

Platform project restructuring of basic MITK types

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- Switched mitk::ScalarType from float to double
 - To be more in line with itk, which mostly typedefs to double
- Enabled easier type conversion from and to basic mitk types as Vector, Point and Matrix
- Restructured monolithic mitkVector.h header

Typ conversions (1)

- Goal: easier conversion of mitk basic datatypes:
 - mitk::Point
 - mitk::Vector
 - mitk::Matrix
- E.g. to vnl_vector, vnl_vector_fixed, cv::Point

Typ conversions (2)

- mitk::Point, mitk::Vector and mitk::Matrix now proper classes
 - Derived from itk::Point/Vector/Matrix
- Mitk::Vector has implicit conversion functions for vnl_vector, vnl_vector fixed and itk base classes:

```
void Mitk2Itk(void)
{
    Vector3D vector3D = valuesToCopy;
    itk::Vector<ScalarType, 3> itkVector = originalValues;

    itkVector = vector3D;

    TestForEquality(itkVector, vector3D, "itk::Vector", "mitk::Vector3D");
}
```

```
void Vnlfixed2Mitk(void)
{
    mitk::Vector3D vector3D = originalValues;
    vnl_vector_fixed<ScalarType, 3> vnlVectorFixed(valuesToCopy);

    vector3D = vnlVectorFixed;

    TestForEquality(vector3D, vnlVectorFixed, "mitk::Vector3D", "vnl_vector_fixed<ScalarType>");
}
```

```
void Mitk2Vnlfixed(void)
{
    vnl_vector_fixed<ScalarType, 3> vnlVectorFixed(originalValues);
    mitk::Vector3D vector3D = valuesToCopy;

    vnlVectorFixed = vector3D;

    TestForEquality(vnlVectorFixed, vector3D, "vnl_vector_fixed<ScalarType>", "mitk::Vector3D");
}
```

Typ conversions (3)

- Implicit conversion not possible for all classes (e.g., cv::Point, POD)
 - Use ToArray and FillVector/FillPoint/FillMatrix methods for classes/types implementing the []-operator
 - Doesn't care about copying from double to float

```
void ToArray_DifferentType(void)
{
    float podArray[3];
    for (int var = 0; var < 3; ++var) {
        podArray[var] = originalValues[var];
    }
    mitk::Vector3D vector3D = valuesToCopy;

    vector3D.ToArray(podArray);

    TestForEquality(podArray, vector3D, "float POD", "mitk::Vector3D", epsDouble2Float);
}
```

```
void Fill_DifferentType(void)
{
    mitk::Vector3D vector3D = originalValues;
    float podArray[3];
    for (int var = 0; var < 3; ++var) {
        podArray[var] = valuesToCopy[var];
    }

    vector3D.FillVector(podArray);

    TestForEquality(vector3D, podArray, "mitk::Vector3D", "float POD", epsDouble2Float);
}
```

- Vector to Point
 - Vector is treated as vector from origin

```
void Vector2Point()  
{  
    itk::Point<double, 3> point3D    = valuesToCopy;  
    itk::Vector<double, 3> vector3D = originalValues;  
  
    point3D = vector3D;  
  
    TestForEquality(point3D, vector3D, "mitk::Point", "mitk::Vector");  
}
```

- Point to Vector
 - Use `GetVectorFromOrigin` method

```
void Point2Vector()  
{  
    mitk::Point3D point3D    = originalValues;  
    mitk::Vector3D vector3D = valuesToCopy;  
  
    vector3D = point3D.GetVectorFromOrigin();  
  
    TestForEquality(point3D, vector3D, "mitk::Point3D", "mitk::Vector3D");  
}
```

mitkVector.h restructuring (1)

- before: everything related to basic datatypes located in mitkVector.h
- now
 - In mitkNumericTypes.h
 - Capsuled in subheaders:

```
#ifndef MITKNUMERICTYPES_H
#define MITKNUMERICTYPES_H

#include "mitkNumericConstants.h"
#include "mitkQuaternion.h"
#include "mitkAffineTransform3D.h"
#include "mitkPoint.h"
#include "mitkVector.h"
#include "mitkMatrix.h"
#include "mitkEqual.h"

// this include hold the old deprecated ways to convert from itk 2 vtk and the likes.
// calls to these functions shall be removed in future bugsquashings so that this include can be removed.
#include "mitkVectorDeprecated.h"

#endif /* MITKNUMERICTYPES H */
```


- Extract from documentation:
 - `-# mitkNumericConstants.h` : contains basic constants like `mitk::ScalarType` or `mitk::eps`
 - `-# mitkArray.h` : copy `itk::FixedArrays` (like `itk::Point` and `itk::Vector`) from and to types which implement the `[]` operator (array-types), like e.g. Plain Old Datatypes (POD) or the `opencv` vector
 - `-# mitkPoint.h` : the `mitk::Point` class. This is basically the `itk::Point` with the added `ToArray` and `Fill` members to conveniently copy from and to array-types. In MITK, a point is considered a fixed geometric location and thus cannot be summed or multiplied.
 - `-# mitkVector.h` : the `mitk::Vector` class. This is an `itk::Vector`, but with the possibility to implicitly convert to `vnl_vector` and `vnl_vector_fixed`. In MITK, vectors denote directions and can be summed or multiplied with scalars.
 - `-# mitkMatrix.h` : the `mitk::Matrix` class. This is an `itk::Matrix` with the added `ToArray` and `Fill` members to conveniently copy from and to array-types.
 - `-# mitkQuaternion.h` : a typedef to `vnl_quaternion`.
 - `-# mitkAffineTransform3D.h` : a typedef to `itk::AffineGeometryFrame<ScalarType, 3>`
 - `-# mitkNumericTypes.h` : this file includes all of the above as a convenience header

- More examples for type conversions:
 - `mitkArrayTypeConversionTest.cpp`
 - `mitkPointTypeConversionTest.cpp`
 - `mitkVectorTypeConversionTest.cpp`
 - `mitkMatrixTypeConversionTest.cpp`

- More information:
 - Concepts Page: *„BasicDataTypesPage Numeric MITK data types and their usage”*
 - `(BasicDataTypes.dox)`