



Guide to Supplemental Materials

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Nonetheless, the *AEM* editorial team encourages—*but does not require*— authors to make use of the journal's facility for supplemental online materials to accompany the print publication of the article. This allows for a more concise print article while providing, where meaningful, more detailed supporting information in an online format that could be most useful to fellow researchers.

Supplemental material will be provided along with the article in the online publication of the journal, with a URL reference placed in the print publication. To be accepted, supplemental material must contribute substantively to the conclusions of the paper.

Supplemental material is peer reviewed as part of the acceptance process for the paper; however, supplementary materials are not edited in any way after acceptance and are presented as provided by the author. Thus, authors must ensure that all supplementary materials are clearly presented and well-formatted, and that the terms and titling match those used in the rest of the paper.

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The journal accepts the following types of supplemental material for review:

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Detailed descriptions of materials and methods, copies of instruments and rubrics, etc., which would enable fellow researchers to replicate portions of the study, if desired. *AEM* requires authors to provide concise descriptions of the methods of the study in the text, and refer to the supplemental materials—if included—for full descriptions and details.

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Additional text information on controls, supplemental results, field sites, observations, or discussions that contribute meaningfully to the print paper. This may include transcripts or other materials in the original (non-English) language.

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Audio, Video, Animations, Presentations, Photographs

Sound files, video, simulations, models, or other dynamic data essential to a full understanding of the arguments in the paper text.

Databases/Data Sharing

AEM encourages data sharing by researchers in accord with the guidelines of the [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#), [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#), and [American Psychological Association \(APA\)](#).

Authors are strongly encouraged to provide the data necessary to understand, assess, and extend the conclusions of the manuscript. Data should be provided in its final form—as used by the authors to develop the manuscript's conclusions, with all subject-identifying information removed or appropriately anonymized.

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What belongs in supplemental material?

Deciding what is appropriate to include in the printed paper and as supplemental material may challenge authors to think carefully about how to make their work most relevant to others through multiple media. We advise authors that all material submitted should be carefully chosen, and must contribute meaningfully to the integrity and excellence of the paper. The paper should make a sound presentation and convincing argument if read on its own, while supplemental material supports the paper with additional background and detail. As editors, we will make recommendations on the appropriateness of print materials and will suggest if tables, figures, and photographs should be published as supplemental materials.

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Paper	Supplemental Materials	Do Not Include
Tables and figures of primary importance to the conclusions of the paper	Tables, figures, and photographs of secondary importance which provide important background to support the conclusions of the paper.	Tables, figures, and photographs which provide only ancillary information.
No appendices, or very short appendix deemed vital to the paper presentation	Traditional appendices	
Concise description of methods and materials sufficient to provide an understanding of the results.	Detailed description of methods and materials, questionnaires, instruments, site information, rubrics, and coding guides, etc., sufficient to provide enough information to replicate the study.	Bulk uploads of completed surveys or instruments.
Call-outs that link to selected excerpts of audio, video, animation which contribute significantly to the paper.	Selected excerpts of audio, video, animation, or other materials which contribute significantly to the excellence of the paper and the research conclusions.	Full audio or video interviews, full PowerPoint presentations not directly relevant to the conclusions of the paper.
Brief representative examples of dialogue critical for understanding the paper's conclusions	Select representative transcripts or portions of transcripts that place important dialogue in context or otherwise provide sociocultural background for interpreting study findings; video or audio clips corresponding to the transcribed text presented in the main text of the paper.	Full bulk uploads of transcripts of many interviews.
	Single archive of full data set/database used to develop the results and conclusions presented in the paper.	Intermediate data sets, computer analysis output, etc., constructed or obtained during the process of analyzing the data.
References (including references appearing in supplemental material)	No references or very limited references, if necessary. It is preferred that references within supplemental material be included in the main article reference list, as references in supplemental material cannot be linked to the original article and will not count toward citation measures for the referenced article.	

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Authors should ensure that each piece of supplemental information is referred to at least once in the print version of the paper as follows:

- *Supplemental figures, tables, audio, video, etc.:* Label and number the item as you normally would, but add a prefix S to the number. (e.g., Figure S1, Table S2, Video S1, Audio S3, Database S1, etc.)
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Finally, at the end of the reference list, include a statement which lists all supplemental material provided with the article. For example:

“Supplemental Information linked to the online version of the paper at Wiley-Blackwell:

- Methods Supplement
- Figures S1, S2
- Table S1
- Video S1
- Database S1”

Formatting and submitting supplemental files

Authors should prepare supplemental text, figures, and tables in a manner consistent with APA guidelines. Text should be formatted in Times or Times New Roman, 12-point font. Tables should be formatted in Times, Times New Roman, or Arial 10- to 12-point font. Figures, photographs, and videos should be formatted assuming web-based, on-screen viewing by readers. File sizes should be kept to the minimum necessary to convey relevant information, and must not exceed 10MB per file (compressed or uncompressed). File sizes below 5MB per file are strongly preferred. In general, images and video should be a maximum size of 640 x 480.

Please make use of **only** the following file formats.

- **Text and Tables:** Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) (preferred), plain text (.txt)
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- **Animation:** QuickTime (.mov) (preferred), MPEG (.mpg)
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File names should be short and correspond with how each supplemental file is called out in the text of the paper (e.g., Figure_S1.jpg, Video_S2.mov, Methods_Supplement.pdf, etc.).

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- A title for each file
- A brief description or caption for the file (50 words or less)
- File type and size
- Software and version number, if applicable

For example, the file "Supplementary_Index.pdf" might contain the following:

- **Methods_Supplement.pdf**
Expanded background information on the test sites, including detailed descriptions of individual school demographics. (PDF, 12 pages, 42 KB).
- **Video_S1.mov**
This video depicts the classroom discussion between the instructor and Students A & B during the states of matter investigation, highlighting the collaborative nature of the discourse. (QuickTime Movie, 640 x 480, 2.6 MB)
- **Photo_S1.jpg**
Photo of the Driving Question Board in Teacher A's classroom. (JPEG, 320 x 240, 258 KB)
- **Database_S1.sql**
- **Database_S1_Codebook.pdf**
Relational database containing all of the demographic data and longitudinal achievement measures for participant students and teachers. (MySQL 5.2, 4 tables, 2500 student cases, 512 KB).
- **Spreadsheet_S1.xls**
- **Spreadsheet_S1_Codebook.pdf**
Spreadsheet listing all of the participant school districts, summary demographic information, and district test score averages. (Microsoft Excel 2007, 2 tables, 24 district cases, 100 KB).

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