This is a discussion of some key elements and issues that contribute to a perception of the validity for an electromagnetic modeling code. A perception of validity implies that the user has confidence that within his experience he can produce *credible analysis (results)* with a given electromagnetic modeling code. This user perception of validity is based on documentation, peer review, user experience and computer resource management.

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