

# Leica Aperio Slide Scanner Start-up Guide

**Please note** - your images will be stored under the Histology Rowley folder, by PI, researcher name, date scanned. If you exceed your allotted 1 terabyte of data storage, your PI will be billed accordingly by the Bioinformatics staff at the current rate. These Eiles are large, so realize you may get to 1 terabyte more quickly than you think. The Eiles will remain in the Rowley/Histology subfolder for up to 3 years and can be added to eSlide Manager database if you wish to use this to organize your images and access the built-in Image Analysis algorithms for quantiEication. See instructions below.

## Viewing your Images:

Your digital slides are saved as .svs Eiles. There are several options available for opening these types of Eiles. (See <https://medevel.com/10-os-whole-slide-image/> for a short list.) We recommend the options below.

1. ImageScope software is available from Leica, with which you can adjust magniEication, pan and zoom, compare different stains, annotate areas of interest, perform image analysis, and more. This software is compatible with eSlide Manager. You may download the free software here:

<http://www.leicabiosystems.com/pathology-imaging/aperio-epathology/integrate/imagescope/>

2. QuPath is open source software for digital pathology that does everything ImageScope does but works on both Mac and PC! It contains it's own Image Analysis algorithms and is not compatible with eSlide Manager, however this software is preferred by many researchers. Free download available here:

<https://qupath.github.io>

3. WebScope is the default web viewer when opening slides from eSlide Manager on any computer or device with no viewing software installed. However it has limited options for image manipulation compared to the ImageScope or QuPath and it only opens slides from the eSlide Manager database. **Please note, WebScope is not supported by the Google Chrome web browser!**

4. If you *really* want to use ImageScope on your Mac you can download VMFusion,

which allows you to download a PC desktop onto your Mac.  This is free through IS&T. Just go to YouTube and search for VirtualBox Mac and you will see

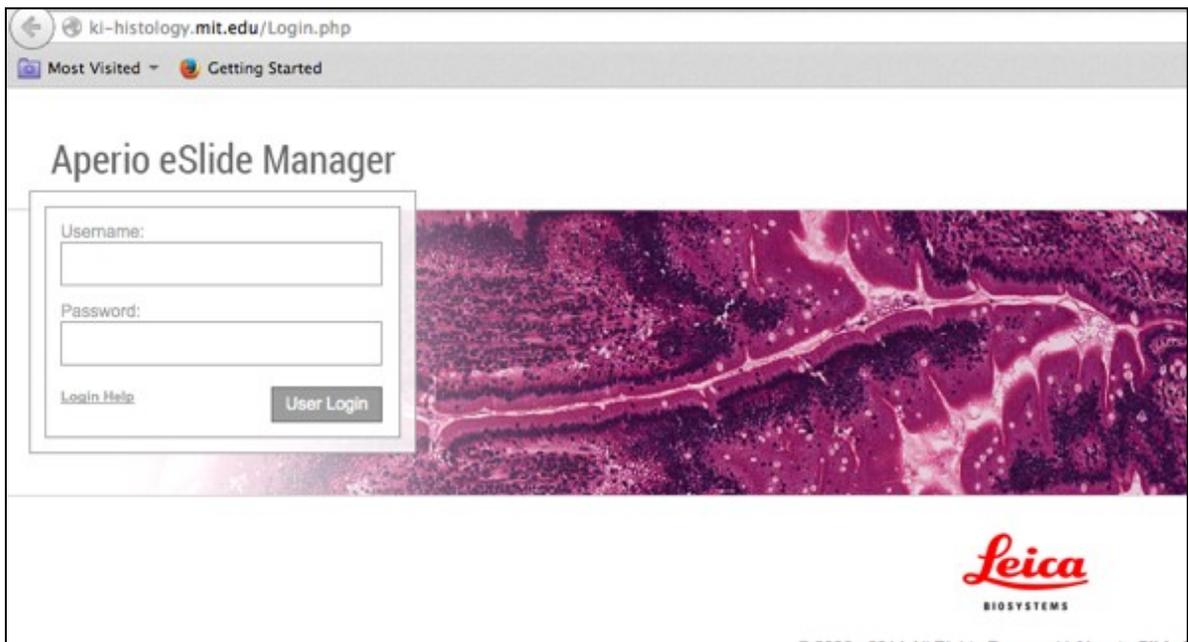
videos on how to do this. It's slow and may crash your computer so it is not our recommended method.

## Using eSlide Manager

eSlide Manager is a web-based, searchable data management system that allows you to organize your slides into different projects, make notes, upload documents, store image analysis results, share images, etc... It's very useful if you do a lot of scanning and quantification.

You access the website by going to [ki-histology.mit.edu](http://ki-histology.mit.edu). **Note – due to Firewall restrictions this is only accessible on MIT campus or via VPN!**

The log in page looks like this:



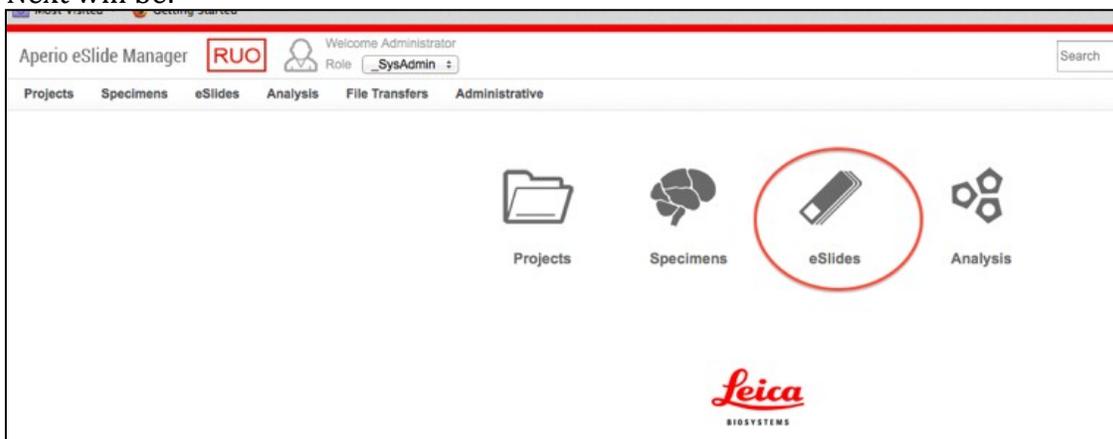
**Your login will be your Kerberos name and the default password= slides**

The first screen as you log in will be this:



Click continue.

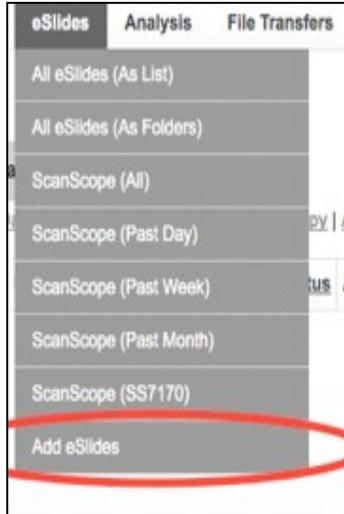
Next will be:



Click eslides.

To move images into eSlide Manager, do the following:

- Click the eSlides tab, then click Add eSlides.



- Click on the browse button to select your images from your dated Histology folder on Rowley. Enter in what Data Group you would like it assigned to. Click add.

Aperio eSlide Manager  Welcome Administrator  
Role \_SysAdmin

Projects Specimens eSlides Analysis File Transfers Administrative

### Add New eSlides

Add  eSlide(s):

Add eSlides with images in server folder and subfolders:

Comment:

Status:

Stain:

Data Group:

3. Your images are now transferred to eSlide manager. **If you inadvertently delete them from eSlide manager, they are permanently gone and will need to be re-scanned (at the regular cost)!**

	Label	Image	Comment	Status	Captured Date	File Location	Description	Rack	Slot	Scan Status	Scan Status Details	Quality Factor
<input type="checkbox"/>					03/17/2015 07:57:14	\\172.16.4.246 histology/images \\2015-03-17 \\434.svs		3	2	Success		97
<input type="checkbox"/>					03/17/2015 07:55:16	\\172.16.4.246 histology/images \\2015-03-17 \\433.svs		3	1	Success		97

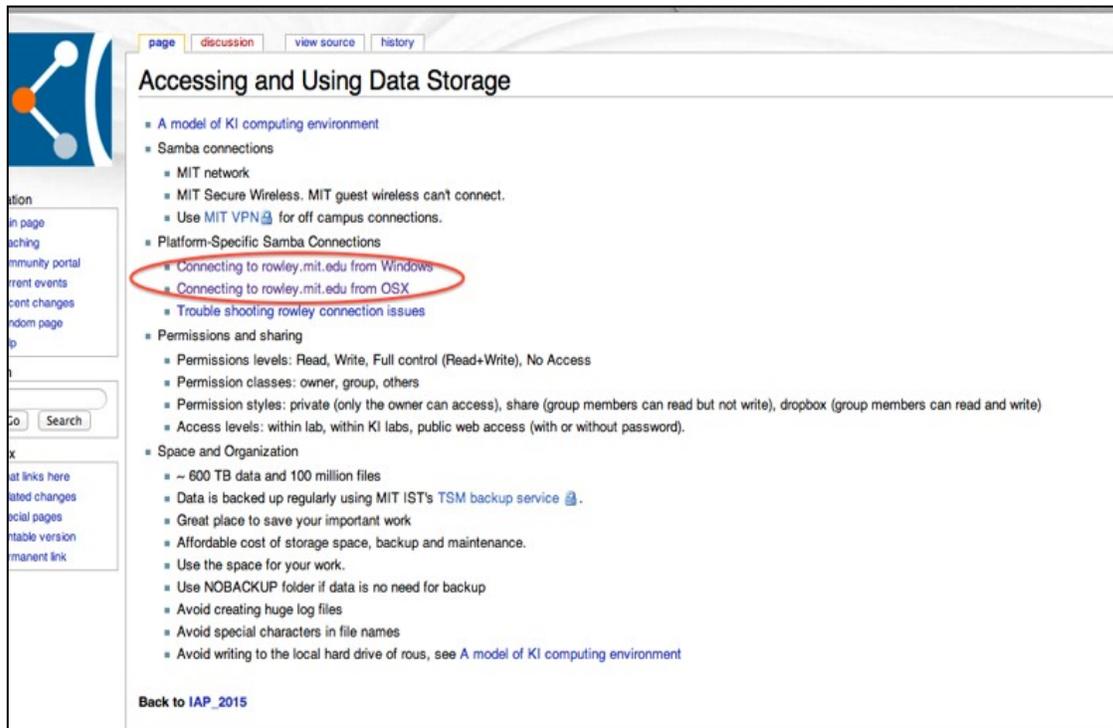
To view images, click any image to open. The scanned image will open in ImageScope or WebScope, depending on what is installed on the computer. You are ready to view/work up your images. You can access your images from any computer.

**If you do not wish to use eSlide Manager, you can access your scanned images directly from the Rowley server.**

You can load the Rowley/Histology server onto your desktop. <smb://rowley.mit.edu/histology> Instructions for that can be here:

<http://rous.mit.edu/index.php/Accessing and Using Data Storage>

The page will look like this:



page discussion view source history

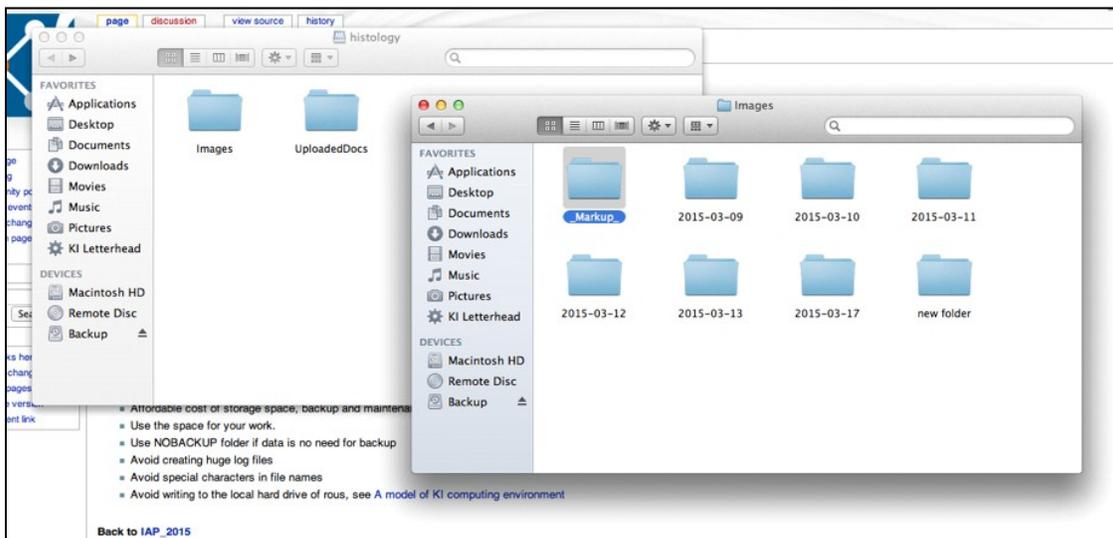
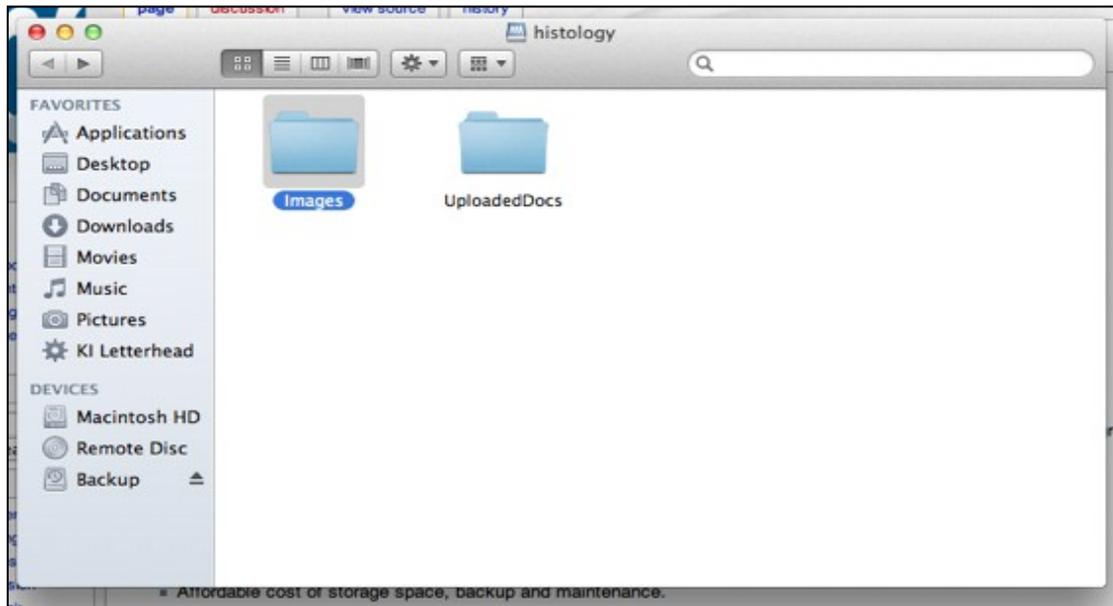
## Accessing and Using Data Storage

- A model of KI computing environment
- Samba connections
  - MIT network
  - MIT Secure Wireless. MIT guest wireless can't connect.
  - Use MIT VPN for off campus connections.
- Platform-Specific Samba Connections
  - Connecting to rowley.mit.edu from Windows
  - Connecting to rowley.mit.edu from OSX
  - Trouble shooting rowley connection issues
- Permissions and sharing
  - Permissions levels: Read, Write, Full control (Read+Write), No Access
  - Permission classes: owner, group, others
  - Permission styles: private (only the owner can access), share (group members can read but not write), dropbox (group members can read and write)
  - Access levels: within lab, within KI labs, public web access (with or without password).
- Space and Organization
  - ~ 800 TB data and 100 million files
  - Data is backed up regularly using MIT IST's TSM backup service.
  - Great place to save your important work
  - Affordable cost of storage space, backup and maintenance.
  - Use the space for your work.
  - Use NOBACKUP folder if data is no need for backup
  - Avoid creating huge log files
  - Avoid special characters in file names
  - Avoid writing to the local hard drive of rous, see A model of KI computing environment

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Click on either “Connecting to Rowley from Windows “ or “Connecting to Rowley from OSX”.

Follow the instructions on how to connect. You will need to open the Histology folder in Rowley, which you will have access to. If you do not, please let us know. It should look like this:



Find the folder with your slides, which is sorted by PI -> Researcher -> date scanned. If you cannot find your images in the folder with the date that you think it's scanned in, check the folder a day before and a day after, we might have shifted the dates scanned to accommodate our workElow.

Finally, **if you do not have a Rowley account** we can put the Eiles on a public server that you can still access from a computer/laptop/device on Campus. We will leave the Eiles there for a week before deleting them so you should transfer the Eiles to a hard drive or cloud storage of your choice ASAP. To access, connect to an MIT Wi-Fi network (either MIT or MIT Secure) and open Internet browser (Firefox or Safari preferred)

Go to: [http://rowley.mit.edu/histology\\_web/](http://rowley.mit.edu/histology_web/) or <http://ki-data.mit.edu/histology>

username: histology  
password: koch76

Alternatively if you provide a hard drive we can copy the Eiles onto the drive from our workstation.

User guides for eSlide Manager, ImageScope and for performing image analysis using ImageScope/WebScope are available on the Histology folder in Rowley at Rowley -> Histology -> Images -> Aperio Guides.

Please let us know if you:

- Cannot access your images.

- Are missing any images. (They may not have scanned due to some defect of the slide or might not have transferred correctly).

- See anyone else's images.

- Have any questions or need advice.

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