

MATLAB: Access and installation

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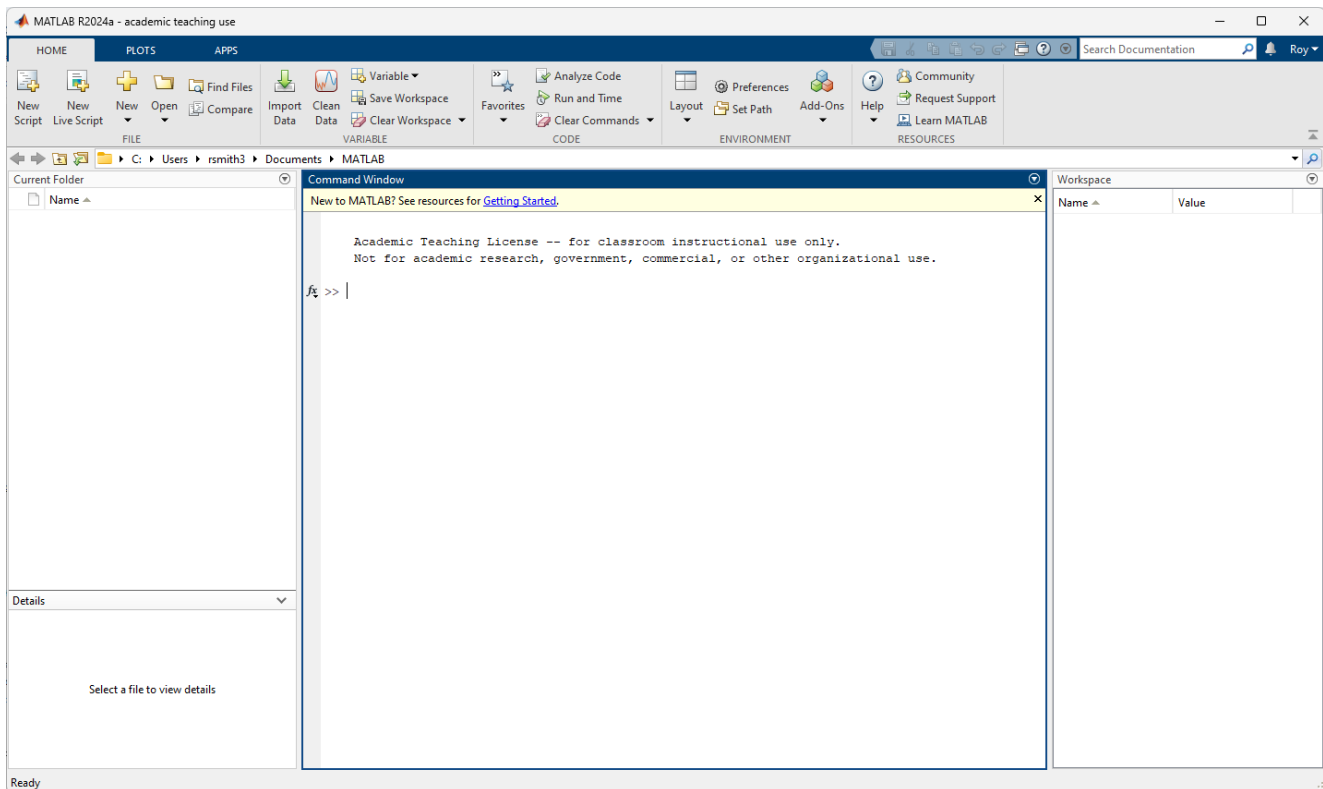
This article reviews **what MATLAB is** and **how you can access it!**

Before you begin:

- You **do not need** an account to use MATLAB in [public labs and classrooms](#).
- You **do need** an account for access to certain toolboxes or to [install on your device](#).

What is MATLAB?

MATLAB is a high-level programming language and environment for numerical computation, data analysis, visualization, and algorithm development.



MathWorks account

Faculty member teaching a class with MATLAB? Contact [Alyssa Pivrotto](#) to create accounts for all students in a course, or for more information on **MATLAB Grader** and other new license features.

Attention: Haverford students should get an account on [Haverford's license](#).

Free account

Anyone can [get a free account](#) to use [MATLAB Online](#). However, they are **limited to 20hrs/month** of compute time.

Licensed account

Accounts with our Academic Teaching License have **no compute time limit** and allow MATLAB to be installed on **College and personal devices**.

1. Open **Google Chrome**
2. Navigate to [MathWorks' account creation page](#)
3. **Create an account using your College email address**
4. [Contact the Help Desk](#) to request a MATLAB license

Note: If you already have an account **using a different email address**.

In public labs and classrooms

As MATLAB transitions to a new license, public lab and classroom computers will use an older, non-user/account-based version of MATLAB. Anyone can use this software -- no account is needed.

Attention: If you require access to the **latest version** of MATLAB or to **toolboxes** not [included on these computers](#), you will need to [request access to the new license](#) and either:

- [Use MATLAB Online](#)

- [Install MATLAB on your device](#)

On your device(s)

MATLAB Online

1. Open **Google Chrome**
2. Navigate to matlab.mathworks.com
3. If prompted, login with your **College email** and **MathWorks account password**
4. Click **>> Open MATLAB Online**

The screenshot displays the MATLAB Online web interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the MATLAB logo on the left and a search bar on the right. Below the header, a navigation menu is visible on the left side, including sections for 'Get Help' (Documentation, MATLAB Answers, File Exchange, Videos) and 'Learn' (Online Training, Cody, Blogs). A prominent blue button labeled '>> Open MATLAB Online' is located in the top navigation area, with a red arrow pointing to it. To the right of this button is an 'Install MATLAB' button. Below the navigation, a large light gray box contains a folder icon and the text: 'This is where you will find your recent files and folders. Open MATLAB Online to add content and get started.' At the bottom of the page, there is an 'Online Training' section featuring three course cards: 'MATLAB Onramp' (Unlimited Access), 'Simulink Onramp' (Unlimited Access), and 'MATLAB Fundamentals' (Access Expires 6/29/2025). Each card has a 'Start' button. A 'View more' link is present below the first two cards, and a 'View all courses' link is at the bottom right.

MATLAB (installable)

1. Navigate to the [MATLAB download page](#)
2. If prompted, login with your **College email** and **MathWorks account password**
3. Ensure "Select Release" is set to **2024a**
4. Follow the download instructions below based on **your device**

Download (Windows)

Download (macOS)

Questions?

If you have any additional questions or problems, don't hesitate to reach out to the **Help Desk!**

Phone: 610-526-7440 | [Library and Help Desk hours](#) 📞

Email: help@brynmawr.edu | [Service catalog](#) 📧

Location: Canaday Library 1st floor
