

MATLAB Central File Exchange

Best Practices for MathWorks Book Program Authors

WHY SHARE COMPANION CODE?

Many authors share their companion MATLAB code and Simulink models online as supplemental material for their books. This code is often used to illustrate concepts and examples in the book.

Authors have the option to post their companion software on the [MATLAB Central File Exchange](#). You can learn more about the File Exchange features and submission process [here](#).

With File Exchange, you can:

- share your code with other MATLAB users
- view MATLAB live scripts
- access the number of downloads
- provide instructions for citing your work
- add tags for others to find your material
- receive comments and ratings
- update your files as needed
- gain community recognition
- receive a monthly analytics email which highlights your impact on the community

SUBMISSION TIPS FOR BOOK AUTHORS

- Make the post valuable to the community as a standalone File Exchange submission so that people who haven't purchased your book can still know the objectives of your files.
- Add tags such as "book" and "companion software" to make your File Exchange submission more discoverable.
- Reference your book and include relevant details (e.g. title, publisher, URL of book web page on MathWorks website once available). If the book hasn't published yet, include the publication date.
- Use the book's front cover as the File Exchange submission's image.
- If not all of your supplemental code is available when you create your File Exchange submission, be sure to include as much code as you can share at that time, and include the rest of your code when it becomes available.
- Don't include words like "test" in the title or the description.
- Consider adding formatted text and interactivity to your code by making your files [live scripts](#).

GET STARTED

1. Submit your files [here](#), by logging into your MathWorks account and clicking on "Contribute." You can submit your files 1 of 3 ways: upload files directly into the File Exchange, link to your external website, or link to your files hosted in a GitHub repository.
2. Share the URL to your File Exchange submission with the [MathWorks Book Program team](#).
3. The MathWorks Book Program team will add a companion software link to the promotional web page for your book (note: the MathWorks Book Program must first receive a promotional copy of the text and qualified it for a web page).



Get companion software

4. Update your File Exchange submission and code as needed, such as to the latest release and for new editions of your book. You can update your files by logging into your MathWorks Account, visiting the [File Exchange](#), and clicking on "My File Exchange" or by going to the submission's File Exchange page.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the [MathWorks Book Program team](#).

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