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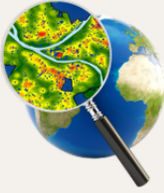
Spatial Microsimulation Application

simSALUD is a free to use **Web-application** developed within the research project [SALUD](#).

Why simSALUD?

- Wizard-based application
- No programming skills needed
- Server-side processing
- Choose between different algorithms
- Many validation methods provided
- Ad-hoc visualization of your simulated and validated data
- Usable for lectures

Open to the community: The Web-application is open to the community and feedback is very welcome to improve the application, its future developments and its usability.



- Download demo data
- See documentation
- Start the simulation
- Watch the video tutorial

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About This Tutorial

This document guides through setting up the simSALUD web-application on your local machine.

This tutorial assumes you can do the following:

- Navigate your computer's file system with Windows Explorer
- Installing software
- Open a web browser and enter a URL

What You Will Need (Requirements)

Windows 7 (at least)
 PostgreSQL
 Java Development Kit (JDK) and Runtime Environment (Eclipse IDE)
 Apache Tomcat Servlet
 Administrator privileges
 Internet connection (to download the required software)

All required software packages are available within this guide for installation (see folder "software"). Download the programs and files listed in table 1 by searching online, using the enclosed software for the specific versions listed or using the links provided in appendix 1.

What You Will Do

1. Download the required software
2. Install PostgreSQL
3. Install the Java Development Kit and Runtime Environment
4. Install Eclipse IDE
5. Install Apache Tomcat servlet
6. Set up the user and schema for the simSALUD application

Table 1: Software required for installing simSALUD

Component	Function	Version	File / URL
PostgreSQL	RDBMS	9.2.x	http://www.postgresql.org/
Java Development Kit with Runtime Enviroment	Java controller	8ux	http://oracle.com/java
Apache Tomcat	Web servlet	7.0.x	http://tomcat.apache.org/
Eclipse	IDE	Luna	https://eclipse.org/

Install PostgreSQL 9.2.x

The PostgreSQL RDBMS will store all uploaded, simulated and validated data of the user when using simSALUD.

1. Go to PostgreSQL website – Download – Windows – Download - download the Installer version 9.2.x for either the 32bit (Win x86-32) or the 64bit (Win x86-64) version (check your system requirements if you are not sure).
2. Run the Windows installer for PostgreSQL version 9.2.x. Accept all defaults.
3. When asked to create a password for the postgres user, enter *postgres*.
4. Verify that the PostgreSQL port number is 5432.
5. In case “Stack Builder” pops up to install, then press “cancel”.
6. The PostgreSQL user interface “pgAdmin III” was installed a well.

Configure PostgreSQL

1. Open the software “pgAdmin III” – Double click at “PostgreSQL 9.2 (localhost:5432)
2. Enter the password (default: *postgres*)
3. Right click on “Login Roles” – New Login Role... – Role name: *salud*.
4. Move on to the tab “Definition” and type in the password: *salud* – OK
5. Right click on “Databases” – New Database... - Name: *simсалud* – Owner: *salud* - OK

Install Java Development Kit and Runtime Environment

The JDK includes a private java virtual machine and a few other resources for using the integrated development environment (IDE) Eclipse for developing Java Application.

1. Go to the Oracle Java website – Downloads - Java for Developers – (Java SE 8u45) JDK Download – Accept License Agreement - download the Installer version 8u45 for either the 32bit (jdk-8u45-windows-i586.exe) or the 64bit (jdk-8u45-windows-x64.exe) version.
2. Run the Installer and accept all the defaults.

Install Apache Tomcat 7

Apache Tomcat 7 is web servlet software that manages web applications. It is used to deploy the simSALUD web application.

1. Go to the Apache Tomcat website – Download - Tomcat 7.0 – Binary Distributions – Core: - 32-bit/64-bit Windows Service Installer
2. Verify that the Tomcat port number is 8080 (HTTP)
3. Use “tomcat” as administrator user name and password.
4. Run the installer and accept all the defaults.
5. Uncheck “Run Apache Tomcat” and “Show Readme”

[Skip the next steps and continue with “Use simSALUD on localhost” if you don’t want to develop anything]

Install Eclipse IDE

Eclipse is an integrated development environment (IDE) and is used to develop applications

1. Go to the Eclipse website – Download – Download the “Eclipse IDE for Java EE Developers” for either the 32bit or 64bit version.
2. Extract the contents of the *.zip file to your directory (e.g.: C://Programs).

Configure Eclipse IDE – Setup server

Note: If Tomcat 7 is already configured in Eclipse IDE, then skip these steps and move to “Configure Eclipse IDE – Choose web browser”

1. Navigate to your directory and open the Eclipse IDE as Administrator [Right click eclipse.exe – Properties – Compatibility – Check “Execute Program as administrator”] – Use the default settings for selecting a workspace or select a new one – OK
2. After Eclipse IDE opens, right click in the “Project Explorer” window – New – Other
3. Search for “Server” – Select Server – click “Next” – Open the folder “Apache” and select “Tomcat v7.0 Server” – click “Next”
4. Click “Browse...” and navigate to the installation directory of Apache Software and select the folder “Tomcat 7.0”. (e.g.: C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Tomcat 7.0) – Next – Finish.

Configure Eclipse IDE – Choose web browser

In Eclipse click “Window” – “Web Browser” – Select one external web browser (e.g.: recommended: Firefox, Chrome)

Configure Eclipse IDE – Import simsalud.war file

1. Right click in the “Project Explorer” window – Import – WAR file – Select the “simsalud.war” file and click “Open”
2. Be sure that “Apache Tomcat v7.0” is selected as “Target runtime” and click “Finish”
3. In the Project Explorer expand the following folders “Java Resources” – “src” then expand the package “at.fh.karnten.database” and open: “PostgreSQLAccess.java”
4. Be sure that these parameters are according to the settings in the chapter: “Configure PostgreSQL”.

Test the simulation

Note: In case another server instance is running, a message can occur. If this happens, the server needs to be stopped.

1. In the Project Explorer window, right click on the project “simsalud” – Run As – Run on Server – Check “Always use this server when running this project” – Finish (Grant possible access messages)

The browser should open simSALUD in a new tab and is ready for your simulation.

Hint: In Eclipse (developing the application) it is not possible to download simulated files via the simulation page. Simulated and validated fields are stored here: “C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Tomcat 7.0\webapps\simsalud\data\user_...”. For using the application the following steps are required:

Use simSALUD on localhost

Do the next step only if the simSALUD web application will be used without developing anything. This requires to have an workable Tomcat 7 server [see *Install Apache Tomcat 7*] and a PostgreSQL database [see **Error! Reference source not found.**] with the required structure for using simsalud [see *Configure PostgreSQL*]

1. Right click on simsalud in "Project Explorer" – Export – WAR file.
2. Select a destination, name the file "simsalud" and check "Export source files" and "Overwriting existing file" - Finish
3. Close eclipse and start "Monitor Tomcat" (Start button – Apache Tomcat 7.0 Tomcat 7 folder)
4. Click the "Start" button to start the Tomcat server
5. Open your browser and type in: "localhost:8080"
6. Click the "Manager App" button and enter the username and password (e.g.: tomcat).
7. Scroll down to "Deploy – War file to deploy", click on "Browse" to select the "simsalud.war" file and click "Deploy".
8. Click on the new created application "simsalud" to open the application.
9. Run the simulation and download your results

Hint: If you have already deployed simsalud.war, at first you must "Undeploy" the old version. If this does not work: Stop the server and navigate to the installation directory of the server (folder webapps) and delete the simsalud folder. Restart the server and proceed with step 5.

Error handling

Message: Wrong file format!
Please use *.csv!

Message: You have no access
writes to copy files on your
machine!

Any error messages are either displayed on any simSALUD pages or a more detailed info is displayed in the console of eclipse

Possible Solution: Check if the data format csv is installed on your local machine (e.g.: MS Office, OpenOffice)

Possible solution: Check if you have administrator rights and if you have started eclipse in administrator mode.

Appendix 1: Database Structure

Table: sim_columnnames

Table: sim_surveycensusmatch

Table: sim_filecolumnjoin

Table: sim_filenames

Table: sim_filecolumnjoin_output

Table: sim_columnnames_output

- The simSALUD application is based on a PostgreSQL database to store all input data files as well as all simulated and validated data.
- Each time a user opens the web application and starts to simulate data, a new schema is created within the database *simсалud*. The schema name consists of the name "user_" the date and time of the user and can so be seen as a unique timestamp for each user.
- After uploading the first survey file the application creates a database structure consisting of six tables:

Stores for each survey and census files all original column names (.csv files) and a corresponding database column name (avoiding umlauts)

Stores primary keys for all survey and census data to match these data (Survey/Census Match Tab within the simSALUD application)

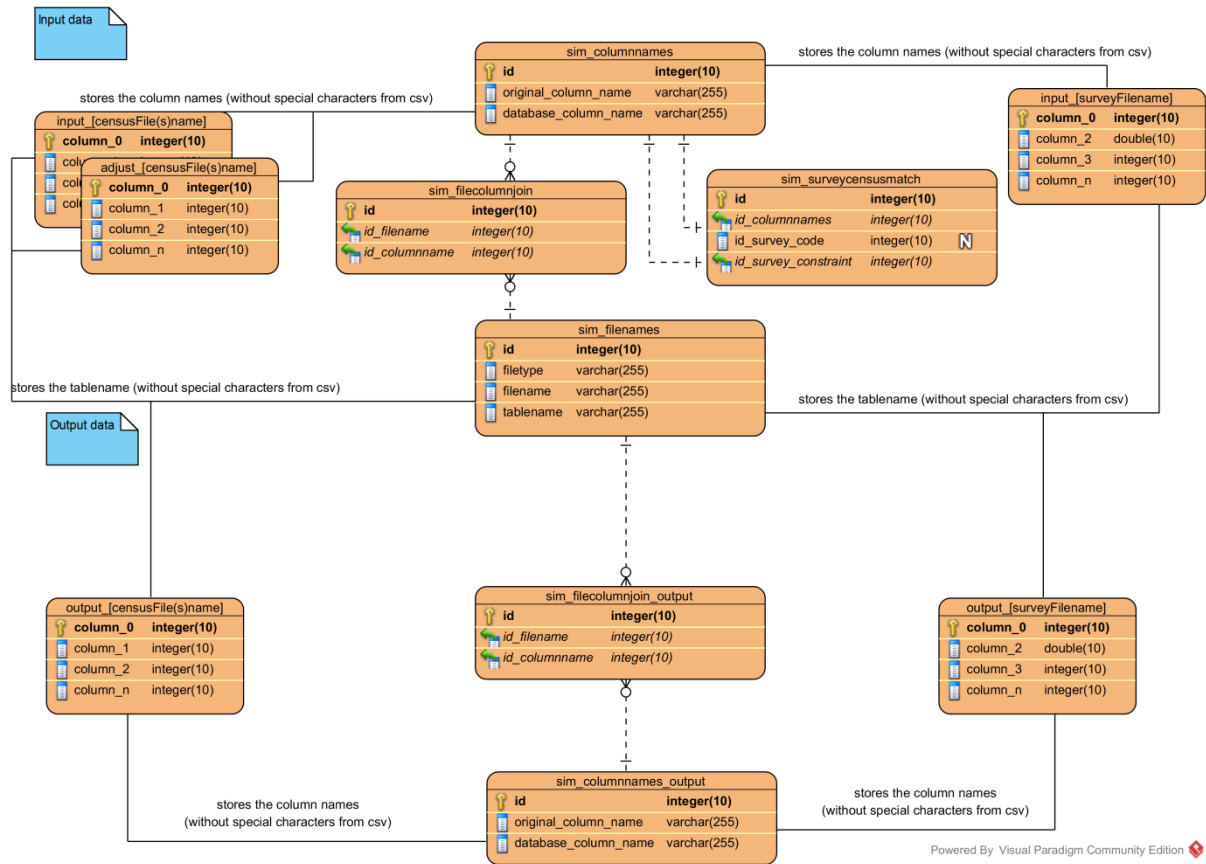
Connect the table between "sim_columnnames" and "sim_filenames".

Stores the original filename and filetypes of all uploaded files and a corresponding tablename (avoiding umlauts)

Connect the table between "sim_filenames" and "sim_columnnames_output".

Stores all additional output columnnames

- The uploaded survey file is copied to the server and the data is stored in an "input_[surveyFileName]" table.
- Also all uploaded census files are copied to the server and stored in separate "input_[censusFile(s)name]" table.
- After running the simulation, for each census table a new "adjust_[censusFile(s)name]" is created. For a detailed description of the adjusting algorithm see the tutorial of the simSALUD application.

Table 2: Database schema of simsalud

Appendix 2: Java packages

- In Eclipse the simSALUD simulation is defined as a dynamic web project where all java classes are stored in the “Java Resources” folder and all client side files are stored in the “WebContent” folder.
- All classes are stored into six different packages. For a detailed description of all classes check the class and method description in the files.

Package: at.fh.kaernten.action

The *action package* contains classes to handle the upload of the survey and census files, the *reweighted class* including all algorithms and the *simulation class* which is executed for the simulation run.

Package: at.fh. kaernten.database

The *database package* contains the classes to define all database connection settings and the class with all needed database queries.

Package: at.fh. kaernten.export

The export package contains the classes to generate the output .csv files and to zip the files for downloading.

Package: at.fh. kaernten.utile

The utile package contains a class which provides all settings parameter for the simulation such as the output path, name of the zip file and so on.

Package: at.fh. kaernten.validation

The validation package contains the classes to execute the volition as well as all provide validation algorithms.