

Documentation for **QuickFiber** Output Files

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This documents describes the format of the files generated by the **QuickFiber** software.

1 Important definitions

Taken from <https://desi.lbl.gov/trac/wiki/Pipeline/FormatsAndNumbering>

- **Tile:** pre-defined locations on the sky. Tiles are pre-defined with a 6-digit ID. 900000 and above are reserved for calibration, commissioning, test, ancillary, and other non-DESI key project tiles, which may not even appear in a DESI tile list.
- **Pointing:** A specific selection of targets within a tile indicating both a pointing of the telescope and the fiber positioners.

This means that a tile may be observed multiple times with different pointings. A pointing may be observed multiple times with different exposures. If even one target changes or any target: fiber mapping changes it becomes a new pointing. A slightly different positioner location of the same targets on the same fibers is the same pointing.

2 QuickFiber outputs

The principal outputs of `QuickFiber` are

- `PotentialFiberMap`. The set of targets that can be reached by a set of fibers in a tile.
- `FiberMap`. This is a pointing defining which targets are on which fiber.

The previous two items will be stored in the same FITS file for each tile and pointing. This means that two different assignment algorithms running on the same tile producing different pointings will store the results in different files.

3 QuickFiber output file naming convention

Primary output files from `QuickFiber` will follow the naming scheme

`QuickFiber.TTTTTT.PPPPPPPPPPPP.fits`

where TTTTTT is the 6-digit Tile ID and PPPPPPPPPPPP is a 12-digit pointing ID. The pointing ID is hash value computed by adding the IDs of all the targets in the pointing.

4 Output file data-structure

`PotentialFiberMap` contains the following information

- `fiber`: [0-4999]
- `numtargetid`: [1-] Number of potential target IDs associated to each fiber. If a fiber has zero potential targets it has the `targetID -1` associated to it.
- `targetid`: unique target identifier to get back to target selection info. This contains all the targets that can be reached by a fiber. This concatenates the sets of available targets for each fiber.

`FiberMap` contains the following information¹

- `fiber`: [0-4999]
- `positioner`: [0-4999]
- `objtype`: ELG, LRG, QSO, SKY, STDSTAR, GAL, OTHER
- `targetid`: unique target identifier to get back to target selection info
- `desi_target0`: 64 bit mask of targeting info

¹First defined in <https://desi.lbl.gov/trac/wiki/Pipeline/FormatsAndNumbering>.

- ra: degrees [0-360]
- dec: degrees [-90 - +90]
- xfocal.design: mm from center in positioner coordinate system
- yfocal.deisgn: mm from center in positioner coordinate system

4.1 Example of PotentialFiberMap construction

Let's assume for simplicity that we have 4 fibers with IDs [0,1,2,3]. There are in turn 4 different sets of targets that can be reached by each fiber. These sets are [980,203], [736,102,304], [234] and [-1] for fibers 0,1,2 and 3, respectively. The index -1 for fiber 3 means that this fiber cannot reach any target.

In this case PotentialFiberMap has the following fields

- fiber: contains the array [0,1,2,3].
- numtargetid: contains the array [2,3,1,1].
- targetid: contains the array [980,203,736,102,304,234,-1].