

## 1. Download Connectome Workbench

<https://www.humanconnectome.org/software/get-connectome-workbench>

Once installed, identify the installation path where the two executables `wb_command` and `wb_view` are (e.g. `/path/to/workbench/`)

## 2. Download surface template files

You can find the surface files at `/data00/tools/HCP_S1200_GroupAvg_v1.zip` and unzip in any directory (e.g. `/path/to/surface/`).

## 3. Convert nifti to gii files

Convert nifti into left hemisphere / right hemisphere / cerebellum surface metric files (i.e., one nifti file generates two `gii` files if only for L/R hemispheres, and three including cerebellum).

For example, to convert `example.nii.gz` in `/path/to/nifti`, run the following command lines in a terminal window (replace all `/path/to/xx` with real paths):

### Left hemisphere -

```
/path/to/workbench/wb_command -volume-to-surface-mapping /path/to/nifti/example.nii.gz  
/path/to/surface/S1200.L.midthickness_MSMA11.32k_fs_LR.surf.gii  
/path/to/nifti/example_L.shape.gii -trilinear
```

### Right hemisphere -

```
/path/to/workbench/wb_command -volume-to-surface-mapping /path/to/nifti/example.nii.gz  
/path/to/surface/S1200.R.midthickness_MSMA11.32k_fs_LR.surf.gii  
/path/to/nifti/example_R.shape.gii -trilinear
```

### Cerebellum -

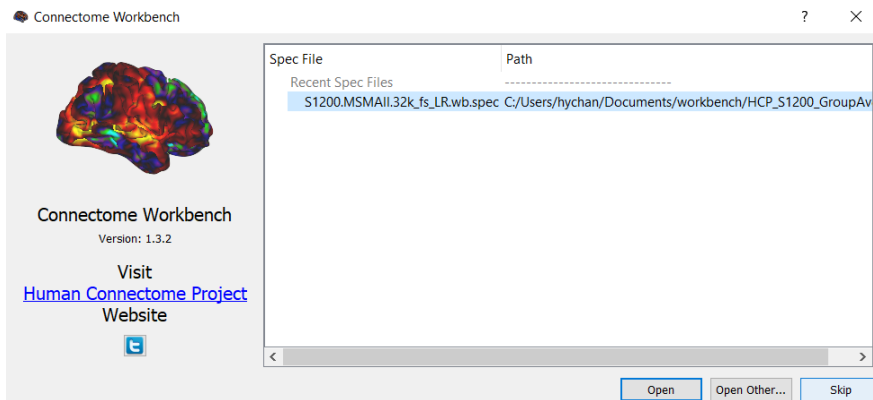
```
/path/to/workbench/wb_command -volume-to-surface-mapping /path/to/nifti/example.nii.gz  
/path/to/surface/colin.cerebellum.inflated.native_cb11m.surf.gii  
/path/to/nifti/example_CB.shape.gii -trilinear
```

Check full options here (e.g. `trilinear` or `enclosing`):

<https://www.humanconnectome.org/software/workbench-command/-volume-to-surface-mapping>

## 4. Launch `wb_view` and load files

Launch the workbench GUI (`wb_view`):



Press “Skip” in the splash window.

Open surface plot files by:

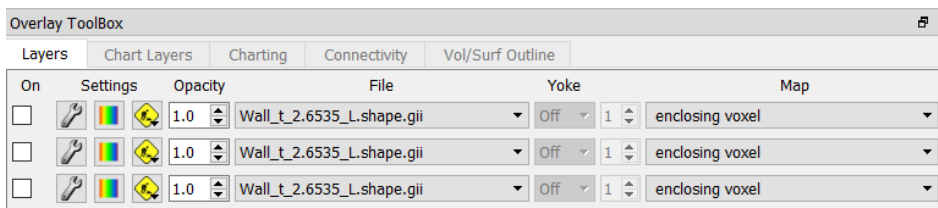
1. “File → Open File”
2. Go to where the surface files are (/path/to/surface)
3. Under “Files of type”, choose “Surface Files (\*.surf.gii)”
4. Choose any of the surface files, e.g.  
 S1200.R.midthickness\_MSMAll.32k\_fs\_LR.surf.gii and  
 S1200.R.midthickness\_MSMAll.32k\_fs\_LR.surf.gii (you can choose  
 multiple files at one time)

Open metric files by:

1. “File → Open File”
2. Go to where the metric files are (/path/to/nifti)
3. Under “Files of type”, choose “Metric Files (\*.func.gii \*.shape.gii)”
4. Choose the files for visualization (e.g., example\_L.shape.gii and  
 example\_R.shape.gii). Multiple files can be chosen at the same time.

## 5. Configure visualization

Under Overlay Toolbox, use the dropdown menu to select both L and R files. Click the On checkboxes to make visible. Click the wrench button to configure color map, thresholding etc.



## 6. Output image

Output image using “File → Capture Image”.