

# Launching slave.jar from from console

slave.jar is meant to be launched by Jenkins, typically through a remote shell like ssh/rsh. Jenkins master then communicates with this agent through stdin and stdout.

slave.jar is **not** meant to initiate a connection to the master on its own, so if you are trying to run it from cron or as a service, you are misunderstanding how this works.

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% java -jar slave.jar
WARNING: Are you running slave agent from an interactive console?
If so, you are probably using it incorrectly.
See http://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Launching+slave.jar+from+from+console
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See [Distributed builds](#) for more details.