has any ideas about this I would be most appreciative in hearing them.

Cheers

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