

Introduction to EIC/ePIC Software

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Day 1

First Steps

- Fill out the [pre-workshop survey](#)
- Join the [EIC github organization](#)

Setting up the eic-shell container environment

1) MacOS:

- [Download docker for Mac](#)
- Launch docker
- Download eic-shell:

```
curl -L https://github.com/eic/eic-shell/raw/main/install.sh | bash
```

Alternatively, you can directly pull the docker container and set up custom bind path:

```
docker pull eicweb/eic_xl:nightly
docker run --platform=linux/amd64 \
  -v /your/local/path:/container/path \
  -w="$PWD" -it --rm eicweb/eic_xl:nightly
```

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2) Linux (Ubuntu):

- [Install aptainer](#)
 - Inside WSL terminal:
`sudo apt update`
`sudo apt install -y software-properties-common`
`sudo add-apt-repository -y ppa:apptainer/ppa`
`sudo apt update`
`sudo apt install -y apptainer`
- [Install eic-shell](#)
`curl -L https://github.com/eic/eic-shell/raw/main/install.sh | bash`

If you see the error “singularity not found”, try doing it in 2 steps

```
curl -L https://github.com/eic/eic-shell/raw/main/install.sh > install.sh  
sed -i 's/singularity/apptainer/g' install.sh  
bash install.sh
```

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3) WSL for Windows:

- [Install WSL](#)
 - Open a powershell terminal and type
`wsl --install`
 - Restart machine and open WSL terminal

Follow the steps of installation in linux in slide 4 after opening WSL terminal

Run a simple ePIC Geant4 simulation with DD4hep geometry

https://eic.github.io/tutorial-analysis/04-full_chain_analysis/index.html

- Start eic-shell

```
./eic-shell
```

- Set detector geometry every time you start the simulation

```
source /opt/detector/epic-main/bin/thisepic.sh
```

- List potential input files. We will use Deep Inelastic Scattering Neutral Current events as an example:

```
xrdfs root://dtn-eic.jlab.org ls /volatile/eic/EPIC/EVGEN/DIS/NC/18x275/minQ2=1
```

- Run a simulation by streaming over input data from the remote rootfile

```
npsim --compactFile $DETECTOR_PATH/epic_craterlake.xml --numberOfEvents 10 --inputFiles  
root://dtn-eic.jlab.org//<input_file_path> --outputFile output.edm4hep.root
```

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Alternatively, you can first download the input rootfile locally and then run the simulation

```
xrdcp root://dtn-eic.jlab.org/volatile/eic/EPIC/EVGEN/<input_file> $PWD
```

```
npsim --compactFile $DETECTOR_PATH/epic_craterlake.xml --numberOfEvents 10 --inputFiles  
<local_input_file_path> --outputFile output.edm4hep.root
```

Resources

- [ePIC Landing Page](#)
- [ePIC Tutorials](#)
- [Rucio for ePIC Simulation Campaign Data](#)

Day 2

Skills

Geant4

ROOT

DD4hep

C++

Python

Apptainer/Docker