

3. modify the contents of the elemental matrices in `bulk.c` in the FEM formulation of the problem being added
4. modify the contents of how the boundary conditions are parsed and set in `bc.c`
5. re-run `autogen.sh`, `./configure` and make to get a FeenoX executable with support for the new PDE.

The addition of non-trivial PDEs is not straightforward, but possible. The [programming guide](#) contains further details about how to contribute to the code base.

## Conclusions

FeenoX's main goal is to keep things simple as possible from the user's point of view without sacrificing flexibility. There exist other tools which are similar in functionality but differ in the way the problem is set up. For example, Fenicsx uses the Unified Form Language where the PDE being solved has to be written by the user in weak form ([Alnæs et al., 2014](#)). This approach is very flexible, but even simple problems end up with non-trivial input files so it does not fulfill the first requirement stated in the summary. As simple as it is, FeenoX is still pretty flexible. A proof of this fact is that its applications range from coupling neutronics with CFD in nuclear reactors ([Vasconcelos et al., 2018](#)) to providing a back end to [web-based thermo-mechanical solvers](#).

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