

Resource Summary Report

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Vaa3D

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.vaa3d.org>

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Description: A handy, fast, and versatile 3D/4D/5D Image Visualization & Analysis System for Bioimages & Surface Objects. Vaa3D is a cross-platform (Mac, Linux, and Windows) tool for visualizing large-scale (gigabytes, and 64-bit data) 3D/4D/5D image stacks and various surface data. It is also a container of powerful modules for 3D image analysis (cell segmentation, neuron tracing, brain registration, annotation, quantitative measurement and statistics, etc) and data management. Vaa3D is very easy to be extended via a powerful plugin interface. For example, many ITK tools are being converted to Vaa3D Plugins. Vaa3D-Neuron is built upon Vaa3D to make 3D neuron reconstruction much easier. In a recent Nature Biotechnology paper (2010, 28(4), pp.348-353) about Vaa3D and Vaa3D-Neuron, an order of magnitude of performance improvement (both reconstruction accuracy and speed) was achieved compared to other tools.

Abbreviations: Vaa3D, Vaa3D-Neuron

Synonyms: V3D, Vaa3D: A Swiss army knife for bioimage visualization & analysis, V3D-Neuron, Vaa3D: A Swiss army knife for bioimage visualization and analysis, 3D Visualization-Assisted Analysis, Vaa3D and Vaa3D-Neuron

Resource Type: data visualization software, data management software, image analysis software, software resource, software application, data processing software, software toolkit

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Keywords: reusable library, atlas application, c, c++, cygwin, fiber tracking, gnome, image display, kde, linux, macos, microsoft, magnetic resonance, neuronal characterization, development environment, position, posix/unix-like, quantification, registration, rendering, resampling, segmentation, shape analysis, spatial transformation, surface analysis,

tractography, visualization, volumetric analysis, warping, win32 (ms windows), windows, windows 95/98/2000, windows nt/2000, windows vista, windows xp, 3d neuron reconstruction, 3d, neuron, reconstruction, microscopy

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Availability: Free, Available for download, Freely available

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Vaa3D.

No alerts have been found for Vaa3D.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 157 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [nidm-terms](#).

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