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Chapter 1

The History of Horos

Horos was originally released on the 14th of February 2015, Valentine's Day in many parts of the world. It arose as a fork of the OsiriX project. Version 5.8 of OsiriX™ was its predecessor code base. Horos was born out of the desire to continue to perpetuate a fully open source professional medical image viewer. Named after Horus who was the son of Osiris and was thought to be made from his body parts, Horos was similarly originally constructed from the open source code of OsiriX as well as several other projects.

Horos Today

Horos continues to be an open source project. It is licensed under the GNU LGPL 3 license, specifically inviting community involvement in improving and adding to its capabilities. Software developers have added plug-ins that they provide (either at a charge or free) to the community.

Horos may come from several different sources. Be sure you know which version you are downloading. The authentic and curated latest version of Horos can be found exclusively at **www.horosproject.org**

Horos operates on an Apple Macintosh computer running OSX Version 10.11 or later. It is intended to be a viewer for medical images produced by virtually any modality that generates a DICOM format image including MRI, CT, PET, PET-CT, SPECT-CT, Ultrasound, Nuclear or X-ray. Horos enables the display, review, interpreting, post-processing, reporting and routing of medical images studies.

Using Horos

Horos is not FDA approved or otherwise certified for use as a primary diagnosis tool. An effort is underway to gain certification. However, until that is available, Horos is not intended to be used for that purpose. However, as a secondary viewer, a display tool, a teaching tool, for veterinary use, forensics, or otherwise, Horos can be very useful.

System Requirements

Horos only runs on an Apple Mac running Mac OS X. It will not operate on a Windows-based PC or Linux system.

The minimum system requirements are as follow

Mac OS X 10.11 or later
4GB of RAM (8 GB recommended)
Minimum of 1280 × 1024 pixels

Horos supports the use of two display monitors.

Backing up your Data

No matter how many images or studies you handle, we always recommend you have a backup solution (offsite preferably) in the event of a disaster, whether natural or man-made. As such, we suggest you connect your Horos viewer to a proper PACS (Picture Archive and Communication System) in the cloud or locally usually configured with a RAID or similar resilient storage option.

Downloading the Software

The latest version of the Horos software is available at www.horosproject.org. By pressing the DOWNLOAD button near the top of the screen, you will be redirected to enter your information so that you become registered as a user and then the software will be downloaded to your DOWNLOAD folder on your Mac.

If you double click on the downloaded file icon you will then see the Horos Software License. After carefully reading the license you may proceed by pressing the **AGREE** button. That will display the screen shown below on which you can drag the Horos icon near the left over the Applications Folder Icon on the right to complete the installation process.

If you already have an earlier version of Horos on your computer, it will ask if you want to replace that version. You can do this without any risk of losing your prior data. Once Horos is installed on your computer, you can access it from the Applications Folder. From there you can either open Horos or drag it to your application bar at the bottom of your screen so that it is more easily available.

Plug-Ins and the Horos Cloud

Plug-Ins

From time to time the Horos community as well as Purview, publish small applets that can extend the functionality of Horos. These may be found in the Horos pull-down menu at the top of the Horos screen under “Plugins.” Any plugins that are already installed will be indicated. Available plugins not yet installed, will display in the “Plugins Manager” selection, by choosing that selection and then clicking on the up/down carats at the right of the display box.

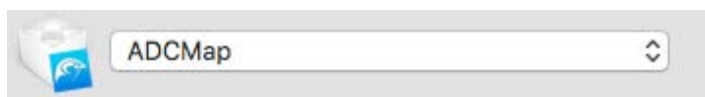


Figure 1.1

Horos Cloud (Optional)

The Horos Cloud is a specialized plugin that provides a set of additional functionality for Horos. Today, it has three functions. The first is a **cloud repository for generating and storing radiological reports**. Reports can be created in a web browser environment and then emailed to recipients or securely stored and archived. The cloud also is a way to **share studies**. With the Horos cloud an email with a secure pointer to the study can be sent to anyone, whether or not they are using Horos, to enable them to view the study. And third, the cloud may be used as a **storage, offsite PACS or archive**.

The Horos cloud, once enabled, should appear to the left of the menu icons on the main Horos screen.

Chapter 2

Setting Up Horos

To set up Horos for the first time, or make subsequent modifications, pull down the Horos menu tab and select Preferences. Horos Preferences will enable you to set defaults for how your Horos desktop will operate. These are detailed below.



Figure 2.1