

# Using The MATLAB Compiler

## Linux Version

This document shows you how you can convert your MATLAB code into a standalone executable. It assumes that the code you are going to produce is to be run on a computer that has MATLAB and the the MATLAB compiler installed. These instructions are not suitable for producing programs to be transferred to computers that don't have the MATLAB compiler installed. To do that, refer to the examples in the MATLAB Compiler documentation.

### **C Compiler**

You need to install a compatible C compiler. There are links to the free GNU compilers on the Mathworks web site.

<http://www.mathworks.co.uk/support/compilers/R2013b/index.html>

Many Linux systems already have the compilers installed.

*On the Ubuntu system I used, GNU 4.3.4 (Compatible with R2013b) was available to install from the **Software Manager** in **YaST**.*

### **Mbuild**

Next you need to inform MATLAB about the location of your C Compiler. Run MATLAB and enter the command :-

**mbuild -setup**

Choose the option (probably 1) that copies the default mbuldopts.sh.  
The options file will be copied to ~/.matlab/mbuldopts.sh.

Each user needs to do this once.

### **Compiling A Mathworks Example**

Make a work directory, and copy in the example Matlab program  
/packages/MATLAB/R2013b/extern/examples/compiler/magicsquare.m

*Obviously, if you have a different version of MATLAB or a different installation path, you will have to modify the path above.*

Run MATLAB and change directory to the work directory you created above.  
Then enter the command

**mcc -m -v magicsquare.m**

Then **WAIT**. This process takes time.

<b>mcc</b>	The MATLAB compiler.
<b>-m</b>	Standalone application.
<b>-v</b>	Verbose

This produces the executable file `magicsquare`. You don't run this directly. Instead you use a script called `run_magicsquare.sh` that will set all the library paths for you. Open a terminal window. Change directory to your work directory and enter the following.

```
./run_magicsquare.sh /packages/matlab/R2013b 5
```

Which displays a 5 by 5 magic square.

The second argument (`/packages/matlab/R2013b`) is the path to my MATLAB installation. You will need to modify this to the location where MATLAB is installed on your computer.

The example above is a very cut down version of an example in the MATLAB documentation. To see the full documentation, go to

```
Help
  MATLAB Compiler
    Standalone Application
```

## ***Another Example***

This example shows how you would typically use the compiler to run code outside of MATLAB and save the data so that it can be imported into MATLAB.

```
function MyExample()

% Find sets of 4 numbers that add up to 64.

OUTPUT = []; % Start of with an empty set

for A = 0:64
    for B = 0:64
        for C = 0:64
            for D = 0:64
                V = [ A B C D ];
                if sum(V) == 64
                    OUTPUT = [OUTPUT ; V]; %append V to OUTPUT
                end
            end
        end
    end
end

% Save the file for later inspection in MATLAB.
save output OUTPUT
```

Notice that the data produced by the program is saved to a file called `output.mat` at the bottom of the program. Compile the program.

**`mcc -mv -R -nodisplay MyExample.m`**

The option **`-R`** says the next option is for the runtime program. The runtime option **`-nodisplay`** says you don't need to open any graphics window. We are not using graphics so we don't need it. The choice is yours.

Then in a terminal, change directory to your work directory and enter

**`./run_MyExample.sh /packages/matlab/R2013b`**

Run MATLAB, change directory to your work directory and double click on **`output.mat`** to load the output data into MATLAB.