Only Tarball install is available!!

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Observing Tool

The ALMA Observing Tool (OT) is a Java desktop application used for the preparation and submission of ALMA Phase 1 proposals and, for those which are accepted, Phase 2 materials (Scheduling Blocks). It is also used for preparing and submitting Director's Discretionary Time (DDT) proposals. The current Cycle 12 release of the OT is configured for the present capabilities of ALMA as described in the Proposer's Guide. Note that in order to submit proposals you will have to register with the ALMA Science Portal beforehand.

Download & Installation

The OT should run on all common operating systems and depends on a version of Java being available. The Cycle 12 can only be installed manually with a tarball distribution, as an installer is not available.

The **tarball** version and the instructions for its manual installation can be found clicking on the botton:

Tarball

NOTE: For those who require the **Cycle 11 version of the OT,** it can be found here.

For Linux version, issue for the java

Make symbolic link for Java directory:
> ln -s jdk-17.0.14+7-jre jre

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shlee@nb-shlee:~/ALMAOT/alma-ot-c12$ ls
alma-ot.sh  batchupdate.sh  jdk-17.0.14+7-jre  jre  lib  README.txt  setup
shlee@nb-shlee:~/ALMAOT/alma-ot-c12$
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For window version,

When you perform Step 4, a popup window may appear and disappear quickly. This is normal, and you can proceed directly to Step 5. Note that when running the OT again later, you may need to navigate to the directory where the OT is located and double-click it to launch.

Installing the ALMA OT on Windows

1. Download the ALMA OT for Windows including JRE (x64)
2. Right click on the **alma-ot-c12-windows-jre-x64.zip** file and select "Extract All..." to extract the contents
3. Go to the **alma-ot-c12/setup** directory
4. Double click **setup-windows** (may read **setup-windows.cmd**)
5. Go to the **alma-ot-c12** directory
6. Double click **ALMA-OT** (may read **ALMA-OT.cmd**)