
readlif

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class readlif.reader.LifFile (filename)

Given a path or buffer to a lif file, returns objects containing the image and data.

This is based on the java openmicroscopy bioformats lif reading code that is here: <https://github.com/openmicroscopy/bioformats/blob/master/components/formats-gpl/src/loci/formats/in/LIFReader.java> # noqa

Variables

- **xml_header** (*string*) – The LIF xml header with tons of data
- **xml_root** (*ElementTree*) – ElementTree XML representation
- **offsets** (*list*) – Byte positions of the files
- **num_images** (*int*) – Number of images
- **image_list** (*dict*) – Has the keys: path, folder_name, folder_uuid, name, image_id, frames

Example

```
>>> from readlif.reader import LifFile
>>> new = LifFile('./path/to/file.lif')
```

```
>>> for image in new.get_iter_image():
>>>     for frame in image.get_iter_t():
>>>         frame.image_info['name']
>>>         # do stuff
```

```
>>> # For non-xy imaging experiments
>>> img_0 = new.get_image(0)
>>> for i in range(0, img_0.dims_n[4]):
>>>     plane = img_0.get_plane(requested_dims = {4: i})
```

get_image (img_n=0)

Specify the image number, and this returns a LifImage object of that image.

Parameters **img_n** (*int*) – Image number to retrieve

Returns LifImage object with specified image

get_iter_image (img_n=0)

Returns an iterator of LifImage objects in the lif file.

Parameters **img_n** (*int*) – Image to start iteration at

Returns Iterator of LifImage objects.

class readlif.reader.LifImage (image_info, offsets, filename)

This should not be called directly. This should be generated while calling get_image or get_iter_image from a LifFile object.

Variables

- **path** (*str*) – path / name of the image
- **dims** (*tuple*) – (x, y, z, t, m)
- **display_dims** (*tuple*) – The first two dimensions of the lif file. This is used to decide what dimensions are returned in a 2D plane.

- **dims_n** (*dict*) – {0: length, 1: length, 2: length, n: length}

For atypical imaging experiments, i.e. those not simple photos of XY frames, this attribute will be more useful than *dims*. This attribute will hold a dictionary with the length of each dimension, in the order it is referenced in the .lif file.

Currently, only some of the 10 possible dimensions are used / known:

- 1: x-axis
- 2: y-axis
- 3: z-axis
- 4: time
- 5: detection wavelength
- 6-8: Unknown
- 9: illumination wavelength
- 10: mosaic tile
- **name** (*str*) – image name
- **offsets** (*list*) – Byte position offsets for each image.
- **filename** (*str, bytes, os.PathLike, io.IOBase*) – The name of the LIF file being read
- **channels** (*int*) – Number of channels in the image
- **nz** (*int*) – number of ‘z’ frames
Note, it is recommended to use *dims.z* instead. However, this will be kept for compatibility.
- **nt** (*int*) – number of ‘t’ frames
Note, it is recommended to use *dims.t* instead. However, this will be kept for compatibility.
- **scale** (*tuple*) – (scale_x, scale_y, scale_z, scale_t).
Conversion factor: px/μm for x, y and z; sec/image for t.
- **scale_n** (*dict*) – {0: length, 1: length, 2: length...}.
Conversion factor: px/μm for x, y and z; sec/image for t. Related to *dims_n* above.
- **bit_depth** (*tuple*) – A tuple of ints that indicates the bit depth of each channel in the image.
- **mosaic_position** (*list*) – If the image is a mosaic (tiled), this contains a list of tuples with four values: (*FieldX, FieldY, PosX, PosY*). The length of this list is equal to the number of tiles.
- **info** (*dict*) – Direct access to data dict from LifFile, this is most useful for debugging. These are values pulled from the Leica XML.

get_frame (*z=0, t=0, c=0, m=0*)

Gets the specified frame (z, t, c, m) from image.

Parameters

- **z** (*int*) – z position
- **t** (*int*) – time point
- **c** (*int*) – channel

- **m** (*int*) – mosaic image

Returns Pillow Image object

get_iter_c (*z=0, t=0, m=0*)

Returns an iterator over the channels at time t and position z.

Parameters

- **z** (*int*) – z position
- **t** (*int*) – time point
- **m** (*int*) – mosaic image

Returns Iterator of Pillow Image objects

get_iter_m (*z=0, t=0, c=0*)

Returns an iterator over the z series of time t and channel c.

Parameters

- **t** (*int*) – time point
- **c** (*int*) – channel
- **z** (*int*) – z position

Returns Iterator of Pillow Image objects

get_iter_t (*z=0, c=0, m=0*)

Returns an iterator over time t at position z and channel c.

Parameters

- **z** (*int*) – z position
- **c** (*int*) – channel
- **m** (*int*) – mosaic image

Returns Iterator of Pillow Image objects

get_iter_z (*t=0, c=0, m=0*)

Returns an iterator over the z series of time t and channel c.

Parameters

- **t** (*int*) – time point
- **c** (*int*) – channel
- **m** (*int*) – mosaic image

Returns Iterator of Pillow Image objects

get_plane (*display_dims=None, c=0, requested_dims=None*)

Gets the specified frame from image.

Parameters

- **display_dims** (*tuple*) – Two value tuple (1, 2) specifying the two dimension plane to return. This will default to the first two dimensions in the LifFile, specified by LifFile.display_dims
- **c** (*int*) – channel
- **requested_dims** (*dict*) – Dictionary indicating the item to be returned, as described by a numerical dictionary, ex: {3: 0, 4: 1}

Returns Pillow Image object

`readlif.utilities.get_xml` (*filename*)

Given a lif file, returns two values (xml_root, xml_header) where xml_root is an ElementTree root, and xml_header is the text.

This is useful for debugging.

Some private functions are used from readlif.reader.

Parameters `filename` (*string*) – what file to open?

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