## **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 <u>user information page</u>. Download Bio-Formats from <u>the Bio-Formats downloads page</u>.

For help, see the <u>Bio-Formats</u>, <u>File Formats</u> and <u>OME-XML and OME-TIFF</u> sections of the <u>OME FAQ</u> for answers to some common questions. Please <u>contact us</u> 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 <u>OMERO</u> is released. The version number is three numbers separated by dots; e.g., 4.0.0. See the <u>what's new</u> 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  $\frac{4.5}{5.0}$  and  $\frac{5.0}{5.0}$  roadmaps.