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CodeIgniter comes with an “Auto-load” feature that permits libraries, helpers, and models to be initialized automatically every time the system runs. If you need certain resources globally throughout your application you should consider auto-loading them for convenience.

The following items can be loaded automatically:

* Classes found in the *libraries/* directory
* Helper files found in the *helpers/* directory
* Custom config files found in the *config/* directory
* Language files found in the *system/language/* directory
* Models found in the *models/* folder

To autoload resources, open the **application/config/autoload.php** file and add the item you want loaded to the autoload array. You’ll find instructions in that file corresponding to each type of item.

Note

Do not include the file extension (.php) when adding items to the autoload array.

Additionally, if you want CodeIgniter to use a [Composer](https://getcomposer.org/) auto-loader, just set $config['composer\_autoload'] to TRUE or a custom path in **application/config/config.php**.

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