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Yes, I think a different font would be good. Thanks

**From:** Kerman, Sara J. (Fed)  
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Should the highlighted text be in a different font (i.e, typewriter) like Answer 15?

**From:** Moody, Dustin (Fed)  
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**Subject:** FW: [Pqc-forum] Clarifications Regarding the Use of Third-Party Open Source Libraries

Sara,

Can you add the following to our FAQ?

Q – Can third party open-source code be used in submissions?

A - In short, they may be used, with the following caveats.

1) The library source code should be integrated into the submission package in a self-contained manner. This means that the submission package should contain build scripts which will allow for seamless “one-stop” building of the submitter’s original code and all dependencies.

For example, on a Linux platform, it should require no more work to build the than running the standard

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> ./configure [--options]  
> make  
> make install
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succession of commands. The build process should not require the installation of any new libraries that are not contained in the submission package.

Separate build scripts should be included for the reference Windows platform and reference Linux platform that work using the GCC Compiler Collection (or ports thereof) and related tools as well as any platform-specific commands required.

2) As part of the written submission, the submitter shall describe in their own words the functionalities provided by any algorithms from third-party open-source libraries that are used in the implementations.

3) The submitter is responsible for ensuring that they abide by all requirements of the license (if any) under which said library has been released.

—Jacob Alperin-Sheriff