

# brainhack

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## Advancing Open Science through NiData

Project URL: <http://github.com/LORIS>

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### 1 Introduction

To create a simple application, with the least dependencies, for anonymization of DICOM files directly on workstation.

Anonymization of DICOM datasets is a requirement before an imaging study can be uploaded in a web-based database system, such as LORIS[1]. Currently, a simple and efficient interface for anonymization of such imaging datasets, which works on all operating systems and is very light in terms of dependencies, is not available.

### 2 Approach

The DICOM anonymizer is a simple graphical tool that uses [PyDICOM](#) package to anonymize DICOM datasets easily on any operating system, with no dependencies except for the default Python and NumPy packages. Dicom anonymizer is available for all UNIX systems (including Mac OS) and can be easily installed on Windows computers as well (see [PyDICOM installation](#)). The GUI (using [tkinter](#)) and the processing pipeline were designed in Python. Executing the anonymizer.gui.py script with a python compiler will start the program. Figure 1 illustrates how to use the program to anonymize a DICOM study.

### 3 Results

This graphical tool, designed to be easy-to-use, platform independent and having minimum dependencies, produces two zip files. One including the original DICOM files and one with the anonymized DICOM outputs.

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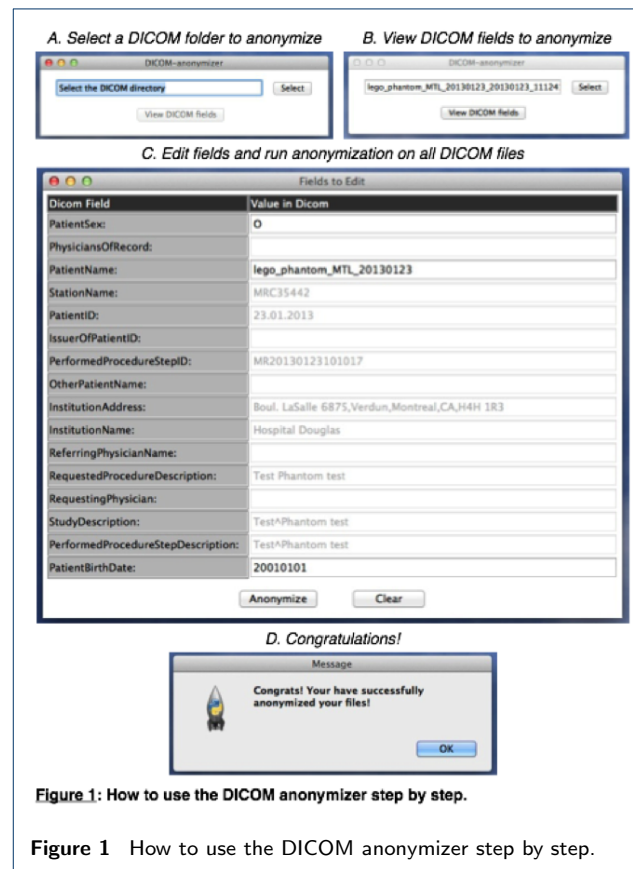


Figure 1: How to use the DICOM anonymizer step by step.

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### 4 Conclusions

The DICOM anonymizer is a simple standalone graphical tool that facilitates anonymization of DICOM datasets on any operating system. These anonymized studies can be uploaded to a web-based database system, such as LORIS, without compromising the patient or participant's identity.

**Availability of Supporting Data**

More information about this project can be found at:

<http://github.com/LORIS>. Further data and files supporting this project are hosted in the *GigaScience* repository REFXXX.

**Competing interests**

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