



PYMOL SOFTWARE

Introduction to PyMOL

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- PyMOL is an open source molecular visualization program which provides high quality of rendering, speed and versatility especially crystallography. PyMOL was created by Warren Lyford DeLano. Its license is free but not in all forms. Py in PyMOL refers to the Python language which enables automation with simple command scripts. Schrödinger took over PyMOL in 2010.
- PyMOL is written in C, C++ and Python. It provides the capabilities of traditional molecular graphic packages having a plus of integrated python interpreter. This software is used popularly among structural biologists and crystallographers

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This Executable Build integrates and extends Open-Source PyMOL.
Detected OpenGL version 4.5. Shaders available.
Detected GLSL version 4.50.
OpenGL graphics engine:
GL_VENDOR: Intel
GL_RENDERER: Intel(R) HD Graphics 615
GL_VERSION: 4.5.0 - Build 25.20.100.6374
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Detected 4 CPU cores. Enabled multithreaded rendering.
internet request failed: HTTPConnectionPool(host='pymol.org', port=80): Max retries exceeded with url: /
getlicfile.php (Caused by NewConnectionError('<urllib3.connection.HTTPConnection object at 0x0000029622168EC8>: Failed to establish a new connection: [Errno 11
001] getaddrinfo failed'))

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Reset Zoom Orient Draw/Ray ▾
 Unpick Deselect Rock Get View
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 Builder Properties Rebuild

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Mouse Mode 3-Button Viewing
Buttons L M R Wheel
& Keys Rota Move MovZ Slab
Shft +Box -Box Clip MovS
Ctrl Move PKAt Pk1 MvSZ
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SnglClk +/- Cent Menu
Db1Clk Menu - PKAt
Selecting Residues
State 1/ 1

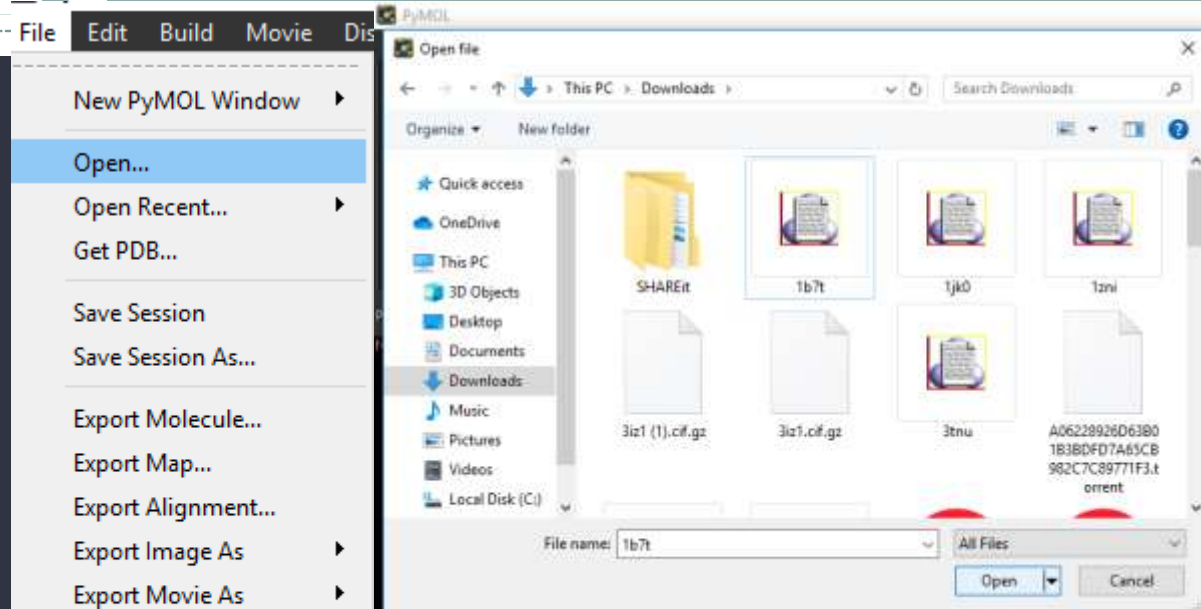
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Features Visualization Presets

PDB file can be opened by going to file.

PyMOL comes with an array of preset visualizations for example technical view or simple view.
Command: A > Action > Preset > Simple or Technical.

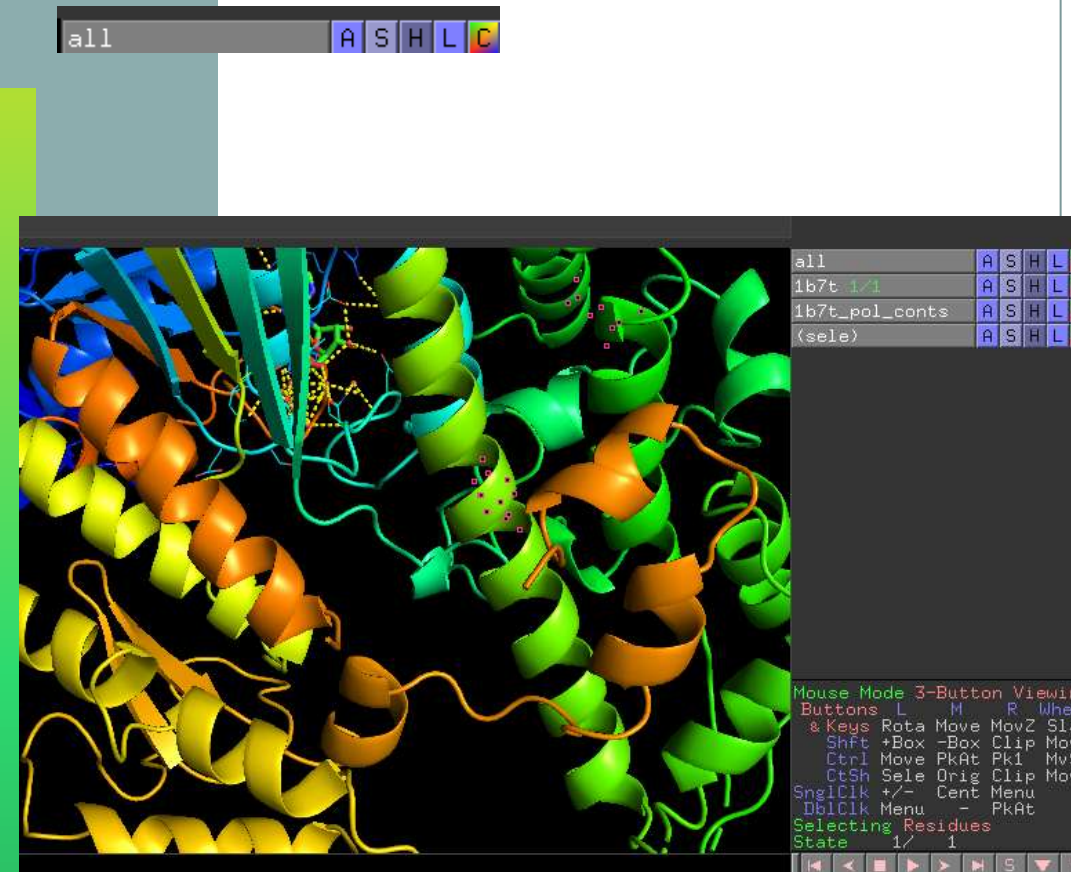


all	Action:
1b7t	zoom
1b7t_pol	orient
	center
	origin
	drag matrix
	reset matrix
	drag coordinates
	clean
Preset:	
classified	preset
simple	find
simple (no solvent)	align
ball and stick	generate
b factor putty	assign sec. struc.
technical	rename object
ligands	copy to object
ligand sites	group
pretty	delete object
pretty (with solvent)	hydrogens
publication	remove waters
publication (with solvent)	state
protein interface	masking
default	sequence

Representations and Selections

Representations in PyMOL is controlled through S (Show), H (Hide), L (Label), C (Color) popup menus. Cartoon representation of PyMOL is quite near to that of MolScript.

Selections in PyMOL are just set of atoms that you define and do not have any properties of their own other than a name. Selection names appear in viewer window in parenthesis as in (sele) to distinguish them from objects.



Action:

- zoom
- orient
- center
- origin
- drag matrix
- reset matrix
- drag coordinates
- clean
- preset
- find
- align
- generate
- assign sec. struc.
- rename object
- copy to object
- group
- delete object
- hydrogens
- remove waters
- state
- masking
- sequence
- movement

all A S H L C

As:	Show:
wire	as
lines	wire
nonbonded	lines
licorice	nonbonded
sticks	licorice
nb_spheres	sticks
ribbon	nb_spheres
cartoon	ribbon
label	cartoon
cell	label
dots	cell
spheres	dots
mesh	spheres
surface	mesh
	surface
organic	
main chain	
side chain	
disulfides	
valence	

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 Selecting Atoms
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Hide:

- everything
- wire
- lines
- nonbonded
- licorice
- sticks
- nb_spheres
- ribbon
- cartoon
- label
- cell
- dots
- spheres
- mesh
- surface
- main chain
- side chain
- waters
- hydrogens
- unselected
- valence

Label:

- clear
- residues
- residues (oneletter)
- chains
- segments
- atom name
- element symbol
- residue name
- one letter code
- residue identifier
- chain identifier
- segment identifier
- b-factor
- occupancy
- vdw radius
- other properties
- atom identifiers
- user properties

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Color:

- by element
- by chain
- by ss
- by rep
- spectrum
- auto
- reds
- greens
- blues
- yellows
- magentas
- cyans
- oranges
- tints
- grays

Spectrum:

- rainbow(elem C)
- rainbow(* /CA)
- rainbow
- b-factors
- b-factors(* /CA)
- area (molecular)
- area (solvent)
- user properties

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Builder Properties Rebuild

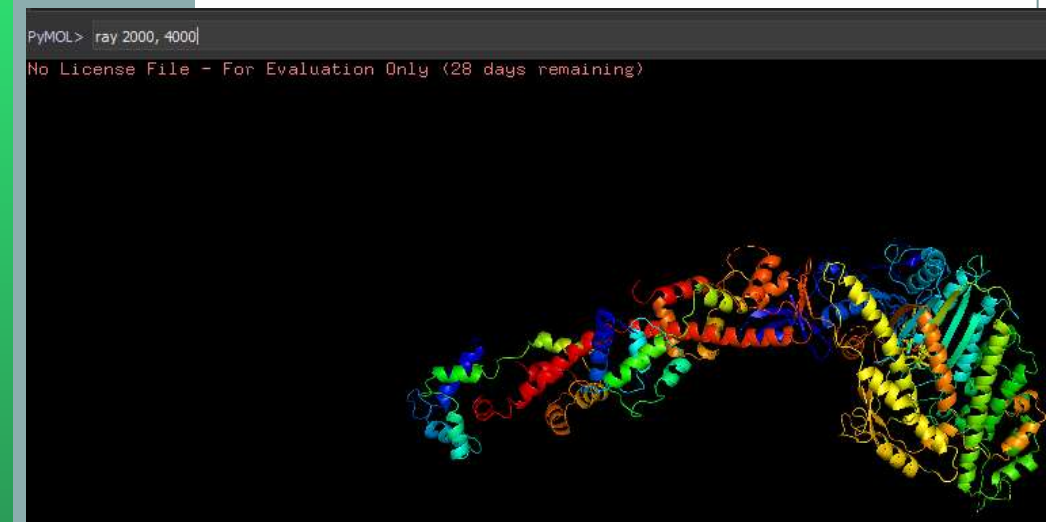
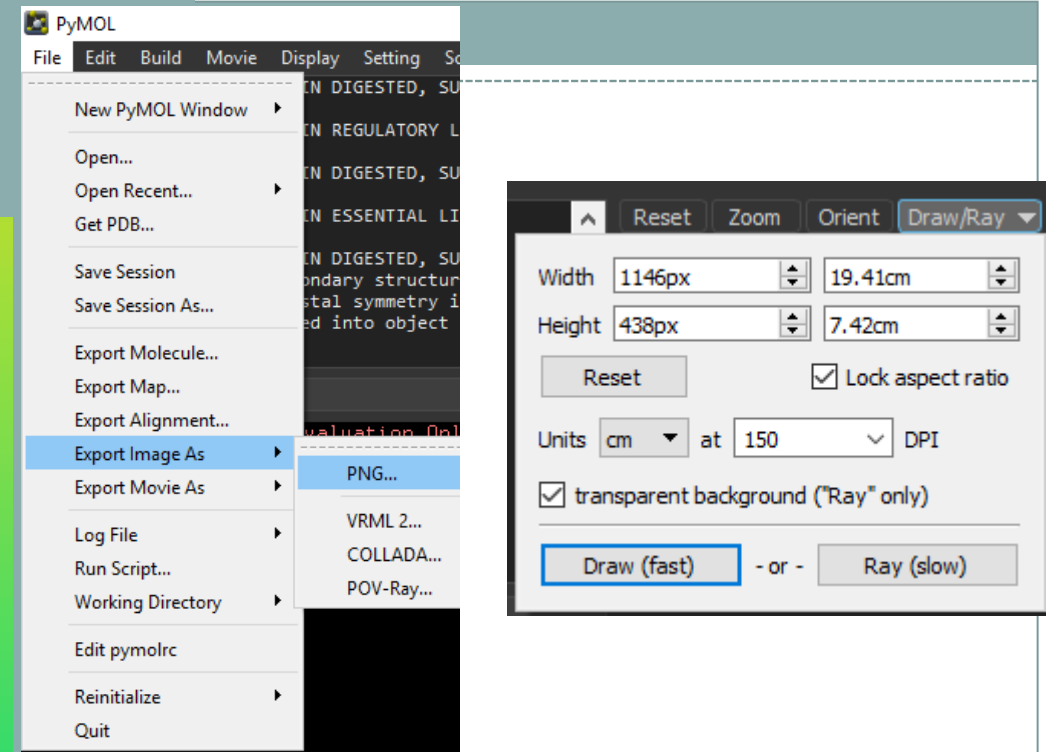
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Image Saving

PyMOL provides the privilege to save image in high definition in PNG format. The resolution or Dots Per Inch (DPI) are usually very high. It provides transparency of background. It can also save ray traced image which draws scenes with superior detail.

Command: Type “ray W, H” at PyMOL command. File > Save/Export Image As > PNG. W and H can be calculated by multiplying height and width times the DPI.

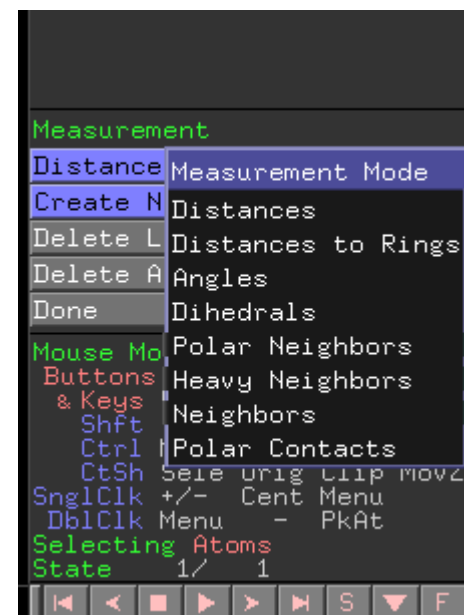
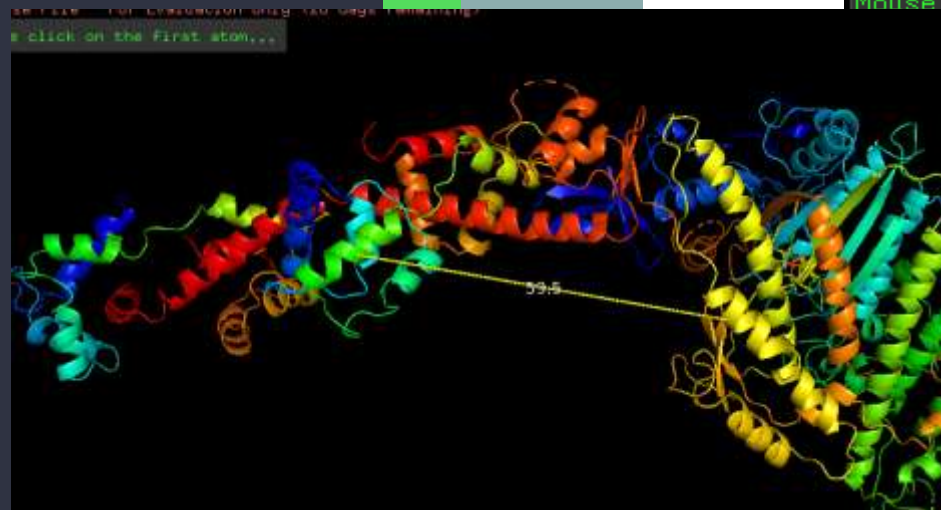
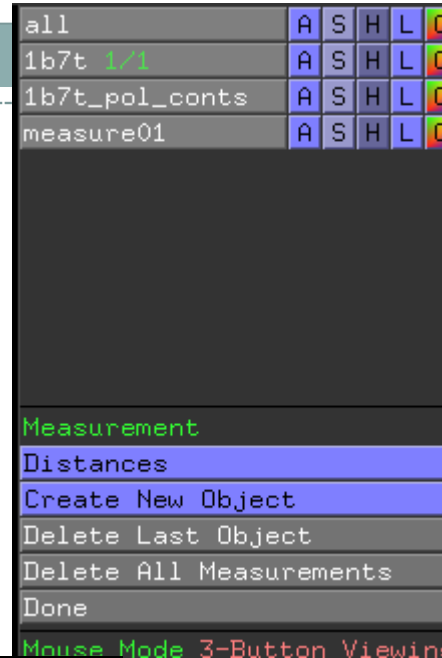
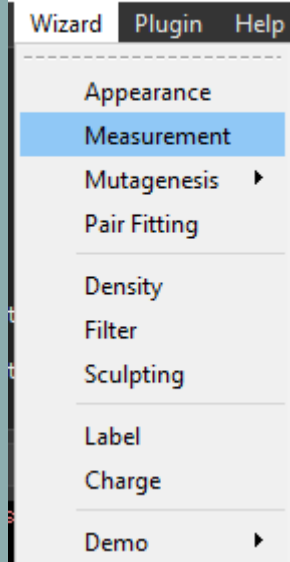


Measurements

PyMOL can take measurements of the distances, angles, dihedrals, neighbors (polar/ heavy) of the macromolecules being analyzed. PyMOL Wizard is used for this purpose. Wizard can be used to create dashed lines between atoms.

Commands: S > Show > As > Lines.

Wizard > Measurement (Click on any atom) > Measurement Mode: Distances/ Angles/ Dihedrals etc.

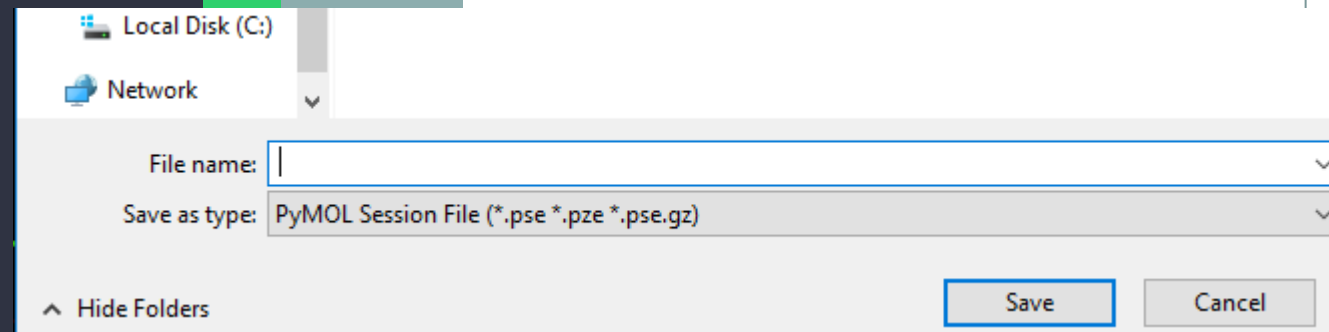
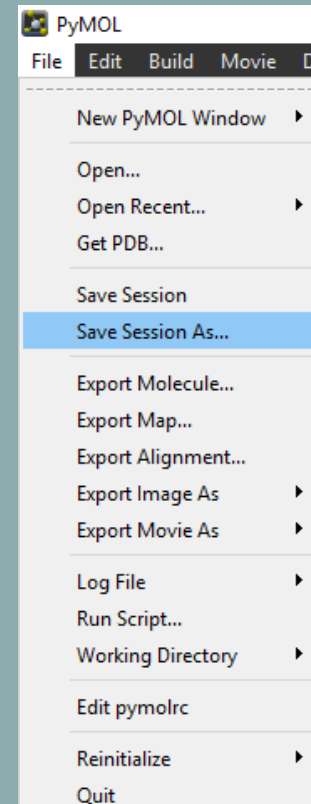


PyMOL Sessions

Sessions store all your objects, selections, views, scenes, representations, etc. to work on later or sharing it with others.

Commands: File > Save Session As
> .pse

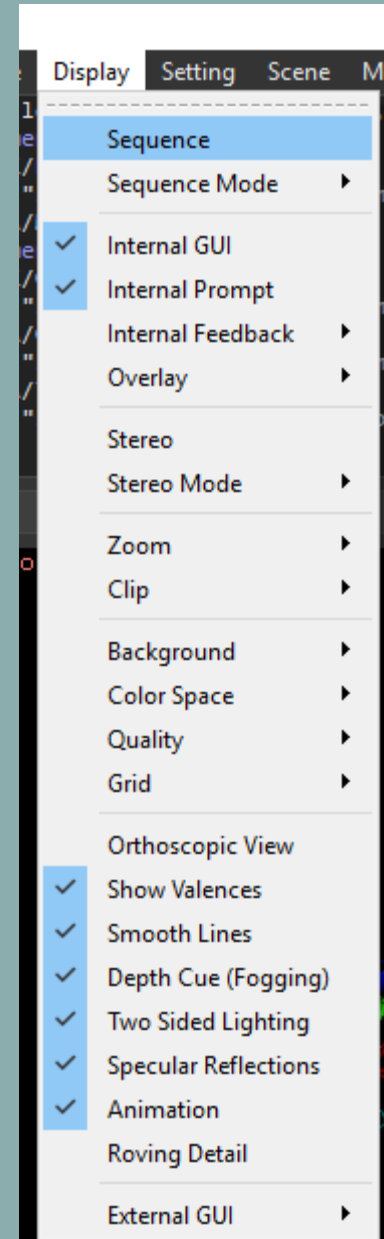
The file can be opened by double clicking .pse file



Sequence viewer

Amino acid sequences of protein can be viewed in familiar one letter codes. Residues can also be viewed in form of purple dots.

Command: Display > Sequence
(from upper control window)



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PyMOL>wizard measurement
You clicked /1b7t//Z/PRO`70/CA
Selector: selection "sele" defined with 1 atoms.
You clicked /1b7t//A/MET`518/CA
PyMOL>wizard measurement
You clicked /1b7t//Z/GLU`66/CA
Selector: selection "sele" defined with 1 atoms.
You clicked /1b7t//A/GLU`344/CA
Selector: selection "sele" defined with 9 atoms.
You clicked /1b7t//A/TYR`431/CA
Selector: selection "sele" defined with 21 atoms.
Setting: seq_view set to on.

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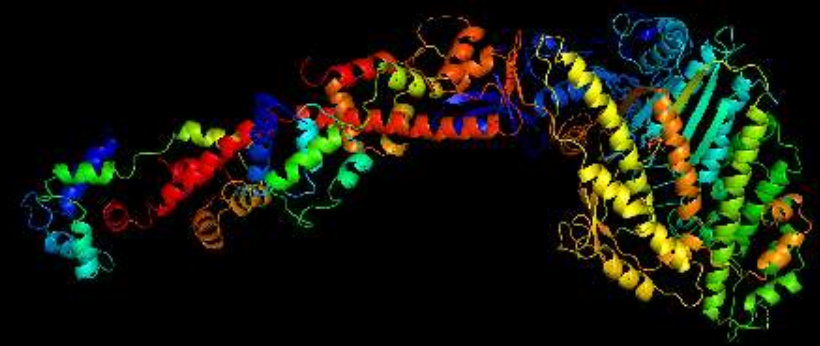
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/1b7t//A/5 11 16 27 31 36 41 46 51 56 61 66 71 76 81 86 91 96 101 106 111 116 121 126 131 136
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all	A	S	H	L	C
1b7t 1/1	A	S	H	L	C
1b7t_pol_conts	A	S	H	L	C
(sele)	A	S	H	L	C

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Ctrl	Move	PkAt	Pk1	MvSZ
CtSh	Sele	Orig	Clip	MovZ
SnglClk	+/-	Cent	Menu	
DblClk	Menu	-	PkAt	

Selecting Residues

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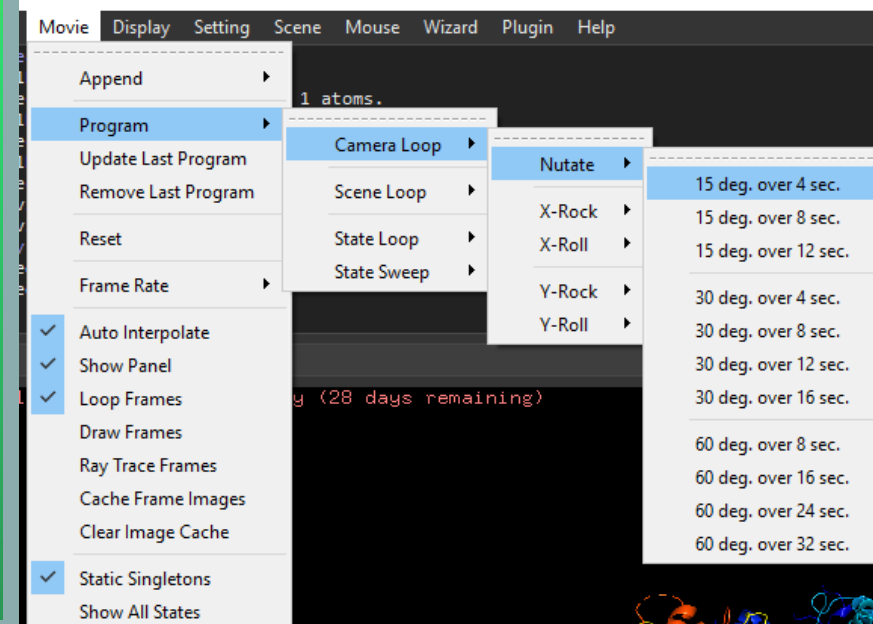
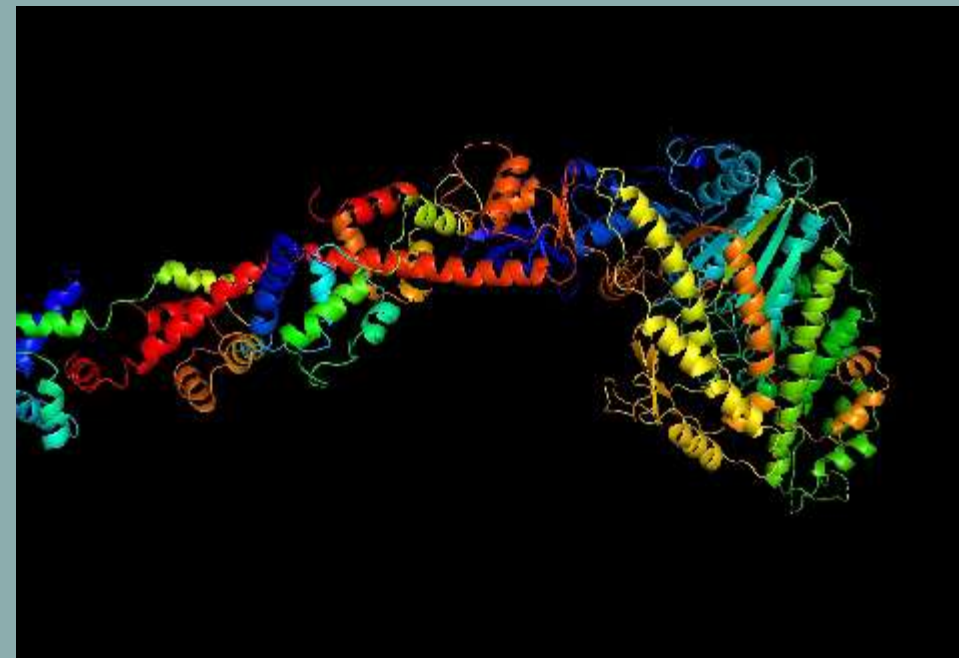
Navigation icons: Home, Left, Right, Stop, Play, End, Refresh, F

Scenes, Shows and Movies

A scene in PyMOL is simply a memory snapshot which saves current colors, visualizations, representations and camera position. Command: A > Actions > Orient. Scene > Append.

A show is an interactive movie as you advance or reverse through your predefined scenes.

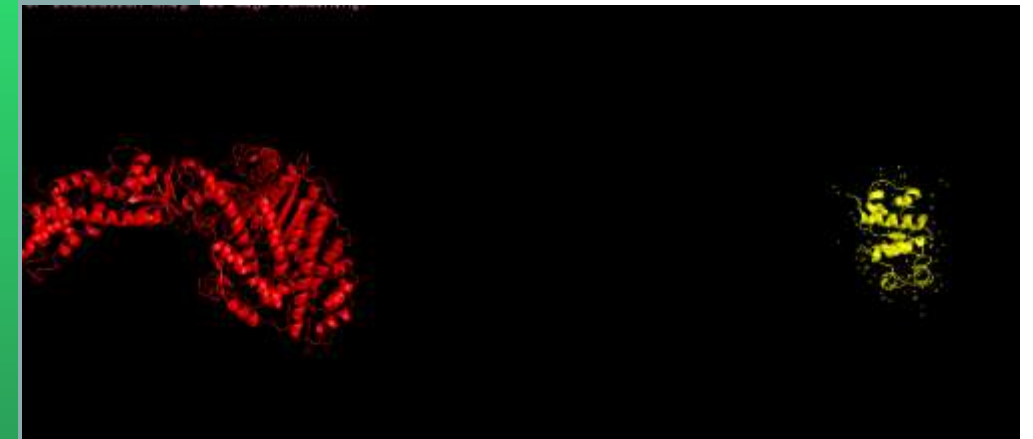
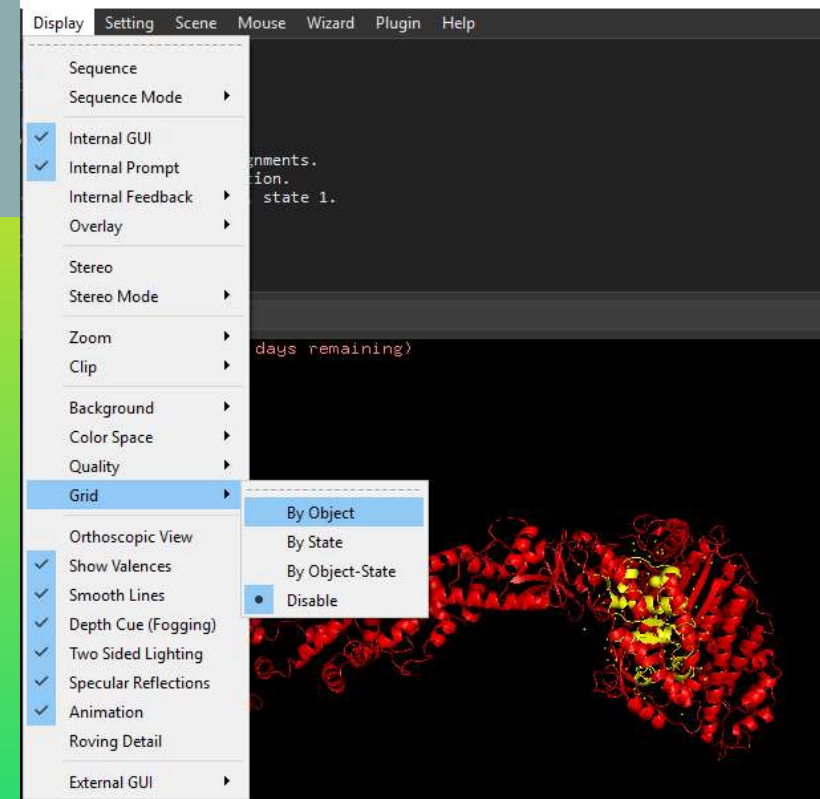
Movies can be made with commands as: Movie > Append (for no. of seconds), to program: Movie > Program > Camera Loop/ Scene Loop/ State Loop/ State Sweep.



Working with Multiple Objects and Selection

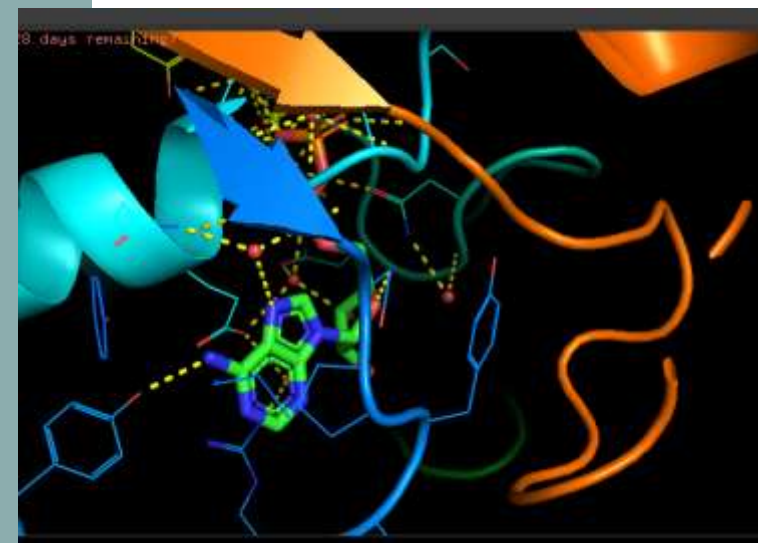
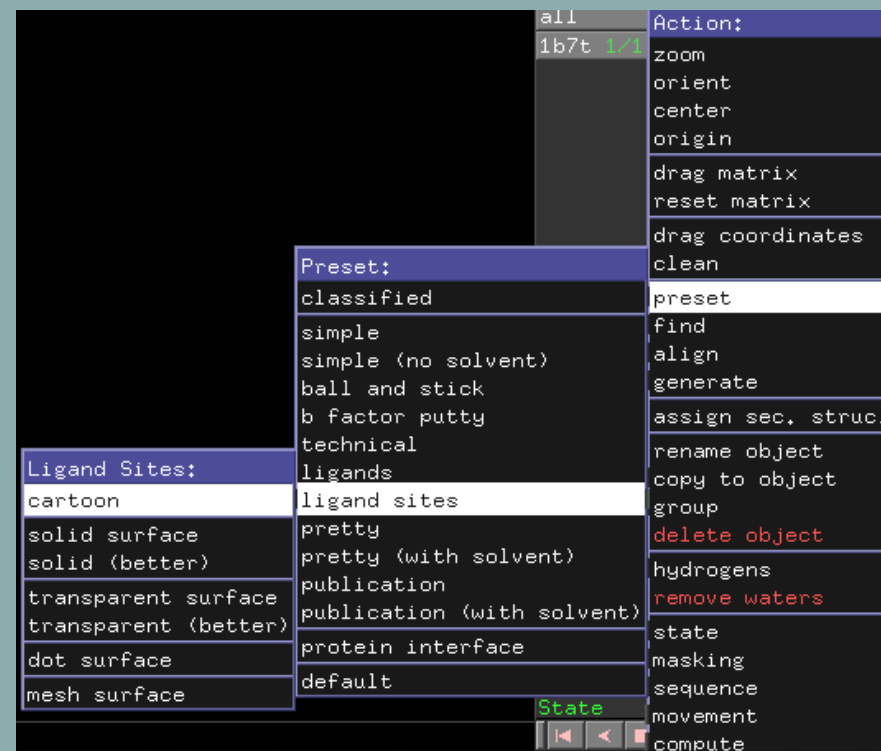
PyMOL can be used to simultaneously visualize dozens of structures or more. It has a feature called as a grid mode which subdivides the Display Area into equal sized rectangles on screen each having a structure.

Command: Display > Grid > By Object



Ligand sites

PyMOL can also show the ligand sites as well as any selected residual in the structure of molecule.



Editing molecular objects

PyMOL allows to create or replace bonds, atoms, residues and commonly used chemical groups. After modification the structure can be cleaned using MMFF (Merk Molecular Force Field).

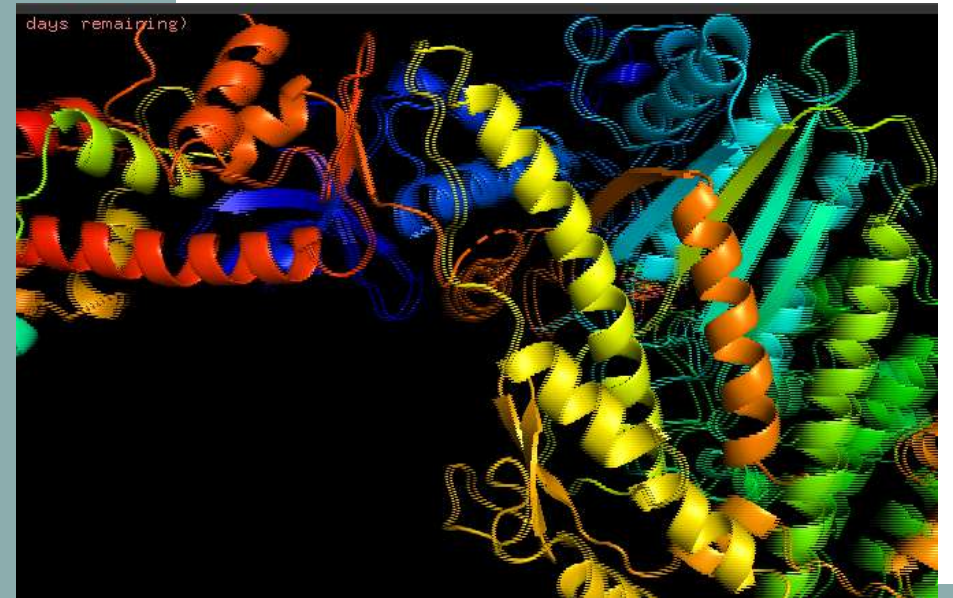
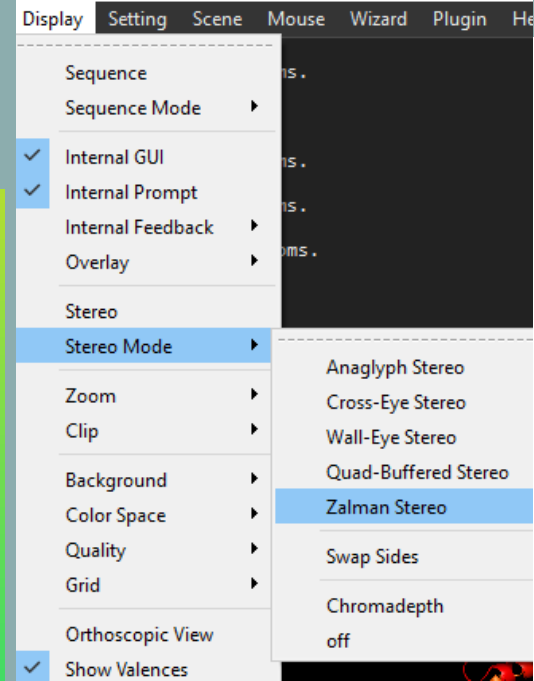
Command: A > Actions > Remove Waters/ Remove Hydrogens/ Remove Atoms.

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Action:  
zoom  
center  
origin  
preset  
find  
hydrogens  
remove waters  
delete selections  
delete everything  
masking  
movement  
compute
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Stereo Modes

Different stereo graphic options are supported by PyMOL, for example, Crosseye stereo, Walleye Stereo, Hardware Stereo, etc.



Advantages

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- **Cross–Platform.** A single code base supports both Unix, Macintosh, and Windows, using OpenGL and Python and a small set of Open–source external dependencies.
- **Command–Line and GUI Control** Real world applications require both.
- **Molecular Splits/Joins.** Structures can be sliced, diced, and reassembled on the fly and written out to standard files (i.e. PDB).
- **Scripting.** The best way to control PyMOL is through reusable scripts, which can be written in the command language or in Python.
- **Rendering.** A built–in ray tracer gives you shadows and depth on any scene. You also render externally.
- **Output.** PNG files output from PyMOL can be directly imported into PowerPoint
- Electron Density Maps can also be made using PyMOL
- **Conformational Editing.** Click and drag interface allows you to edit conformations naturally. Sculpting allows the molecule to adapt to your changes

disadvantages

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- **User Interface.** Development has been focused on capabilities, not on easy-of-use for new users.
- **Documentation.** Only recently has any documentation become available.
- **Object-Orientation.** There is a single monolithic, functional API.
- **Electrostatics.** PyMOL is not yet a replacement for Delphi/Grasp.
- **No Mechanics Engine** Although PyMOL sports potent molecular editing features, you can't yet perform any "clean-up".
- PyMOL lacks a general undo command so sessions must be saved periodically (every 5 minutes for extended tasks).



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