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# Lesson 0: Welcome to PhysiCell Training!

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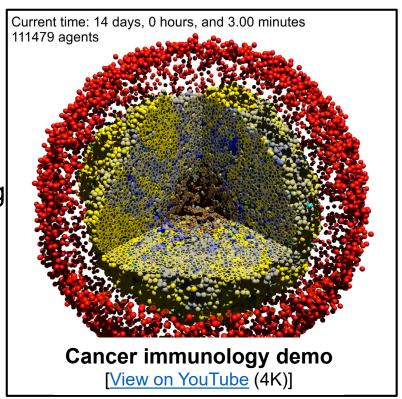
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# Welcome to PhysiCell!

- PhysiCell is an agent-based modeling platform for multicellular systems biology and biological systems engineering.
- It's designed to balance flexibility and performance and work on many operating systems, like Linux, OSX, and Windows.
- We're excited that you're using PhysiCell for your own projects. We made these training materials to help get you started.



## **Training goals**

- Introduce the core concepts behind PhysiCell
- Gain intuition and experience in key PhysiCell elements with interactive, cloud-hosted mathematical models (educational "microapps")
- Show programming tips and tricks
- Show best practices
- Provide easy reference materials to supplement user documentation
- Highlight additional references and resources

# **About these training materials**

- The training materials are divided into a series of short lessons.
- Each lesson is about 10-15 minutes long.
- Each lesson has:
  - a video recording (distributed on multiple platforms)
  - downloadable slides (as PDF)
  - open licensed source material (MIT licensed, open education resources)
- We will supplement the slides with interactive educational microapps:
  - cloud-hosted interactive models designed to illustrate specific PhysiCell concepts

## **General themes**

#### Introductory materials:

Learn the basic structure of PhysiCell

#### Greater depth materials:

Dig into the details of cell phenotype and other key components

#### Advanced and additional topics:

- Learn best tricks and preferred code practices
- Unlock "hidden" features

#### PhysiCell Community:

- Learn about the broader PhysiCell community and resources
- Learn how to contribute to the PhysiCell software ecosystem

## Choose your own adventure

## Super short

#### **Target audience:**

 Users who are familiar with other agent-based modeling frameworks who want to get running very quickly.

#### Approach:

 Skip more detailed modules. Refer back to modules as references.

#### <u>Intermediate</u>

#### **Target audience:**

 Users who are familiar with other agent-based modeling frameworks who want better introductions to the code.

#### Approach:

• Skip some intro details.

### Full training

#### **Target audience:**

 Users who are new to agent-based modeling, or want fuller background

#### Approach:

Enjoy everything. :-)

# **Getting help**

- For help, please visit the PhysiCell ticket system:
  - https://sourceforge.net/p/physicell/tickets

Please see <a href="http://PhysiCell.org">http://PhysiCell.org</a> for other support options.

- Visit <u>@PhysiCell</u> on Twitter for up-to-date news.
- Please note that direct emails to project staff may receive delayed responses compared to the official channels above.

## **Next steps**

**Super fast:** Please proceed to 1 (What you need for PhysiCell)

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**Intermediate:** Please proceed to 1 (What you need for PhysiCell)

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Full Training: Please proceed to 1 (What you need for PhysiCell)

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More lessons: <a href="https://github.com/physicell-training/master-list">https://github.com/physicell-training/master-list</a>

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