

Slicer Extensions

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What Is An Extension ?

Definition

An installable package including Slicer modules.

What Is A Module ?

Definition

From simple filter to an entire processing GUI workflow, implements *your* method to interactively (or not) process, transform and visualize medical data.

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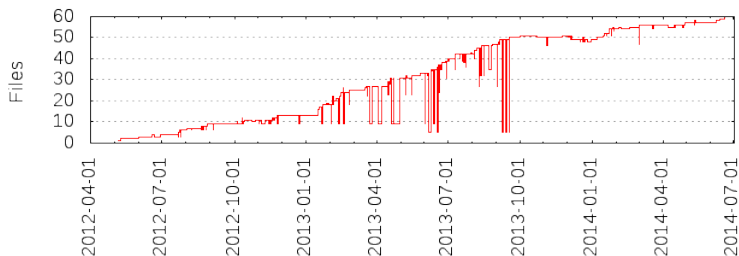
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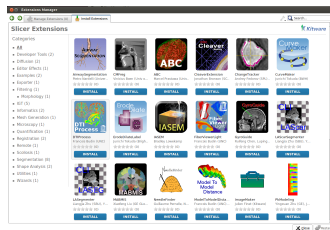
Some stats.

- More than 50 extensions contributed.
- Available on Linux, MacOSX and Windows.
- ExtensionsIndex: 59 authors, 1052 commits



Install / Remove Extension.

- View → ExtensionsManager (or CTRL-4)



New Features

- Handles dependencies.
- Searchable list of extension.
- Offline installation given extension package path.

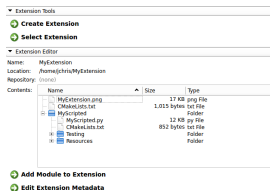
Update Extension.

Planned For 4.4 Release

- Manual or automatic update of any given extension. See #2089.

Creating extensions using UI.

Modules → Developer Tools → Extension Wizard



New Features

- Create *default* or *superbuild* extension.
- Add *cli*, *loadable* or *scripted* module.
- Add module to existing extension.
- Edit extension metadata.
- Create and load scripted module without restarting Slicer.

Creating Extensions using slicerExtensionWizard.

One-liner to create your extension !

```
1 PATH=~ / Projects / Slicer - SuperBuild - Release / Slicer - build / bin / : $PATH  
2 slicerExtensionWizard --create MyExtension ~/ \\  
3 --addModule scripted : MyScripted
```

ProTips

- Wizard available (1) if Slicer built with OpenSSL support or (2) directly from the nightly.
- Windows user should use Git Bash.

Publishing Extensions.

One-liner to publish your extension on Github !

```
1 slicerExtensionWizard --publish ~/MyExtension
```

New Features

- Associate git repository with extension sources.
- Create initial commit.
- Publish extension sources on Github.

ProTips

- We recommend Github.

Contributing Extensions.

One-liner to contribute your extension !

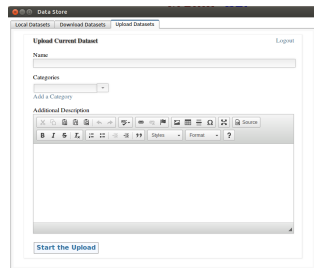
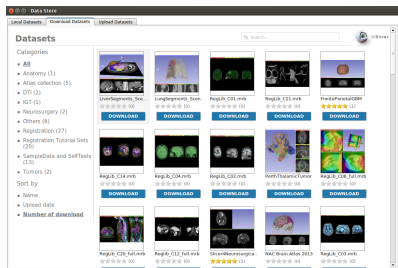
```
1 slicerExtensionWizard --contribute ~/MyExtension
```

ProTips

- The ExtensionWizard creates a pull request on the ExtensionsIndex.

DataStore Module

Modules → DataStore



- Upload new datasets.
- Browse and search datasets.
- Download, Review and comment the datasets.

Summary

- Extensions are the future of Slicer.
- *Extension Wizard* for streamlined extensions creation and contribution.
- *DataStore* to share your data.

What is Next ?

- Keep track of installed extensions across version (#2779).
- Automatic creation of extension wiki page (#3605).
- Slicer developer SDK (#3353).
- Streamlined Slicer API documentation.

Demos

- 1 Create, Publish and Create an extension using the CLI *slicerExtensionWizard*.
- 2 Create an extension using the ExtensionWizard UI.

Q&A

Questions ?

References

- [wiki: Create Extensions](#)
- [wiki: Contribute Extension Description Files](#)
- [wiki: ExtensionWizard](#)
- [wiki: Extensions Framework Roadmap](#)
- [wiki: DataStore Module](#)
- [wiki: Different Type of Modules](#)