



The future of the AnyLogic community



Your say



How happy do you feel with the current state of the user community experience?

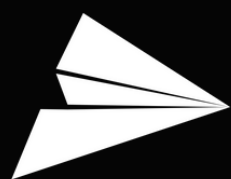
- It is awesome
- Ok, but could be better
- Needs some serious improvement



Who is this?

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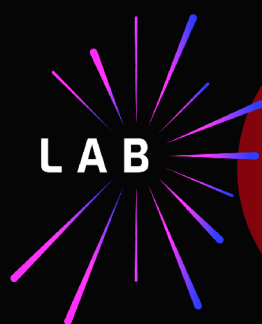
Simulation consultant



Since
2018

since
2017

McKinsey
& Company



DECISION LAB

2013-
2017

2009-
2012

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Southampton



Who are we?



6,400 users
on LinkedIn group



1,500 questions
on StackOverflow



We have 30 mins



- Improve what we have
- Create something new
- Brainstorm & action



Question time



Do you know about all the places you can interact with the community? (Hint: there are 4)

- Sure. StackOverflow, LinkedIn, Discord and ResearchGate
- Uh, maybe 2 or 3
- Wait, there is a community?



What we have



- StackOverflow
- Discord
- LinkedIn



StackOverflow

The tech place!



The screenshot shows the StackOverflow interface with search results for 'anylogic'. The search bar at the top contains '[anylogic]'. The main content area displays 'Public questions tagged [anylogic]' with a search count of 1,541 questions. Two questions are visible:

- Anylogic - create Resources and add to ResourcePool**: 1 vote, 3 answers, answered 1 hour ago by **Jaco-Ben Vosloo** (1,057 reputation).
- Anylogic Heavy 3D Animation is stopping the model animation on runtime**: 1 vote, 1 answer, answered 16 hours ago by **Benjamin** (4,424 reputation).

The right sidebar features 'The Overflow Blog' with articles like 'The Loop: Our Community Department Roadmap for Q4 2021' and 'Podcast 377: You don't need a math PhD to play Dwarf Fortress, just to code it'. Below that is 'Featured on Meta' and 'Hot Meta Posts'.

The screenshot shows the AnyLogic software interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Getting Started with AnyLogic', 'What's New in AnyLogic', 'Professional Features', 'Example Models', and 'Ask Question/Get Support'. The main content area is titled 'Getting started' and includes:

- Getting started**: Create a model, Open examples.
- Tutorials**: Supply Chain (GIS Agents), Job Shop (Process Modeling), Lead Acid Battery Production (Material Handling), Intersection (Road traffic), Bank Office (Queueing system), Bass Diffusion (System Dynamics), Hump Yard (Rail simulation), Subway Entrance (Pedestrian flows), Wind Turbine Maintenance (Agents), Air Defense System (Agents).
- Educational Video**: How-To Videos, Webinars.
- Useful resources**: Training Courses (Calendar), Books (AnyLogic in Three Days, The Big Book of Simulation Modeling), AnyLogic Cloud (cloud.anylogic.com, About AnyLogic Cloud, AnyLogic Cloud API), AnyLogic Community (AnyLogic Users, **Stack Overflow**), AnyLogic Website (anylogic.com).

A red arrow points from the 'Getting started' section towards the 'Stack Overflow' link in the 'AnyLogic Community' section.



StackOverflow

The tech place!



Forward users here from AnyLogic directly



Explain concepts & rules to new users within AnyLogic?



Improve tag info

Application

- Links pointing to LinkedIn are replaced with links to StackOverflow.



Discord

The social place?



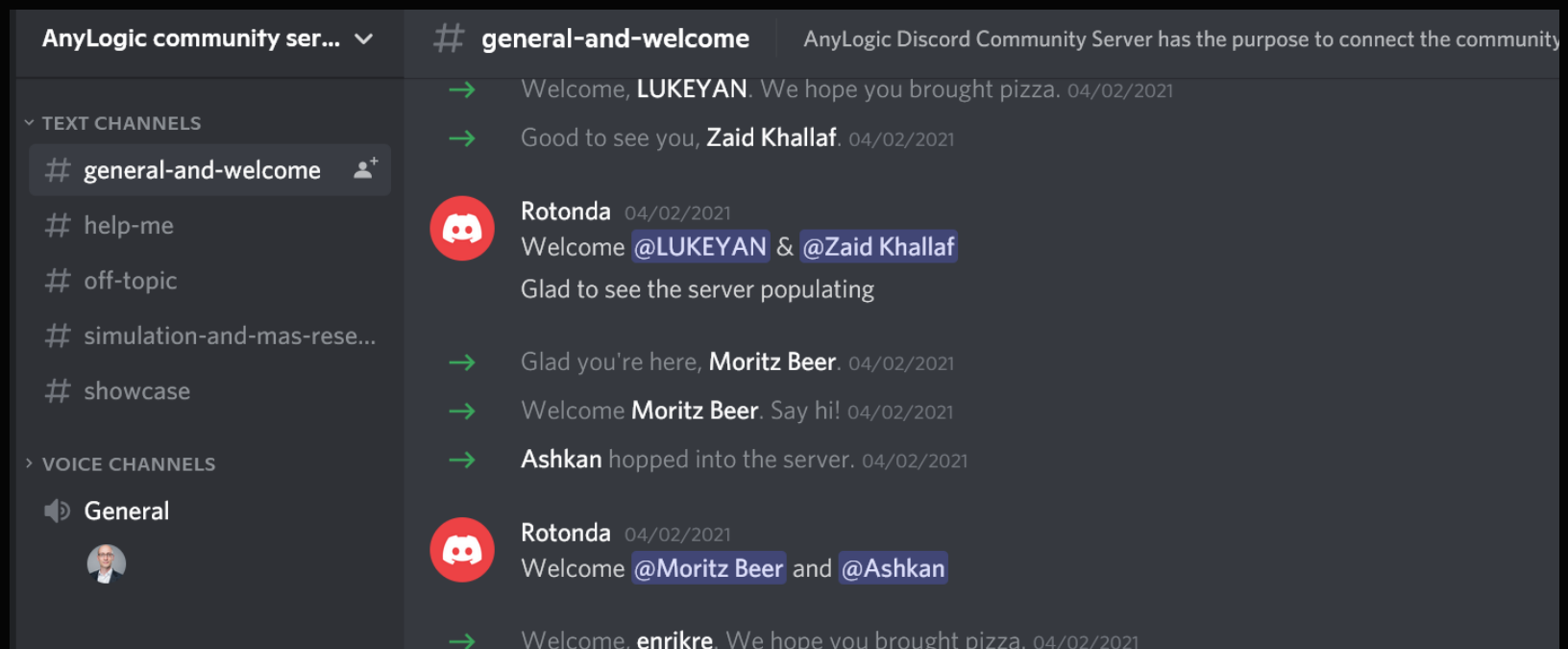
Should we push this more?



Include link from AnyLogic?!



Improve channels

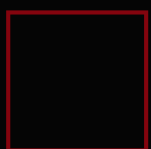


LinkedIn

The leftover place (?)



Continue or drop?



How to keep the knowledge?



How to keep the users?



Something new?



Integrated forum

One place to rule them all.

Access from AnyLogic, maybe
embedded into AL Cloud?



Something new?



Podcast

SimTalk 2.0?
Or streaming?



Something new?



Competitions



"Spice up" AL model-of-the-month?

Or start your own?

Enter your custom Simio animation models for a chance to win

\$5,000

▶ Simio
modelmaker
2021
DESIGN CONTEST

simio.com/model-contest

The poster features a green background with a network diagram of nodes and lines. The text is white and black, with the prize amount and year in large, bold font.

Something new?



Question-to-Andrej



We vote on 1 issue for AL to answer directly (feature request, status update, roadmap...)



Something new?



Meetups/Retreats

How can we incentivize these?



Question time



What community improvements would help you most?

- A social / informal place
- better tech support from other users
- an overview of what is there and how to use it
- Other



Let's brainstorm



- More ideas?
- **How can we incentivize more?**
- Who wants to start something?

