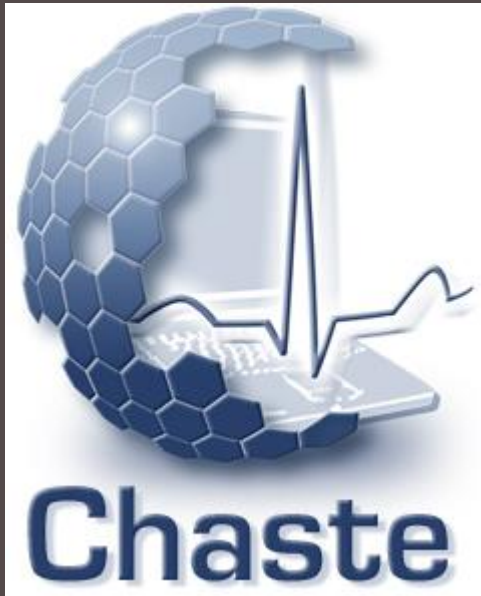


# A TEST-DRIVEN APPROACH TO SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT FOR BIOLOGICAL MODELLING - CHASTE





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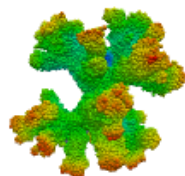
Chaste (**C**ancer, **H**eart and **S**oft **T**issue **E**nvironment) is a general purpose simulation package aimed at multi-scale, computationally demanding problems arising in biology and physiology. Current functionality includes tissue and cell level electrophysiology, discrete tissue modelling, and soft tissue modelling. The package is being developed by a team mainly based in the [Computational Biology Group](#) at the Department of Computer Science, University of Oxford, and development draws on expertise from software engineering, high performance computing, mathematical modelling and scientific computing. [Read more...](#)

To get started with Chaste, [download](#) the code and [browse the documentation](#).

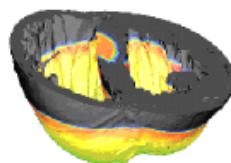
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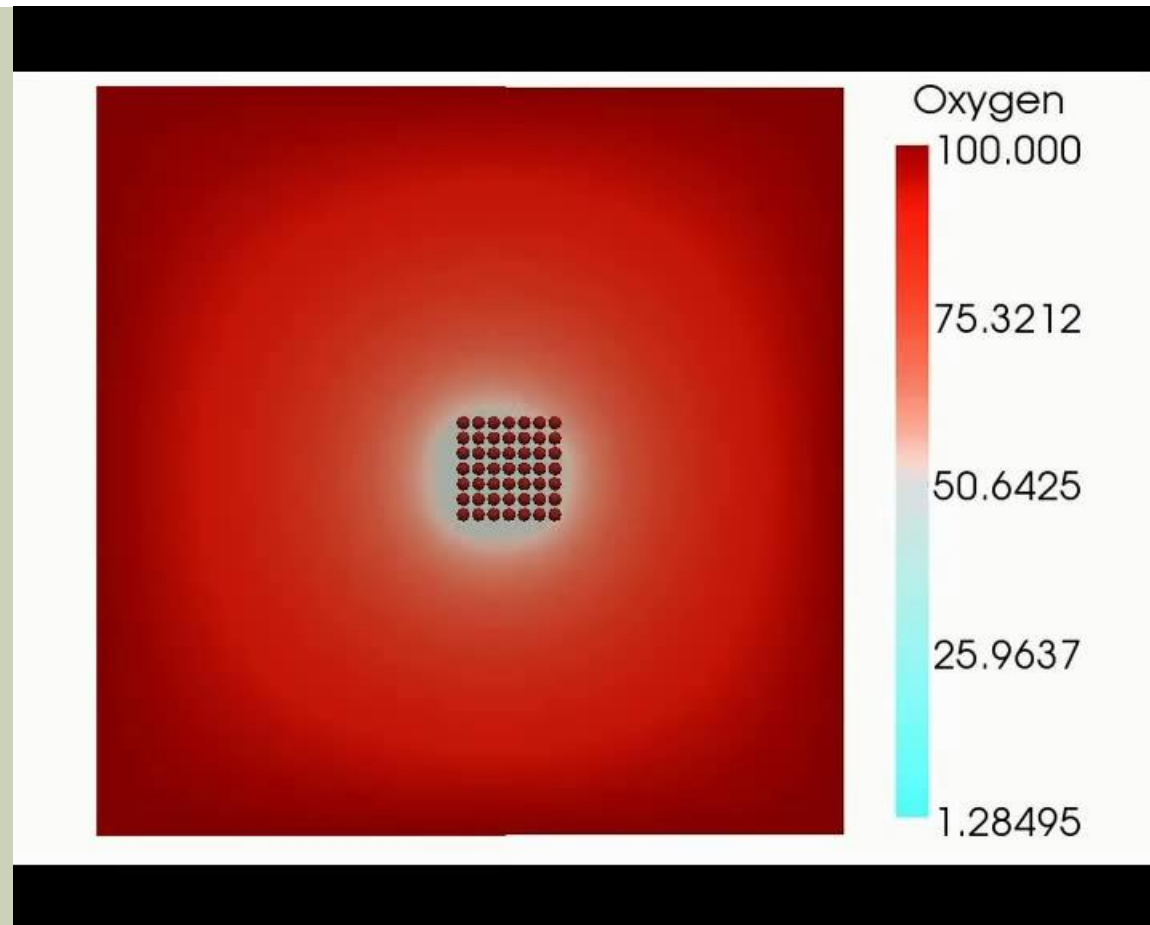


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# Chaste

# CELL GROWTH AND HYPOXIA



# CHARACTERISTICS

- **Open-source**
  - Can be modified
  - Adaptable
  - Can be extended
- **Programers are researchers from different backgrounds**
- **Researchers come and go (contract ends, promotions, change in research interests)**
- **Used mainly for research (as any sw, needs to be reliable and consistent)**
- **Currently, over 180,000 lines of code**
- **Over hundreds of classes**
- **Being developed (adapted, modified) since 2005**
- **So far over 54 programmers**



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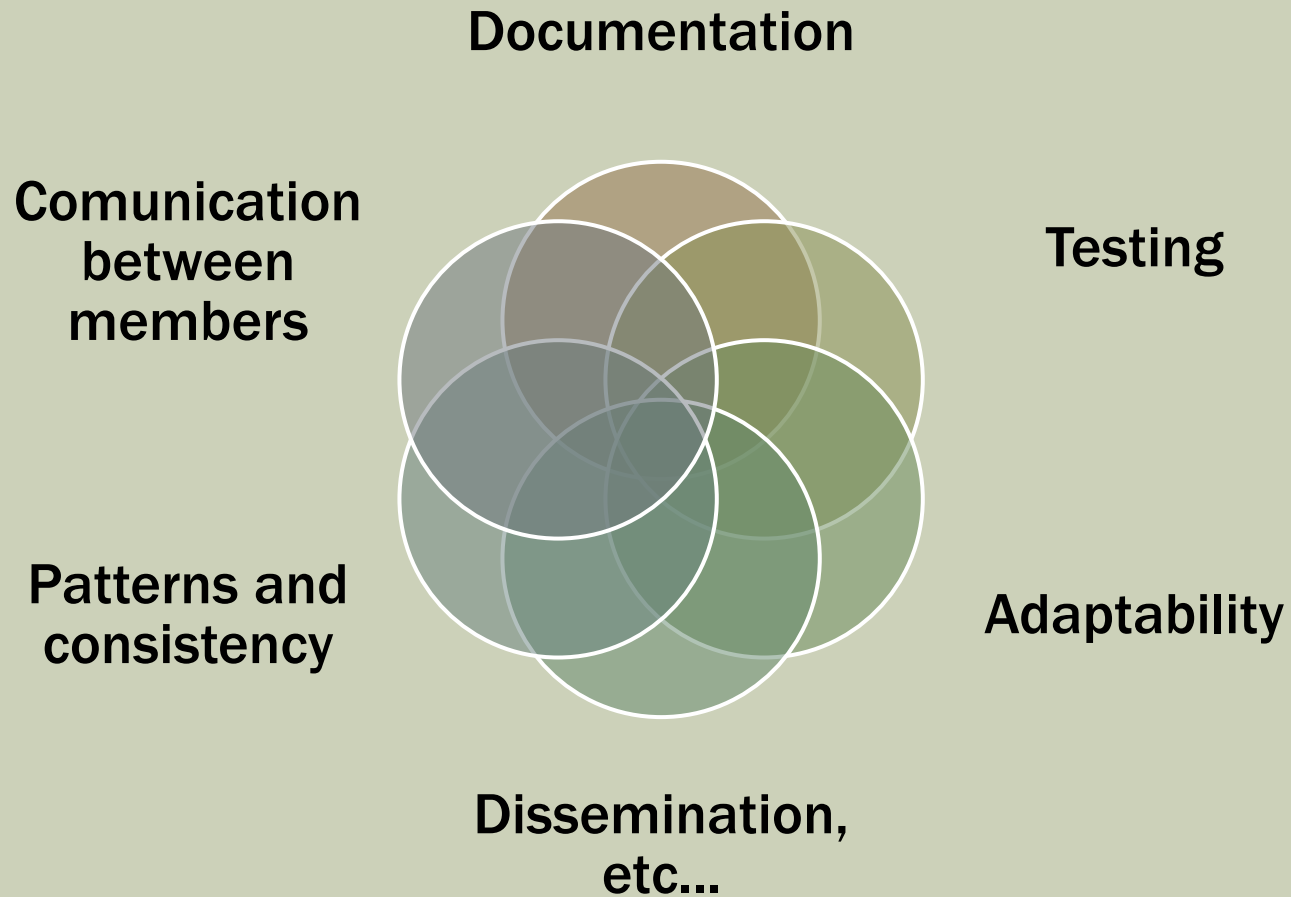
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# CHALLENGES



# CHASTE METHODOLOGY

Ideas taken from agile programming:

- **Developers work together in pairs and produce new code in short iterative bursts with frequent planning and retrospective meetings.**
- **Development of any code is preceded by the creation of one or more test cases to thoroughly check that the code to be written meets our requirements.**
- **Ideally, core tests are included in our continuous test pack, which is run frequently - every time a check-in is performed.**
- **Test result summaries for every revision are automatically published to a web page.**
- **Longer tests are divided between the nightly and weekly test packs, depending on how long they take to complete.**

# FACTS

## **Mature, well-established codebase**

- First lines of source code were added to in 2005
- Attract long-term commitment
- Mature and relatively bug-free code base

## **Large, active development team**

- Over the entire history of the project, 54 developers

## **Very well-commented source code**

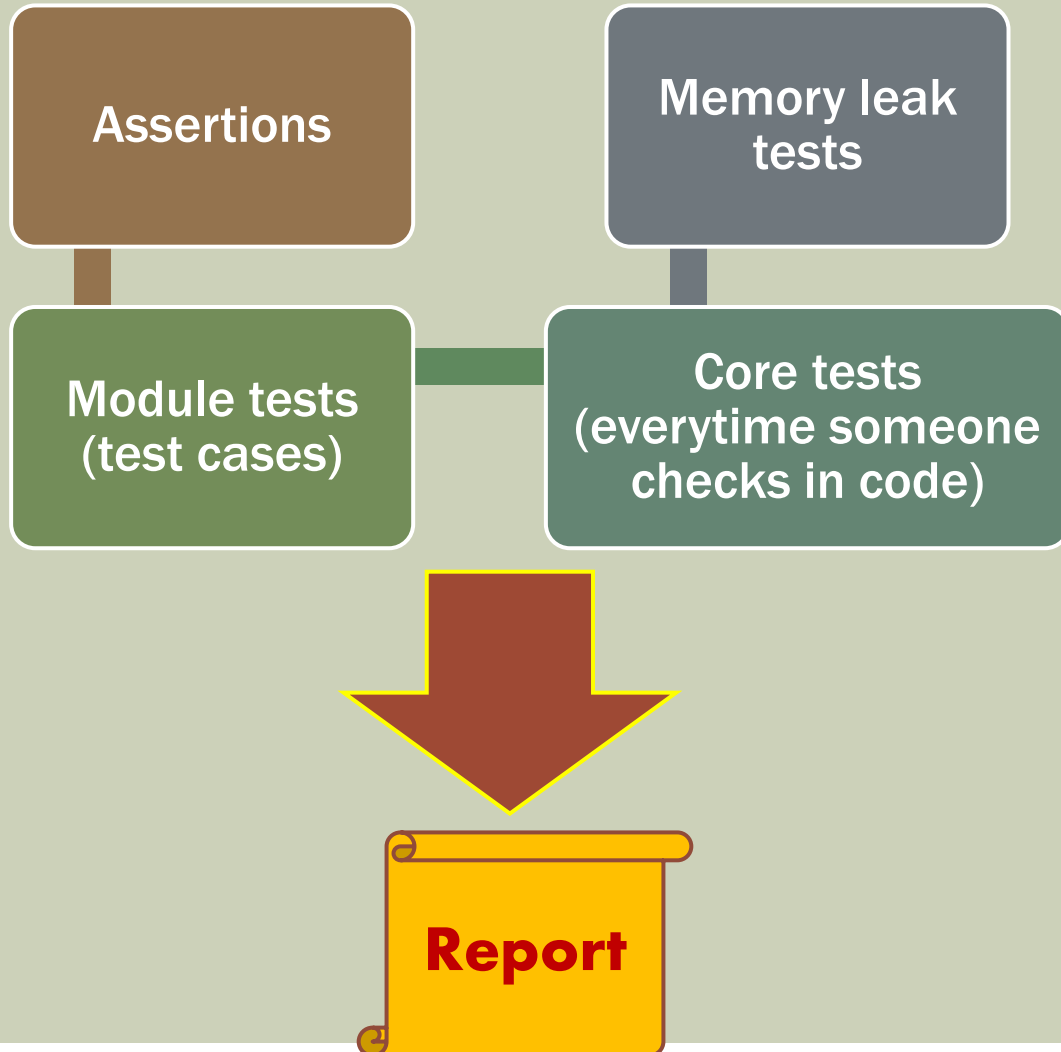
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# DEVELOPER FUNCTIONALITY

- Source released under 3-clause BSD license. (Note that versions 3.0 and earlier used LGPL.)
- Fully tested codebase (~185,000 code lines and ~100,000 test lines as of Oct 2012):
  - Immediate detection of newly broken functionality.
  - Tests help in obtaining details on available functionality.
- Web-based automatic testing and integration framework.
- Two development strategies:
  - To develop functionality that links against Chaste libraries.
  - To modify and extend the current implementations.

# LAYERS OF TESTING



# Chaste Tests

This is the funky interface to Chaste's testing suite.

- [Recent continuous builds](#).
- [Old continuous builds](#).
- [Recent nightly builds](#).
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Branch/project builds: ([toggle visibility](#))

[Run time variation of profiled tests](#).

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## Latest continuous build

Revision: [21258](#) ([changes](#))  
Date and time: 18/03/2014 18:37:33  
Overall status: All 353 tests run passed  
Build type: [Intel](#)  
Machine: userpc60.cs.ox.ac.uk  
Targets:  
Build log: [/out/continuous/21258](#)

Timings (for entire build log):

Activity	Time (minutes)
Total	174:0.455488
Compile	133:45.388959
Test running	28:0.080168
PyCml execution	9:24.600799
Other	2:50.206269
CxxTest generation	0:0.179293
Object dependency analysis	0:0.000000

Test Suite	Status	Run Time
Copyrights	All tests passed	1s
DuplicateFileNames	All tests passed	0s
OrphanedTests	All tests passed	0s
Schemas	All tests passed	1s
cell_based-test-cell-TestArchiveCell	All tests passed	0s
cell_based-test-cell-TestCell	All tests passed	7s
cell_based-test-cell-TestCellBasedCellProperties	All tests passed	0s
cell_based-test-cell-TestCellCycleModelOdeSolver	All tests passed	0s
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cell_based-test-cell-TestCellProliferativeTypes	All tests passed	0s
cell_based-test-cell-TestCellPropertyCollection	All tests passed	0s
cell_based-test-cell-TestCellPropertyRegistry	All tests passed	0s
cell_based-test-cell-TestCellsGenerator	All tests passed	0s
cell_based-test-cell-TestDeltaNotchCellCycleModel	All tests passed	0s
cell_based-test-cell-TestOdeBasedCellCycleModels	All tests passed	5s

# EXEMPLAR MODEL

