# Executing a Pre-Compiled Strategy

when executing a strategy on a Strategy Engine host without a JDK

## Step-by-step guide

1. Create your strategy and its supporting classes and compile them into a JAR. Typically, this is easiest done with Maven. How to do this isn't covered here.
2. Manually deploy the JAR to the Strategy Engine modules/jars directory
3. Create the strategy from a Strategy Engine command file (you'll need to restart the Strategy Engine to invoke the new command file). Notice that this command is almost identical to the command to compile a strategy from source, you just omit the path to the strategy Java source file.

**Execute Strategy from a JAR**

```
createModule;metc:strategy:system;vwapStrategy,sample.VWAPStrategy,JAVA,,,false,metc:sink:system
```

4. Start the strategy from the same command file, from Photon in the Strategy Engines View, or via the Strategy Engine Web Services API

**Start Strategy**

```
startModule;metc:strategy:system:vwapStrategy
```

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