

## Bio-Formats Documentation

Bio-Formats is a standalone Java library for reading and writing life sciences image file formats. It is capable of parsing both pixels and metadata for a large number of formats, as well as writing to several formats.

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Installation information is available on the [user information page](#). Download Bio-Formats from [the Bio-Formats downloads page](#).

For help, see the [Bio-Formats](#), [File Formats](#) and [OME-XML and OME-TIFF](#) sections of the [OME FAQ](#) for answers to some common questions. Please [contact us](#) if you have any questions or problems with Bio-Formats.

For advanced users and developers, further information is available on the [troubleshooting page](#).

Bio-Formats is updated whenever a significant bug fix is made, or whenever a new version of [OMERO](#) is released. The version number is three numbers separated by dots; e.g., 4.0.0. See the [what's new](#) list for a history of major changes in each release.

The latest stable version of Bio-Formats is 4.5.0. For future development directions, see the [4.5](#) and [5.0](#) roadmaps.