

# Collecting, Outputting & Inputting Data in AnyLogic

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# Recording of Results

- A frequent modeler need is to record some components of model state over time
  - State variables (e.g. stocks)
  - States of agents
  - Summaries of model state
  - We informally term this a “trajectory file”
- *Trajectory recording is only supported by AnyLogic Professional*
- AnyLogic does allow for
  - Definition of *DataSets* that record recent values of parameters
  - Statistics summarizing model state
  - Reporting on values of data sets as a graph or table

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# Cross-Method Output Tips

- A convenient mechanism is to periodically output data using events (e.g. every time unit)
- Beyond output, be sure to save information on context of run
  - Model version (Use unique id that increments whenever change model)
  - Parameter assumptions
  - Intention
- Think carefully about whether want to save away intermediate data



## Hands on Model Use Ahead



Load Sample Model:  
**SIR Agent Based Calibration**  
(Via “Sample Models” under “Help” Menu)

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# Add an Experiment

AnyLogic University [EVALUATION USE ONLY]

File Edit View Model Window Help

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SIR Agent Based Calibration

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New Open... Save Save As... Revert Close Close Others Close All Collapse All Cut Copy Paste Delete Refresh Build Run Export... Create Documentation... Team Check for Snapshot Compatibility

Model Active Object Class Experiment Dimension Java Class Java Interface Library

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Console

SIR Agent Based Calibration - Model

General Dependencies Description

Name: SIR Agent Based Calibration

Package: sir\_agent\_based\_calibration

File: C:\Program Files (x86)\AnyLogic 6\_5 University\plugins\com.xj.anylogic.examples\_6.5\

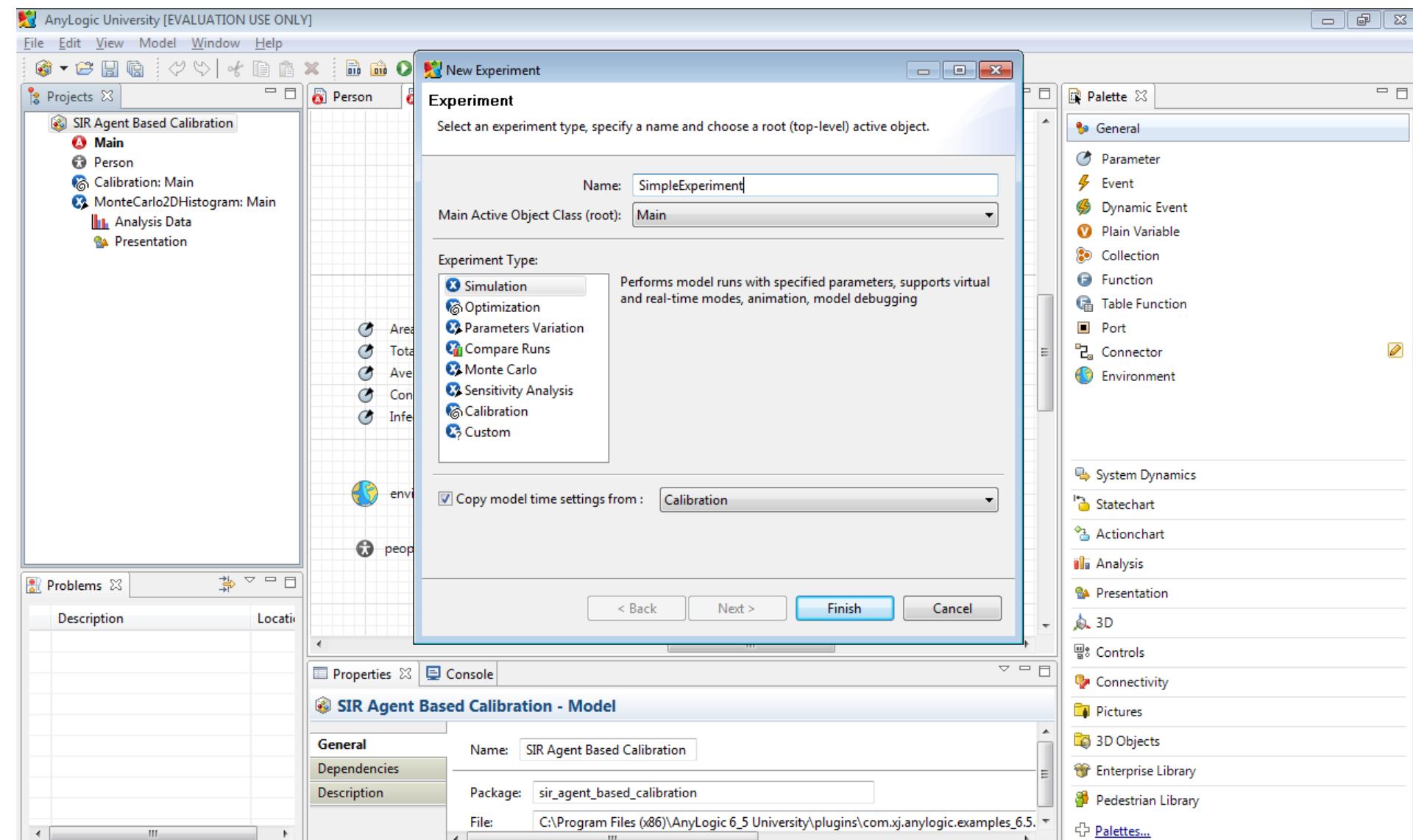
Palettes...

Palette X General Parameter Event Dynamic Event Plain Variable Collection Function Table Function Port Connector Environment

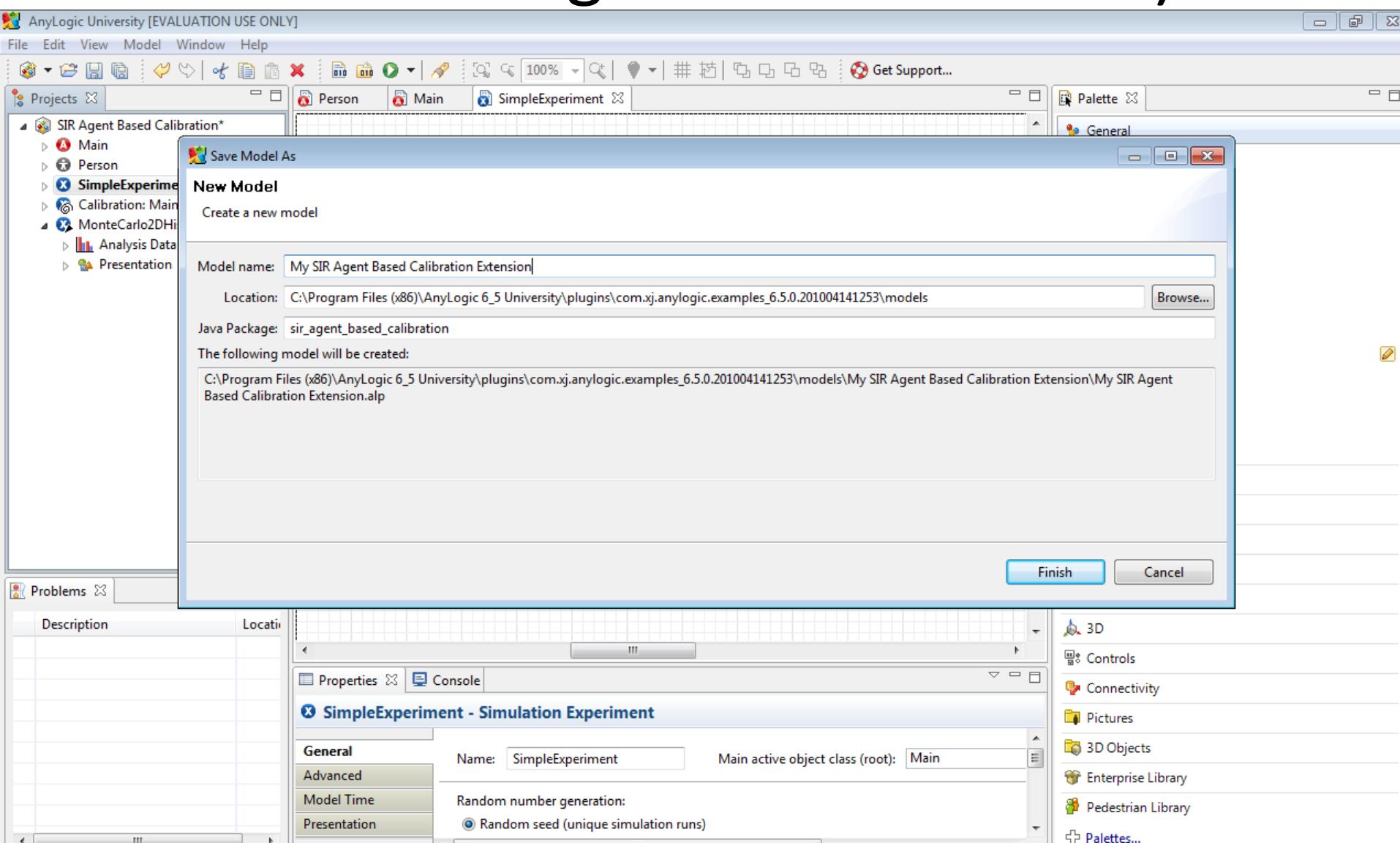
System Dynamics Statechart Actionchart Analysis Presentation 3D Controls Connectivity Pictures 3D Objects Enterprise Library Pedestrian Library Palettes...

The screenshot shows the AnyLogic software interface. The main title bar reads "AnyLogic University [EVALUATION USE ONLY]". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "View", "Model", "Window", and "Help". The "File" menu is open, showing options like "New", "Open...", "Save", "Save As...", "Revert", "Close", "Cut", "Copy", "Paste", "Delete", "Refresh", "Build", "Run", "Export...", "Create Documentation...", "Team", and "Check for Snapshot Compatibility". A sub-menu for "Experiment" is displayed, listing "Model", "Active Object Class", "Experiment", "Dimension", "Java Class", "Java Interface", and "Library". The central workspace shows a model diagram with components like "nInfectious" and "InfectiousDS". The bottom left shows the "SIR Agent Based Calibration - Model" panel with tabs for "General", "Dependencies", and "Description". The "General" tab displays the name, package, and file path. The right side of the interface features a "Palette" window containing various modeling elements and a "System Dynamics" section with sub-options like "Statechart", "Actionchart", "Analysis", "Presentation", "3D", "Controls", "Connectivity", "Pictures", "3D Objects", "Enterprise Library", "Pedestrian Library", and "Palettes...".

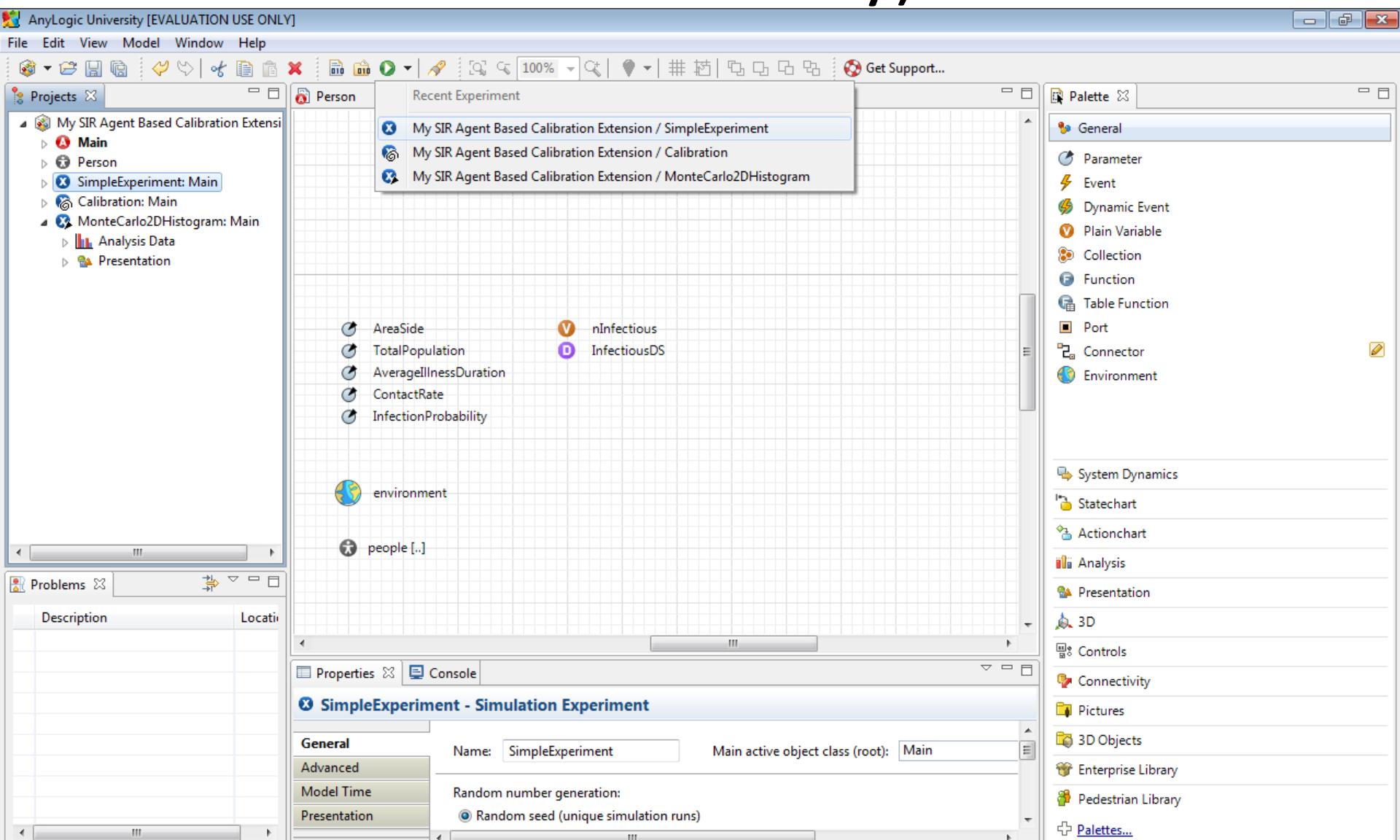
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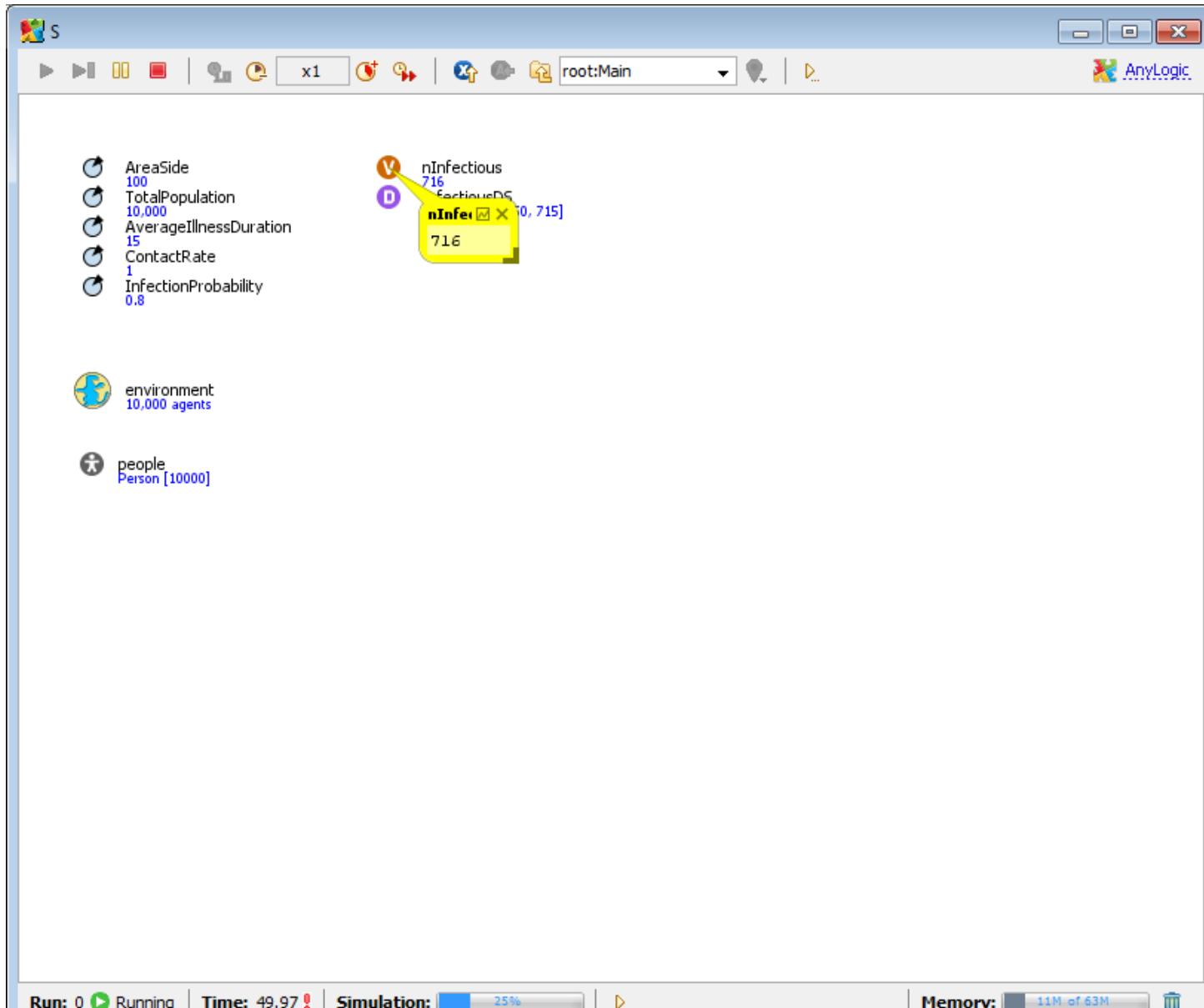
# Save the Resulting Model (To Avoid Overwriting the Other Model)



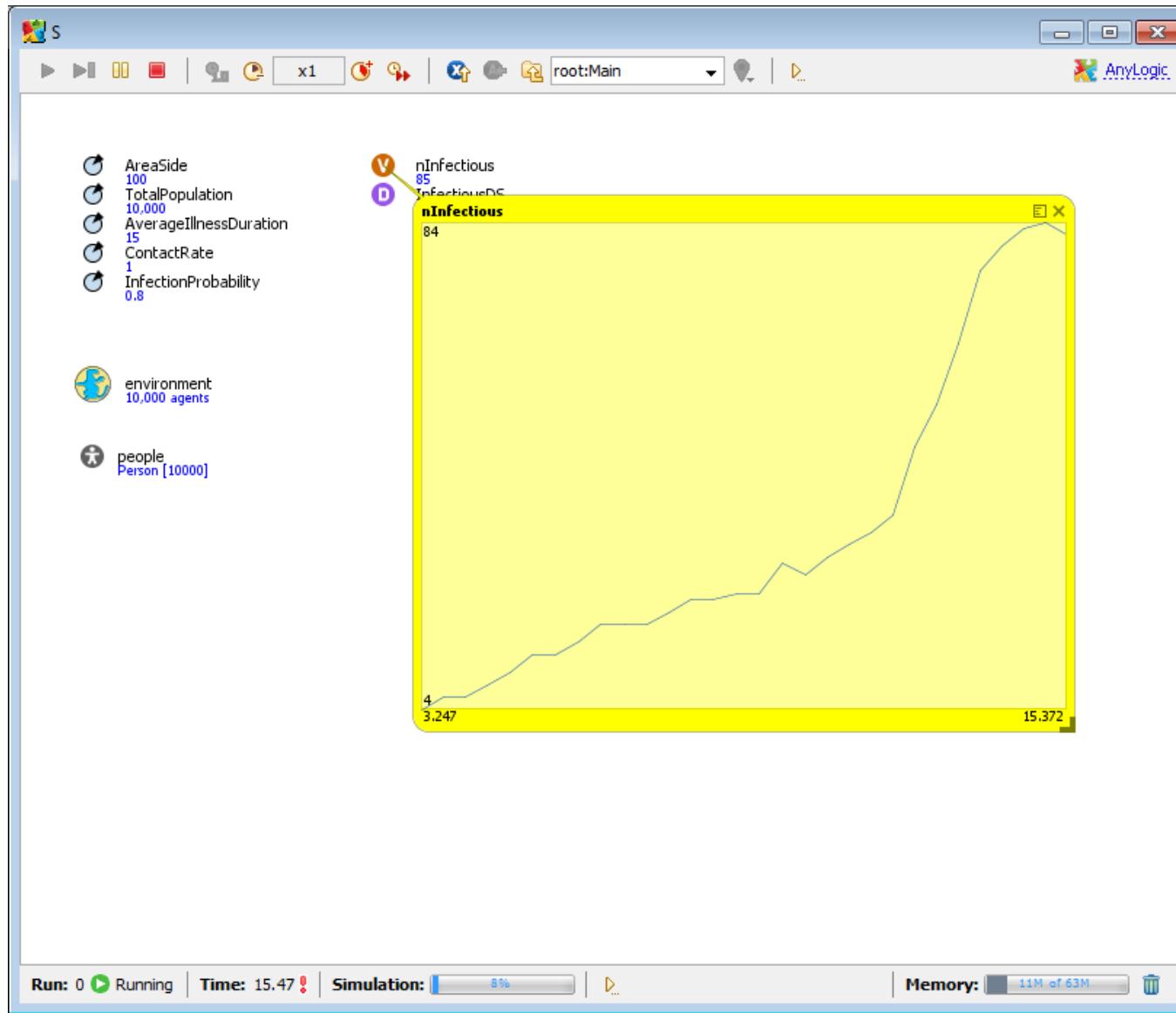
# Run the Experiment (To Verify Functionality)



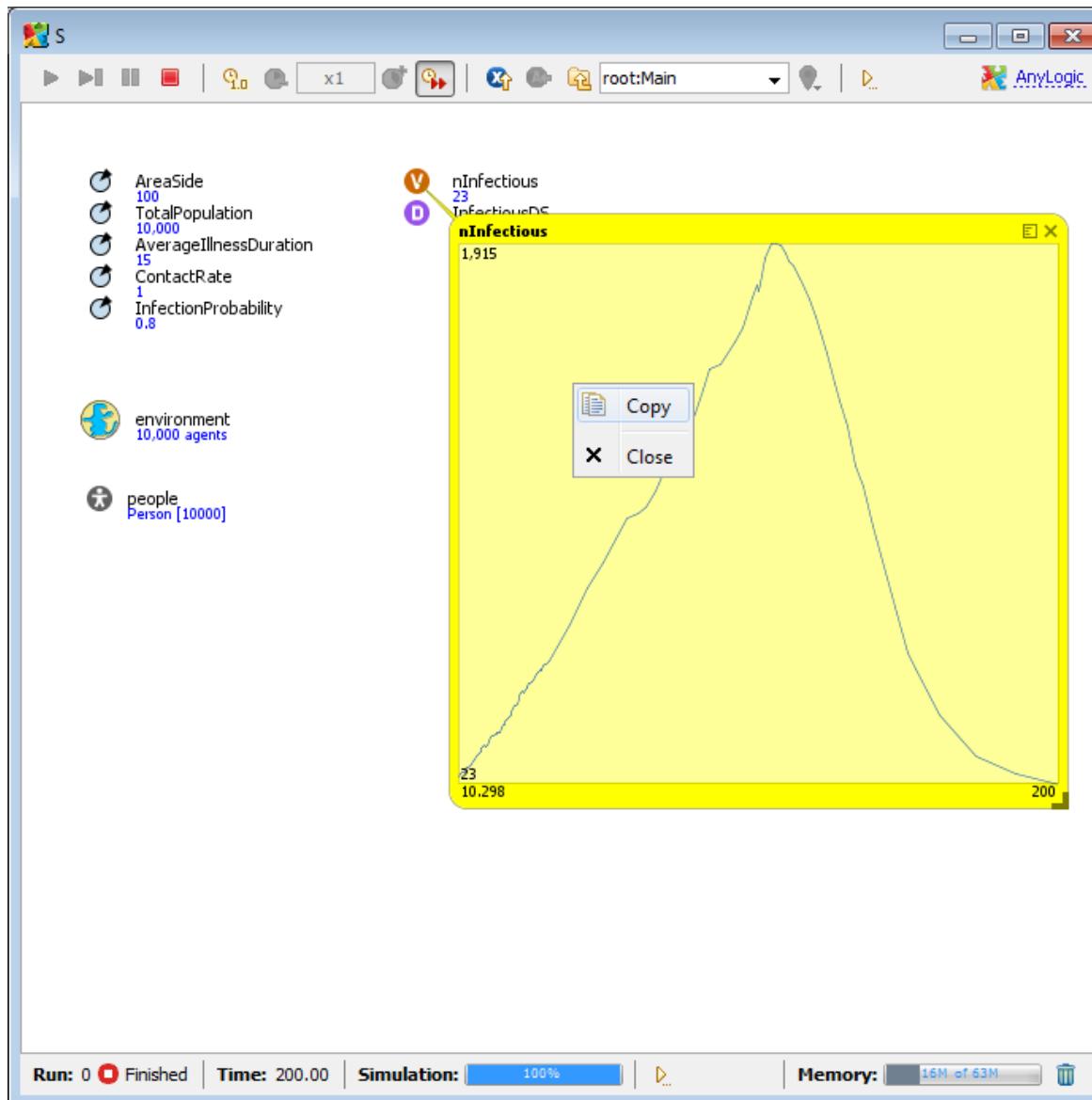
# Click on Variable “nInfectious”



# Graph of Variable



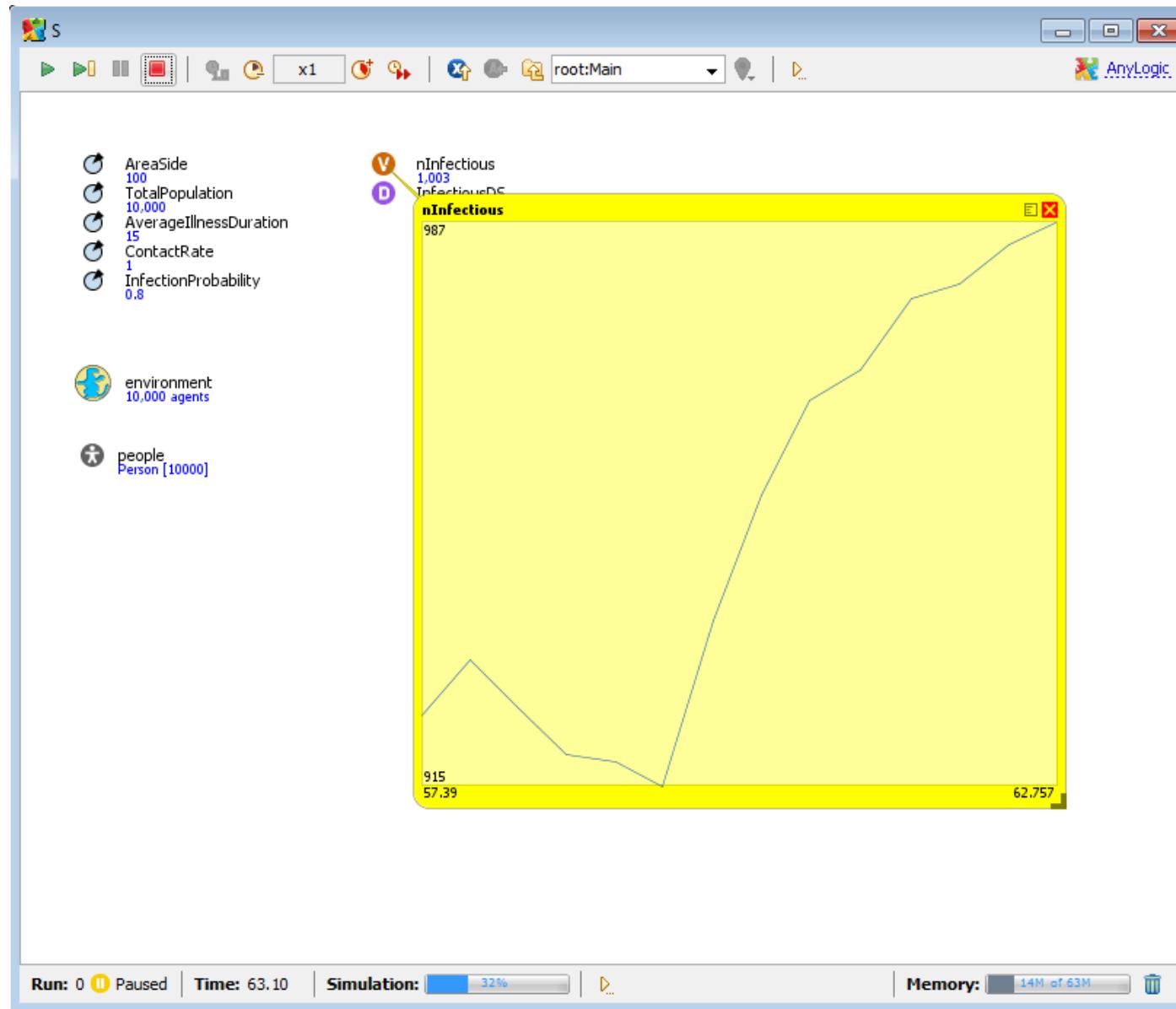
# Right-Click to Copy the Numeric Data



# Pasting Into Excel

|    | A        | B   | C |
|----|----------|-----|---|
| 1  | 10.2981  | 46  |   |
| 2  | 10.7035  | 49  |   |
| 3  | 11.11663 | 57  |   |
| 4  | 11.52034 | 63  |   |
| 5  | 11.94378 | 63  |   |
| 6  | 12.34478 | 65  |   |
| 7  | 12.76164 | 75  |   |
| 8  | 13.17257 | 80  |   |
| 9  | 13.57541 | 84  |   |
| 10 | 13.9763  | 88  |   |
| 11 | 14.42726 | 94  |   |
| 12 | 14.85186 | 101 |   |
| 13 | 15.2532  | 104 |   |
| 14 | 15.68009 | 110 |   |
| 15 | 16.08836 | 119 |   |
| 16 | 16.50117 | 126 |   |
| 17 | 16.91301 | 130 |   |
| 18 | 17.33154 | 138 |   |
| 19 | 17.76246 | 148 |   |
| 20 | 18.1981  | 151 |   |
| 21 | 18.6162  | 158 |   |
| 22 | 19.04415 | 154 |   |
| 23 | 19.4457  | 159 |   |
| 24 | 19.86155 | 169 |   |

# Press Red “Stop” Button to Terminate Execution



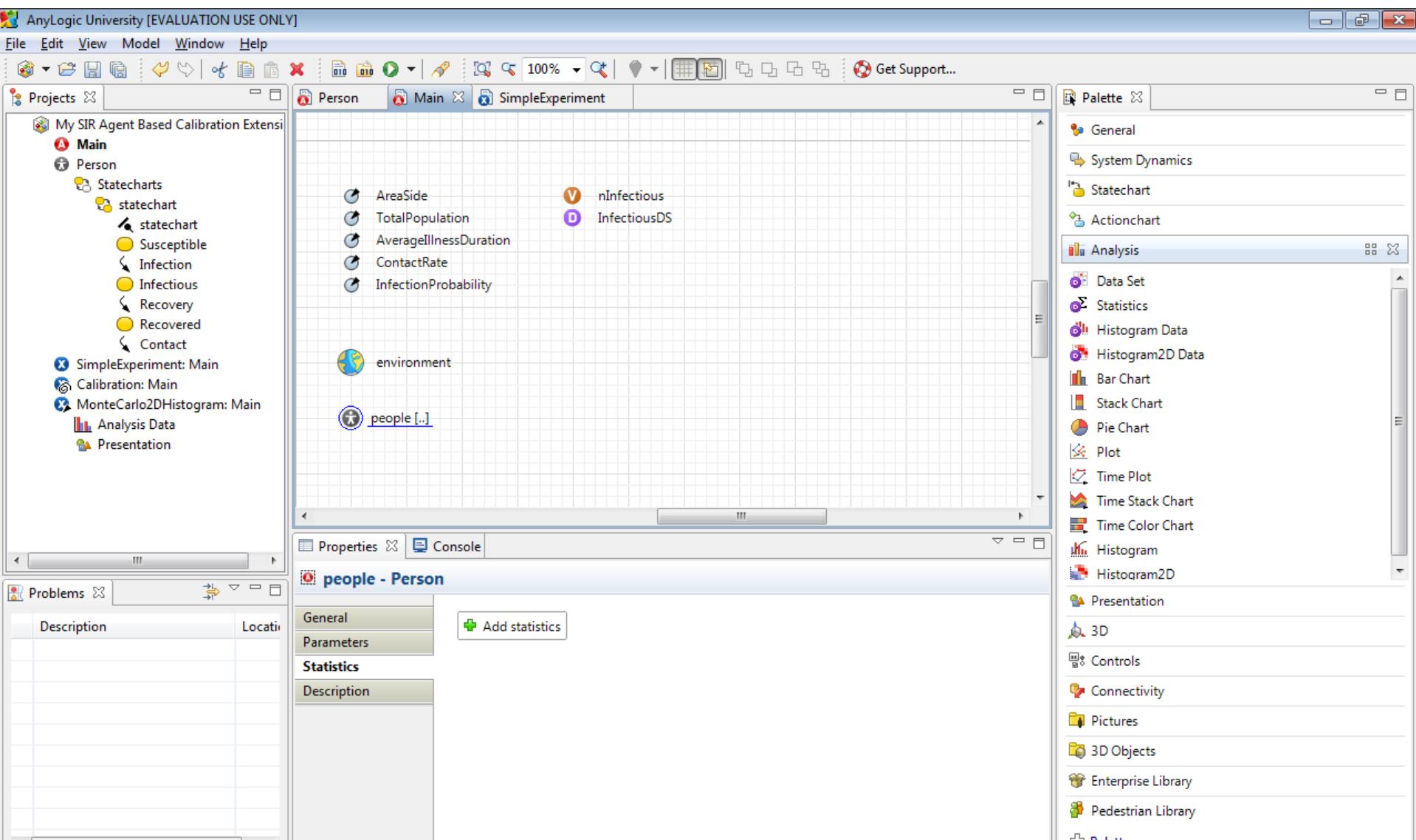
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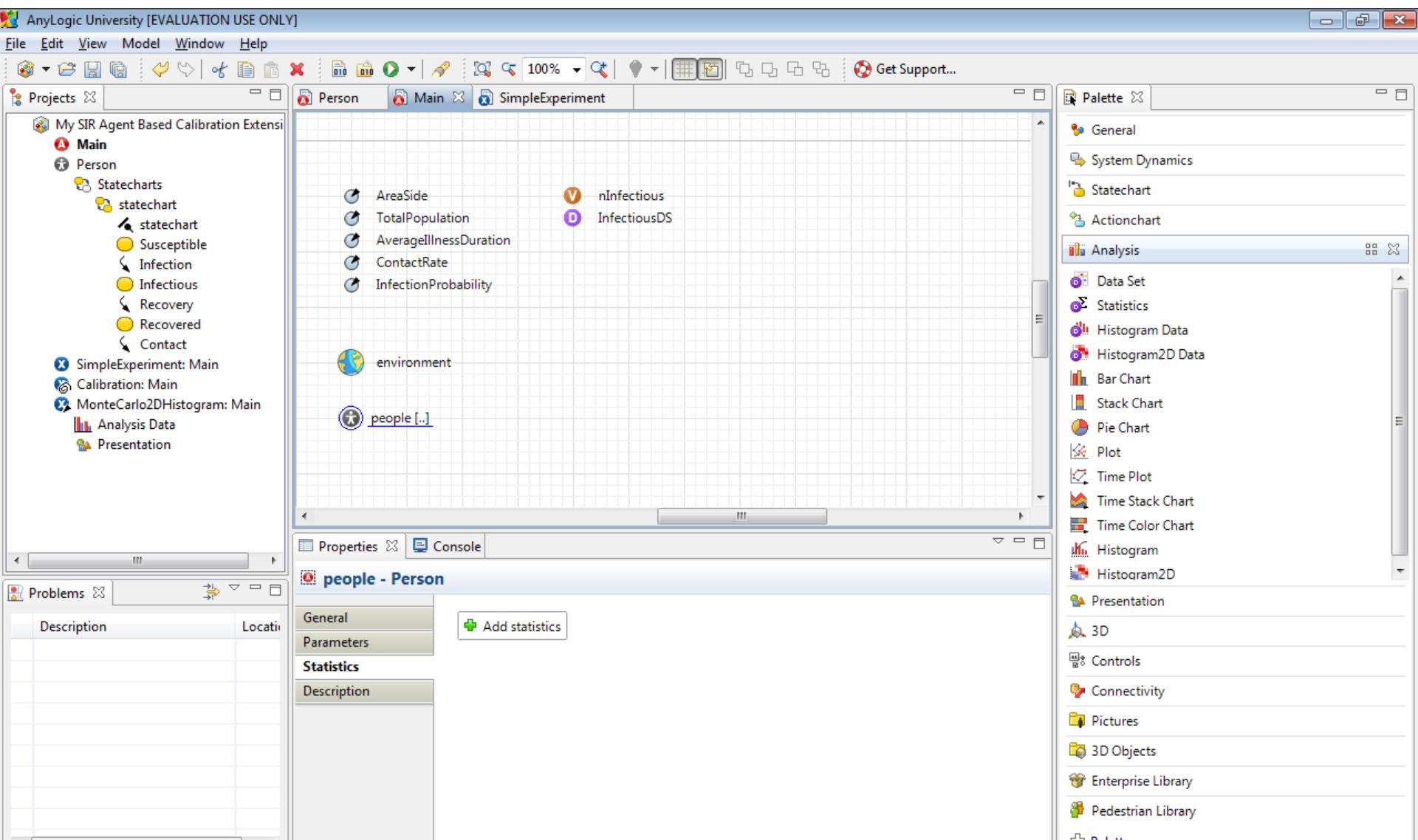
# Statistics & Charts

- A population of agents can have associated statistics that calculate values
- Examples of things that can be computed with using AnyLogic's statistics
  - Count of agents in the population for which certain condition ("predicate") evaluates to true
  - Function of the values of some expression over the population
    - Maximum value
    - Minimum value
    - Average value
    - Sum (total) over population
  - Statistics can be defined as properties of the population

# Select “People”, and Choose “Statistics”



# Also, Expand “Statechart” Under “Person”



# Click “Add Statistics”

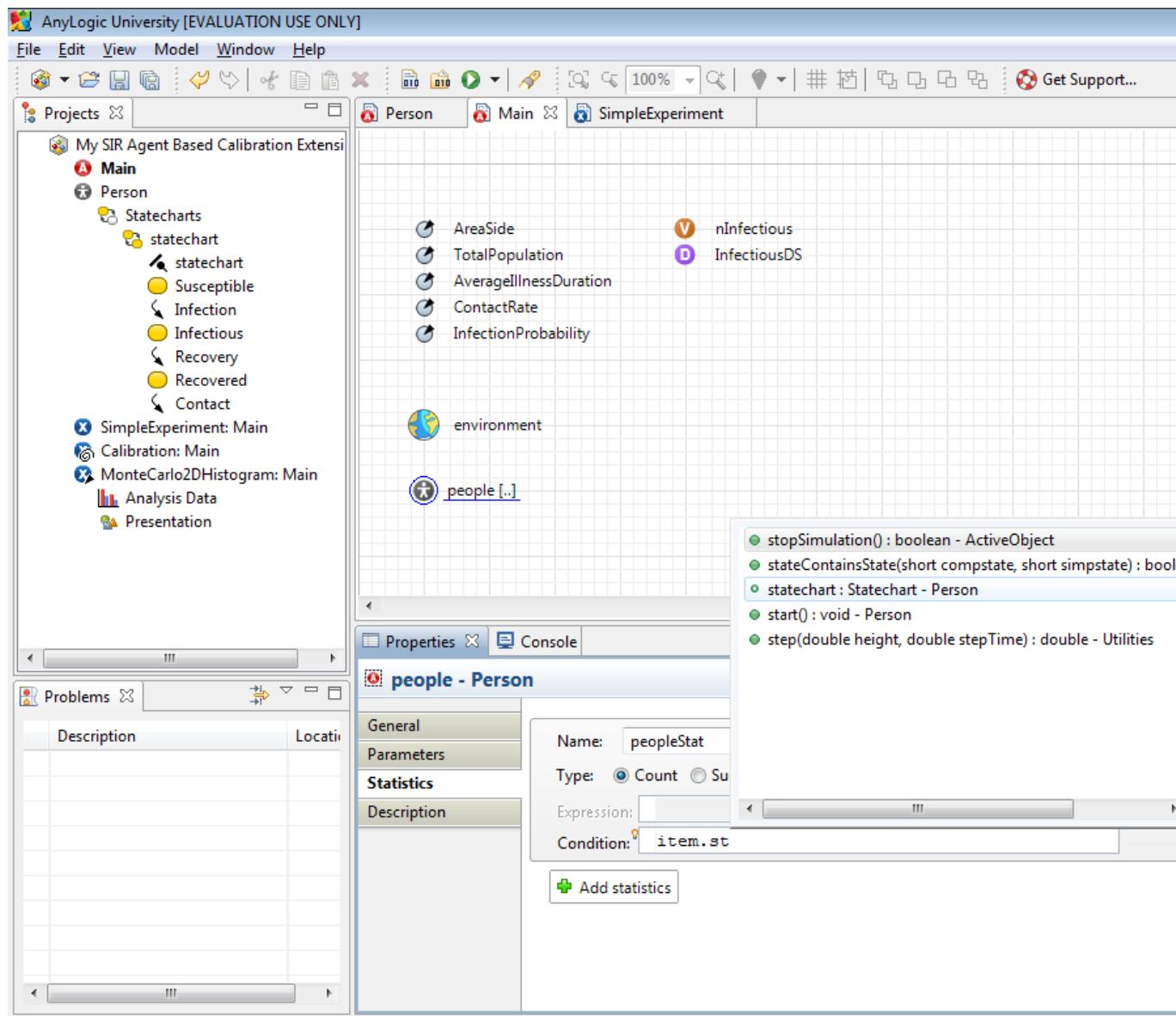
The screenshot shows the AnyLogic University [EVALUATION USE ONLY] interface. The main window displays a model titled "Person" under the "Main" project. The central workspace contains several components: "AreaSide", "TotalPopulation", "AvgIllnessDuration", "ContactRate", "InfectionProbability", "nInfectious" (highlighted with a red circle), and "InfectiousDS". Below these are icons for "environment" and "people [...]".

The left sidebar includes the "Projects" pane showing "My SIR Agent Based Calibration Extension", "Main", "Person", and various statechart components like "Susceptible", "Infection", "Infectious", "Recovery", "Recovered", and "Contact"; also listed are "SimpleExperiment: Main", "Calibration: Main", and "MonteCarlo2DHistogram: Main" along with their respective "Analysis Data" and "Presentation" tabs.

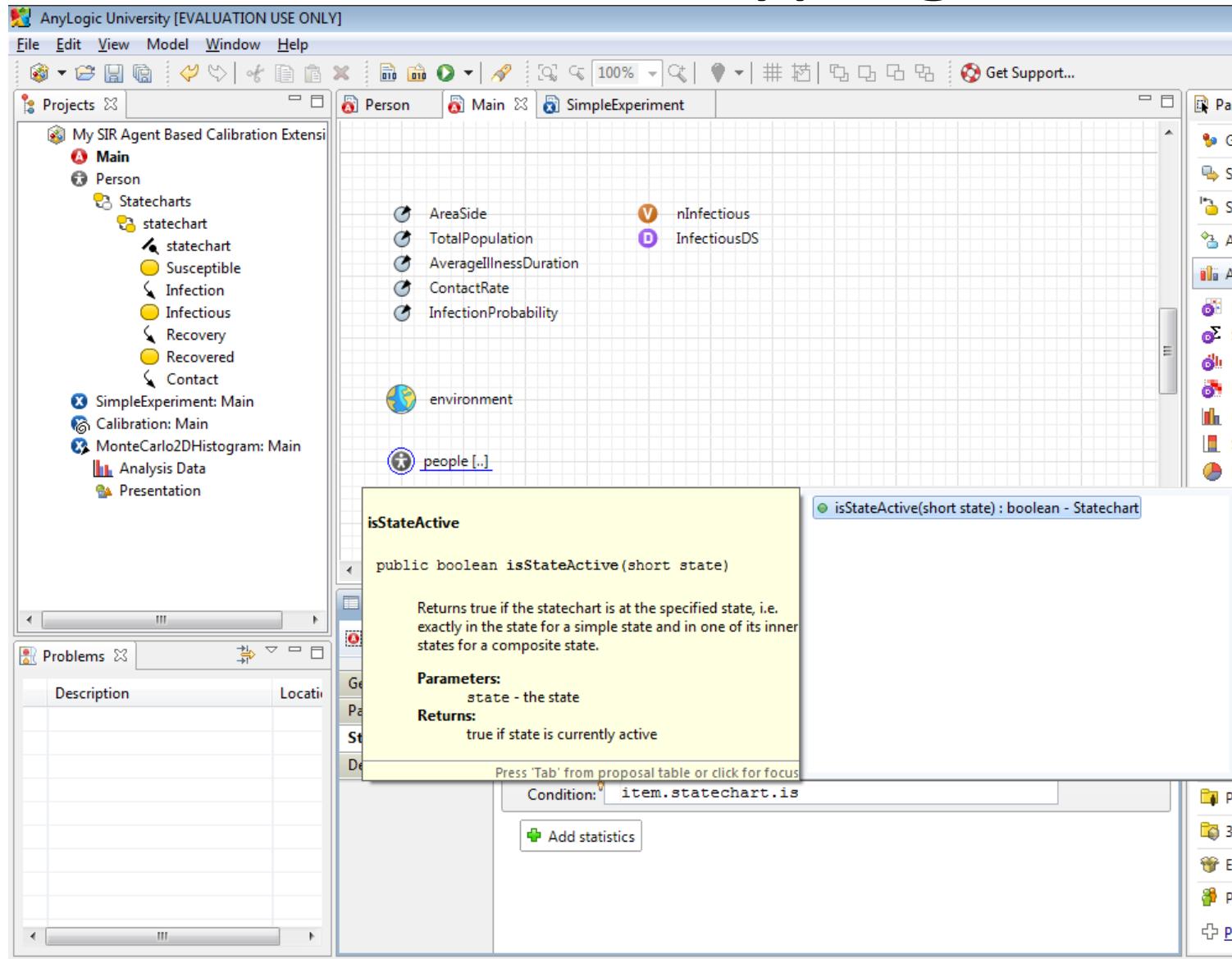
The bottom-left corner features the "Properties" and "Console" panes, with the "Properties" pane currently active and showing the "people - Person" object with tabs for "General", "Parameters", "Statistics", and "Description". The "Statistics" tab is selected, and a prominent blue button labeled "Add statistics" is visible.

The right sidebar is the "Palette" pane, which is expanded to show the "Analysis" category. This category includes various visualization and analysis tools: Data Set, Statistics, Histogram Data, Histogram2D Data, Bar Chart, Stack Chart, Pie Chart, Plot, Time Plot, Time Stack Chart, Time Color Chart, Histogram, Histogram2D, Presentation, 3D, Controls, Connectivity, Pictures, 3D Objects, Enterprise Library, Pedestrian Library, and Palettes... .

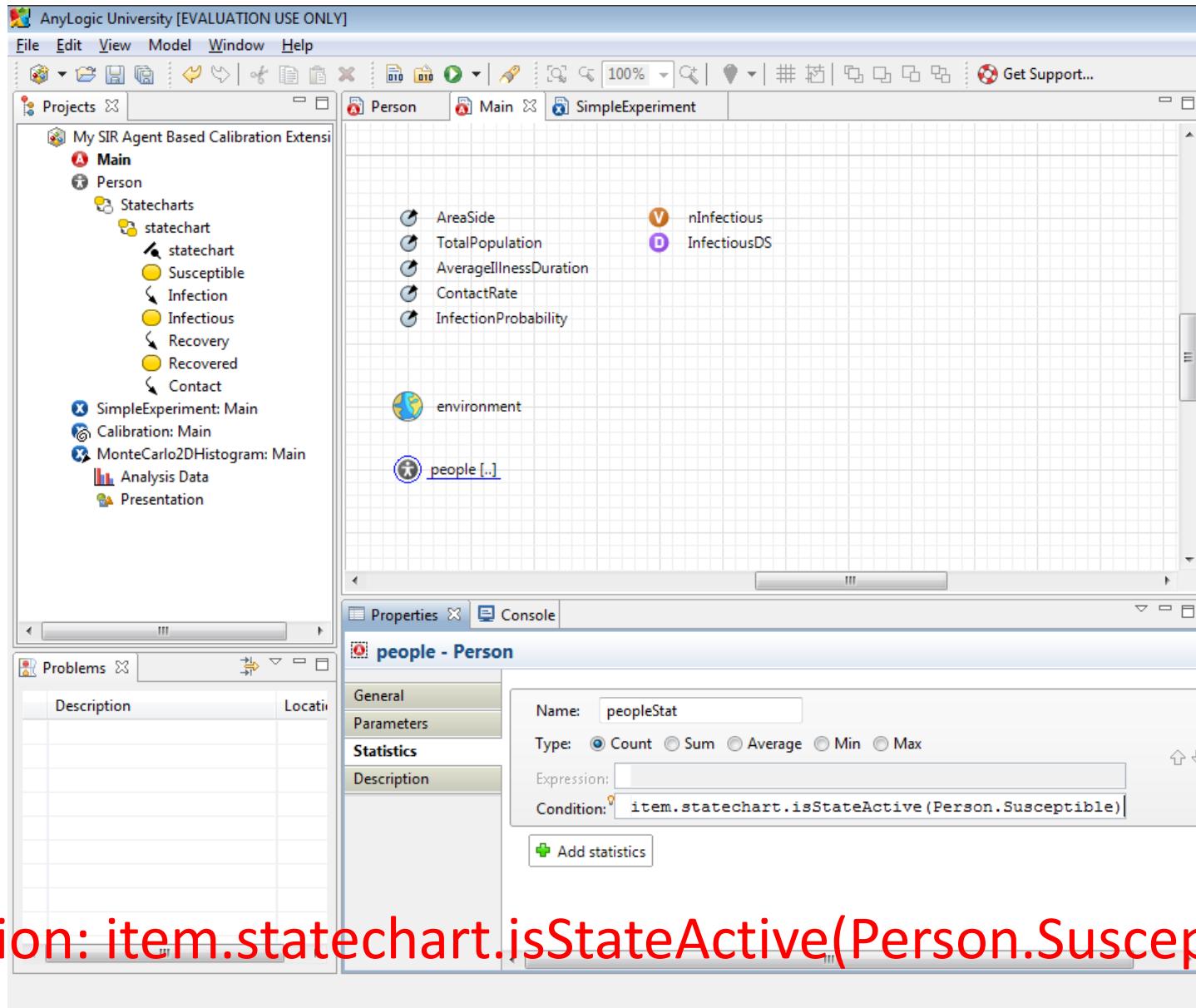
# Fill in the “Condition” (Predicate) on Person



# Continue Typing



# Full Expression



# Example Statistics

The population in which the statistics are to be calculated

The screenshot shows the AnyLogic Advanced [EDUCATIONAL USE ONLY] interface. On the left, the Project browser displays a hierarchy of variables and statecharts. A red arrow points from the text "The population in which the statistics are to be calculated" to the "person" variable in the "Main" section of the browser. The Model palette on the right lists various model elements like Parameter, Flow Aux..., and State. In the center, the Properties editor for a "person - Person" object is open. A blue arrow points from the text "What statistics we wish to calculate" to the "CountSusceptible" statistic being defined. The statistic properties are:

- Name: CountSusceptible
- Type: Count (radio button selected)
- Expression: (empty)
- Condition: item.TBProgressionStatechart.isStateActive(Person.TBSusceptible);

An oval highlights the "CountSusceptible" name and the condition expression.

# Name the Statistic “countSusceptible”

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Projects

- My SIR Agent Based Calibration Extension
- Main
- Person
  - Statecharts
    - statechart
    - Susceptible
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    - Infectious
    - Recovery
    - Recovered
    - Contact
- SimpleExperiment: Main
- Calibration: Main
- MonteCarlo2DHistogram: Main
  - Analysis Data
  - Presentation

Problems

Palette

General

System Dynamics

Statechart

Actionchart

Analysis

- Data Set
- Statistics
- Histogram Data
- Histogram2D Data
- Bar Chart
- Stack Chart
- Pie Chart
- Plot
- Time Plot
- Time Stack Chart
- Time Color Chart
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Palettes...

Properties

Console

people - Person

General

Parameters

Statistics

Description

Name: countSusceptible

Type:  Count  Sum  Average  Min  Max

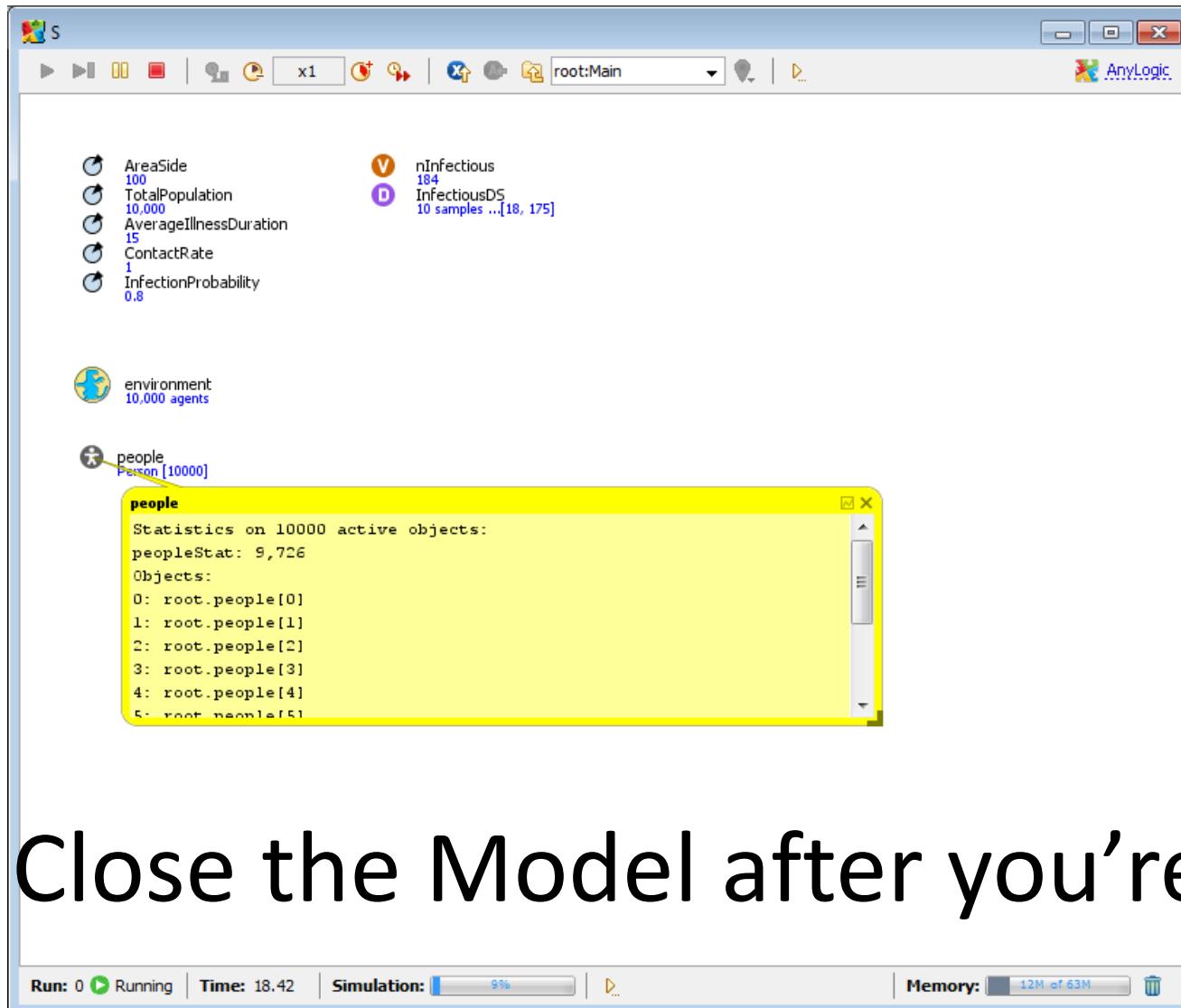
Expression:

Condition: item.statechart.isStateActive(Person.Susceptible)

Add statistics

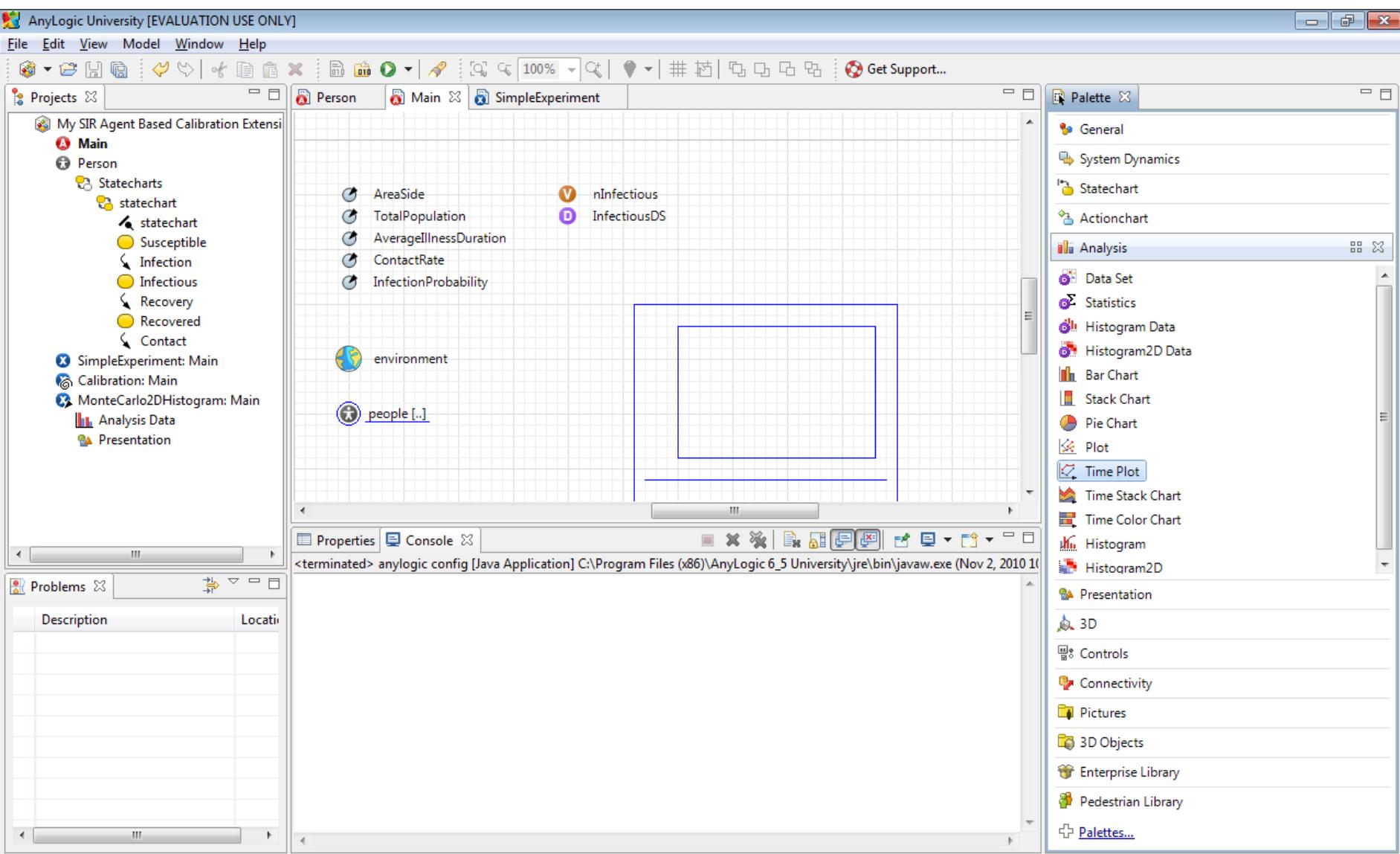
# Run the Model, and Click on “people”

## The Statistic should be Visible

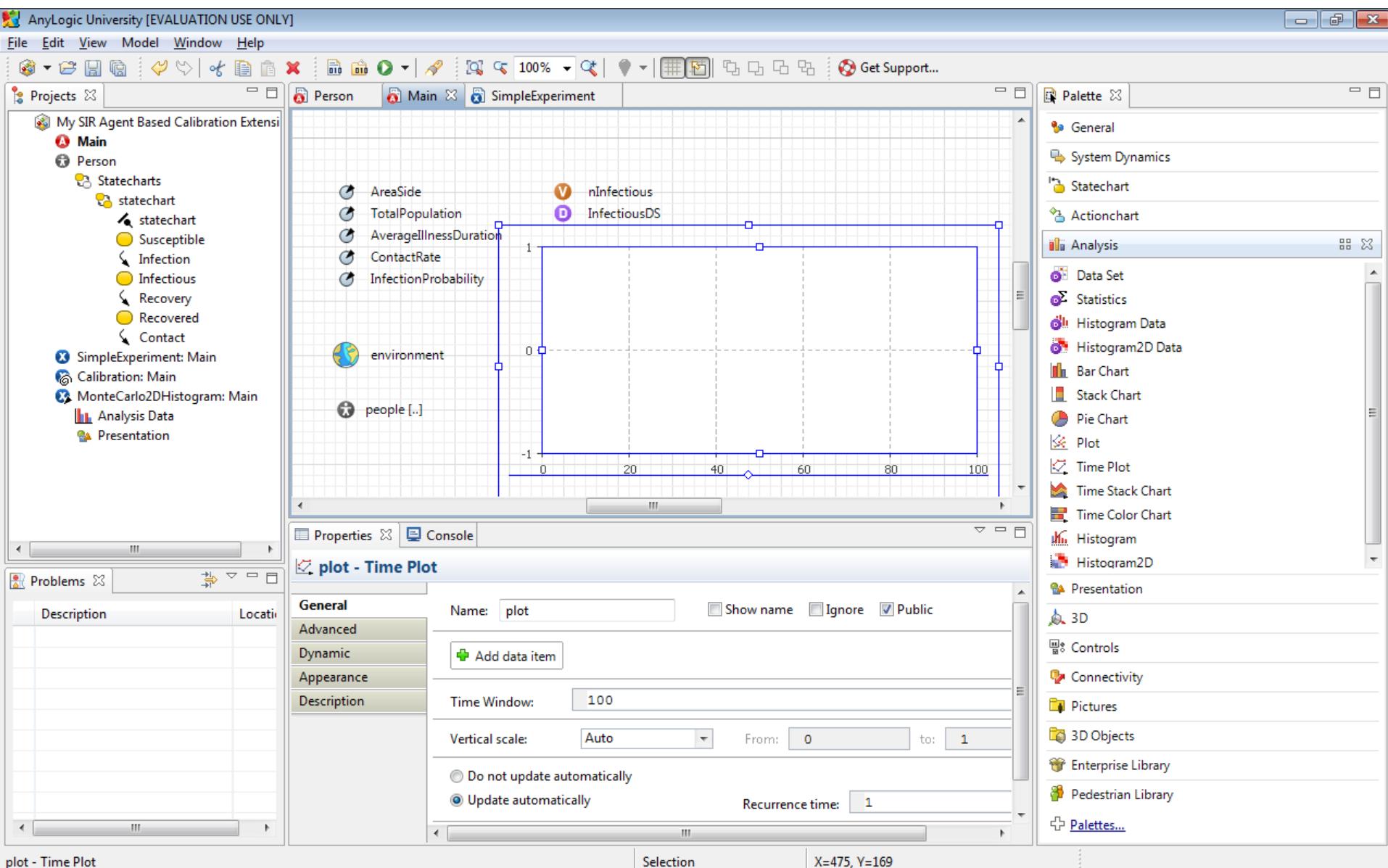


## Close the Model after you're done

# Drag a “Time Plot” from the Palette to the “Main” Canvas



# Enlarge the Chart



# Click “Add Data Item”

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Projects Person Main SimpleExperiment

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My SIR Agent Based Calibration Extension

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Properties plot - Time Plot

General Name: plot Show name Ignore Public

Add data item

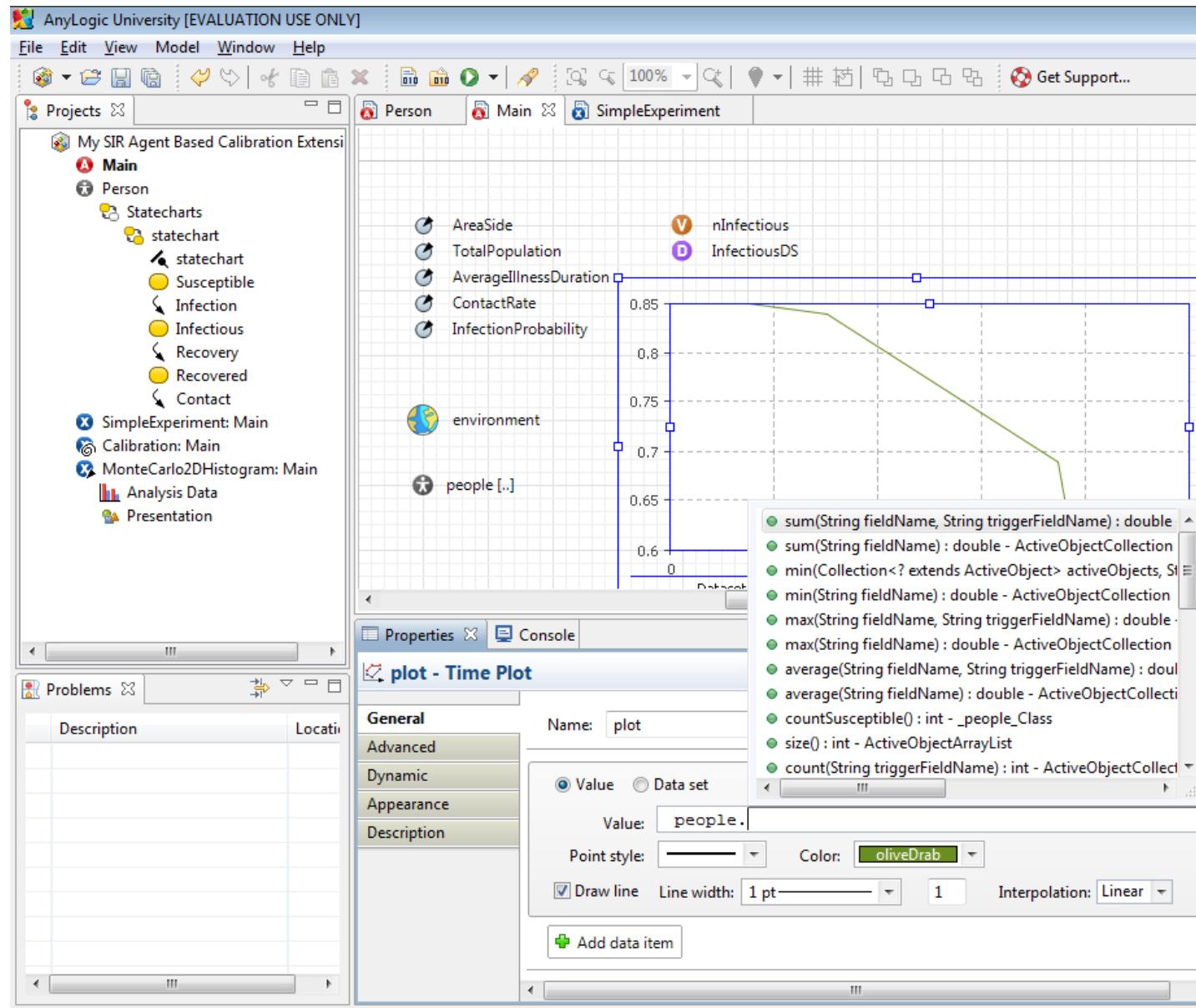
Time Window: 100

Vertical scale: Auto From: 0 to: 1

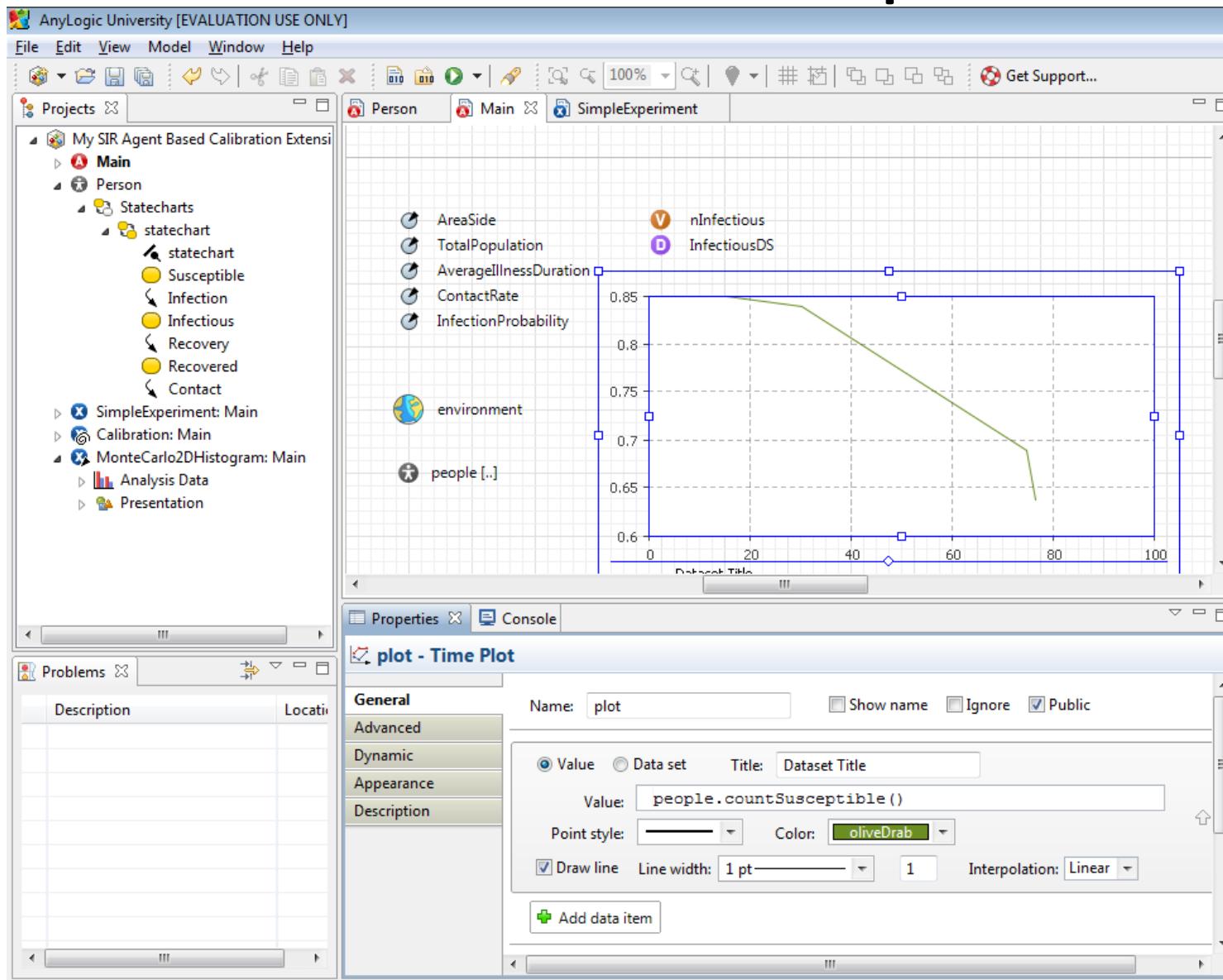
Do not update automatically Update automatically Recurrence time: 1

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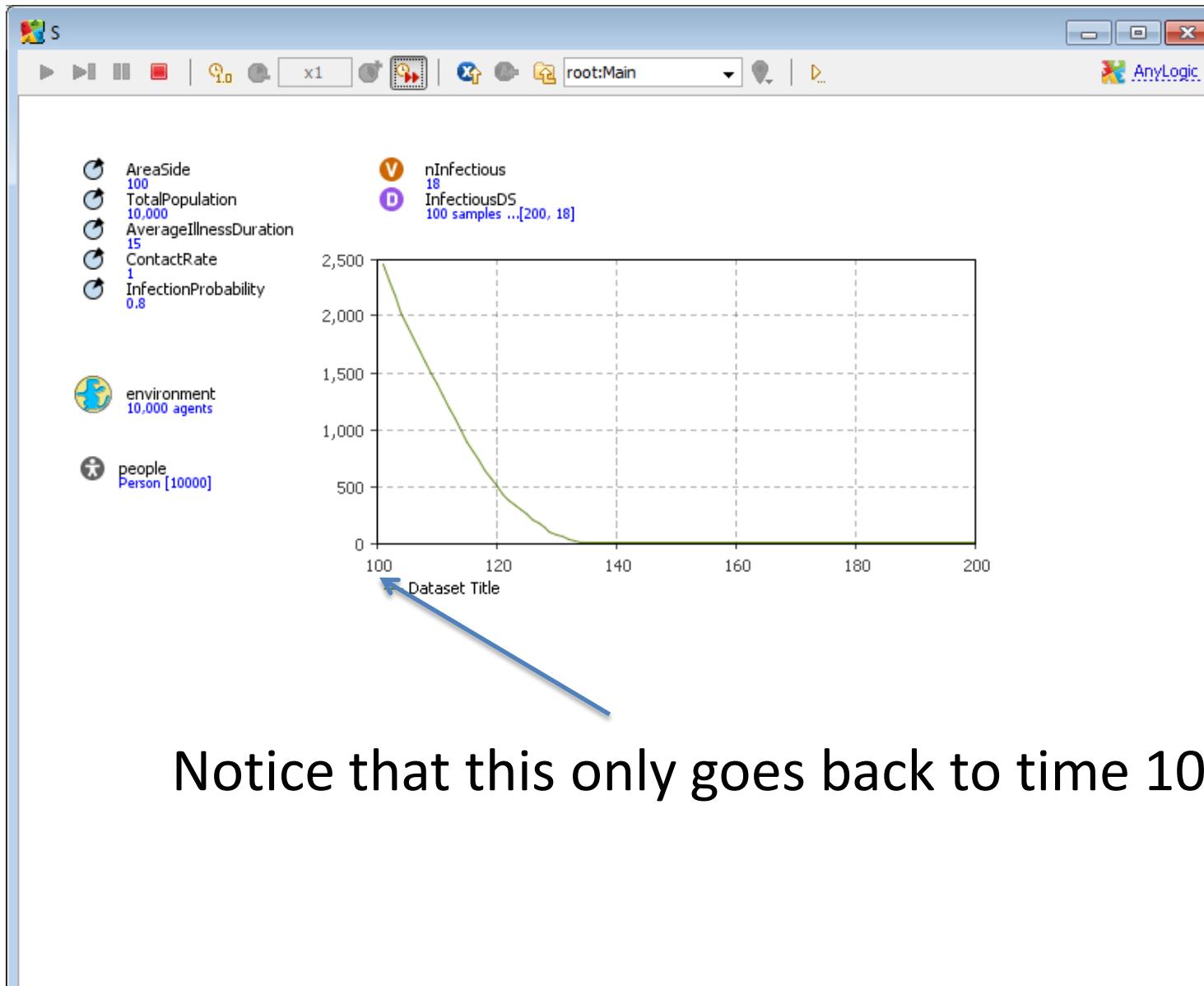
# Put in “people.” and Press Ctrl-Space



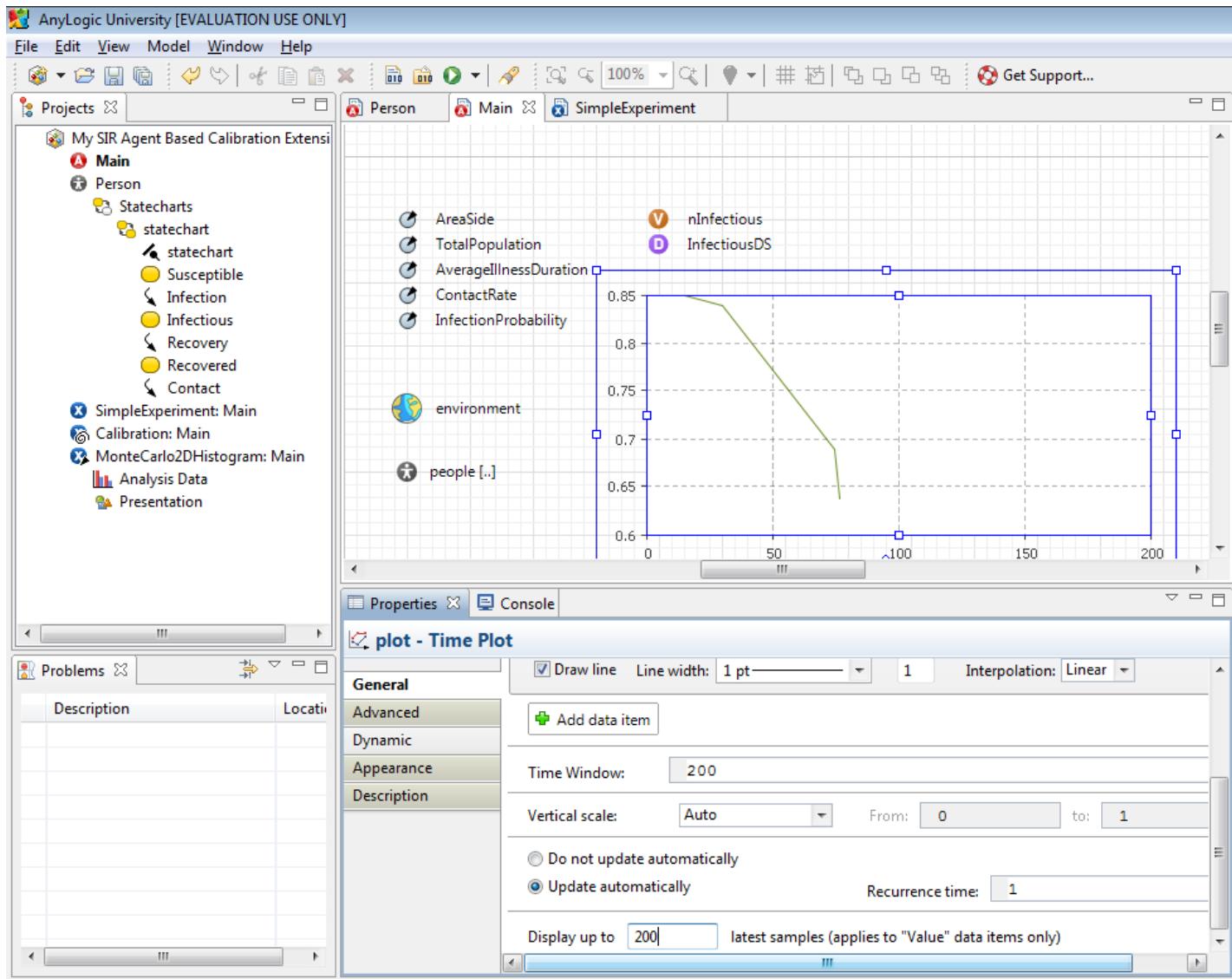
# Choose “Count Susceptible”



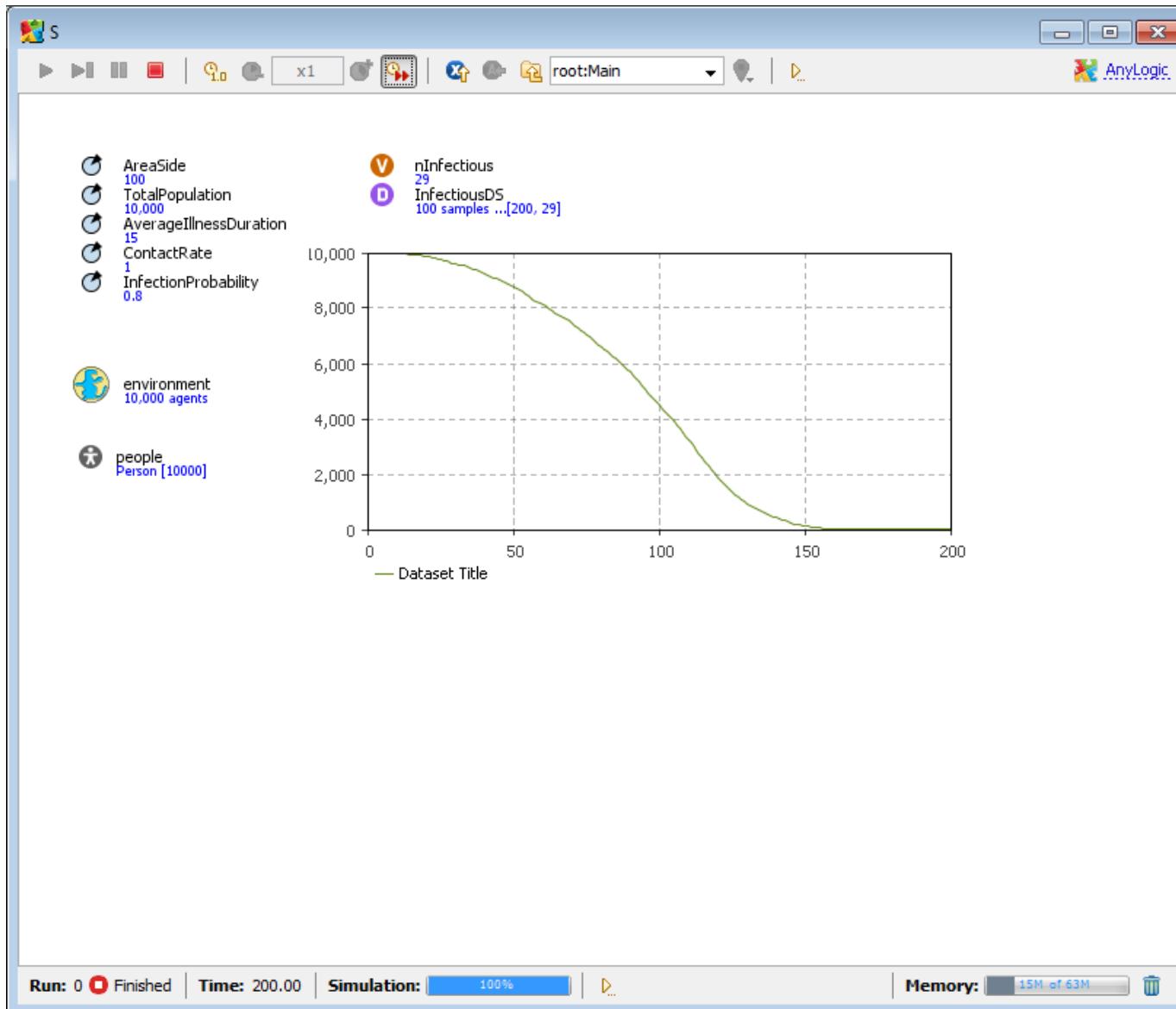
# Now Run the Model



# Stop the Simulation, and Click on the Plot. Change Time Window & Display Size to 200



# This Captures the Full Time Range



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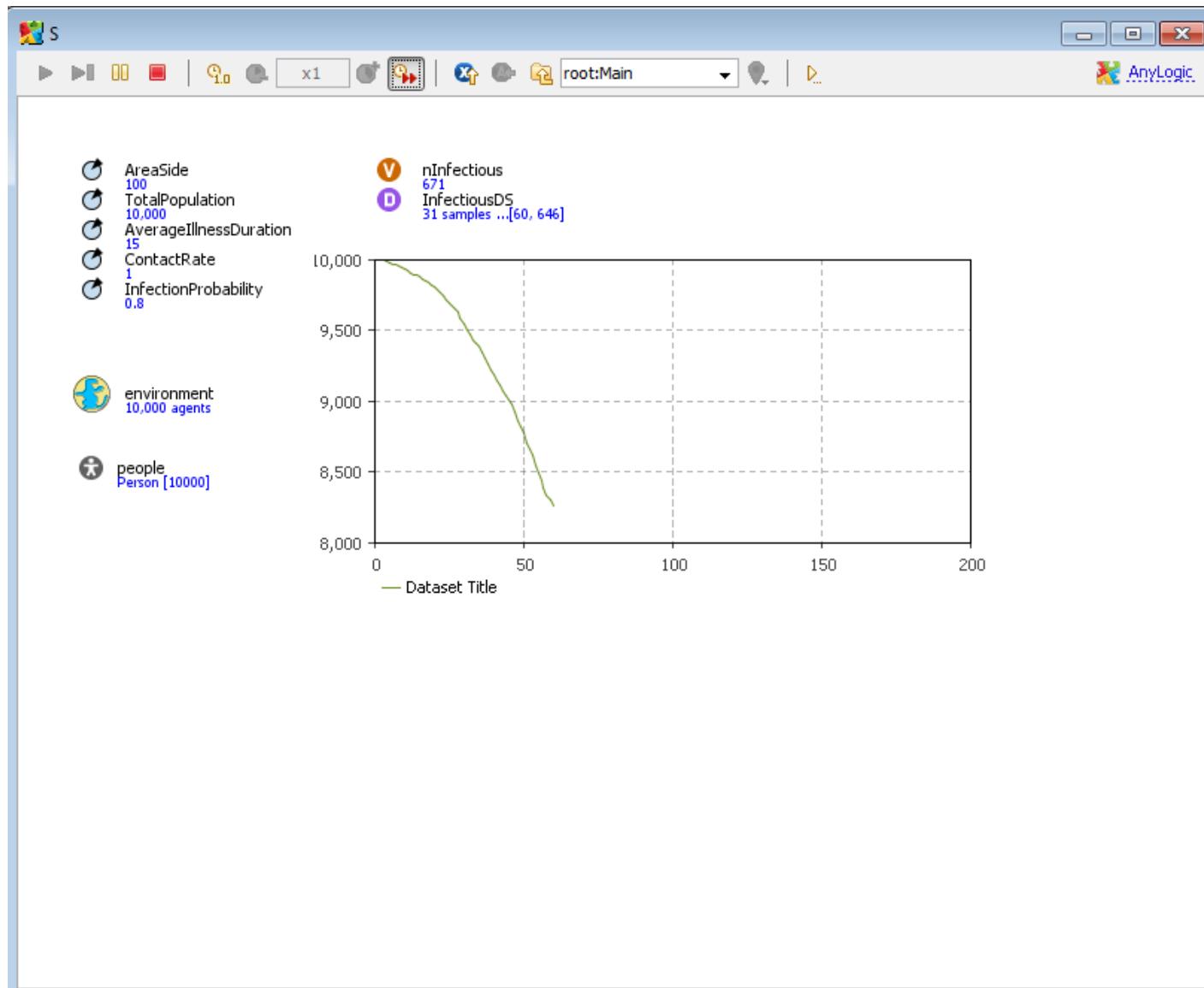
- Datasets store recent values of some quantities from the model
- Datasets can be exported easily using custom code
  - This can simply call the dataset's `toString` method

# Output: Datasets

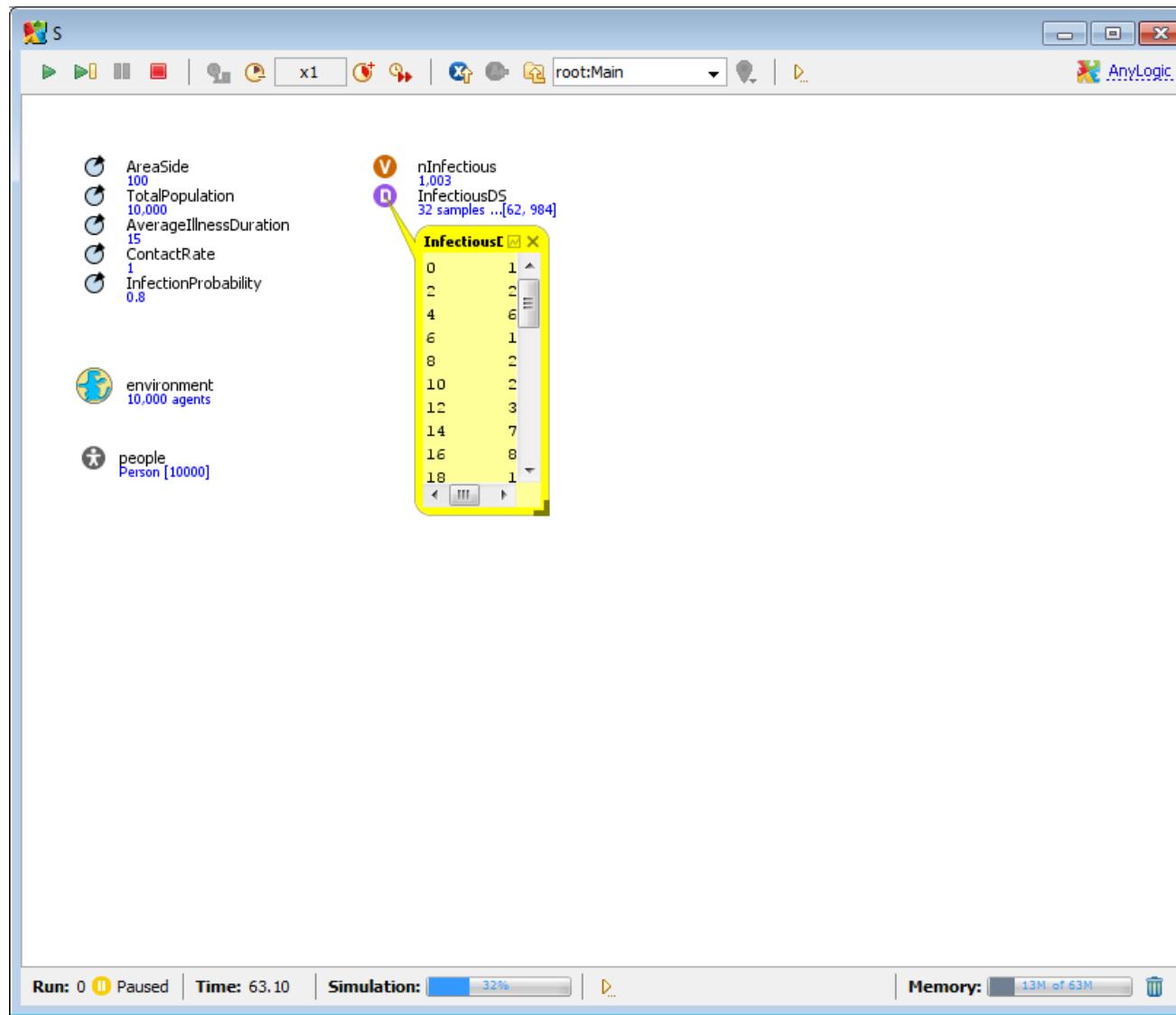
AnyLogic Advanced [EDUCATIONAL USE ONLY]

The screenshot shows the AnyLogic Advanced software interface. On the left, the Project Explorer displays a model named 'TBv1\*' with several components: Main, Parameters, Functions, Environments, Embedded Objects, Analysis Data, Presentation, and Person. The Person component is expanded, showing parameters like DaysPerTimeUnit, Ethnicity, and MeanDaysToNaturallyClearInfection. The main workspace shows a diagram with nodes for 'environment', 'person (...)', and 'dsSusceptibleCount'. A 'Properties' panel for 'dsSusceptibleCount - Data Set' is open, showing settings for 'General' and 'Description'. The 'General' tab includes fields for Name (dsSusceptibleCount), Show Name (checked), Ignore (unchecked), Public (unchecked), and Show At Runtime (checked). It also has options for 'Use time as horizontal axis value' (checked) and 'Horizontal axis value' (empty). The 'Vertical axis value' field contains the expression 'person.CountSusceptible()'. Other tabs in the Properties panel include 'Statistics', 'Histogram', 'Bar Chart', 'Stack Chart', 'Pie Chart', 'Plot', 'Time Plot', 'Time Stac...', 'Time Col...', 'Histogram', and 'Histogra...'. The bottom right corner of the interface has a 'More Libraries...' button.

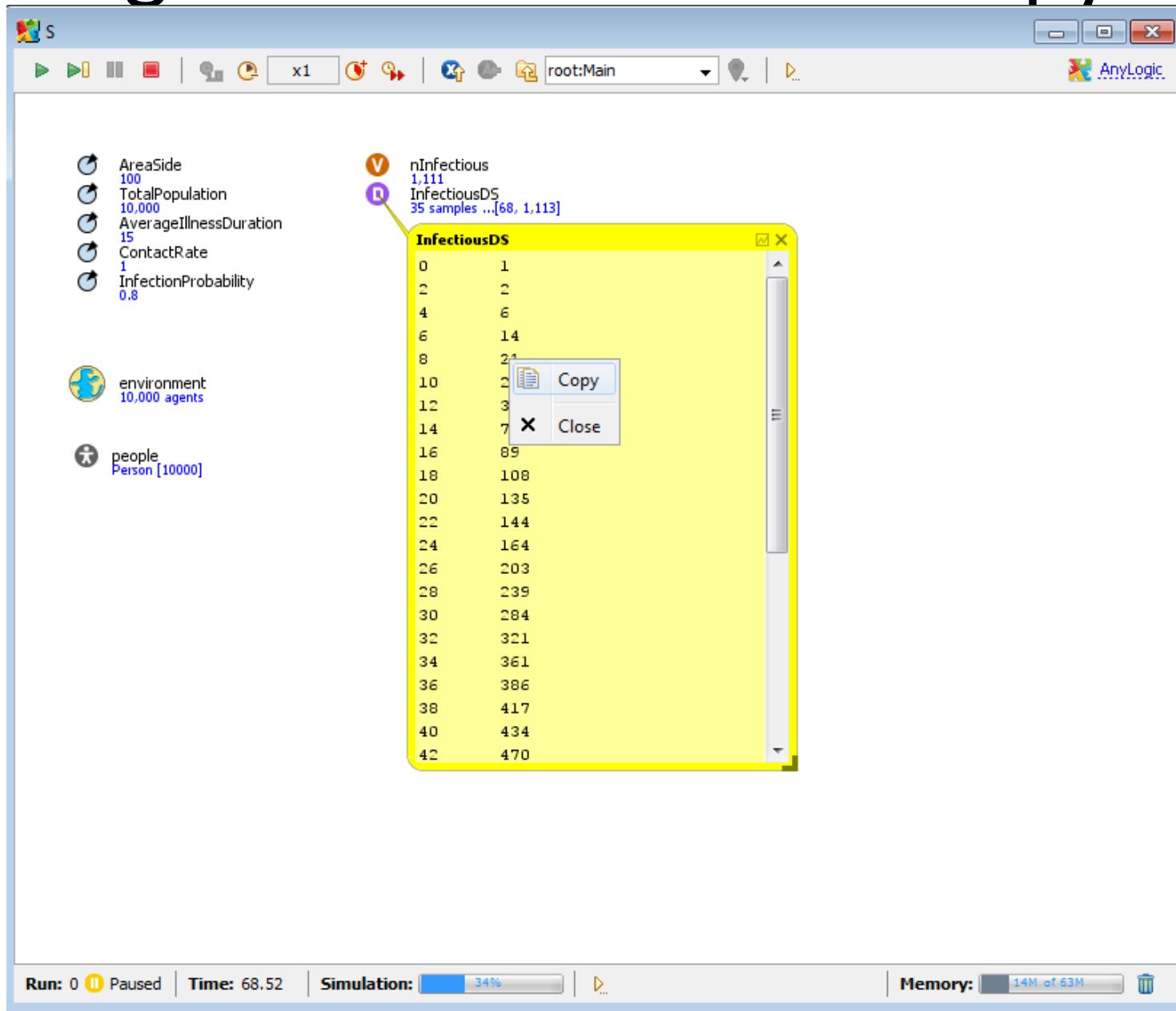
# Run the Experiment & Click on “Infectious DS”



# Click on “InfectiousDS” to See Data in Dataset



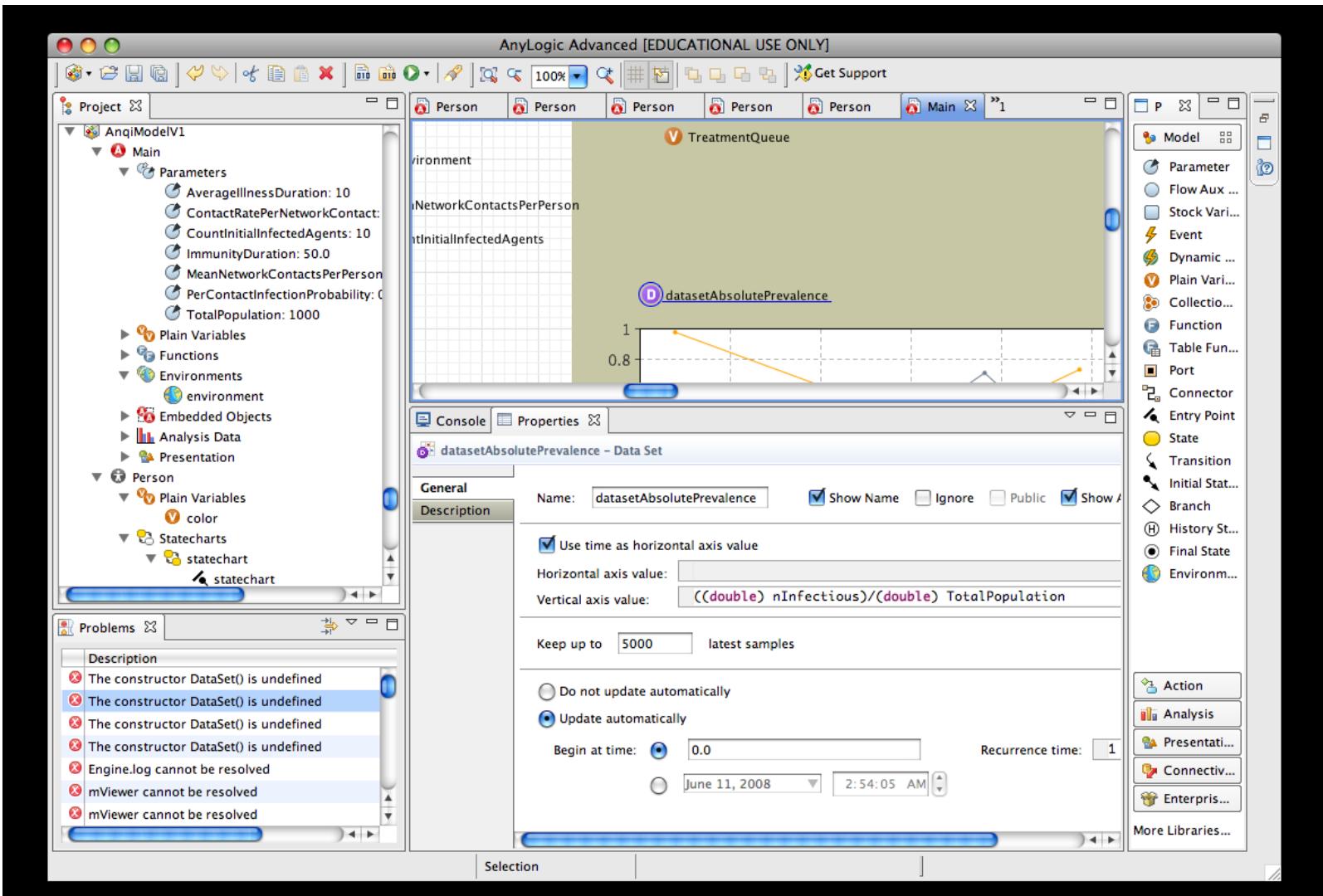
# Right Click and Select “Copy”



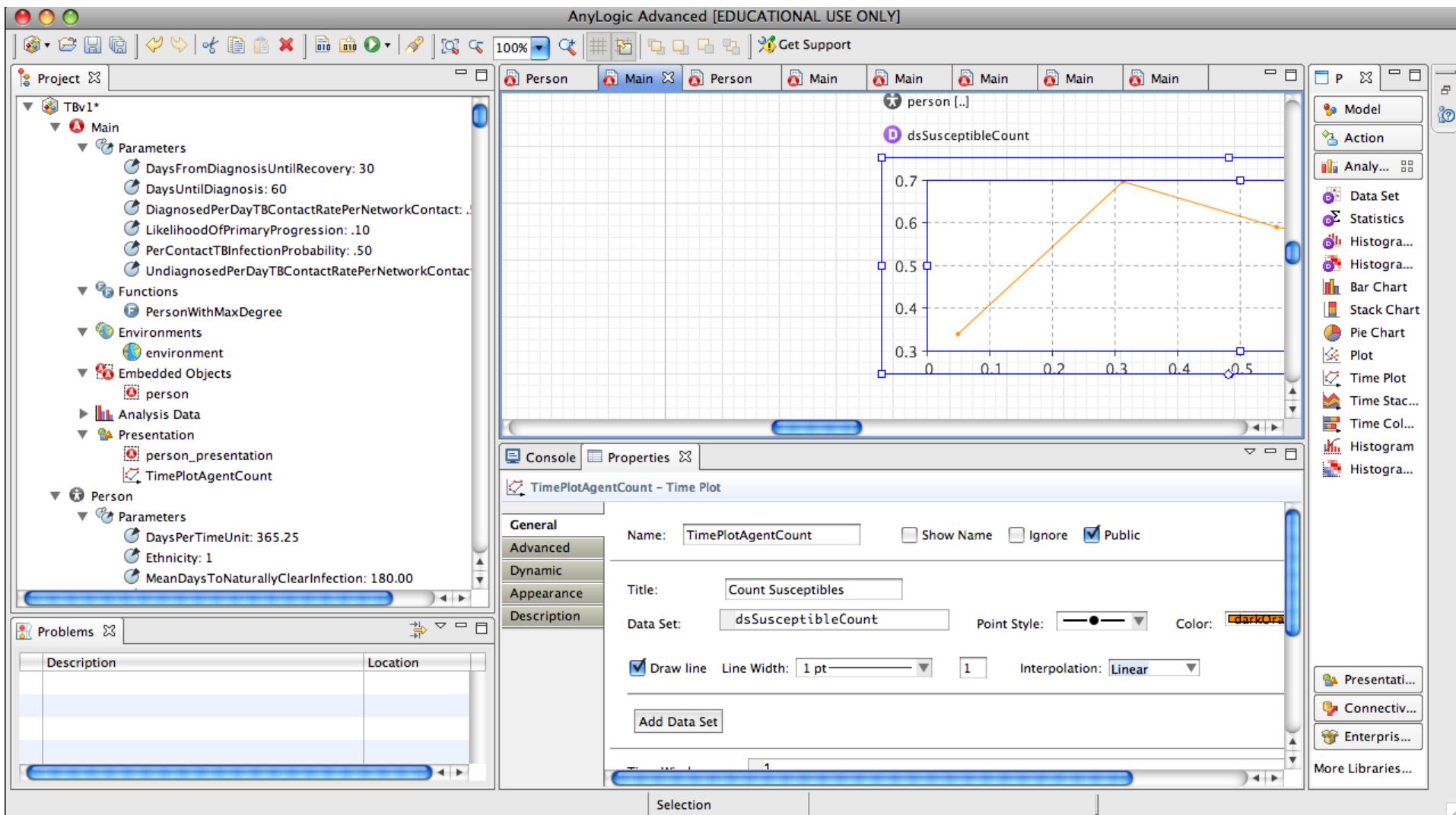
# Call Up Excel and Paste into It

|    | A  | B   | C | D |
|----|----|-----|---|---|
| 1  | 0  | 1   |   |   |
| 2  | 2  | 2   |   |   |
| 3  | 4  | 6   |   |   |
| 4  | 6  | 14  |   |   |
| 5  | 8  | 21  |   |   |
| 6  | 10 | 28  |   |   |
| 7  | 12 | 35  |   |   |
| 8  | 14 | 77  |   |   |
| 9  | 16 | 89  |   |   |
| 10 | 18 | 108 |   |   |
| 11 | 20 | 135 |   |   |
| 12 | 22 | 144 |   |   |
| 13 | 24 | 164 |   |   |
| 14 | 26 | 203 |   |   |
| 15 | 28 | 239 |   |   |
| 16 | 30 | 284 |   |   |
| 17 | 32 | 321 |   |   |
| 18 | 34 | 361 |   |   |
| 19 | 36 | 386 |   |   |
| 20 | 38 | 417 |   |   |
| 21 | 40 | 434 |   |   |
| 22 | 42 | 470 |   |   |
| 23 | 44 | 539 |   |   |

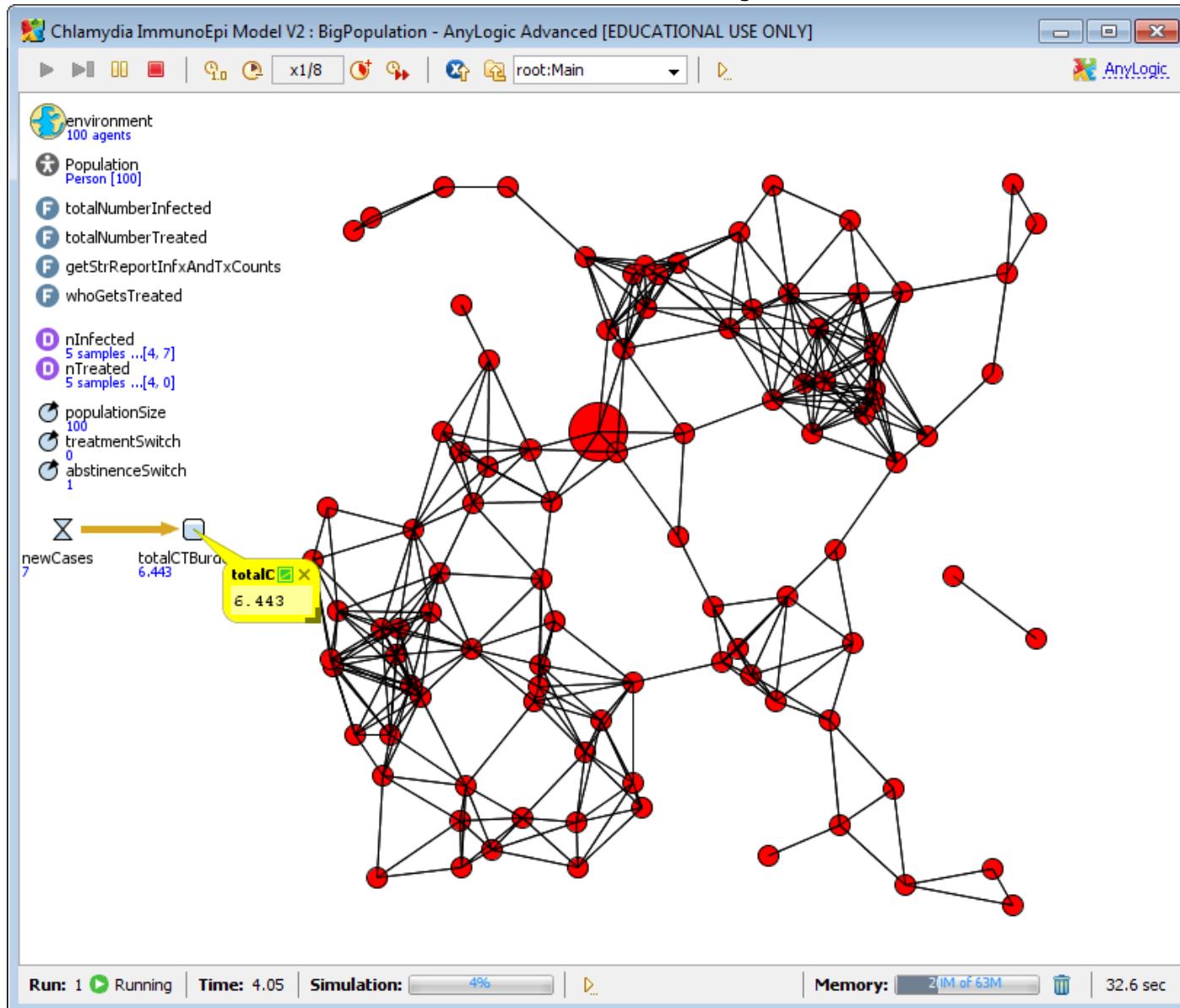
# Dataset Properties



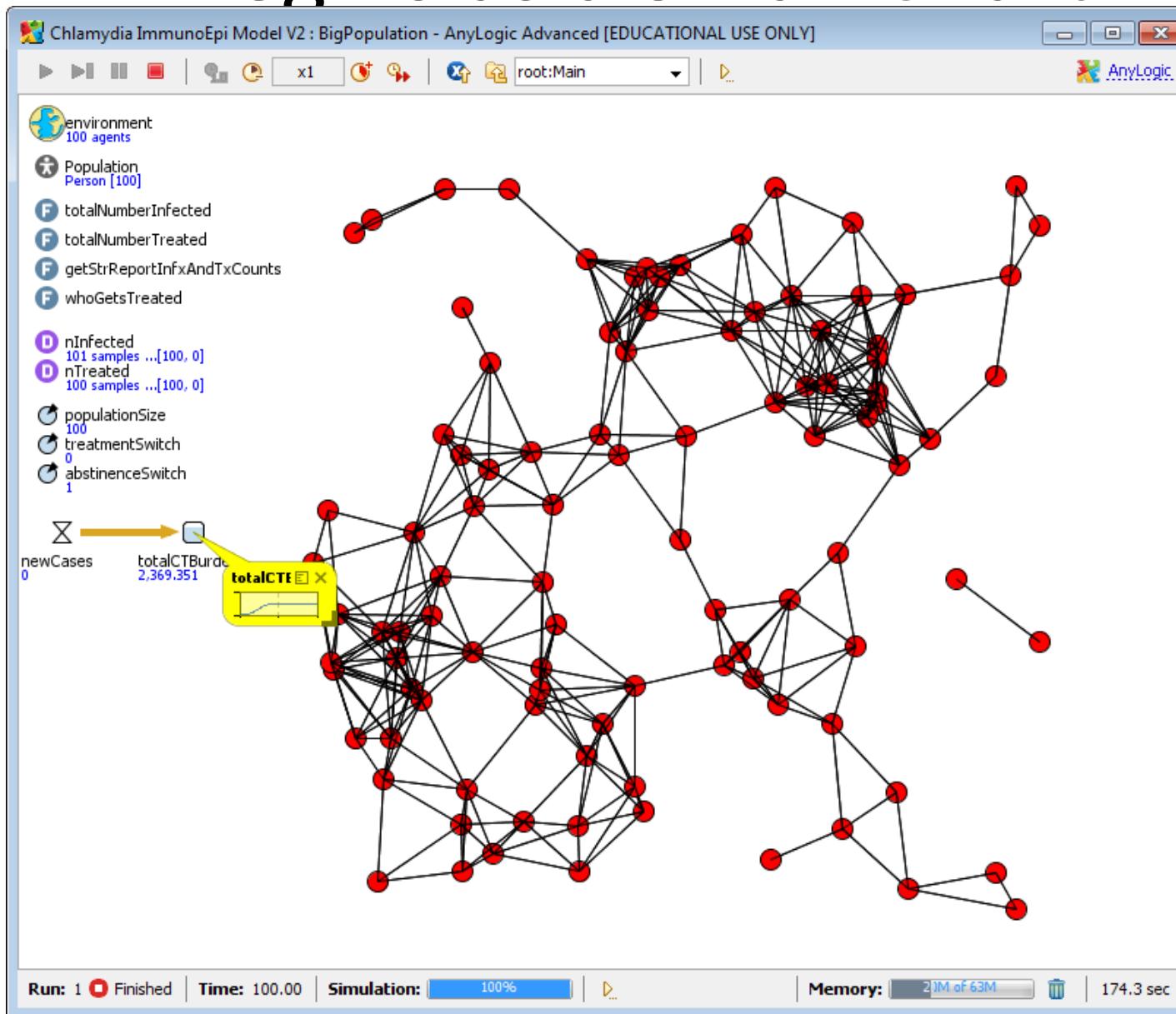
# Chart Use of Datasets



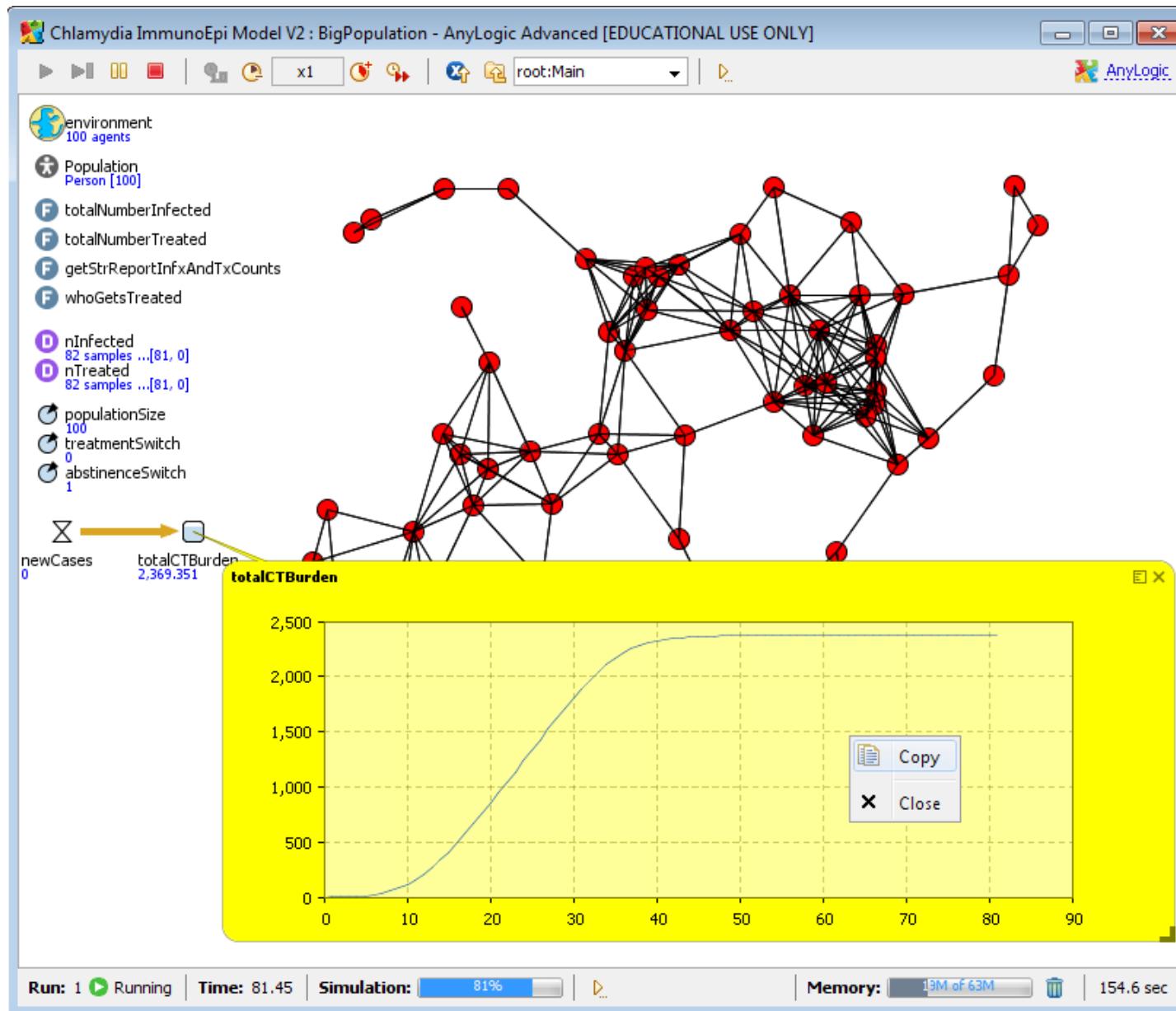
# Ad-hoc Export



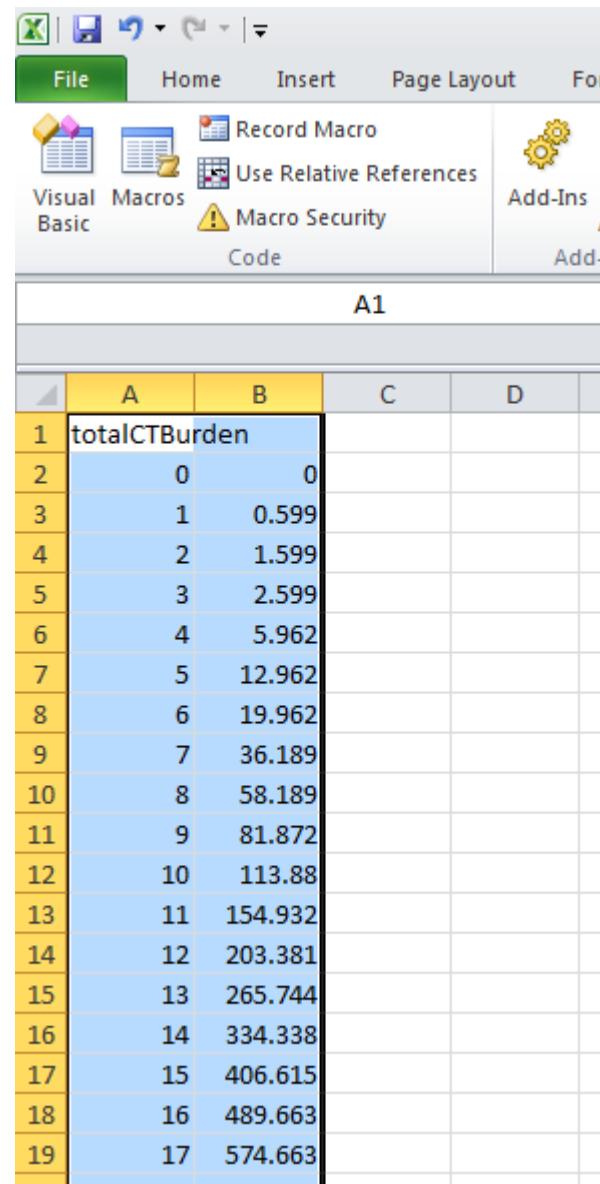
# Begins as a Small Chart



# Copying Data



# Data Exported from Ad-Hoc Chart



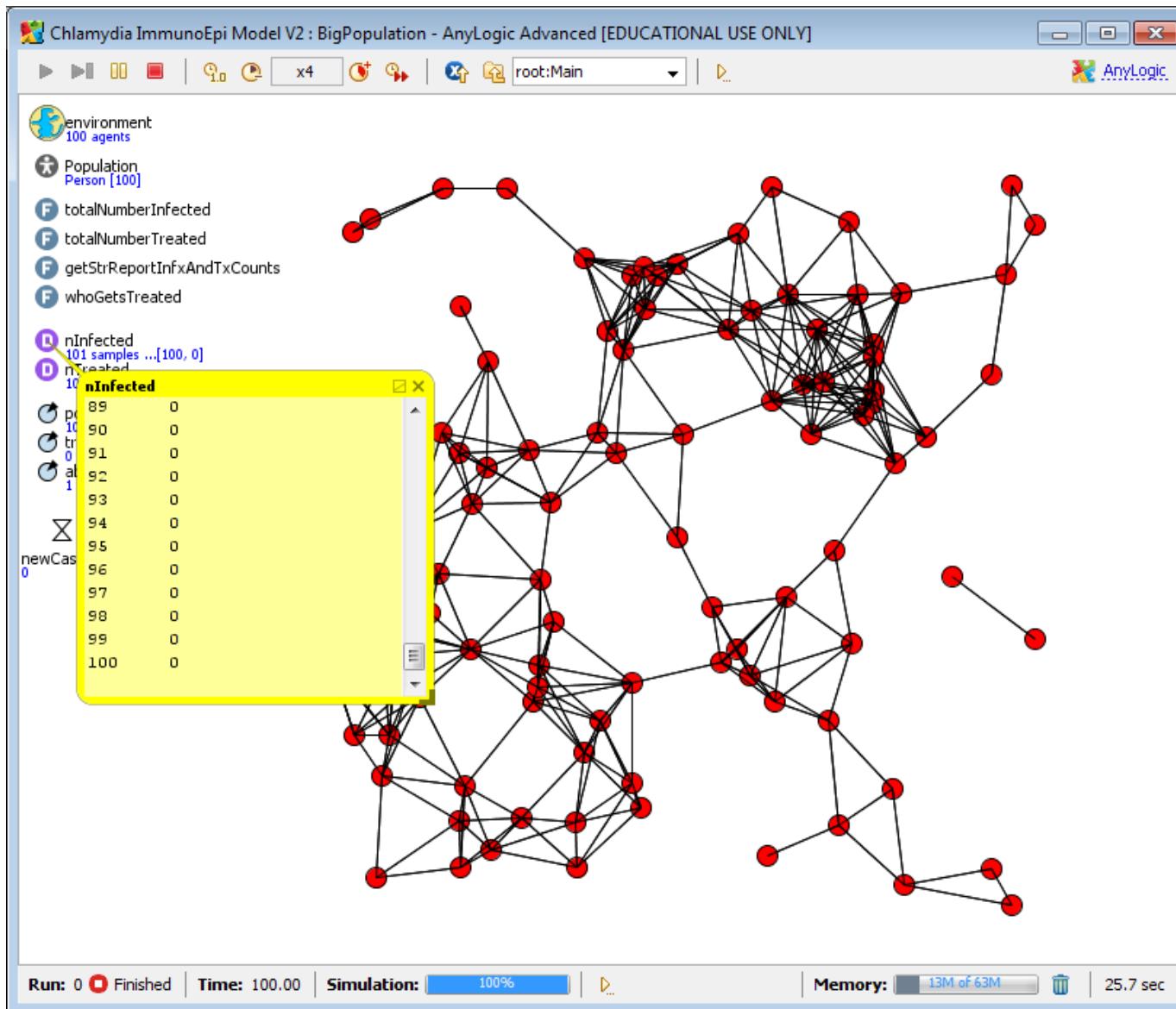
A screenshot of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled "A1". The data is contained in a single column labeled "B" and consists of 19 rows. The first row contains the header "totalICTBurden". Rows 2 through 19 contain numerical values starting at 0 and increasing by 0.599 each row. The Excel ribbon is visible at the top, showing tabs for File, Home, Insert, Page Layout, and others. The "Macros" tab is selected.

|    | A | B              | C       | D |
|----|---|----------------|---------|---|
| 1  |   | totalICTBurden |         |   |
| 2  |   | 0              | 0       |   |
| 3  |   | 1              | 0.599   |   |
| 4  |   | 2              | 1.599   |   |
| 5  |   | 3              | 2.599   |   |
| 6  |   | 4              | 5.962   |   |
| 7  |   | 5              | 12.962  |   |
| 8  |   | 6              | 19.962  |   |
| 9  |   | 7              | 36.189  |   |
| 10 |   | 8              | 58.189  |   |
| 11 |   | 9              | 81.872  |   |
| 12 |   | 10             | 113.88  |   |
| 13 |   | 11             | 154.932 |   |
| 14 |   | 12             | 203.381 |   |
| 15 |   | 13             | 265.744 |   |
| 16 |   | 14             | 334.338 |   |
| 17 |   | 15             | 406.615 |   |
| 18 |   | 16             | 489.663 |   |
| 19 |   | 17             | 574.663 |   |

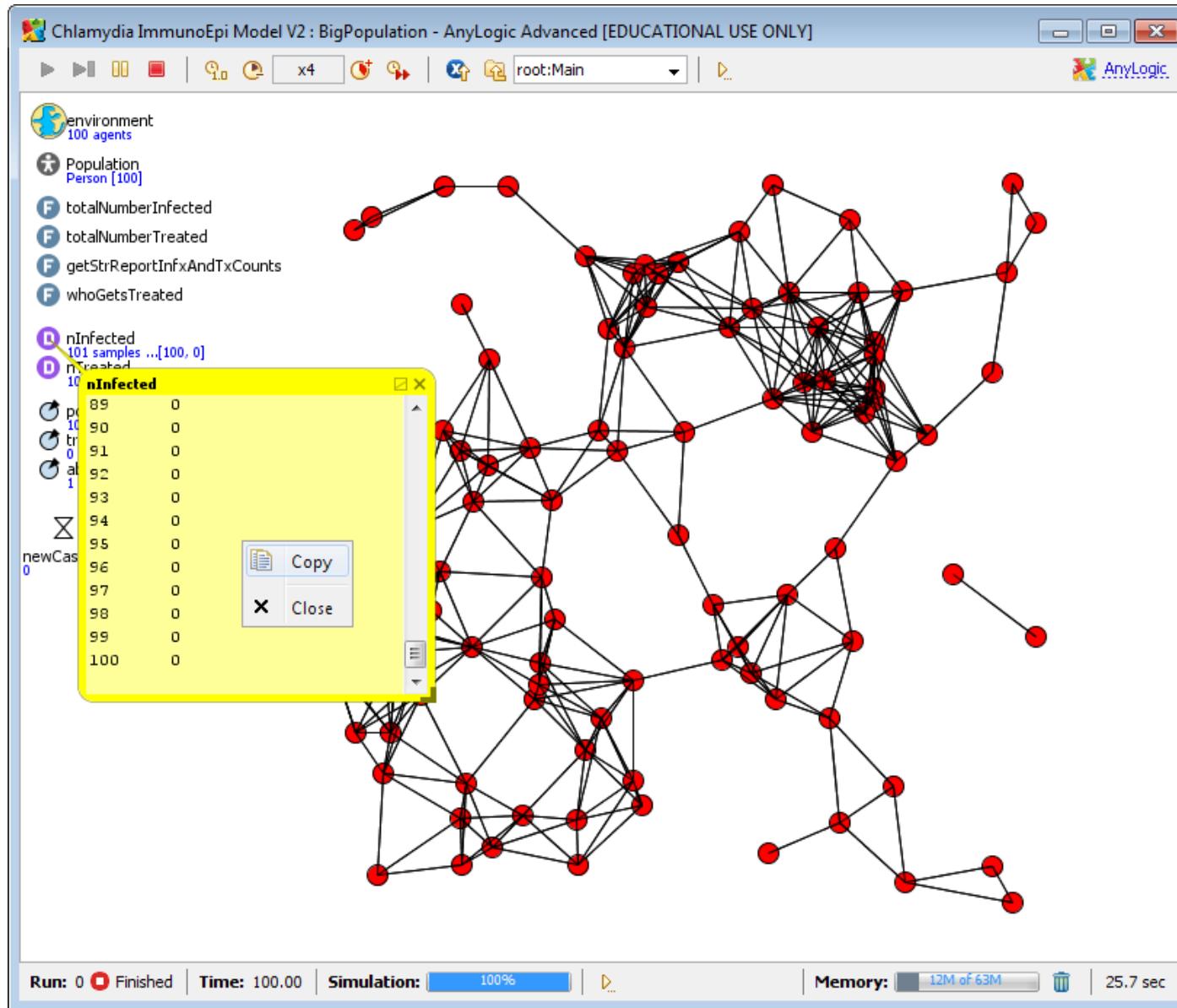
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# Manual Output from Datasets



# Right Clicking Gives Context Menu



# Copied Data Can be Pasted into Excel

A screenshot of Microsoft Excel showing a table of data. The table has columns A through E and rows 1 through 28. The data consists of two columns of zeros (B2:B28 and C2:C28), followed by a series of odd numbers from 1 to 27. Row 28 contains the number 97. The cell B28 has a yellow border and a small blue clipboard icon with the text "(Ctrl)" next to it, indicating it is the active cell. The Excel ribbon is visible at the top, showing the Home tab selected. The status bar at the bottom shows "Ready".

|    | A | B  | C  | D      | E |
|----|---|----|----|--------|---|
| 1  |   |    |    |        |   |
| 2  |   | 0  | 0  |        |   |
| 3  |   | 1  | 1  |        |   |
| 4  |   | 2  | 1  |        |   |
| 5  |   | 3  | 1  |        |   |
| 6  |   | 4  | 7  |        |   |
| 7  |   | 5  | 7  |        |   |
| 8  |   | 6  | 7  |        |   |
| 9  |   | 7  | 22 |        |   |
| 10 |   | 8  | 22 |        |   |
| 11 |   | 9  | 26 |        |   |
| 12 |   | 10 | 41 |        |   |
| 13 |   | 11 | 42 |        |   |
| 14 |   | 12 | 53 |        |   |
| 15 |   | 13 | 67 |        |   |
| 16 |   | 14 | 70 |        |   |
| 17 |   | 15 | 79 |        |   |
| 18 |   | 16 | 85 |        |   |
| 19 |   | 17 | 85 |        |   |
| 20 |   | 18 | 89 |        |   |
| 21 |   | 19 | 94 |        |   |
| 22 |   | 20 | 94 |        |   |
| 23 |   | 21 | 94 |        |   |
| 24 |   | 22 | 96 | (Ctrl) |   |
| 25 |   | 23 | 96 |        |   |
| 26 |   | 24 | 96 |        |   |
| 27 |   | 25 | 98 |        |   |
| 28 |   | 26 | 97 |        |   |

# Declaratively Specifying Datasets

The screenshot shows a software interface for declaratively specifying datasets. The main window is titled "Main". In the top-left corner, there is a tree view of objects:

- environment
- Population [..]
- totalNumberInfected
- totalNumberTreated
- getStrReportInfxAndTxCounts
- whoGetsTreated
- nInfected (selected)
- nTreated
- populationSize

Below the tree view, there is a toolbar with three buttons: "Properties", "Console", and a third button which is partially visible.

The "Properties" tab is selected, showing the configuration for the "nInfected - Data Set". The "General" tab is active, displaying the following settings:

- Name: nInfected
- Show Name: checked
- Ignore: unchecked
- Public: unchecked
- Show At Runtime: checked

The "Description" tab is also visible, containing the following configuration:

- Use time as horizontal axis value: checked
- Horizontal axis value: (empty input field)
- Vertical axis value: totalNumberInfected()
- Keep up to: 1000 latest samples
- Do not update automatically: radio button (unchecked)
- Update automatically: radio button (checked)
- Begin at time: 0.0 (input field)
- Recurrence time: 1 (input field)
- Date and time inputs: March 4, 2010 and 9:31:57 PM

# Supported Dataset Types

- Simple
  - holds values only -- no timestamps
- Timed
  - holds values and timestamps
- Phase
  - holds pairs of values but no timestamps
- Histogram
  - can define bins for data set
  - data set will record # falling in each bin

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- Capturing images of graphs
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- Export to files
- [AnyLogic Professional] Dataset archiving
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# Output to Console

- Pros
  - Easy to program
    - ActiveObject.traceIn(String str)    outputs string to console
    - System.out.println(String str)        (Black)
    - System.err.println(String str)        (Red)
  - Readily visible
  - Copy & Paste to another document
- Cons
  - May be mixed with other output (easy to miss other output)
  - Limited length
  - Depends on memory to copy
  - Less structured

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# Data Output to File

- Pros
  - Simple to perform
  - Relatively easy to import into e.g. Excel, R, etc.
  - Files can be readily archived
- Cons
  - Awkward to draw combine from multiple files
  - Denormalization: Requires either
    - Duplication of scenario-wide information (e.g. parameter values) on each row
    - Separate header section & later section

# Outputting a Dataset to a File Requires 2 Steps

- “Importing” (specifying how to find) the necessary Java code
- Defining the code

# Step 1: Importing the Necessary Java Libraries

The screenshot shows the 'Main - Active Object Class' properties dialog box. The 'Advanced' tab is selected. The 'Imports section:' field contains the code `import java.io.*;`. The 'Extends (single ActiveObject or Agent subclass):' and 'Implements (comma-separated list of interfaces):' fields are empty. The 'Additional class code:' field is also empty. At the bottom, there are three checked checkboxes: 'Persistent Top-level Presentation Group', 'Persistent Top-level Icon Group', and 'Auto-create datasets for dynamic variables'.

Properties    Console

**Main - Active Object Class**

General Advanced Agent Parameters Description

Imports section:

```
import java.io.*;
```

Extends (single ActiveObject or Agent subclass):

Implements (comma-separated list of interfaces):

Additional class code:

Persistent Top-level Presentation Group  
 Persistent Top-level Icon Group  
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## Step 2: Code to Export Dataset to File

```
try {  
    FileOutputStream fos = new FileOutputStream("Filename.tab");  
    PrintStream p = new PrintStream(fos);  
    p.println(datasetName.toString()); // outputs  
    tab delimited values  
}  
catch (Exception e)  
{  
    traceIn("Could not write to file.");  
}
```

Substitute whatever file name you wish to use  
You may wish to put a “path” in front of this



Substitute the name of the dataset  
You wish to output

Suggestion: For greater versatility, place this in a function that takes the file name as a parameter.

# Where to Put the Code to Output the Dataset

## Option 1: In “Destroy Code” for Main

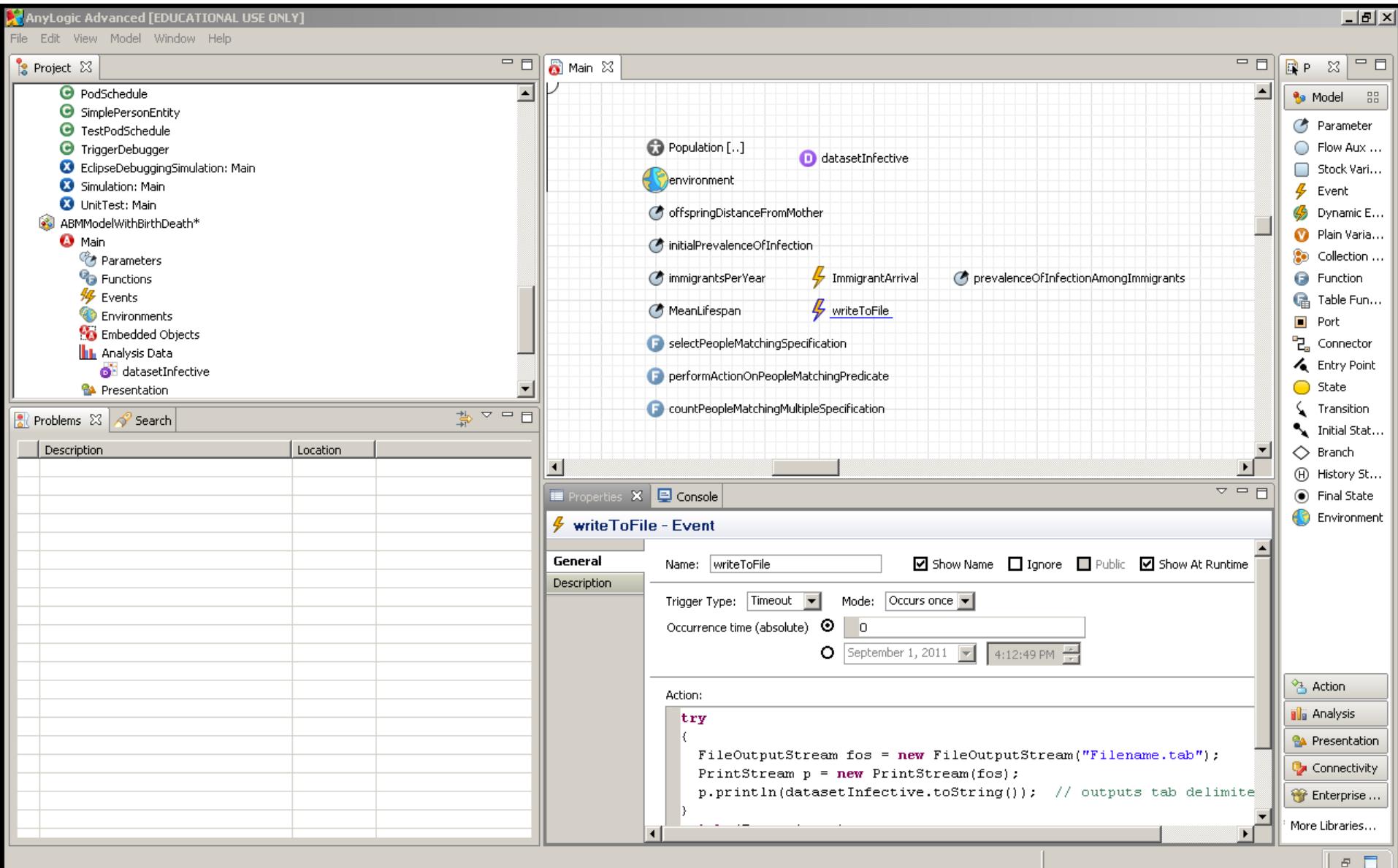
The screenshot shows the AnyLogic Advanced software interface. The main window displays the 'Main' class editor with various objects listed on the canvas. The 'Properties' panel is open, showing the 'Main - Active Object Class' settings. The 'Destroy Code' section contains the following Java code:

```
try {
    FileOutputStream fos = new FileOutputStream("Filename.tab");
    PrintStream p = new PrintStream(fos);
    p.println(datasetInfective.toString()); // outputs tab delimited
}
catch (Exception e)
```

The 'Model' palette on the right side of the interface lists various model elements such as Parameter, Flow Aux..., Stock Vari..., Event, Dynamic E..., Plain Vari..., Collection..., Function, Table Fun..., Port, Connector, Entry Point, State, Transition, Initial Stat..., Branch, History Stat..., Final State, and Environment.

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## Option 2: In “Action” for an Event Triggered at times



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# Output to Databases: Tradeoffs

- Pros
  - More flexible than string output to file
  - Can query from diverse tools (e.g. excel, R, SPSS, SAS, etc.)
  - Can easily clean up
  - For larger databases
    - Transactional (either writes entirely or not at all)
    - Can query from remote machines
- Cons
  - More programming
  - Need to set up a database

# Output to Databases: Steps

- One Time:
  - Install database on computer
  - Add reference to database libraries
- Each time during simulation
  - Open database connection at start of model
  - Optionally, “insert” model version & parameter information into the database
  - Periodically during simulation
    - “insert” values into databases
  - At end of model execution, close database connection

# Relevant Databases

- Databases most oriented towards single users & single computers
  - MS Access
  - H2
  - These databases less robust => risk of corruption
  - These are often quite fast
- Databases oriented towards multiple users & multiple computers
  - Oracle
  - DB2
  - MS SQL Server
  - Open source
    - Postgres
    - Derby
    - MySQL
  - More robust
  - Support remote access

# Database Dependencies (MySQL database)

# Options for Database Access

- AnyLogic Professional: Built-in visual database classes
  - Simplify the composition of database operations
- Direct calling of database operations in Java’s “Java DataBase Connectivity” (JDBC) Library
  - Note ODBC “bridge” for windows database driver support
- Custom database classes
  - We would be happy to share our simple interface
  - More refined interfaces possible

# Example Simple Database Class for SQL Relational Database Systems

A Method is associated with each of  
Execute  
Query  
Insert

```
public class MyDB {
    private static String DriverName = "com.mysql.jdbc.Driver";
    private String dbURL = "jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/mydb";
    private String dbuser = "root";
    private String dbpassword = "2005051146";
    //This is due to consideration of conflicts between database of AnyLogic and java.sql.* package.
    private java.sql.Connection conn = null;
    private java.sql.Statement stmt = null;
    private java.sql.ResultSet rs = null;
    /**
     * Default constructor
     */
    public MyDB(){
        try{
            Class.forName(DriverName);
        }catch(java.lang.ClassNotFoundException e){
            System.err.println(e.getMessage());
            System.out.println("Error with constructor!");
        }
    }
    ****
    *method name: executeQuery()
    *Query
    *return value: ResultSet
    ****
    public java.sql.ResultSet executeQuery(String sql){
        try{
            conn = DriverManager.getConnection(dbURL,dbuser,dbpassword);
            stmt = conn.createStatement();
            rs=stmt.executeQuery(sql);
        }catch(SQLException ex){
            System.err.println(ex.getMessage());
            System.out.println("Error with executeQuery() method!");
        }
        return rs;
    }
    ****
    *method name: executeUpdate()
    *update, delete, and insert
    *return value: int
    ****
    public int executeUpdate(String sql){
        int result=0;
        try{
            conn = DriverManager.getConnection(dbURL,dbuser,dbpassword);
            stmt=conn.createStatement();
            result=stmt.executeUpdate(sql);
        }catch(SQLException ex){
            result=0;
            System.err.println(ex.getMessage());
        }
        return result;
    }
    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return super.toString();
    }
}
```

# Example: Execute Query

```
*****
 *method name: executeQuery()
 *Query
 *return value: ResultSet
*****
public java.sql.ResultSet executeQuery(String sql){
    try{
        conn = DriverManager.getConnection(dbURL, dbuser, dbpassword);
        stmt = conn.createStatement();
        rs=stmt.executeQuery(sql);
    }catch(SQLException ex){
        System.err.println(ex.getMessage());
        System.out.println("Error with executeQuery() method!");
    }
    return rs;
}
```

# Setup for Database Class

The screenshot shows a software interface for managing variables. At the top, there are tabs for "Properties" and "Console". Below the tabs, the title bar reads "myConn - Plain Variable". On the left, there is a sidebar with "General" and "Description" tabs, where "General" is currently selected. The main area contains the following configuration:

- Name:** myConn
- Show Name:** checked
- Ignore:** unchecked
- Public:** unchecked
- Show At Runtime:** checked
- Access:** public
- Static:** unchecked
- Constant:** unchecked
- Save in snapshot:** checked
- Type:** Other: MyDB
- Initial Value:** new MyDB ()

# Example Database Output Code

A database query language (SQL) statement

```
double simulated_time = time() + 1975;
for(int k=0; k<Cube[0][0].length; k++) {
    String sql = "INSERT INTO dataset(agegroup, ethnicity, state, modeltime, amount, simulation_id) VALUES (
        ... "+1+", "+0+", "+k+", "+simulated_time+", "+Cube[1][0][k]+", "+simulation_id+")";
    int ret = myConn.executeUpdate(sql);
    if(ret == 0){
        traceLn("Adding new record"+1+" "+0+" "+k+" in "+Cube[1][0][k]+" dataset TABLE failed!");
    }
}
```

Requesting that the database class execute the SQL statement

Checking to make sure that the insert worked properly

# Database Output: Suggestions

- Maintain metadata
  - Purpose of run
  - Parameter settings
  - Model version (& possibly .alp file)
- Be mindful of performance & space burdens
  - Try to batch up data inserts
  - Be selective in what data to store, balancing pros & cons of storing more material
    - Pros: Analytic flexibility, greater understanding, less risk of having to re-run simulation
    - Cons: Mammoth database size, Impaired performance
  - Use a local database if possible

# Database Input

- Database input can be desirable when “feeding in” certain data to model
  - Connection choreography
  - Agent movement patterns
  - Count of incident cases of a condition
  - Count of vaccinations over time
- Frequently this data is “quantized” into time units
  - In those cases, Dynamic Events can be helpful