

3D Interactive Visualization of DICOM Images for Radiology Applications

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Part1: Introduction to data loading and 3D visualization of brain images



Part 2: 3D interactive exploration of the segments of the liver



Part 3: Gunshot wound of the liver: a clinical case

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An introduction to 3D Visualization

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Learning objective

Following this tutorial, you'll be able to load and visualize volumes within Slicer3, and to interact in 3D with structural images and models of the brain.





Slicer3

- An end-user application for image analysis
- An open-source environment for software development
- A software platform that is both easy to use for clinical researchers and easy to extend for programmers



Data

This course is built upon three datasets of a single healthy subject brain:



Launch Slicer3



Disclaimer

It is the responsibility of the user of 3DSlicer to comply with both the terms of the license and with the applicable laws, regulations and rules.



Slicer Welcome





Slicer3 GUI

The Graphical User Interface (GUI) of Slicer3.6 integrates 8 main components:

•the File Menu

•the Menu Toolbar

•the Module GUI Panel

•the 3D Viewer

•the Slice Viewer

•the Slice Controller

•the 3D View Controller





Part 1: Loading and visualizing multiple volumes simultaneously









Browse to Slicer3VisualizationDataset directory located in

C:/SlicerData_RSNA2010/Slicer3VisualizationDataset







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Part 2: Loading and visualizing segmented structures overlaid on grayscale images

Label map



- Image segmentation is the extraction of structural information of particular interest from surrounding image.
- Each pixel is assigned a specific label value which corresponds to the anatomical structure that it belongs to.
- The three-dimensional result of the segmentation is a binary array called a label map.
Loading a label map



Loading a label map



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Part 3: Loading and visualizing 3D models of the anatomy

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3D models



- A 3D model is a surface reconstruction of an anatomical structure.
- The model is a triangular mesh that approximates a surface from a 3D label map.
- The scalar values for surface models are integers which correspond to the label that had been assigned in the segmentation process.





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Loading a 3D model





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Part 4: Lightbox viewer


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Part 5: Loading and saving a Scene

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Select File → Save and click on Save Selected to include the two scene snapshots in the saved scene

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 3D visualization of anatomical surface reconstructions

• 3D interaction with volumes and models

• Open-source platform



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Anatomy of the liver



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The patient1 dataset is a contrast-enhanced CT abdominal scan of a healthy 36 year old male.

Loading the Liver Scene



Select File -> Exit to close the Brain Scene, and exit Slicer



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Liver Segments Scene

The elements of the scene appear in the Viewer



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Select the model Liver_Segment II

Turn on/off the visibility of Segment II

to identify its location.



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Position the mouse in the 3D Viewer, hold down the left mouse button and drag to orient the 3D model to a superior view.





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Question 1:

What organ abuts the leftmost margin of segment II in Patient 1?



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Question 1:

What organ abuts the leftmost margin of segment II in Patient 1?

Answer 1:



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Stomach



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Question 2:

Which segment would most likely be affected by an aggressive tumor invading locally from the right adrenal gland ?

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Segment VII

Question 2:

Which segment would most likely be affected by an aggressive tumor invading locally from the right adrenal gland ? **Answer 2:** Segment VII



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Middle Hepatic Vein



Question 3:

Which vessel separates Segment IVb and Segment V? **Answer 3:** National Alliance for Medical Image Computing The middle hepatic vein

Closing the Liver Scene



Select File -> Exit to close the Liver Scene and exit Slicer



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Gunshot wound of the liver: A Clinical Case

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Loading the Clinical Case



Select Start→ All Programs → Slicer3.3.6-2010-22-10→Slicer3

Select File -> Load Scene from the main menu

Load the scene *ClinicalCase.mrml* located in the directory *C:/SlicerData_RSNA2010/ClinicalCase*



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Loading the Clinical Case



The patient dataset is a contrast-enhanced CT abdominal scan of a 16 year old male involved in gun battle related to drugs

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Question 1: Based on the pattern of injury, where is the likely entry point of the bullet ?

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Question 1:

Based on the pattern of injury, where is the likely entry point of the bullet?

Answer 1: The bullet likely entered anteriorly.

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Question 2: Did the bullet pass near the aorta ?

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Question 2: Did the bullet pass near the aorta ?

Answer 2: The bullet passes through the liver anteriorly, far from the aorta.

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Question 3: Which rib was damaged by the bullet?

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8th rib



Question 3: Which rib was damaged by the bullet?

Answer 3: The bullet damaged the 8th rib.

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Conclusion



- Interactive interface to load and manipulate greyscale volumes, labelmaps and 3D models.
- 3D interaction with anatomical view
- Open-source platform for Linux, Mac and Windows

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Slicer Booth - Quantitative Imaging Reading Room
Monday November 29, 12:15-1:15pm
Wednesday December 1, 12:15-1:15pm
Thursday December 2, 12:15 - 1:15pm