

The 3DSlicer open-source platform for segmentation, registration, quantitative imaging and 3D visualization of biomedical image data

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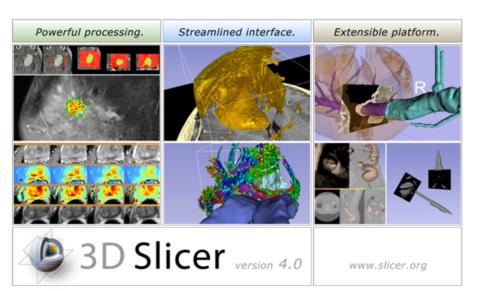
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The community of Slicer developers is proud to announce the release of Slicer 4.1. Find out more...

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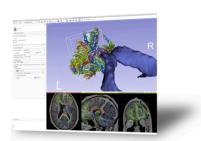


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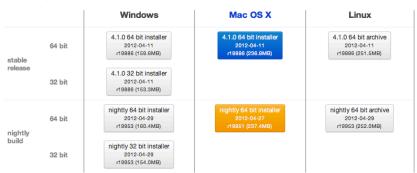


Get Slicer 4.

Slicer 4 is the latest stable version of 3D Slicer, a free, comprehensive software platform for medical image analysis and visualization developed with NIH support.

3D Slicer is distributed under a permissive BSD-style open source license. It has a thriving user and developer community.

Pre-compiled binaries



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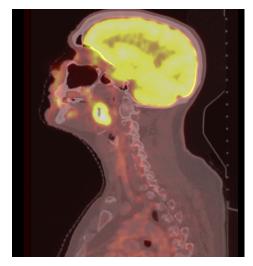
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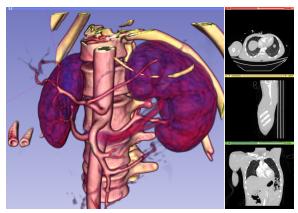
System requirements

Slicer requires 1GB of RAM absolute minimum, with more highly recommended. Common data sets may require 4GB or more RAM for processing. A fast graphics card or GPU that supports OpenGL is also recommended.

Slicer is built and tested on many hardware and software platforms. 3D Slicer runs on Microsoft Windows XP, Vista, and Windows 7; Mac OS X versions 10.5 (Leopard), 10.6 (Snow Leopard), and 10.7 (Lion); and a variety of Linux distributions.

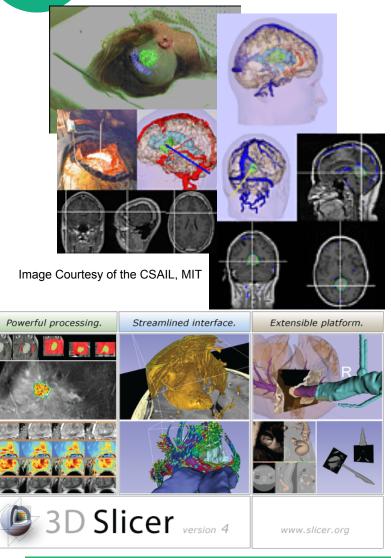






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- Slicer is a multi-institutional effort mainly supported by the National Institute of Health

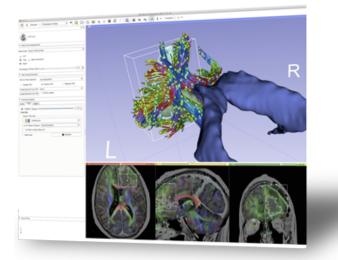
Slicer 16th year Anniversary



- 1997: Slicer started as a Master's thesis between the Surgical Planning Lab (Harvard) and the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL) at MIT
 - 2013: International open-source platform developed through a multi-institution effort

P.I. Prof. Ron Kikinis, BWH, Harvard





- Slicer is distributed under a BSD-style license agreement with no restriction on use
- Slicer is not FDA-approved nor CE-marked
- 3D Slicer bridges the "valley of death" for subject specific analysis



An interdisciplinary platform



An open-source environment for software developers

An end-user application for clinical investigators and scientists

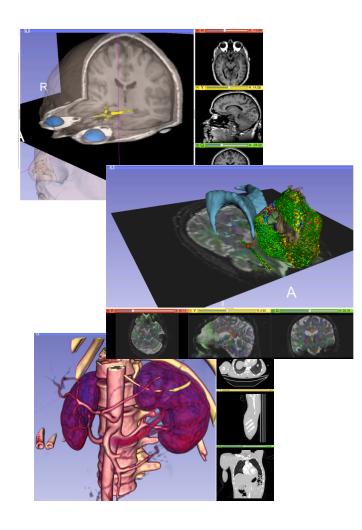
A software platform that is both easy to use for clinical researchers and easy to extend for programmers



- Open Science
 - Open Source + Open Data + Open Community



Slicer Open Community



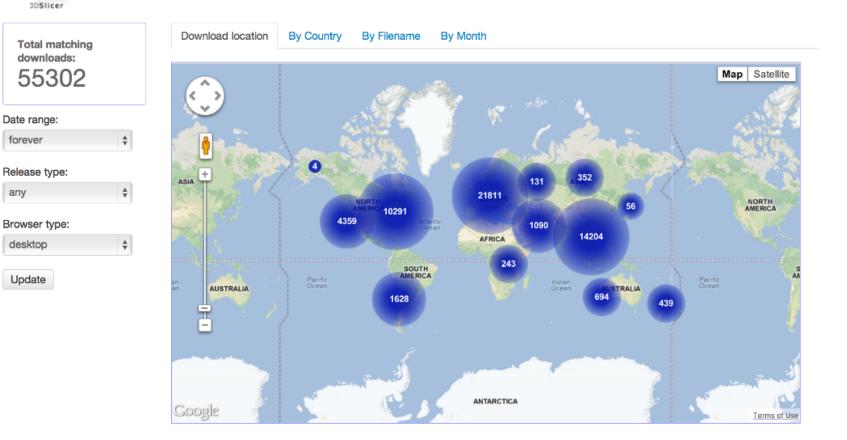
- 80 authorized developers contributing to the source code
- >700 subscribers on user and developer mailing list
- > 55,000 downloads of Slicer4 since November 2011



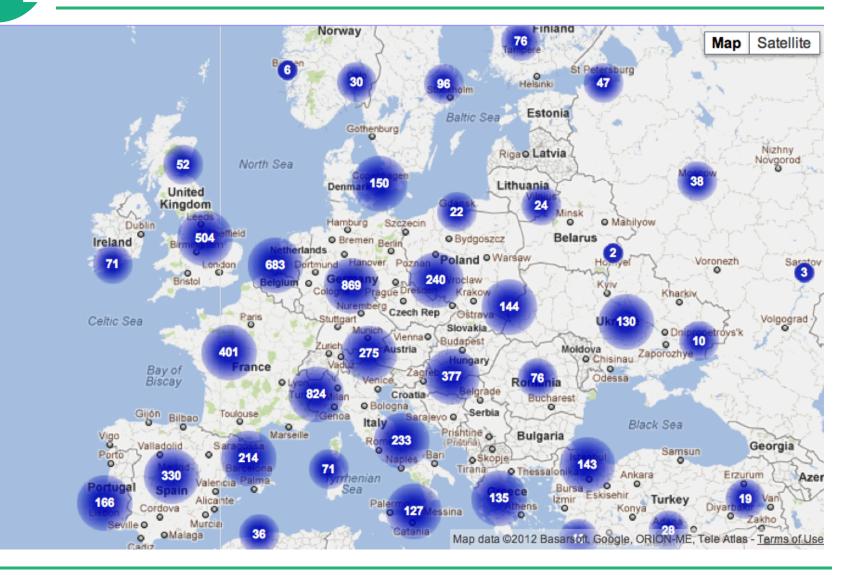
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Slicer 4 download statistics



Slicer4 downloads in Europe



Bridging the gap to accelerate translational research



Bridging the communication gap requires a collaborative environment that fosters exchange of specialized knowledge and expertise between clinical researchers and scientists.



- Every 4-5 year: Slicer versions: Major architectural, functional and GUI redesign
- Every 6 month: Within each version, updated release
- Every day!: Binary installation packages to access bleeding-edge functionality

Slicer is built every night

Project

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Slicer is under active development: built every night on every platform

Slicer Bug Tracker

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- Open-science and open-community philosophy
- File Format compatibility

 Complementary aspects of different open-source software on specialized functionalities

Slicer Extension Manager

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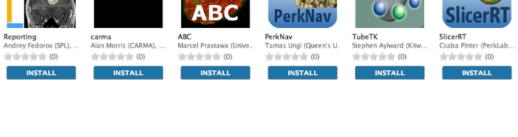
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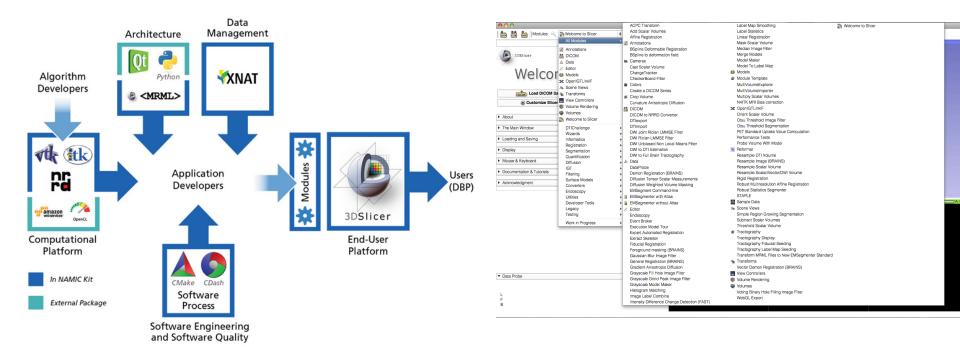
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through plugins Slicer Extension Catalog offers the possibility to the user to download additional Slicer modules

Slicer is Extensible







Slicer4 core functionalities include 108 modules, and represent 700,000 lines of code

Core Functionalities

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	Endoscopy	EMSegment Command-line	Robust Statistics Segmenter
	Utilities	EMSegmenter with Atlas	STAPLE
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- Visualization
- Segmentation
- Registration
- Reconstruction
- Diffusion
- Image Guided Therapy
- Quantification
- Reporting



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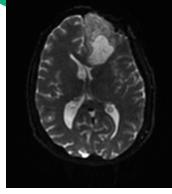
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- Interface Between DICOM and Slicer
 - Core DICOM Parsing in DCMTK/ CTK
 - Data Pre-Cached in Database
 - MRML Manipulation in Slicer Module Logic

Patient/Study/Series Browser

- Offers Slicer Interpretation of Selected Data
- Multiple Interpretations where DICOM Data is Ambiguous

Slicer applications





- Driving Biological Projects leading to the development of new tools
- Applied science oriented toward subject specific analysis in the presence of pathology
 - Example: Image-guided therapy



Slicer use in clinical research environment

- AMIGO, BWH, Boston, USA (DTI)
- Slicer RT Canada

(ECR 2013 IMAGINE Session, 'SlicerRT – 3D Slicer based open-source toolkit for radiation therapy research'. Pinter et al)

 Quantitative Image Network collaboration with German Cancer Research Institute (PET/CT)

AMIGO, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Improving Patient Care with AMIGO Advanced Multimodality Image Guided Operating Suite

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Image-Guided Therapy

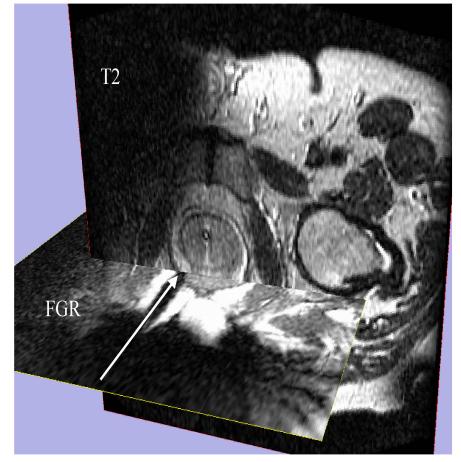


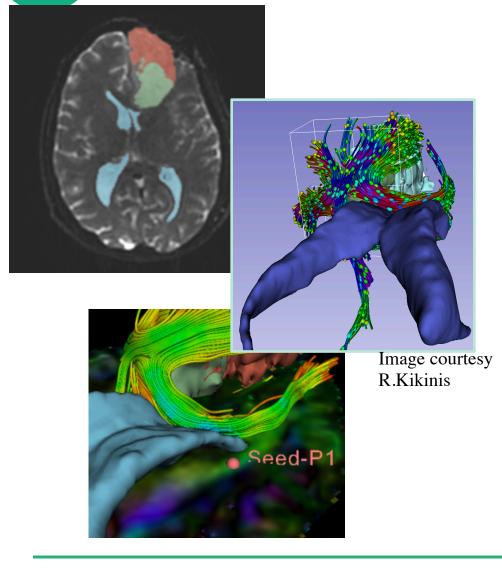
Image-guided therapy for prostate interventions:

- Brachytherapy Planning
- Navigation for Biopsy

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Image Courtesy of Steven Haker, PhD and Clare Tempany, MD

Neurosurgical planning



Slicer modules used for

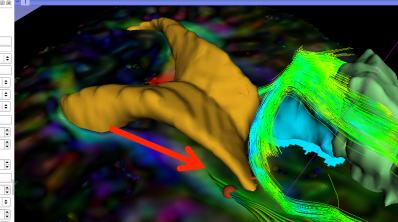
- DWI denoising
- T1/T2/DTI Registration
- Tumor Segmentation
- Tractography with Labelmap Seeding
- Tractography with Fiducial Seeding

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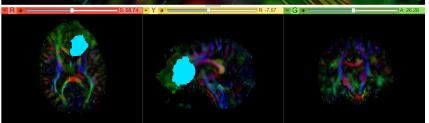


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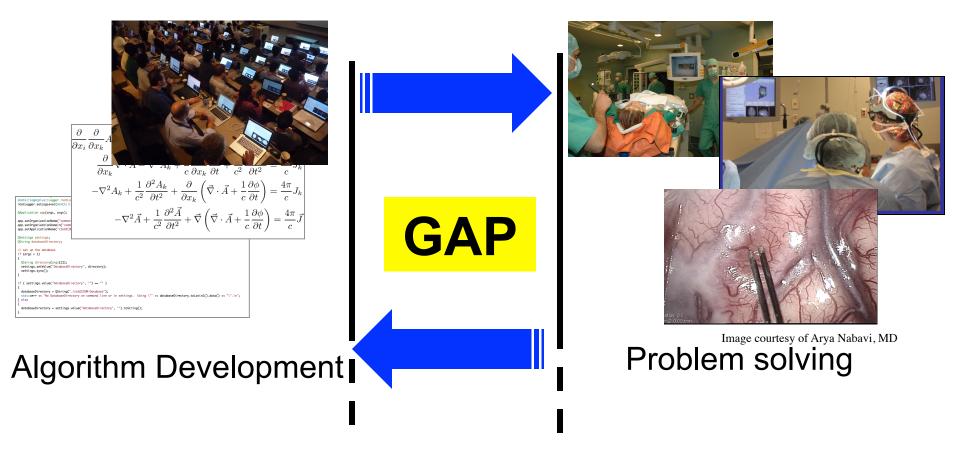
Example of on-the-fly exploration of white matter structures in the contralateral side of the tumor

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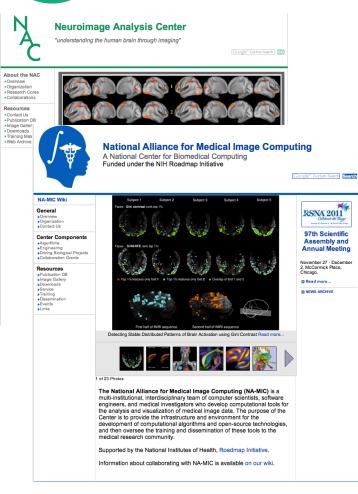
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- Data Probe

Bridging the gap to accelerate translational research



Slicer Training History: 2005-2013



- Training Core Component of two major NIH-funded consortia: the National Alliance for Medical Image Computing (NA-MIC) and the Neuroimage Analysis Center (NAC) (P.I. Ron Kikinis)
- Accelerating the translation of new technology into new skills of scientists and clinical investigators

Slicer Training Workshops



- 1-2 day hands-on events
- Thematic
 - DTI
 - Image-guided therapy
 - 3D Visualization for radiological applications
 - PETCT SUV Computation
- 15-25 all-level participants

Slicer Training Events



SfN, 2009

RSNA, 2009

Hands-on courses at major international conferences

- RSNA 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
- MICCAI 2008, 2009, 2010,
 2011, 2012, 2013
- **SfN** 2009, 2011
- **SPIE** 2012, 2013
- CAOS 2010
- **CARS** 2010, 2012, 2013

– etc...

RSNA, 2010

Slicer Training Events



Beijing, 2010

Invited workshops at international venues:

- PLA General Hospital, Beijing, China,
- Tokyo Women's Medical University, Japan
- IHK Akademie
 Westerham, Munich,
 Germany
- Rey Juan Carlos
 Universidad, Spain





- Bi-annual week of handson programming
- Practical exchange of idea and experience
- 2010: 126 international attendees, 71 projects, 8 countries (Austria, England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan)
- 17 project weeks in the US since 2005



P Conclusion

- Slicer is an open-source research platform for the rapid development of biomedical image analysis tools.
- Slicer community is open community with contributors from all over the world
- Slicer is a versatile platform for translational research and subject specific analysis of biomedical ima data





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