

# Downloading The Grinder

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## 1 Download

The Grinder can be downloaded from [SourceForge.net](https://www.sourceforge.net/projects/grinder) (<https://www.sourceforge.net/projects/grinder>) . New users are [advised](#) ([faq.html#g2vsg3](#)) to start with The Grinder 3. The [source code](#) ([development/contributing.html#source](#)) is also available.

The Grinder 3 is distributed as two zip files which you should expand using `unzip`, [WinZip](http://www.winzip.com/) (<http://www.winzip.com/>) or similar. Everything required to run The Grinder is in the zip file labelled `grinder-version.zip`. The remaining files that are needed to build The Grinder are distributed in the zip file labelled `grinder-version-src.zip`; these are mainly of interest to developers wanting to [extend The Grinder](#) ([development/contributing.html](#)) .

### 1.1 What else do I need?

To run The Grinder:

<a href="http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html">Java Standard Edition 6</a> ( <a href="http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html">http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html</a> ), equivalent, or later	For The Grinder 3.
<a href="http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html">Java 2 Standard Edition 1.3</a> ( <a href="http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html">http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html</a> ), equivalent, or later	For The Grinder 2.
<a href="http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/tech/index-jsp-136007.html">JSSE (Java Secure Socket Extension) 1.0.2</a> ( <a href="http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/tech/index-jsp-136007.html">http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/tech/index-jsp-136007.html</a> )	For SSL support with The Grinder 2. JSSE is a standard part of Java 2 Standard Edition 1.4.1 and later, so this extension is not required for The Grinder 3.

## 2 Downloading The Grinder using Maven

Some users will find it preferable to use Maven to manage The Grinder. On release, the jar files are deployed to the [Sonatype](http://oss.sonatype.org/) (<http://oss.sonatype.org/>) OSS Nexus repository, and will be synchronised to [Maven Central](http://search.maven.org) (<http://search.maven.org>) soon afterwards. You can choose either to depend on the zip file, which should be identical to the Sourceforge download, or the individual jar files.