

## Bio-Formats Documentation

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

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

For help, see the [\*Bio-Formats\*](#), [\*File Formats\*](#) and [\*OME-XML and OME-TIFF\*](#) sections of this page 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 is released. The version number is three numbers separated by dots; e.g., 4.0.0. See the [\*release history\*](#) 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 [\*development roadmaps\*](#).