

# Preparing your PhysiCell model to share on nanoHUB

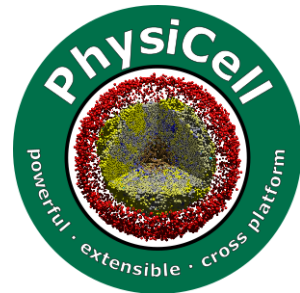


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## PhysiCell Project

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# Overview

- nanoHUB (<https://nanohub.org/>) is an open and free platform for computational research, education, and collaboration in nanotechnology, materials science, and related fields.
- nanoHUB lets users run interactive apps from a browser.
- This tutorial will explain how you port an existing PhysiCell 2-D model to run on nanoHUB.

# Assumptions

- You have installed the Anaconda Python distribution:
  - <https://github.com/MathCancer/PhysiCell/blob/master/documentation/Quickstart.md#python>
  - If you need more setup details: <https://github.com/physicell-training/ws2021#pre-workshop-materials>
- You have a working PhysiCell 2-D model that adheres to the default directory structure, file naming scheme (`Makefile`, `main.cpp`, `config/PhysiCell_settings.xml`), and contains the `output/initial.xml` file from a simulation.
- You have downloaded and installed (unzipped) the latest release from <https://github.com/PhysiCell-Tools/PhysiCell-Jupyter-GUI/releases>

# Detailed instructions

- Follow the steps here:

- <https://github.com/PhysiCell-Tools/PhysiCell-Jupyter-GUI/blob/master/README.md>

- <https://github.com/PhysiCell-Tools/PhysiCell-Jupyter-GUI/blob/master/README.md#steps-to-follow>

The following slides try to illustrate these steps.

- ◆ Instead of using “ise\_proj1”, you may want to use: “pc4ws21teamN” (PhysiCell for Workshop 2021, where N=1,2,etc (whatever your team # is)) – see next slide

- These instructions should let you create a Jupyter notebook that you can run locally (on your computer) before installing it on nanoHUB.

- Creating a nanoHUB app is considered optional (<https://github.com/PhysiCell-Tools/PhysiCell-Jupyter-GUI/blob/master/README.md#create-a-nanohub-tool-optional>), but we are assuming you will do it in this tutorial. Let us know if you need help.



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Create a new  
GitHub repo for  
your nanoHUB  
project. E.g., I  
created  
“pc4ws21team42”

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## Create a new repository


A repository contains all project files, including the revision history. Already have a project repository elsewhere? [Import a repository.](#)

Owner \*  rheiland / Repository name \* pc4ws21team42 ✓

Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about [jubilant-octo-dollop?](#)

Description (optional)

☒  **Public**  
Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit.

☐  **Private**  
You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

**Initialize this repository with:**  
Skip this step if you're importing an existing repository.

☒ **Add a README file**  
This is where you can write a long description for your project. [Learn more.](#)

☐ **Add .gitignore**  
Choose which files not to track from a list of templates. [Learn more.](#)


☐ **Choose a license**  
A license tells others what they can and can't do with your code. [Learn more.](#)

This will set `main` as the default branch. Change the default name in your [settings](#).

Create repository



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# Using biorobots as an example (1)

```
~$ unzip PhysiCell_V.1.9.0.zip
```

```
...
```

```
~$ mv PhysiCell PhysiCell_v1.9.0
```

```
~$ cd PhysiCell_v1.9.0
```

```
~/PhysiCell_v1.9.0$ 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/
```

```
~/PhysiCell_v1.9.0$ make
```

```
...
```

```
~/PhysiCell_v1.9.0$ biorobots
```

```
... Let it run just for a very brief time (to generate some initial output) and then ctrl-c to kill it
```

# Using biorobots as an example (2)

- Verify you have these 4 critical files:

```
~/PhysiCell_v1.9.0$ ls Makefile main.cpp config/PhysiCell_settings.xml output/initial.xml
```

Makefile

main.cpp

config/PhysiCell\_settings.xml

output/initial.xml



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# Clone your GitHub repo

```
~$ git clone git@github.com:rheiland/pc4ws21team42.git
```

```
Cloning into 'pc4ws21team42'...
```

```
remote: Enumerating objects: 3, done.
```

```
remote: Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
```

```
remote: Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
```

```
Receiving objects: 100% (3/3), done.
```

```
~$
```

```
~/PhysiCell-Jupyter-GUI-1.4$ python setup_new_proj.py ~/pc4ws21team42 ~/PhysiCell_v1.9.0 pc4ws21team42
```

```
...
```

This will generate these files in your cloned nanoHUB project:

```
~/pc4ws21team42$ ls
```

```
LICENSE          examples/        rappture/
```

```
README.md        make_my_tool.py src/
```

```
bin/             middleware/      tmpdir/
```

```
data/            mod_makefile.py
```

```
doc/             pc4ws21team42.ipynb ← This will be your project's name
```

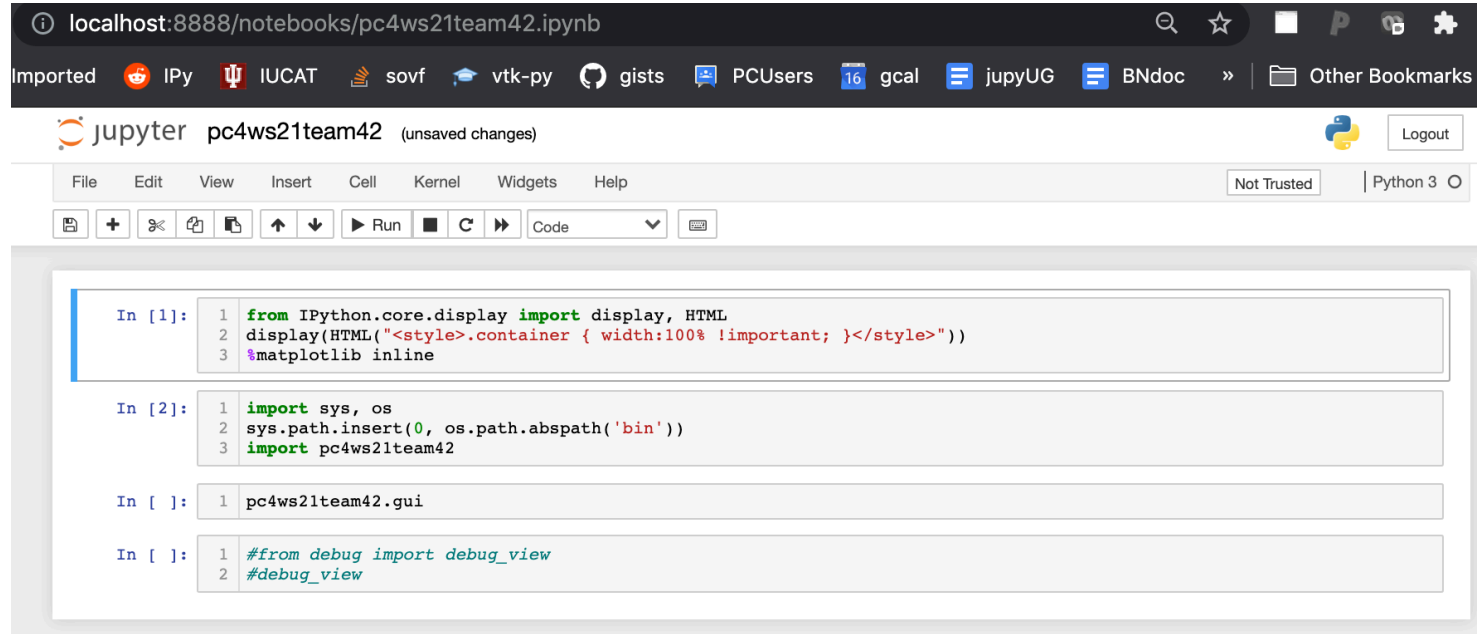


# Test your notebook on your computer

Have a Web browser running, then run the following command from a shell:

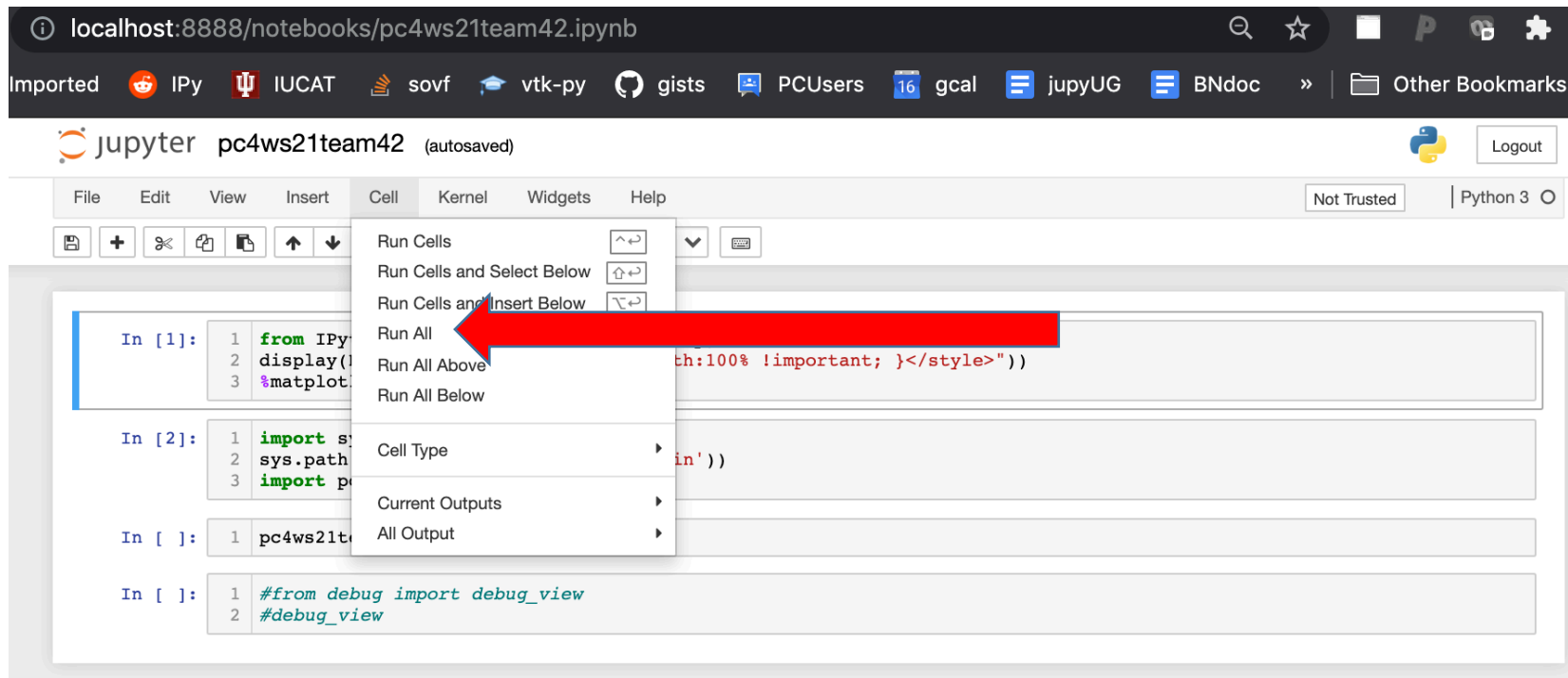
```
~/pc4ws21team42$ jupyter notebook pc4ws21team42.ipynb
```

...



You should see this  
Jupyter notebook  
displayed in your  
browser:

Click the 'Cell' menu, 'Run All', wait for each notebook "cell" to execute...



localhost:8888/notebooks/pc4ws21team42.ipynb

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jupyter pc4ws21team42 (unsaved changes)

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```
In [1]: 1 from IPython.core.display import display, HTML
2 display(HTML("<style>.container { width:100% !important; }</style>"))
3 %matplotlib inline

In [2]: 1 import sys, os
2 sys.path.insert(0, os.path.abspath('bin'))
3 import pc4ws21team42

In [3]: 1 pc4ws21team42.gui
```

Load Config: DEFAULT pc4ws21team42

About Config Basics Microenvironment User Params Cell Types Out: Plots Animate

### GUI Overview

- Config Basics** tab: input parameters common to all models (e.g., domain grid, simulation time, choice/frequency of outputs)
- Microenvironment** tab: microenvironment parameters that are model-specific
- User Params** tab: user parameters that are model-specific
- Cell Types** tab: parameters for cell types that are model-specific
- Out: Plots** tab: output display of cells and substrates
- Animate** tab: generate an animation of cells

Clicking the 'Run' button will use the specified parameters and start a simulation. When clicked, it creates an "Output" widget that can be clicked/expanded to reveal the progress (text) of the simulation. When the simulation generates output files, they can be visualized in the "Out: Plots" tab. The "# cell frames" will be dynamically updated as those output files are generated by the running simulation. When the "Run" button is clicked, it toggles to a "Cancel" button that will terminate (not pause) the simulation.

### Introduction

This app demonstrates ...

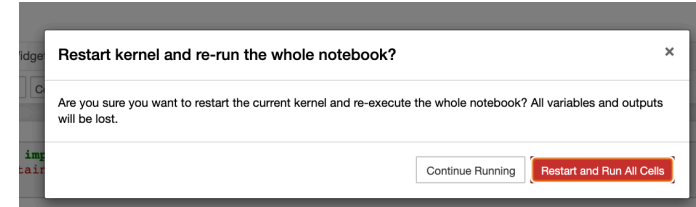
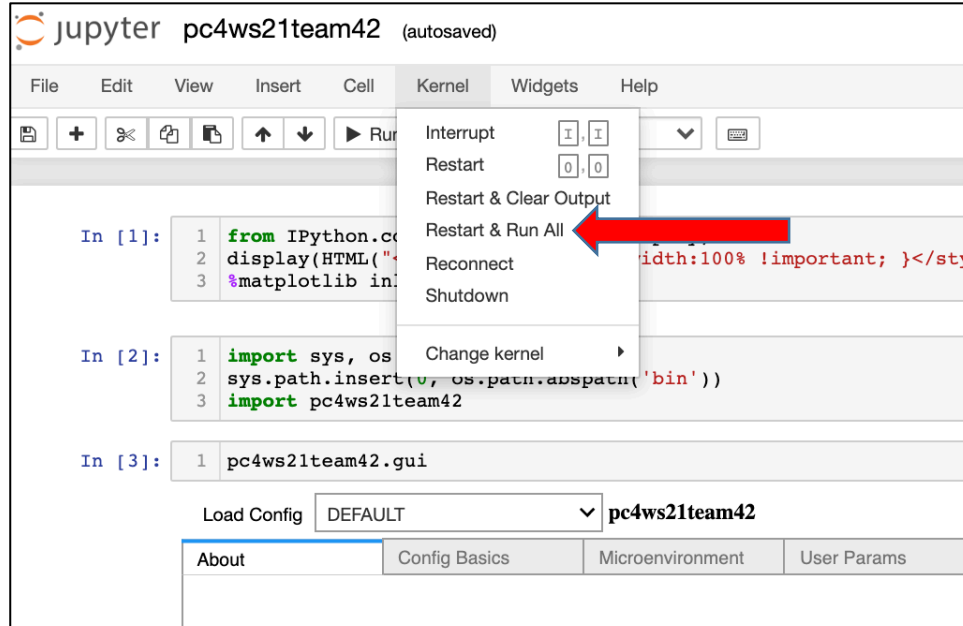
This model and cloud-hosted demo are part of a course on computational multicellular systems biology created and taught by Dr. Paul Macklin in the Department of Intelligent Systems Engineering at Indiana University. It is also part of the education and outreach for the IU Engineered nanoBIO Node and the NCI-funded cancer systems biology grant U01CA232137. The models are built using [PhysiCell](#): a C++ framework for multicellular systems biology [1].

### Basic instructions

You should see a similar looking notebook for your project.

Now or later:  
You can leave this running, then edit the doc/about.html file to update this page's contents and (see next page).

After editing the “doc/about.html”, Click the ‘Kernel’ menu, ‘Restart & Run All’, then click the pop-up button to confirm:



The notebook will refresh,  
showing your edited text:

Clicking the 'Run' button will use the specified parameters and start a simulation. When the simulation generates output files, they can be visualized in the 'Out:' section. When the 'Run' button is clicked, it toggles to a 'Cancel' button that will terminate the simulation.

### Introduction

This app demonstrates my app!!! ← Edited text

This model and cloud-hosted demo are part of a course on computational multicellular systems.

Explore the other tabs of the GUI (but disregard the Animate tab)

The screenshot shows the PhysiCell GUI with the following settings:

- Domain (micron):**
  - Xmin: -1000, Xmax: 1000, dx: 20
  - Ymin: -1000, Ymax: 1000, dy: 20
- Max Time:** 2880 min
- # threads:** 4
- Plots:**
  - ☒ Cells every 2 min
  - ☒ Substrates every 2 min

A green **Run** button is located at the bottom left of the GUI.

# Final steps for nanoHUB app

- If your local Jupyter notebook looks correct, you have the option of compiling your project and making sure you can Run it from the notebook - rf. Steps 4 and 5 in:
  - <https://github.com/PhysiCell-Tools/PhysiCell-Jupyter-GUI/blob/master/README.md#steps-to-follow>
- However, you can probably skip straight to getting it ready to test on nanoHUB:
  - <https://github.com/PhysiCell-Tools/PhysiCell-Jupyter-GUI/blob/master/README.md#create-a-nanohub-tool-optional>  
(not “optional” if you plan to do it ☺)

# Support

- We encourage you to join and actively use the [PhysiCell community Slack channel](#). There, you can post questions ([#troubleshooting](#)), answer questions, and (hopefully) share successful modeling stories.
- Alternatively, you can submit problem tickets at <https://sourceforge.net/p/physicell/tickets/>
- Finally, please follow us on Twitter [@PhysiCell](#) and [@MathCancer](#).

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