

Updates on the PortableDyme Model Building Framework

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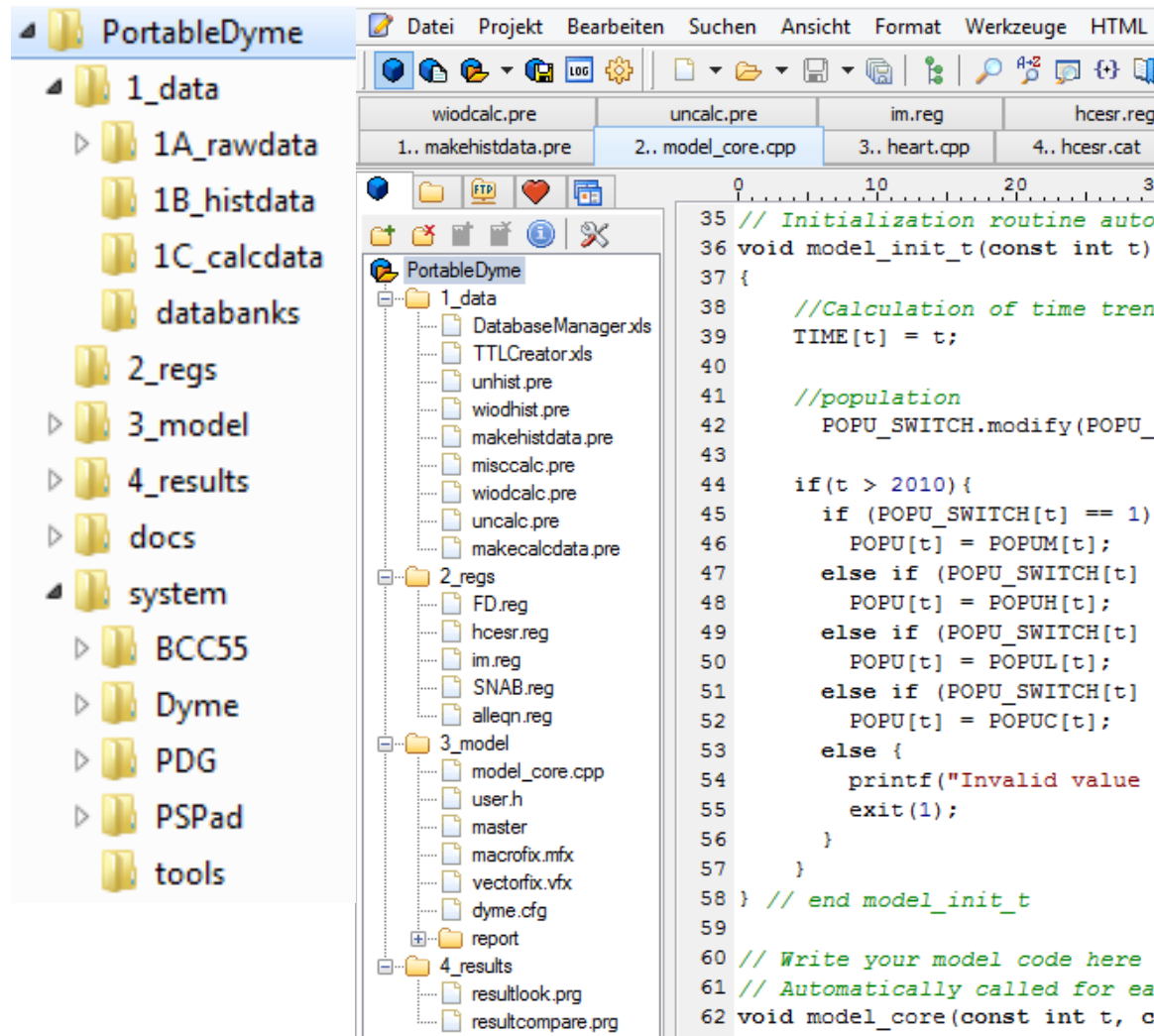
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Overview of the PortableDyme Framework

- PortableDyme: A Comprehensive model building framework for beginners and intermediate users
 - Software: INFORUM software, compiler, project editor, scripts, Excel tools
 - Template of an enhanced macro-econometric IO model (usage is optional)
- Key features
 - Portable: Preconfigured to run from any storage media (best choice: SSD drive)
 - Clear structure reflects model building steps (see next slide)
 - Open architecture: Any part of the system may be adopted, i.e. the model
 - C++ ensures outstanding performance even for huge models
 - Free of charge [for INFORUM members]

Overview of the PortableDyme Framework (cont.)

- The four major steps of model building:
 1. Building the historical database
 2. Performing regressions
 3. Writing model code
 4. Performing impact analysis and evaluating
- PortableDyme reflects these steps both on disk and in the project editor
- Each step contains preconfigured scripts and instructions
- Model building is an iterative process!



Recent Updates to PortableDyme

- Changes to the software
 - idbuild replaced by xbuild to translate regressions results into C++ code, e.g.

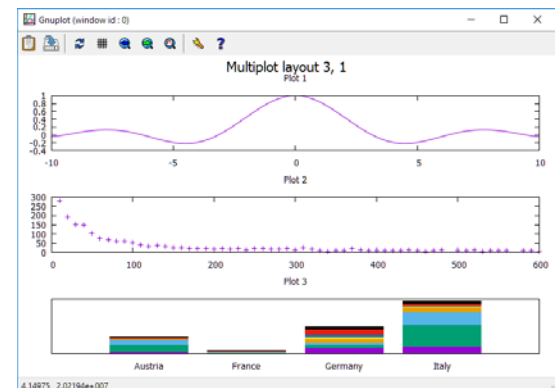
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reg file:
ti CP044 - Water supply relating to dwelling
r @log(pthcepv07) = !@log(PTB6GT/PTPHCES)

result in heart.cpp:
// CP044 - Water supply relating to dwelling
assert(PTPHCES[t] != 0);
assert(PTB6GT[t] / PTPHCES[t] > 0);
depend = exp(0.948062 * log(PTB6GT[t] / PTPHCES[t]));
pthcepv[7] = pthcepvEQN.rhoadj(depend, pthcepv[7], 7);
pthcepv.fix(t, 7);
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 - New Excel scenario evaluation tools (Anett)
 - Some changes of the system tool section
- Changes to the model template
 - Main data source is now Eurostat instead of WIOD
 - Template now contains prices and bridge matrices (e.g. consumption)
- New PortableDyme models for Portugal (Anett Großmann) and Germany (Anke Mönnig)

Planned Updates to PortableDyme

- Update documentation to reflect recent changes
- Rewrite parts of the documentation for non-INFORUM model builders
- Further standardize template (e.g. naming convention) to ease comparison of model results
- Provide a “cockpit” software and eliminate command prompt window
- Add OpenOffice/LibreOffice support (portable versions could be integrated into the framework)
- Replace very old Borland compiler bcc55 by free GNU compiler gcc/g++ to enable
 - Many new C++ features
 - GNU debugger gdb
 - Integrated Development Environments (IDEs) like Codelite, Codeblocks, etc.
- Introduce GNU plot as a powerful graphics tool
 - No need to transfer database content to Excel
 - Many new chart types and functions
 - Multiple charts on one page

➔ Fully open-source solution!



Thank you for your attention!

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