

# GETTING STARTED WITH NEUROPH

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### 1. What is Neuroph?

Neuroph is a beginner friendly Java software for neural networks suitable for making first steps with neural networks.

### 2. Whats in Neuroph?

Neuroph consists of the Java library and GUI neural network simulator and visual editor called Neuroph Studio.

You can experiment with common neural network architectures in Neuroph Studio, and then use Neuroph Java library to use those neural networks in your Java programs.

Libraru and tools designed to be suitable to learn basic concepts about neural networks and machine learning.

### 3. Requirements

In order to use/run *Neuroph* you need **Java 8** installed on your computer. Everything else is provided in downloaded package.

### 4. Installation and Starting

To install NeurophStudio just start the installer wizard (neurophstudio-windows.exe for windows or neurophstudio-linux.sh for linux) and follow the simple wizard steps. For Mac unpack neurophstudio.zip.

Neuroph Java library can be used through Maven:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>com.github</groupId>
  <artifactId>neuroph-core</artifactId>
  <version>2.98</version>
  <type>jar</type>
</dependency>
```

Or just add reference to *neuroph-core-xx.jar* library to your Java project (and any other required jars like neuroph-imgrec-x.x.jar if you're using image recognition etc.)

## 5. Training neural network with NeurophStudio application

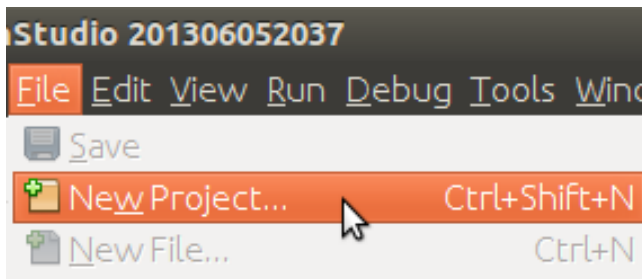
Now we'll explain how to use NeurophStudio to create neural networks. There are 5 steps for training NN, and they will be described with example Perceptron neural network for logical OR function (V).

To create and train Perceptron neural network using Neuroph Studio do the following:

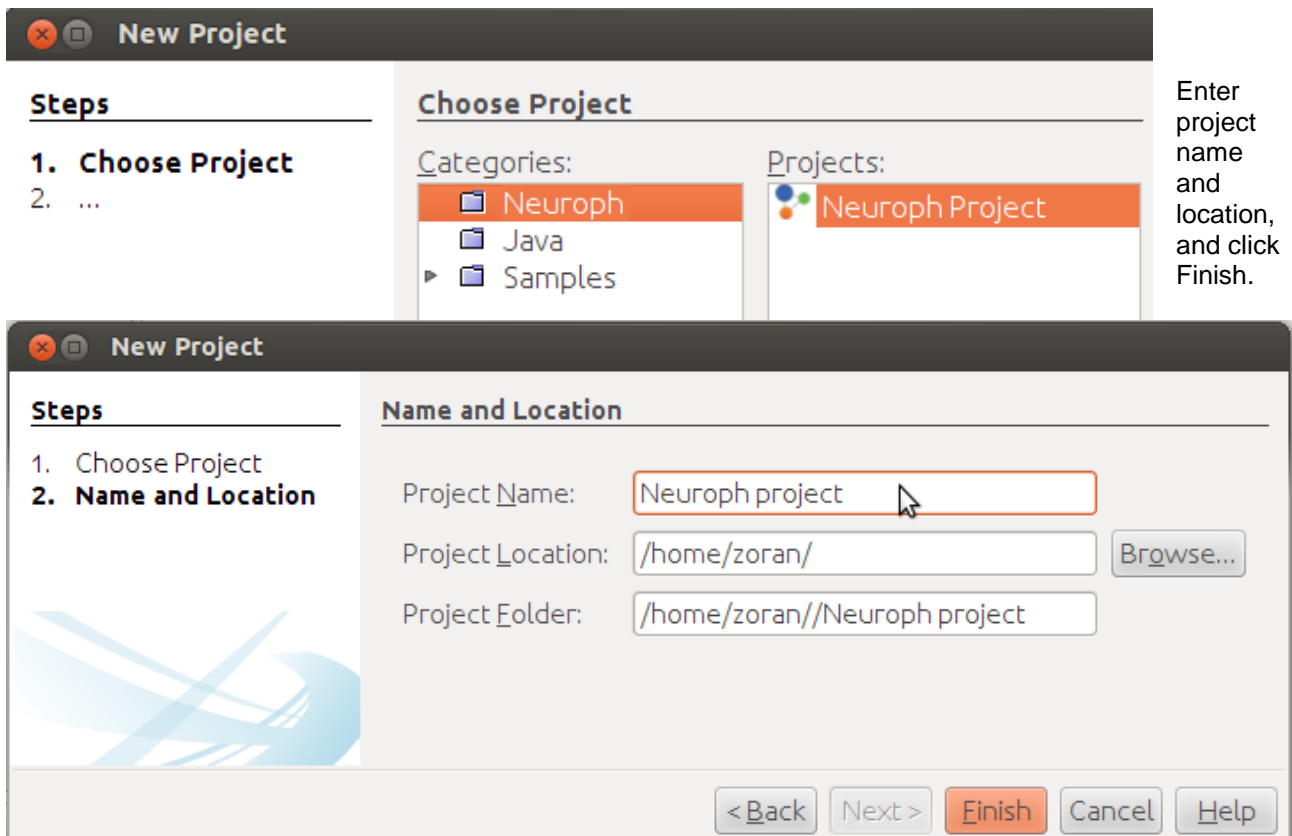
1. Create Neuroph Project.
2. Create Perceptron network. (from main menu choose **File > New > Neural Network > Perceptron**)
3. Create training set (from main menu choose **File > New > Data Set**)
4. Train network
5. Test trained network

### Step 1. Create Neuroph project.

In main menu click **File > New Project**



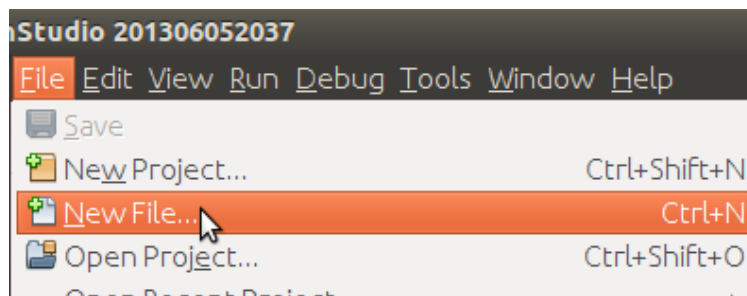
Then from **Neuroph project category** select **Neuroph Project** and click Next.



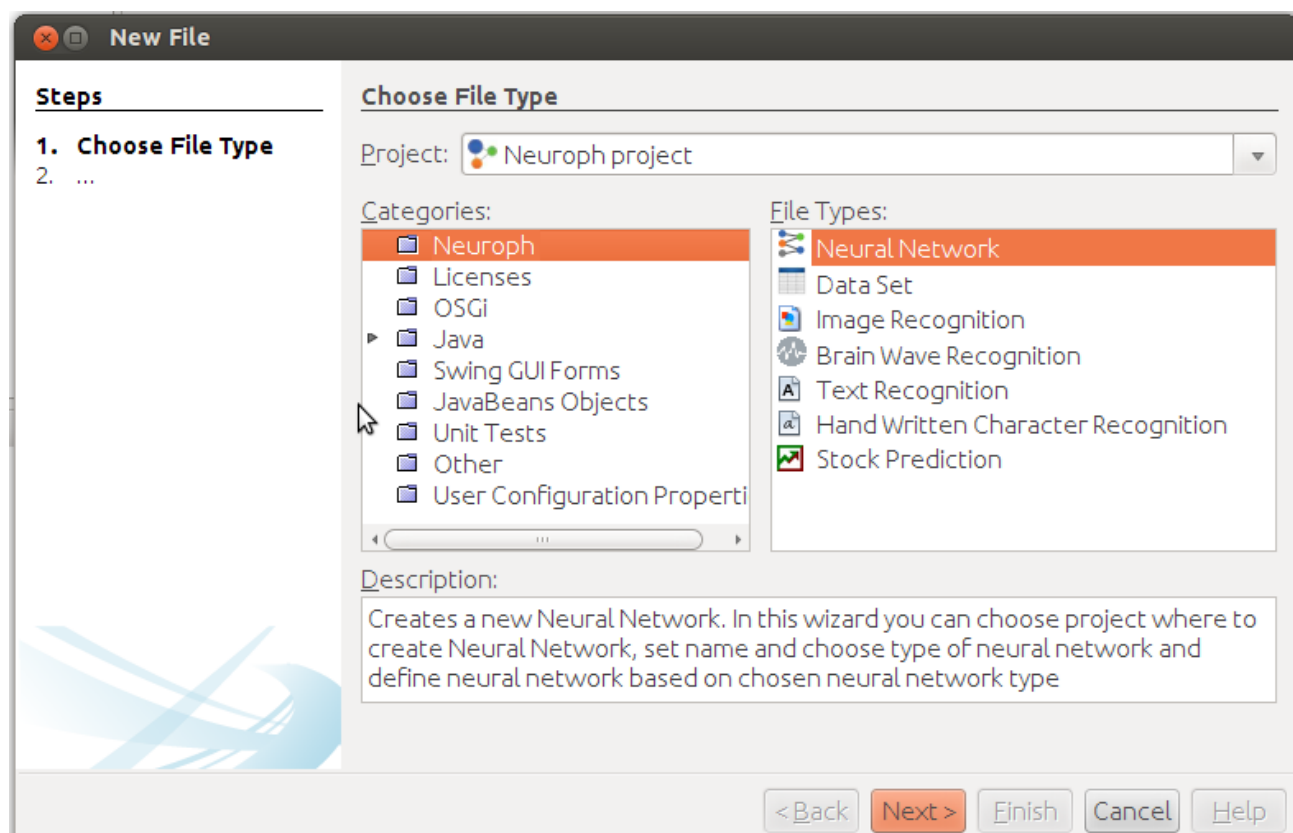
Project is now created, next step is to create neural network.

## Step 2. Create Perceptron network.

In main menu click **File > New File**



Select previously created project from Project drop-down menu, Neuroph category, and Neural Network file type, and click **Next**.



Enter network name, select Perceptron network type, click Next.

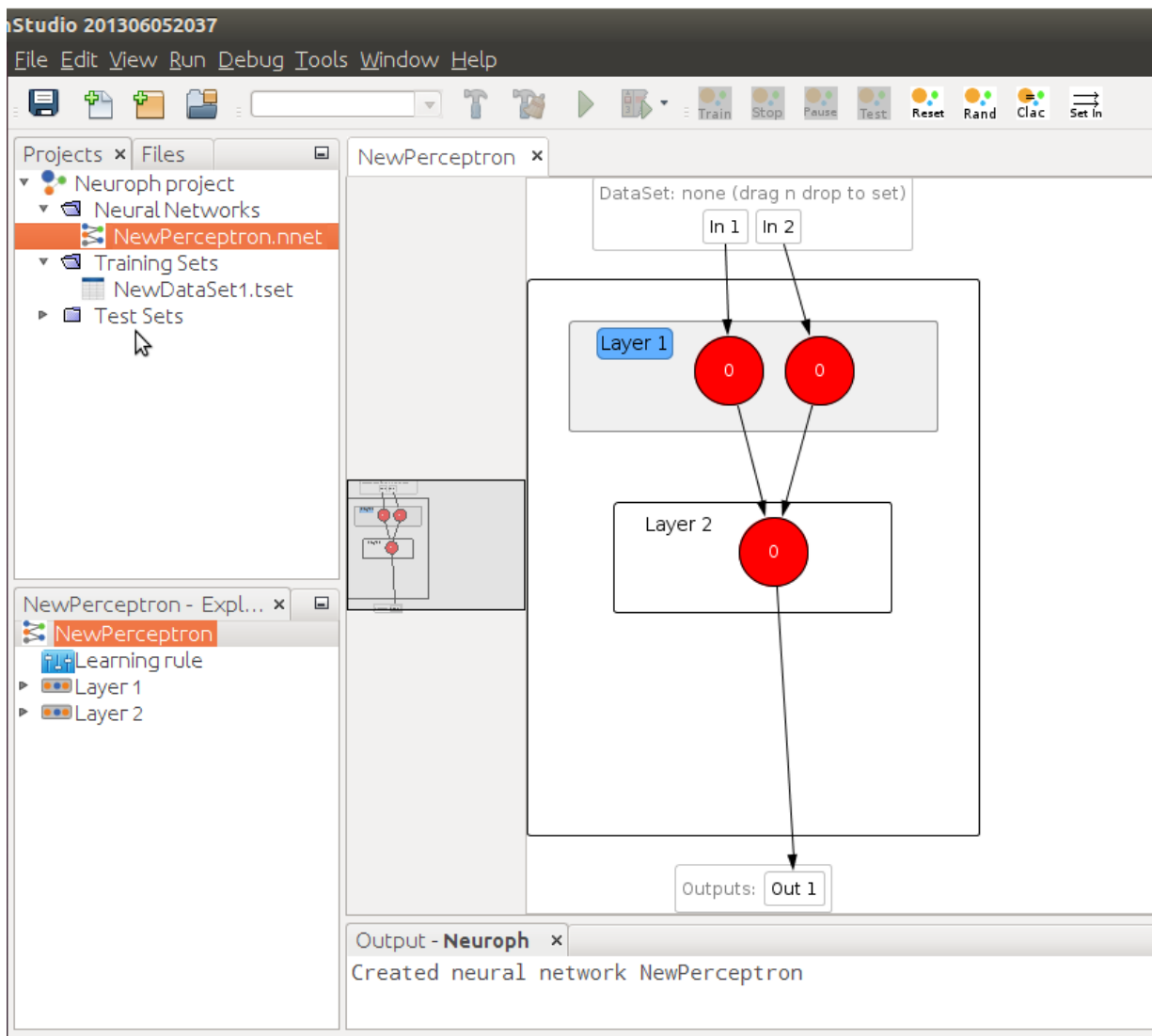
The screenshot shows the 'New Neural Network' dialog box. On the left, under 'Steps', step 1 is 'Set neural network name and type' and step 2 is 'Number of input neurons, number of output neurons and learning rule'. The main area is titled 'Set neural network name and type'. It contains a text field for 'Neural Network Name' with the value 'NewPerceptron'. Below it is a list box for 'Neural Network...' with the following options: Empty Neural Network, Adaline, Perceptron (highlighted), Multi Layer Perceptron, Hopfield, BAM, Kohonen, Supervised Hebbian, Unsupervised Hebbian, and Maxnet. At the bottom are buttons for '< Back', 'Next >', 'Finish', 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

In new perceptron dialog enter number of neurons in input (2) and output layer (1) , choose Perceptron Learning and click **Finish** button.

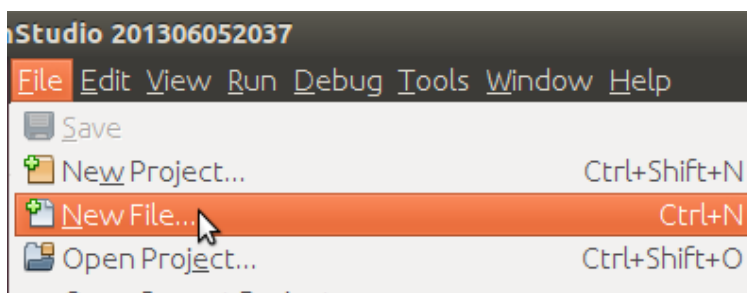
The screenshot shows the 'New Neural Network' dialog box at step 2, titled 'Number of input neurons, number of output neurons and learning rule'. It contains three input fields: 'Inputs Num' with the value '2', 'Outputs Num' with the value '1', and 'Learning rule' with a dropdown menu showing 'Perceptron ...'. At the bottom are buttons for '< Back', 'Next >', 'Finish' (highlighted with a mouse cursor), 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

This will create the

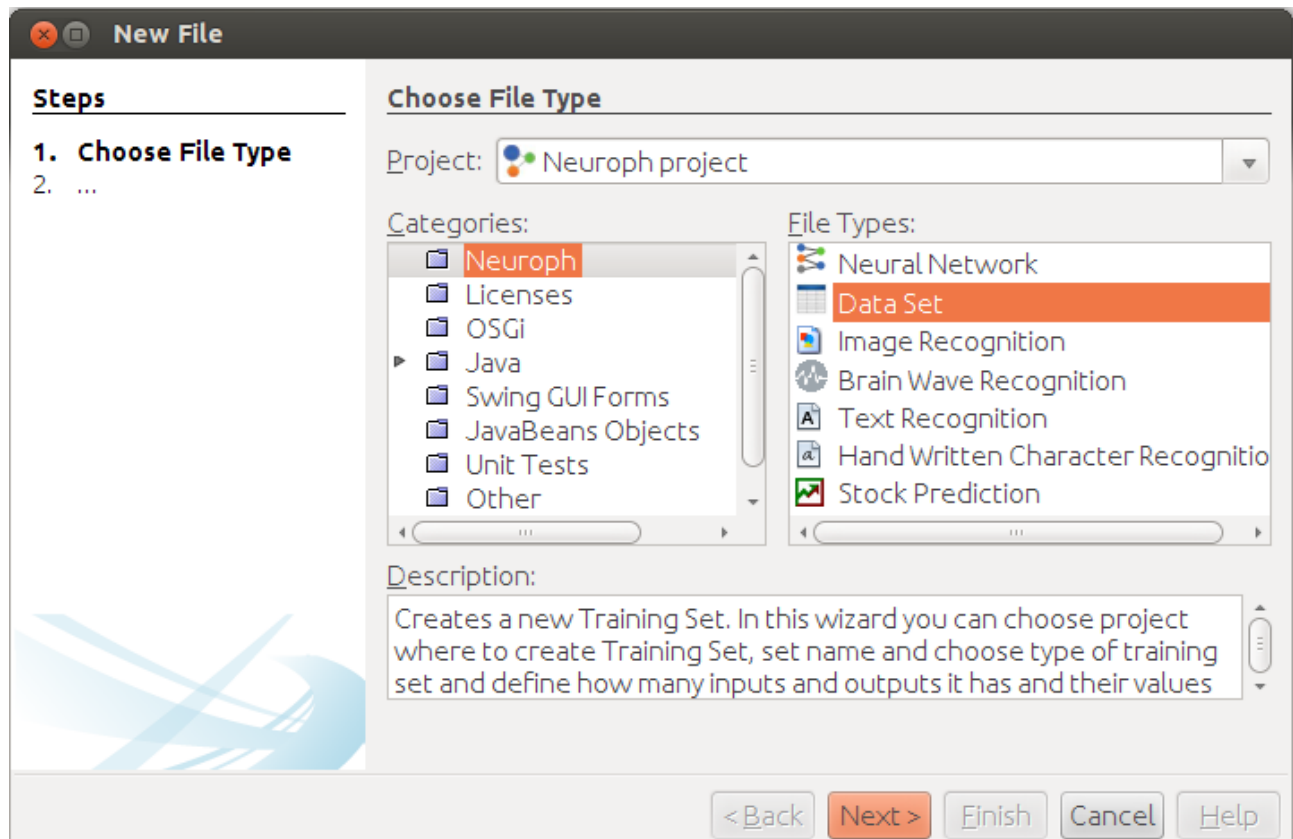
Perceptron neural network with two neurons in input, and one in output layer, all with Step transfer functions.



**Step 3.** To create training set, in main menu click **File >New File** to open training set wizard.



Select **Data Set** file type, and click next.



Enter training set name, number of inputs and outputs as shown on picture below and click **Finish**.

New Data Set

Steps

1. Choose File Type
2. **Set data set name, type and number of inputs and outputs**

Set data set name, type and number of inputs and outputs

Data set name

AND

Type

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Number of inputs

2

Number of outputs

1

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Then create training set by entering training elements as input and desired output values of neurons in input and output layer. Use Add row button to add new elements, and click OK button when finished.

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0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

OK

Add Row

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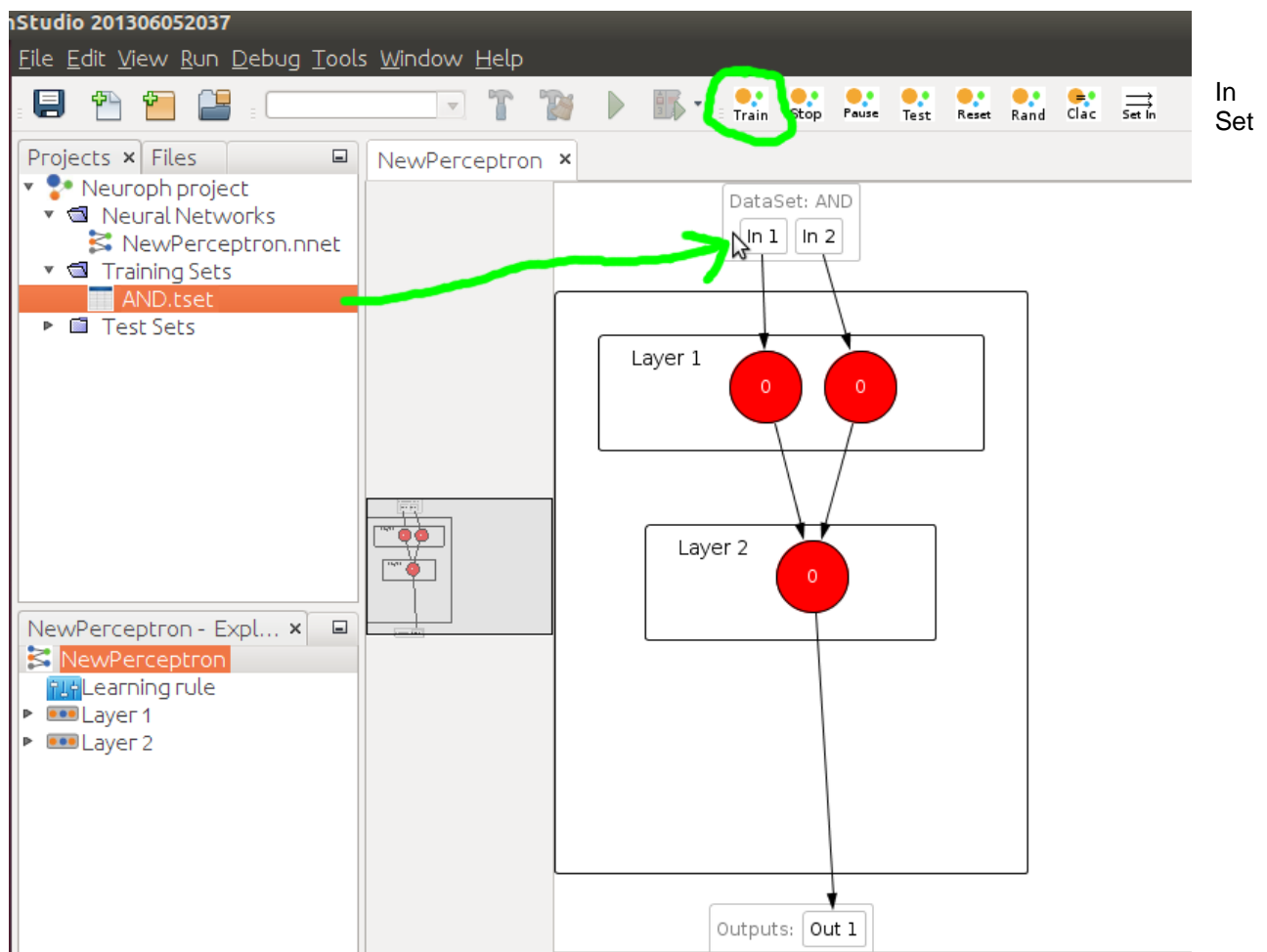
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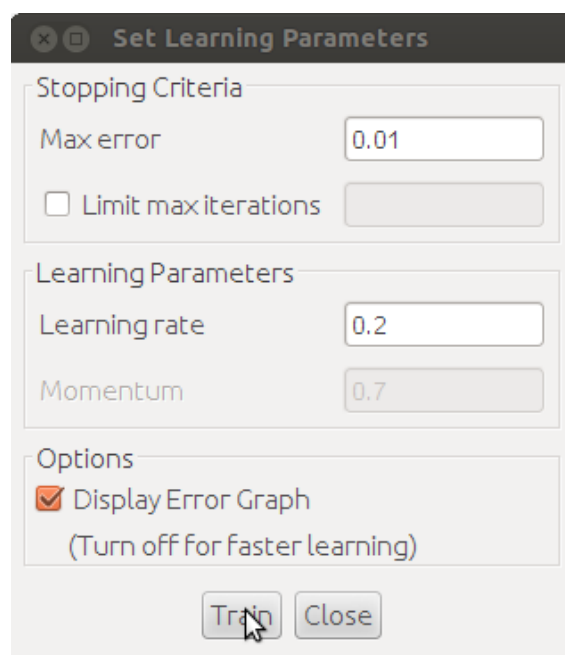




**Step 4.** Training the network. To start network training procedure, drag n' drop training set to corresponding field in the network window, and 'Train' button will become enabled in toolbar. Click the 'Train' button to open Set Learning Parameters dialog.

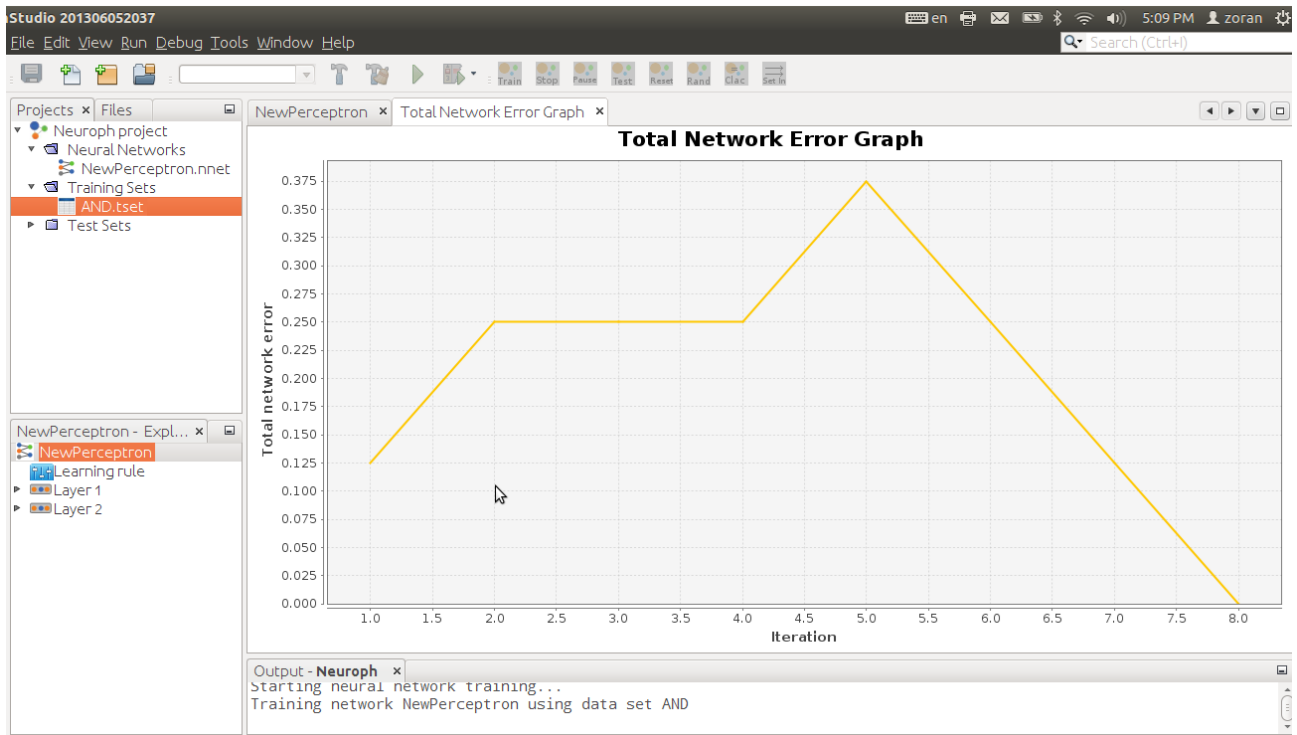


Learning parameters dialog use default learning parameters, and just click the Train button.

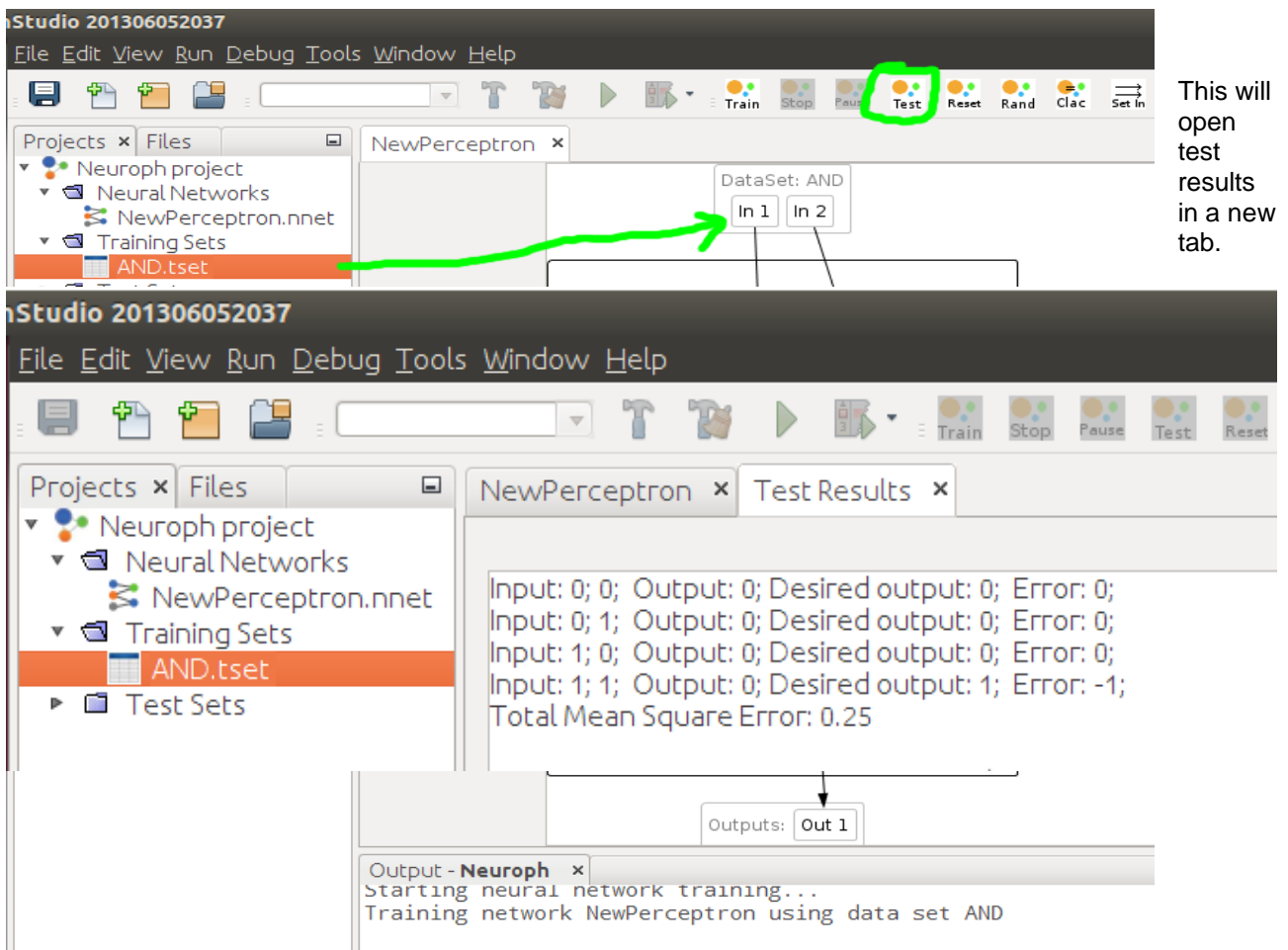


When the Total Net Error is complete (which will be very fast since this example is very simple)

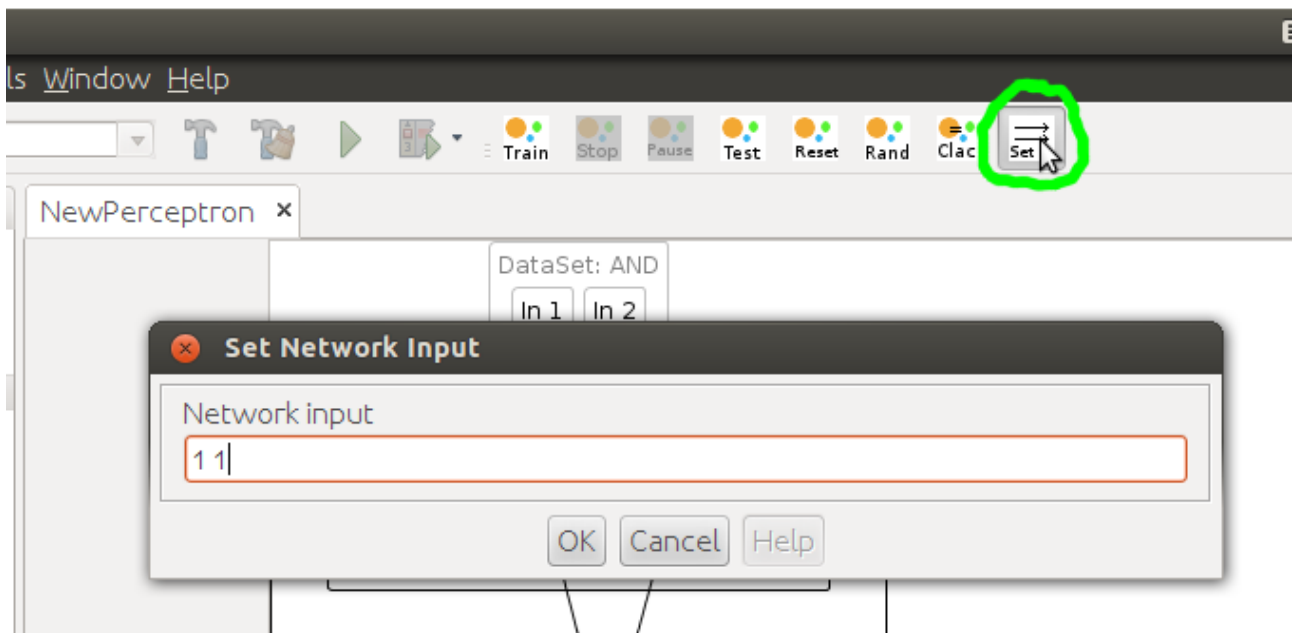
zero, the training is



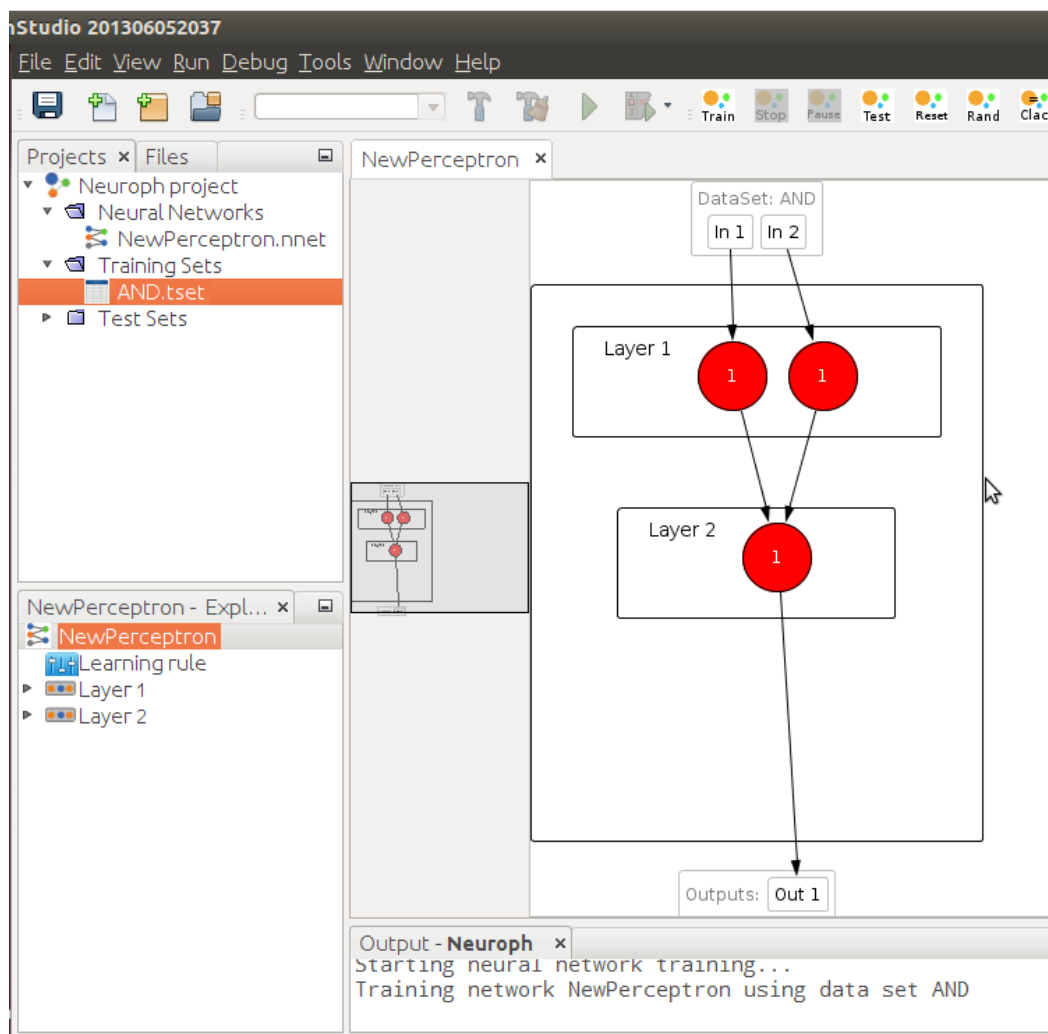
**Step 5.** After the training is complete, you can test the network for the whole training set by selecting training set to test, and clicking **Test** button.



To test single input, use **Set Input** button. This will open Set Network Input dialog in which you can enter input values for network delimited with space.



The result of network test is shown on picture below. Network learned logical AND function. As we can see the output neuron has value 0. Test the network to see how it behaves for other input values.



## 6. Creating Neural Networks in Java code with Neuroph

This is the same example as in previous chapter, but now in Java code. Here is how to create, train and save Perceptron neural network with *Neuroph*:

```
// create new perceptron network
NeuralNetwork neuralNetwork = new Perceptron(2, 1);

// create training set
DataSet trainingSet =
    new DataSet(2, 1);
// add training data to training set (logical OR function)
trainingSet.addRow (new DataSetRow (new double[]{0, 0},
                                     new double[]{0}));
trainingSet.addRow (new DataSetRow (new double[]{0, 1},
                                     new double[]{1}));
trainingSet.addRow (new DataSetRow (new double[]{1, 0},
                                     new double[]{1}));
trainingSet.addRow (new DataSetRow (new double[]{1, 1},
                                     new double[]{1}));

// learn the training set
neuralNetwork.learn(trainingSet);

// save the trained network into file
neuralNetwork.save("or_perceptron.nnet");
```

The following example shows how to use saved network.

```
// load the saved network
NeuralNetwork neuralNetwork =
    NeuralNetwork.createFromFile("or_perceptron.nnet");

// set network input
neuralNetwork.setInput(1, 1);

// calculate network
neuralNetwork.calculate();

// get network output
double[] networkOutput = neuralNetwork.getOutput();
```

*This example show the basic usage of neural network created with Neuroph.*

To be able to use this in your programs, you must provide a reference to Neuroph Library *jar file neuroph-core-xx.jar* and additional logging libraries *slf4j* (available in *libs* folder) which include:  
*slf4j-api-1.7.5.jar*  
*logback-core-1.1.2.jar*  
*logback-classic-1.0.13.jar*

In your project (in NetBeans right click project, then Properties > Libraries > Add JAR/Folder, and choose jars). Also you must import the corresponding classes/packages, like *org.neuroph.core*, *org.neuroph.core.learning* and *org.neuroph.nnet*.

List of all supported NN architectures, is available in Neuroph API documentation (see *org.neuroph.nnet* package).

Many more examples and more complex problems are available in **Samples** Maven module.

## 7. Web Links

<http://neuroph.sourceforge.net> Official Neuroph site

<https://github.com/neuroph/> Official GitHub Repo

<https://github.com/neuroph/NeurophFramework/tree/master/neuroph/Samples> Java source code examples

<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/articles/java/nbneural-317387.html> OTN article

[Building Smart Java Applications with Neural Networks, Using the Neuroph Framework, JavaOne2012 session video](#)

[Neuroph application samples](#) 30 application samples for misc data sets

For more usefull links see: <http://neuroph.sourceforge.net/links.html>