Setting up PhysiCell on Windows

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PhysiCell Project

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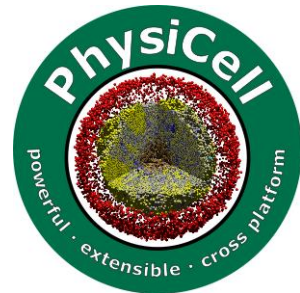
Overview

This installation guide is prepared for installing PhysiCell to new fresh Windows. If you install PhysiCell 1.8.0 or previous version in your PC. Please uninstall MSYS and remove related directories from environmental variables.

- PhysiCell
- MSYS 2
- Adding them to path
- Anaconda
- Test modules "biorobots" and "ode-energy-sample"

- ImageMagick
- COPASI
- PhysiCell Model Builder

Minimal setup

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Youtube video

- Here is the video link for the recording of installation on Windows:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jp3ZOMt761M

PhysiCell

- To download PhysiCell please proceed following link:
  https://github.com/MathCancer/PhysiCell
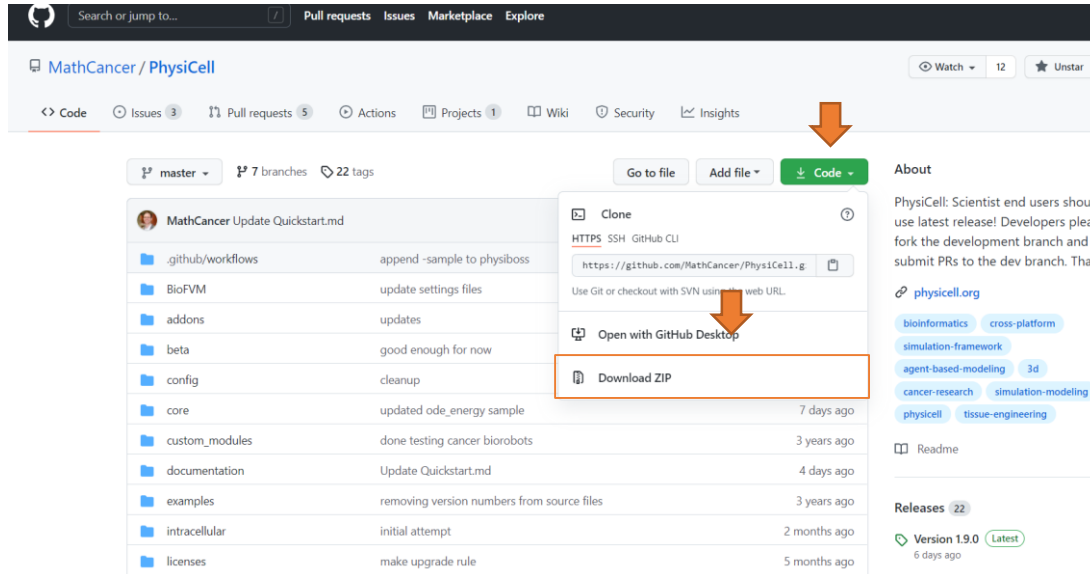
- Please, click green "Code" button at right.
- Then, download as "ZIP".
- Extract to the desired directory.

PhysiCell

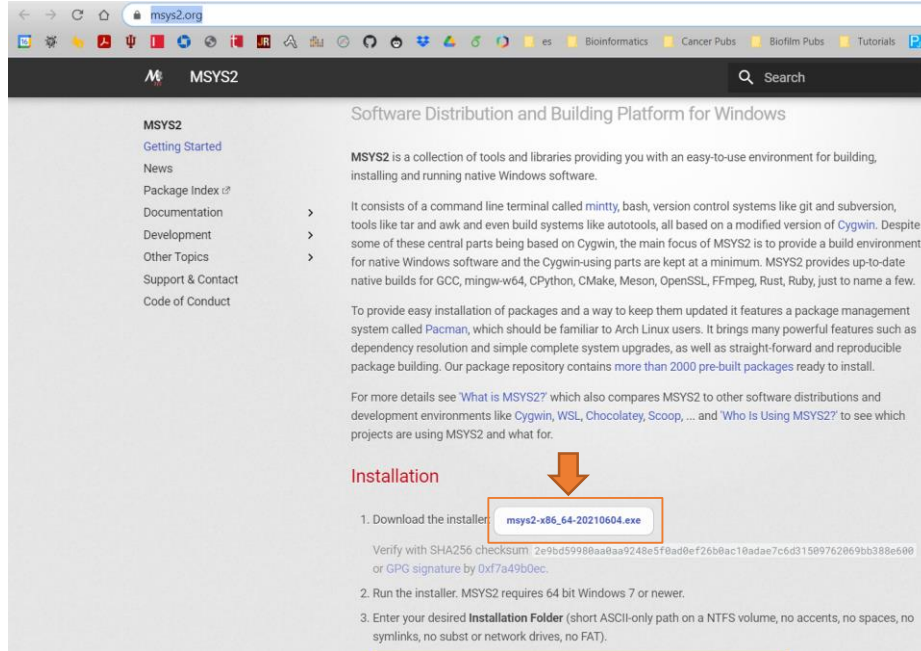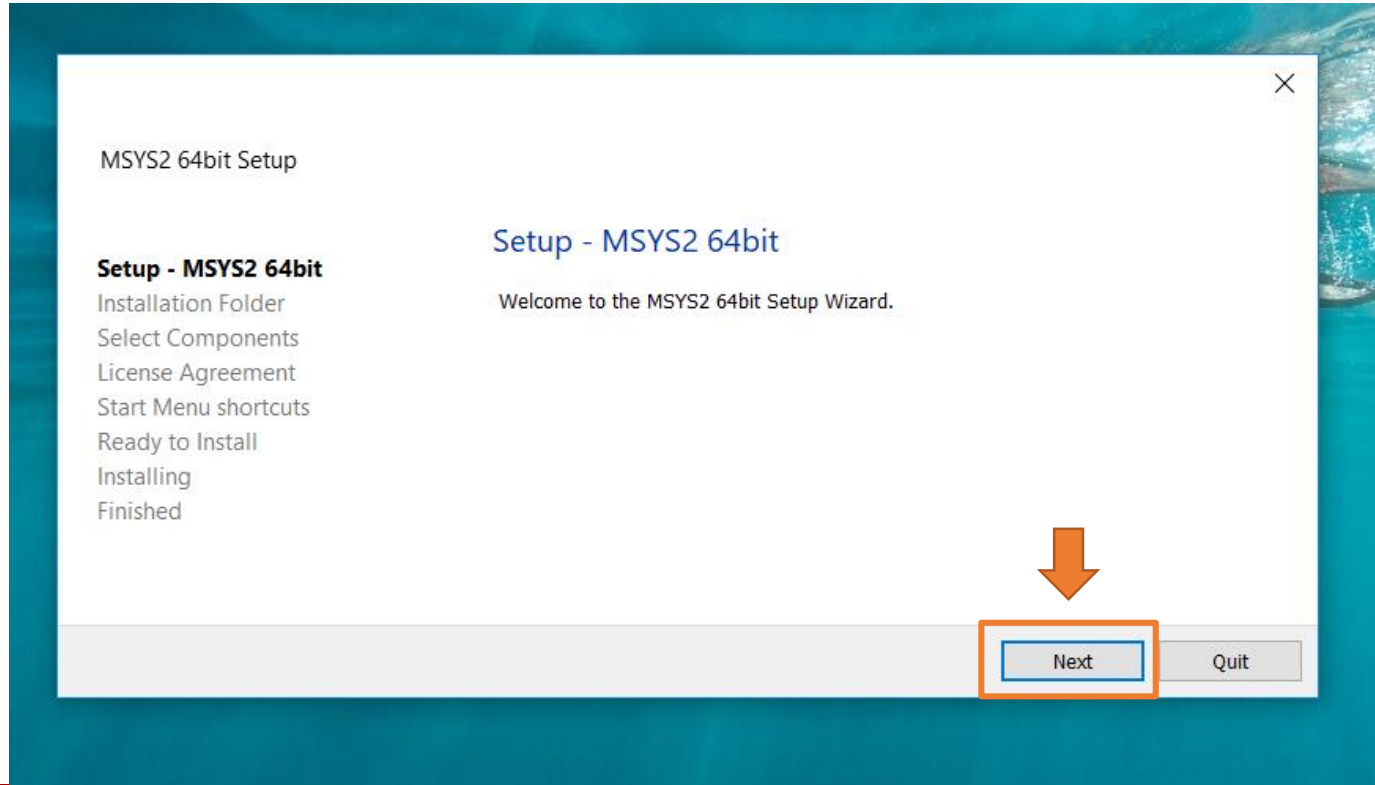- After the extraction, PhysiCell folder should look like this:
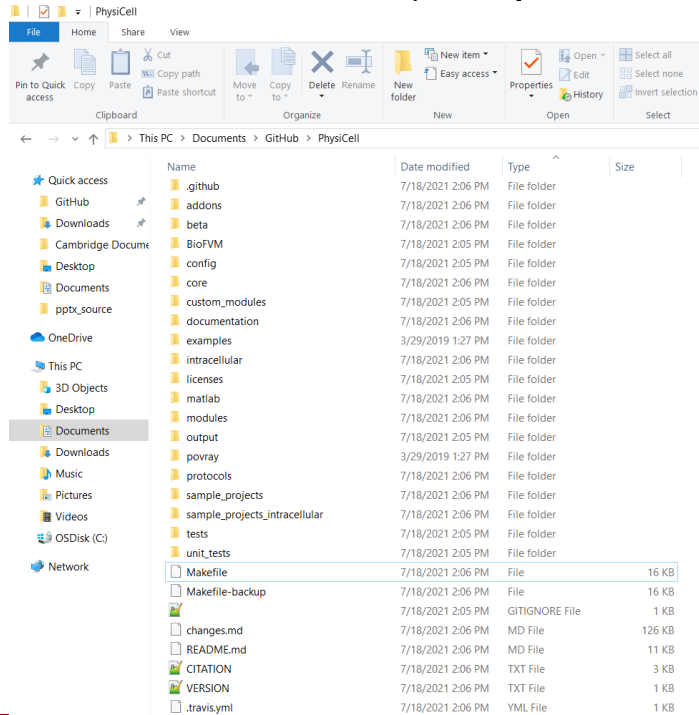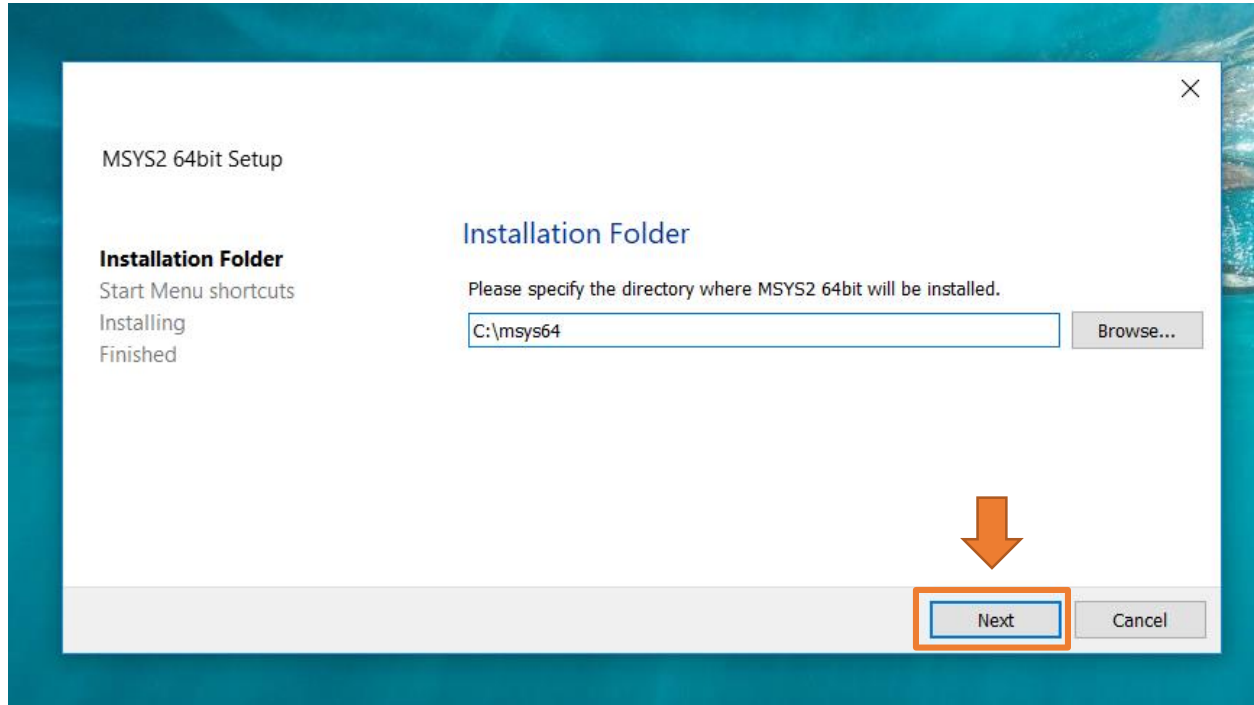
MSYS 2

- Please proceed following link:
  https://www.msys2.org/

- Please, click "msys-x64_64-202XXX.exe" button at bottom.

- It should download installer.

- Open it with double-clicking the installer.

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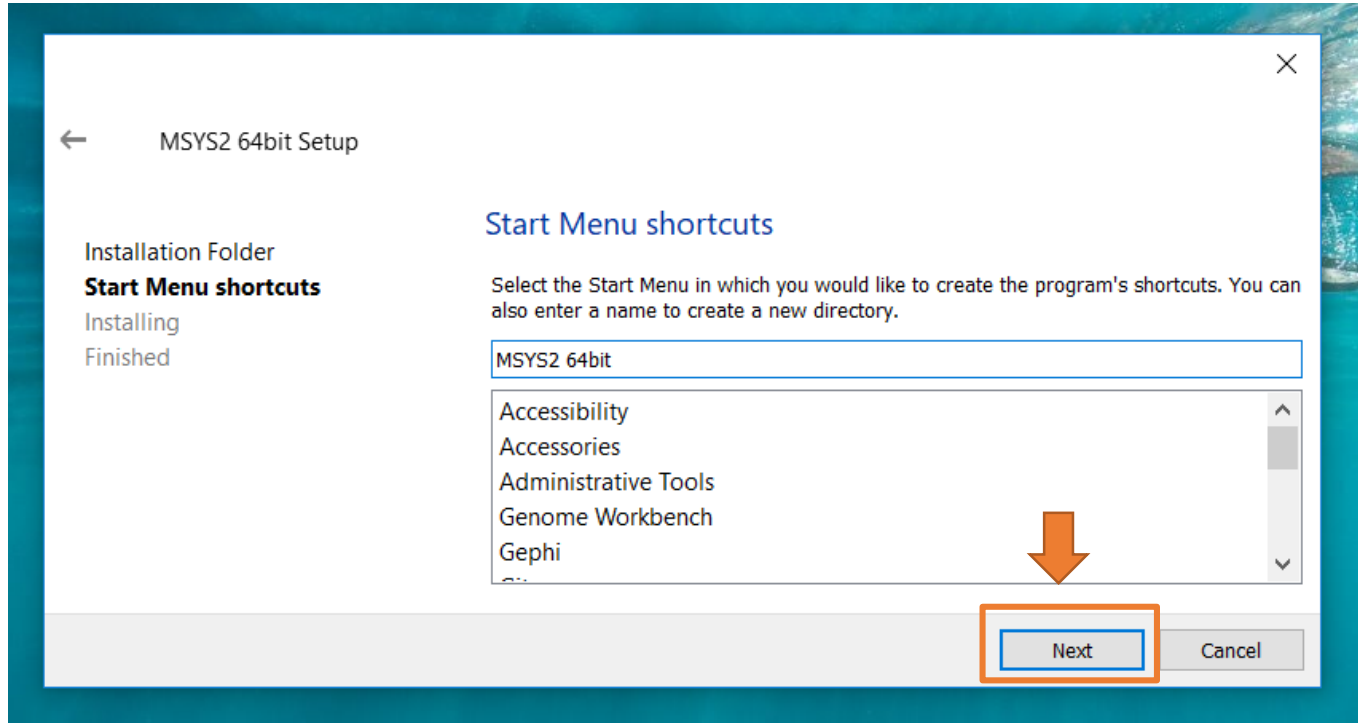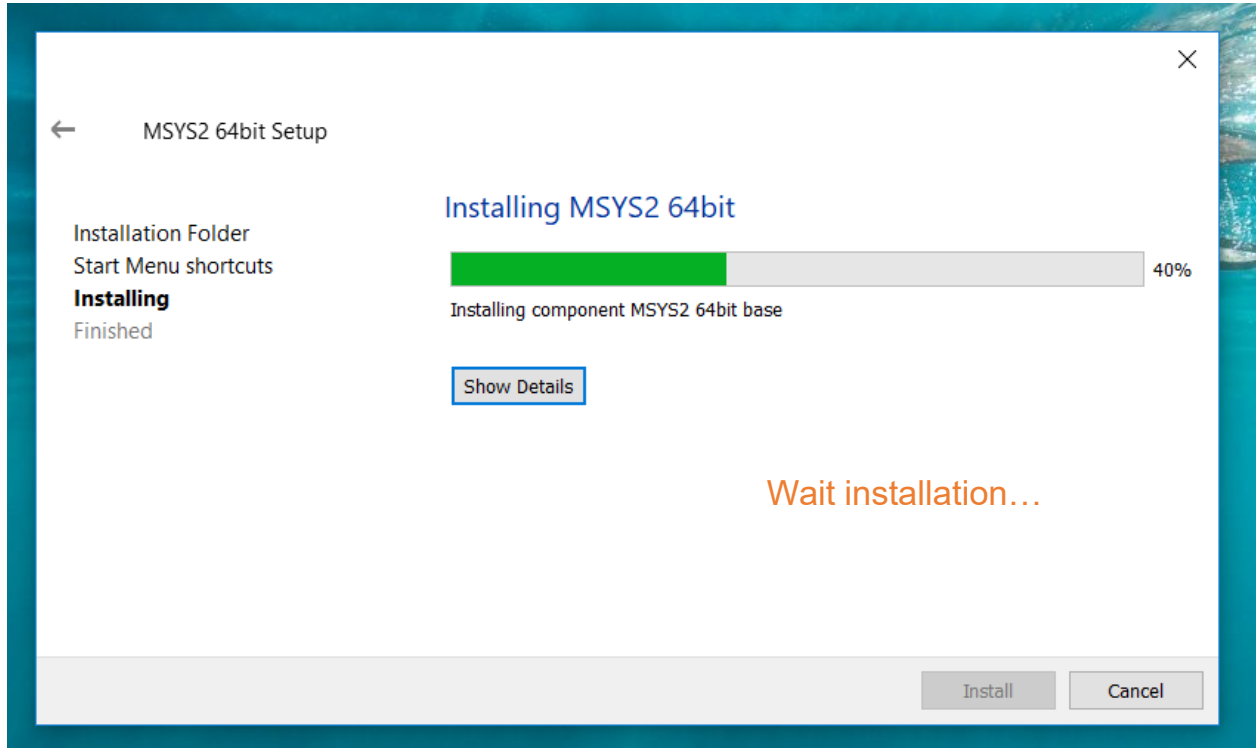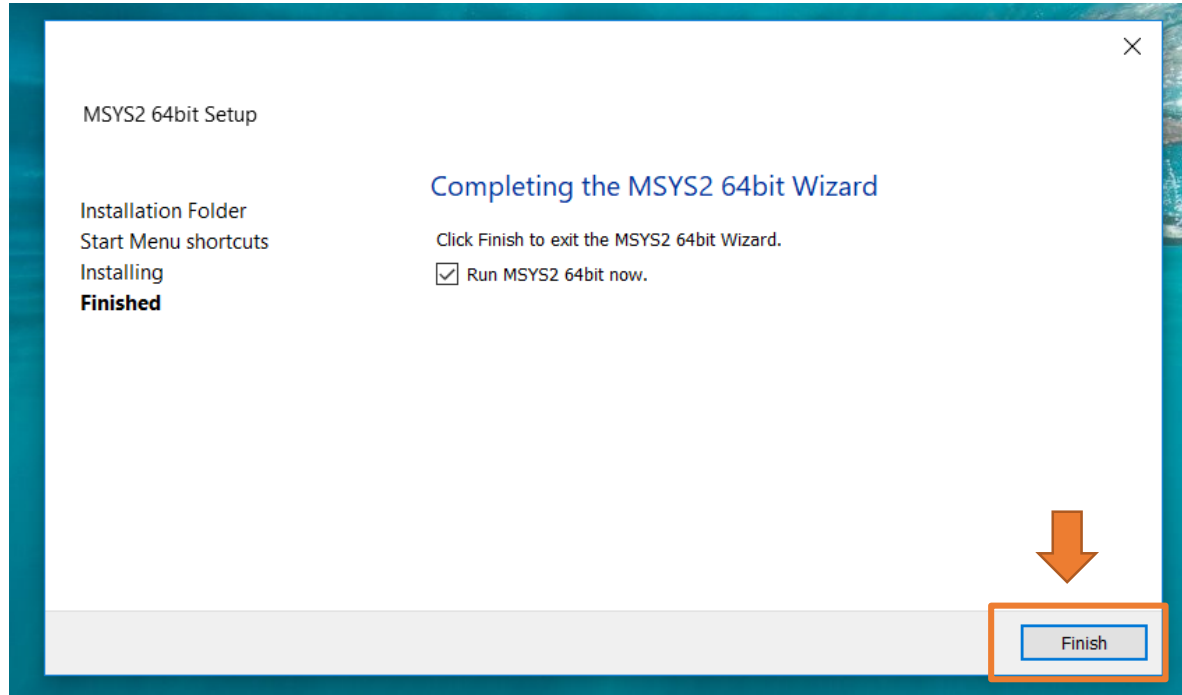
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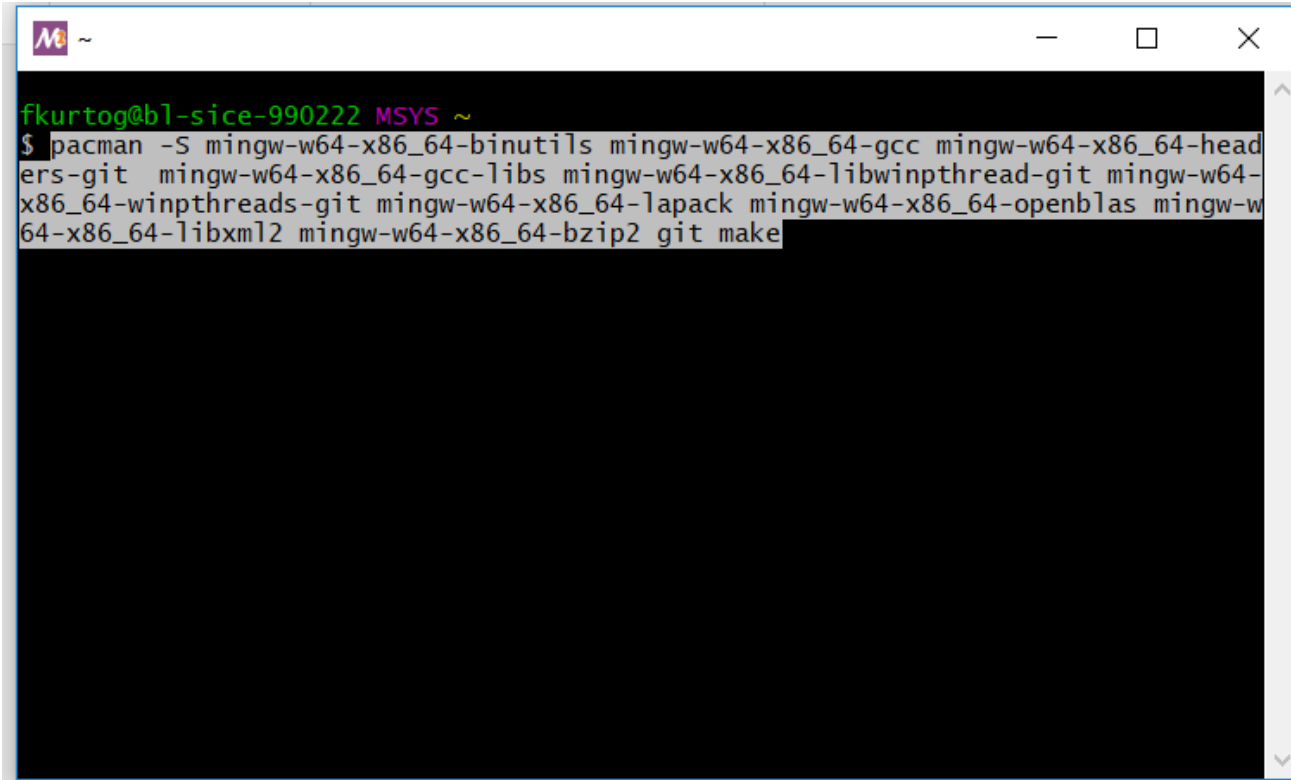
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- After MSYS2 command prompt is opened, please copy and paste following line. Then, press enter.

```
pacman -S mingw-w64-x86_64-binutils mingw-w64-x86_64-gcc mingw-w64-x86_64-headers-git  mingw-w64-x86_64-gcc-libs mingw-w64-x86_64-libwinpthread-git mingw-w64-x86_64-winpthreads-git mingw-w64-x86_64-lapack mingw-w64-x86_64-openblas mingw-w64-x86_64-libxml2 mingw-w64-x86_64-bzip2 git make
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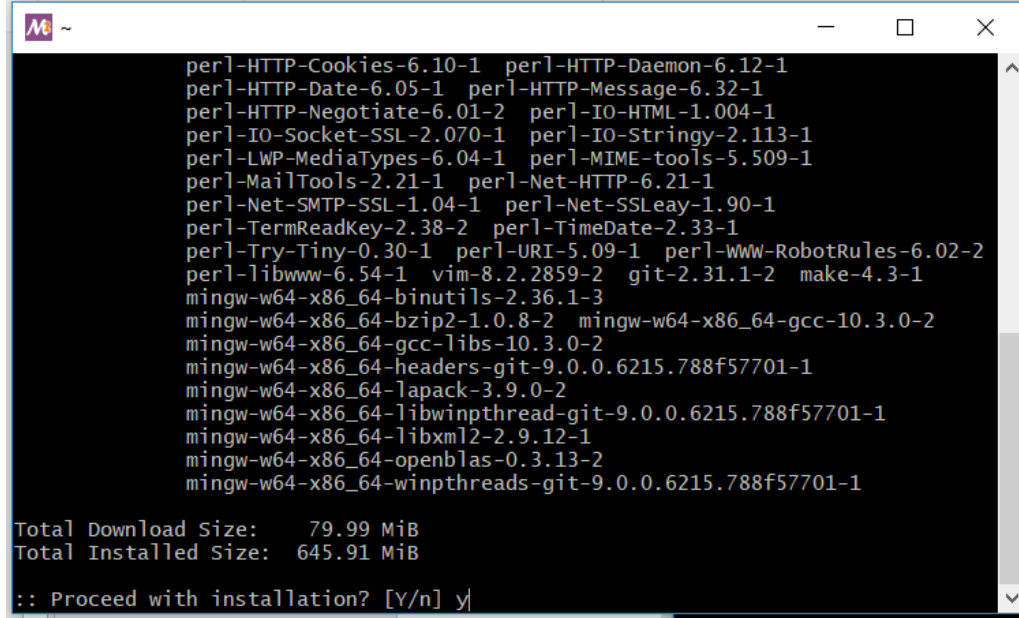
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- Give "y" (yes) answer to the msys2. Press enter…

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- It will take some time to install all required libraries. But in the end, you should not see any errors.

Adding directories to PATH

- Please go to environmental variables with searching on Windows Start Menu.
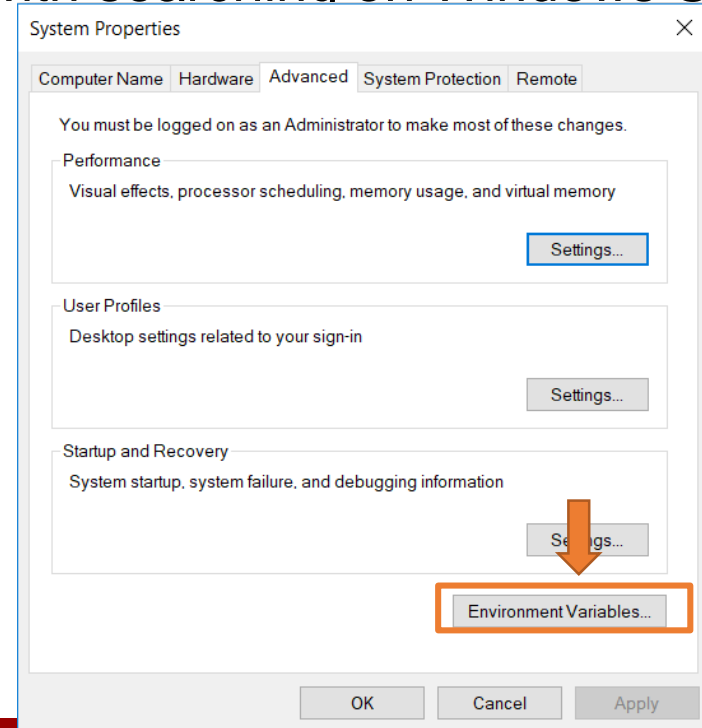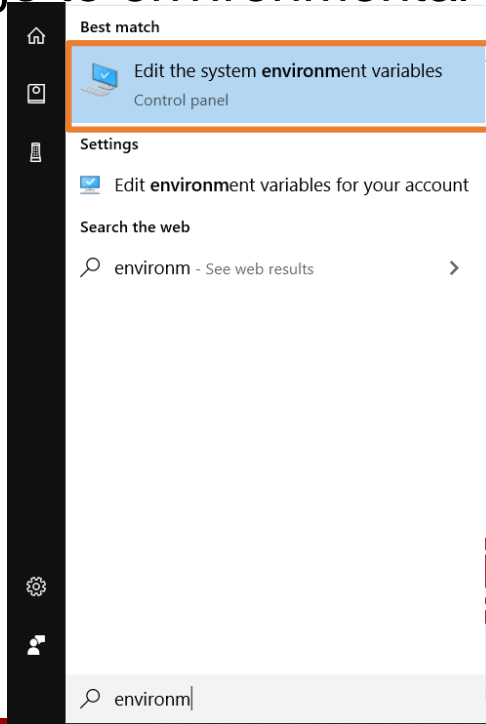
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- Please select to SYSTEM PATH and press "Edit…"
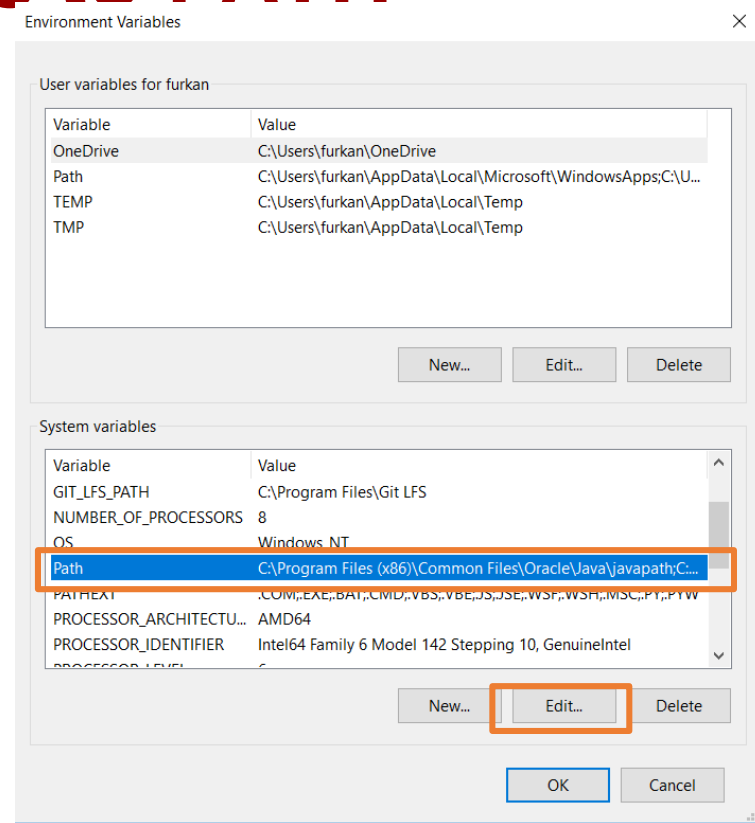
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- Please press "New". And add following paths to there:

C:\msys64\mingw64\bin

C:\msys64\usr\bin

.\addons\libRoadrunner\roadrunner\bin
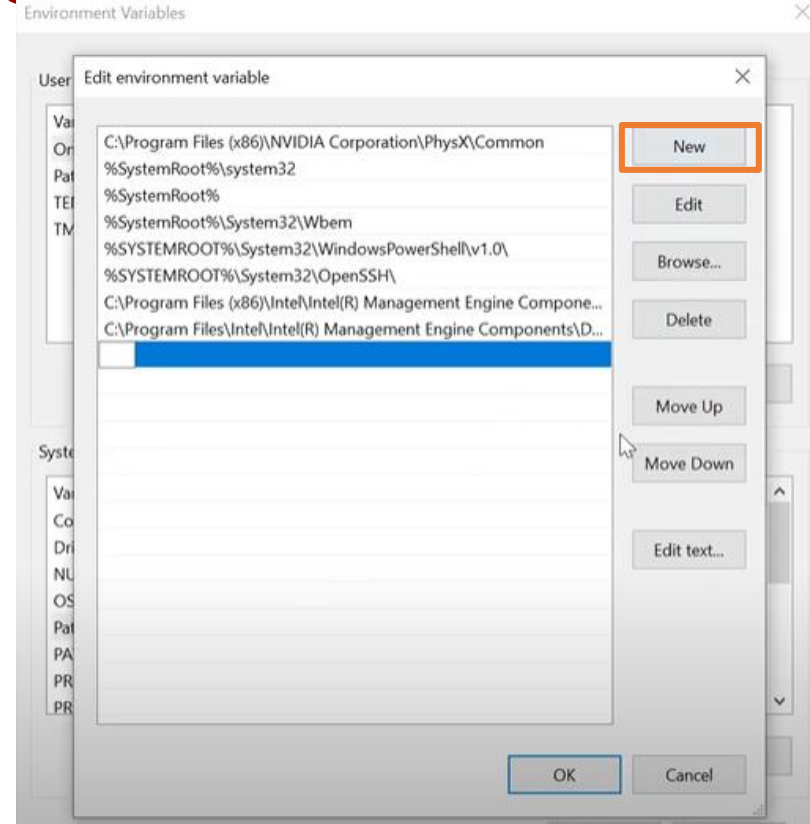
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- Then please "MOVE UP", newly added three paths.

- The list should like the following image.
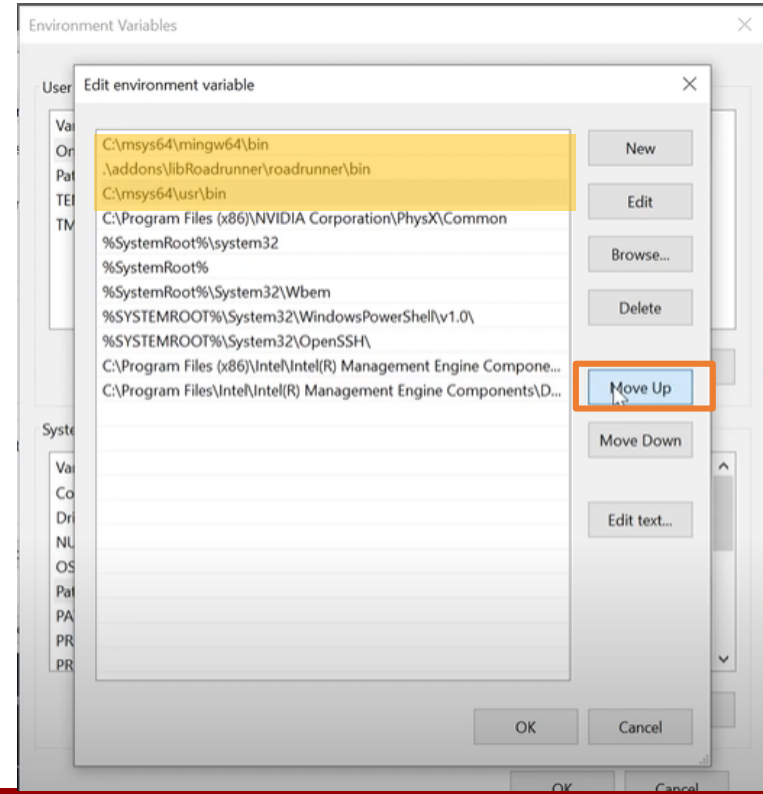
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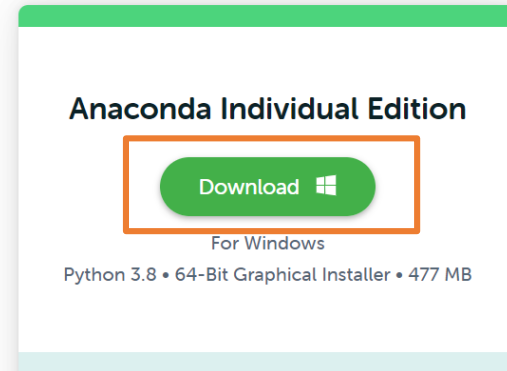
- Please proceed following link:
  https://www.anaconda.com/products/individual

Anaconda

- Please install for all users. (This is step is required for msys2 path priorities)

- If you cannot install for all users. Please add msys2 paths for current user in the environmental variables. (Instead of systems variables, please use upper user variables)
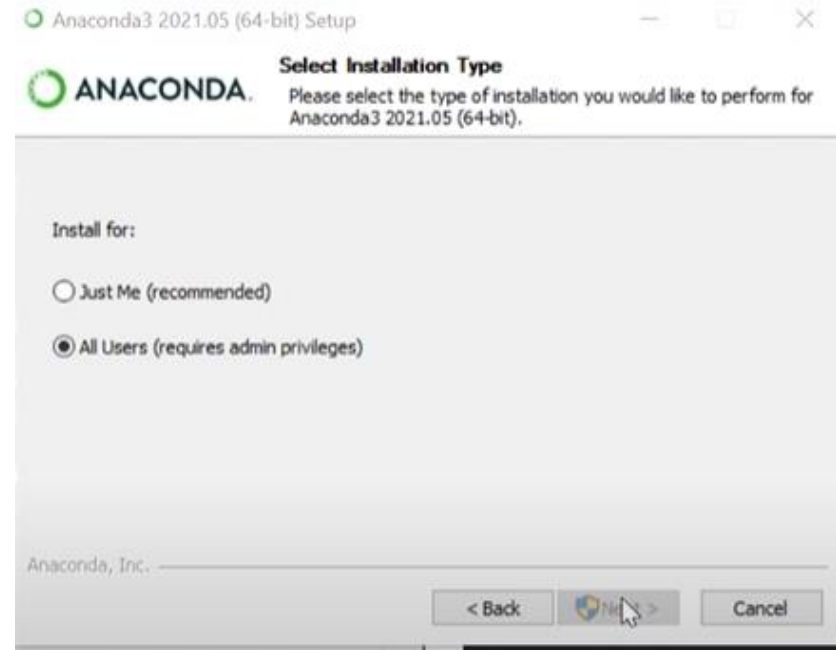
Anaconda

- Please select option for adding Anaconda to the path.
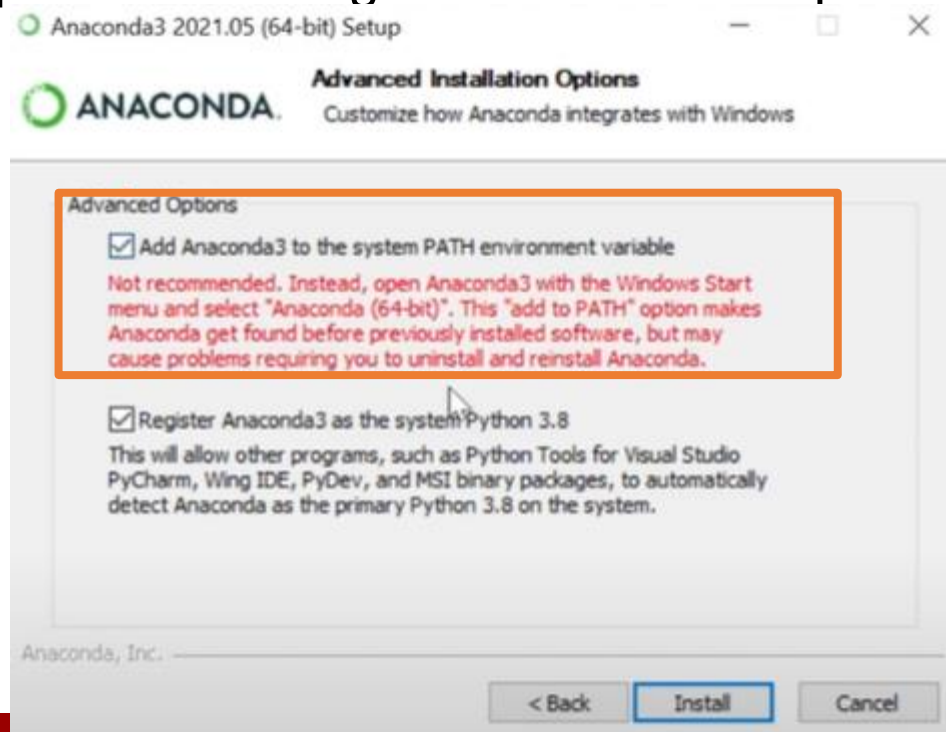
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- Installation…
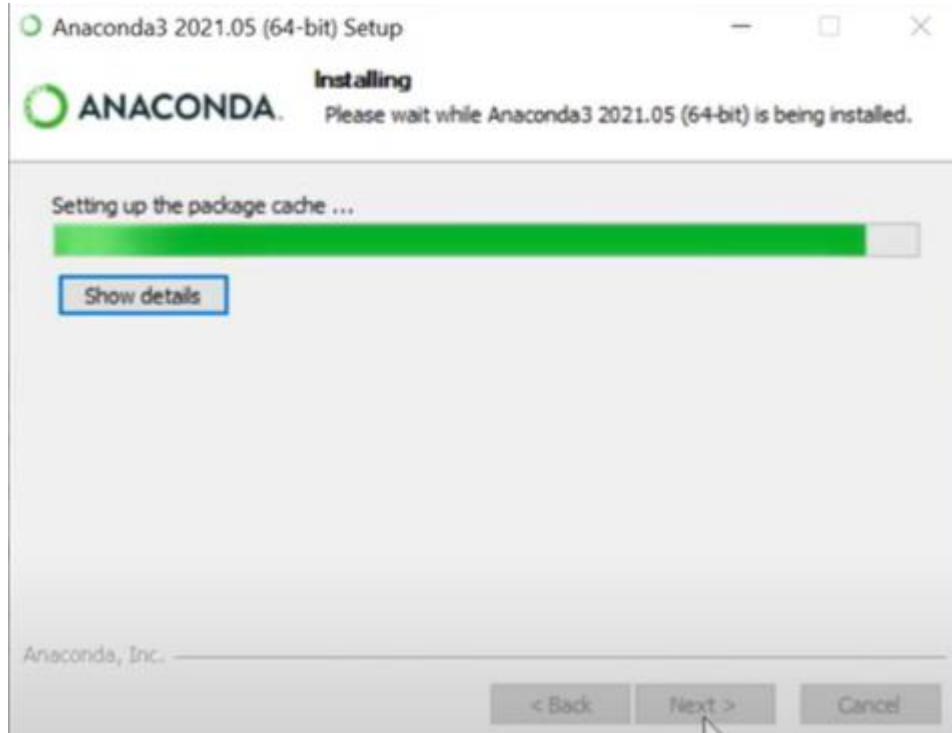
Test Module : "biorobots"

- At this moment PhysiCell is ready to work. Let's try "biorobots", first.

- Open command prompt from Start menu with typing "cmd".
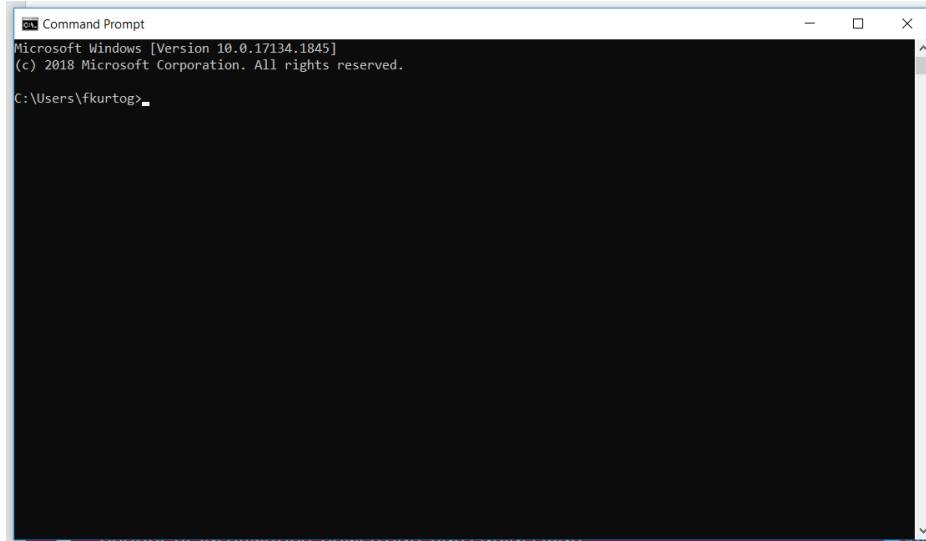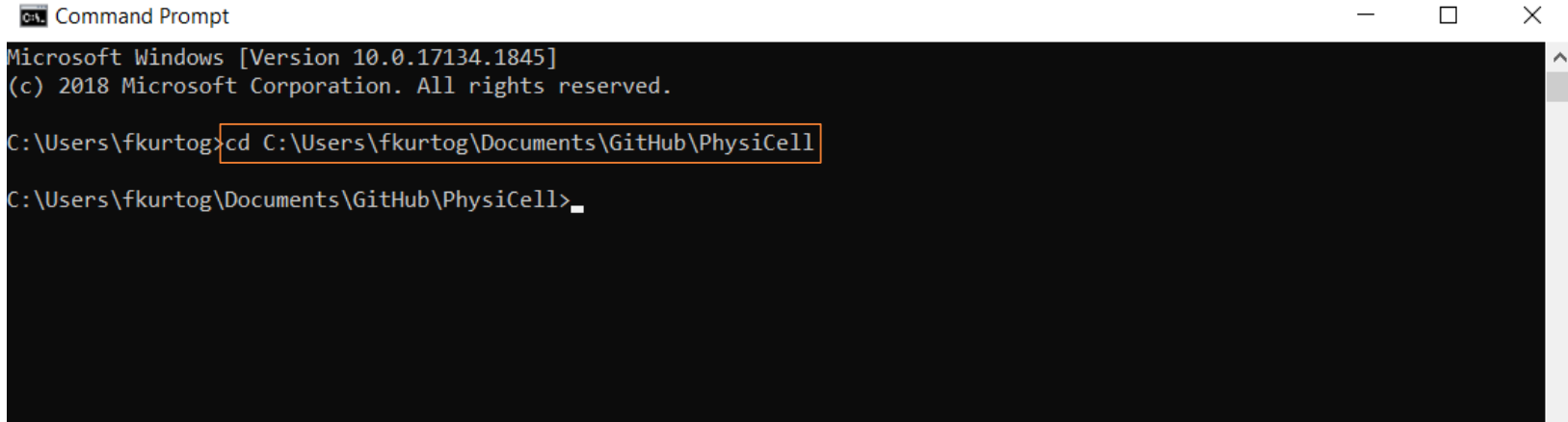
Going to PhysiCell folder

- Proceed to the PhysiCell folder at File Browser.

- Click to the directory address from top.

- Copy it
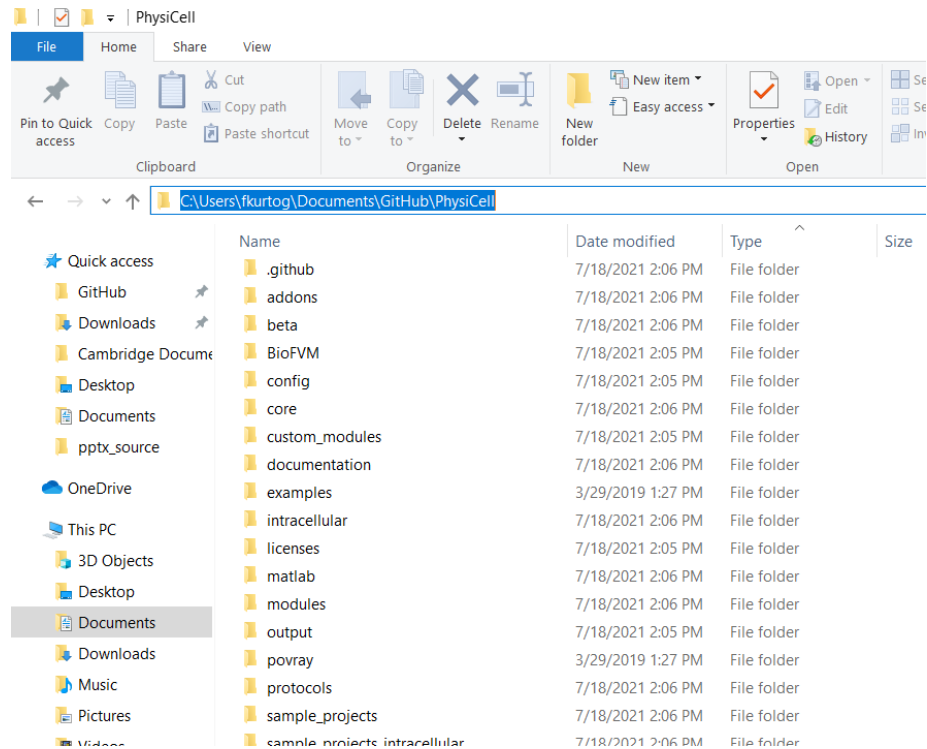
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- Type "cd" and paste the copied directory with space between them.

Testing Modules (biorobots)

- Let's compile "biorobots" sample project first.

- Please run following commands in the command prompt.

```
make biorobots-sample

make
```

- This should successfully compiles biorobots sample project that ready to run with following command.

```
./biorobots.exe
```

First simulation…

Testing Modules (ode-energy-sample)

- If the first test is successfully created .mat and .xml files in the output folder. Let's try "ode-sample" sample project. To do that:

```
make ode-energy-sample
```

```
make
```

- While compilation, you should see "libroadrunner" installation. After the compilation, please use following command to run simulation.

```
./ode_energy.exe
```

Second simulation… (ode-energy-sample)

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We have finished the minimal setup. Following slides will show traditional setup.

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ImageMagick

- Please proceed the following link:
  https://imagemagick.org/script/download.php

- And go below for "Windows Binary Release" and click there to download.

Windows Binary Release

ImageMagick runs on Windows 10 (x86 & x64), Windows 8 (x86 & x64), Windows 7 (x86 & x64), Windows Server 2012, Windows Vista (x86 & x64) with Service Pack 2, Windows Server 2008 (x86 & x64) with Service Pack 2, and Windows Server 2008 R2 (x64).

The amount of memory can be an important factor, especially if you intend to work on large images. A minimum of 512 MB of RAM is recommended, but the more RAM the better. Although ImageMagick runs well on a single core computer, it automagically runs in parallel on multi-core systems reducing run times considerably.

The Windows version of ImageMagick is self-installing. Simply click on the appropriate version below and it will launch itself and ask you a few installation questions. Versions with *Q8* in the name are 8 bits-per-pixel component (e.g. 8-bit red, 8-bit green, etc.), whereas, *Q16* in the filename are 16 bits-per-pixel component. A Q16 version permits you to read or write 16-bit images without losing precision but requires twice as much resources as the Q8 version. Versions with *dll* in the filename include ImageMagick libraries as dynamic link libraries. Unless you have a Windows 32-bit OS, we recommend this version of ImageMagick for 64-bit Windows:

Version	Description
ImageMagick-7.1.0-4-Q16-HDRI-x64-dll.exe	Win64 dynamic at 16 bits-per-pixel component with High-dynamic-range imaging enabled

Or choose from these alternate Windows binary distributions:

ImageMagick

- Please be sure the option for adding directory to path is selected.
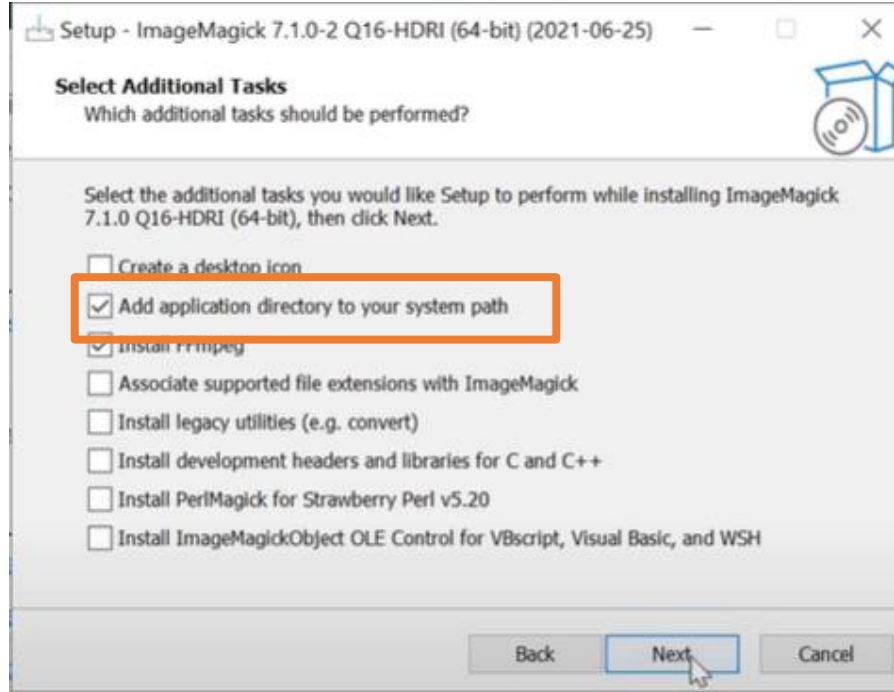
COPASI

- Please proceed following link to download COPASI

http://copasi.org/

- Install regularly

PhysiCell Model Builder (1)

- The Model Builder is a GUI to let you create/edit a .xml configuration file that defines (nearly all of) a PhysiCell model.

- Download the latest release at:

  https://github.com/PhysiCell-Tools/PhysiCell-model-builder/releases

- Uncompress the .zip, change directory into it, and run it:

```
$ unzip PhysiCell-model-builder-1.1.zip
$ cd PhysiCell-model-builder-1.1
$ python bin/gui4xml.py
```

Note that if your setup automatically unzips files after downloading, this command will not work. INSTEAD, *skip* the unzip command and go directly to the second command

This should display the GUI (next page):

PhysiCell Model Builder (2)

A User Guide for the Model Builder is still be written.

It is a tool that is still considered "beta", so your feedback will be very valuable.

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