Response to Editor

March 13, 2015

Dear authors,

In my role as Executive editor of GMD, I would like to bring to your attention our Editorial:

http://www.geoscientific-model-development.net/gmd_journal_white_paper.pdf

http://www.geosci-model-dev.net/6/1233/2013/gmd-6-1233-2013.html

This highlights some requirements of papers published in GMD, which is also available on the GMD website in the "Manuscript Types" section:

http://www.geoscientific-model-development.net/submission/manuscript_types.html

In particular, please note that for your paper, the following requirements have not been met in the Discussions paper please correct this in your revised submission to GMD.

"- The paper must be accompanied by the code, or means of accessing the code, for the purpose of peer-review. If the code is normally distributed in a way which could compromise the anonymity of the referees, then the code must be made available to the editor. The referee/editor is not required to review the code in any way, but they may do so if they so wish. "

"- All papers must include a section at the end of the paper entitled 'Code availability'. In this section, instructions for obtaining the code (e.g. from a supplement, or from a website) should be included; alternatively, contact information should be given where the code can be obtained on request, or the reasons why the code is not available should be clearly stated. "

" - All papers must include a model name and **version number** (or other unique identifier) in the title. "

We have added a section to the paper called "Code availability" where we give the location, as well as licensing and versioning information, of the *Trilinos* libraries and the *Albany* framework. The *Albany/FELIX* solver described in this paper is not publicly available at the present time. A public release of the code as part of *Albany* is planned for 2015.

Yours,

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