

# Software Development with MATLAB

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# What are your software development concerns?

- Accuracy
- Software Speed
- Development Time
- Cost
- Compatibility
- Documentation
- Reusability
- Effective Testing
- Integration
- Ease of Collaboration
- Legacy Code
- Liability
- Maintainability
- Model Risk
- Robustness
- Developer Expertise
- Software Stack Complexity
- ...?

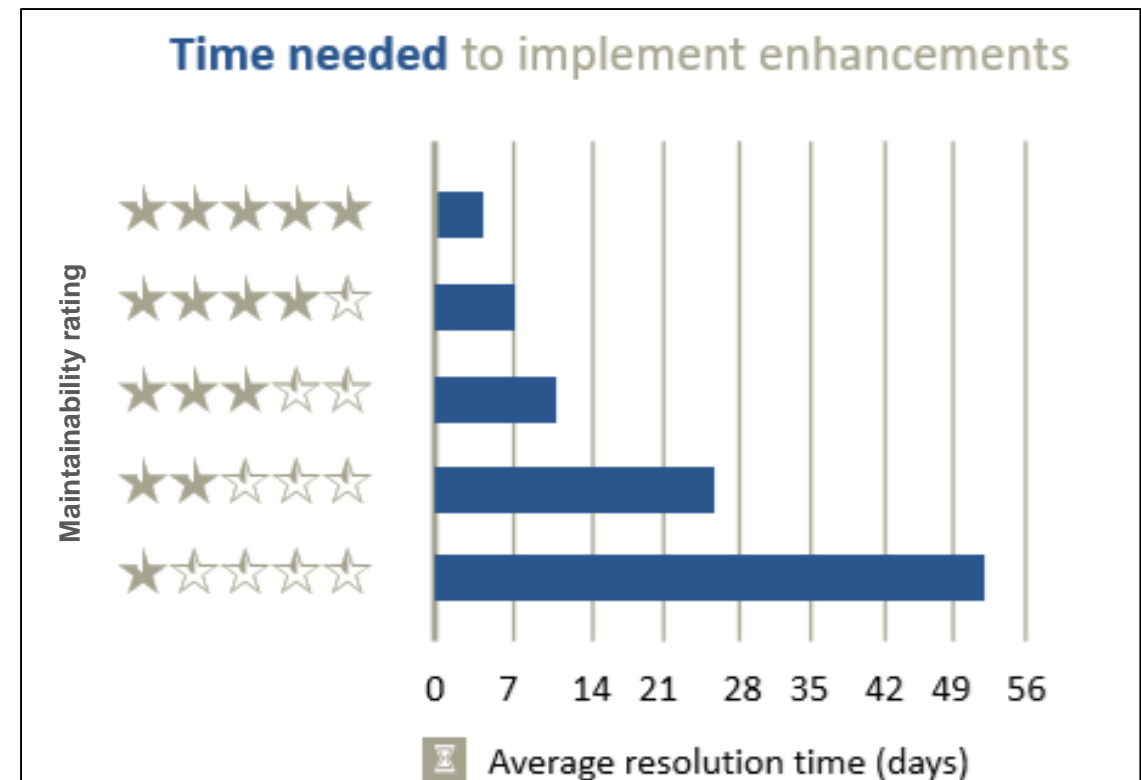
# Software development practices can help

Treat your software like an asset → reuse it

Developers often spend 4X the effort to maintain vs build software

...but this doesn't need to be true!

Journal paper: “*Faster issue resolution with higher technical quality of software*”, Software Quality Journal, 201100




# Software development practices can help

- Software development approaches like Agile help improve code quality
- The tools and practices we discuss today support Agile development



# Agenda

	Managing your code
	Tracking code changes and co-authoring workflows
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# How do you currently manage your files and paths?

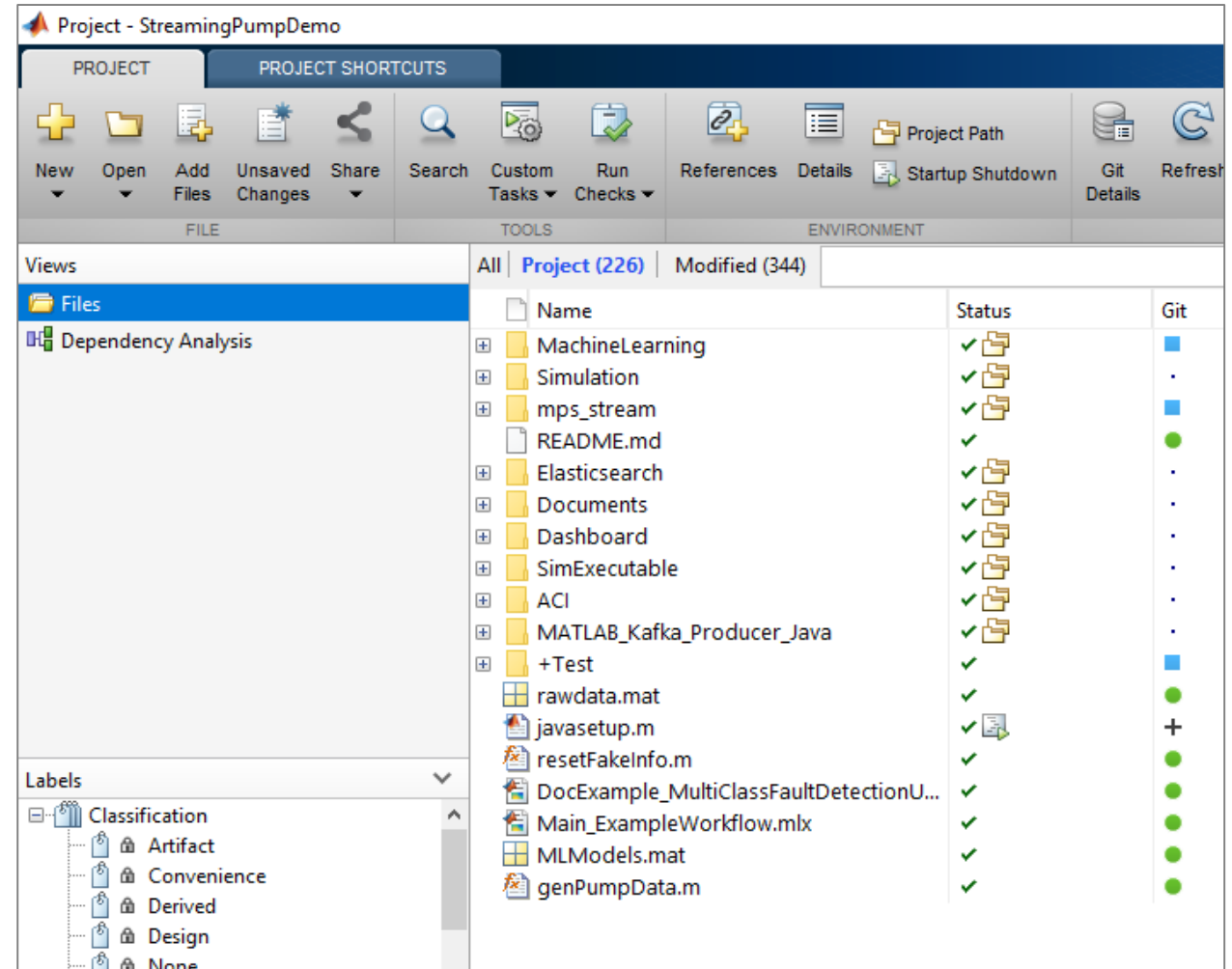
- One big folder of files?
- Many folders of files?
- Organize your code in packages?
- Manual path management?

## Successful collaborative development requires ...

- Same source code, tests, documentation, requirements, compiler...
- Consistent, shared environment
- Integration with source control

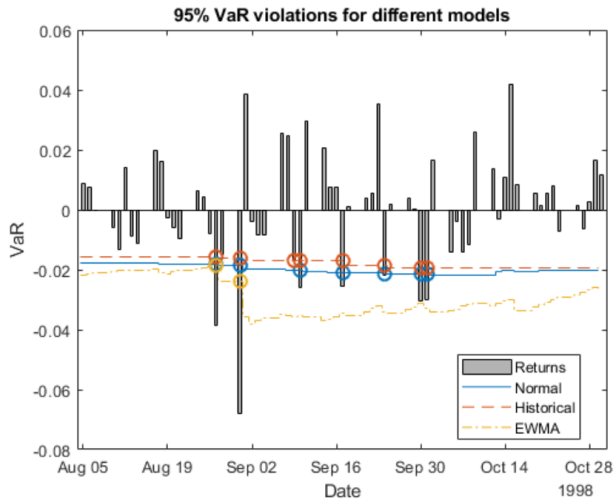
# Projects (MATLAB Projects)

- Manage your files and path
- Analyze file dependencies
- Function refactoring
- Run startup & shutdown tasks
- Create project shortcuts
- Label and filter files
- Integrate source control

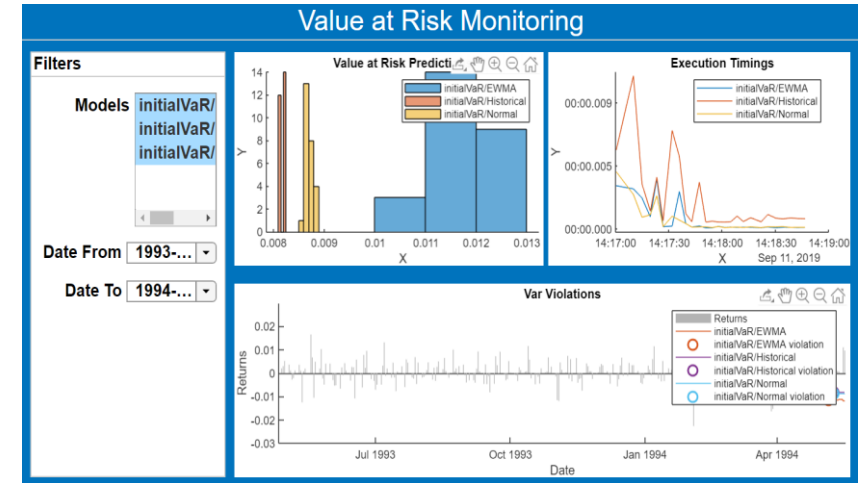
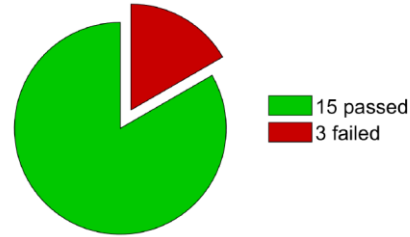




# Example: Building a Value at Risk Model on a Portfolio



Number of Tests: 18  
 Testing Time: 7.1895 seconds  
 Overall Result: FAILED



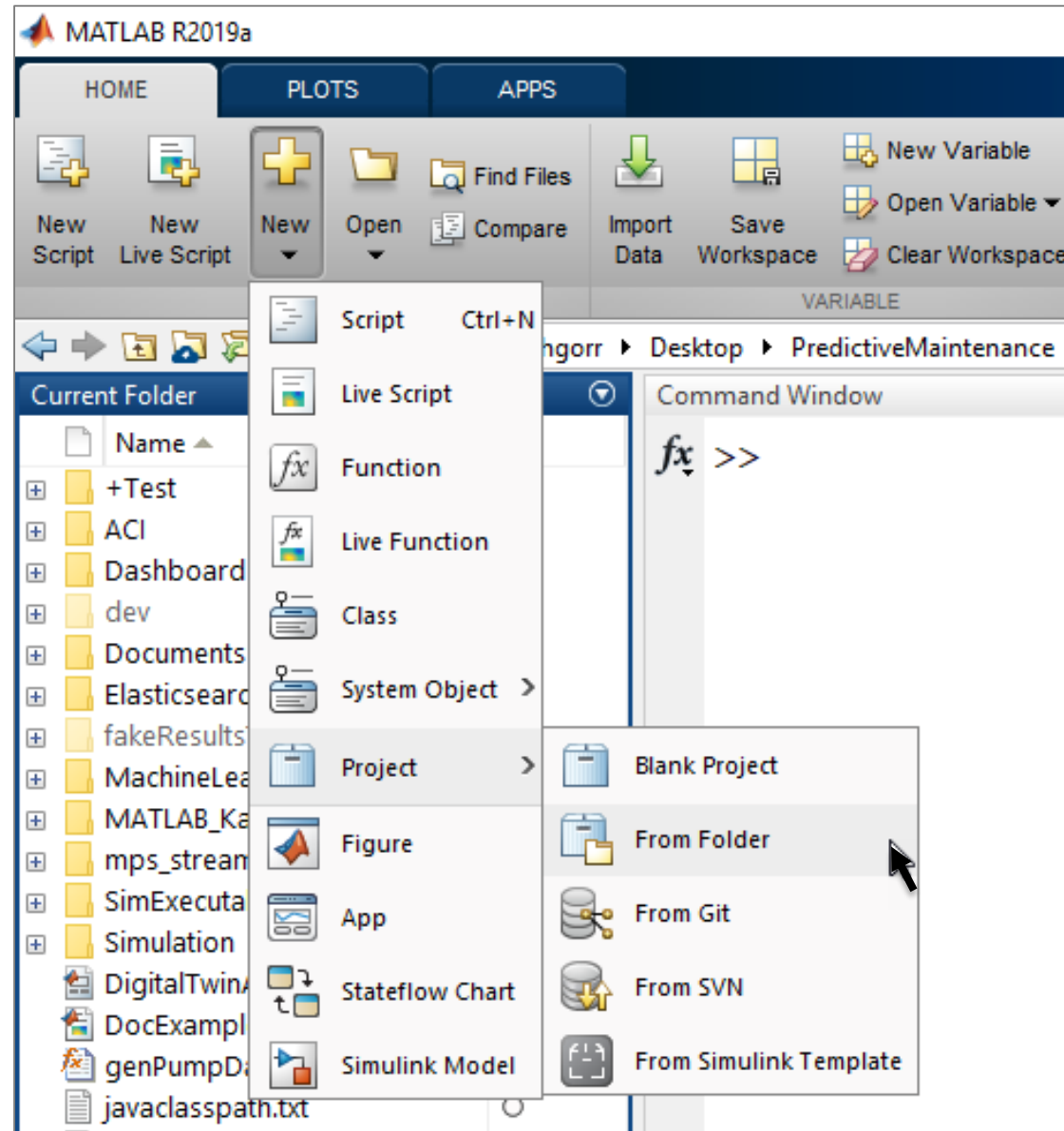
Prototype VaR Model

Refactor and Test Code

Continuous Integration and Deployment

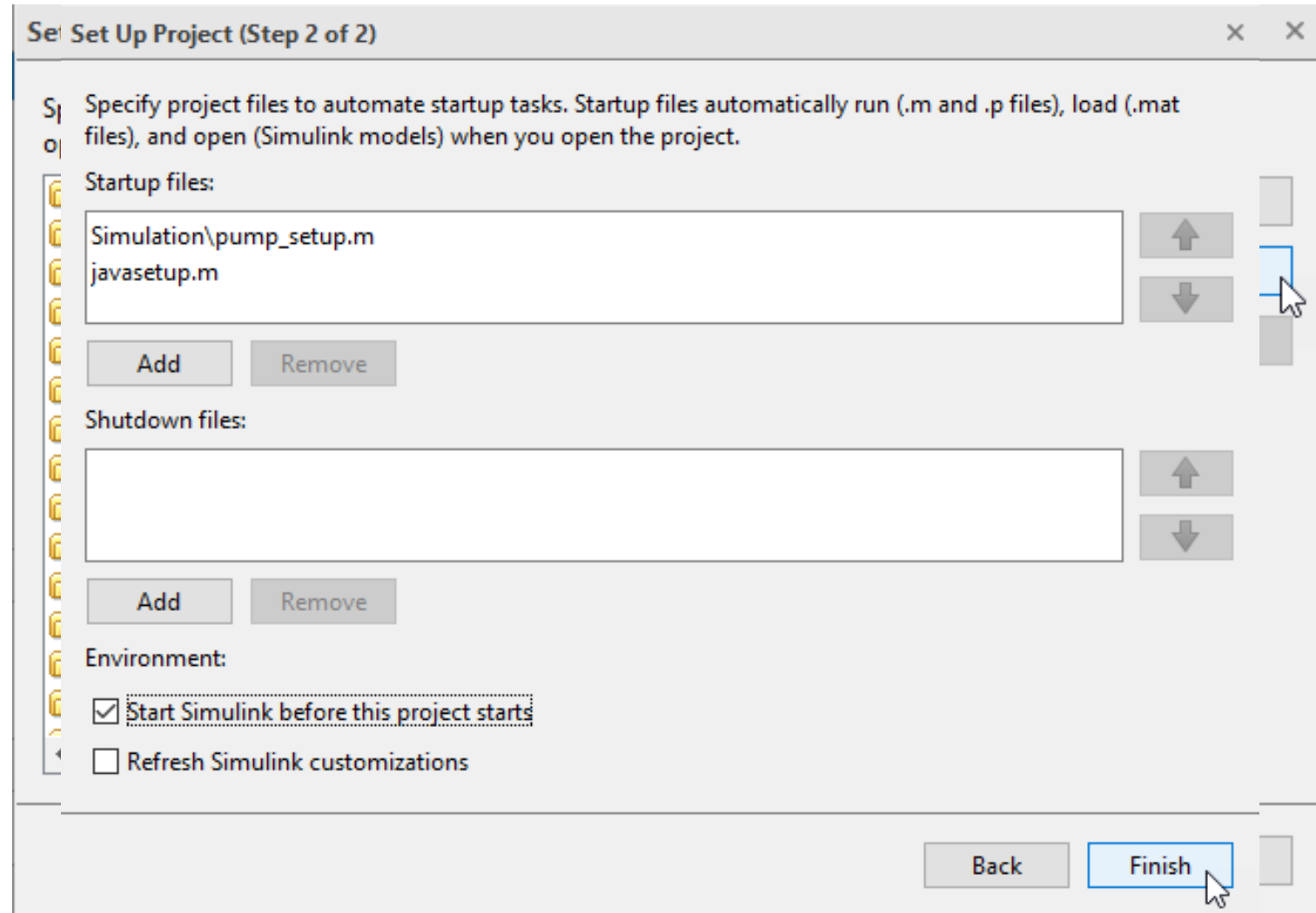
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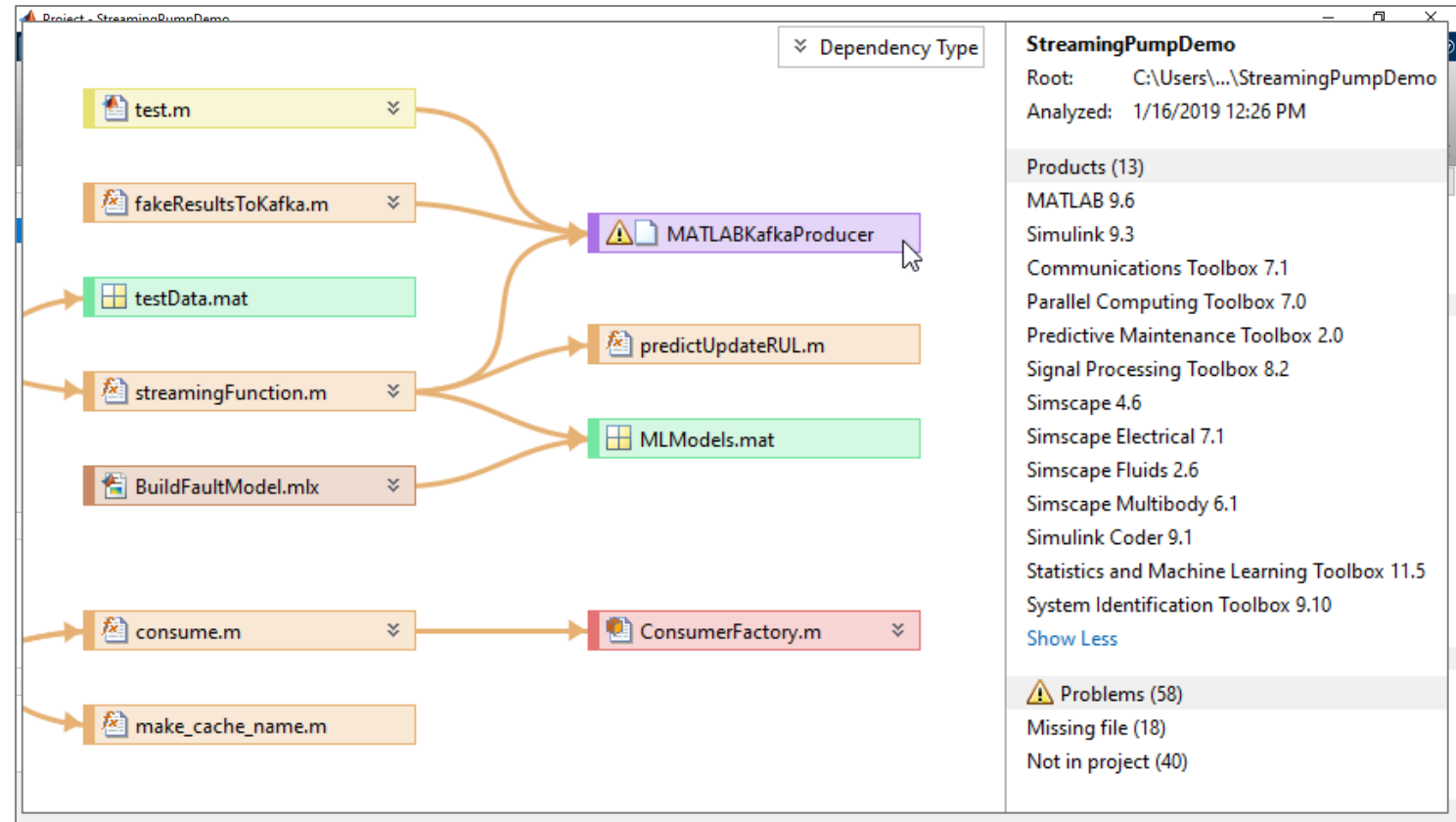
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2. Set path and startup tasks



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3. Explore dependencies



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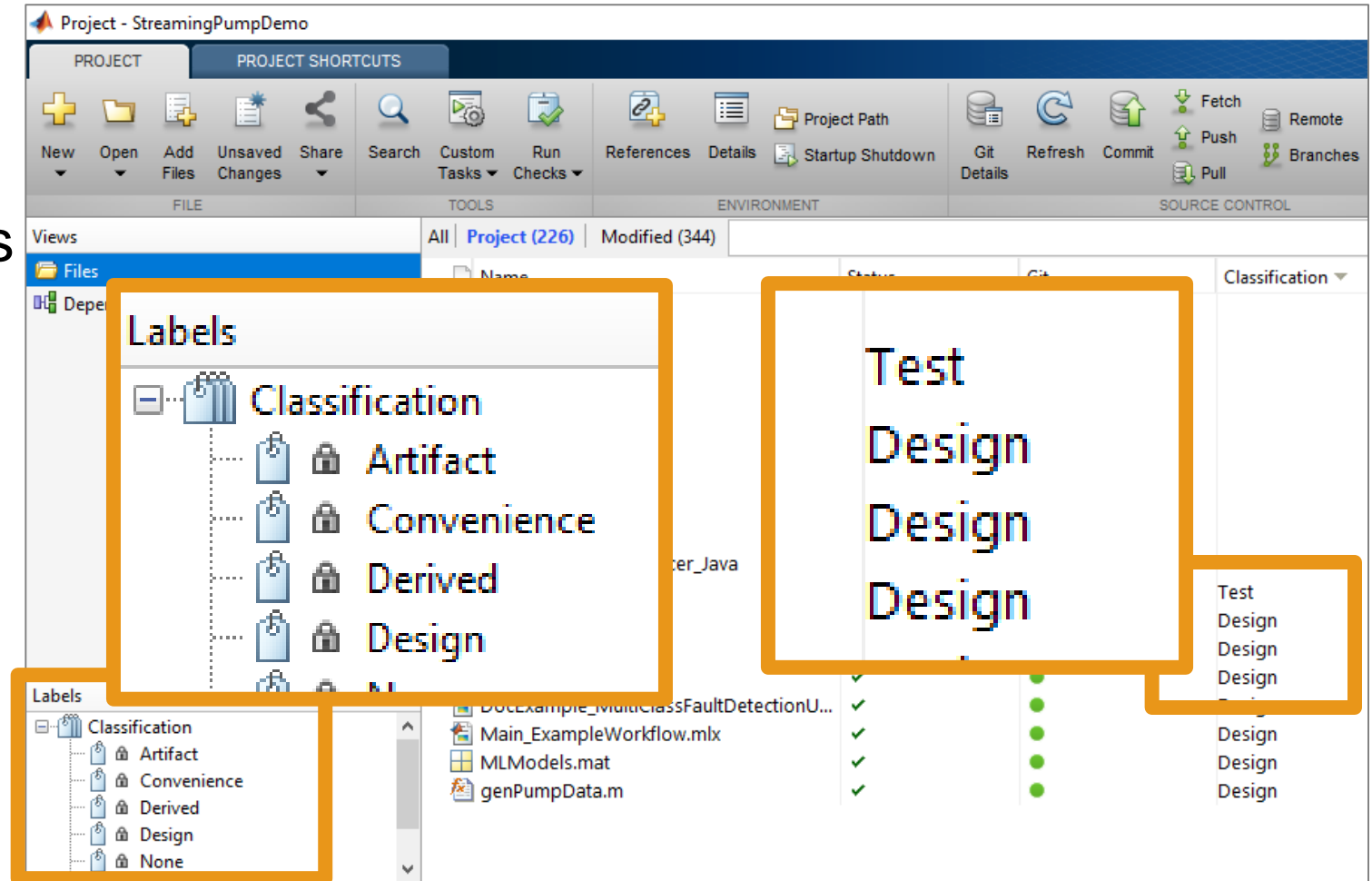


Identify and run tests

...on Continuous Integration (CI) servers

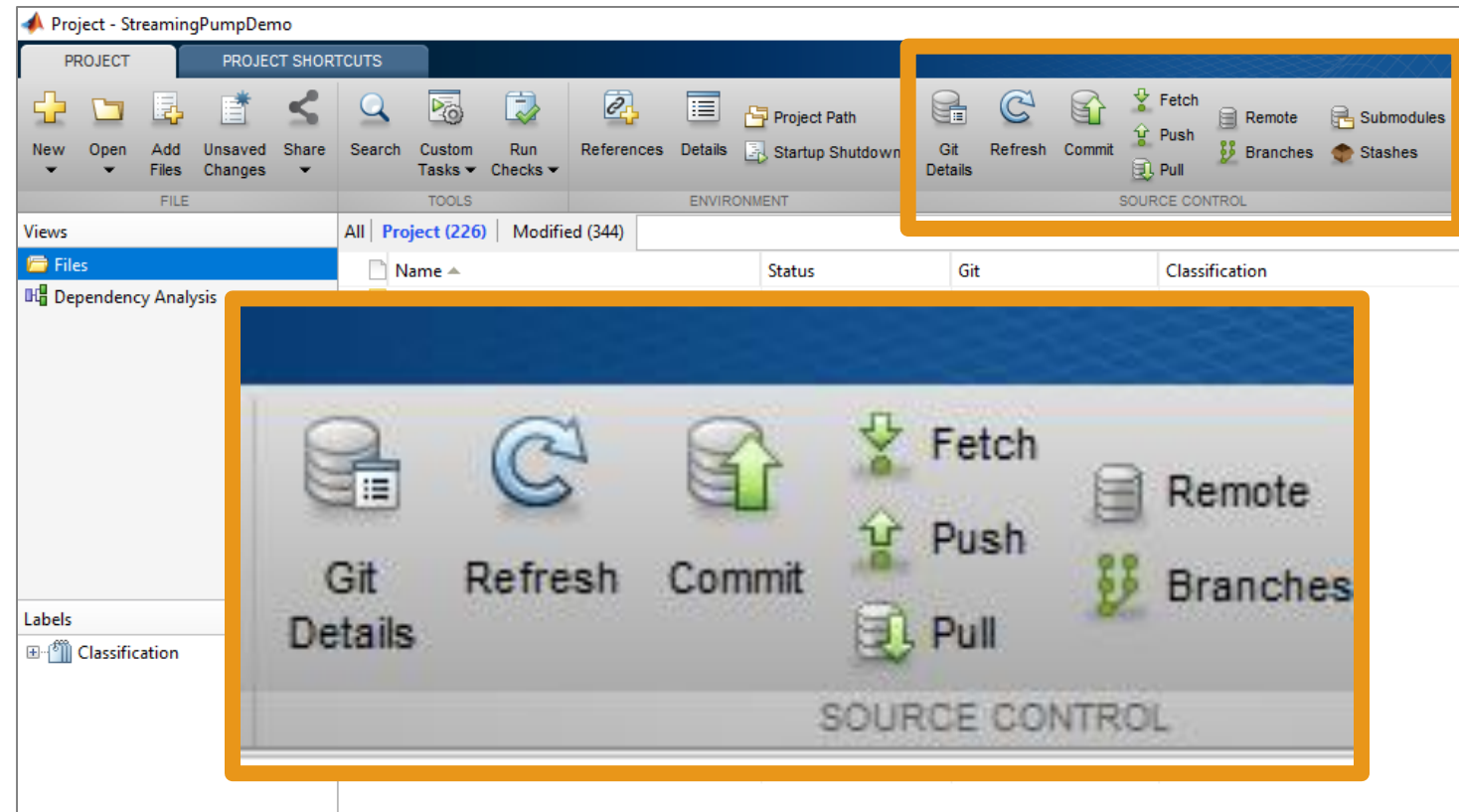
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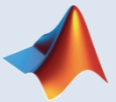


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3. Explore dependencies
4. Label files
5. Integrate source control



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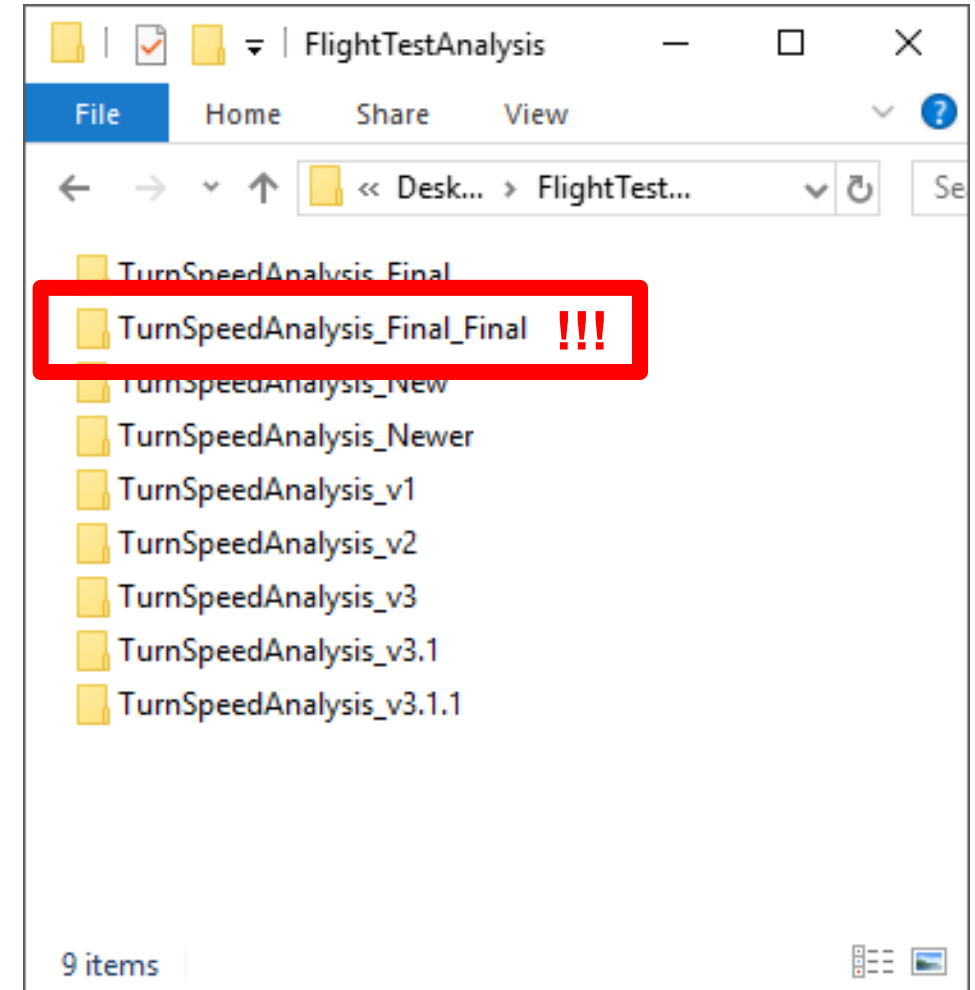
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# How do you keep track of and share your code as it changes?

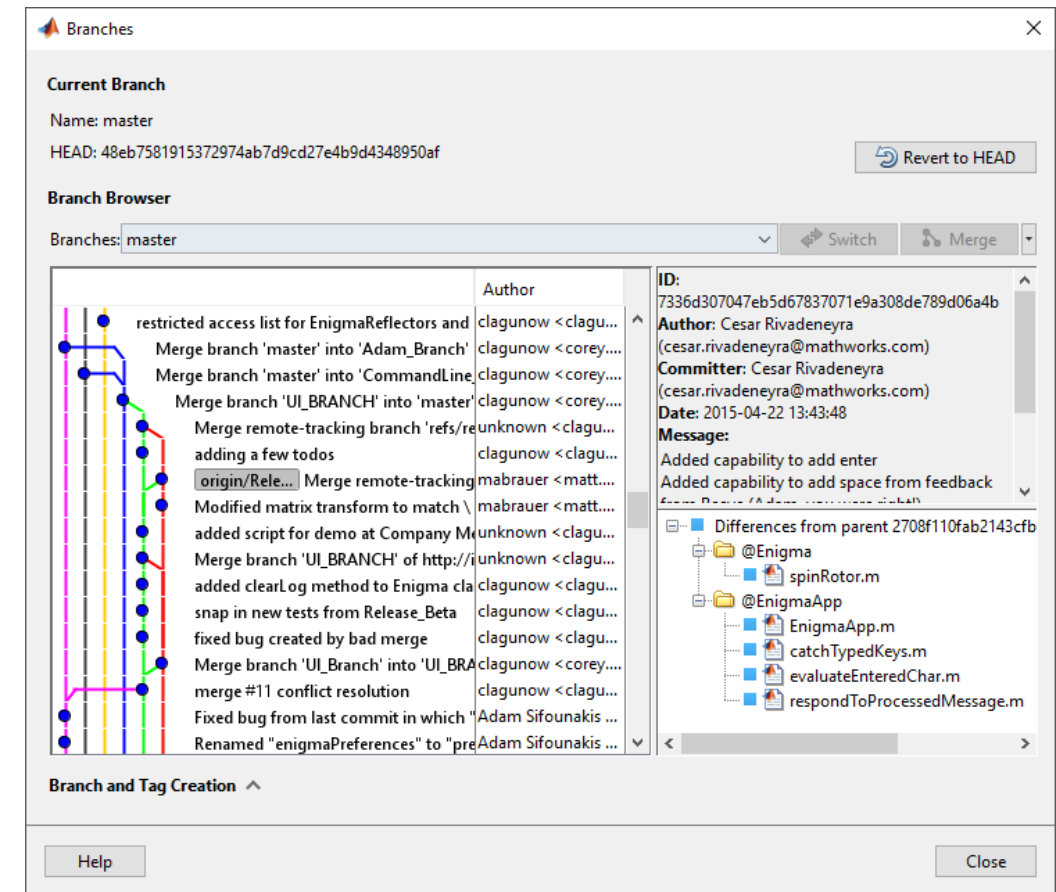
- Do you:
  - make copies of your code?
  - e-mail yourself copies of your code?
  - keep a spreadsheet of changes?
- Or do you not keep track of your changes?

**There's a better way!**



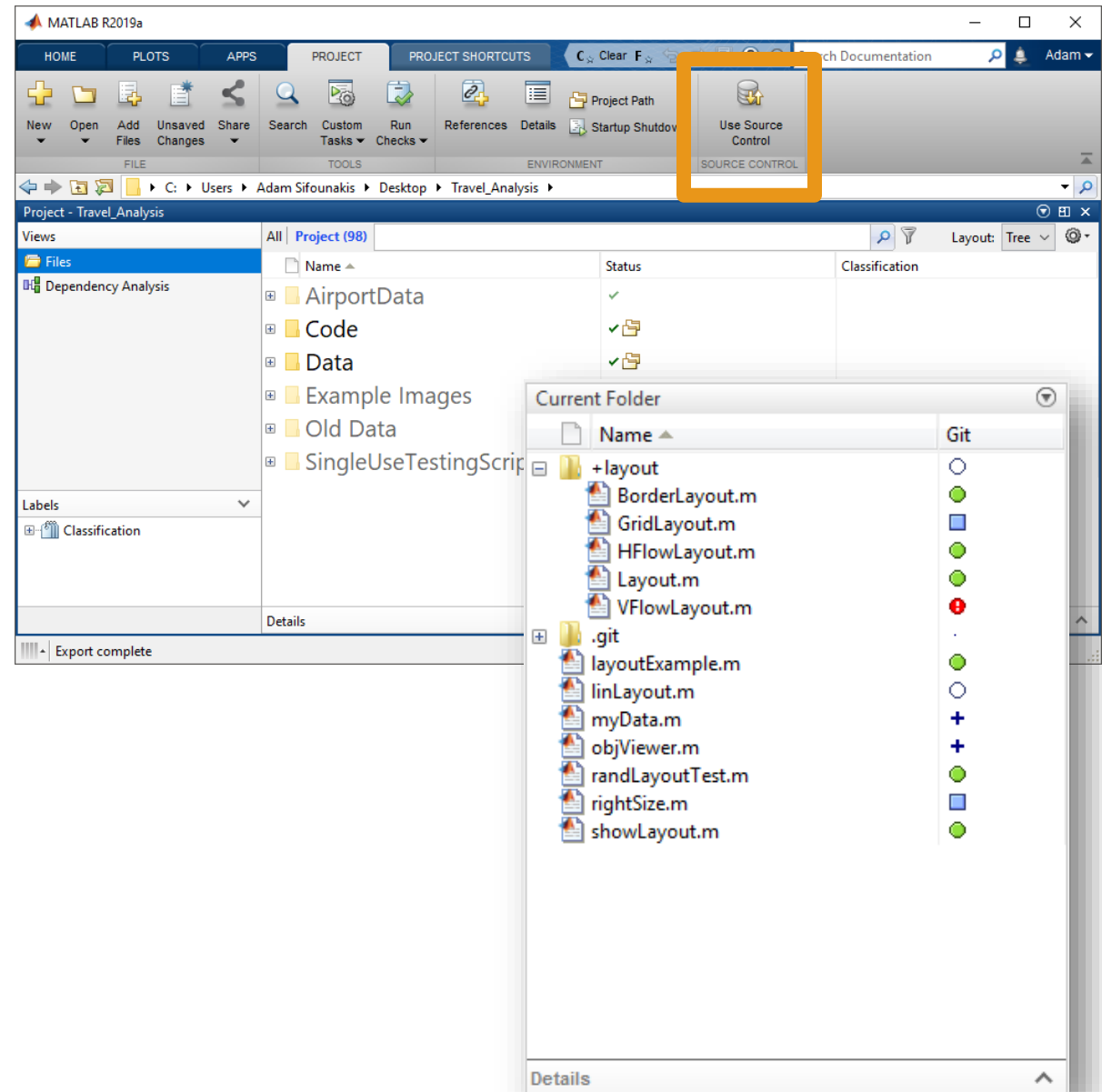
# Source Control

- A system to manage changes to code, documents, etc.
- Benefits of source control:
  - Maintain backups, history, and ability to restore
  - Track changes and responsibility
  - Simplify reconciling conflicting changes
  - Generate discussion
  - Save you from yourself



# Source Control integration

- Manage your code from within the MATLAB Desktop
- Git integrated into:
  - Projects
  - Current Folder browser
- Use Comparison Tool to view and merge changes between revisions



# Co-authoring workflows

## Creating a repo:

- Initialize
- Add
- Clone

## Making changes:

- Commit
- Push
- Branch
- Merge

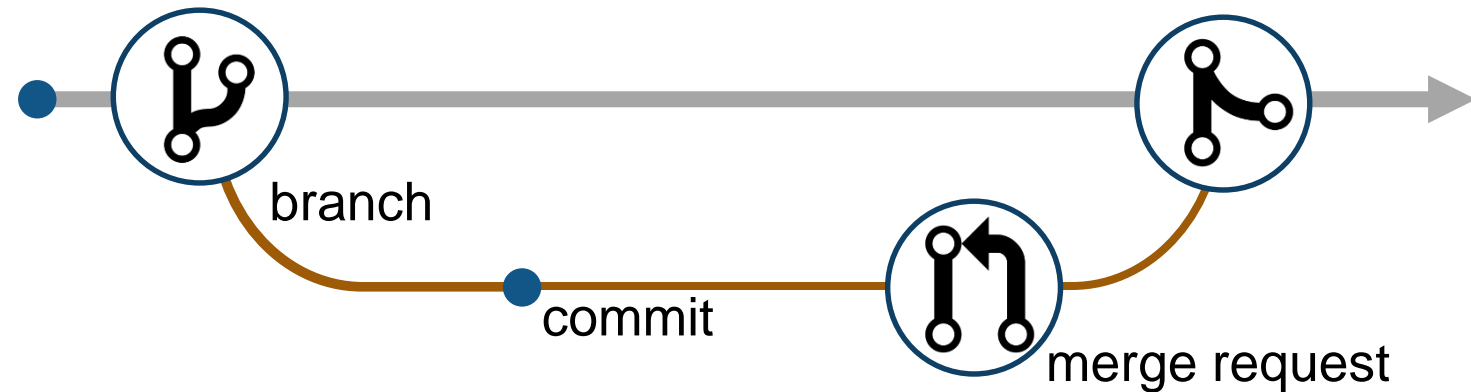
**Repo**

```
% Make prediction
RUL = predictRUL mdl, data, n;
```

predictUpdateRUL.m ●

**Repo**

```
% Make prediction only when slope changes
if ~isempty(mdl.SlopeDetectionInstant)
    RUL = predictRUL(mdl, data, n);
else
    RUL = old_state.RUL;
end
```




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## What defines “better” code?

- Better organized?
- Smaller?
- Faster?
- More stable?
- More portable?
- Easier to maintain?
- ...

**YES!**



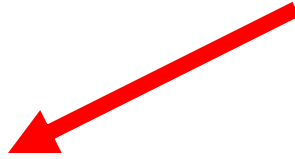
# Considerations when writing better, robust, and portable code

- Input validation
- Error handling
- Writing faster code using the MATLAB Profiler
- Writing code faster using the Live Editor
- Refactoring code to reduce complexity
- Writing code that works on all operating systems
- Sharing your code via apps, toolboxes, and deployment
- Integrating with other languages
- And more...

# Writing more robust code

```
>> y = myfunc( 1:5 )
```

```
Index exceeds matrix dimensions.
```



```
Error in mypkg1.mypkg1a.mypkg1ab.myfunc1 (line 9)
```

```
y(idx) = u(idx)*log(u_hat(idx))+(1-u(idx))*log(1-u_hat(idx));
```

```
Error in mypkg2.mypkg2a.myfunc2 (line 5)
```

```
y = mypkg1.mypkg1a.mypkg1ab.myfunc1( myVar1 .* myVar2 );
```

```
Error in mypkg3.mypkg3a.myfunc3>@(x)mypkg2.mypkg2a.myfunc2(x) (line 4)
```

```
y = arrayfun( @(x) mypkg2.mypkg2a.myfunc2( x ), myVar );
```

```
Error in mypkg3.mypkg3a.myfunc3 (line 4)
```

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```

```
Error in myfunc (line 10)
```





# Writing more robust code – Validating inputs

- `validateattributes`
- `assert`
- `isempty`, `isnan`, `isfinite`, ...
- `narginchk`
- `inputParser`
- Property validation for classes

```

1  function y = myfunc( x )
2
3  % Validate inputs
4  validateattributes(x, 'double', {'size', [1 3], 'increasing'});
5

```

```

>> myfunc( 1:5 )
Error using myfunc (line 4)
Expected input to be of size 1x3, but it is of size 1x5.

```

```

>> myfunc( [2 3 1] )
Error using myfunc (line 4)
Expected input to be increasing valued.

```

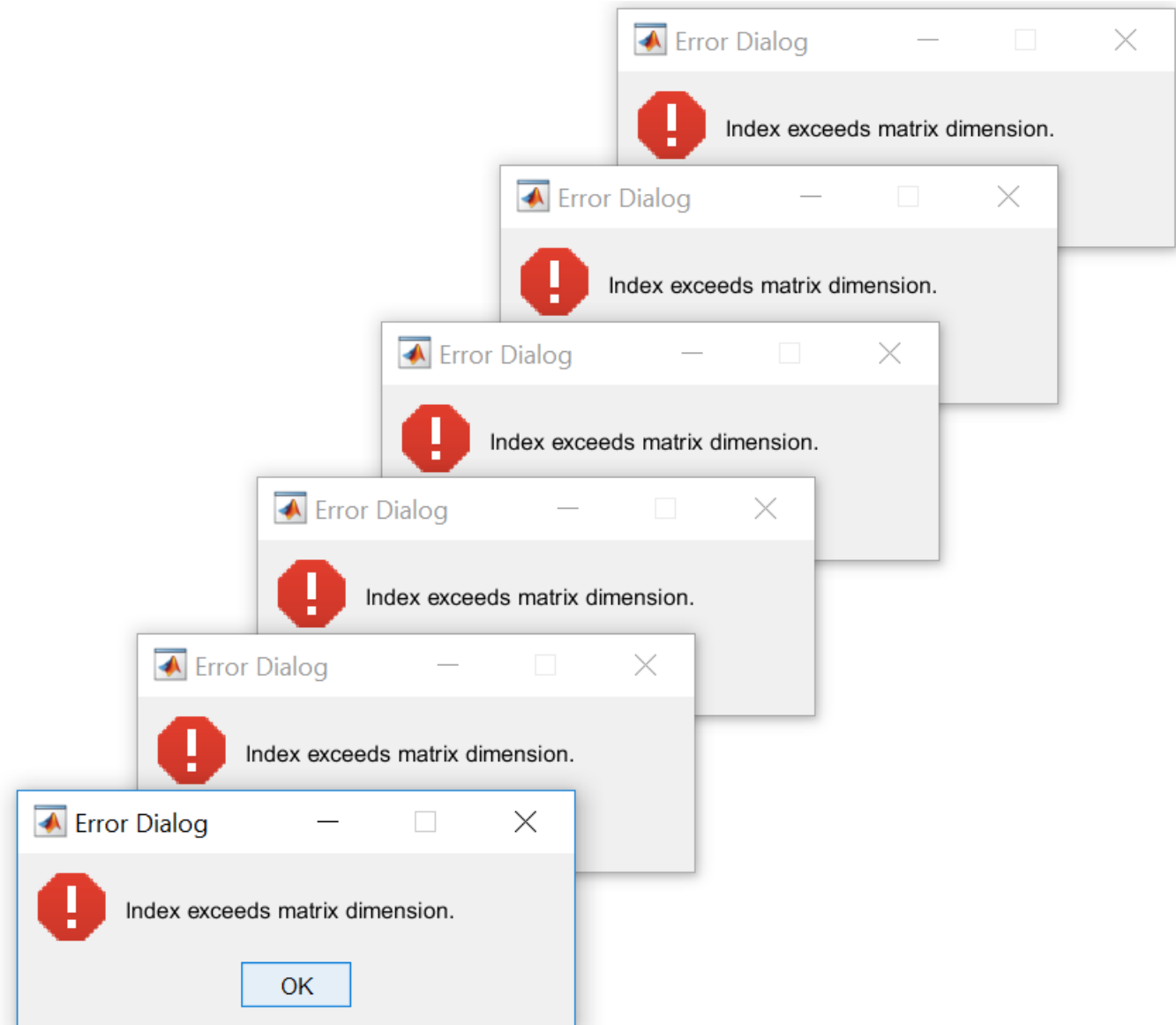
```

classdef ValidatorFunction
    properties
        Data(:,1) double {mustBePositive, mustBeFinite} = [1 2 3]
        Interp {mustBeMember(Interp,{'linear','spline'})} = 'linear'
    end
end

```

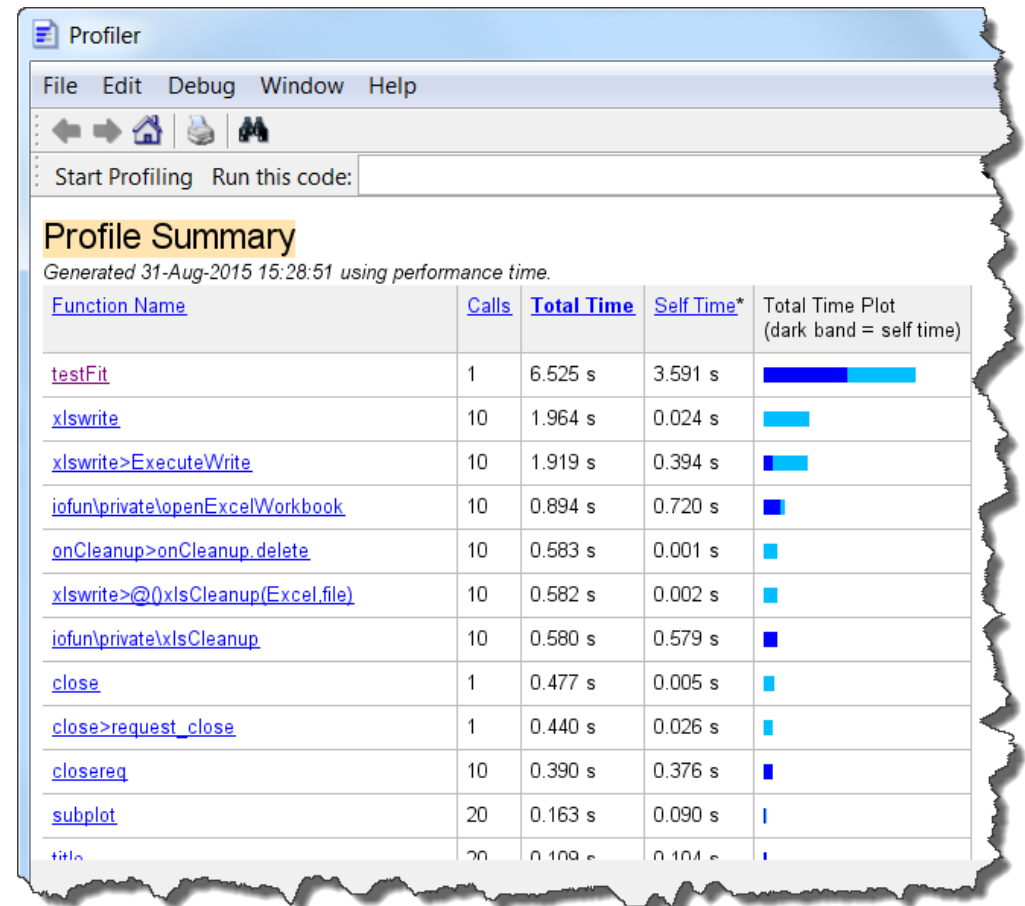
# Writing more robust code – Handling errors more elegantly

- error **and** warning
  - Use identifiers
- try/catch
- MException
- errordlg **and** warndlg



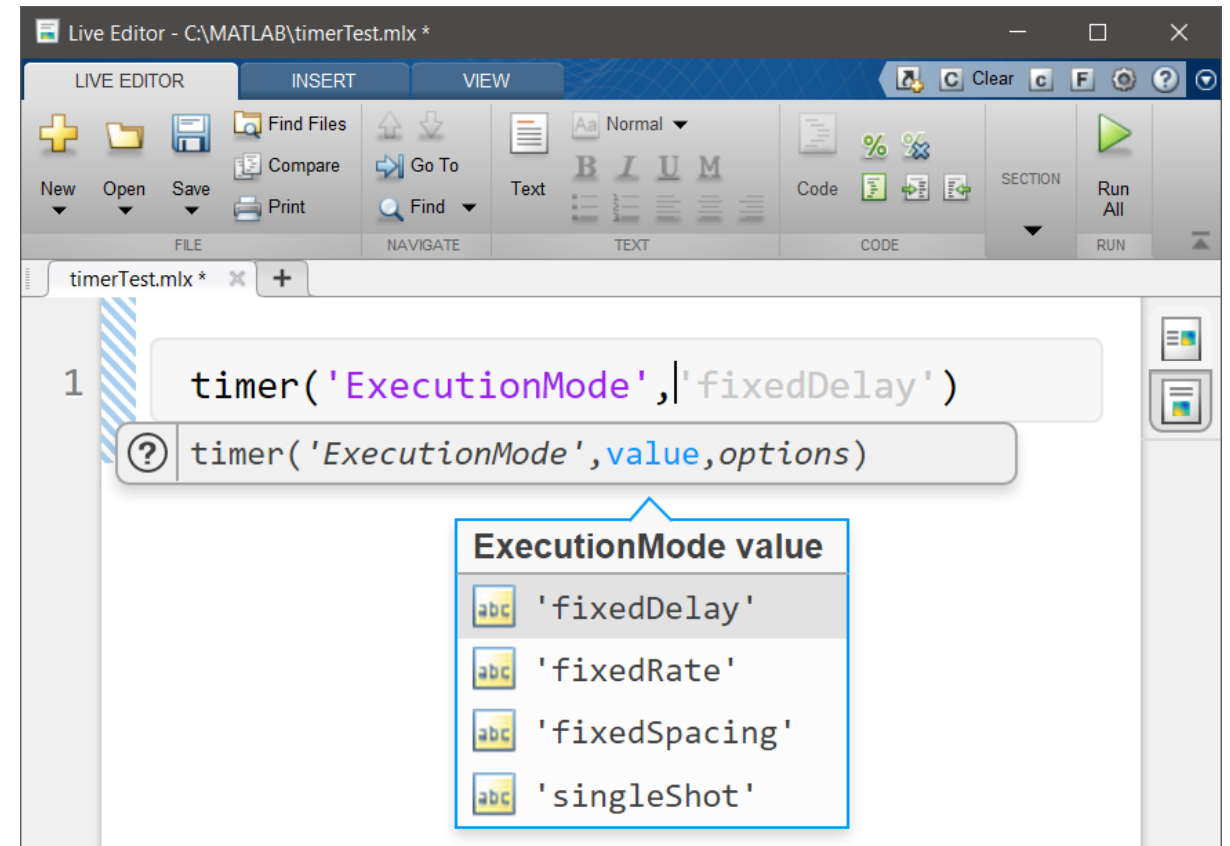
# Writing faster code – MATLAB Profiler

- Total number of function calls
- Time per function call
- Highlights largest code bottlenecks
- Statement coverage of code



# Writing code faster – Programming aids in the Live Editor

- Automatically closed parentheses, loops, and conditional blocks
- Context-aware coding guides
  - Automatically suggest function names, variables, or file names
  - List available Name/Value pairs



# Writing code faster – Quickly and safely refactoring code

- Live Editor shortcuts to refactor blocks of code into functions

Calculate my answer:

```
3 z1 = x+y;  
4 z2 = x-y;  
5 z3 = y-x;  
6 z4 = x*y;  
7 zSum = z1 + z2 + z3 + z4;
```

Display answers of interest:

```
8 disp(z3)  
9 disp(zSum)
```

Context menu options:

- Evaluate Selection in Command Window F9
- Open Selection Ctrl+D
- Help on Selection F1
- Copy Output
- Copy All Output
- Cut Ctrl+X
- Copy Ctrl+C
- Paste Ctrl+V
- Comment Ctrl+R
- Uncomment Ctrl+T
- Convert Between Code and Text Ctrl+E
- Change Case Ctrl+Shift+A
- Smart Indent Ctrl+I
- Convert to Function**
- Convert to Local Function**
- Insert Section Break Ctrl+Alt+Enter
- Run Section Ctrl+Enter
- Clear All Output

Live Editor - C:\MATLAB\TestFolder\myMathFunction.mlx

```
1 function [z3, zSum] = myMathFunction(x, y)  
2 z1 = x+y;  
3 z2 = x-y;  
4 z3 = y-x;  
5 z4 = x*y;  
6 zSum = z1 + z2 + z3 + z4;  
7 end
```

# Writing code faster – Quickly and safely refactoring code

- Function refactoring across files in Projects

The screenshot displays the MathWorks IDE interface for a project named 'Vehicle Modelling Project'. The top toolbar includes sections for PROJECT, PROJECT SHORTCUTS, and ENVIRONMENT. The PROJECT SHORTCUTS section contains icons for New, Open, Add Files, Unsaved Changes, Share, Search, Custom Tasks, Run Checks, References, and Details. The ENVIRONMENT section includes Project Path, Startup Shutdown, and Preferences. Below the toolbar, the 'Views' pane shows 'Files' and 'Dependency Analysis'. The main workspace displays a file tree for 'Project (645)' with 13 modified files. The file list includes folders (components, env, sim, tx, util, veh) and files (dutycyc.m, spdepi1.m, spdepi2.m, spdepi3.m, stiffref.m, torqueGear.m, trqbrgfric1.m, trqepi2.m, trqepi3.m). The 'Status' column shows green checkmarks for all files, and the 'Git' column shows green dots for tracked files. The bottom status bar indicates 'trqepi7.m (Function)' with 1 label.

Name	Status	Git
components	✓	■
env	✓	■
sim	✓	■
tx	✓	■
util	✓	■
veh	✓	■
dutycyc.m	✓	●
spdepi1.m	✓	●
spdepi2.m	✓	●
spdepi3.m	✓	●
stiffref.m	✓	●
torqueGear.m	✓	●
trqbrgfric1.m	✓	●
trqepi2.m	✓	+
trqepi3.m	✓	●

# Simple code quality and complexity assessment – checkcode

- Analyze all warnings and errors in a code

```
>> checkcode standardizeEmployeeInfo
```

```
L 13 (C 14-24): The value assigned here to 'maxDatetime' appears to be unused. Consider replacing it by ~.
```

```
L 80 (C 1-27): The value assigned to variable 'emailsInUsernameFormatParts' might be unused.
```

```
L 116 (C 1-17): The value assigned to variable 'validEmployeeData' might be unused.
```

```
L 118 (C 1-28): The value assigned to variable 'emailsInFirstLastFormatParts' might be unused.
```

- McCabe Cyclomatic Complexity

- Measures complexity based on the number of linearly independent paths through a code

```
>> checkcode -cyc standardizeEmployeeInfo
```

```
L 1 (C 14-36): The McCabe cyclomatic complexity of 'standardizeEmployeeInfo' is 13.
```

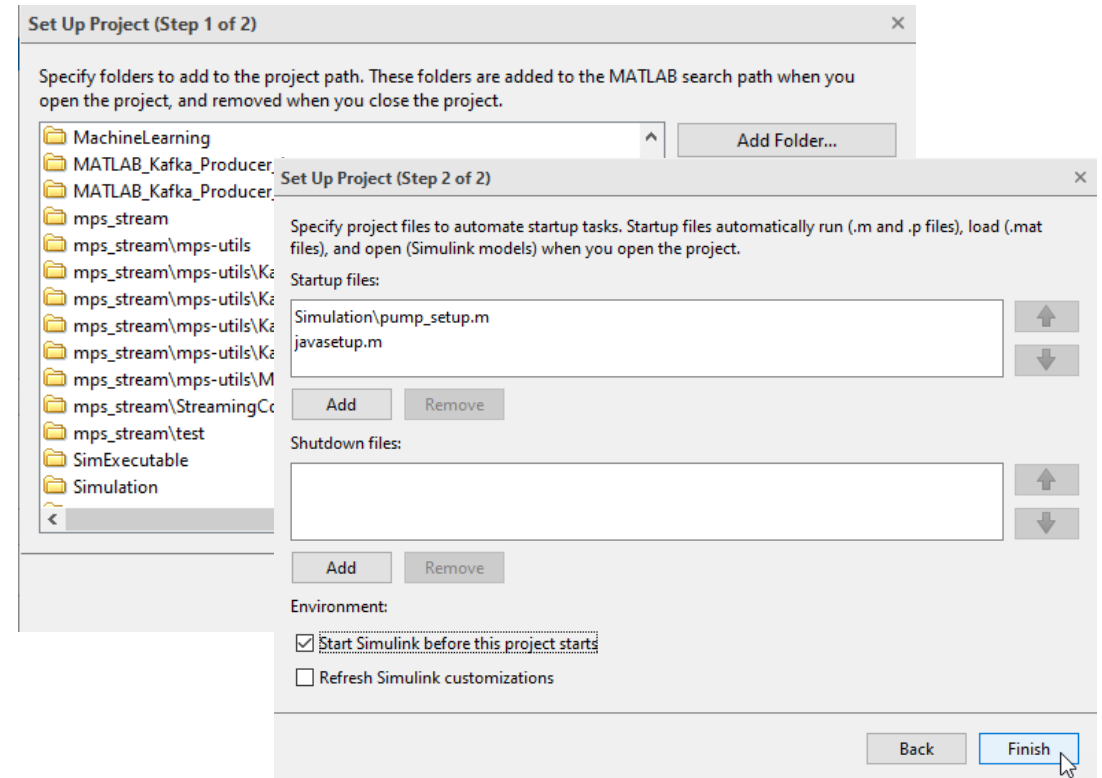
# Writing more portable code – Code that runs everywhere

- Operating System-aware code
  - `fullfile`
  - `ispc`, `ismac`, `isunix`
  
- More reliable portability with Projects
  - Consistent path management
  - Automated startup/shutdown procedures
  - Built-in file dependency analysis

```
>> fullfile("../", "data", "2019", "April")
```

**Windows:** `"..\data\2019\April"`

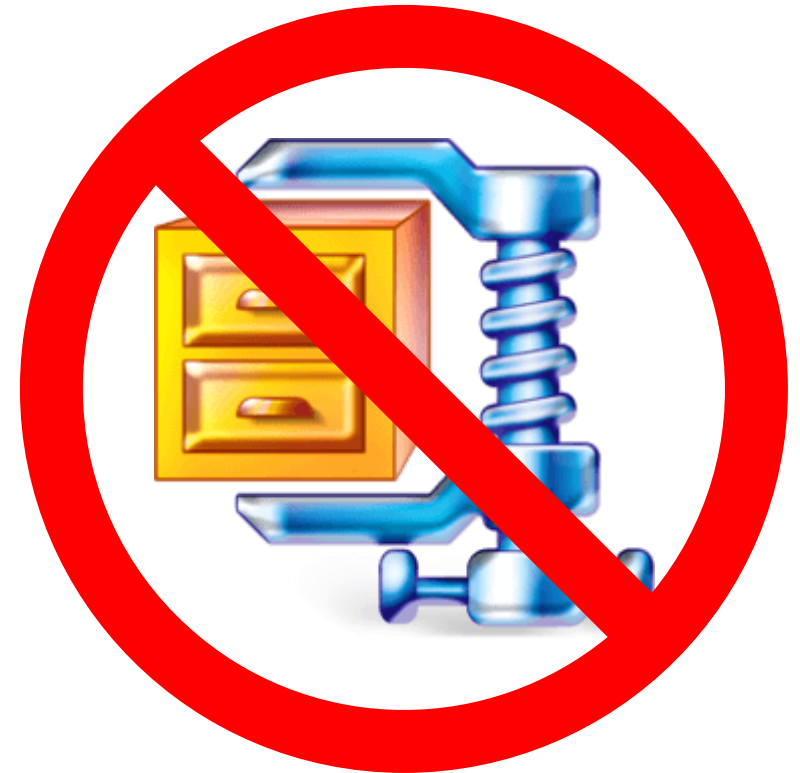
**Mac/Linux:** `"../data/2019/April"`





## Sharing your code – The traditional way

- Unzip the zip file
- Find the instructions and release notes
- Decide whether you want the thing
- Remove folders from old versions from the path
- Add folders to the path
- Save the path for next time
- Find the documentation
- Do work




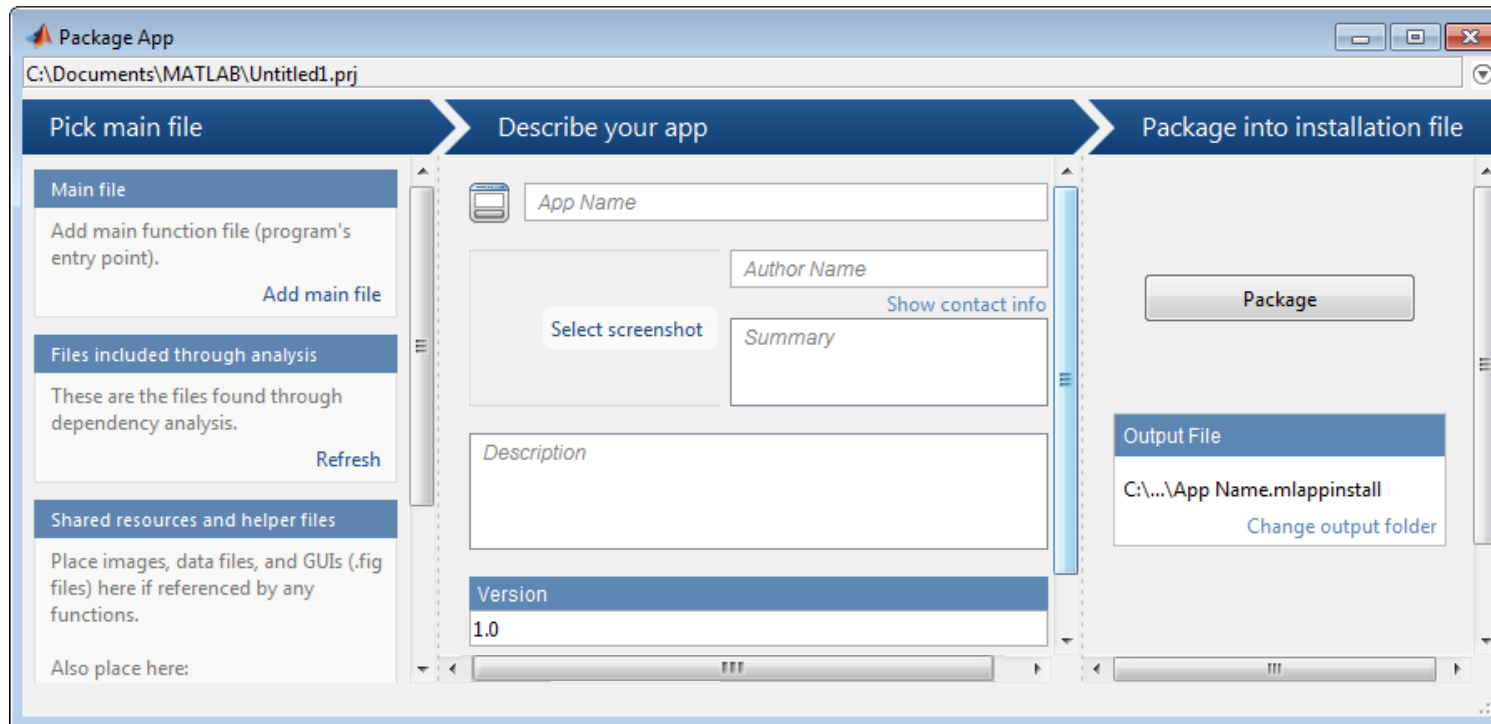
# Sharing your code – How should you share code?

**It depends on who you are sharing your code with:**

- Co-authors → Project
- End-user with MATLAB → Toolbox or App
- End-user without MATLAB → Deployment (application, library, C code ...)

# Sharing your code with MATLAB users – Packaging your code

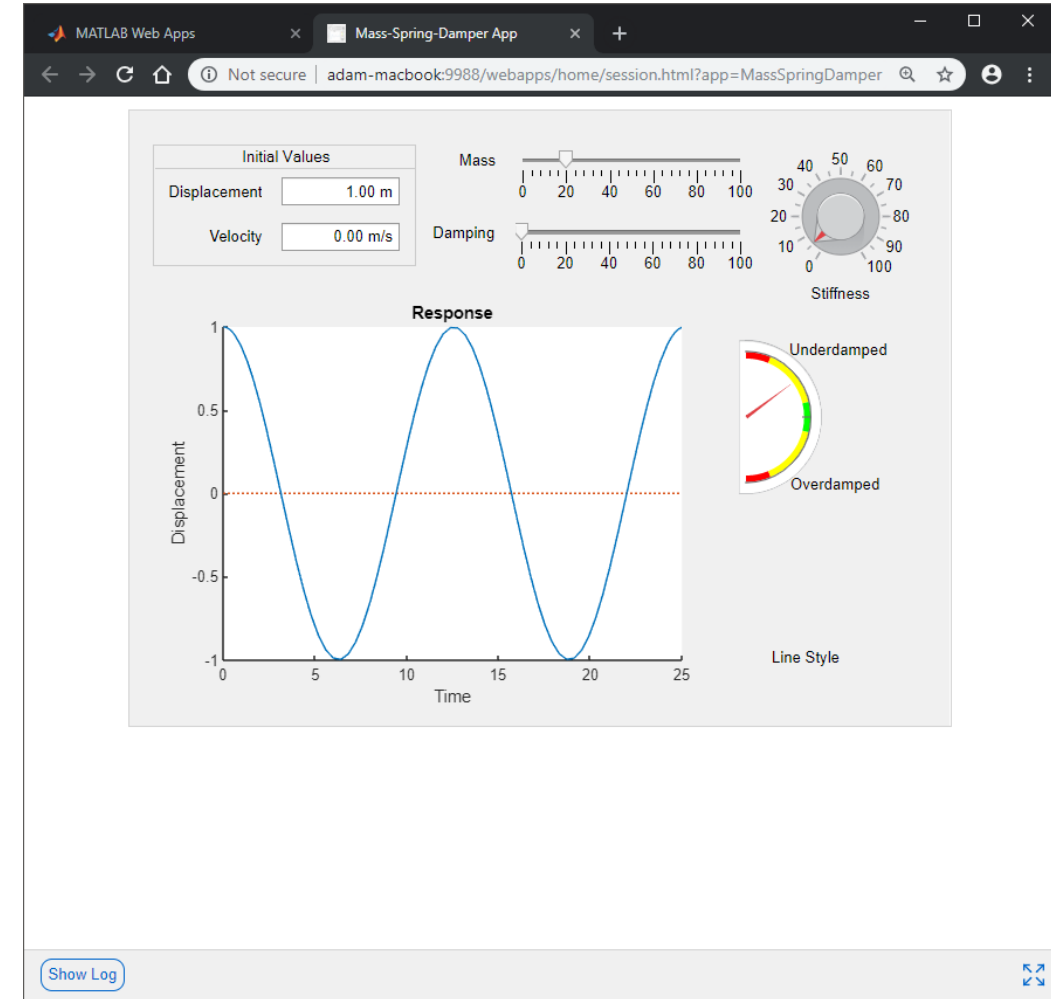
- Toolbox Packaging
  - App Packaging
- 
- Combine files into one installation file
  - Installs in MATLAB Add-Ons or Apps tab
  - Documents required products



# Sharing your code outside of MATLAB – Application Deployment

Share your applications as:

- Standalone software **MATLAB Compiler**
- Web applications **MATLAB Compiler**
- Language-specific libraries **MATLAB Compiler SDK**
- Generated code **MATLAB Coder**



# Integrating with other languages – External interfaces

## Calling Libraries Written in Another Language



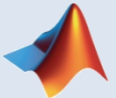
- Java
- Python
- C/C++
- Fortran
- COM components and ActiveX® controls
- RESTful, HTTP, and WSDL web services

## Calling MATLAB from Another Language



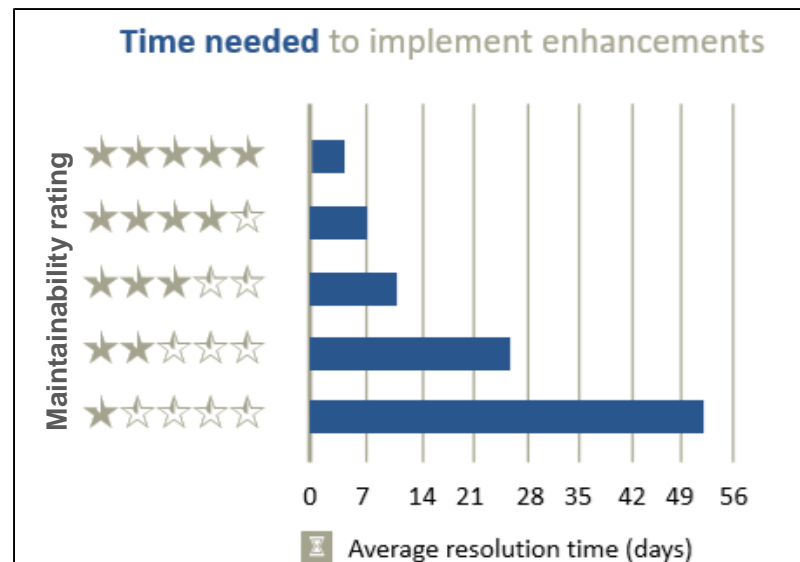
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- COM Automation server

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# Code Maintenance – The hidden cost of development

- How do you ensure code doesn't break over time?
- How do you keep new features from breaking existing features?
- How do you maintain confidence that your code is working as expected?



# Upgrading to the latest MATLAB – Code Compatibility Report

- Tool to help upgrade code to latest and greatest MATLAB
- Identifies potential compatibility issues
- Hundreds of checks for incompatibilities, errors, and warnings

Web Browser - (3 Errors) Code Compatibility Report

(3 Errors) Code Compatibility Report

Code Compatibility Report [Top](#) [3 Errors](#) [1 Warning](#) [304 Checks](#) [2 Files](#)

Analysis Date: 05-Sep-2017 14:32:08

MATLAB Version: R2017b

**Incompatibility and Syntax Errors**

Row	Filename	Line	Description	Details
1	classifyBloodPressure.m	<a href="#">18</a>	TREEFIT has been removed. Use fitctree or fitrtree instead.	<a href="#">Details</a>
2	classifyBloodPressure.m	<a href="#">21</a>	TREEDISP has been removed. Use ClassificationTree or RegressionTree VIEW methods instead.	<a href="#">Details</a>
3	classifyBloodPressure.m	<a href="#">24</a>	TREEVAL has been removed. Use ClassificationTree or RegressionTree PREDICT methods instead.	<a href="#">Details</a>

**Warnings and Other Recommendations**

Row	Filename	Line	Description	Details
1	classifyBloodPressure.m	<a href="#">7</a>	RAND or RANDN with the 'seed', 'state', or 'twister' inputs is not recommended. Use RNG instead.	<a href="#">Details</a>

Link to documentation for updates

Go directly to the line of code

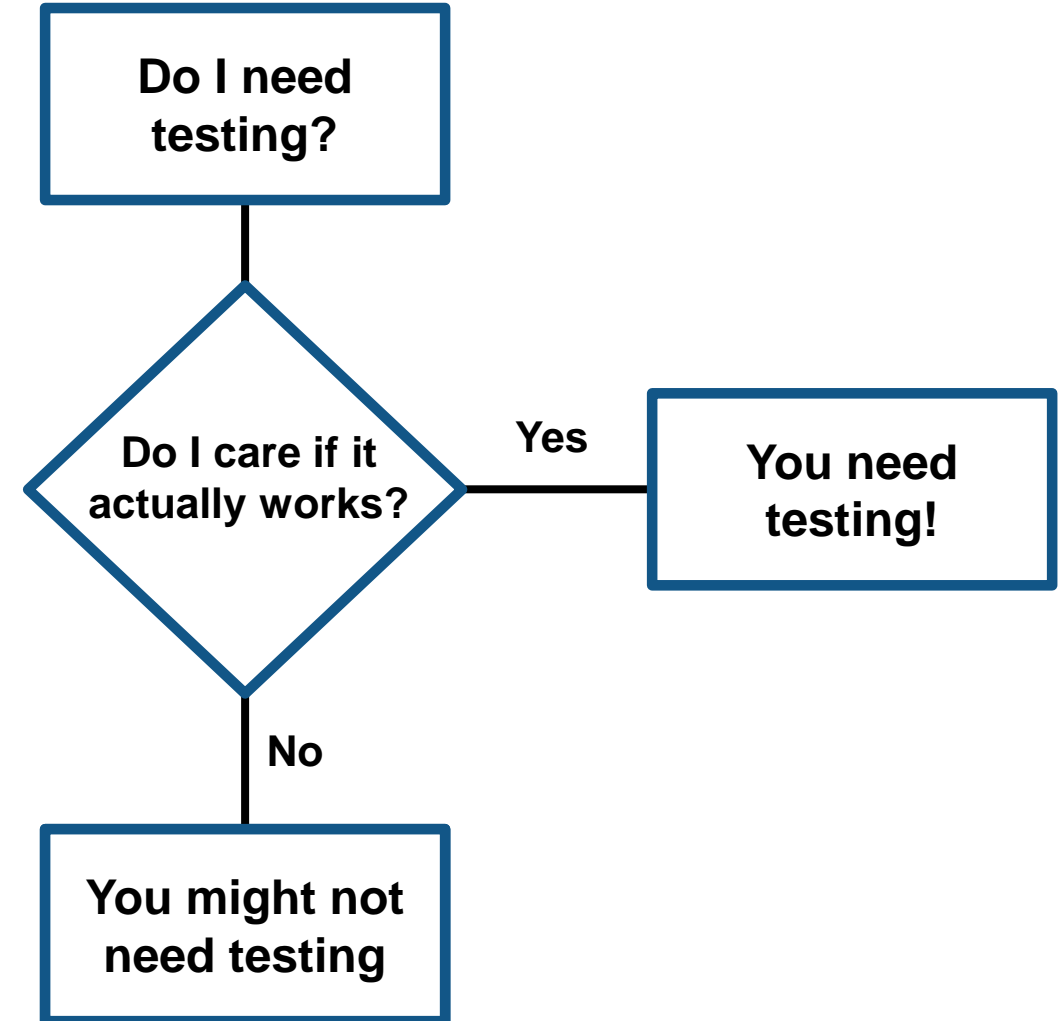


# Test early, test often, test automatically

- Reduce risk of code breaking
- Catch problems early
- Improve code quality
- Document expected behaviour



Credit: <http://geek-and-poke.com/>



# Testing Frameworks

*Test your code early and often*

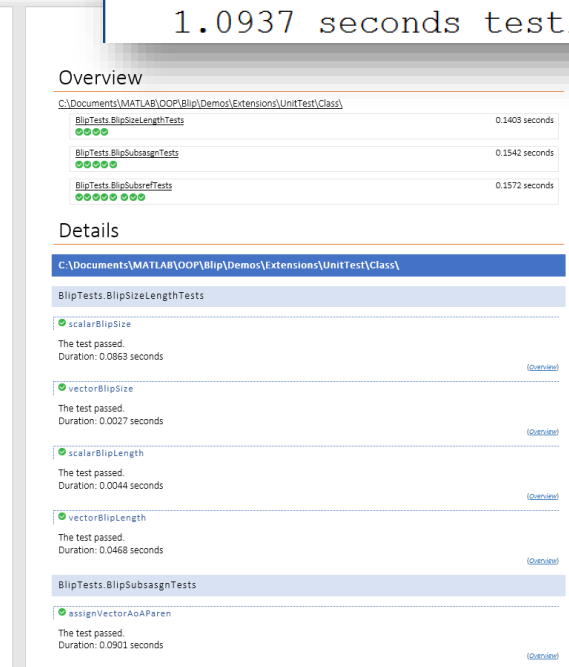
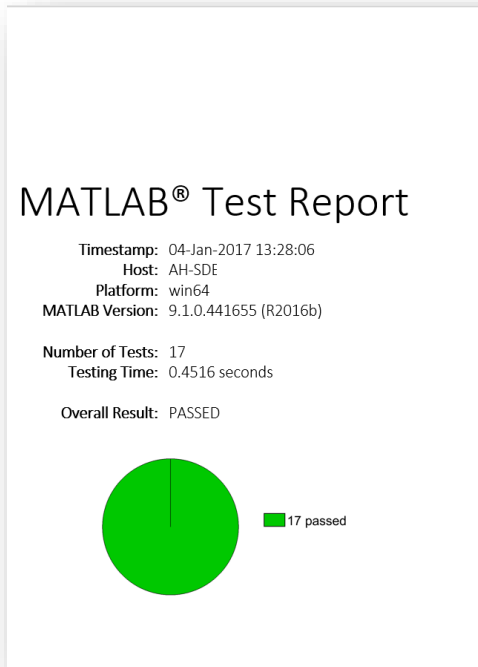
- MATLAB Unit Testing Framework
- Performance Testing Framework
- App Testing Framework

```

results =
    1×17 TestResult array with properties:

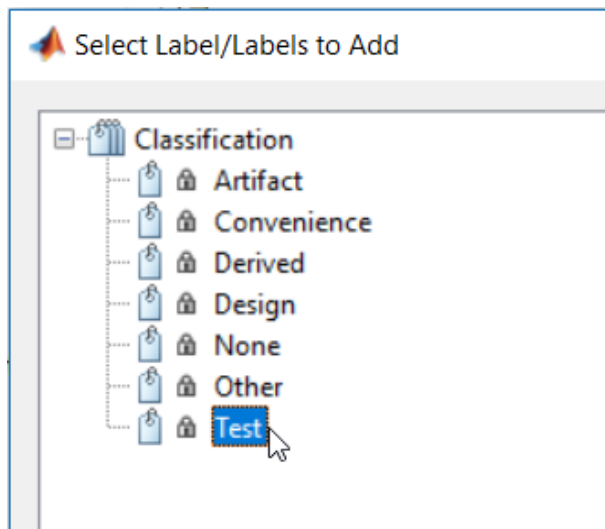
        Name
        Passed
        Failed
        Incomplete
        Duration
        Details

Totals:
    17 Passed, 0 Failed, 0 Incomplete.
    1.0937 seconds testing time.
    
```



# Testing Frameworks – Flexible development

- Script-based test
- Function-based test
- Class-based test
- Test integration with Projects



test\_Predictions.mlx

## Test Pump Fault Model

This includes unit tests for the predictions

### Test: Model type

Load the models and ensure they are the right types.

```

1 load MLModels trainedModel
2 mdl = trainedModel.ClassificationEnsemble;
3 assert(isa(mdl, 'classreg.learning.classif.CompactClassificationEnsemble'), ...
4         'Model is not a CompactClassificationEnsemble.')
```

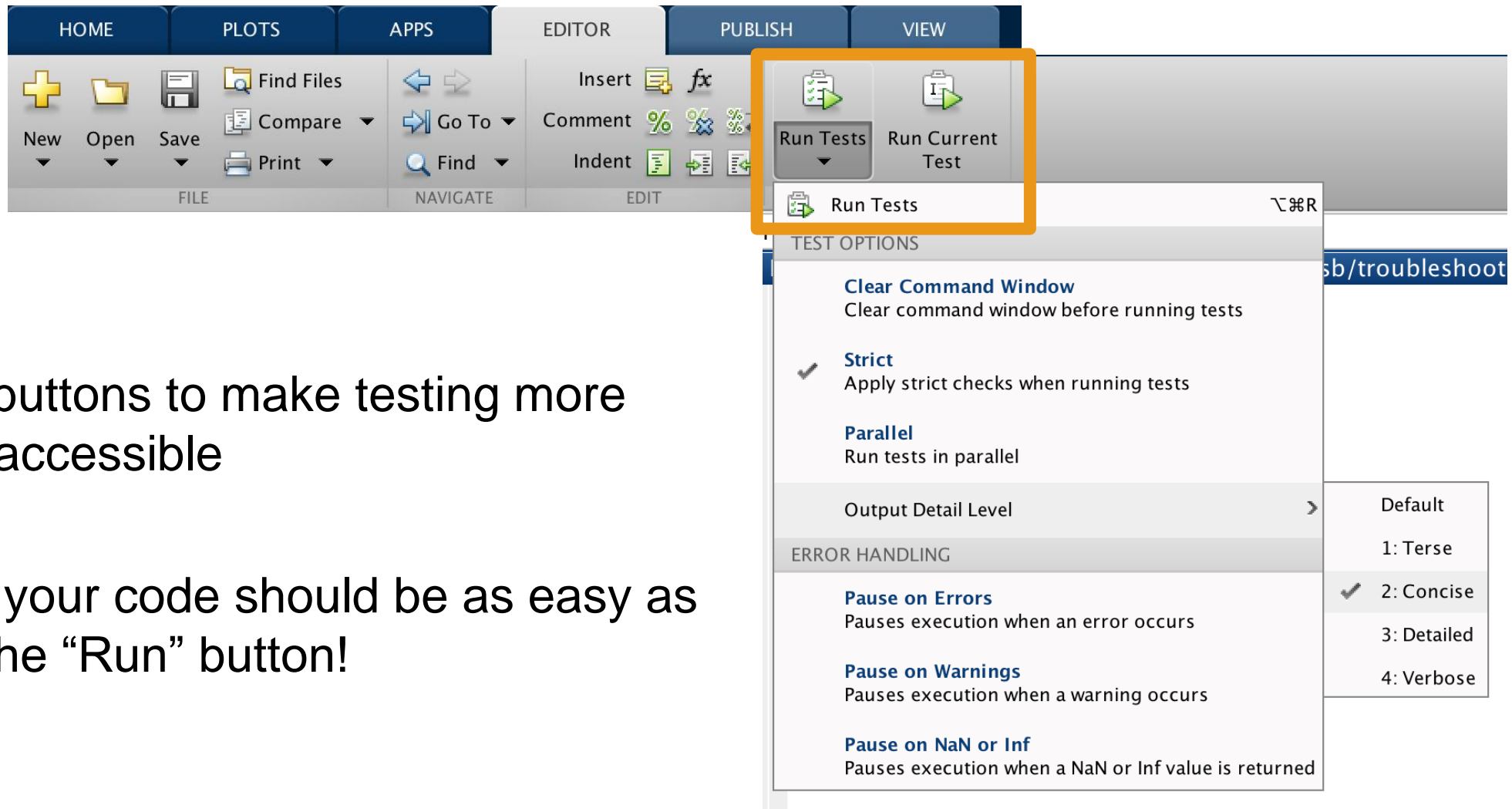
### Test: Prediction

Ensure a prediction is returned from the model using predictFcn.

```

5 load MLModels trainedModel
6 load MLData data
7 FaultType = trainedModel.predictFcn(data);
8 assert(length(FaultType) == height(data))
9 assert(iscategorical(FaultType))
```

# Testing Frameworks – Easily customize and run existing tests



The screenshot shows the MathWorks testing framework interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for HOME, PLOTS, APPS, EDITOR, PUBLISH, and VIEW. Below this is a ribbon with various toolbars: FILE (New, Open, Save, Find Files, Compare, Print), NAVIGATE (Go To, Find), EDIT (Insert, Comment, Indent), and TEST (Run Tests, Run Current Test). The 'Run Tests' button is highlighted with an orange box. A 'TEST OPTIONS' dialog box is open, showing various settings for running tests.

**TEST OPTIONS**

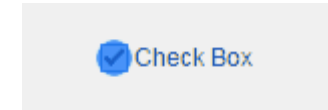
- Clear Command Window**  
Clear command window before running tests
- Strict**  
Apply strict checks when running tests
- Parallel**  
Run tests in parallel
- Output Detail Level** > Default
  - 1: Terse
  - 2: Concise
  - 3: Detailed
  - 4: Verbose
- ERROR HANDLING**
  - Pause on Errors**  
Pauses execution when an error occurs
  - Pause on Warnings**  
Pauses execution when a warning occurs
  - Pause on NaN or Inf**  
Pauses execution when a NaN or Inf value is returned

- Added buttons to make testing more readily accessible
- Testing your code should be as easy as hitting the “Run” button!

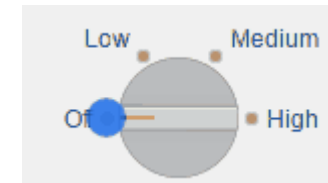
# Testing Frameworks – App Testing Framework

- Verify app behavior with tests that programmatically perform gestures on a UI component

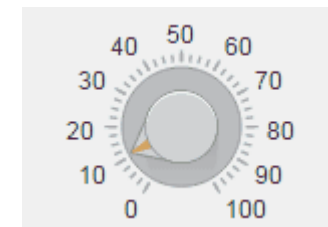
```
testCase.press(myApp.checkbox)
```



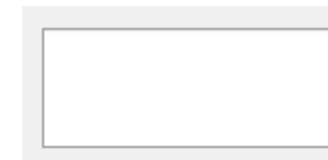
```
testCase.choose(myApp.discreteKnob, "Medium")
```



```
testCase.drag(myApp.continuousKnob, 10, 90)
```

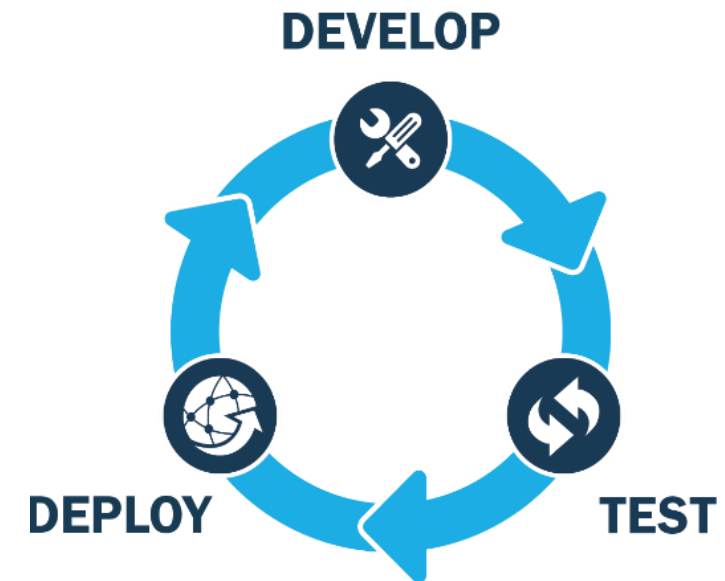


```
testCase.type(myApp.editfield, myTextVar)
```

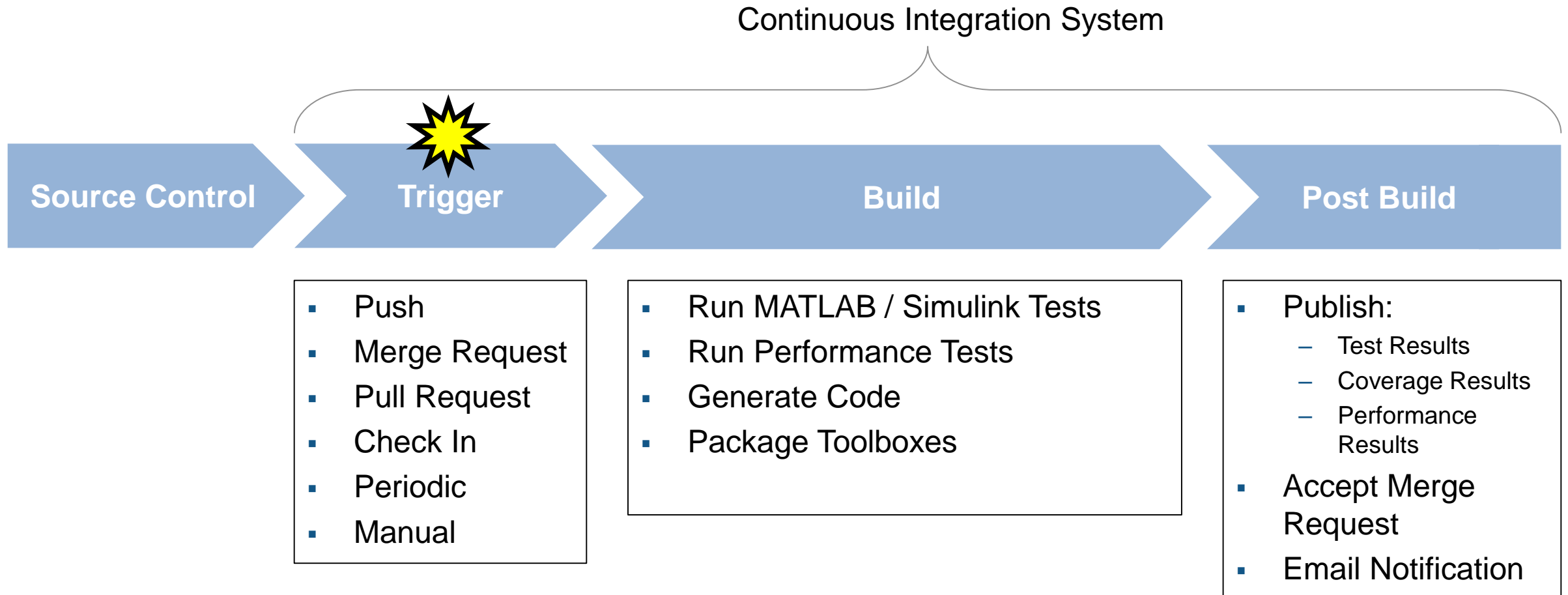


# Automated Testing – Continuous Integration (CI)

- A system to automate the building, testing, integration, and deployment of code as it is being developed and maintained
- Popular CI systems: Jenkins, Travis, CircleCI , Bamboo, and others...
- Benefits:
  - Detect integration bugs early
  - Allow you to stop bugs from being accepted
  - Track and report testing history
  - Flexible testing schedules and triggers



# Automated Testing – Continuous Integration workflow



# Automated Testing – Jenkins plugin



- Easily connect and configure MATLAB with Jenkins
- Schedule automatic code execution and testing:
  - based on time of day
  - whenever new code changes are committed

## Plugins Index

Discover the 1000+ community contributed Jenkins plugins to support building, deploying and automating any project.

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Source code management	Zoom	OverOps Query	Analysis Model API
Build management	CodeBuilder: AWS CodeBuild	LoadNinja	Warnings Next Generation
	Cloud Agents	QRebel	JDK Tool



# Automated Testing – Jenkins plugin – Configuration



- Easy configuration
  - Locate MATLAB
  - Identify repository to load
  - Set build triggers
  - Add build step

**Build Triggers**

Trigger

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Sched

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GitHub hook trigger for GITScm polling

Poll SCM

**Source**

None

Git

Repo

**Add build step**

- Execute Windows batch command
- Execute shell
- Inject environment variables
- Invoke top-level Maven targets
- Run MATLAB Tests**
- Set build status to "pending" on GitHub commit

Id next run at

job



# Automated Testing – Jenkins plugin – Testing reports

- View testing results
- View code coverage
- View testing reports

### Test Result

1 failures (+1) 3 tests (±0)

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#### All Failed

Test Name: designT

Status: Sta

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#### File Coverage summary

Name	Classes	Lines	Conditionals
simulateSystem.m	100% 1/1	90% 9/10	100% 0/0

#### Project Mass-Spring-Damper

[add description](#) Disable Project

Coverage Report

Workspace

Recent Changes

#### TAP Tests

#### Code Coverage

Packages 100% Files 100% Classes 100% Lines 93% Conditionals

#### Test Result Trend

(just show failures) enlarge

#### Permalinks


- Last build (#89), 1 mo 24 days ago
- Last stable build (#88), 1 mo 29 days ago
- Last successful build (#88), 1 mo 29 days ago
- Last failed build (#89), 1 mo 24 days ago
- Last unstable build (#52), 2 mo 7 days ago
- Last unsuccessful build (#89), 1 mo 24 days ago
- Last completed build (#89), 1 mo 24 days ago

#### Source

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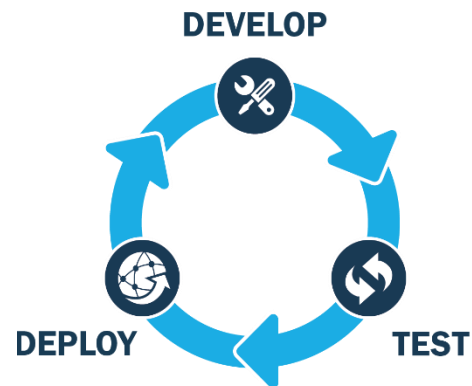
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# Agenda

	Managing your code
	Tracking code changes and co-authoring workflows
	Writing better, robust, and portable code
	Testing and maintaining your code
	Summary

## Key Takeaways

- You will save you time, effort, money, and frustration with good software development practices.
- MATLAB provides tools that enable agile software development.
- We're adding more software development tools and features every release!



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