

Downloading/Installing KyPlot

1 Introduction

KyPlot is a Windows based graphing program which you will use for making plots of data in Physics lab. It is available at the Physics Web site (see below) for free, or you can pay for it. It is a *Windows* based program, and so will NOT run on a Mac unless the Mac user has installed the virtual PC software. Sorry.

2 Downloading the Program

1. After opening your browser tell it to go to *www.phy.gonzaga.edu*, the Physics Department web site.
2. Click on the oval that says “Physics Lab Links and Downloads.”
3. The first possible link on the page says “kyp2b13.exe” and you should click on it.
4. You should direct your browser to save the file to a place where you can find it.

3 Unzipping the program

KyPlot is in a compressed form so that downloading is faster. You need to unzip it to get it into a form which will actually install the program on your computer.

1. Go to where you saved the file (above) and double-click on the icon for “kyp2b13.exe.”
2. This should invoke the *WinZip* program automatically, unless you don’t have it installed on your computer (for Win 2000 and above I believe it is automatically installed with the system; for older OS’s you’ll need to go out and search the web for it or an equivalent program like *pkzip*).
3. NOTE: for Win 2000 and above users, you need to be The or An administrator-like user to do the install.
4. Before you tell *WinZip* to unzip, you should make note of *where* it will put the unzipped stuff, because you’ll need to find it next.
5. Unzip to a known spot.
6. Go to this spot and click on the “Setup” icon (looks like a computer and box/disks). This actually begins the installation.
7. Follow the instructions for installation – the defaults have always worked fine for us.
8. You’re done, except you might want to drag the KyPlot icon onto your desktop.