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# MODULE FILES, METADATA AND INPUTS

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# OUTLINE

1. Module files
2. Module metadata
3. Types of module inputs



# MODULE FILES

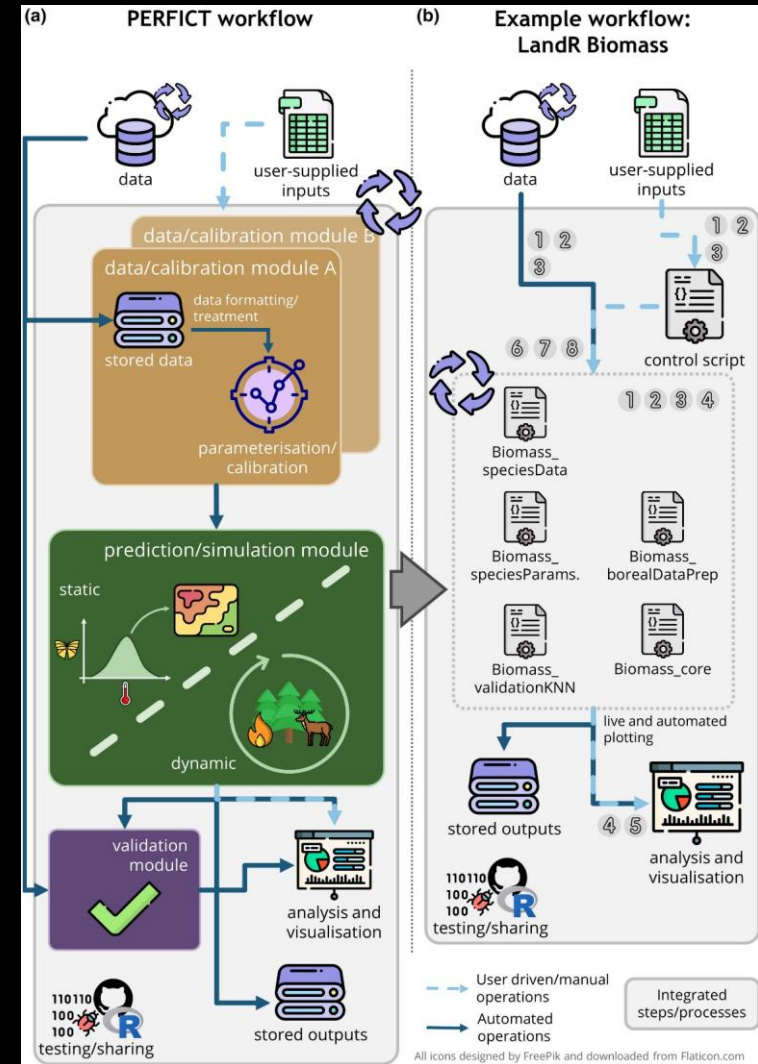
SpaDES sources each <module>.R script, which contains the “instructions” for scheduling, and any other .R scripts in the <module>/R/ folder

Both can contain functions used in events

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/moduleRepository
|_ moduleName/
|_ R/           # contains additional/optional .R (helper) files
|_ data/       # directory for all included data
|_ CHECKSUMS.txt # contains checksums for data files
|_ tests/      # contains (optional) unit tests for module code
|_ citation.bib # bibtex citation for the module
|_ LICENSE.txt # describes module's legal usage
|_ moduleName.R # module code file (incl. metadata)
|_ moduleName.Rmd # documentation, usage info, etc.

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# MODULE FILES - .R

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PredictiveEcology.org - training-book - RStudio Source Editor
Biomass_borealDataPrep.R
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1 defineModule(sim, list(
2   name = "Biomass_borealDataPrep",
3   description = paste("A data preparation module for parameterizing `Biomass_core` from open data sources,",
4     "within the Boreal forest of Canada."),
5   keywords = c("LandWeb", "Biomass_core"),
6   authors = c(
7     person("Yong", "Luo", email = "Yong.Luo@gov.bc.ca", role = c("aut")),
8     person(c("Eliot", "J", "B"), "McIntire", email = "eliot.mcintire@nrccan-rncan.gc.ca", role = c("aut", "cre")),
9     person(c("Ceres", "Barros", email = "ceres.barros@ubc.ca", role = c("aut")),
10    person(c("Alex", "M."), "Chubaty", email = "achubaty@for-cast.ca", role = c("aut"))
11  ),
12  childModules = character(0),
13  version = list(Biomass_borealDataPrep = "1.5.7"),
14  timeframe = as.POSIXlt(c(NA, NA)),
15  timeunit = "year",
16  citation = list("citation.bib"),
17  documentation = list("README.txt", "Biomass_borealDataPrep.Rmd"),
18  loadOrder = list(after = c("Biomass_speciesData"),
19    before = c("Biomass_core")),
20  reqdPkgs = list("assertthat", "crayon", "data.table", "dplyr", "fasterize", "ggplot2",
21    "merTools", "plyr", "rasterVis", "sf", "terra",
22    "reproducible (>= 2.1.0)",
23    "SpaDES.core (>= 2.1.0)", "SpaDES.tools (>= 2.0.0)",
24    "PredictiveEcology/LandR (>= 1.1.1)",
25    "PredictiveEcology/SpaDES.project@development (>= 0.0.8.9026)", ## TODO: update this once merged
26    "PredictiveEcology/pemisc@development"),
27  parameters = rbind(
28    ## maxB, maxANPP, SEP estimation section -----
29    defineParameter("biomassModel", "call",
30      quote(lme4::lmer(B ~ logAge * speciesCode + cover * speciesCode +
31        (logAge + cover | ecoregionGroup)),
32      NA, NA,
33      paste("Model and formula for estimating biomass (B) from `ecoregionGroup`",
34        "(currently `ecoregionLayer` * LandCoverClass), `speciesCode`",
35        "`ecoregionGroup` * `ecoregionLayer` * `LandCoverClass`")
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# MODULE FILES - .RMD

Should describe the module, its inputs, outputs and functioning in detail.

It should also have examples how to run the module and what other modules it can be connected to (if any).

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PredictiveEcology.org - training-book - RStudio Source Editor
Biomass_core.Rmd
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Visual
1 ---
2 title: "LandR_Biomass_core_Manual"
3 date: "Last updated: `r Sys.Date()`"
4 output:
5   bookdown::html_document2:
6     toc: true
7     toc_float: true
8     toc_depth: 4
9     theme: sandstone
10    number_sections: false
11    df_print: paged
12    keep_md: yes
13 editor_options:
14   chunk_output_type: console
15 bibliography: citations/references_Biomass_core.bib
16 citation-style: citations/ecology-letters.csl
17 link-citations: true
18 always_allow_html: true
19 ---
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21 <!-- the following are text references used in captions for LaTeX compatibility -->
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23 (ref:Biomass-core) *Biomass_core*
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25 (ref:Biomass-borealdataprep) *Biomass_borealDataPrep*
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27 (ref:percent) %
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29 (ref:sufficient-light) *sufficient light*
30
31 (ref:Abie-sp) *Abies sp.* (Abie_sp)
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33 (ref:Pinu-sp) *Pinus sp.* (Pinu_sp)
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35 (ref:Pice-eng) *Picea engelmannii* (Pice_eng)
36
37 (ref:Pice-gla) *Picea glauca* (Pice_gla)
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39 (ref:Popu-sp) *Populus sp.* (Popu_sp)
40
41 (ref:Pseud-men) *Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Pseu_men)
42
43 ~~~{r setup-Biomass-core, include = FALSE}
44 ## set cache.rebuild = TRUE whenever there are changes to the module code/metadata
45 ~~~
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LandR Biomass\_core Manual

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### Module Overview

Quick links

- General functioning
- List of input objects
- List of parameters
- List of outputs
- Simulation flow and module events

### Summary

LandR *Biomass\_core* (hereafter *Biomass\_core*) is the core forest succession simulation module of the LandR ecosystem of *SpaDES* modules (see [Chubaty & McIntire 2019](#)). It simulates tree cohort ageing, growth, mortality and competition for light resources, as well as seed dispersal (Fig. 1), in a spatially explicit manner and using a yearly time step. The model is based on the LANDIS-II Biomass Succession Extension v.3.2.1 (LBSE, [Scheller & Miranda 2015](#)), with a few changes (see [Differences between Biomass\\_core and LBSE](#)). Nonetheless, the essential functioning of the succession model still largely follows its LANDIS-II counterpart, and we refer the

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# MODULE METADATA



- Defined at the top of the module with `defineModule()`
- Includes: `?SpaDES.core::defineModule()`

<code>name</code>	Module name. Must match the filename (without the <code>.R</code> extension). This is currently not parsed by SpaDES; it is for human readers only.
<code>description</code>	Brief description of the module. This is currently not parsed by SpaDES; it is for human readers only.
<code>keywords</code>	Author-supplied keywords. This is currently not parsed by SpaDES; it is for human readers only.
<code>childModules</code>	If this contains any character vector, then it will be treated as a parent module. If this is a parent module, then only this list entry will be read. (...)
<code>authors</code>	Module author information (as a vector of <code>person()</code> objects. This is currently not parsed by SpaDES; it is for human readers only.
<code>version</code>	Module version number (will be coerced to <code>numeric_version()</code> if a character or numeric are supplied). The module developer should update (...)
<code>spatialExtent</code>	The spatial extent of the module supplied via <code>terra::ext</code> . This is currently unimplemented. (...)
<code>timeframe</code>	Vector (length 2) of POSIXt dates specifying the temporal extent of the module. Currently unimplemented. (...)
<code>timeunit</code>	Time scale of the module (e.g., "day", "year"). If this is not specified, then <code>.timeunitDefault()</code> will be used. (...)
<code>citation</code>	List of character strings specifying module citation information. Alternatively, a list of filenames of <code>.bib</code> or similar files. (...)
<code>documentation</code>	List of filenames referring to module documentation sources. This is currently not parsed by SpaDES; it is for human readers only.
<code>loadOrder</code>	Named list of length 0, 1, or 2, with names being after and before. Each element should be a character string/vector naming 1 or more modules(...)
<code>reqdPkgs</code>	List of R package names required by the module. These packages will be loaded when <code>simlInit</code> is called. <code>Require::Require()</code> will be used internally to (...)
<code>parameters</code>	A <code>data.frame</code> specifying the parameters used in the module. Usually produced by <code>rbind-ing</code> the outputs of multiple <code>defineParameter()</code> calls. These (...)
<code>inputObjects</code>	A <code>data.frame</code> specifying the data objects expected as inputs to the module, with columns <code>objectName</code> (class character), <code>objectClass</code> (class character), <code>sourceURL</code> (class character), and <code>other</code> (currently <code>spades</code> does (...)
<code>outputObjects</code>	A <code>data.frame</code> specifying the data objects output by the module, with columns identical to those in <code>inputObjects</code> . Like <code>inputObjects</code> above, (...)

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version	Module version number (will be coerced to <a href="#">numeric_version()</a> if a character or numeric are supplied). The module developer should update (...)
spatialExtent	The spatial extent of the module supplied via terra::ext. This is currently unimplemented. (...)
timeframe	Vector (length 2) of POSIXt dates specifying the temporal extent of the module. Currently unimplemented. (...)
timeunit	Time scale of the module (e.g., "day", "year"). If this is not specified, then .timeunitDefault() will be used. (...)
citation	List of character strings specifying module citation information. Alternatively, a list of filenames of .bib or similar files. (...)
documentation	List of filenames referring to module documentation sources. This is currently not parsed by SpaDES; it is for human readers only.
loadOrder	Named list of length 0, 1, or 2, with names being after and before. Each element should be a character string/vector naming 1 or more modules(...)
reqdPkgs	List of R package names required by the module. These packages will be loaded when simInit is called. <a href="#">Require::Require()</a> will be used internally to (...)
 <b>parameters</b>	A data.frame specifying the parameters used in the module. Usually produced by rbind-ing the outputs of multiple <a href="#">defineParameter()</a> calls. These (...)
 <b>inputObjects</b>	A data.frame specifying the data objects expected as inputs to the module, with columns objectName (class character), objectClass (class character), sourceURL (class character), and other (currently spades does (...)
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# MODULE INPUTS

Both *parameters* and *inputs* can be supplied/overridden by the user:

- Parameters are usually specific to a module (except for “globals”) and supplied as lists for each module via `simInit(..., params)`
- Inputs are *shared* across modules and are supplied via `simInit(..., inputs)` or via `simInit(..., objects)` – usually more complex objects

Both can/should have defaults defined by the developer

- Parameter defaults are defined in the metadata (using `defineParameter()`)
- Input defaults are defined in the function `.inputObjects()`



# TIME TO LOOK AT SOME CODE



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