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KNOSSOS

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Resource Information

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

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Description: Software tool for the visualization and annotation of 3D image data and was developed for the rapid reconstruction of neural morphology and connectivity. By dynamically loading only data from the surround of the current view point, seamless navigation is not limited to datasets that fit into the available RAM but works with much larger dataset stored in a special format on disk. Currently, KNOSSOS is limited to 8-bit data. In addition to viewing and navigating, KNOSSOS allows efficient manual neurite annotation ("skeletonization"). KNOSSOS is being used mostly for reconstructing cell morphologies from 3D electron microscopic data generated by Serial Block-Face Electron Microscopy (SBEM), with an occasional application to 2-photon and confocal optical microscopy data.

Abbreviations: KNOSSOS

Resource Type: software resource

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Keywords: reconstruct, neuronal morphology, connectivity, electron microscopy, windows, python, retina, neuron, morphology, serial block-face electron microscopy, visualization, annotation, 3d image

Availability: GNU General Public License, v2

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for KNOSSOS.

No alerts have been found for KNOSSOS.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 51 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [SPARC SAWG](#) .

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