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## Abstract

Video instructions for installing ilastik, training an ilastik project, and using the ilastik project for simple SynBot run for Mac operating system.



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<https://www.youtube.com/embed/NiNJ48GOABo?si=e5669PakvJ4Xy0rS>

- 1.1 If video quality is poor, try watching directly from Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NiNJ48GOABo>

## Installing ilastik

- 2 0:00 - 1:00 Install ilastik by downloading it from [ilastik.org/download](https://ilastik.org/download) and running the installer. To run ilastik after initial installation, right-click the application and click open. You will then be prompted to open the application even though it is from an unrecognized developer.

## Generate Training Images

- 3 1:00 - 2:38 Generate training images by running SynBot on a set of images so that any preprocessing steps will be the same as a SynBot run.
- 4 2:38 - 3:15 Copy two-color training images to a training images folder
- 5 3:15 - 3:30 Make empty folder for holding red images and green images
- 6 3:30 - 3:50 Run **extract\_channels.ijm** macro from the extra code folder on the SynBot GitHub repository
- 7 3:50 - 4:40 Select merged images folder, then red images folder, then green images folder

## Train ilastik model

- 8 4:40 - 4:58 Open ilastik and start a new Pixel Classification project
- 9 4:58 - 5:09 Save the ilastik project file to a safe place where you can use it to threshold with SynBot



- 10 5:09 - 5:25 Click add new image and select the red training image (or images)
- 11 5:25 - 5:35 Click the "2. Feature Selection" drop down then "select features" and use Ctrl + A to select all features.
- 12 5:35 - 5:37 Click the "3. Training" drop down to advance
- 13 5:37 - 5:40 Zoom in image using Cmnd + +
- 14 5:40 - 6:05 Use the Label 1 to mark several examples of foreground puncta. Only a handful are needed to get started.
- 15 6:05 - 6:12 Click Label 2 and use this to label some examples of background regions.
- 16 6:12 - 6:21 Click Live Update to see a rendering of the ilastik model that will update when new markings are added. Use Cmnd + - to zoom out and check how well this model is working.
- 17 6:21 - 6:30 Save the ilastik project. This saved model will be used by SynBot and you do not need to change anything in the steps 4 or 5 in the ilastik pipeline.
- 18 6:30 - 8:01 Repeat steps 8-17 for the green channel image

## Run SynBot with ilastik Thresholding

- 19 8:01 - 8:43 Open and run SynBot.ijm. Move ilastik to your applications folder. FIJI may not have permission to access ilastik otherwise.
- 20 8:43 - 8:59 Enter your analysis parameters, including the ilastik thresholding method.
- 21 8:59 - 9:15 Select ilastik.app application location. On Mac this will typically be in a path like ~/Applications/ilastik-1.4.0.app



- 22 9:15 - 9:20 Select the ilastik project file for thresholding the red channel.
- 23 9:20 - 9:25 Select the ilastik project file for thresholding the green channel.
- 24 9:25 - 9:30 Enter the threshold of ilastik condence to use for the analysis. ilastik will give a condence score from 0 to 1 of how likely the given pixel is part of the foreground. A good threshold is something between 0.5 and 0.9.
- 25 9:30 - 10:30 View results