

# 1 Overview

`Org-mode` and `matlab-mode` provide an efficient and effective system for creating scientific documents which contain MATLAB code and/or Simulink models along with the results of these. The results of running MATLAB code or simulating Simulink models is placed into the org-mode file by org-mode using org babel. `Org babel` is org-mode's ability to execute source code within org-mode files and optionally insert the results back in to the org-mode file. You define source code in code blocks, e.g.

```
#+begin_src LANGUAGE <OPTIONS>
  <CODE>
#+end_src
```

## 2 Example

With org-mode you can embed semantically colored code such as MATLAB within your document and semantically edit it using "Org -> Editing -> Edit Source Example" menu or `C-c '`. For example, here's a MATLAB `enumeration class`:

```
classdef WeekDays
  enumeration
    Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
  end
end
```

You can use org-mode babel to evaluate MATLAB code blocks. The evaluation is done by sending the MATLAB code to the `*MATLAB*` buffer created by `M-x matlab-shell`. To do the evaluation, the `*MATLAB*` must be waiting for input (showing the `">"` prompt). If you type `C-c C-c` in the following code block, org-mode will evaluate the code in the `*MATLAB*` buffer and insert the value of `ans` just below the code block.

When the matlab code block header contains `":results verbatim"`, the value of the MATLAB `ans` variable is processed using `writematrix(ans, orgTmpFile, 'Delimiter', 'tab')` and then the contents of the `orgTmpFile` is inserted under the `"#+RESULTS:"`

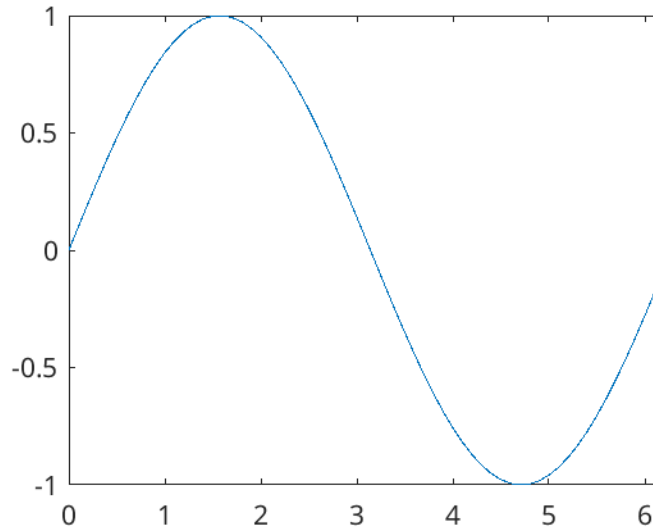
```
a = 2 + 3;
ans = magic(a);
```

```
17  24   1   8  15
23   5   7  14  16
 4   6  13  20  22
10  12  19  21   3
11  18  25   2   9
```

You can also use org-mode babel evaluate MATLAB code blocks to plot and insert figures back in to this file as well as the published (exported) html,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , pdf, odx (word), etc. file. To do this we use a matlab code block with `":results file graphics"` header argument that instructs org to run the MATLAB code in the `*MATLAB*` buffer created by `M-x matlab-shell`. which calls plot and the resulting figure is printed to the `:file NAME.png` header argument. The `:exports both` header argument says when exporting, keep the MATLAB code and also the figure when exporting.

For example,

```
t = [0 : 0.1 : 2*pi];
y = sin(t);
plot(t, y);
set(gcf, 'PaperUnits', 'inches', 'PaperPosition', [0 0 4 3]) % Set the size to 4" x 3"
```



You can also use L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X directly, for example:

$$y(t) = f_o(t, x_c, x_d, u, P) \quad \text{— outputs} \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{x}_c(t) = f_d(t, x_c, x_d, u, P) \quad \text{— derivatives} \quad (2)$$

$$x_d(t+h) = f_u(t, x_c, x_d, u, P) \quad \text{— update} \quad (3)$$

### 3 Setup and Export

1. Enable MATLAB code block export.

To enable exporting of org containing matlab code blocks, you need to

`M-x customize-variable RET org-babel-load-languages RET`

and add matlab, then 'Save for future sessions' using the 'State' button.

If matlab has not been added to org-babel-load-languages, when you try to evaluate a matlab code block, you will see

`org-babel-execute-src-block: No org-babel-execute function for matlab!`

2. Use these files as a template for your org files.

```
cd your-working-directory
cp /path/to/Emacs-MATLAB-Mode/examples/matlab-and-org-mode.org your-file.org
cp -r /path/to/Emacs-MATLAB-Mode/examples/css .      # If exporting to html
```

Notice that within the \*.org file there are several `#+<comments>`. These setup for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X/PDF and HTML export.

3. Configure HTML export.

You need the `htmlize` package (<https://melpa.org/#/htmlize>) to get coloring for HTML export. For HTML export we set the `"#+html_head_extra"` properties in our org file to configure CSS.

HTML export uses

- [css/styles-from-org.css](#). This is generated by running

`M-x org-html-htmlize-generate-css`

and you'll want to update this for your version of Emacs.

- `css/styles.css`. This contains customizations which you can edit as desired.

#### 4. Configure PDF export.

To get colored, better looking PDF, use the minted package. This setup can go in your `~/.emacs`:

```
(defun setup-org-pdf ()
  "Customize org PDF generation for color and more."
  (if (not (boundp 'org-latex-src-block-backend))
      (message "Unable to configure org PDF export because it is too old.")
      (setq org-latex-src-block-backend 'minted
            org-latex-packages-alist '(("cache=false" "minted"))
            org-latex-minted-options '(("xleftmargin" "1em")
                                       ("breaklines" "true")
                                       ("fontsize" "\\small"))
            org-latex-image-default-width ""
            ;; Default value of org-latex-pdf-process does not include -shell-escape which is
            ↪ needed for minted
            ;; Also improve latex log file error messages by adding -file-line-error
            org-latex-pdf-process '("%latex -file-line-error -shell-escape -interaction
            ↪ nonstopmode -output-directory %o %f"
                                   "%latex -file-line-error -shell-escape -interaction
            ↪ nonstopmode -output-directory %o %f"
                                   "%latex -file-line-error -shell-escape -interaction
            ↪ nonstopmode -output-directory %o %f")
            ;; Keep *.log files to aid in debugging.
            org-latex-logfiles-extensions (remove "log" org-latex-logfiles-extensions))

  ;; Color the hyper links, see
  ;;
  ↪ https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/823/remove-ugly-borders-around-clickable-cross-referenc
  (add-to-list 'org-latex-default-packages-alist

              ↪ '("colorlinks=true,linkcolor={red!50!black},citecolor={blue!50!black},urlcolor={bl
                "hyperref" nil))))

  (eval-after-load "ox-latex"
    '(setup-org-pdf))
```

#### 5. Export.

After this setup, you can use the "Org -> Export/Publish" or `C-c C-e` to export to HTML, PDF, etc.