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## Suggestions for a startup file

Suppose each time you have a MAGMA session you want it to read in a file of initial settings first, i.e. you want to create a `startup` file. Perhaps the best idea is to look at the file

```
/homes/magma/etc/magma-startup
```

If you like what it does, then you can add the alias

```
alias magma 'magma -s /homes/magma/etc/magma-startup'
```

to your `.cshrc` file. Assuming you have set this alias, then during a MAGMA session the MAGMA prompt is set so that it numbers each command you type; typing

```
alias();
```

in response to the prompt gives a menu of the aliases for MAGMA commands and the procedures that have been defined by the `startup` file.

If you don't like some of what `/homes/magma/etc/magma-startup` does, then you are always free to copy it to your own directory and modify it. It is recommended that you create a special directory for your MAGMA stuff, e.g. the command

```
mkdir -p lib/magma
```

typed in your home directory will create a subdirectory `lib/magma` of your home directory. Assuming this is what you do and your `startup` file is `lib/magma/startup` with respect to your home directory, then it is recommended that you add the following to your `.cshrc` file.

```
alias magma 'magma -s $HOME/lib/magma/startup'
```