https://github.com/physicell-training/01-Welcome-to-training

# Lesson 1: What you need to code in PhysiCell

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# PhysiCell is a C++ toolkit

 To actively develop PhysiCell models, you will need an appropriate C++ development environment.

 For models that aren't shared as cloud-hosted simulators, running PhysiCell-based projects requires compiling and running C++ codes.

 This module will help you create your own 64-bit C++ development environment.

## PhysiCell development environment

- Local install (64-bit g++ environment with OpenMP support)
  - 64-bit g++ (with OpenMP) and standard command-line tools
  - Your choice of code editing
  - Ideal for long-term development
- Cloud-hosted environment on nanoHUB.org
  - Cloud-hosted workstation on nanoHUB.org
  - Ideal for use in short courses and classrooms

- Virtual appliance (no longer supported)
  - Pre-configured environment that runs in VirtualBox as a virtual machine
  - Use this while debugging your local install, but slow (and not frequently updated)



## Local environment

#### Minimal tools:

- 64-bit g++ with OpenMP support (other compilers okay)
- Make and zip/unzip (at command line)
- Some sort of code editor (I just use a text editor.)

#### • Setup tutorials:

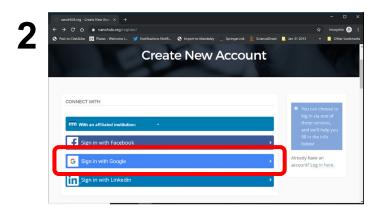
- Linux: You probably already have it! Use your package manager as needed.
- Windows: We wrote detailed instructions here, based on mingw-w64 and msys:
  http://www.mathcancer.org/blog/setting-up-a-64-bit-gcc-environment-on-windows/
- OSX: We wrote a tutorial using Homebrew:
  - ♦ Note: OSX has "gcc" which is actually llvm/clang without OpenMP support
  - ◆ <u>Note</u>: OSX users must set an environment variable. So <u>please do</u> use the tutorial <a href="http://www.mathcancer.org/blog/setting-up-gcc-openmp-on-osx-homebrew-edition/">http://www.mathcancer.org/blog/setting-up-gcc-openmp-on-osx-homebrew-edition/</a>

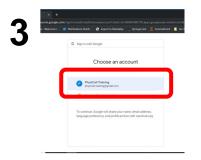
## nanoHUB Account

- These tutorials use cloud-hosted PhysiCell models on nanoHUB.org.
- nanoHUB is free, but it requires a onetime registration.

#### Steps:

- Visit <a href="https://nanohub.org/register">https://nanohub.org/register</a>
- 2. Choose "Sign in with Google"
- 3. Choose a Google account
- 4. Click "No" (so it doesn't try to associate with some other nanoHIB account)
- 5. Finish filling in details, and you're done!
- Use your google account to sign in in the future.

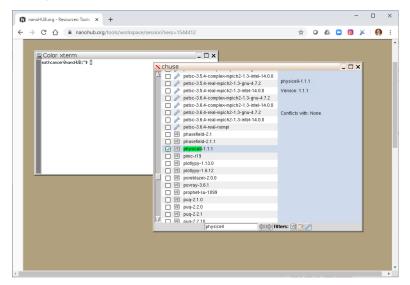






## Cloud-hosted environment (1)

- nanoHUB created the workspace tool to allow online development
- We created a specialized PhysiCell environment in workspace
- 1. Request to join the physicelldev group: https://nanohub.org/groups/physicelldev
- 2. Go to the workspace tool: <a href="http://nanohub.org/tools/workspace">http://nanohub.org/tools/workspace</a>
- 3. Start the tool
- 4. Select the physicell environment using "chuse"
  - a. Right-click the desktop
  - b. Select "chuse"
  - c. Type "physicell" in the bottom search bar
  - d. Select physicell-x.y.z (currently 1.1.1)
  - e. close chuse and all xterm windows
  - f. open a new xterm window, and get PhysiCell by typing "get\_PhysiCell.sh" and follow the prompts



# Cloud-hosted environment (2)

- After running the script, you have a full Linux-based dev environment:
  - Latest PhysiCell is in ~/PhysiCell
  - Also installed:
    - ♦ 64-bit g++ with OpenMP
    - ♦ Anaconda / Python 3.x
    - ♦ ImageMagick (to batch edit images)
    - ♦ geany (text editor)
    - ♦ gedit (text editor)
    - ♦ nautilus (file browser)
    - ♦ mirage (to view images)
    - ♦ mplayer (to play videos)
    - ♦ povray (for 3D raytracing)

## Next steps

Please proceed to 2 (How to use a PhysiCell App on nanoHUB) **Super fast:** link:

https://github.com/physicell-training/02-How-to-nanoHUB

Intermediate: Please proceed to 2 (How to use a PhysiCell App on nanoHUB)

link: https://github.com/physicell-training/02-How-to-nanoHUB

**Full Training:** Please proceed to 2 (How to use a PhysiCell App on nanoHUB)

https://github.com/physicell-training/02-How-to-nanoHUB link:

More lessons: https://github.com/physicell-training/master-list

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