Annotator: Add Images

Add Files and Folders

- There is no drag and drop option.
- If you are annotating images from the Allen network, copy them into your folder before trying to

Add files...

add them.

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Images

Add a folder...



- Select **Add a folder** to add every file in a folder.
 - If there are files in the folder that are not a supported file type those files won't be added
- Select Add files to multi-select files.

Using the File Finder

- Use the green arrows to navigate back/forward to previous folders.
- Use the grey arrow to choose from a list of recent paths.



Select the folder or files and click Choose to complete.



Can't find a folder?

Try finding the path to the folder outside of the Annotator.

Windows: New file explorer window \rightarrow click into folder \rightarrow look at the top title bar for file path

MacOS: New finder window \rightarrow right-click on the folder \rightarrow Get Info \rightarrow Where

Shuffle and Hide

- If images are shuffled and hidden:
 - No image names are shown
 - Images are in a random order
 - Images can't be deleted
- Images can be un-hidden and un-shuffled.
 - Images are returned to original order

Deleting Images

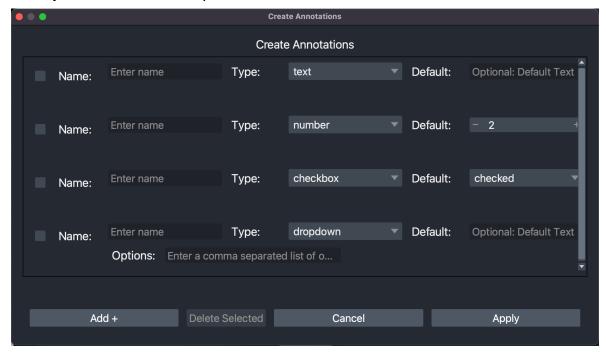
- Delete All to clear selected images.
- To **Delete Selected** images, check the box on the right of each image. Windows Users: to see image check boxes scroll to the right



Annotator: Add Annotations

Create New Annotation Template

- Select Create Template if you are going to be starting a new set of annotations.
 - If you are using the same annotation criteria/template as others, using **Import Template** is the better option.



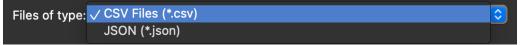
- In the create annotations popup, **Add** up to 10 annotations.
- You can **Delete Selected** template items by checking the box on the left and then clicking the delete button.
- Template items can be reordered with drag-and-drop.
- Cancel will discard all items and close the popup.
- Apply will close the popup and show a preview of the template in the main window
- There are 4 annotation types:
 - 1. Text: allows letters and numbers.
 - 2. Number: allows 2-digit numbers. For 3-digit numbers use text.
 - 3. Checkbox: use for pass-fail or yes-no annotations.
 - 4. Dropdown: allows the annotator to select from a set list of options.
- Default values will be automatically filled in for the annotation. Useful if you anticipate writing or selecting the same value for many of the images.

Import an Existing Annotation Template

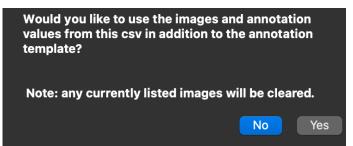
Import a Template to re-use an existing set of annotations.



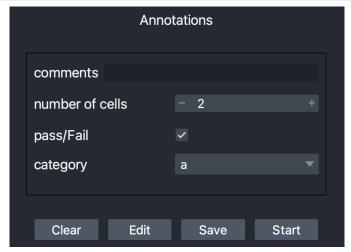
In the file dialog popup, make sure to select the file type you are using.



- A JSON file contains only the annotation template.
- A CSV file contains
 - 1. a list of files
 - 2. an annotation template
 - 3. annotation values
 - Select No in the popup if you only want to use the annotation template.
 - Select **Yes** to continue annotating the image list in this csv.



Annotation Template Preview



- **Clear** will remove all annotation items currently shown.
- **Edit** allows adding, deleting, and altering the annotation template.

Editing the template is not available if you are continuing annotating from a csv file

- **Save** will allow you to save the annotation template in a JSON file. You can create a new file or overwrite an existing JSON file.
 - Use this JSON file to share an annotation template so others can use your template.
- Click Start to begin annotating!
 - Once annotation begins, no further editing or changes are allowed.
 - You will be asked to select or create a CSV file.
 - Choose a destination folder where you want the CSV to be placed and name the file
 - Or find and select an existing csv

If you are continuing annotating a previously created CSV and replace that file, you will not lose any annotations.

Annotating

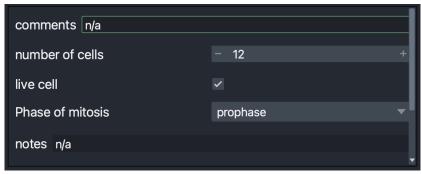
- **Exit**: save values to CSV, exit annotation, return to start.
- **Save**: save values to CSV. Annotations are not automatically saved, so make sure to save periodically and exit the Annotator using the **Exit** button.
- **Next/Previous**: move to a new image.

Annotator: Helpful Hints

Keyboard Shortcuts

The following keyboard shortcuts can be used while annotating.

	Next Image	Previous Image
Windows	CTRL + > or CTRL + SHIFT + .	CTRL + < or CTRL + SHIFT + ,
MacOS	CMD + > or CMD + SHIFT + .	CMD + < or CMD + SHIFT + ,



• The annotation highlighted in green is the current annotation. To move the cursor/focus up or down an annotation, use the following.

	Down	Up
Windows	CTRL + ENTER	CTRL + SHIFT + ENTER
MacOS	CMD + RETURN	CMD + SHIFT + RETURN

• Depending on the current annotation type, there are additional shortcuts.

Checkbox	Toggle Check
Windows	CTRL + SHIFT + SPACE
MacOS	CMD + SHIFT + SPACE

Drop Down	Move Between Options	Select an Option
	Arrow Keys	Enter/Return

Napari Window Hints

• To move the plugin to a separate window, click the multi-window icon on the top of the plugin.



• If you do not need to use layers, you can close the layer controls and make more room for image viewing by clicking **Window** and unchecking **layer controls** and **layer list**.

