



Release Notes

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1 Introduction

SPECCHIO is a spectral database combined with user-friendly interface software designed to store spectral data acquired by spectroradiometers and associated metadata.

SPECCHIO was first developed at the Remote Sensing Labs at the Geography Department, University of Zurich to support long term usability and data sharing between researchers. It was then further enhanced through a project run by the University of Wollongong in 2012/2013. This project was supported by the Australian National Data Service (ANDS). ANDS is supported by the Australian Government through the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy Program and the Education Investment Fund (EIF) Super Science Initiative.

SPECCHIO is an Italian word meaning "mirror" or "looking glass". It can also be used to refer to a table of data or a scoreboard.

1.1 Document scope

SPECCHIO uses a Client-Server architecture. This User Guide details operation of the Client component of SPECCHIO only.

1.2 Intended audience

This document assumes that readers are familiar with...

- remote sensing and the disciplines and processes related to it.
- the general operation of their own computer.
- the general concept of a client-server architecture.

1.3 SPECCHIO ownership and access

SPECCHIO was originally built by the Remote Sensing Laboratories at the University of Zurich, and extended by Intersect for the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Wollongong.

1.4 Copyright and licensing

SPECCHIO is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 3.0 Unported Licence. Therefore its source is readily available for inspection and development. It can be found in LICENCE.html and at <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/>.

1.5 For Further Information

Please refer to the following documents for more information about SPECCHIO. Unless otherwise stated, they can be found in the SPECCHIO Installation kit.

SPECCHIO_ReleaseNotes.pdf can be found in each Installation Kit and provides installation instructions for the SPECCHIO Client.

SPECCHIO_Tutorial.pdf provides instruction in the operation of key areas of the SPECCHIO Client.

SPECCHIO_ServerInstallation.pdf provides system administrators with information to assist in managing and maintaining a SPECCHIO Server System.

SPECCHIO_VM.pdf provides information about the SPECCHIO Virtual Machine, basing on a VirtualBox CentOS virtual machine. The SPECCHIO VM is an easy solution to running a complete SPECCHIO server without the complex installation procedure of a complete native server installation.

SPECCHIO Web Site (www.specchio.ch) General information about SPECCHIO. Some of this information may be related to other non-UOW versions of SPECCHIO.

SPECCHIO UoW (<https://specchio.uow.edu.au>) Installation kits for University of Wollongong version of the SPECCHIO Client and documentation for that version.

SPECCHIO DC10 GitHub (<https://github.com/IntersectAustralia/dc10>) Source code for the University of Wollongong version of SPECCHIO.

SPECCHIO GitHub (<https://github.com/ahueni/SPECCHIO>) Source code for the community version of SPECCHIO, currently developed under the lead of RSL (University of Zurich).

2 Installation and Configuration

2.1 Before you install

SPECCHIO requires that Java Runtime Environment (JRE) version 1.6 or higher is already installed on your computer before installing SPECCHIO itself. To check the Java version on your system open a command window under Windows, or a terminal for Macintosh or UNIX systems, and type:

```
java -version
```

The output will be similar to:

```
java version "1.7.0_17"  
Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 1.7.0_17-b02)  
Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM (build 23.7-b01, mixed mode, sharing)
```

If you do not have Java installed, or the version number is less than 1.6, you should install an appropriate version of the Java Runtime Environment (JRE) from the internet at <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html>.

2.2 Installing the SPECCHIO Application Bundle

2.2.1 Installing SPECCHIO for the First Time

The SPECCHIO application plus the libraries it uses are supplied as an application bundle in JAR file format. The installation bundle is usable on Windows, Mac and Unix systems. For Mac OS X, a special installation bundle is additionally provided, packaging the SPECCHIO application as Mac OS application.

1. Open `specchio-client-installer.jar` by double-clicking on it, or executing `java -jar specchio-client-installer.jar` from the command line.
For Mac OS X open the `specchio-client-MacOSX-installer.jar` respectively.
2. Follow the prompts to install the software into a directory of your choice.

Note SPECCHIO does not currently support multi-user installations. SPECCHIO should usually be installed within the personal folder of each user wanting to use the software. This is the folder called `C:\Users\UserName` in Windows; `/Users/username` in Mac OS X; or `/home/username` in Unix and Linux.

2.2.2 Upgrading an Existing Installation

You can upgrade an existing installation by following the same procedure as for a new installation. Just install the new version of SPECCHIO into the same folder as your existing installation. You may wish to create a backup of your existing installation first.

The installer will ask you if you wish to overwrite the file `db_config.txt`. If you wish to continue using the database accounts that you established with the previous version of SPECCHIO, you should **not** overwrite this file.

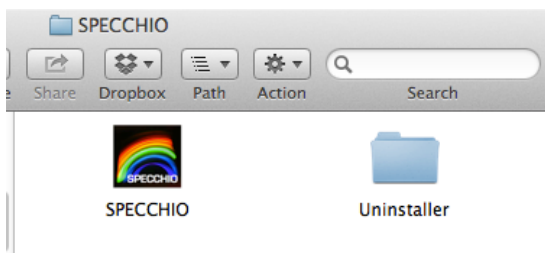
2.3 Launching the SPECCHIO Application

2.3.1 Windows

The installer creates a folder on the "Start" menu. This folder contains options for launching SPECCHIO on both 32-bit versions and 64-bit versions of Windows. Select the option that matches your version of Windows.

2.3.2 Mac OS X

Open Finder, and navigate to the folder into which you installed SPECCHIO. Double click the SPECCHIO application icon.



In case you installed the standard bundle (i.e. non Mac OS specific bundle), navigate to the `macosx` folder and double-click on `specchio`.

2.3.3 Unix and Linux

Navigate to the folder into which you installed SPECCHIO. If using a graphical interface that supports it, you may be able to start the application by double-clicking on `specchio-client.jar`. Otherwise, execute `java -jar specchio-client.jar` from the command line.

2.4 Creating a User Account

- Start the SPECCHIO client application.
- Select *Database*, then *Create a new user account* from the main menu.
- Complete the server details as follows, depending on the server you want to connect to:

Worldwide SPECCHIO Online System, hosted by University of Zurich

Web Application Server: `v473.vanager.de`

Port: `443`

Application Path: `/specchio_service`

Data Source: Choose between productive and test servers:

`jdbc/specchio_prod`

`jdbc/specchio_test`

- Press **Connect**.
- Complete the *title*, *first name*, *last name*, *institute*, *e-mail* and *WWW* fields as

desired.

The *first name*, *last name*, *institute* and *e-mail* are required.

Add new institutes as necessary using the **Add new institutes...** button.

SPECCHIO will not send any e-mail to the e-mail address entered and the address is not visible to other users.

- Press **Create**.

You should see a message saying that an account has been created and its details added to your configuration file.

The account username and password are automatically stored in the configuration file (`db_config.txt`). You do not need to know or record them yourself.

2.5 Using SPECCHIO

- Select *Database*, then *Connect to database* from the main menu.
- If you have only created one account, this account should be selected in the *Known connections* selector, and the dialogue should be pre-filled with the account details.
If you have created more than one account, you can choose between them using the *Known connections* selector.
- Press **Connect**.

You are now ready to use SPECCHIO as described in the User Guide.

Appendix A: Change History

V3.0.1

- DC10-301 Added a researcher description field for Research Data Australia
- DC10-302 Corrected a JAXBException when viewing an instrument picture
- DC10-303 Preserved db_config.txt when upgrading an existing installation
- DC10-304 Corrected account name generation for names containing punctuation
- DC10-306 Cleared the progress message when loading campaign data fails

V3.1.0

- Added support for automatic instrument and sensor inserts
- Added support for multiple data sources (multiple database on same server)
- Added packaging as Mac OS X application

V3.1.3

- Database updates (CORINE landcover support, instrument calibration support)
- Updates to increase speed during data selection and loading
- Enhanced API
- Interactive database config file editing

Bugfixes:

- Increased stability of system over time and multiple users
- Timestamp issue when operating the system in different timezones
- Increased file reader stability for UniSpec and ASD

V3.2.0 Alpha – Gamma Versions

- Timeline plot updated to show datapoints as squares.
- New Data Link function to create links between spectra to model Target-Reference links, Reference-Target links, Target-Target links and Provenance links.
- Query Builder has new method to set spectrum ids from an external process; useful for using query builder functionality with an existing set of spectrum ids.
- Speed improvement for data removal and file loading.
- Update to support latest file versions produced by SVC HR1024i.
- File loader for file produced by Ocean Optics new Ocean View software.
- File loader for Microtops text file and new attributes to support the metadata of the Microtops.
- File loader for Bruker FTIR dpt files.
- Ocean Optics Spectra Suite files: update to deal with corrupt files where the spectral data block was not written properly.
- Better reporting support for loaded/parsed files.
- Returning empty metaparameters when a metaparameter does not exist for a supplied spectrum. Applies to getMetaparameterValues and getMetaparameters

methods of the SpecchioClient. Non-existing parameters have their eav_id set to 0.

- Improved matching of sensors and instruments based on full wavelengths information during data loading.
- Radiance to Reflectance conversion: only target radiances are converted to reflectances; reference readings are ignored.
- Removed restriction in Data Loader that one directory can only hold one spectral file type: files may now be freely mixed.
- Support for new GPS format in SVC files produced by HR-1024i

Bugfixes:

- Metaparameter loading bug, appearing during target-reference linking.
- Support ASD Handheld files during DN to Radiance conversion
- Delta loading bug for files containing several spectra
- Campaign removing bug
- Bug that caused instruments with spaces and other special characters in their instrument name not to be inserted into the database during data ingestions, resulting in repeated instrument inserts.
- Bug in exclusive EAV selection method
- Bug that caused CSV writer to fail due to internal upgrade to Joda time.
- Wrong default storage field of Optics Name attribute.
- SVC time reading bug for PM time format

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- Speedup: Added storage of previous path once a metadata file, e.g. a picture, has been loaded in the Metadata editor
- Fix for the OceanView file format to extract the instrument name: note that this can currently lead to wrong results when more than one instruments are connected and run; in our experience all spectral files will contain the same instrument name due to a bug in the OceanView software.
- Updates for the HR1024i loader:
 - Support for the Irradiance unit
 - More support for date formats. This is still a mess as the date format depends on the language setting of the machine controlling the spectrometer. If you experience an error while loading please forward an example of the file to the SPECCHIO team.
 - Support for commas used in floating point representations (again a language setting issue)

- Intermediate fix for dealing with Unix style paths; for some reasons in a mixed environment it happened that Unix forward slashes were converted to backward slashes when having a shared campaign with Unix and Windows machines.
- Support for different wavelength calibrations of the same instrument.
- Handling of errors when inserting campaigns via exceptions and printing into the server log
- Handling of empty spectral files lists during inserts; a condition that can appear when implementing file loaders in 3rd party languages like Matlab

Bugfixes:

- HR1024i: bugfix that prevented the wavelength calibration of an instrument to be inserted properly.
- Bugfix to display all input fields in the account creation dialogue also on some versions of Java on Windows machines
- Instrument type number used for instrument identification to prevent mismatches of instruments or re-inserts of instruments.