

STI PRODUCT TYPE FACTSHEET FOR DOE LABORATORY RESEARCHERS:

Scientific and Technical Software



ABOUT STI

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DEFINITION

Scientific/technical software is computer software* that has been developed and/or modified during work supported by DOE. As a form of STI, it is a result of research and development or other science and technology work and is a stable, usable version expected to be useful to others (that is, its use is not limited to a single site due to specific technology or equipment). As DOE's software management facility, OSTI manages the Software Center and DOE CODE, (website: <https://www.osti.gov/doecode/>; email: doecode@osti.gov) the new software services platform and search tool for DOE-funded code.

*The terms "software" and "code" are used interchangeably.

SUBMISSIONS

Each DOE laboratory has a site program to manage scientific and technical information produced under the contract and to make it available to DOE's Office of Scientific and Technical Information. STI and Software points of contact are at <http://www.osti.gov/stip/stimanagers>.

DOE national laboratories and other DOE facilities/contractors who have developed and/or modified software during work supported by DOE or during work carried out for others at DOE facilities are required to announce a record of the software to the Department of Energy, if the software meets the following criteria:

- the software meets the definition of STI (<https://www.osti.gov/stip/stidefined>).
- a stable, usable, documented version of the software exists (i.e., the software is not under initial development);
- the software has undergone all appropriate reviews for sensitivity and export control.

The record has basic metadata field requirements; however, other optional/non-mandatory data fields should be included during announcement when possible.

DOE CODE offers two paths to provide code. Users can (1) Submit code to DOE CODE, and (2) Announce code to DOE for official review and release through DOE CODE. Codes in later stages of development are the primary use case for the latter functionality. Project Type, as follows, determines when uploading of code is required. Source code is required (A) when submitting or announcing codes with Project Type Closed Source, OSTI Hosted (CS-OH) and (B) for announcing codes with Project Types Open Source, No Publicly Available Repository (OS-NPAR) and Closed Source, Site Hosted (CS-SH). For the first Project Type, CS-OH, compiled binary may be provided as a last resort when the code is not available. For Project Type, CS-OH, the source code is required because the system takes the uploaded file and automatically creates a GitLab repository for the project and adds the Repository Link back into the record for the user. For Project Types OS-NPAR and CS-SH, the code is required for preservation purposes only; i.e., not for distribution by OSTI.

Future versions of DOE CODE will address submission of limited availability software. Until then, please continue to utilize Announcement Notice 241.4 (<https://www.osti.gov/elink/241-4.jsp>) for submission of limited availability software. Using the Lab's processes for STI software submission, metadata/citation information for the software should be provided, and a copy of the software on a disk should be sent to the OSTI/E-Link Software Center, P.O. Box 62, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, when submitting the AN 241.4.

STI AVAILABILITY



OSTI.GOV (<https://www.osti.gov>) is the primary search tool for DOE science, technology, and engineering research and development results and the organizational hub for information about the DOE Office of Scientific and Technical Information. **OSTI.GOV** makes discoverable over 70 years of research results from DOE and its predecessor agencies. Research results include journal articles/accepted manuscripts and related metadata; technical reports; scientific research datasets and collections; scientific software; patents; conference and workshop papers; books and theses; and multimedia. **OSTI.GOV** contains over 3 million records, including citations to 1.6 million journal articles, 1.1 million of which have digital object identifiers (DOIs) linking to full-text articles on publishers' websites. **OSTI.GOV** provides access to this DOE STI by offering numerous easy-to-use search capabilities and customization options; and for the DOE community, additional citation information is available to help researchers evaluate article impact and find related research.



As the new DOE software services platform and search tool for DOE-funded code, **DOE CODE** provides functionality for collaboration, archiving, and discovery of scientific and business software.

OSTI.GOV and **DOE CODE** are included in the Federal science portal **Science.gov** (<https://www.science.gov>) and the international science portal **WorldWideScience.org** (<https://worldwidescience.org>). **Science.gov**, hosted by OSTI, offers free access to research and development (R&D) results and scientific and technical information from more than 60 databases from scientific organizations across 13 federal agencies. **WorldWideScience.org** searches over 100 STI resources including national libraries and information centers from more than 70 countries.

OSTI also works in close collaboration with Google and others, using Sitemap Protocols and other information industry standards to facilitate the discovery of DOE STI through widely used search engines.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/CONTACTS

- ✚ The STIP website at <https://www.osti.gov/stip/>
- ✚ The DOECODE website at <https://www.osti.gov/doecode/>
- ✚ OSTI staff will respond to questions/suggestions sent to stip@osti.gov or doecode@osti.gov
 - ✚ Questions related to software may also be sent to doecode@osti.gov
 - ✚ Questions related to E-Link may also be sent to elink_helpdesk@osti.gov