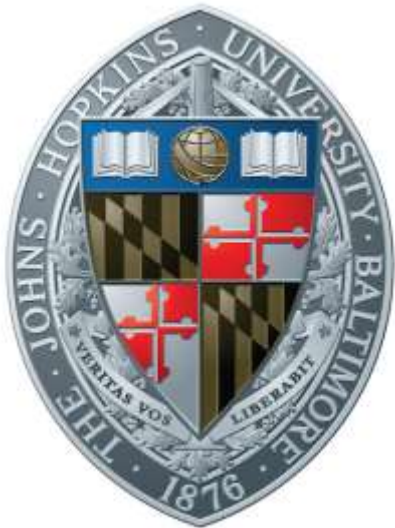


Recent Developments in Free Medical Imaging Software



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The Johns Hopkins University

I Do Imaging



Why Free Medical Imaging Software?

Why Use It?

Medical imaging is well-served by free software
Benefits from collaborative imaging community
Source code often available
Can address specialist/niche/research needs

Why Write It?

Recognition and publicity
Free testing by demanding users
Contributions and improvements
Sometimes required by sponsor

Imaging software is competing for the user's most valuable asset: *time*
Today's users are accustomed to high-quality free software
Many imaging areas are served by multiple free applications
Only the best software becomes self-sustaining

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Introduction


- 1 - Objectives
- 2 - Scope and Applicability
- 3 - Three-Step Software Solutions

5. Open Source Software

5.1 Pilot Program: Publication of Custom-Developed Code as OSS

Each agency shall release as OSS at least 20 percent of its new custom-developed code²⁹ each year for the term of the pilot program.

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OneOps

Application Lifecycle Management of Cloud Based Workloads

Sunnyvale, CA, USA <http://oneops.com> oneops@walmartlabs.com

Repositories People 6



Pinned repositories


transistor

Java Business logic app that performs generation

sensor

Monitoring component that process perf metrics

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Energistics (energistics)

<http://energistics.org/>
Team since November 2013

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Repo Info Tags Dockerfile Build Details

Short Description

Official images for .NET Core for Linux and Windows Server 2016 Nano Server

Distributions

Source

GitHub/BitBucket repo

- `hg clone bitbucket.org/sjodogne/orthanc`

Platform Specific

HomeBrew (Mac)

- `brew install dcmtk`

apt/yum (Linux)

- `apt-get install python-dicom`

zypper (openSUSE)

- `zypper install orthanc`

Chocolatey (Windows)

Virtual Machines

Docker/DockerHub

- `docker run sjodogne/orthanc`

Vagrant/VirtualBox

- `git clone xnath.git; ./run xnath setup`

Language Specific

Pip (Python)

- `pip search nifti` # (12 results)

npm/yarn (Node JS)

- `npm search dicom` # (24 results)

DICOM Libraries

DCMTK (OFFIS)

- C++ 'reference' DICOM library
- Steady enhancements since 2003
- Command line utilities

dcm4che (dcm4che.org)

- Java DICOM toolkit since ca. 2000
- Many command line applications
- Adding DICOMWeb capabilities

GDCM (Mathieu Malaterre)

- Grassroots DICOM
- C++, binds to Python, C#, Java, PHP
- SCU network operations

```
$ ls /opt/dcm4che/bin
dcm2dcm
dcm2jpg
dcm2json
dcm2xml
dcmdict
dcmdir
dcmdump
dcmgen
dcmqrscp
dcmvalidate
emf2sf
esoundex
esoundex9
findscu
getscu
```

```
$ ls /opt/dcm4che/bin
dcm2pdf
dcm2pnm
dcm2xml
dcmcjpege
dcmcjpls
dcmconv
dcmcrle
dcmdjpeg
dcmdjpls
dcmdrle
dcmdspfn
dcmdump
dcmftest
dcmgpdir
```

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DICOM Libraries

dicomParser (Cornerstone Project)

- Lightweight JavaScript library for parsing DICOM byte streams
- For HTML5 browsers, Node, Meteor

pydicom (Darcy Mason)

- Pure Python library, no dependencies
- Read pixel data with NumPy, Pillow

Ruby DICOM (Christoffer Lervåg)

- Full Ruby DICOM implementation

DICOM Dump with Data Dictionary v1.8.4

DICOM files dropped here are not uploaded anywhere, all processing is done inside your web browser in Javascript.

Max Length

Until Tag

Private Elements P10 Header Empty Values Length VR Group/Element Fragments Frames
 SHA1

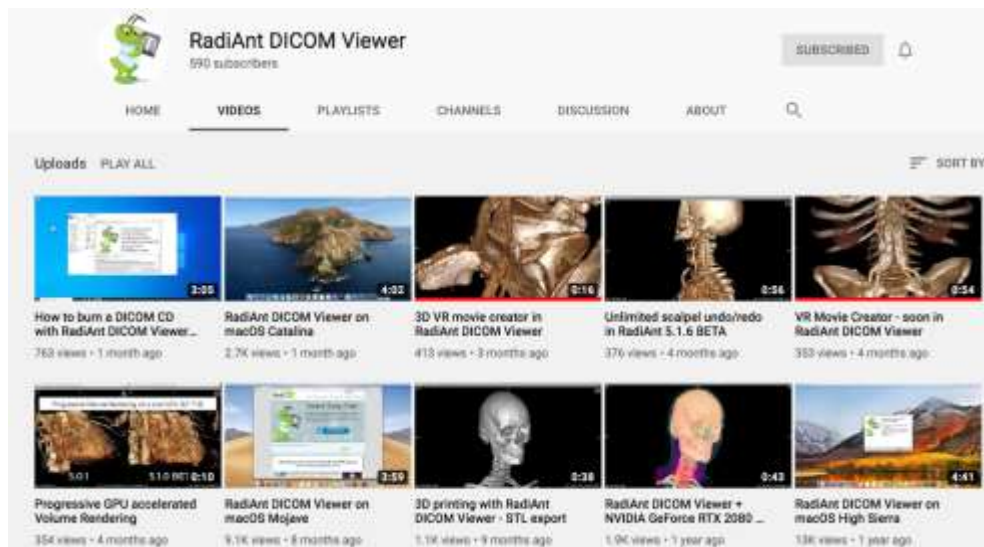
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MR Image Storage; Explicit VR Little Endian

- SpecificCharacterSet : "ISO_IR 100"
- ImageType : "ORIGINAL\PRIMARY\M\ND\NORM"
- InstanceCreationDate : "20070424"
- InstanceCreationTime : "140905.421000"
- SOPClassUID : "1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.4" [MR Image Storage]
- SOPInstanceUID : "1.3.12.2.1107.5.2.32.35236.3.2007042414090299545723404"
- StudyDate : "20070424"
- SeriesDate : "20070424"
- AcquisitionDate : "20070424"
- ContentDate : "20070424"
- StudyTime : "134311.858000"

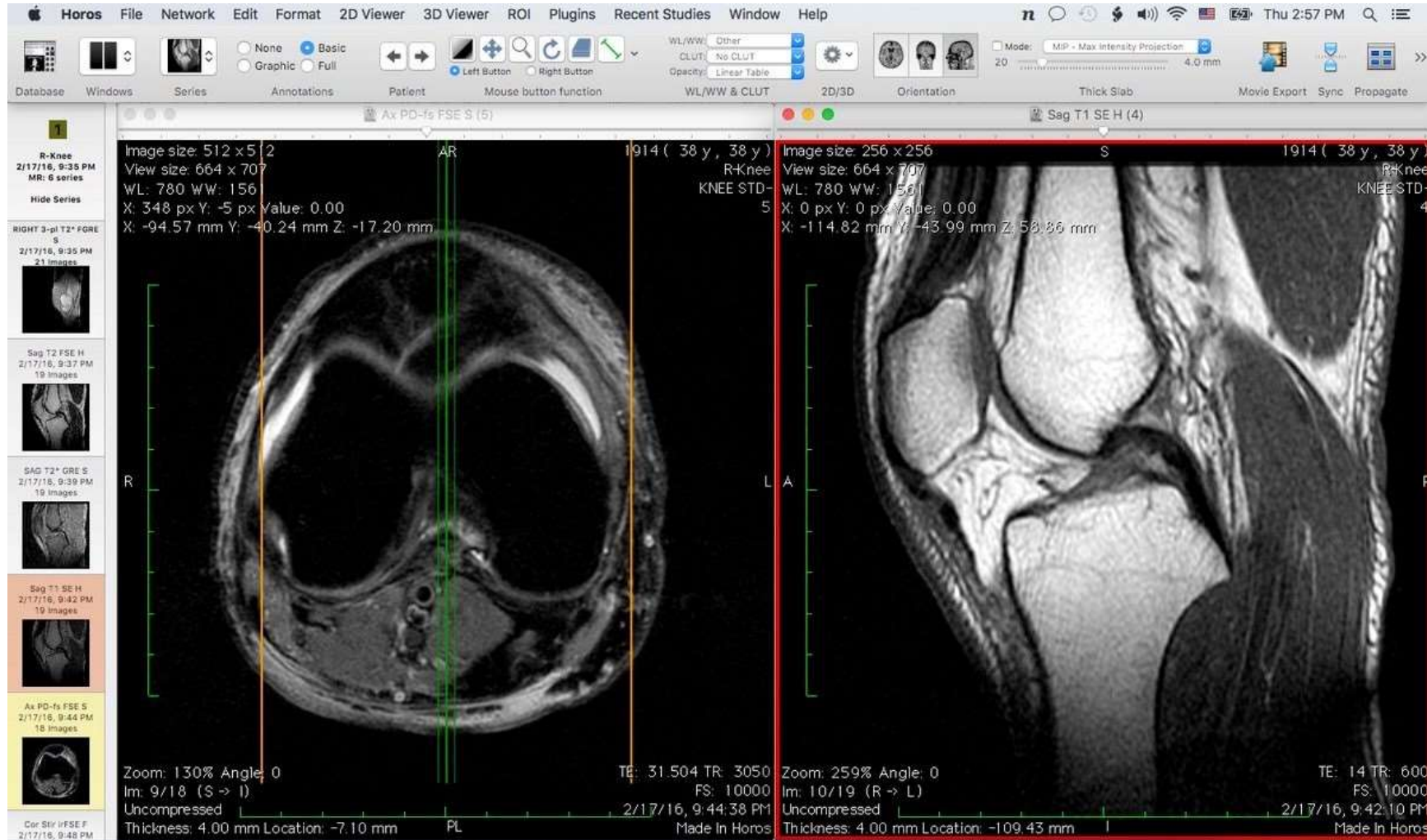
RadiAnt



- Windows DICOM viewer from Poland
- Steady enhancements since its introduction
- Multiplanar reconstruction
- PET-CT image fusion
- High performance GPU-based 3D rendering
- PACS query/send/retrieve



Horos

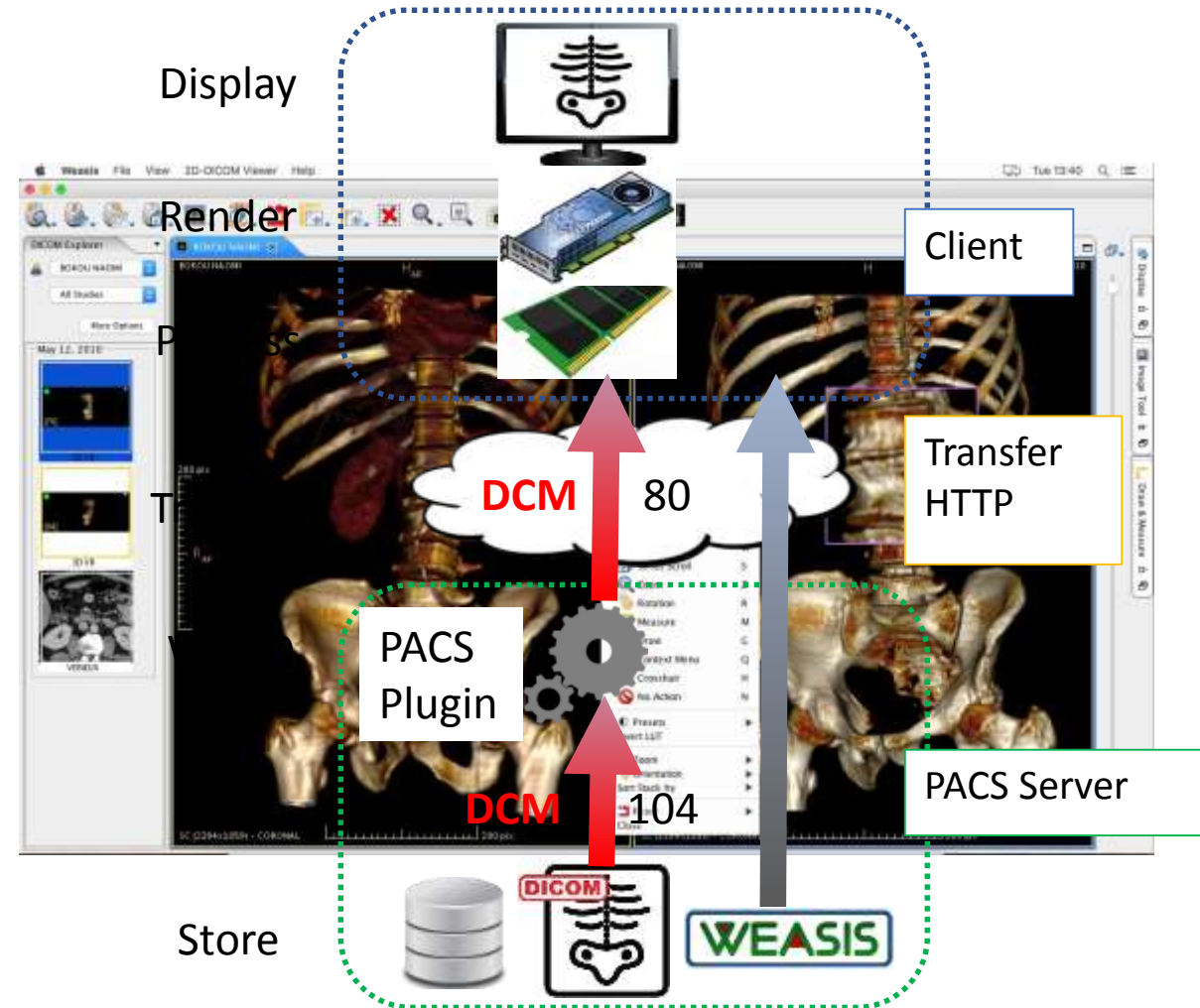


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[VTK](#)
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[DCMTK](#)
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Weasis



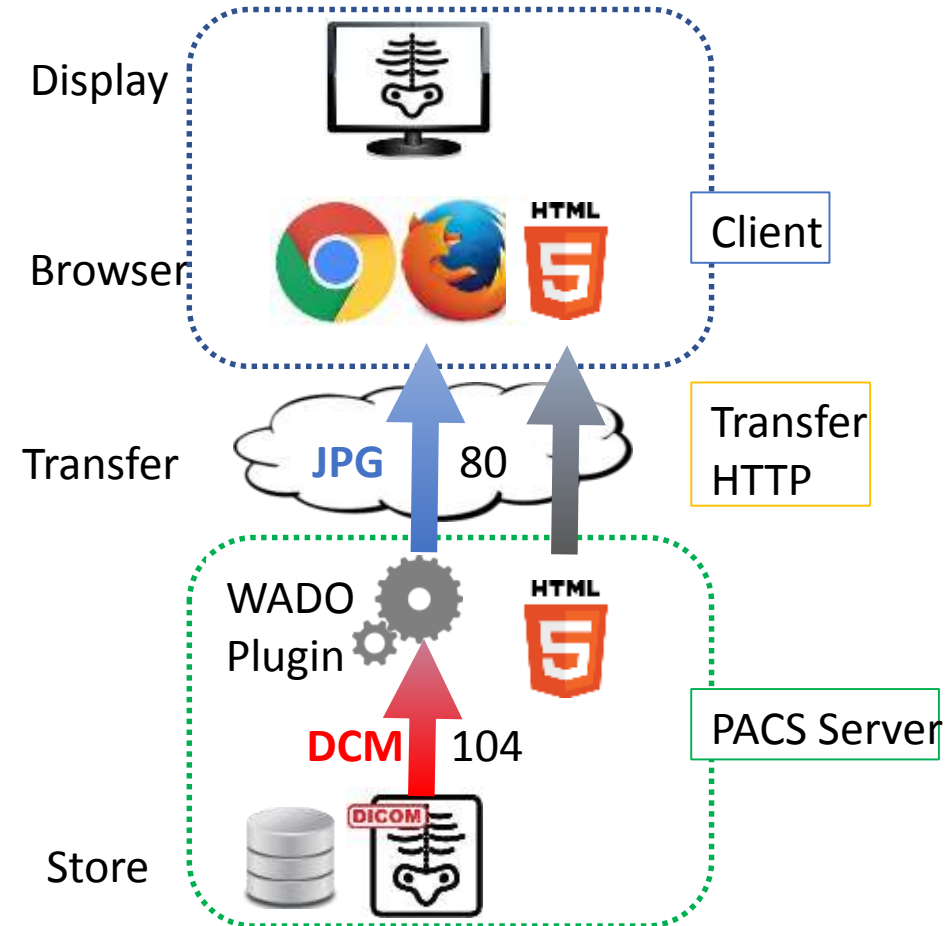
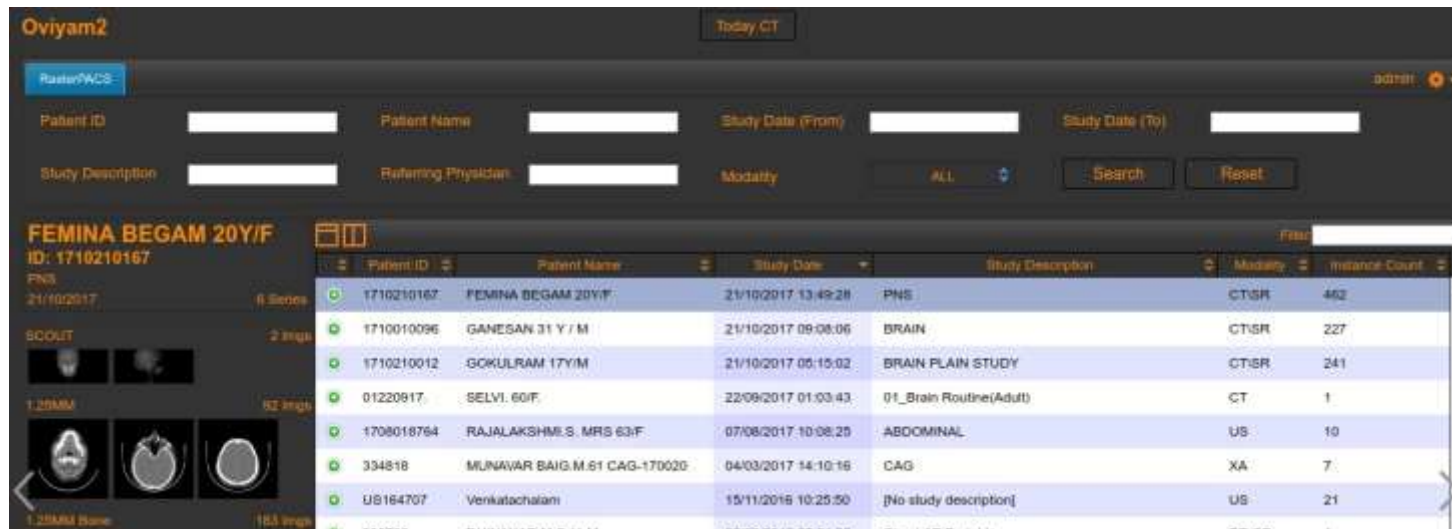
Long-term project (Nicolas Roduit)
Desktop java imaging, PACS deployment
Web access using weasis:// protocol
DICOM send, query, retrieve
DICOMWeb capabilities (Orthanc, DCM4CHEE)



Oviyam (Raster Images)



- Web-based DICOM viewer
- Fronts any DICOM server with WADO
- Displays images as JPG in browser



Trends

DICOMWeb

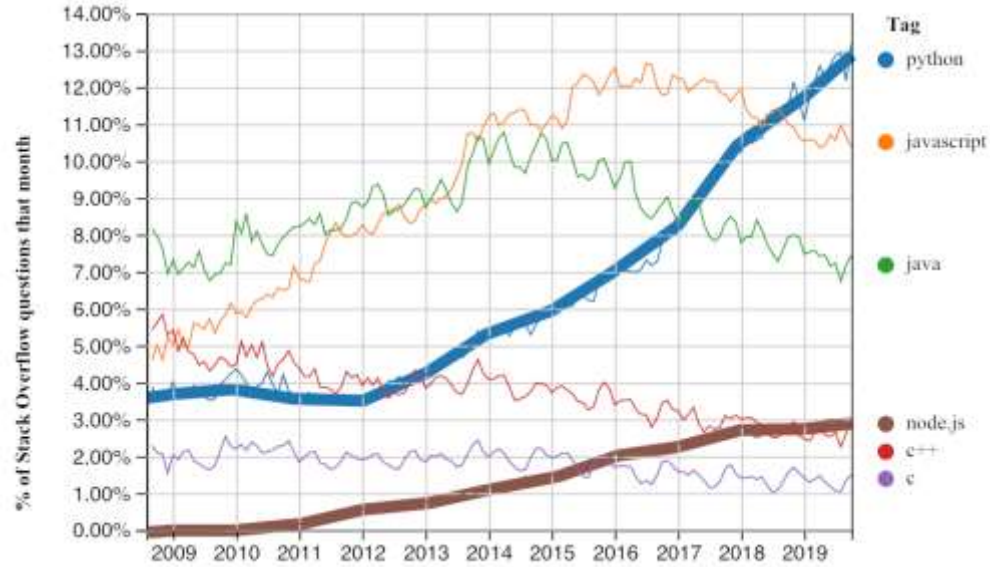
Cloud

JavaScript

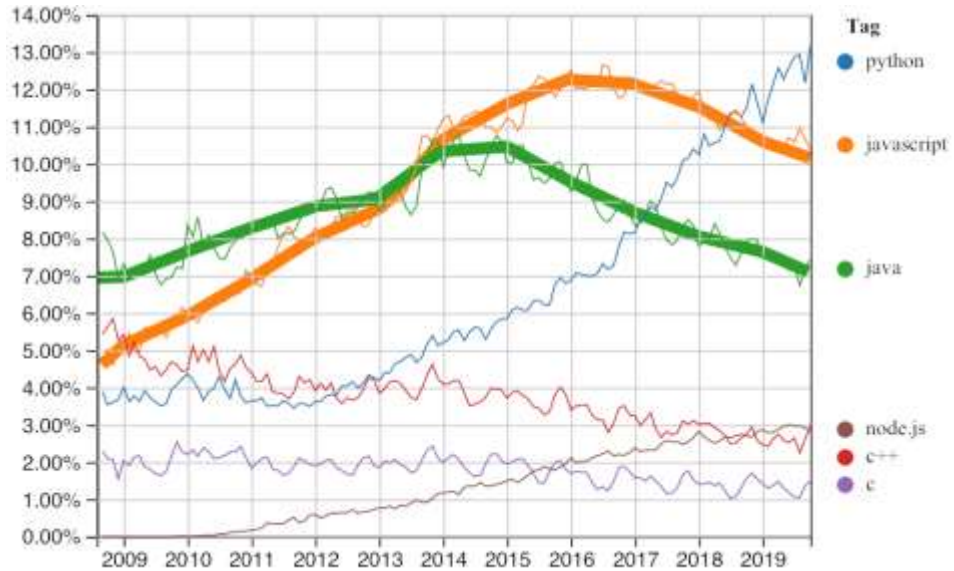
Python

Language Trends

Trending:
Python, Node



Post-trending:
Javascript, Java



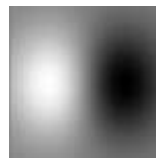
Steady:
C++, C



Lua



```
sitk = SimpleITK
gauss = sitk.GaussianSource (size, sigma,
center);
deriv = sitk.Derivative(gauss);
```



```
function IncomingHttpRequestFilter(method, uri, ip, u
-- Only allow GET requests for non-admin users
if method == 'GET' then
    return true
elseif username == 'heyitsme' then
```



```
-- @usage nmap -p4242 --script dicom-ping <target>
--
-- @output
-- PORT      STATE SERVICE REASON
-- 4242/tcp  open  dicom   syn-ack
-- | dicom-ping:
-- |   dicom: DICOM Service Provider discovered!
```

Cornerstone (Chris Hafey)

- Javascript library for building interactive image viewers
- Display in web browsers using HTML5 Canvas
- Independent of image container, transport
- Not constrained to an interaction paradigm
- Format-specific image loaders:
 - WADO Image Loader (WADO-RS)
 - Web Image Loader

OHIF Viewer

- Zero-footprint DICOM viewer
- Supports DICOMWeb
- Extensions for: Cornerstone, microscopy, VTK



Nextcloud DICOM viewer



This screenshot shows the Nextcloud app store interface. At the top, there is a search bar labeled "Search all apps" and navigation links for "Apps" and "App developer". A sidebar on the left lists various app categories such as "All apps", "Customization", "Files", "Games", "Integration", "Monitoring", "Multimedia", "Office & text", "Organization", "Search", "Security", and "Social & communication". The main content area displays the "DICOM Viewer" app. The app's interface is shown in a preview window, featuring a "Previous" and "Next" navigation bar above a central image viewer displaying a CT scan of a human torso. Below the preview, a description states: "DICOM Viewer allows to display and manipulate DICOM images with a streamlined sidebar and viewer." A small "Updated" badge is visible in the bottom right corner of the app card.

This screenshot displays the Nextcloud DICOM Viewer interface. On the left, a sidebar shows a file tree with a "DICOM" folder. The main area contains a list of DICOM files, each with a thumbnail, a file name (e.g., "1.2.840.1.113619.2.20.1.1762295900.1421.076600990.141..."), a size, and a date. A file is selected, and its details are shown in a panel on the right. This panel includes a "DICOM Attributes" section with a table of metadata:

Attribute	Value
FileModality	CT
FileModalityName	CT
FileModalityCodeSequence	1.2.840.1.113619.2.20.1.1762295900.1421.076600990.141...
FileModalityCodeSequenceName	CT
FileModalityCodeSequenceCode	1.2.840.1.113619.2.20.1.1762295900.1421.076600990.141...

Below the table, there are buttons for "Previous", "Next", and "Refresh". The interface is clean and modern, with a blue header and a dark sidebar.

VTK-JS and ITK-JS (Kitware)



JavaScript ports of foundation packages used in dozens of imaging applications

VTK-JS

VTK: Visualization Toolkit

3D scientific data manipulation and visualization

JavaScript port of core VTK features

3D data rendering in a browser

Coding similar to VTK C++/Python

ITK-JS

ITK Insight Toolkit

Image analysis library in C++

Compiled to asm.js and WebAssembly

Spatial analysis in a browser or Node.js

Supports all file formats of ITK

DICOMWeb

- DICOM: Proprietary transport
- Nodes identified by three fields:
 - Address (DNS or IP)
 - Application Entity (AE) Title – 16 character string
 - Port number (Port 104 reserved for DICOM)

C-FIND	“Locate study matching these criteria”
C-GET <uid>	”Send this study to my IP”
C-MOVE <uid> <source AET> <dest AET>	“Send this study from source to dest”
C-STORE <data>	“Store this study/series”

DICOM Nodes for DICOM Query/Retrieve and DICOM Send Press Delete key to remove a node

⊙	Address	AETitle	Port	Q&R	Retrieve	Send	TLS	Name	Send Transfer Syntax
☑	127.0.0.1	ANDREW_DCM4C	11020	<input type="checkbox"/>	C-MOVE↕	☑	No	↕ Laptop DCM4CHEE	Explicit Little Endian
☑	idoimaging.com	IDOIMAGING	11020	☑	C-GET↕	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	↕ IDI DCM4CHEE	Explicit Little Endian
☑	idoimaging.com	IDI_ORTHANC	11170	☑	C-GET↕	☑	No	↕ IDI Orthanc	Explicit Little Endian

DICOMWeb

Provides standard REST interface to DICOM image store

Removes much of the complexity of DICOM transport

	DICOM	DICOMweb	
Query	C-FIND	QIDO-RS Query on ID for DICOM objects	GET /studies?... GET /studies/id/series?
Retrieve	C-GET	WADO-RS Web access of DICOM objects	GET /studies/id GET /studies/id/series/id
Store	C-STORE	STOW-RS Store over the web	POST /studies/id

DICOMWeb Servers

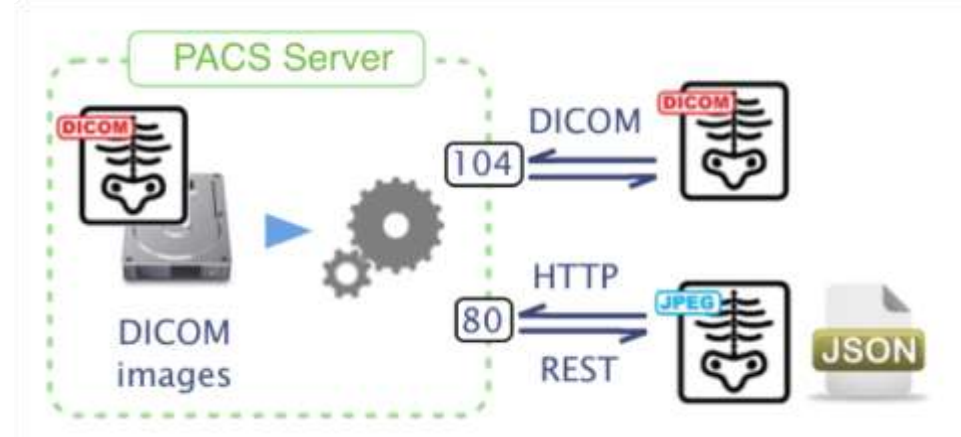
DCM4CHEE (dcm4che.org)

Comprehensive DICOM archive in Java

Full implementation of DICOM standard + HL7

Requires Wildfly (JBoss), database, LDAP

Available on Docker containers



Orthanc Book Content ▾

DICOMweb plugin

Contents

- DICOMweb plugin
 - Compilation
 - Installation
 - Options

```
{  
  [...]  
  "DicomWeb" : {  
    "Enable" : true,  
    "Root" : "/dicom-web/",  
    "EnableWado" : true,  
    "WadoRoot" : "/wado",  
    "Ssl" : false,  
    "QidoCaseSensitive" : true,  
    "Host" : "localhost"  
  }  
}
```


Dicooogle (University of Aveiro)

Platform-independent PACS (Java)

Implemented on dcm4che

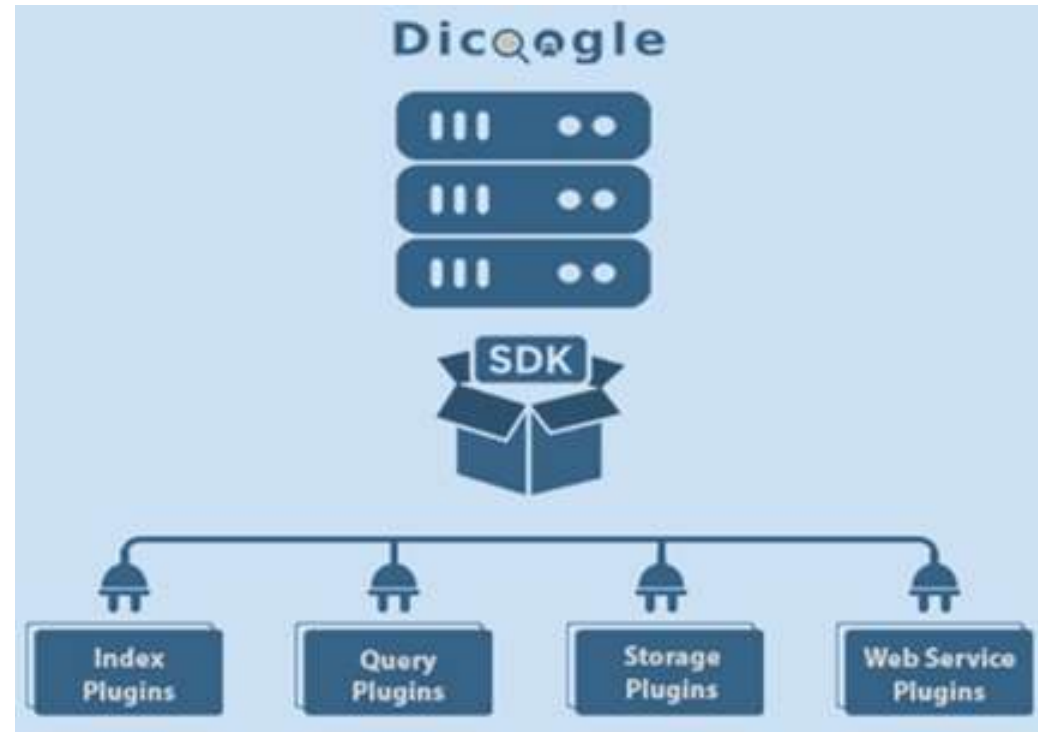
Highly modular: Major functions (store/index/search) by plugins

WebUI plugins: Front-end pluggable components in JS

Implements DICOMWeb

Complex querying: Free text

Strong developer support



Dicoogle

dicoogle

Advanced All Providers

20150312 Search

1 Patient Study Series Image

ID	Name	Gender	#Studies
PID_12345	Smith^Paula	F	2

dicoogle

Advanced All Providers

smith Search

1 Patient Study Series Image

ID	Name	Gender	#Studies
PID_12345	Smith^Paula	F	2

PatientSex:F Search

3 Patient Study Series Image

ID	Name	Gender	#Studies
PID_12345	Smith^Paula	F	2
FU_1	Fusion 1^PET/CTWB	F	1
1	patient 1	F	1

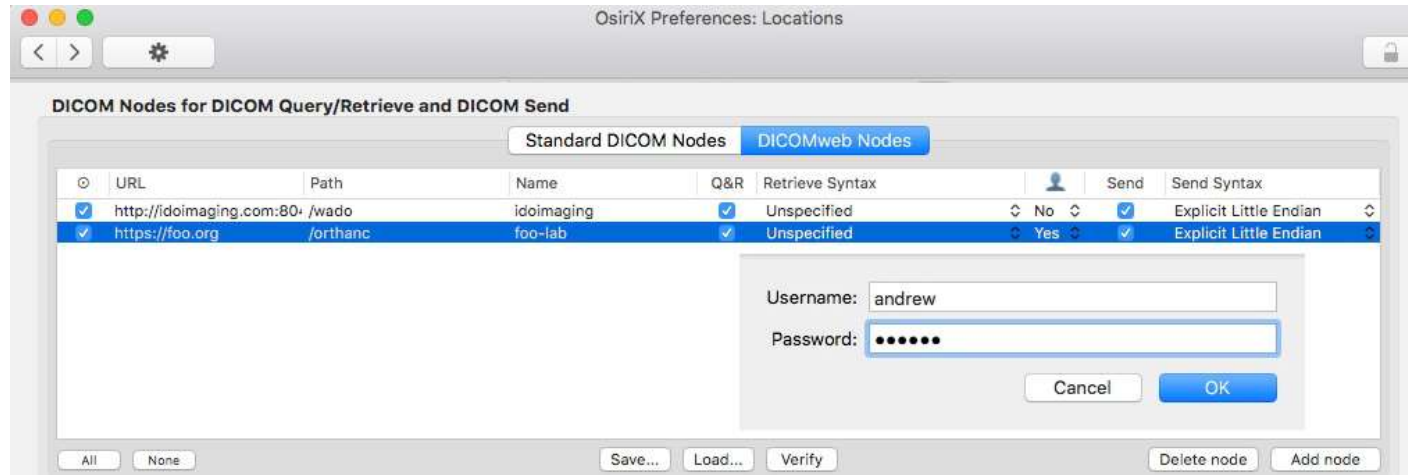
Manufacturer:Hamamatsu Search

1 Patient Study Series Image

ID	Name	Gender	#Studies
PID_12345	Smith^Paula	F	2

DICOMWeb clients

Osirix



Dicomweb Client (dcmjs.org)



```
const url = 'http://localhost:8080/dicomweb';
const client = new DICOMwebClient.api.DICOMwebClient({url});
client.searchForStudies().then(studies => {
  console.log(studies)
});
```

```
"DicomWeb" : {
  "Servers" : {
    "sample" : [ "http://192.168.1.1/dicom-web/" ]
  }
}
```

DICOMcloud (Zaid Safadi)

DICOMweb Server

Open source DICOMweb server that implements RESTful services

Implements QIDO-RS, STOW-RS, WADO-RS, WADO-URI

'Azure friendly' – written in C#

Uses Fellow Oak .NET DICOM library

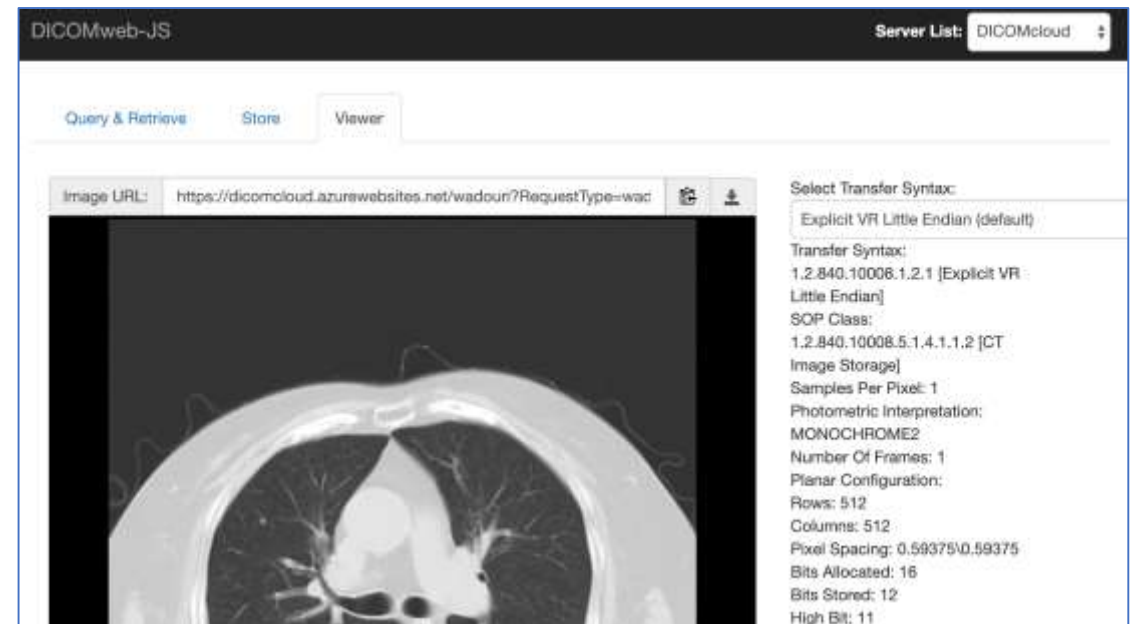
Live demo on Azure



DICOMweb-js Client

JavaScript image viewer

Works with any DICOMweb server



Imaging without DICOM?

More usual in: research, smaller imaging modalities

- Frequent conversion to and from DICOM

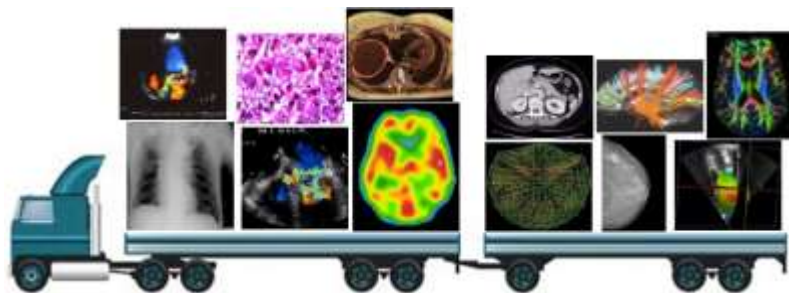
Working at the file level is common

- Often working away from clinical PACS systems

Specialized file formats for simplicity (NIFTI, MINC)

- Popular with investigators and developers for ease of adoption

Lack DICOM's specialized transport protocol



DICOM



Nifti

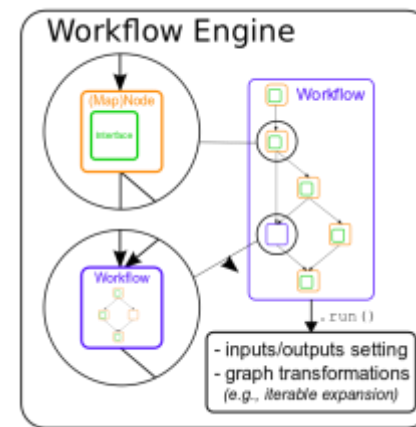
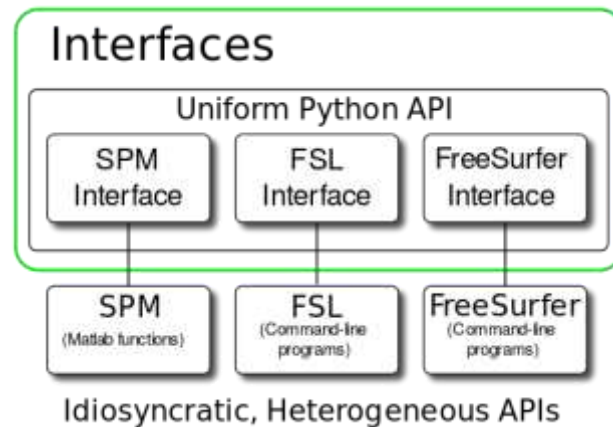
NIPY: Neuroimaging in Python



NIPY.org: Python processing of neuroimaging data

Projects in pipeline processing, computational anatomy, file I/O, functional MRI, machine learning, electrophysiology, data visualization

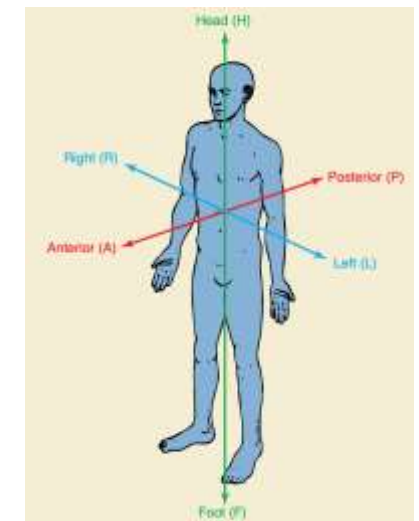
Nipype: A uniform interface to existing neuroimaging software



Nibabel: Read/write access to (neuro)imaging file formats

NIFTI, GIFTI, Analyze, MINC, MGH

Full coverage of coordinate systems and affines



BIDS: Brain Imaging Data Structure



A data exchange format using simple file formats and a defined directory structure

Primarily MRI/fMRI, with extensions for PET, EEG, MEG

Images in NIfTI, tabular data in TSV, key-value pairs in JSON

```
my-experiment
├── participants.tsv
├── sub-01
│   ├── anat
│   │   ├── sub-01_t1.nii.gz
│   │   └── sub-01_t1.json
│   ├── func
│   │   ├── sub-01_task_bold.nii.gz
│   │   └── sub-01_task_bold.json
│   └── dwi
│       └── sub-01_dwi.nii.gz
```

```
{
  "TaskName": "N
Back",
  "RepetitionTime":
0.8,
  "EchoTime": 0.03.
```

BIDS Apps

Portable neuroimaging pipelines that understand BIDS datasets

Apps are stored in Docker Hub

Run in Docker or Singularity

Each has the same core command line arguments

Integrate into automated platforms

What's next?

Web-native serverless PACS

Highly granular, highly scalable, highly available

NoSQL databases

May suit formats with a sparsely populated dictionary

Non-DICOM storage, transport

Would eliminate DICOM dependency and translation

Meta-PACS

Tagging, multiple identities, de-identification, error handling, grouping

