

# Getting started with Infinispan

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# Chapter 1. Get Up and Running with Infinispan

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## 1.1. Software Requirements

To run Infinispan, you'll need:

- Java 1.8 JDK at a minimum. Infinispan recommends JDK 11 but also works with JDK 14.
- Maven 3.2 or later. Infinispan also works with Gradle and Ivy.

## 1.2. JDK

Choose your Java runtime and follow their installation instructions. For example, you could choose:

- [OpenJDK](#)
- [Oracle Java SE](#)

## 1.3. Maven

Run `mvn --version` to check your current Maven version. If you have Maven 3.2 or later, you are ready to go.

If you need to install Maven, visit <https://maven.apache.org/install.html>.

## 1.4. Getting Infinispan

To start using Infinispan, you can:

- Download the Infinispan server distribution. Visit the [Download Infinispan](#) page to get a stable or development version.
- Pull the [Infinispan server image](#).
- Add the `infinispan-core` artifact to your `pom.xml` and use Infinispan directly in your project. See [Embedding Infinispan](#) for more information.

## 1.5. Infinispan Tutorials

Infinispan provides a set of tutorials that demonstrate various capabilities in a few easy steps.

Clone the tutorial repository as follows:

```
git clone git@github.com:infinispan/infinispan-simple-tutorials.git
```

# Chapter 2. Creating Infinispan Projects

Infinispan provides a set of Maven archetypes that you can use to generate skeleton projects with sample code and `pom.xml` files. You can then import these projects into your IDE and start building and running applications with Infinispan capabilities.

## Prerequisites

- Maven 3.2 or later.
- Ensure the JBoss GA repository, `jboss-ga-repository`, is included in your Maven settings.

## Procedure

1. Open a terminal window in the directory where you want to create project files.
2. Generate projects from Infinispan archetypes with the following command:

```
mvn archetype:generate -DarchetypeGroupId=org.infinispan.archetypes \
-DarchetypeArtifactId=<archetype-name> \ ①
-DarchetypeVersion=<infinispan-version> ②
```

① Creates projects from one of the following archetypes:

- `client` Creates a sample Hot Rod Java client application.
- `embedded` Creates a sample application that embeds Infinispan.
- `store` Creates a sample implementation of a custom cache store.
- `server-task` Creates a sample implementation of a ServerTask.

② Specifies the Infinispan version to use, for example:

```
-DarchetypeVersion=13.0.18.Final
```

3. When prompted, define *artifactId*, *groupId*, and *version* values for your project.
4. Import your new Infinispan project into your IDE.
5. Run your project application from the directory where the `pom.xml` file resides as follows:

```
mvn package exec:java
```



The `store` and `server-task` archetype does not include a project application, `Application.java`, that you can run.

## Reference

- [Introduction to Maven Archetypes](#)