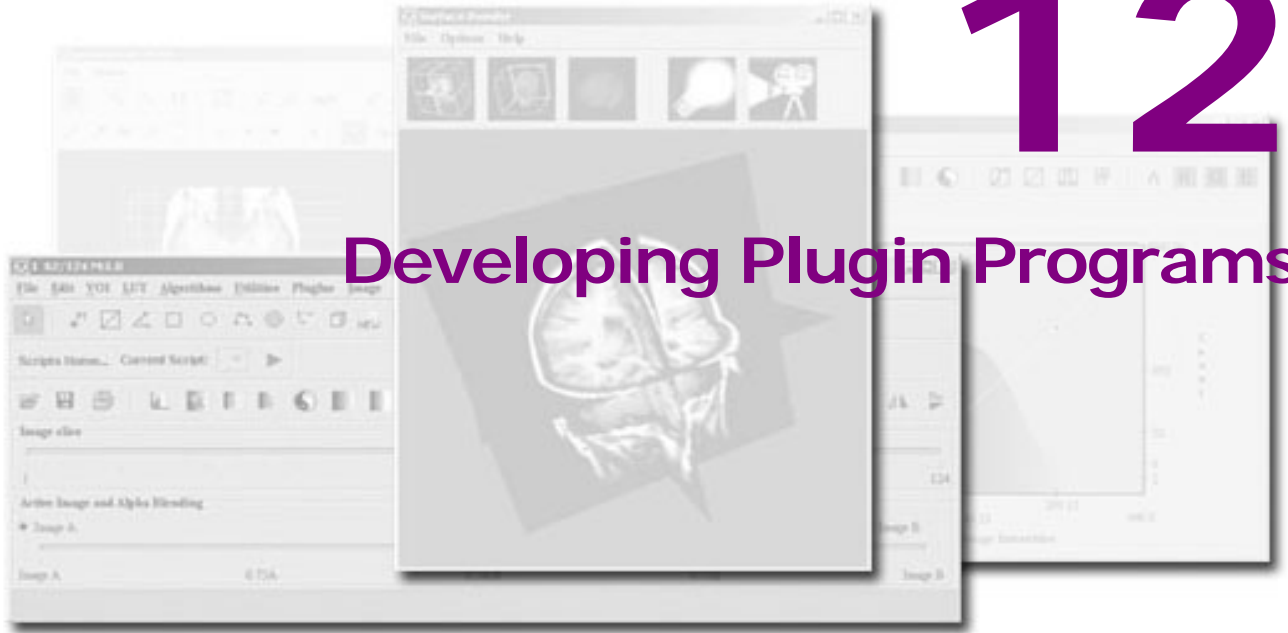


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Developing Plugin Programs

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Users who know how to program in Java can write a *plugin program* that adds support for a new file format, creates a new view, or applies a new algorithm to an image. *This chapter does not intend to explain how to write a Java program; rather it presents information to help users who are writing plugin programs to customize MIPAV.* You can find in this chapter how to:

- Gain access to and use the online MIPAV application programming interface (API) documentation
- Determine which version of Java to use
- Select one of the three plugin types
- Include mandatory lines of code in plugin programs so that they interface correctly with MIPAV
- Install plugin programs

Understanding plugin programs

Plugin programs, also known simply as *plugins*, are utilities or sets of instructions that add functionality to a program without changing the program. In MIPAV, you use Java to write and compile plugin programs to perform specific functions, such as automatically removing all odd-numbered images from the image dataset or adding support for a new file format.

There are three types of plugin programs that you may write for MIPAV:

- **Algorithm**—An algorithm type of plugin performs a function on an image. An example is a plugin that applies a radial blur algorithm to an image. You can create plugin algorithms through Java.
- **File**—A file type of plugin allows MIPAV to support a new file format. An example is a plugin that allows MIPAV to view Kodak Photo CD files (.pcd).
- **View**—A view type of plugin introduces a new view, or the way in which the image is displayed. Examples include the lightbox, triplanar, and animate views.

Note: Because MIPAV already supports a large number of file formats and views and its development team makes it a practice to extend its capabilities in these areas, it is generally unnecessary to add file or view types of plugins. Most plugin programs, therefore, are algorithms.

After developing a plugin program, you can then install the plugin program into the MIPAV application and access it from the Plugins menu in the MIPAV window. The MIPAV window labeled “(A)” in Figure 310 shows the Plugins menu as it appears before any plugin programs are installed. The picture labeled “(B)” in Figure 310 shows the Plugins menu as it appears after two plugin programs—in this case, the Fantasm plugin program and the Talairach Transform plugin program—are installed. Because the Fantasm and Talairach Transform plugin programs are algorithms, they appear under the Plugins > Algorithm menu.

Note: If a plugin program is a file type of plugin, it would appear under a Plugins > File menu. If it is a view type, it would appear under a Plugins > View menu.

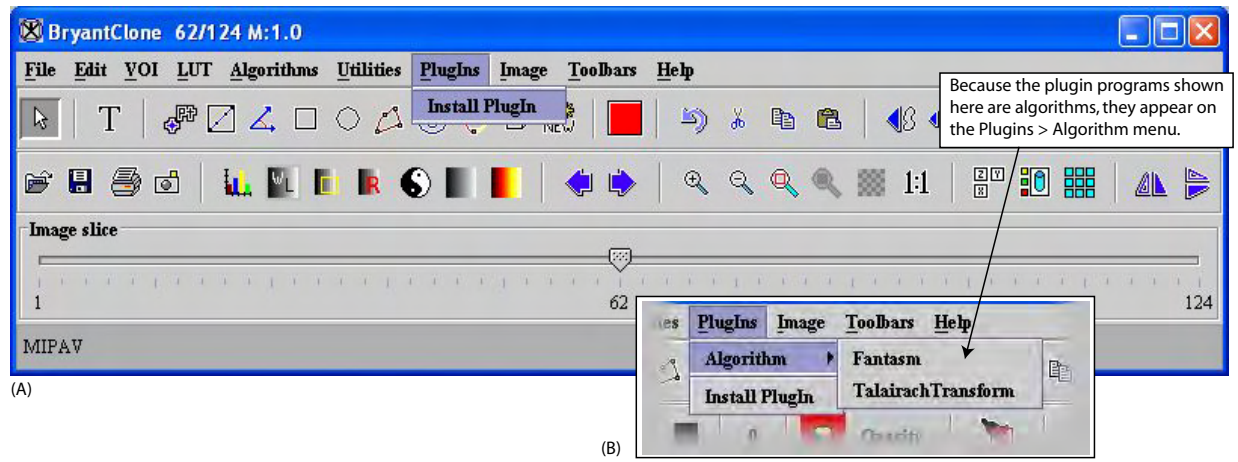


Figure 310. Plugins menu in the MIPAV window: (A) Before a plugin is installed and (B) after two algorithm plugins are installed

Using the API documentation

Documentation for the application programming interface (API) is located on the MIPAV web site <http://mipav.cit.nih.gov/>. You can use the documentation directly on the web site. However, if your internet access is limited or slow, you can download, install, and use either a zipped version of the documentation on a Windows workstation or a tar version on a UNIX workstation.

To access the API documentation via the internet

- 1 Go to the MIPAV web site: < <http://mipav.cit.nih.gov/>.
- 2 Click Development in the links on the left side of the page. The Development page appears. See Figure 311.
- 3 Here, use the following links:
 - [MIPAV API](#)
 - [MIPAV XML based Formats](#)

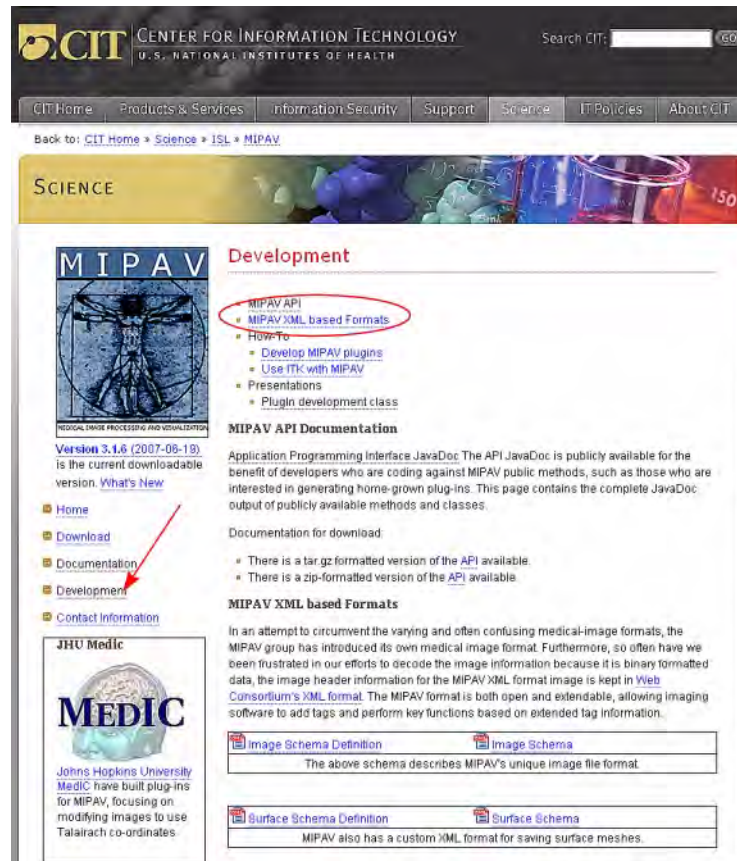


Figure 311. The Development page on the MIPAV web site offers a lot of helpful links

TO DOWNLOAD AND INSTALL THE API DOCUMENTATION ON A WINDOWS WORKSTATION,

- 1 Under **Documentation for download**, select a zip-formatted version. Save the file to a directory of your choice.
- 2 Go to the directory, double-click `api.zip`, and extract the files. Extraction creates a directory named “api” under the directory you chose to place the files.
- 3 Open the api directory, and double-click `index.html`. The API documentation appears in your browser.

TO DOWNLOAD AND INSTALL THE API DOCUMENTATION ON A UNIX WORKSTATION,

- 1** Under **Documentation for download**, select a tar.gz-formatted version. Save the file to a directory of your choice.
- 2** Go to the directory, double-click `api.tar.gz`, and extract the files. Extraction creates a catalogue named “api” under the directory you chose to place the files.
- 3** Open the api directory, and double-click `index.html`. The API documentation appears in your browser.

Viewing MIPAV API documentation online

On the Development page, click the Application Programming Interface JavaDoc link <http://mipav.cit.nih.gov/documentation/api/index.html>. The API documentation page appears displaying the following three frames:

- **Top left frame**—Shows all of the Java packages for the MIPAV application. When you select the All Classes link at the top of this frame, all of the classes in MIPAV appear in alphabetical order in the bottom left frame. If you select a particular package, the bottom left frame displays only the classes that pertain to the selected package.
- **Bottom left frame**—Lists either all of the classes in the MIPAV application or all of the classes in a selected package.
- **Right frame**—Displays information based on the command that you select in the menu at the top of the frame:
- **Overview**—Lists all of the packages in the MIPAV application
- **Package**—Lists and summarizes all of the classes and interfaces in the package
- **Class or Interface**—Lists descriptions, summary tables, and detailed member descriptions
- **Tree**—Displays a hierarchy of the class or package
- **Deprecated**—Lists deprecated APIs

- **Index**—Provides an alphabetical list of all classes, interfaces, constructors, methods, and fields
- **Help**—Provides help for the API documentation

Several links appear beneath the menu.

- **Prev and Next**—These links take you to the next or previous class, interface, package, or related page.
- **Frames and No Frames links**—These links show and hide the HTML frames. All pages are available with or without frames. See [Figure 312](#).

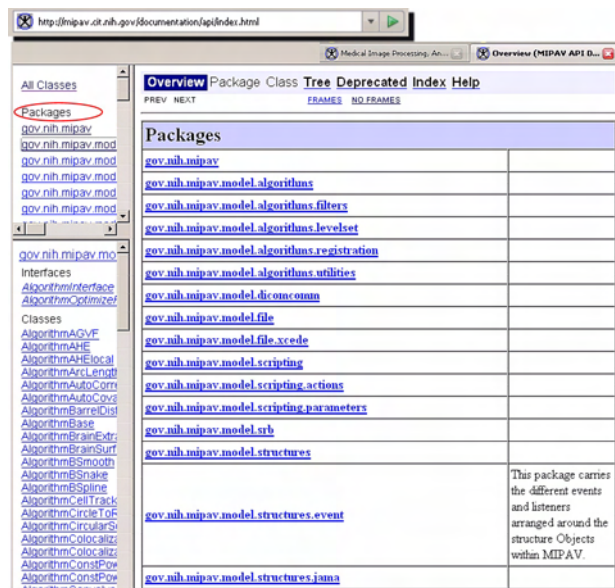


Figure 312. The Overview page

OVERVIEW PAGE

The Overview page is the page that initially appears when you gain access to the API documentation. This page displays a list of all of the packages in MIPAV. The Overview menu becomes available after you move to another page. To return to the Overview page from the any other page, click Overview. The Overview page appears and displays a list of all of the packages in MIPAV. Refer to [Figure 312](#).

PACKAGE PAGE

When you select one of the packages listed on the Overview page, the Package page appears. This page provides a summary of each interface (if any), class, and exception (if any) in the package. When you click an interface or class, the Interface page or the Class page appears. Clicking an exception displays the Exception page. See Figure 313.

INTERFACE OR CLASS PAGES

When you select an interface or class on the Package page, either the Interface page or the Class page appears. Each interface, nested interface, class, and nested class has its own separate page. Each of these pages has three sections consisting of an interface or class description, summary tables, and detailed member descriptions:

- Class inheritance diagram
- Direct known subclasses
- All known subinterfaces or subclasses
- All known implementing classes
- Interface or class declaration
- Interface or class description
- Nested class summary
- Field summary
- Constructor summary
- Method summary
- Field detail
- Constructor detail
- Method detail

Each summary entry contains the first sentence from the detailed description for that item. The summary entries are alphabetical, while the detailed descriptions are in the order they appear in the source code. This preserves the logical groupings established by the programmer. See also Figure 313.

Note: Each serialized or externalized class has a description of its serialization fields and methods. This information is of interest to re-implementors, not to developers using the API. To access this information, go to any serialized class and clicking Serialized Form in the See also section of the class description.

EXCEPTION PAGE

The Exception page appears when an exception on the Package page is selected. This page includes a constructor summary and constructor detail.

TREE (CLASS HIERARCHY) PAGE

When you click Tree on the menu, a Tree, or class hierarchy, page appears. This page displays either the class hierarchy for a particular package, or, if you select All Packages, the class hierarchy for all packages. See Figure 313.

- If you were viewing the Overview page and then clicked Tree, the class hierarchy for all packages appears on the Tree page.
- If you were viewing a Package, Interface, Class, or Exception page and then clicked Tree, the hierarchy for only that package, which includes the class, interface, and exception hierarchies, appears on the Tree page.

Each hierarchy page contains a list of classes, interfaces, and exceptions (if any). The classes are organized by inheritance structure starting with `java.lang.Object`. The interfaces do not inherit from `java.lang.Object`.

DEPRECATED API PAGE

The Deprecated API page appears when you click Deprecated on the menu. This page lists all of the methods in the API that have been deprecated. A deprecated method is **not recommended** for use, generally due to improvements, and a replacement API is usually given.

Warning: Deprecated APIs may be removed in future implementations.

INDEX

The Index page provides an alphabetic list of all classes, interfaces, constructors, methods, and fields with definitions of each. Clicking an entry displays the usage in the product.

HELP PAGE

The Help page provides help for using the API documentation.

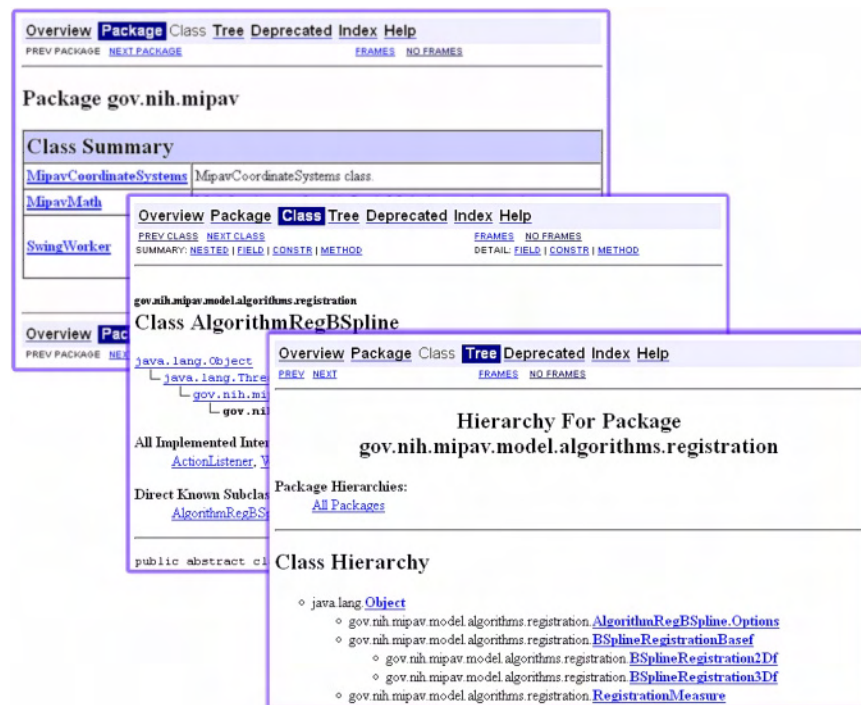


Figure 313. The Package, Case and Tree pages of MIPAV API

TO DISPLAY,

All interfaces, classes, and exceptions in a package

- 1 Go to <http://mipav.cit.nih.gov/documentation/api/>. The Overview page appears.
- 2 Click one of the packages listed in the:
 - **Frame on the right**—When you click one of the packages listed on this page, the Package page appears in the frame. The Package page displays a list of all interfaces, classes, and exceptions (if any) in the package.
 - **Top frame on the left**—The top frame on the left also lists all of the packages. When you select a package, the bottom frame on the left displays a list of interfaces, classes, and exceptions (if any) in the package.

The methods associated with an interface or with a class

- 1 Go to <http://mipav.cit.nih.gov/documentation/api/>. The Overview page appears.
- 2 Do either of the following:
 - Click one of the packages listed in the frame on the right or in the top frame on the left. The Package page appears in the right frame.
 - Click one of the packages in the top frame on the left. A list of interfaces, classes, and exceptions appear in the bottom frame on the left.
- 3 Do one of the following:
 - Click an interface. The Interface page appears in the right frame.
 - Click a class. The Class page appears in the right frame.
- 4 Scroll down the page, or click METHODS beneath the menu. The Method Summary table appears.
- 5 Click a method. The Method Detail section of the page, which lists a description of the method and its parameters, throws, and returns, appears.

Developing plugin programs

MIPAV provides the following classes for developing plugin programs:

- `PlugInAlgorithm.class`
- `PlugInFile.class`
- `PlugInView.class`

Plugin programs are developed in the same way other Java programs are developed. The high-level steps of creating plugins follow.

- **Step 1, Determining the type of plugin program**—Before you begin to write the code for the plugin, determine the plugin type: algorithm, file, or view. Refer to page 522.
- **Step 2, Determining which version of Java to use**—Detailed instructions appear in “Step 2, Determining which version of Java to use” on page 523 and Figure 314.
- **Step 3, Writing the source code**—Some lines of code must appear in the source code so that the plugin program interfaces correctly with MIPAV. Refer to page 523.
- **Step 4, Building and compiling plugin programs**—You should keep back-up copies of the source and compiled files in case you need to update or change plugin programs. See page 528.
- **Step 5, Installing plugin programs**—This section explains how to install plugin programs. Refer to page 534.
- **Sample plugin programs**—This section provides a couple of examples of MIPAV plugins. Refer to page 535.

Note: This section does not explain how to write a Java program; however, it explains what must be incorporated in the plugin program so that it correctly interfaces with the MIPAV application.

Step 1, Determining the type of plugin program

The first step of creating a plugin program is to determine the type you want to create, which depends on its purpose. As mentioned earlier, MIPAV plugin programs can be of the algorithm, file, or view type. However, most users want MIPAV to perform very specific additional functions on images.

Since these functions may not be currently available in MIPAV, users choose to add the functions by developing the algorithm type of plugin program.

Step 2, Determining which version of Java to use

To avoid compatibility problems when you create a plugin program, use the same version of Java that was used to create MIPAV. To determine which version of Java the latest version of MIPAV uses, select Help > JVNM Information in the MIPAV window. The About System dialog box opens. See Figure 314.

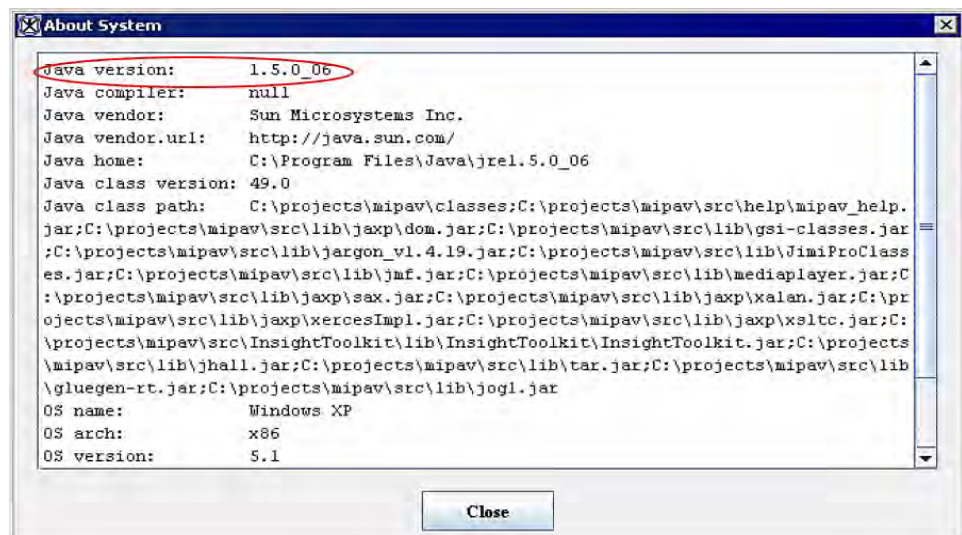


Figure 314. About System dialog box

The first line in the About System dialog box indicates the version of Java that was used to develop MIPAV. To obtain the correct version of Java, go to the following web site: <<http://www.java.sun.com>>

Step 3, Writing the source code

Note: In this section, %MIPAV is used to represent the MIPAV user directory, which is the directory where MIPAV is installed. The user directory is indicated in the About System dialog box. In the MIPAV main window, select Help > JVM Information to view the About System dialog box.

When you develop a plugin for MIPAV, several lines must be present in the code so that it executes properly. Some mandatory code should be included in **all** plugin files. Other code might change depending on the plugin type.

INCLUDING MANDATORY CODE

The next three figures (Figure 315—Figure 317) show the mandatory source code needed for creating a file type of plugin, a view type of plugin, and an algorithm type of plugin. The plugins directory of MIPAV includes these three files (e.g. C:\[SMIPAV]\mipav\plugins):

- **PlugInFile.java**—Mandatory source code for a file type of plugin. See Figure 315;
- **PlugInView.java**—Mandatory source code for a view type of plugin. See Figure 316;
- **PlugInAlgorithm.java**—Mandatory source code for an algorithm type of plugin. See Figure 317.

```

1  package gov.nih.mipav.plugins;
2
3  import gov.nih.mipav.view.*;
4
5  import java.awt.*;
6
7  public interface PlugInFile extends PlugIn {
8
9      /**
10     *   run
11     *   @param UI           MIPAV main user interface.
12     */
13     public void run(ViewUserInterface UI);
14 }

```

Figure 315. Mandatory code for a file type of plugin (PlugInFile.java). For readability purposes, keywords in all code reproduced in this chapter appear in bold, and comments appear in green type

```

1  package gov.nih.mipav.plugins;
2
3  import gov.nih.mipav.model.structures.*;
4  import gov.nih.mipav.view.*;
5
6  import java.awt.*;
7
8  public interface PlugInView extends PlugIn {
9
10     /**
11     *   run
12     *   @param UI           MIPAV main user interface.
13     *   @param parentFrame frame that displays the MIPAV image.
14     *                       Can be used as a parent frame when building
15     *                       dialogs.
16     *   @param image       model of the MIPAV image.
17     *   @see  ModelImage
18     *   @see  ViewJFrameImage
19     *
20     */
21     public void run(ViewUserInterface UI, Frame parentFrame, ModelImage image);
22 }

```

Figure 316. Mandatory code for a view type of plugin (PlugInView.java). For readability purposes, keywords in all code reproduced in this chapter appear in bold, and comments appear in green type

```

1  package gov.nih.mipav.plugins;
2
3  import gov.nih.mipav.model.structures.*;
4  import gov.nih.mipav.view.*;
5
6  import java.awt.*;
7
8
9  public interface PlugInAlgorithm extends PlugIn {
10
11     /**
12     *   run
13     *   @param UI           MIPAV main user interface.
14     *   @param parentFrame frame that displays the MIPAV image.
15     *                       Can be used as a parent frame when building
16     *                       dialogs.
17     *   @param image       model of the MIPAV image.
18     *   @see  ModelImage
19     *   @see  ViewJFrameImage
20     *
21     */
22     public void run(ViewUserInterface UI, Frame parentFrame, ModelImage image);
23
24
25 }
26

```

Figure 317. Mandatory code for an algorithm type of plugin (PlugInAlgorithm.java). For readability purposes, keywords in all code reproduced in this chapter appear in bold, and comments appear in green type

REFERENCING FILES

To reference a class, you must specify it using the Import keyword. For example, line 2 in PlugInFile.java imports the view functions (Figure 318).

```
import gov.nih.mipav.view.*;
```

Figure 318. Importing the view functions in PlugInFile.java

Lines 3, 4, and 6 in the PlugInView.java and PlugInAlgorithm.java files import the model structures, view functions, and the basic Java package that has GUI functions (Figure 319).

```
import gov.nih.mipav.model.structures.*; // MIPAV package where main
// MIPAV structures are located (e.g., model image)
import gov.nih.mipav.view.*;

import java.awt.*;
```

Figure 319. Importing model structures, view functions, and [java.awt]

If you reference a class, you must include it in the plugin package so that it can be called from the main file. After you write and compile, you must now install files in the user or home directory:

Windows

```
c:\Documents and Settings\\mipav\plugins
```

UNIX

```
/user/<user ID>/mipav/plugins
```

An example of this appears in the first line of Figure 320.

```
package plugins; // added to plugins pkg. so PlugInSampleStub may
// call it.
```

Figure 320. Example of placing referenced files in the \MIPAV\plugins directory

LINES OF CODE THAT ARE DEPENDENT ON PLUGIN TYPE

Two lines of code depend on the type of plugin program being developed:

- Declaration
- Parameters for the run method

Declaration

The declaration used in a plugin depends on the type of plugin being developed. For instance, in line 9 in `PlugInAlgorithm.java` (Figure 317), the combination of words “**public interface *PlugInAlgorithm***” indicates that the plugin is an Algorithm. For File or View types of plugins, simply replace *PlugInAlgorithm* with *PlugInFile* (line 7 in `PlugInFile.java`, see Figure 315) or *PlugInView* (line 8 in `PlugInView.java`, see Figure 316), respectively.

Table 5. Declarations dependent on type of plugin

Type of plugin	Declaration
File	<code>public interface PlugInFile extends PlugIn (</code>
View	<code>public interface PlugInView extends PlugIn (</code>
Algorithm	<code>public interface PlugInAlgorithm extends PlugIn (</code>

Parameters for the run method

The parameters for the run method also depend on the plugin type. Compare the run methods used in `PlugInFile.java` (Figure 315), `PlugInView.java` (Figure 316), and `PlugInAlgorithm.java` (Figure 317).

Table 6. Parameters for run methods dependent on type of plugin

Type of plugin	Parameters for the run method
File	<code>public void run(ViewUserInterface UI);</code>
View	<code>public void run(ViewUserInterface UI, Frame parentFrame, ModelImage image);</code>
Algorithm	<code>public void run(ViewUserInterface UI, Frame parentFrame, ModelImage image);</code>


```

1  package gov.nih.mipav.plugins;
2
3  import gov.nih.mipav.model structures.*;
4  import gov.nih.mipav.view.*;
5
6  import java.awt *;
7
8  public interface PlugInAlgorithm extends PlugIn {
9
10     /**
11     * run
12     * @param UI          MIPAV main user interface.
13     * @param parentFrame Frame that displays the MIPAV image.
14     *                  Can be used as a parent frame when building dialogs.
15     * @param image       Model of the MIPAV image.
16     * @see ModelImage
17     * @see ViewJFrameImage
18     */
19     public void run(ViewUserInterface UI, Frame parentFrame, ModelImage image;);
20
21     }

```

Figure 321. PlugInAlgorithm.java. For readability purposes, keywords in all code reproduced in this chapter appear in bold, and comments appear in green type

Step 4, Building and compiling plugin programs

To build a new plugin program for MIPAV, you must first install a build environment, alter the path environment variable, and compile the plugin files.

INSTALLING A BUILD ENVIRONMENT

- 1** Download and install [Java SE Development Kit \(JDK\), version 1.6 \(JDK 6u2\)](http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index.jsp) <<http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index.jsp>>.
- 2** Download and install [Apache Ant 1.7.0](http://ant.apache.org/) <<http://ant.apache.org/>>.



Figure 322. Download pages for Java SE Development Kit (JDK) and Apache Ant 1.7.0

CONFIGURING THE ENVIRONMENT

To configure your environment, you need to add two new variables—`JAVA_HOME` and `ANT_HOME`—and update the path variable in your system.

On Windows workstations

- 1** Click Start > Control Panel. The Control Panel window opens.
- 2** Double-click the System icon. The System Properties dialog box opens.
- 3** Click Advanced. The Advanced page of the System Properties dialog box appears.
- 4** Click Environment Variables. The Environment Variables dialog box opens.
- 5** Decide whether to add and edit variables in the User variables box or the System variables box based on which users should have access to the Java SDK and Ant.
- 6** Add the `JAVA_HOME` variable to your environment:
 - a** Click New. The New User Variable dialog box or the New System Variable dialog box opens.
 - b** Type `JAVA_HOME` in Variable name.

- c** Type the path for the Java SDK on your computer (e.g., C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.6.0_02) in **Variable value**.
 - d** Click OK. The JAVA_HOME variable appears in either the User variables box or System variables box as appropriate.
 - 7** Add the ANT_HOME variable to your environment by doing the following:
 - a** Click New under either the User variables box or the System variables box. The New User Variable dialog box or the New System Variables dialog box opens as appropriate.
 - b** Type ANT_HOME in **Variable name**.
 - c** Type the path for the Ant on your computer (e.g., C:\Program Files\Ant\apache-ant-1.7.0) in **Variable value**.
 - d** Click OK. The ANT_HOME variable appears in either the User variables box or System variables box as appropriate.
 - 8** Update either the PATH variable in the User variables box or the Path variable in the System variables box by doing the following:
 - a** Select the PATH variable in the User variables box, or select the Path variable in the System variables box.
 - b** Click Edit under the User variables box, or click Edit under the System variables box. Either the Edit User Variable dialog box or the Edit System Variable dialog box opens.
 - c** Type ;%JAVA_HOME%\bin;%ANT_HOME%\bin to the end of the PATH variable or to the end of the Path variable.
 - d** Click OK. The edited variable appears either in the User variables box or the System variables box. See also Figure 323.
 - 9** Open a new terminal for the change to take effect by doing the following:
 - a** Click Start > Run. The Run dialog box opens.
 - b** Type cmd in Open, and click OK. A terminal window opens.
 - 10** Retrieve the [sample Ant build file \(build.xml\)](#) from the MIPAV web site and place it in the same directory as the plugin .java files you want to compile.

- Alter the *dir.mipav* and *dir.jdk* properties within the `build.xml` to point to the directory where MIPAV and the SDK are installed, respectively.

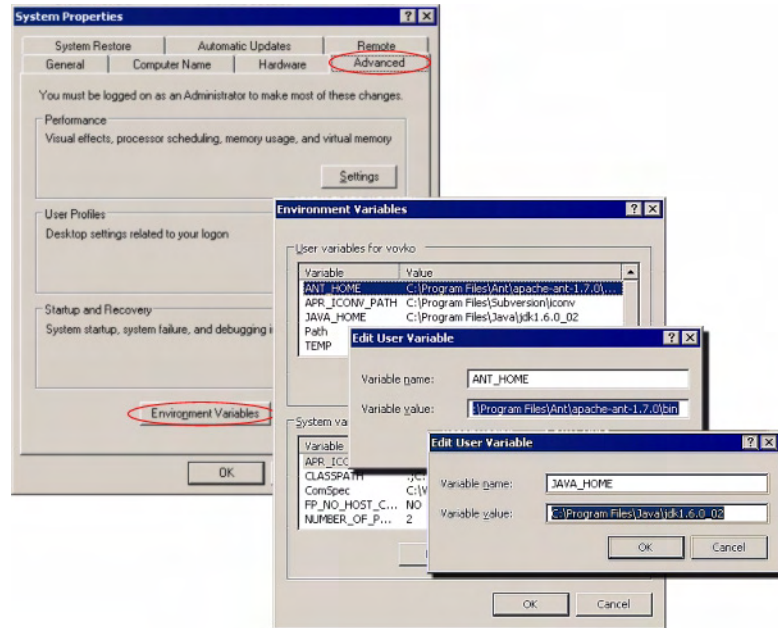


Figure 323. Configuring system variables for MS Windows

Note: Add and edit the variables in the User variables box if you want to limit the build environment to just yourself and no other users. Add and edit the variables in the Systems variables box to make the environment accessible to anyone who uses the workstation.

Recommendation: Although it is possible to update the path variable in either the User variables box or System variables box, you should add the statement to the same box in which you added the *JAVA_HOME* and *ANT_HOME* variables.

See also:

- “Installing Ant” on <<http://ant.apache.org/manual/index.html>>.
- “Java™ SE 6 Release Notes—Microsoft Windows Installation (32-bit)” on <<http://java.sun.com/javase/6/webnotes/install/jdk/install-windows.html>>.

On Linux or UNIX workstations

Bash users should do the following:

- 1 Edit the file `$HOME/.bash_profile` and add lines similar to following:

```
ANT_HOME=/path/to/apache-ant-1.6.3
JAVA_HOME=/path/to/j2sdk1.4.2_08
PATH=$PATH:$JAVA_HOME/bin:$ANT_HOME/bin

export ANT_HOME
export JAVA_HOME
export PATH
```

where `ANT_HOME` and `JAVA_HOME` are the paths where each application was installed.

- 2 Retrieve the [sample Ant build file](#) from the MIPAV web site, and place it in the same directory where the plugin `.java` files you want to compile are located.
- 3 Alter the `dir.mipav` and `dir.jdk` properties within `build.xml` to point to the directory where MIPAV and the SDK are installed, respectively.

BUILD.XML

Figure 324 below displays the content of the **build.xml** file. `build.xml` is also available on the MIPAV web site <http://mipav.cit.nih.gov/documentation/presentations/plugins/build.xml>.

```

1  <!-- build file for MIPAV plugin class -->
2  -
3      <project basedir="." default="compile" name="mipav_plugin">
4  <property name="dir.mipav" value="c:\\Program Files\\mipav\\"/>
5  <property name="dir.jdk" value="c:\\Program Files\\Java\\jdk1.6.0_02"/>
6  -
7      <target name="init">
8  <tstamp/>
9  -
10     <path id="build.classpath">
11 <pathelement path="${dir.mipav}"/>
12 <pathelement location="${dir.mipav}/InsightToolkit/lib/InsightToolkit/InsightToolkit.jar"/>
13 -
14     <fileset dir="${dir.mipav}">
15 <filename name="*.jar"/>
16 </fileset>
17 </path>
18 <property name="build.cp" refid="build.classpath"/>
19 </target>
20 -
21     <target name="compile" depends="init">
22 <echo>classpath: ${build.cp}</echo>
23 -
24     <javac debug="true" deprecation="true" description="Builds MIPAV" verbose="no"
25 listfiles="yes" nowarn="no" fork="true" memoryInitialSize="220M" memoryMaximumSize="1000M"
26 id="mipav build" source="1.4" target="1.4" destdir="." srcdir="." compiler="modern">
27 <classpath refid="build.classpath"/>
28 </javac>
29 </target>
30 -
31     <target name="clean" depends="init">
32 -
33     <delete>
34 -
35     <fileset dir=".">
36 <include name="**/*.class"/>
37 </fileset>
38 </delete>
39 </target>
40 </project>

```

Figure 324. The contents of the build.xml file

COMPILING THE PLUGIN FILES

Note: You should keep back-up copies of the source and compiled files in case you need to update or change the plugin.

- 1** Type `ant compile` on your workstation (e.g., `cmd ant compile` on Windows or `xterm ant compile` on UNIX platforms). The **BUILD SUCCESSFUL** message should appear at the end of the Ant output.
- 2** Copy the `.class` files that Ant produced into MIPAV's plugin directory.
 - On Windows platforms:
`C:\Documents and Settings\username\mipav\plugins`
 - On UNIX platforms:
`/home/username/mipav/plugins`where `username` is the name of your account on the system.
- 3** Install the plugin file by selecting **Install Plugin** in the MIPAV window.

Step 5, Installing plugin programs

Installing simple plugin programs merely copies files into the user's home directory.

Windows

```
c:\Documents and Settings\\mipav\plugins
```

UNIX

```
/user/<user ID>/mipav/plugins
```

You can choose one of two methods for copying the files:

- Use MIPAV's plugin installation tool—in the MIPAV window, select **Plugins > Install Plugin**.
- Use the operating system's tool for copying the files. This method requires the user to restart MIPAV so that the new plugin appears in the **Plugins** menu. When MIPAV starts, it parses the user's home directory and builds the **Plugins** menu.

Warning: The MIPAV installation tool does *not* work for more complex plugins that consist of more complicated package class hierarchy, such as the Medic Talairach plugin program. To learn more about [Medic Talairach plugin program](#), refer to MIPAV Technical Guide 1.

Examples of MIPAV plugins

To build plugin programs, three files are typically required:

- **PluginFoo.java**—Provides an interface to MIPAV and the plugin.
- **PluginDialogFoo.java**—Invokes the dialog to get user-supplied parameters; it can be hidden when no parameters are required.
- **PluginAlgorithmFoo.java**—Provides the actual algorithm to be implemented. It can be a mixture of calls to MIPAV’s API, C programs, Perl, ITK, etc.

Where *Foo* is the name that you supply for the program.

The following sample plugin program(s) are included in MIPAV documentation:

- PlugInSample—a sample plugin, see “Sample plugin program” below.
- PlugInCT_MD—a typical plugin. (Refer to the MIPAV Users Guide, PDF version.)
- PlugInAlgorithm.Median—a very complicated plugin. Refer to MIPAV Volume 1 Users Guide, Appendix D.

SAMPLE PLUGIN PROGRAM

The source code for the plugin program, `PlugInSample.java` is an example of a simple algorithm type of plugin. This plugin opens an image in a new image frame using its own dialog box. It requires three files:

- **PlugInSample.java**—Provides an interface to MIPAV and the plugin program. See Figure 325 on page 536.
- **PlugInDialogSample.java**—Invokes the dialog to get user-supplied parameters. Refer to Figure 326 on page 537.

- **PlugInAlgorithmSample.java**—Implements the algorithm. See Figure 327.

```

                                PlugInSample.java

1  import gov.nih.mipav.plugins.*; // needed to load PlugInAlgorithm / PlugInView /
2                                     // PlugInFile interface
3  import gov.nih.mipav.view.*;
4  import gov.nih.mipav.model.structures.*;
5  import java.awt.*;
6
7  /** This is a simple plugin to display a image in a new frame @see PlugInAlgorithm */
8
9  /** This is an Algorithm type of PlugIn and therefore must implement PlugInAlgorithm
10 ** Implementing the PlugInAlgorithm requires this class to implement the run method
11 ** with the correct parameters */
12
13 public class PlugInSample implements PlugInAlgorithm {
14     /**
15      * Defines body of run method, which was declared in the interface.
16      * @param UI User Interface
17      * @param parentFrame ParentFrame
18      * @param image Current ModelImage--this is an image already loaded into
19      * MIPAV. Can be null.
20      */
21
22     public void run (ViewUserInterface UI, Frame parentFrame, ModelImage image){
23         if (parentFrame instanceof ViewJFrameImage) {
24             new PlugInDialogSample(parentFrame, image);
25         } else {
26             MipavUtil.displayError("PlugInSample only runs on an image frame.");
27         }
28     }
29 }

```

Figure 325. PlugInSample.java

PlugInDialogSample.java

```

1  import gov.nih.mipav.view.*;
2  import gov.nih.mipav.view.dialogs.*;
3  import gov.nih.mipav.model.structures.*;
4  import gov.nih.mipav.model.algorithms.*;
5
6  import java.awt.event.*;
7  import java.awt.*;
8  import java.util.*;
9  import javax.swing.*;
10
11
12  public class PlugInDialogSample extends JDialogBase implements AlgorithmInterface {
13
14  /** Source image reference. */
15      private ModelImage image; // source image
16      private ViewUserInterface userInterface;
17
18  /** Sample algorithm reference. */
19      private PlugInAlgorithmSample sampleAlgo = null;
20
21      public PlugInDialogSample(Frame theParentFrame, ModelImage im) {
22          super(theParentFrame, false);
23
24          if ((im.getType() == ModelImage.BOOLEAN) || im.isColorImage()) {
25              MipavUtil.displayError("Source Image must NOT be Boolean or Color");
26              dispose();
27
28              return;
29          }
30
31          image = im;
32          userInterface = ViewUserInterface.getReference();
33          init();
34      }
35

```

Figure 326. PlugInDialogSample.java

```

36 // *****
37 // ***** Event Processing *****
38 // *****
39
40 /**
41  * Closes dialog box when the OK button is pressed and calls the algorithm.
42  * @param event Event that triggers function.
43  */
44
45 public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) {
46     String command = event.getActionCommand();
47
48     if (command.equals("OK")) {
49         callAlgorithm();
50     } else if (command.equals("Cancel")) {
51         dispose();
52     }
53 }
54
55 /**
56  * Sets up the GUI (panels, buttons, etc) and displays it on the screen.
57  */
58 private void init() {
59
60     // Build the Panel that holds the OK and CANCEL Buttons
61     JPanel OKCancelPanel = new JPanel();
62
63     JLabel questionLabel = new JLabel("Display Images?");
64
65     // size and place the OK button
66     buildOKButton();
67     OKCancelPanel.add(OKButton, BorderLayout.WEST);
68
69     // size and place the CANCEL button
70     buildCancelButton();
71     OKCancelPanel.add(cancelButton, BorderLayout.EAST);
72     getContentPane().add(questionLabel, BorderLayout.NORTH);
73     getContentPane().add(OKCancelPanel, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
74
75     pack();
76     setVisible(true);
77     setResizable(false);
78     System.gc();
79 }

```

Figure 326. PlugInDialogSample.java (continued)

```

80  /** This method is required if the AlgorithmPerformed interface is implemented. It is called by
    the algorithm when it has completed or failed to to complete, so that the dialog can be display
    the result image and/or clean up. */
81
82  /** @param algorithm Algorithm that caused the event. */
83
84  public void algorithmPerformed(AlgorithmBase algorithm) {
85      if (algorithm instanceof PlugInAlgorithmCT_MD) {
86          if ( sampleAlgo.isCompleted() ) {
87              dispose();
88          }
89      }
90  }
91
92
93  /** Once all the necessary variables are set, call the Gaussian Blur algorithm based on what
    type of image this is and whether or not there is a separate destination image. */
94
95  protected void callAlgorithm() {
96      sampleAlgo = new PlugInAlgorithmSample(null, image);
97      sampleAlgo.addListener(this);
98      setVisible(false); // Hide dialog
99
100     if (isRunInSeparateThread()) {
101
102         /** Start the thread as a low priority because we wish to still have user interface work
            fast.*/
103         if (sampleAlgo.startMethod(Thread.MIN_PRIORITY) == false) {
104             MipavUtil.displayError("A thread is already running on this object");
105         }
106     } else {
107         sampleAlgo.run();
108     }
109 }
110
111 }

```

Figure 326. PlugInDialogSample.java (continued)

PlugInAlgorithmSample.java

```

1  import gov.nih.mipav.model.algorithms.AlgorithmBase;
2  import gov.nih.mipav.model.structures.*;
3
4  import gov.nih.mipav.view.*;
5
6
7  public class PlugInAlgorithmSample extends AlgorithmBase {
8
9      private ViewJFrameImage frame;
10
11     /** Constructor for 3D images in which changes are placed in a predetermined destination
12     image.
13     */
14     /**
15     * @param destImg Image model where result image is to stored.
16     * @param srcImg Source image model.
17     */
18     public PlugInAlgorithmSample(ModelImage destImg, ModelImage srcImg) {
19         super(destImg, srcImg);
20     }
21
22     //~ Methods -----/
23
24     /**
25     * Prepares this class for destruction.
26     */
27     public void finalize() {
28         destImage = null;
29         srcImage = null;
30         super.finalize();
31     }
32
33
34     /**
35     * Starts the algorithm.
36     */
37     public void runAlgorithm() {
38         frame = new ViewJFrameImage((ModelImage)srcImage.clone());
39         setCompleted(true);
40     }
41
42 }

```

Figure 327. PlugInAlgorithmSample.java

PLUGINCT_MD, A TYPICAL PLUGIN PROGRAM

PlugInCT_MD is a typical example of a plugin program. It consists of three files:

- **PlugInCT_MD.java**—Provides an interface to MIPAV and the plugin program.
- **PlugInDialogCT_MD.java**—Invokes the dialog to get user-supplied parameters.
- **PlugInAlgorithmCT_MD.java**—Implements the algorithm.

PlugInCT_MD.java

The file in Figure 328 provides an interface between MIPAV and PlugInCT_MD.

PlugInDialogCT_MD.java

The PlugInDialogCT_MD.java file invokes a dialog box to obtain user-supplied data. Refer to Figure 329 on page 543.

PlugInAlgorithmCT_MD.java

Figure 331 on page 553 shows the content of PlugInAlgorithmCT_MD.java.

Note: For readability purposes, keywords in all code reproduced in this chapter appear in bold, and comments appear in green type

PlugInCT_MD.java

```

1  import plugins.PlugInDialogCT_MT;    //associated class file
2  import gov.nih.mipav.plugins.*;      //needed to load PlugInAlgorithm / PlugInView /
3                                     //PlugInFile interface
4  import gov.nih.mipav.view.*;
5  import gov.nih.mipav.model.structures.*;
6
7  import java.awt.*;
8
9  /**
10 * This is a simple plugin for the University of Maryland to simple segment an
11 * imagebased on CT Hounsfield units.
12 *
13 * @see PlugInAlgorithm
14 */
15
16 //This is an Algorithm type of PlugIn, and therefore must implement PlugInAlgorithm
17 //Implementing the PlugInAlgorithm requires this class to implement the run method
18 //with the correct parameters
19 public class PlugInCT_MD implements PlugInAlgorithm {
20
21     /**
22     * Defines body of run method, which was declared in the interface.
23     * @param UI          User Interface
24     * @param parentFrame ParentFrame
25     * @param image       Current ModelImage--this is an image already loaded into
26     *                   MIPAV. Can be null.
27     */
28     public void run (ViewUserInterface UI, Frame parentFrame, ModelImage image){
29
30         if (parentFrame instanceof ViewJFrameImage)
31             new PlugInDialogCT_MD (parentFrame,image);
32
33         else
34             MipavUtil.displayError ("PlugIn CT_MD only runs on an image frame.");
35     }
36 }
37

```

Figure 328. PlugInCT_MD.java

PlugInDialogCT_MD.java

```

1  import gov.nih.mipav.view.*;
2  import gov.nih.mipav.view.dialogs.*;
3  import gov.nih.mipav.model.structures.*;
4  import gov.nih.mipav.model.algorithms.*;
5
6  import java.awt.event.*;
7  import java.awt.*;
8  import java.util.*;
9
10 import javax.swing.*;
11
12
13 /**
14  *
15  *  JDialogBase class.
16  *
17  *  Note:
18  *
19  *  @version    July 12, 2002
20  *  @author
21  *  @see        JDialogBase
22  *  @see        JDialogMedian
23  *  @see        AlgorithmInterface
24  *
25  *  $Logfile: /mipav/src/plugins/PlugInDialogCT_MD.java $
26  *  $Revision: 6 $
27  *  $Date: 8/05/04 5:44p $
28  *
29  */
30 public class PlugInDialogCT_MD extends JDialogBase implements AlgorithmInterface {
31
32     private PlugInAlgorithmCT_MD ctSegAlgo = null;
33     private ModelImage image; // source image
34     private ModelImage resultImage = null; // result image
35     private ViewUserInterface userInterface;
36
37     private String titles[];
38
39     private float correctionVal;
40     private JTextField fatLValTF;
41     private JTextField fatHValTF;
42     private JTextField ldmLValTF;
43     private JTextField ldmHValTF;
44     private JTextField hdmLValTF;
45     private JTextField hdmHValTF;
46
47     private int fatLVal;
48     private int fatHVal;
49     private int ldmLVal;
50     private int ldmHVal;
51     private int hdmLVal;
52     private int hdmHVal;
53

```

Figure 329. PlugInDialogCT_MD.java


```

54     /**
55     * Creates new dialog for Median filtering using a plugin.
56     * @param parent      Parent frame.
57     * @param im          Source image.
58     */
59
60     public PlugInDialogCT_MD(Frame theParentFrame, ModelImage im) {
61         super(theParentFrame, true);
62         if (im.getType() == ModelImage.BOOLEAN || im.isColorImage()) {
63             MipavUtil.displayError("Source Image must NOT be Boolean or Color");
64             dispose();
65             return;
66         }
67         image = im;
68         userInterface = ((ViewJFrameBase)(parentFrame)).getUserInterface();
69         init();
70     }
71
72     /**
73     * Used primarily for the script to store variables and run the algorithm. No
74     * actual dialog will appear but the set up info and result image will be stored
75     * here.
76     * @param UI    The user interface, needed to create the image frame.
77     * @param imSource image.
78     */
79     public PlugInDialogCT_MD(ViewUserInterface UI, ModelImage im) {
80         super();
81         userInterface = UI;
82         if (im.getType() == ModelImage.BOOLEAN || im.isColorImage()) {
83             MipavUtil.displayError("Source Image must NOT be Boolean or Color");
84             dispose();
85             return;
86         }
87
88         image = im;
89     }
90
91     /**
92     * Sets up the GUI (panels, buttons, etc) and displays it on the screen.
93     */
94     private void init(){
95
96     setForeground(Color.black);
97         setTitle("CT_segmentation");
98
99         JPanel inputPanel = new JPanel(new GridLayout(3, 3));
100        inputPanel.setForeground(Color.black);
101        inputPanel.setBorder(buildTitledBorder("Input parameters"));
102
103        JLabel labelFat = new JLabel("Fat thresholds: ");
104        labelFat.setForeground(Color.black);
105        labelFat.setFont(serif12);
106        inputPanel.add(labelFat);
107

```

Figure 329. PlugInDialogCT_MD.java (continued)

```

108         fatLValTF = new JTextField();
109         fatLValTF.setText("-190");
110         fatLValTF.setFont(serif12);
111         inputPanel.add(fatLValTF);
112
113         fatHValTF = new JTextField();
114         fatHValTF.setText("-30");
115         fatHValTF.setFont(serif12);
116         inputPanel.add(fatHValTF);
117
118         JLabel labelLDM = new JLabel("Low density muscle thresholds: ");
119         labelLDM.setForeground(Color.black);
120         labelLDM.setFont(serif12);
121         inputPanel.add(labelLDM);
122
123         ldmLValTF = new JTextField();
124         ldmLValTF.setText("0");
125         ldmLValTF.setFont(serif12);
126         inputPanel.add(ldmLValTF);
127
128         ldmHValTF = new JTextField();
129         ldmHValTF.setText("30");
130         ldmHValTF.setFont(serif12);
131         inputPanel.add(ldmHValTF);
132
133         JLabel labelHDM = new JLabel("High density muscle thresholds: ");
134         labelHDM.setForeground(Color.black);
135         labelHDM.setFont(serif12);
136         inputPanel.add(labelHDM);
137
138         hdmLValTF = new JTextField();
139         hdmLValTF.setText("31");
140         hdmLValTF.setFont(serif12);
141         inputPanel.add(hdmLValTF);
142
143         hdmHValTF = new JTextField();
144         hdmHValTF.setText("100");
145         hdmHValTF.setFont(serif12);
146         inputPanel.add(hdmHValTF);
147
148         getContentPane().add(inputPanel, BorderLayout.CENTER);
149
150         // Build the Panel that holds the OK and CANCEL Buttons
151         JPanel OKCancelPanel = new JPanel();
152
153         // size and place the OK button
154         buildOKButton();
155         OKCancelPanel.add(OKButton, BorderLayout.WEST);
156         // size and place the CANCEL button
157         buildCancelButton();
158         OKCancelPanel.add(cancelButton, BorderLayout.EAST);
159         getContentPane().add(OKCancelPanel, BorderLayout.SOUTH);

```

Figure 329. PlugInDialogCT_MD.java (continued)

```

160         pack();
161         setVisible(true);
162         setResizable(false);
163         System.gc();
164
165     } // end init()
166
167     /**
168     * Accessor that returns the image.
169     * @return      The result image.
170     */
171     public ModelImage getResultImage(){return resultImage;}
172
173
174
175     /**
176     * Accessor that sets the correction value
177     * @param num   Value to set iterations to (should be between 1 and 20).
178     */
179     public void setCorrectionValue(float num){correctionVal = num;}
180
181     //*****
182     //***** Event Processing *****
183     //*****
184
185     /**
186     * Closes dialog box when the OK button is pressed and calls the algorithm.
187     * @param event      Event that triggers function.
188     */
189     public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) {
190         String command = event.getActionCommand();
191
192         if (command.equals("OK")) {
193             if (setVariables()) {
194                 callAlgorithm();
195             }
196         }
197         else if (command.equals("Script")) {
198             callAlgorithm();
199         }
200         else if (command.equals("Cancel")) {
201             dispose();
202         }
203     }
204
205     //*****
206     //***** Algorithm Events *****
207     //*****
208
209     /**
210     * This method is required if the AlgorithmPerformed interface is implemented.
211     * It is called by the algorithm when it has completed or failed to complete,
212     * so that the dialog can be display the result image and/or clean up.
213     * @param algorithm  Algorithm that caused the event.
214     */
215     public void algorithmPerformed(AlgorithmBase algorithm) {

```

Figure 329. PlugInDialogCT_MD.java (continued)

```

216     ViewJFrameImage imageFrame = null;
217     if ( algorithm instanceof PlugInAlgorithmCT_MD) {
218         image.clearMask();
219         if(ctSegAlgo.isCompleted() == true && resultImage != null) {
220             //The algorithm has completed and produced a new image to be displayed.
221
222             updateFileInfo(image, resultImage);
223             resultImage.clearMask();
224             try {
225                 //resultImage.setImageName("Median: "+image.getImageName());
226
227                 int dimExtentsLUT[] = new int[2];
228                 dimExtentsLUT[0] = 4;
229                 dimExtentsLUT[1] = 256;
230                 ModelLUT LUTa = new ModelLUT(ModelLUT.COOLHOT, 256, dimExtentsLUT);
231                 imageFrame = new ViewJFrameImage(resultImage, LUTa, new Dimension(610,200),
232                     userInterface);
233             }
234             catch (OutOfMemoryError error){
235                 System.gc();
236                 MipavUtil.displayError("Out of memory: unable to open new frame");
237             }
238         }
239         else if (resultImage == null) {
240             // These next lines set the titles in all frames where the source image
241             // is displayed to image name so as to indicate that the image is now
242             // unlocked! The image frames are enabled and then registered to the
243             // userinterface.
244             Vector imageFrames = image.getImageFrameVector();
245             for (int i = 0; i < imageFrames.size(); i++) {
246                 ((Frame)(imageFrames.elementAt(i))).setTitle(titles[i]);
247                 ((Frame)(imageFrames.elementAt(i))).setEnabled(true);
248                 if ( ((Frame)(imageFrames.elementAt(i))) != parentFrame) {
249                     userInterface.registerFrame((Frame)(imageFrames.elementAt(i)));
250                 }
251             }
252             if (parentFrame != null) userInterface.registerFrame(parentFrame);
253             image.notifyImageDisplayListeners(null, true);
254         }
255         else if (resultImage != null){
256             //algorithm failed but result image still has garbage
257             resultImage.disposeLocal(); // clean up memory
258             resultImage = null;
259             System.gc();
260         }
261     }
262     if (ctSegAlgo.isCompleted() == true) {
263         if (userInterface.isScriptRecording()) {
264             userInterface.getScriptDialog().append("Flow " +
265             userInterface.getScriptDialog().getVar(image.getImageName()) + " "
266             + correctionVal + "\n");
267         }
268     }
269     dispose();
270

```

Figure 329. PlugInDialogCT_MD.java (continued)

```

271     } // end AlgorithmPerformed()
272
273
274     /**
275     * Use the GUI results to set up the variables needed to run the algorithm.
276     * @return     <code>true</code> if parameters set successfully, <code>>false
277     * </code> otherwise.
278     */
279     private boolean setVariables() {
280         String tmpStr;
281
282
283         // verify iteration is within bounds
284         tmpStr = fatLValTF.getText();
285         if ( testParameter(tmpStr, -4000, 4000) ){
286             fatLVal = Integer.valueOf(tmpStr).intValue();
287         }
288         else{
289             fatLValTF.requestFocus();
290             fatLValTF.selectAll();
291             return false;
292         }
293
294         tmpStr = fathValTF.getText();
295         if ( testParameter(tmpStr, -4000, 4000) ){
296             fathVal = Integer.valueOf(tmpStr).intValue();
297         }
298         else{
299             fathValTF.requestFocus();
300             fathValTF.selectAll();
301             return false;
302         }
303
304         tmpStr = ldmLValTF.getText();
305         if ( testParameter(tmpStr, -4000, 4000) ){
306             ldmLVal = Integer.valueOf(tmpStr).intValue();
307         }
308         else{
309             ldmLValTF.requestFocus();
310             ldmLValTF.selectAll();
311             return false;
312         }
313
314         tmpStr = ldmHValTF.getText();
315         if ( testParameter(tmpStr, -4000, 4000) ){
316             ldmHVal = Integer.valueOf(tmpStr).intValue();
317         }
318         else{
319             ldmHValTF.requestFocus();
320             ldmHValTF.selectAll();
321             return false;
322         }
323
324

```

Figure 329. PlugInDialogCT_MD.java (continued)

```

325     tmpStr = hdmLValTF.getText();
326     if ( testParameter(tmpStr, -4000, 4000) ){
327         hdmLVal = Integer.valueOf(tmpStr).intValue();
328     }
329     else{
330         hdmLValTF.requestFocus();
331         hdmLValTF.selectAll();
332         return false;
333     }
334
335     tmpStr = hdmHValTF.getText();
336     if ( testParameter(tmpStr, -4000, 4000) ){
337         hdmHVal = Integer.valueOf(tmpStr).intValue();
338     }
339     else{
340         hdmHValTF.requestFocus();
341         hdmHValTF.selectAll();
342         return false;
343     }
344
345     return true;
346 } // end setVariables()
347
348 /**
349  *   Once all the necessary variables are set, call the Gaussian Blur
350  *   algorithm based on what type of image this is and whether or not there
351  *   is a separate destination image.
352  */
353 private void callAlgorithm() {
354     String name = makeImageName(image.getImageName(), "_CTseg");
355
356     // stuff to do when working on 2-D images.
357     if (image.getNDims() == 2 ) { // source image is 2D
358         int destExtents[] = new int[2];
359         destExtents[0] = image.getExtents()[0]; // X dim
360         destExtents[1] = image.getExtents()[1]; // Y dim
361
362         try{
363             // Make result image of Ubyte type
364             resultImage = new ModelImage(ModelStorageBase.UBYTE, destExtents, name,
365                                     userInterface);
366
367             // Make algorithm
368             boolean entireFlag = true;
369
370             //ctSegAlgo = new PlugInAlgorithmFlowWrapFix(resultImage, image, iters,
371             // kernelSize, kernelShape, stdDev, regionFlag);
372             ctSegAlgo = new PlugInAlgorithmCT_MD(resultImage, image);
373
374             System.out.println("Dialog fatL = " + fatLVal + " fatH = " + fatHVal);
375             ctSegAlgo.fatL = fatLVal;
376             ctSegAlgo.fatH = fatHVal;
377             ctSegAlgo.ldmL = ldmLVal;
378             ctSegAlgo.ldmH = ldmHVal;

```

Figure 329. PlugInDialogCT_MD.java (continued)

```

379         ctSegAlgo.hdmL = hdmLVal;
380         ctSegAlgo.hdmH = hdmHVal;
381
382
383
384         // This is very important. Adding this object as a listener allows the
385         // algorithm to notify this object when it has completed or failed. See
386         // algorithm performed event.
387         // This is made possible by implementing AlgorithmPerformed interface
388         ctSegAlgo.addListener(this);
389         setVisible(false); // Hide dialog
390
391         if (runInSeparateThread) {
392             // Start the thread as a low priority because we wish to still have
393             // user interface work fast.
394             if (ctSegAlgo.startMethod(Thread.MIN_PRIORITY) == false){
395                 MipavUtil.displayError("A thread is already running on this object");
396             }
397         }
398         else {
399             ctSegAlgo.run();
400         }
401     }
402     catch (OutOfMemoryError x){
403         MipavUtil.displayError("Dialog median: unable to allocate enough memory");
404         if (resultImage != null){
405             resultImage.disposeLocal(); // Clean up memory of result image
406             resultImage = null;
407         }
408         return;
409     }
410 }
411 else if (image.getNDims() == 3 ) {
412     int destExtents[] = new int[3];
413     destExtents[0] = image.getExtents()[0];
414     destExtents[1] = image.getExtents()[1];
415     destExtents[2] = image.getExtents()[2];
416
417     try{
418         // Make result image of float type
419         resultImage = new ModelImage(ModelStorageBase.UBYTE, destExtents, name,
420                                     userInterface);
421         boolean entireFlag = true;
422
423         ctSegAlgo = new PlugInAlgorithmCT_MD(resultImage, image);
424         ctSegAlgo.fatL = fatLVal;
425         ctSegAlgo.fatH = fatHVal;
426         ctSegAlgo.ldmL = ldmLVal;
427         ctSegAlgo.ldmH = ldmHVal;
428         ctSegAlgo.hdmL = hdmLVal;
429         ctSegAlgo.hdmH = hdmHVal;
430

```

Figure 329. PlugInDialogCT_MD.java (continued)

```

431         // This is very important. Adding this object as a listener allows the
432         // algorithm to notify this object when it has completed or failed.
433         // See algorithm performed event. This is made possible by implementing
434         // AlgorithmPerformed interface
435         ctSegAlgo.addListener(this);
436         setVisible(false);           // Hide dialog
437
438         if (runInSeparateThread) {
439             // Start the thread as a low priority because we wish to still have
440             // user interface work fast.
441             if (ctSegAlgo.startMethod(Thread.MIN_PRIORITY) == false){
442                 MipavUtil.displayError("A thread is already running on this object");
443             }
444         }
445         else {
446             ctSegAlgo.run();
447         }
448     }
449     catch (OutOfMemoryError x){
450         MipavUtil.displayError("Dialog median: unable to allocate enough memory");
451         if (resultImage != null){
452             resultImage.disposeLocal();           // Clean up image memory
453             resultImage = null;
454         }
455         return;
456     }
457 } // end callAlgorithm()
458
459
460 }

```

Figure 329. PlugInDialogCT_MD.java (continued)

PlugInAlgorithmCT_MD.java

```

1  import gov.nih.mipav.model.algorithms.*;
2  import gov.nih.mipav.model.structures.*;
3  import gov.nih.mipav.view.*;
4
5  import java.io.*;
6  import java.util.*;
7
8
9  /**
10 *
11 * This shows how to extend the AlgorithmBase class.
12 *
13 * Supports the segmentation
14 * CT scans:

```

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```

15 *      Fat:                -190 to -30
16 *      Low density muscle:  0 to 30
17 *      High density muscle: 31 to 100
18 *      If you have any questions, please drop me a line.
19 *      =====
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25 *      (301) 405-2569
26 *      (301) 793-0567 (cell)
27 *
28 *      @version    July 12, 2002
29 *      @author
30 *      @see        AlgorithmBase
31 *
32 *      $Logfile: /mipav/src/plugins/PlugInAlgorithmCT_MD.java $
33 *      $Revision: 10 $
34 *      $Date: 10/13/04 1:09p $
35 *
36 */
37 public class PlugInAlgorithmCT_MD extends AlgorithmBase {
38
39
40     private boolean     entireImage = true;
41
42     public int          fatL      = -190;
43     public int          fatH      = -30;
44
45     public int          ldmL      = 0;
46     public int          ldmH      = 30;
47
48     public int          hdmL      = 31;
49     public int          hdmH      = 100;
50
51
52     /**
53     * Constructor for 3D images in which changes are placed in a predetermined
54     * destination image.
55     * @param destImg      Image model where result image is to stored.
56     * @param srcImg       Source image model.
57     */
58     public PlugInAlgorithmCT_MD(ModelImage destImg, ModelImage srcImg) {
59         super(destImg, srcImg);
60     }
61
62     /**
63     * Prepares this class for destruction.
64     */
65     public void finalize(){
66         destImage = null;
67         srcImage  = null;
68         super.finalize();
69     }
70

```

Figure 330. PlugInAlgorithmCT_MD.java (continued)

```

71     /**
72     *   Starts the algorithm.
73     */
74     public void run() {
75
76         if (srcImage == null) {
77             displayError("Source Image is null");
78             notifyListeners(this);
79             return;
80         }
81         if (destImage == null) {
82             displayError("Source Image is null");
83             notifyListeners(this);
84             return;
85         }
86
87
88         // start the timer to compute the elapsed time
89         setStartTime();
90
91         if (destImage != null){ // if there exists a destination image
92             if (srcImage.getNDims() == 2){
93                 calcStoreInDest2D();
94             }
95             else if (srcImage.getNDims() > 2) {
96                 calcStoreInDest3D();
97             }
98         }
99
100        // compute the elapsed time
101        computeElapsedTime();
102        notifyListeners(this);
103    }
104
105    /**
106    * This function produces a new image that has been median filtered and places
107    * filtered image in the destination image.
108    */
109    private void calcStoreInDest2D(){
110
111
112        int length; // total number of data-elements (pixels) in image
113        float buffer[]; // data-buffer (for pixel data) which is the "heart"
114                        // of the image

```

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```

115     try {
116         // image length is length in 2 dims
117         length = srcImage.getExtents()[0] * srcImage.getExtents()[1];
118         buffer = new float[length];
119         srcImage.exportData(0,length, buffer); // locks and releases lock
120     }
121     catch (IOException error) {
122         buffer = null;
123         errorCleanUp("Algorithm CT_MD reports: source image locked", true);
124         return;
125     }
126     catch (OutOfMemoryError e){
127         buffer = null;
128         errorCleanUp("Algorithm CT_MD reports: out of memory", true);
129         return;
130     }
131
132     int mod = length/100; // mod is 1 percent of length
133     initProgressBar();
134
135     // Fat: -190 to -30
136     // Low density muscle: 0 to 30
137     // High density muscle: 31 to 100
138     BitSet mask = null;
139     if (srcImage.getVOIs().size() > 0 ) {
140         mask = srcImage.generateVOIMask();
141         entireImage = false;
142     }
143
144     int fat = 0;
145     int ldMuscle = 0;
146     int hdMuscle = 0;
147     for (int i = 0; i < length && !threadStopped; i++){
148         if (isProgressBarVisible() && (i)%mod==0)
149             progressBar.setValue(Math.round((float)(i)/(length-1) * 100));
150
151         if (entireImage == true || mask.get(i) ) {
152             if( buffer[i] >= fatL && buffer[i] <= fatH ) {
153                 destImage.set(i, 20);
154                 fat++;
155             }
156             else if( buffer[i] >= ldmL && buffer[i] <= ldmH ) {
157                 destImage.set(i, 40);
158                 ldMuscle++;
159             }
160             else if( buffer[i] >= hdmL && buffer[i] <= hdmH ) {
161                 destImage.set(i, 60);
162                 hdMuscle++;
163             }
164             else {
165                 destImage.set(i, 0);
166                 //buffer[i] = (float)srcImage.getMin();
167             }
168         }
169     }
170 }
171
172

```

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```

173         //destImage.releaseLock();
174
175         if (threadStopped) {
176             finalize();
177             return;
178         }
179
180         float area = srcImage.getFileInfo()[0].getResolutions()[0] *
181                     srcImage.getFileInfo()[0].getResolutions()[1];
182
183         destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append("Number of Fat pixels = " +
184             fat , ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
185         destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append(" Area = " + (fat*area) +
186             " mm^2\n", ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
187
188         destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append("Number of LDM pixels = " +
189             ldMuscle , ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
190         destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append(" Area = " + (ldMuscle*area) +
191             " mm^2\n", ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
192
193         destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append("Number of HDM pixels = " +
194             hdMuscle , ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
195         destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append(" Area = " + (hdMuscle*area) +
196             " mm^2\n", ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
197
198         destImage.calcMinMax();
199         setCompleted(true);
200     }
201
202     /**
203     * This function produces a new volume image that has been median filtered.
204     * Image can be filtered by filtering each slice individually, or by filtering
205     * using a kernel-volume.
206     */
207     private void calcStoreInDest3D(){
208
209         int totLength, imgLength;
210         float buffer[];
211
212         float vol = srcImage.getFileInfo()[0].getResolutions()[0] *
213                     srcImage.getFileInfo()[0].getResolutions()[1] *
214                     srcImage.getFileInfo()[0].getResolutions()[2];
215
216         try {
217             // image totLength is totLength in 3 dims
218             imgLength = srcImage.getSliceSize();
219             totLength = srcImage.getSliceSize() * srcImage.getExtents()[2];
220             buffer = new float[totLength];
221             srcImage.exportData(0,totLength, buffer); // locks and releases lock
222             buildProgressBar(srcImage.getImageName(), "Processing image ...", 0, 100);
223         }
224
225         catch (IOException error) {
226             buffer = null;
227             errorCleanUp("Algorithm CT_MD: source image locked", true);
228             return;
229         }

```

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```

230     catch (OutOfMemoryError e){
231         buffer = null;
232         errorCleanUp("Algorithm CT_MD: Out of memory creating process buffer", true);
233         return;
234     }
235
236     int totFat      = 0;
237     int totLdMuscle = 0;
238     int totHdMuscle = 0;
239     initProgressBar();
240
241     for (int i = 0; i < srcImage.getExtents()[2] && !threadStopped; i++){
242         int fat      = 0;
243         int ldMuscle = 0;
244         int hdMuscle = 0;
245
246         if ( isProgressBarVisible() )
247             progressBar.setValue(Math.round((float)i/(srcImage.getExtents()[2]-1) *
248             100));
249
250         for (int j = 0; j < imgLength && !threadStopped; j++){
251             //System.out.println(" j = " + j);
252             int index = i*imgLength+j;
253             if( buffer[index] >= fatL && buffer[index] <= fatH ) {
254                 destImage.set(index, 60);
255                 totFat++;
256                 fat++;
257             }
258             else if( buffer[index] >= ldmL && buffer[index] <= ldmH ) {
259                 destImage.set(index, 120);
260                 totLdMuscle++;
261                 ldMuscle++;
262             }
263             else if( buffer[index] >= hdmL && buffer[index] <= hdmH ) {
264                 destImage.set(index, 200);
265                 totHdMuscle++;
266                 hdMuscle++;
267             }
268             else {
269                 destImage.set(index, 0);
270                 //buffer[i] = -1024;
271             }
272         }
273         destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append("\n\n ***** Slice
274         " + i + " totals *****\n",
275         ViewJFrameMessage.DATA);
276         destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append("Number of fat pixels = " +
277         fat , ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
278         destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append(" Volume = " + (fat*vol) +
279         " mm^3\n", ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
280
281         destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append("Number of LDM pixels = " +
282         ldMuscle , ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
283         destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append(" Volume = " +
284         (ldMuscle*vol) + " mm^3\n", ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
285

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```

286         destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append("Number of HDM pixels
287             = " + hdMuscle , ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
288         destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append(" Volume = " +
289             (hdMuscle*vol) + " mm^3\n", ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
290     }
291
292     destImage.releaseLock();
293
294     if (threadStopped) {
295     finalize();
296     return;
297     }
298
299     destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append("\n *****
300         Totals *****\n",
301     ViewJFrameMessage.DATA);
302     destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append("Number of totFat pixels = " +
303         totFat , ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
304     destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append(" Volume = " + (totFat*vol) +
305         " mm^3\n", ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
306
307     destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append("Number of LDM pixels = " +
308         totLdMuscle , ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
309     destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append(" Volume = " + (totLdMuscle*vol)
310         + " mm^3\n", ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
311
312     destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append("Number of HDM pixels = " +
313         totHdMuscle , ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
314     destImage.getUserInterface().getMessageFrame().append(" Volume = " + (totHdMuscle*vol)
315         + " mm^3\n", ViewJFrameMessage.DATA );
316
317     destImage.calcMinMax();
318     progressBar.dispose();
319     setCompleted(true);
320 }
321 }

```

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