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# Session 1: Working with PhysiCell Projects

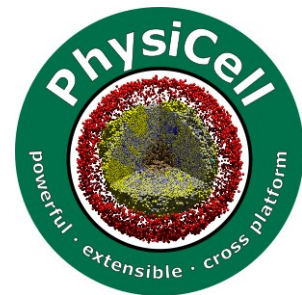


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## PhysiCell Project

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# Goals

- Learn how to work with sample projects
  - Get a list of sample projects
  - Populate a project
  - Look at typical project structure
  - Modify settings
  - Compile and run a populated project
  - See typical model outputs
  - Clear out data and reset

# Sample projects

- It's inefficient (and a little insane) to code new projects *entirely* from scratch.
- So, we provide sample projects:
  - 2D/3D template project
  - Cancer models
  - Synthetic multicellular systems
  - Viral dynamics in tissue
  - and more ...
- **make [project-name]**: populate a sample project (puts all the source files where they belong)
  - Then use **make** to compile it
- **make data-cleanup**: clean up the output data
- **make reset**: return to a "clean slate" (depopulate the project)
- **make list-projects**: display all available sample projects

**Documentation:** User Guide Sections 6, 7.

# PhysiCell Project Essentials (1)

- Each PhysiCell release includes sample projects. To list them:

- **make list-projects**

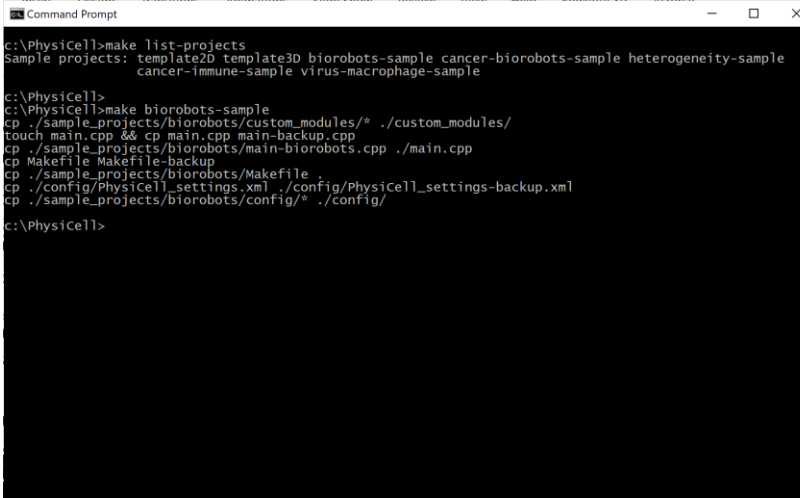
- Your first step is to **populate a project**.

- **make <project\_name>**

- Let's use biorobots-sample:

- ♦ **make biorobots-sample**

- This copies source code, a tailored make file, and configuration files



```
Command Prompt
c:\PhysiCell>make list-projects
Sample projects: template2D template3D biorobots-sample cancer-biorobots-sample heterogeneity-sample
cancer-immune-sample virus-macrophage-sample

c:\PhysiCell>
c:\PhysiCell>make biorobots-sample
cp ./sample_projects/biorobots/custom_modules/* ./custom_modules/
touch main.cpp && cp main.cpp main-backup.cpp
cp ./sample_projects/biorobots/main-biorobots.cpp ./main.cpp
cp Makefile Makefile-backup
cp ./sample_projects/biorobots/Makefile .
cp ./config/PhysiCell_settings.xml ./config/PhysiCell_settings-backup.xml
cp ./sample_projects/biorobots/config/* ./config/

c:\PhysiCell>
```

# Let's look at the project structure ...



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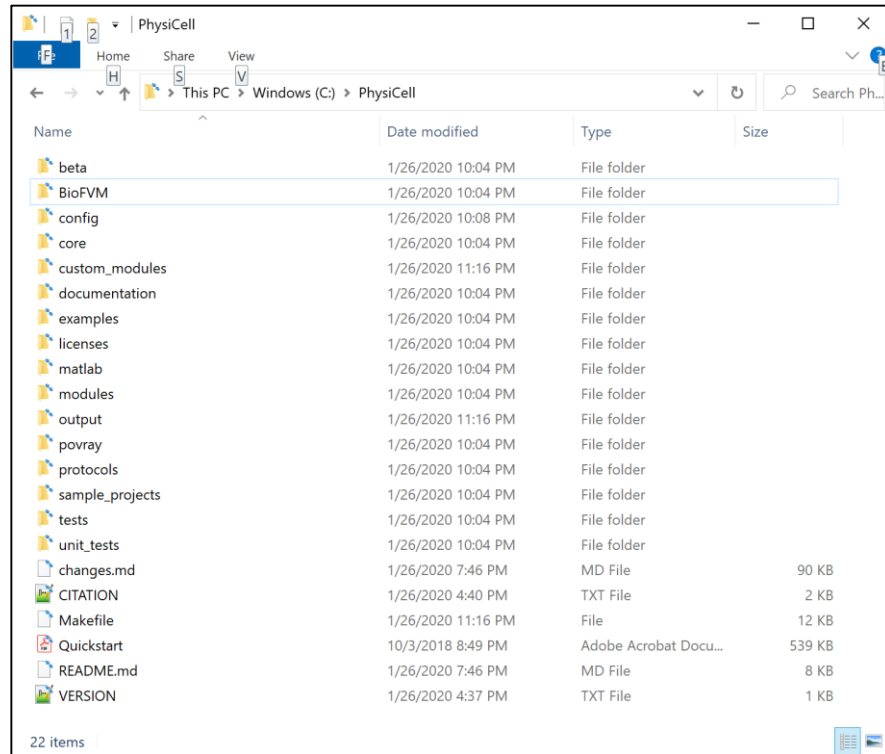
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# Project directory structure

- (key) directories:

- **./ (root):** main source, Makefile, and executable go here
- **./beta:** for beta-testing (don't use)
- **./BioFVM:** diffusion solver
- **./config:** configuration files
- **./core:** PhysiCell core functions
- **./custom\_modules:** put custom code for your project here.
- **./documentation:** user guide, etc.
- **./examples:** deprecated
- **./licenses:** yep
- **./matlab:** scripts and functions to load data in matlab
- **./modules:** standard add-ons for PhysiCell
- **./output:** where data are stored (by default, but can be changed)
- **./povray:** deprecated
- **./protocols:** instructions mostly for maintainers (e.g., release protocols)
- **./sample\_projects:** where we add sample projects
- **./tests:** for automated testing (WIP)
- **./unit\_tests:** for automated testing (WIP)

Most of your work will be in the red directories



Name	Date modified	Type	Size
beta	1/26/2020 10:04 PM	File folder	
BioFVM	1/26/2020 10:04 PM	File folder	
config	1/26/2020 10:08 PM	File folder	
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custom_modules	1/26/2020 11:16 PM	File folder	
documentation	1/26/2020 10:04 PM	File folder	
examples	1/26/2020 10:04 PM	File folder	
licenses	1/26/2020 10:04 PM	File folder	
matlab	1/26/2020 10:04 PM	File folder	
modules	1/26/2020 10:04 PM	File folder	
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sample_projects	1/26/2020 10:04 PM	File folder	
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unit_tests	1/26/2020 10:04 PM	File folder	
changes.md	1/26/2020 7:46 PM	MD File	90 KB
CITATION	1/26/2020 4:40 PM	TXT File	2 KB
Makefile	1/26/2020 11:16 PM	File	12 KB
Quickstart	10/3/2018 8:49 PM	Adobe Acrobat Docu...	539 KB
README.md	1/26/2020 7:46 PM	MD File	8 KB
VERSION	1/26/2020 4:37 PM	TXT File	1 KB

# Project structure: config files

- Configuration files (XML)
  - **domain:** domain size and resolution
  - **overall:** general options
    - ◆ Final simulation time
    - ◆ Time step sizes
  - **parallel:** parallelization options
    - ◆ Number of threads
  - **save:** save options
    - ◆ Save where?
    - ◆ Save SVGs? (how often?)
    - ◆ Save full data? (how often?)
    - ◆ Save legacy data (don't)
  - **microenvironment\_setup:** diffusion settings
    - ◆ more later
  - **cell\_definitions:** define different cell types and starting parameters
    - ◆ more later
  - **user\_parameters:** simulation-specific settings
    - ◆ more later

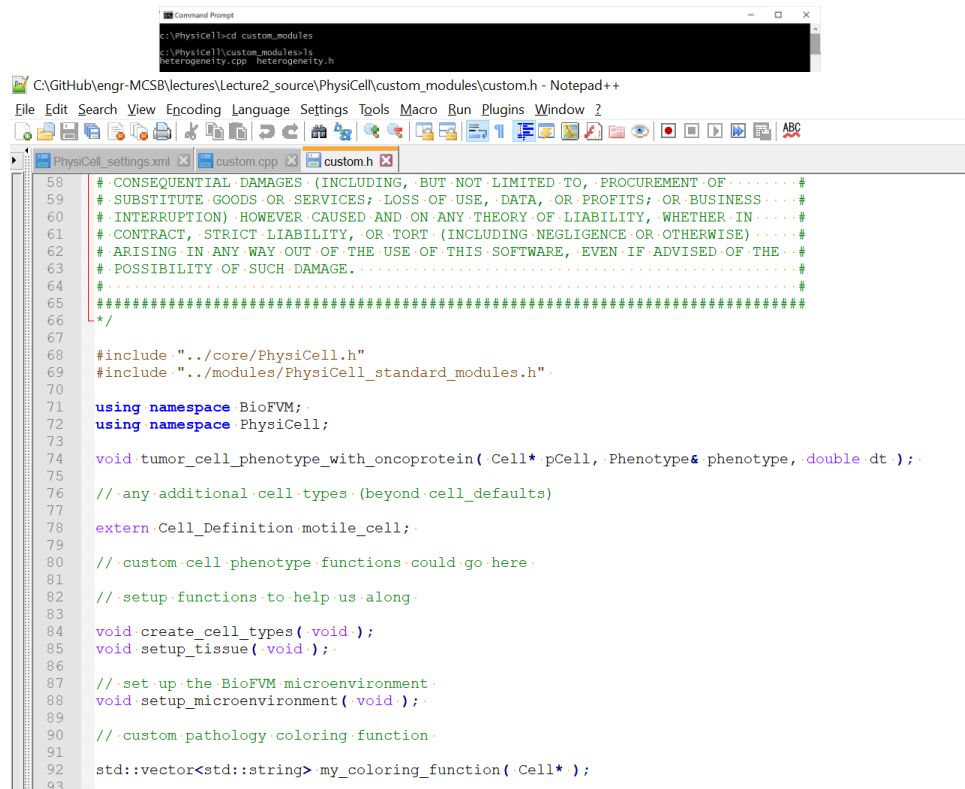


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PhysiCell_settings.xml
75 <PhysiCell_settings version="devel-version">
76   <domain>
77     <x_min>-750</x_min>
78     <x_max>750</x_max>
79     <y_min>-750</y_min>
80     <y_max>750</y_max>
81     <z_min>-750</z_min>
82     <z_max>750</z_max>
83     <dx>20</dx>
84     <dy>20</dy>
85     <dz>20</dz>
86     <use_2D>false</use_2D>
87   </domain>
88
89   <overall>
90     <max_time units="min">30240</max_time> <!-- 21.days * 24.h * 60.min -->
91     <time_units>min</time_units>
92     <space_units>micron</space_units>
93     <dt_diffusion units="min">0.01</dt_diffusion>
94     <dt_mechanics units="min">0.1</dt_mechanics>
95     <dt_phenotype units="min">6</dt_phenotype>
96   </overall>
97
98   <parallel>
99     <comp_num_threads>8</comp_num_threads>
100   </parallel>
101
102   <save>
103     <folder>output</folder> <!-- use . for root -->
104
105     <full_data>
106       <interval units="min">360</interval>
107       <enable>true</enable>
108     </full_data>
109
110     <SVG>
111       <interval units="min">60</interval>
112       <enable>true</enable>
113     </SVG>
114
115     <legacy_data>
116       <enable>false</enable>
117     </legacy_data>
118   </save>
119
120   <microenvironment_setup>
121   </microenvironment_setup>
122
123   <cell_definitions>
124   </cell_definitions>
125
126   <user_parameters>
127   </user_parameters>
128 </PhysiCell_settings>
```

# Project structure: custom modules

- Custom Modules

- Setup functions
- Cell definitions
- Custom functions
- any other modeling
- Custom coloring functions



The screenshot shows a code editor window titled "C:\GitHub\enr-MCSB\lectures\Lecture2\_source\PhysiCell\custom\_modules\custom.h - Notepad++". The code is a C++ header file for a custom module. It includes a copyright notice at the top, followed by include directives for "core/PhysiCell.h" and "modules/PhysiCell\_standard\_modules.h". It uses the "BioFVM" and "PhysiCell" namespaces. The code defines a function "tumor\_cell\_phenotype\_with\_oncoprotein" and declares an external "Cell\_Definition motile\_cell". It also includes comments for additional cell types, custom cell phenotype functions, and setup functions. The code ends with a "std::vector<std::string> my\_coloring\_function" declaration.

```
58  /* CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROCUREMENT OF .....#
59  # SUBSTITUTE GOODS OR SERVICES; LOSS OF USE, DATA, OR PROFITS; OR BUSINESS .....#
60  # INTERRUPTION) HOWEVER CAUSED AND ON ANY THEORY OF LIABILITY, WHETHER IN .....#
61  # CONTRACT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE) .....#
62  # ARISING IN ANY WAY OUT OF THE USE OF THIS SOFTWARE, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE .....#
63  # POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGE. ....#
64  # .....#
65  #####
66  */
67
68  #include "../core/PhysiCell.h"
69  #include "../modules/PhysiCell_standard_modules.h"
70
71  using namespace BioFVM;
72  using namespace PhysiCell;
73
74  void tumor_cell_phenotype_with_oncoprotein( Cell* pCell, Phenotype& phenotype, double dt );
75
76  // any additional cell types (beyond cell_defaults)
77
78  extern Cell_Definition motile_cell;
79
80  // custom cell phenotype functions could go here
81
82  // setup functions to help us along
83
84  void create_cell_types( void );
85  void setup_tissue( void );
86
87  // set up the BioFVM microenvironment
88  void setup_microenvironment( void );
89
90  // custom pathology coloring function
91
92  std::vector<std::string> my_coloring_function( Cell* );
93
```



# Project structure: custom modules

- Custom Modules

- Any user-defined globals (at top)

- ◆ Declared cell types

- Setup functions

- ◆ `create_cell_types()`

- » Do all setup on all cell types
  - Adjust phenotype
  - Add / adjust custom data
  - Set functions

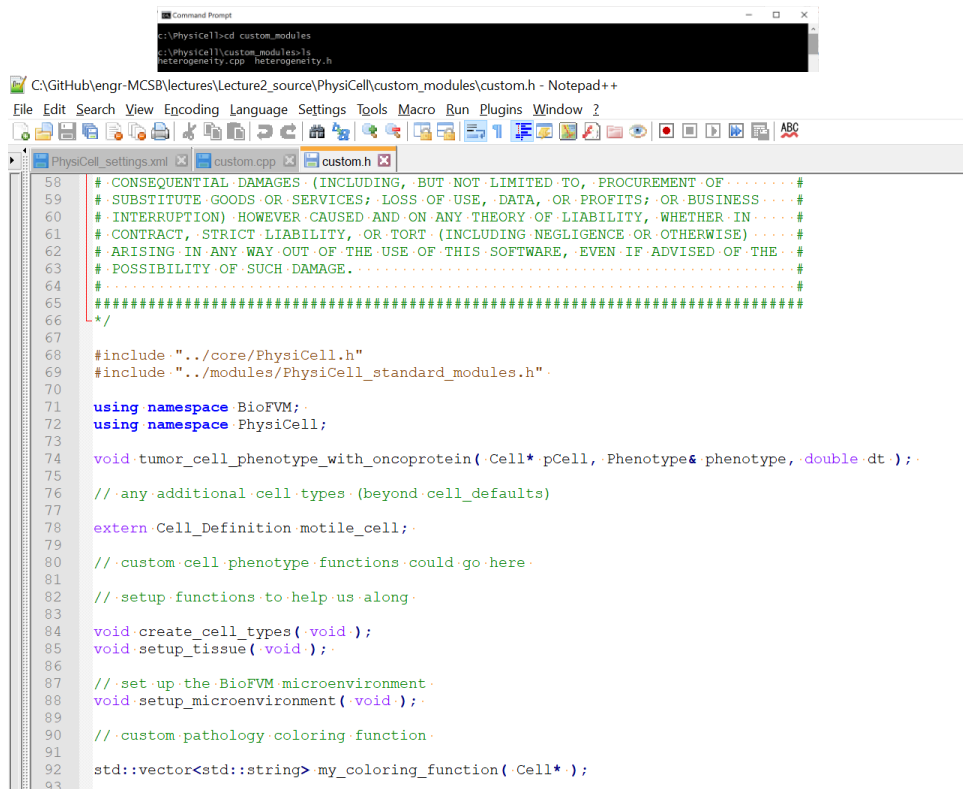
- ◆ `setup_tissue()`

- » Place initial cells in microenvironment
- » Modify each cell as needed

- Custom functions

- any other modeling

- Custom coloring functions



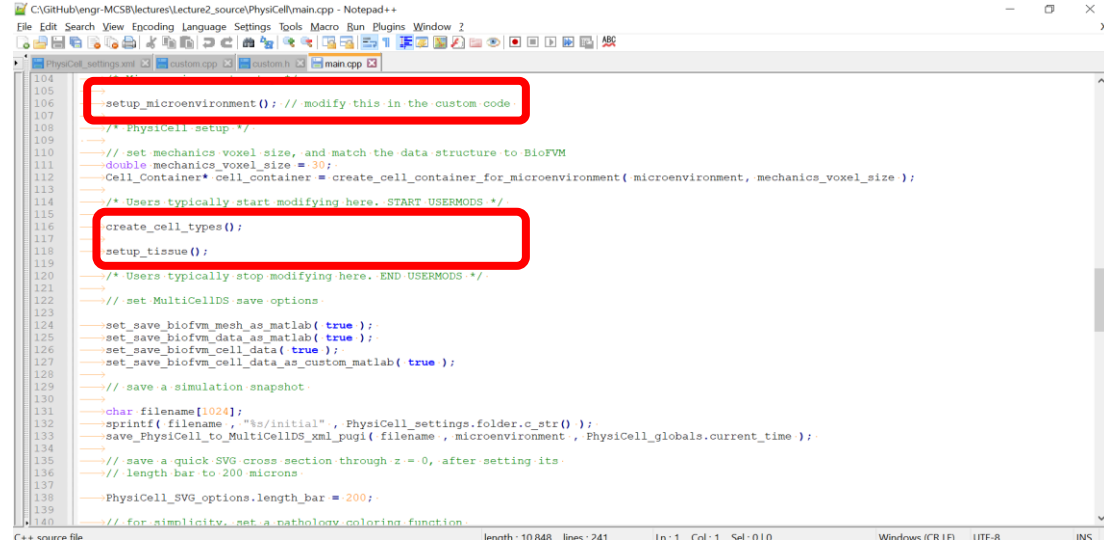
```
c:\PhysiCell>cd custom_modules
c:\PhysiCell\custom_modules>ls
heterogeneity.cpp  heterogeneity.h

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File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?
PhysiCell_settings.xml custom.cpp custom.h
58  /* CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROCUREMENT OF .....#
59  /* SUBSTITUTE GOODS OR SERVICES; LOSS OF USE, DATA, OR PROFITS; OR BUSINESS .....#
60  /* INTERRUPTION) HOWEVER CAUSED AND ON ANY THEORY OF LIABILITY, WHETHER IN .....#
61  /* CONTRACT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE) .....#
62  /* ARISING IN ANY WAY OUT OF THE USE OF THIS SOFTWARE, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE .....#
63  /* POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGE. ....#
64  /* .....#
65  /* .....#
66  */
67
68  #include "../core/PhysiCell.h"
69  #include "../modules/PhysiCell_standard_modules.h"
70
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73
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```

# Project structure: main.cpp

- **main.cpp**

- (in the root directory)
- calls the setup functions

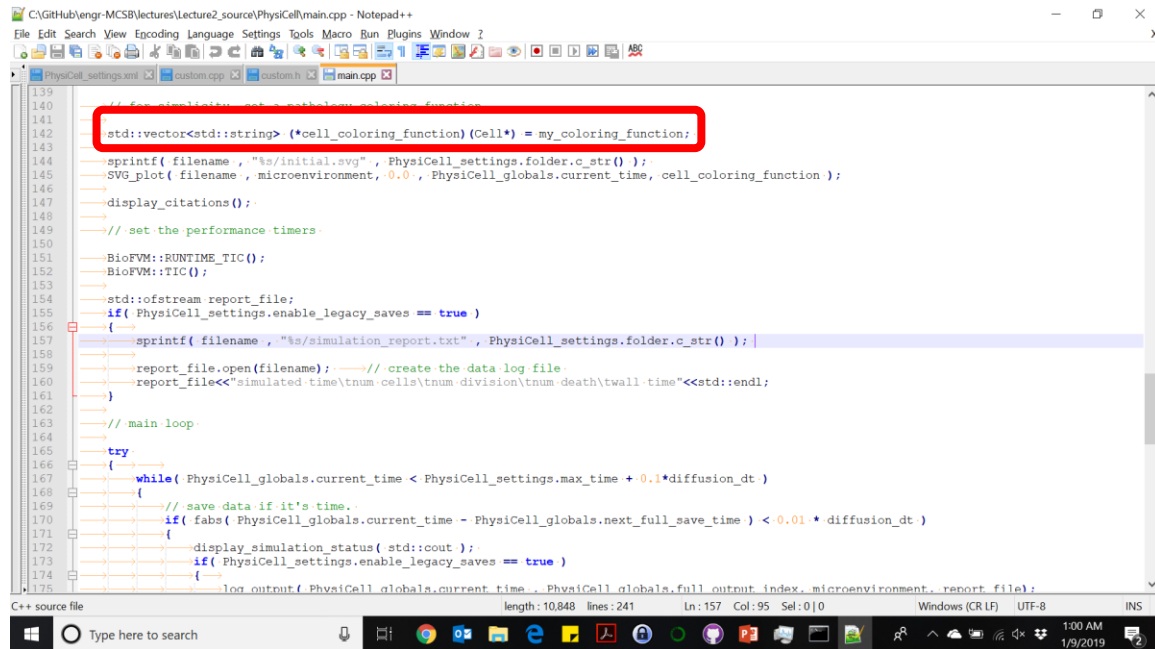


```
104
105 setup_microenvironment(); // modify this in the custom code
106
107 /* PhysiCell setup */
108
109
110 // set mechanics voxel size, and match the data structure to BioFVM
111 double mechanics_voxel_size = 30;
112 Cell_Container* Cell_container = create_cell_container_for_microenvironment( microenvironment, mechanics_voxel_size );
113
114 /* Users typically start modifying here. START USERMODS */
115
116 create_cell_types();
117
118 setup_tissue();
119
120 /* Users typically stop modifying here. END USERMODS */
121
122 // set MultiCellDS save options
123
124 set_save_biofvm_mesh_as_matlab( true );
125 set_save_biofvm_data_as_matlab( true );
126 set_save_biofvm_cell_data( true );
127 set_save_biofvm_cell_data_as_custom_matlab( true );
128
129 // save a simulation snapshot
130
131 char filename[1024];
132 sprintf( filename, "%s/initial", PhysiCell_settings.folder.c_str() );
133 save_PhysiCell_to_MultiCellDS_xml_pugi( filename, microenvironment, PhysiCell_globals.current_time );
134
135 // save a quick SVG cross section through z = 0, after setting its
136 // length bar to 200 microns
137
138 PhysiCell_SVG_options.length_bar = 200;
139
140 // for simplicity, set a pathology coloring function
```

# Project structure: main.cpp (continued)

- **main.cpp**

- set coloring function



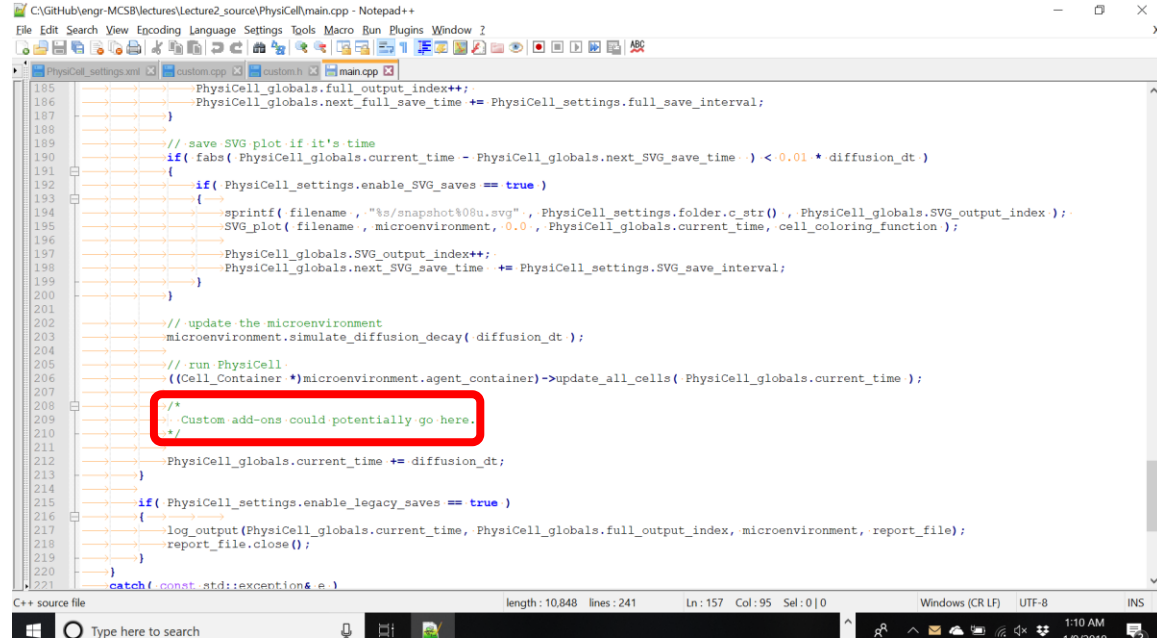
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PhysiCell_settings.xml custom.cpp custom.h main.cpp
139 // for simplicity, set a pathless coloring function
140
141 std::vector<std::string> (*cell_coloring_function) (Cell*) = my_coloring_function;
142
143 printf( filename , "%s/initial.svg" , PhysiCell_settings.folder.c_str() );
144 SVG_plot( filename , microenvironment, 0.0 , PhysiCell_globals.current_time , cell_coloring_function );
145
146 display_citations();
147
148 // set the performance timers
149
150 BioFVM::RUNTIME_TIC();
151 BioFVM::TIC();
152
153 std::ofstream report_file;
154 if( PhysiCell_settings.enable_legacy_saves == true )
155 {
156     printf( filename , "%s/simulation_report.txt" , PhysiCell_settings.folder.c_str() );
157     report_file.open(filename); // create the data log file
158     report_file<<"simulated time\tnum. cells\tnum. division\tnum. death\twall time"<<std::endl;
159 }
160
161 // main loop
162
163 try
164 {
165     while( PhysiCell_globals.current_time < PhysiCell_settings.max_time + 0.1*diffusion_dt )
166     {
167         // save data if it's time
168         if( fabs( PhysiCell_globals.current_time - PhysiCell_globals.next_full_save_time ) < 0.01*diffusion_dt )
169         {
170             display_simulation_status( std::cout );
171             if( PhysiCell_settings.enable_legacy_saves == true )
172             {
173                 log_output( PhysiCell_globals.current_time , PhysiCell_globals.full_output_index , microenvironment , report_file );
174             }
175         }
176     }
177 }
```

# Project structure: main.cpp (continued)

- **main.cpp**

- insert custom routines
- **This would be a good place to put extensions.**



```
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PhysiCell_settings.xml custom.cpp custom.h main.cpp
185 PhysiCell_globals.full_output_index++;
186 PhysiCell_globals.next_full_save_time += PhysiCell_settings.full_save_interval;
187 }
188
189 // save SVG plot if it's time
190 if ( fabs( PhysiCell_globals.current_time - PhysiCell_globals.next_SVG_save_time ) < 0.01 * diffusion_dt )
191 {
192     if ( PhysiCell_settings.enable_SVG_saves == true )
193     {
194         sprintf( filename , "%s/snapshot%08u.svg" , PhysiCell_settings.folder.c_str() , PhysiCell_globals.SVG_output_index );
195         SVG_plot( filename , microenvironment , 0.0 , PhysiCell_globals.current_time , cell_coloring_function );
196
197         PhysiCell_globals.SVG_output_index++;
198         PhysiCell_globals.next_SVG_save_time += PhysiCell_settings.SVG_save_interval;
199     }
200 }
201
202 // update the microenvironment
203 microenvironment.simulate_diffusion_decay( diffusion_dt );
204
205 // run PhysiCell
206 (Cell_Container *)microenvironment.agent_container->update_all_cells( PhysiCell_globals.current_time );
207
208 /*
209  Custom add-ons could potentially go here.
210 */
211
212 PhysiCell_globals.current_time += diffusion_dt;
213 }
214
215 if ( PhysiCell_settings.enable_legacy_saves == true )
216 {
217     log_output( PhysiCell_globals.current_time , PhysiCell_globals.full_output_index , microenvironment , report_file );
218     report_file.close();
219 }
220
221 catch( const std::exception& e )
```

**Now, let's get back to  
working with sample  
projects.**



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# PhysiCell Project Essentials (2)

- Now, compile the project

- **make**

- Then, run the project

- **./biorobots** (Linux, MacOS)
  - **biorobots.exe** (Windows)

- This should take about 5 minutes

```
Command Prompt
C:\PhysiCell>make
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./BioFVM/BioFVM_vector.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./BioFVM/BioFVM_mesh.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./BioFVM/BioFVM_microenvironment.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./BioFVM/BioFVM_solvers.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./BioFVM/BioFVM_matlab.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./BioFVM/BioFVM_utilities.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./BioFVM/BioFVM_basic_agent.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./BioFVM/BioFVM_MultiCellIds.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./BioFVM/BioFVM_agent_container.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./BioFVM/BioFVM_phenotype.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./core/PhysiCell_cell_container.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./core/PhysiCell_standard_models.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./core/PhysiCell_cell.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./core/PhysiCell_custom.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./core/PhysiCell_utilities.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./core/PhysiCell_constants.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./modules/PhysiCellSVG.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./modules/PhysiCell_pathology.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./modules/PhysiCell_MultiCellIds.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./modules/PhysiCell_various_outputs.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./modules/PhysiCell_puget.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./modules/PhysiCell_settings.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -c ./custom_modules/biorobots.cpp
g++ -march=native -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fpmath=both -fopenmp -m64 -std=c++11 -o biorobots BioFVM_vector.o BioFVM_mesh.o BioFVM_microenvironment.o BioFVM_solvers.o BioFVM_matlab.o BioFVM_utilities.o BioFVM_basic_agent.o BioFVM_MultiCellIds.o BioFVM_agent_container.o puget.o PhysiCell_phenotype.o PhysiCell_cell_container.o PhysiCell_standard_models.o PhysiCell_cell.o PhysiCell_custom.o PhysiCell_utilities.o PhysiCell_constants.o PhysiCellSVG.o PhysiCell_pathology.o PhysiCell_MultiCellIds.o PhysiCell_various_outputs.o PhysiCell_puget.o PhysiCell_settings.o biorobots.o main.cpp
C:\PhysiCell>
```

```
Command Prompt - biorobots
current simulated time: 12 min (max: 2880 min)
total agents: 513
interval wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 0.189681 seconds
total wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 1.17758 seconds

current simulated time: 14 min (max: 2880 min)
total agents: 513
interval wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 0.172898 seconds
total wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 1.35119 seconds

current simulated time: 16 min (max: 2880 min)
total agents: 513
interval wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 0.169814 seconds
total wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 1.52185 seconds

current simulated time: 18 min (max: 2880 min)
total agents: 513
interval wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 0.166861 seconds
total wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 1.68907 seconds

current simulated time: 20 min (max: 2880 min)
total agents: 513
interval wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 0.173556 seconds
total wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 1.8642 seconds

current simulated time: 22 min (max: 2880 min)
total agents: 513
interval wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 0.178207 seconds
total wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 2.0432 seconds

current simulated time: 24 min (max: 2880 min)
total agents: 513
interval wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 0.190704 seconds
total wall time: 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 2.23486 seconds
```

# PhysiCell Project Essentials (3)

- Look at saved data

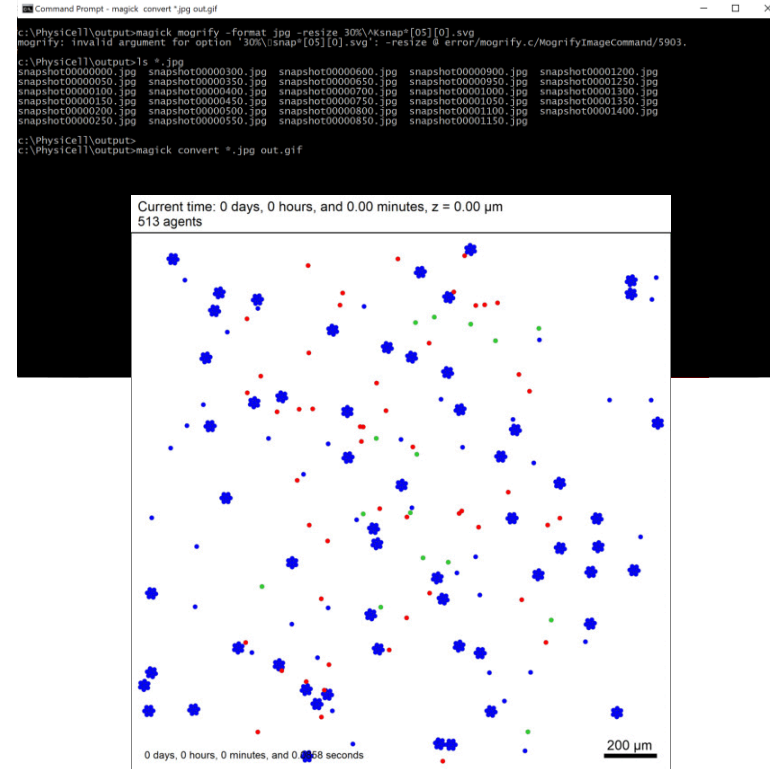
- Most projects save data to ./output
  - ♦ XML files give metadata, mesh, and substrate info
  - ♦ MAT file save (compressed) substrate and cell data
  - ♦ SVG files are visual quick snapshots
  - ♦ More on loading XML / MAT files in Python later

- Let's convert SVG to rescaled JPEG

- `magick mogrify -format jpg -resize 30% snap*.svg`
  - ♦ Convert `snapshot00000000.svg`, `snapshot00000001.svg`, ...
- `magick mogrify -format jpg -resize 30% snap*[05][0].svg`
  - ♦ Convert `snapshot00000000.svg`, `snapshot00000050.svg`, ...

- Now, let's create an animated GIF

- `magick convert *.jpg out.gif`



# Working with the images

- To convert all the SVG files to PNG format

```
magick mogrify -format png snap*.svg
```

- To convert every SVG file ending in 0 or 5 to JPG format

```
magick mogrify -format jpg snap*[05].svg
```

- To convert the JPG files to an animated GIF

```
magick convert *.jpg out.gif
```

- To create an mp4 movie:

```
ffmpeg -r 24 -f image2 -i snapshot%08d.jpg -vcodec libx264 -pix_fmt yuv420p -strict -2 -tune animation -crf 15 -acodec aac out.mp4
```

## Handy tricks!

Use `make jpeg` to create a full set of JPGs

Use `make movie` easily create the mp4.



# PhysiCell Project Essentials (4)

- **Data cleanup**

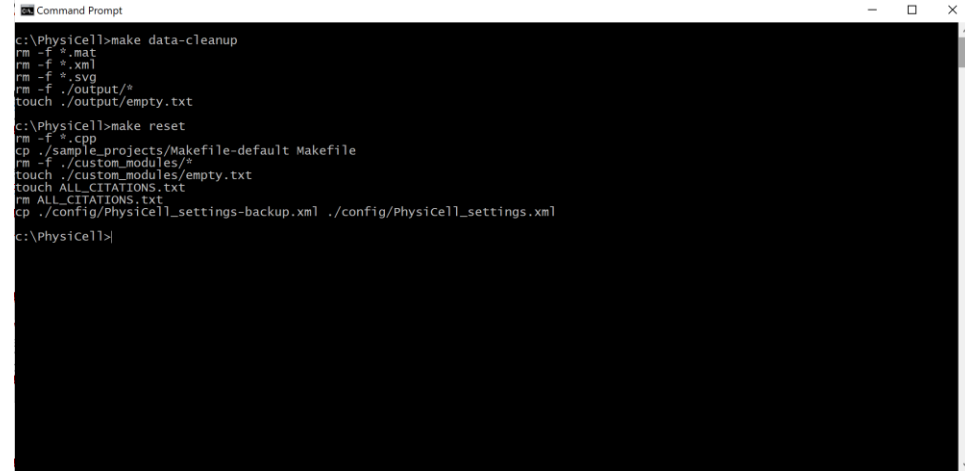
- Clean up data to get ready for another run

- **make data-cleanup**

- **Reset to a clean slate**

- De-populate the project
- Get ready for another project

- **make reset**



```
c:\PhysiCell>make data-cleanup
rm -f *.mat
rm -f *.xml
rm -f *.svg
rm -f ./output/*
touch ./output/empty.txt

c:\PhysiCell>make reset
rm -f *.cpp
cp ./sample_projects/Makefile-default Makefile
rm -f ./custom_modules/*
touch ./custom_modules/empty.txt
touch ALL_CITATIONS.txt
rm ALL_CITATIONS.txt
cp ./config/PhysiCell_settings-backup.xml ./config/PhysiCell_settings.xml

c:\PhysiCell>
```

# Changing settings in a project



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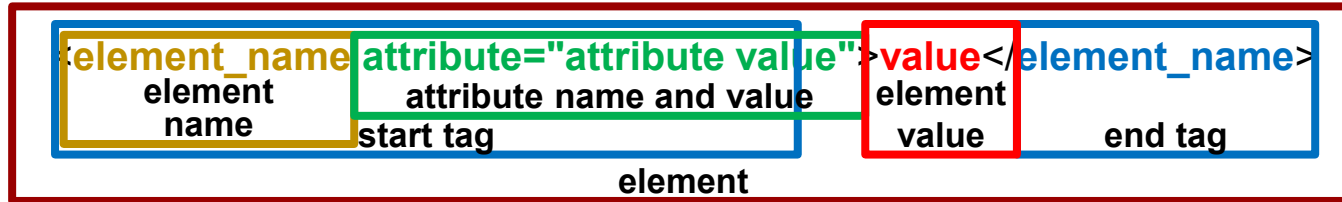
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# XML Refresher (1)

- XML stands for e**X**tensible **M**arkup **L**anguage
  - (Think of it as a generalization of HTML.)
- Information in XML are stored in elements. Key elements are:
  - element name in a start tag
  - attributes and values
  - element value
- If an element has a value, it must have a matching end tag:



- If an element has attributes but no value, you can use a more compact form:

```
<element_name attribute1="attribute 1 value" attribute2="attribute 2 value" />
```

# XML Refresher (2)

- Just like HTML, XML can have sub-elements:

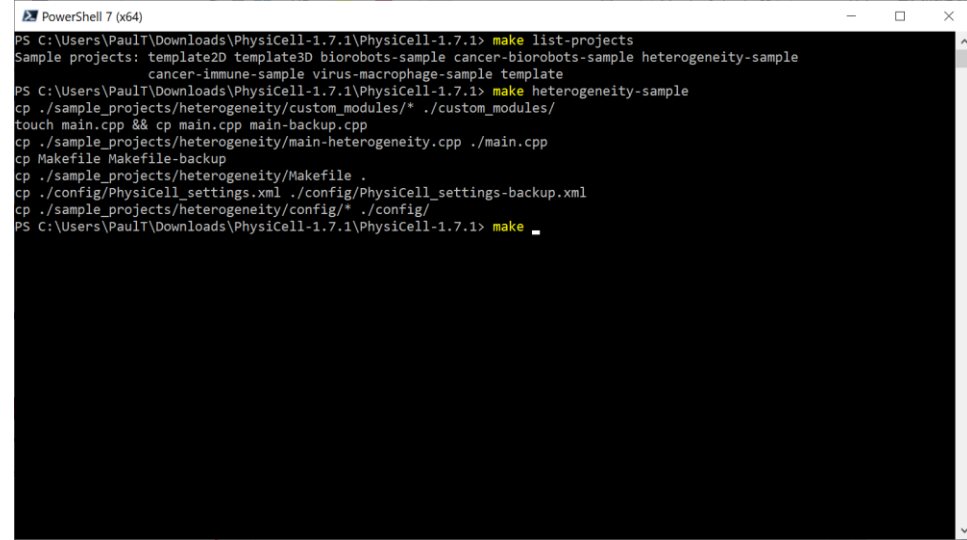
```
<element_name attribute1="attribute 1 value" attribute2="attribute 2 value">  
    <subelement_name attribute="attribute value">subvalue1</subelement_name >  
    <subelement_name attribute="attribute value">subvalue2</subelement_name >  
</element_name >
```

- By convention:
  - the name of the element is a parameter name
  - the element's value is the parameter value
  - attributes are used to store metadata or other clarifications (e.g., units)

```
<diffusion_coefficient units="micron/min^2">1000</diffusion_coefficient>
```

# First, populate the cancer heterogeneity project

- List all available sample projects
- Populate the cancer heterogeneity project
- Build the project
- Change some settings (next slide)



```
PowerShell 7 (x64)
PS C:\Users\PaulT\Downloads\PhysiCell-1.7.1\PhysiCell-1.7.1> make list-projects
Sample projects: template2D template3D biorobots-sample cancer-biorobots-sample heterogeneity-sample
                  cancer-immune-sample virus-macrophage-sample template
PS C:\Users\PaulT\Downloads\PhysiCell-1.7.1\PhysiCell-1.7.1> make heterogeneity-sample
cp ./sample_projects/heterogeneity/custom_modules/* ./custom_modules/
touch main.cpp && cp main.cpp main-backup.cpp
cp ./sample_projects/heterogeneity/main-heterogeneity.cpp ./main.cpp
cp Makefile Makefile-backup
cp ./sample_projects/heterogeneity/Makefile .
cp ./config/PhysiCell_settings.xml ./config/PhysiCell_settings-backup.xml
cp ./sample_projects/heterogeneity/config/* ./config/
PS C:\Users\PaulT\Downloads\PhysiCell-1.7.1\PhysiCell-1.7.1> make
```

# How to change settings in XML

- Open config/PhysiCell\_settings.xml
- Major sections:
  - **domain** -- how big of a region to simulate
  - **overall** -- how long to simulate, time step sizes
  - **parallel** -- OpenMP settings
  - **save** -- how often to save SVG images and full data
  - **microenvironment** -- settings on diffusing substrates
  - **user\_parameters** -- model-specific settings
  - **cell\_definitions** -- set baseline cell properties

# Exercise: change settings and run

- Let's set the maximum simulation time to 2160 minutes
- Let's set the domain to  $[-500, 500] \times [-500, 500]$  to speed it up
- Let's set the oncoprotein standard deviation to 3
- Let's set the max oncoprotein to 9 (3 standard deviations)
- Compile and run as before.

# Let's set options and run (1)

- Open `./config/PhysiCell-settings.xml`
- Let's set the domain size in the **domain** block
  - Switch to `[-500,500] x [-500,500] x [-10,10]` to speed it up

```
<PhysiCell_settings version="devel-version">
  <domain>
    <x_min>-500</x_min>
    <x_max>500</x_max>
    <y_min>-500</y_min>
    <y_max>500</y_max>
    <z_min>-10</z_min>
    <z_max>10</z_max>
    <dx>20</dx>
    <dy>20</dy>
    <dz>20</dz>
    <use_2D>true</use_2D>
  </domain>
```



# Let's set options and run (2)

- Let's also look at the **user\_parameters** block
  - Let's change the oncoprotein standard deviation (**oncoprotein\_sd**) to 3 (more variation)
  - Let's change the max oncoprotein (**oncoprotein\_max**) to  $\text{mean} + 3 \text{ sds} = 1 + 9 = 10$

```
<user_parameters>
  <tumor_radius type="double" units="micron">250.0</tumor_radius>
  <oncoprotein_mean type="double" units="dimensionless">
    1.0</oncoprotein_mean>
  <oncoprotein_sd type="double" units="dimensionless">3.0</oncoprotein_sd>
  <oncoprotein_min type="double" units="dimensionless">0.0</oncoprotein_min>
  <oncoprotein_max type="double" units="dimensionless">10</oncoprotein_max>
  <random_seed type="int" units="dimensionless">0</random_seed>
</user_parameters>
```

# Let's set options and run (3)

- Let's look at the **overall** block
  - Set max time to 1.5 days =  $1.5 \times 24 \times 60 = 2160$  minutes

```
<overall>
  <max_time units="min">2160</max_time> <!-- 36 h * 60 min -->
  <time_units>min</time_units>
  <space_units>micron</space_units>
```

- Let's look at the **save** block
  - Set the full save interval to 6 hours = 360 minutes

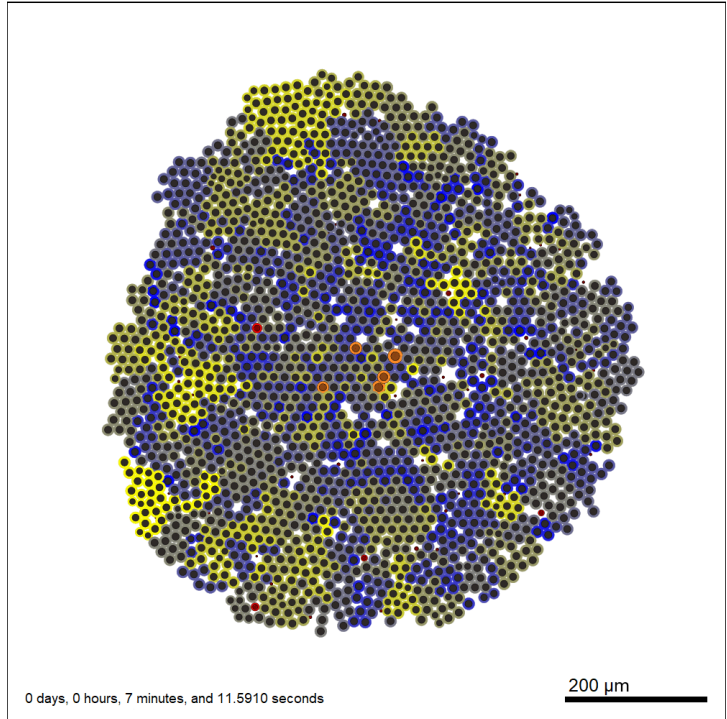
```
<save>
  <folder>output</folder> <!-- use . for root -->
  <full_data>
    <interval units="min">360</interval>
    <enable>true</enable>
  </full_data>
```

- Now, run! (`./heterogeneity`)

# Let's do a quick visualization

- `magick mogrify -format jpg *.svg`
- `magick convert *.svg out.gif`
- We can see that the yellow cells eventually "win": they grow faster and form microcolonies within the tumor
- The effect is greatest on the outside edge: They have access to more  $O_2$  here

Current time: 5 days, 0 hours, and 0.01 minutes, z = 0.00  $\mu\text{m}$   
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