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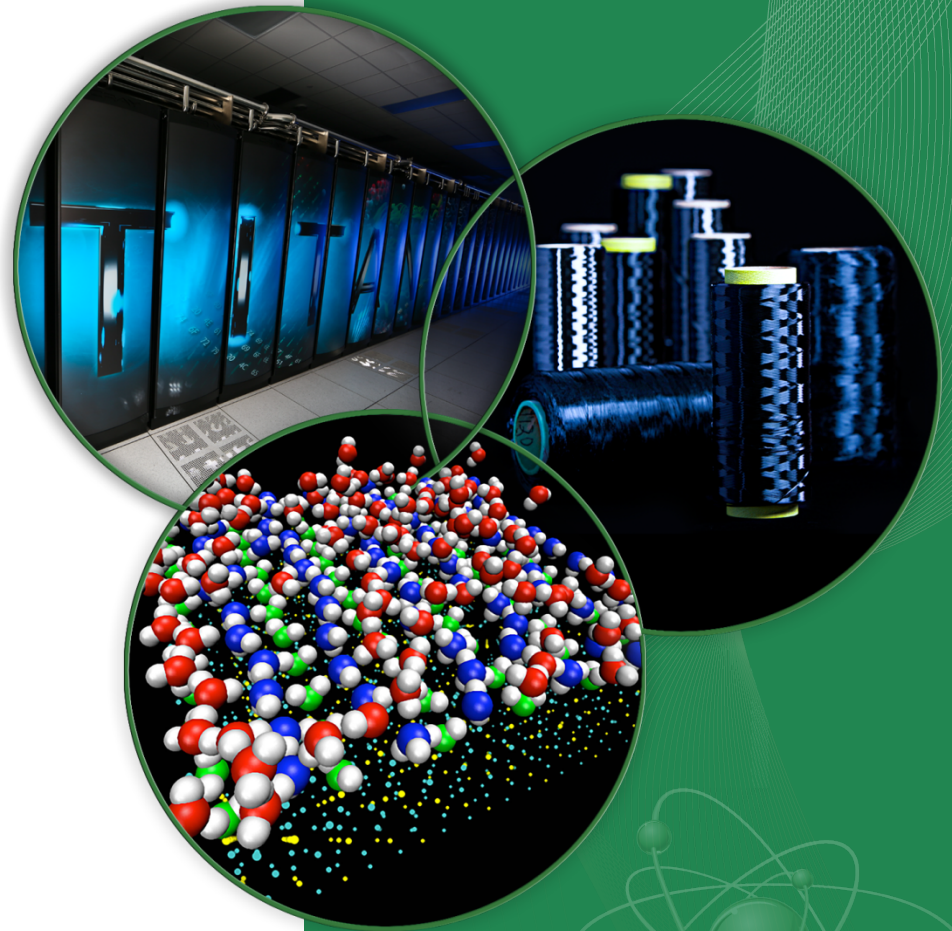
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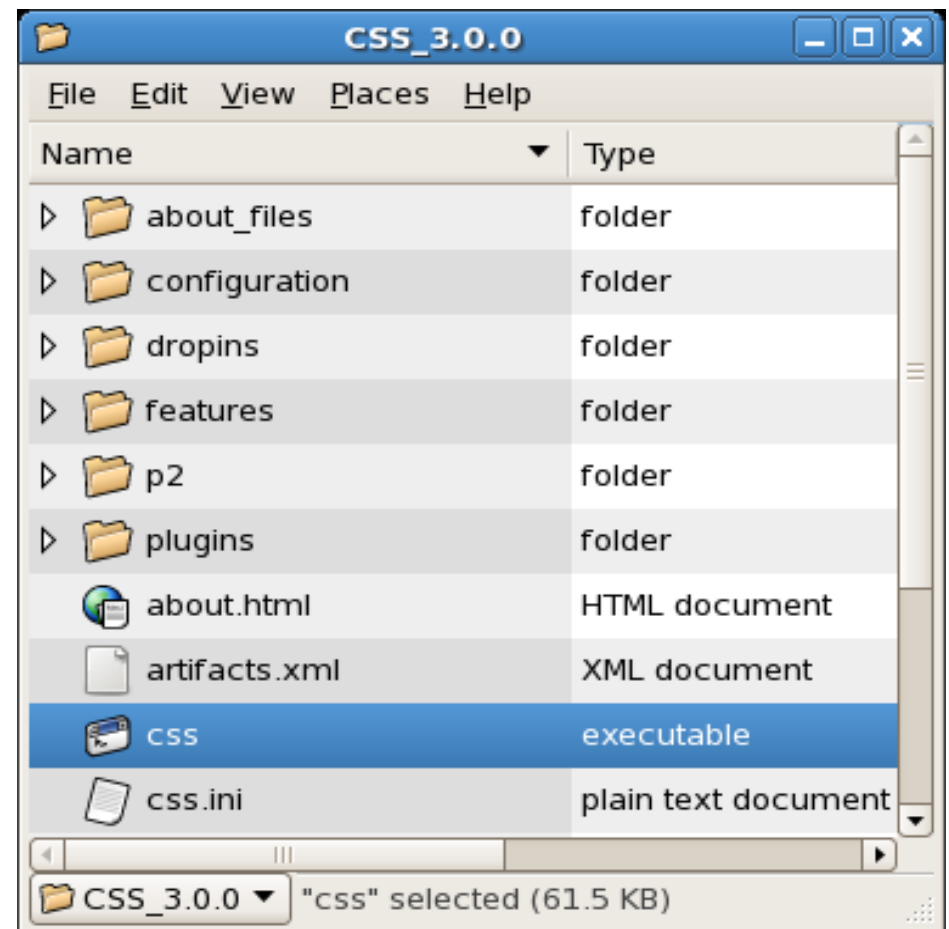kasemirk@ornl.gov

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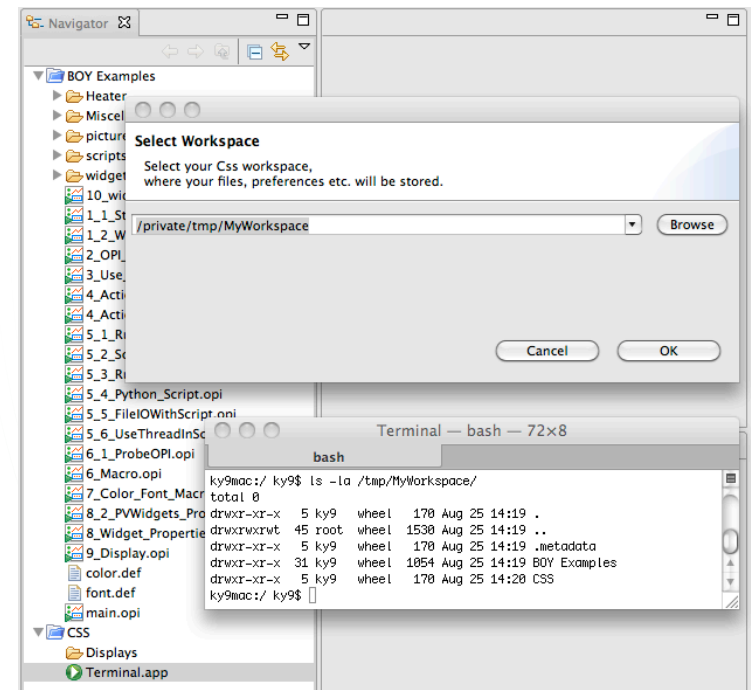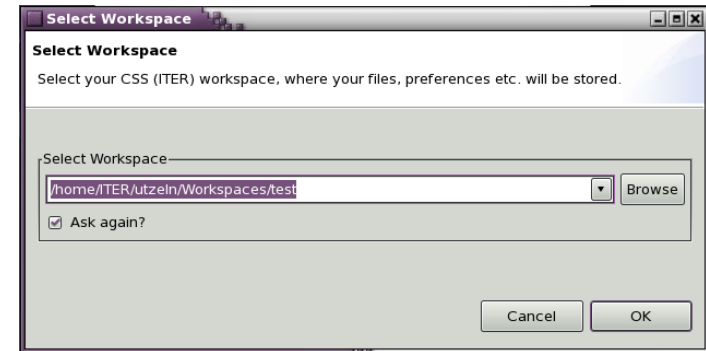
Exercise: Start CSS

Precondition:
  You somehow got CSS onto your computer

- Start the executable
  - Linux: css
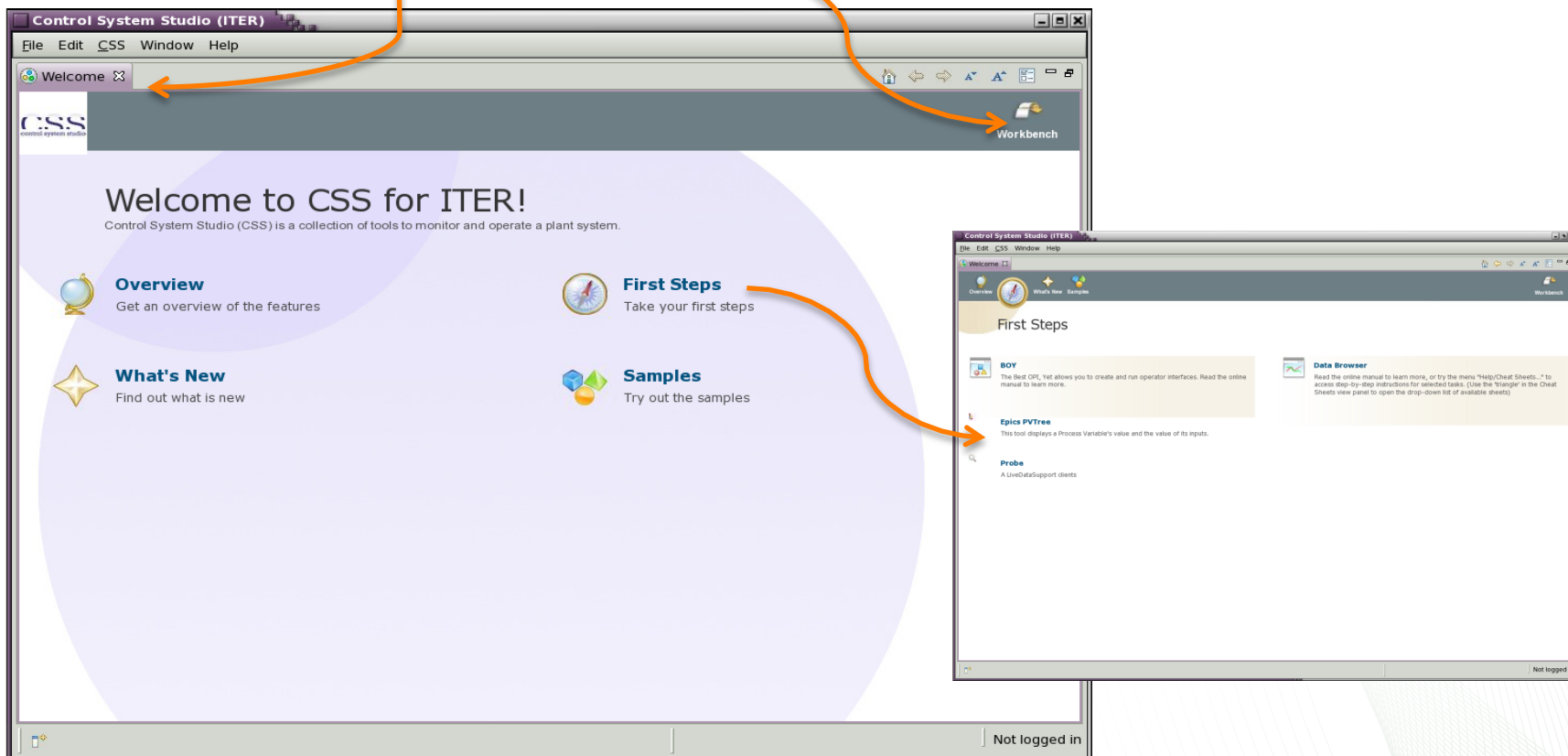 - Windows: css.exe
  - Mac OS X: css.app

Workspace

- Workspace

  - Directory where you store files

  - Hidden `.metadata` directory with settings

- Most versions of CSS prompt for a workspace at startup

  - Check or change later via menu *File, Switch Workspace*

- Run only one instance of CSS per workspace!

  - Each user should have own workspaces
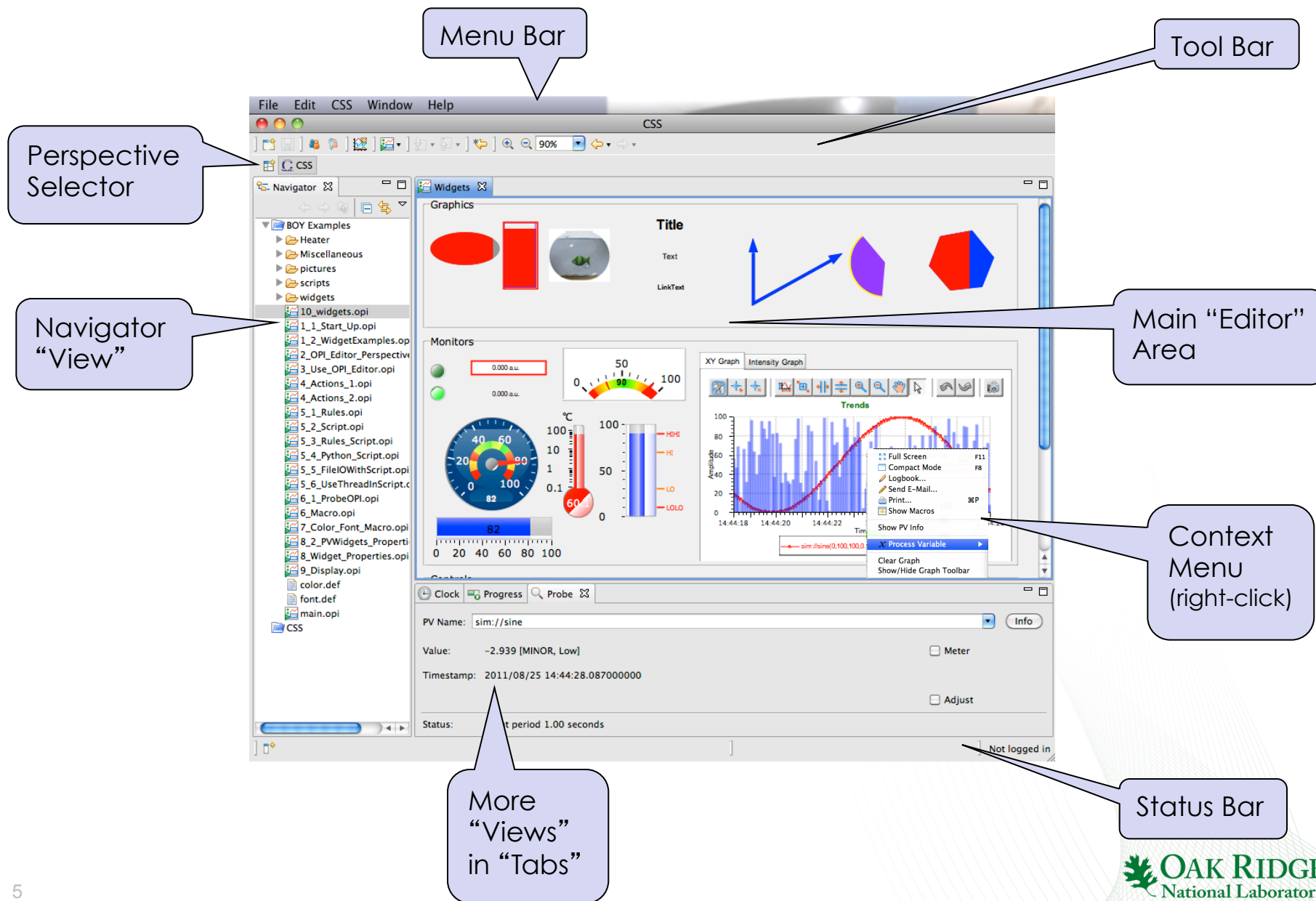
  - One for development, one for operation, …

"**Welcome**"

- Displayed when CSS opened for the first time (i.e. on a new workspace)
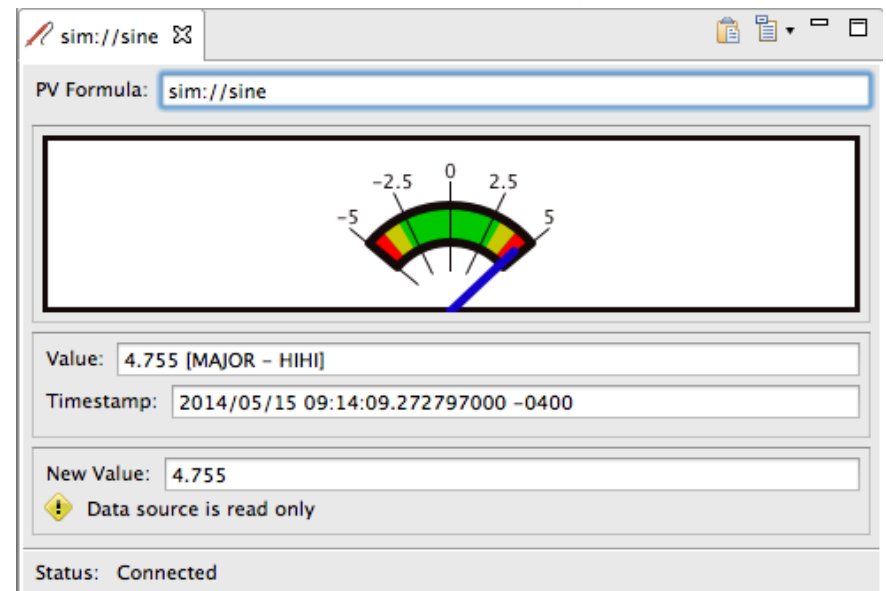 - Close here or here

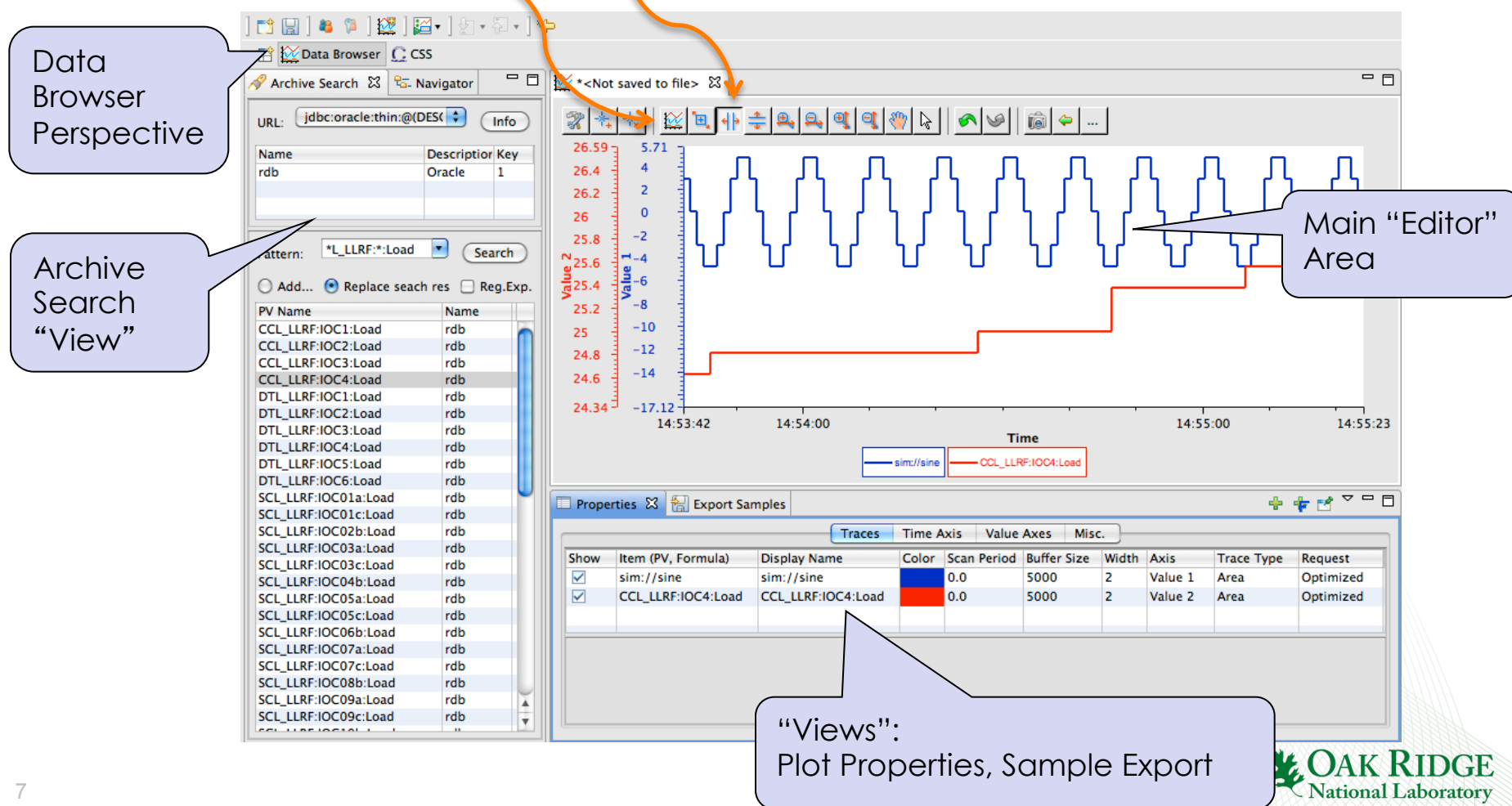 - Re-open: Menu *Help, Welcome*

Workbench

Exercise: Probe

- Menu *CSS*, *Diagnostic Tools*, *Probe*

- Enter PV name "sim://sine"

- Close Probe

- Open it again

- Note previously entered PV in history

- Move Probe to other view area

- Close Probe

Exercise: Data Browser

- Menu *CSS*, *Trends*, *Data Browser*

- Plot context menu, *Add PV*, "sim://sine"

- Wait a little, use *Stagger* and *zoom* buttons

Data Browser Perspective

Archive Search "View"

Main "Editor" Area

"Views": Plot Properties, Sample Export

Editors, Views, Perspectives

Editors: Central Workbench Area
- Text editor, BOY Operator Interface panel, Data Browser plot, …
  - Associated with a file. "Do you want to save?" when closed.

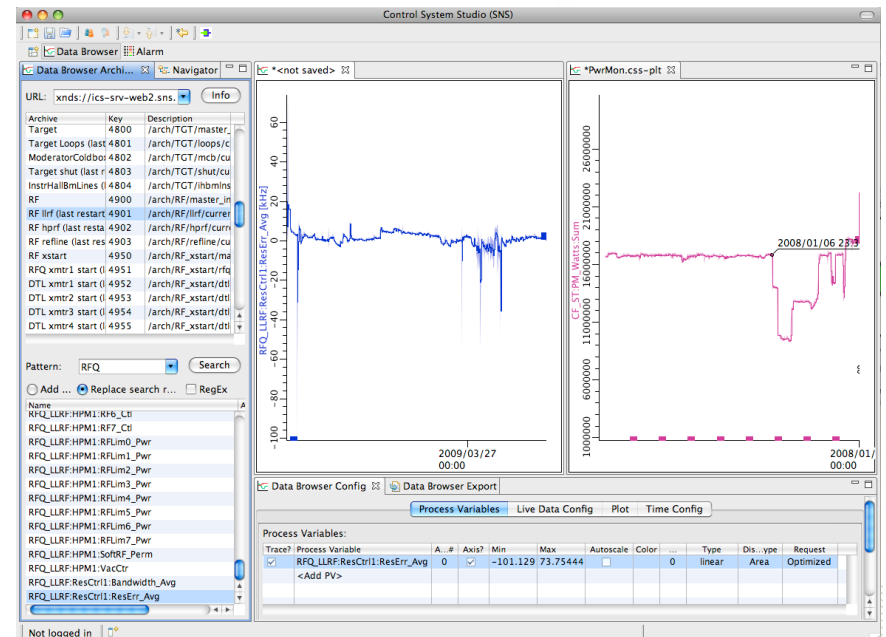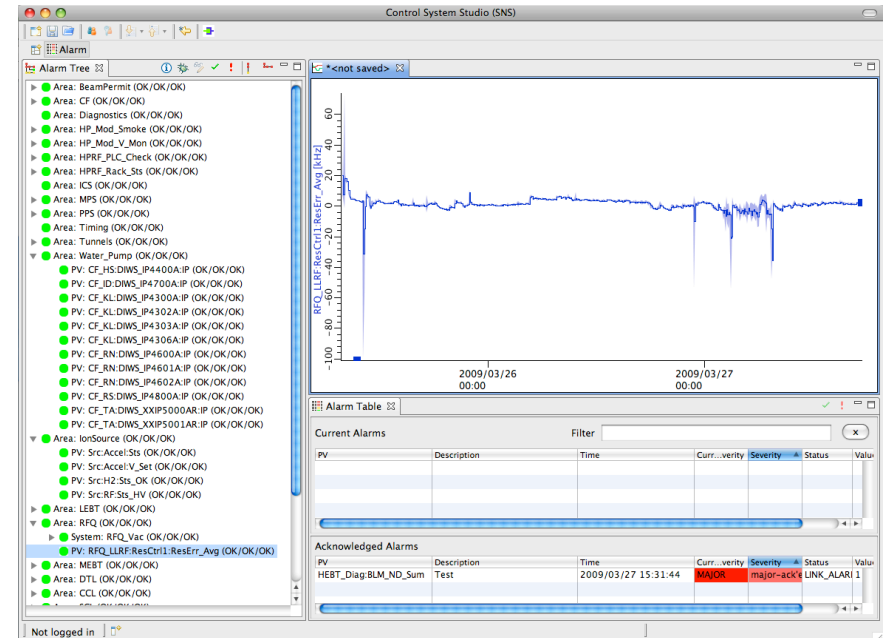Views: Auxiliary panels around Editors
- *Probe, Properties, Navigator, …*

Perspective: Arrangement of Editors and Views
- *Size* of editor area. Actual editors remain.
- *Choice* of Views. Views change when switching perspectives.

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Layout Options

- Editors, Views can be closed, reopened, repositioned
  - Grab title of panel, move while watching black rectangle indicate possible target locations
  - Arrange 'behind' or 'beside' other panels

- Multiple Perspectives
  - Use Context Menu of Perspective to Name, Save, Close, Restore

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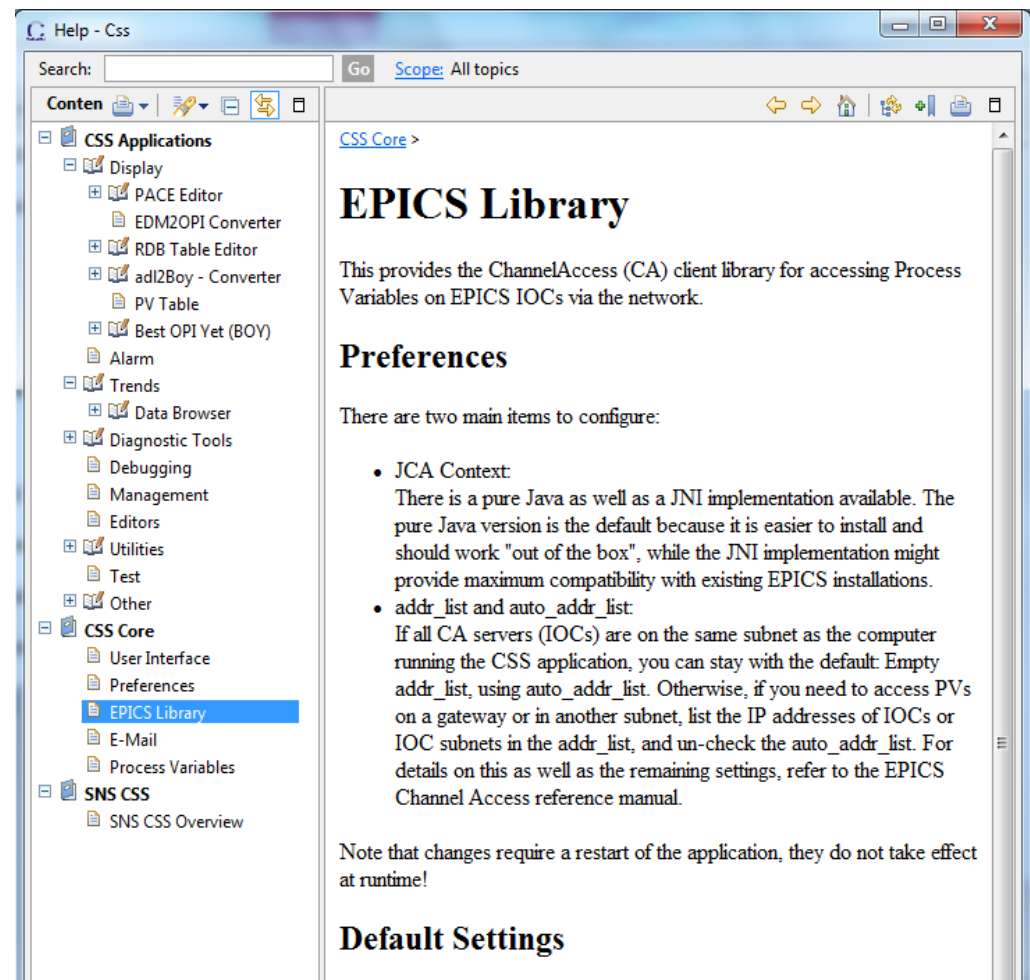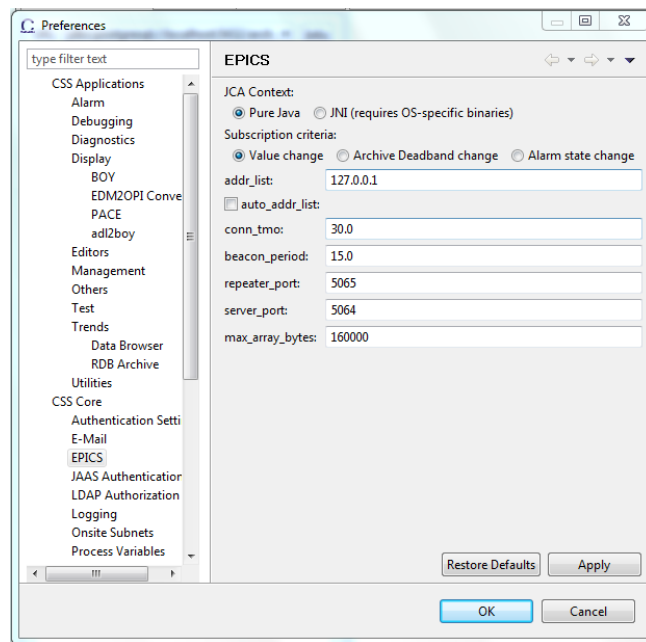# Editor/View/Perspective Limitations

Perspectives conserve the location of 'Views'.

What we would like to "freeze" the display:

*.opi, Data Browser, Alarm Panel, ..

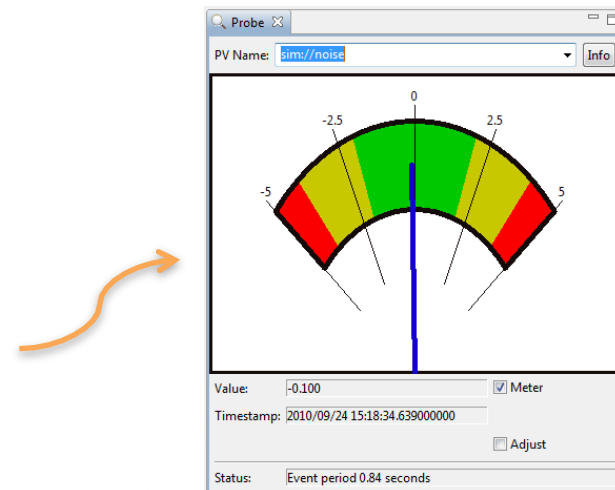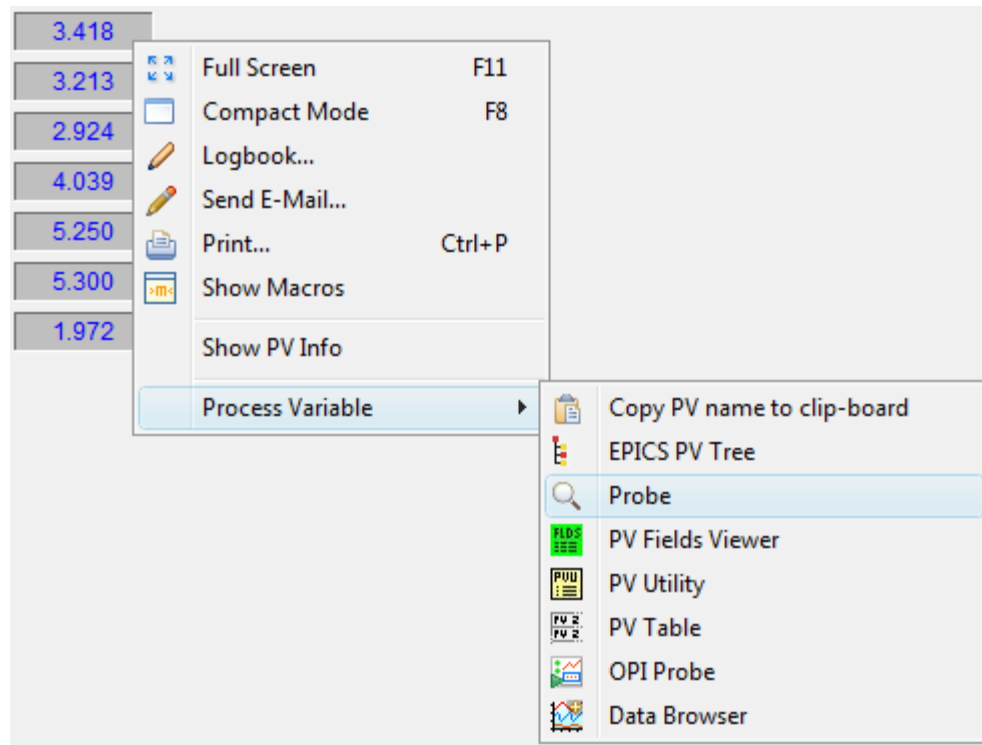OAK RIDGE
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Exercise: Preferences, Online Help

- Menu *Edit, Preferences* resp. *Help, Help Content*

- Locate preferences and help for
  - CSS Core, EPICS
  - CSS Applications,
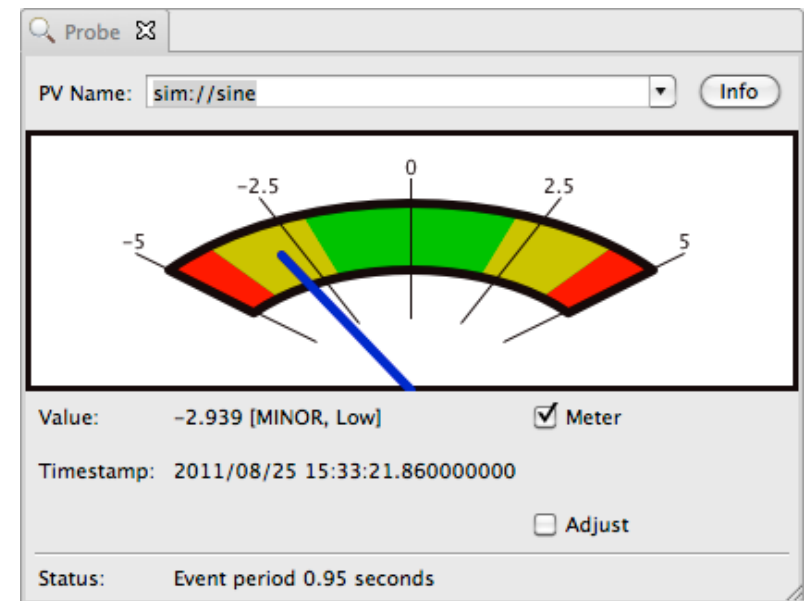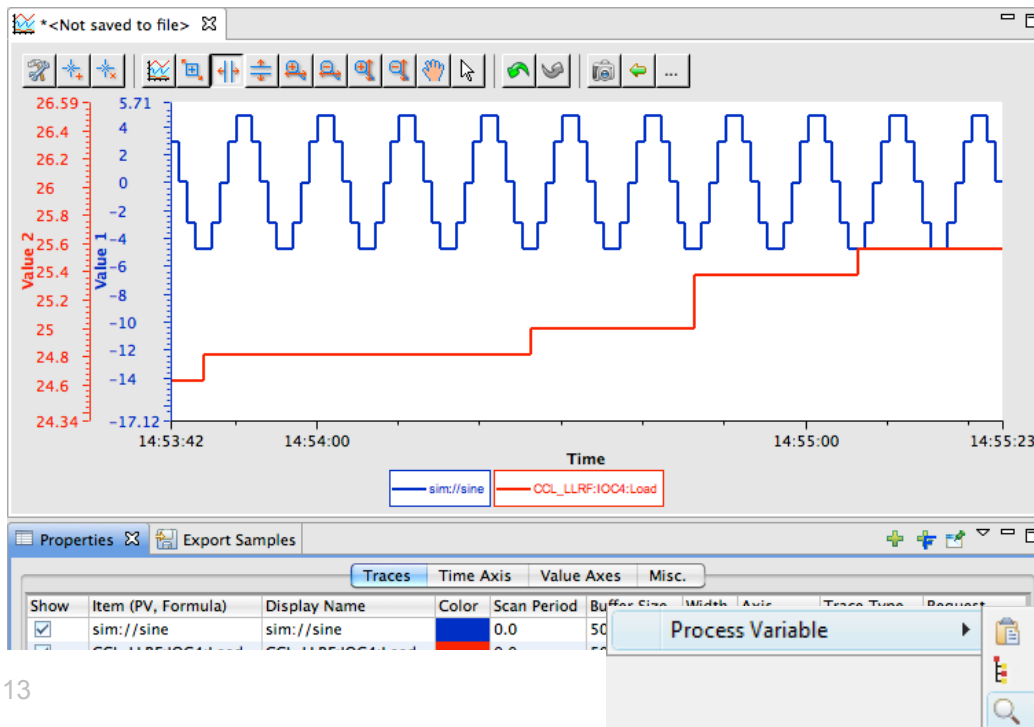   Trends, Data Browser

CSS PV Exchange

- PV in *any* CSS Tool
  ➔ Context Menu ➔ Select other PV Tools
  - Opens other tool with that PV

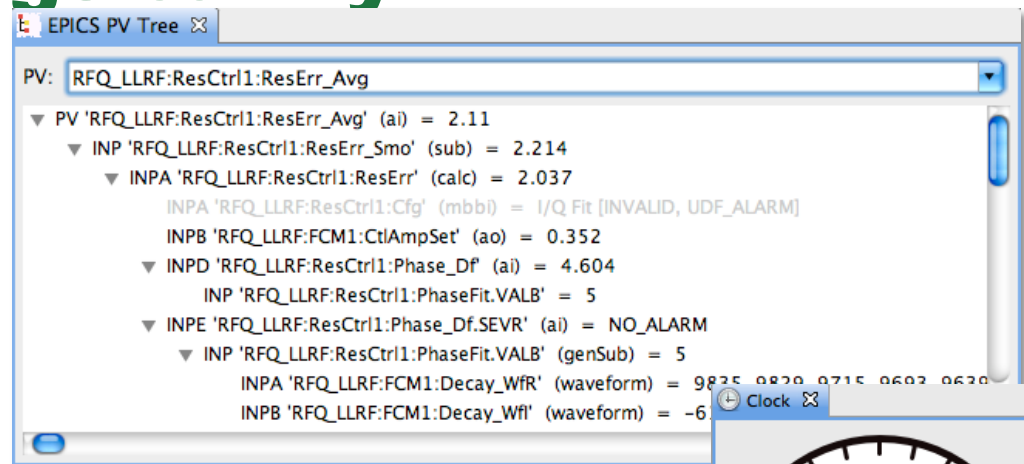# Exercise: Probe via PV Exchange

Open Probe on PV from Data Browser

- – Properties Panel
- – Context menu of "sim://sine" trace
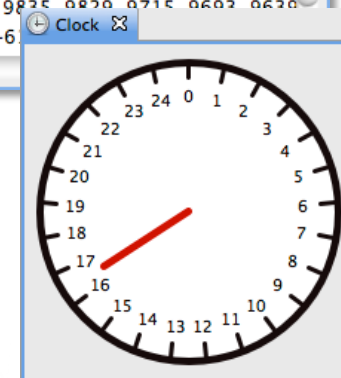- – *Process Variable*, *Probe*

Exercise: Things to Try

EPICS PV Tree
– Trace PV links

Clock
– What's special about it?

Therapist
– When all else fails