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# About

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# Chapter 1: Getting started with amcharts

## Remarks

amCharts is a set of JavaScript-based data visualization libraries that includes regular chart types like Serial, Pie, etc. as well as advanced ones like Stock Charts and Maps.

## Examples

### Intro

Before you can use amCharts, you will need to include required JavaScript Libraries.

There is one main library that is required for all amCharts operations - **amcharts.js**. It needs to be included first and is mandatory.

Each chart type requires chart-type specific include. For example Serial chart, will also require **serial.js**, a Pie chart will need **pie.js**, etc.

If on the same web page you will be displaying several different chart types, you will need to include all chart-type-specific includes that are being displayed on that page.

### Creating a chart

The chart consists out of HTML container and the JavaScript code that instantiates a chart in it.

## HTML

We use a `<div>` element as chart container.

```
<div id="chartdiv" style="height: 300px;"></div>
```

## JavaScript

To instantiate the chart we use `AmCharts.makeChart()` function. The first parameter is an id of the container to place chart in, the second an object with chart config.

At the very least it must contain `type` parameter, which holds chart type.

```
var chart = AmCharts.makeChart("chartdiv", {
  "type": "serial",
  "theme": "light",
  "dataProvider": [{
    "country": "USA",
    "visits": 2025
  }], {
```

```

    "country": "China",
    "visits": 1882
  }, {
    "country": "Japan",
    "visits": 1809
  }, {
    "country": "Germany",
    "visits": 1322
  }, {
    "country": "UK",
    "visits": 1122
  }, {
    "country": "France",
    "visits": 1114
  }, {
    "country": "India",
    "visits": 984
  }
],
"graphs": [{
  "fillAlphas": 0.9,
  "lineAlpha": 0.2,
  "type": "column",
  "valueField": "visits"
}],
"categoryField": "country"
});

```

## Loading from amCharts CDN

AmCharts provides a load-balanced, reliable CDN for loading the libraries directly from our web server. Use <https://www.amcharts.com/lib/3/> as a base URL for includes.

```

<script src="https://www.amcharts.com/lib/3/amcharts.js"></script>
<script src="https://www.amcharts.com/lib/3/serial.js"></script>

```

## Loading libraries from your own server

To do that, [download][1] a required amCharts product ZIP archive.

Unzip it and place somewhere on your web server. I.e. in **/amcharts/** sub-directory.

Then simply load them using `<script>` tags:

```

<script src="amcharts/amcharts.js"></script>
<script src="amcharts/serial.js"></script>

```

## Additional includes

Besides main required functional includes, you may need other includes, like themes and plugins. Those reside in **/themes/** and **/plugins/** sub-directories respectively.

I.e.:

```
<script src="https://www.amcharts.com/lib/3/amcharts.js"></script>  
<script src="https://www.amcharts.com/lib/3/serial.js"></script>  
<script src="https://www.amcharts.com/lib/3/themes/light.js"></script>  
<script src="https://www.amcharts.com/lib/3/plugins/dataloader/dataloader.min.js"></script>
```

Read **Getting started with amcharts** online: <https://riptutorial.com/amcharts/topic/5374/getting-started-with-amcharts>

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