

# Supported Software and File Formats

## 1 SOFTWARE

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Software currently supported by the Technology Licensing Section (TLS) is shown below. All TLS computers are Microsoft Windows, occasionally leading to incompatibilities; we would like to request your understanding and co-operation in such cases.

- Acrobat (Adobe)
- ChemBioDraw
- Digital Micrograph (Gatan)
- eDrawings (SolidWorks)
- EndNote – can be used to provide prior-art references
- Excel (Microsoft)
- Gantt Project
- Illustrator CS6 (Adobe)
- ImageJ (NIH)
- Origin
- Photoshop CS6 (Adobe)
- PowerPoint (Microsoft)
- Word (Microsoft)
- ZEN Blue (Zeiss)

### 1.1 SPECIALIZED SOFTWARE

When using any software that is not specified above, the inventor(s) are responsible for providing data in an appropriate format and of sufficiently high quality for patent filing or technology promotion. If such data has not been provided the TLS may be obliged to contact the inventor(s), as much as one year after the initial patent filing.

If there is specialized software that you would like TLS to support that is not listed above, please contact us and we will consider your request.

## 2 FILE NAMING

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TLS would like to request, that in addition to the use of timestamps to distinguish between versions, inventors observe the below when choosing invention file names.

### 2.1 INVENTION TRACKING NUMBER

Each invention at OIST is assigned a 4-digit identifier. When patent attorneys and TLS personnel correspond, this 4-digit ID is used to automatically filter e-mail and for the identification of invention

files. TLS will advise inventors of this 4-digit ID and requests that where possible invention files names include it.

## 2.2 FILE NAMES

For compatibility and portability with not only OIST systems and software, but the systems and software of external parties, such as patent attorneys, TLS would like to recommend that only the characters below (the portable filename character set) be used in file names:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . \_ -

The use of Japanese characters, spaces, middots (interpuncts), other punctuation marks and accents (diacritical marks), is not supported and TLS cannot accept responsibility for delays incurred by their use in file names.

## 3 PREFERRED FILE FORMATS

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With the above software many file formats can be supported, however, it should be noted that not all of them can be edited; some specific examples are listed below.

### 3.1 DOCUMENTS

The preferred format is Microsoft Word, because of Track Changes, which is used to ensure that the inventors wishes are properly reflected in the filed patent application and because Patent Attorneys predominantly use this software.

### 3.2 MOVIE CLIPS

The preferred format is MP4 container, H.264 video codec, and AAC-LC audio codec for compatibility and portability.

## 4 EXTENT OF SUPPORT

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There are three levels of support provided by TLS, full support (display and edit), display only support, and no support. For the purposes of patent filings, it is preferred that TLS should not be required to edit any documents and that only the inventor or the patent attorney edit any documents for filings. For the purpose of technology promotion, TLS will require the ability to edit and not only view data to adapt materials to the purpose without burdening the inventor(s).

### 4.1 DOCUMENTS

PostScript and T<sub>E</sub>X display are supported, however T<sub>E</sub>X results vary. Editing is not supported.



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## 4.2 NUMERICAL DATA

Matlab is not supported, please export data to Origin, Excel or CSV format.

## 4.3 CAD DATA

CAD data display is supported for formats supported by SolidWorks eDrawings. Editing is not supported.