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CATMAID

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Type: Tool

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Resource Information

URL: <http://catmaid.org/>

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Description: A toolkit designed to navigate, share and collaboratively annotate massive image data sets of biological specimens. The interface enables synchronized navigation through multiple registered datasets even at vastly different scales such as in comparisons between optical and electron microscopy. The interface is inspired by GoogleMaps, with which it shares basic navigation concepts, enhanced to allow the exploration of 3D biological image data acquired by optical or physical sectioning microscopy techniques. The interface enables seamless sharing of regions of interest through bookmarks and synchronized navigation through multiple registered data sets. With massive biological image data sets it is unrealistic to create a sustainable centralized repository. A unique feature of CATMAID is its partially decentralized architecture where the presented image data can reside on any Internet accessible server and yet can be easily cross-referenced in the central database. In this way no image data are duplicated and the data producers retain full control over their images. CATMAID is intended to serve as data sharing platform for biologists using high-resolution imaging techniques to probe large specimens. Any high-throughput, high-content imaging project such as gene expression pattern screens would benefit from the interface for data sharing and annotation. Features: * Fast terabyte-scale image data browsing * Collaborative microcircuit reconstruction and annotation * Flexible hierarchical semantic annotation * Multiple linked image stack display * Neuron Catalog * SVG and WebGL-based neuronal morphology viewer * Open source software

Abbreviations: CATMAID

Synonyms: Collaborative Annotation Toolkit for Massive Amounts of Image Data

Resource Type: software application, software resource, source code

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Keywords: microscopy, image, data sharing, platform, annotation, 3d image, electron microscopy, light microscopy, neural circuit, reconstruction, serial section, alignment, tracing, neuron, FASEB list

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for CATMAID.

No alerts have been found for CATMAID.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 91 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [RRID](#) .

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