

Replication files for "House Prices, Borrowing Constraints and Monetary Policy in the Business Cycle",  
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A complete description of all the files contained in this directory is in the  
Technical Appendix to the paper ( Houseprices\_aer\_technical\_appendix.pdf file ) in particular Section 7.

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ALL THE PROGRAMS WERE WRITTEN AND WORK WITH  
1) MATLAB 7, R14 (for the simulations)  
[ Matlab 6 works for most files, but fails to load .mat files in Matlab ]  
2) RATS FOR WINDOWS v 5.04 (for the VAR estimation)

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Brief description of the folders in this directory (see Technical Appendix for further details):

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APPENDIX3\_AER  
To generate figures and results in Appendix C

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ESTIMATION\_AER  
To estimate the structural parameters of the model

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FRONTIER\_AER  
To calculate the policy frontiers

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SIMULATION\_AER  
To calculate impulse responses to various shocks

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## VAR\_AER

To generate VAR impulse responses of Figure 1 (requires Winrats)

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## \_ADD\_ONS

Additional Matlab files needed to replicate the results

Good luck,

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