



# Tutorial: MONAI LABEL

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# Agenda

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- What is MONAI Label?
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- Resources

# WHAT IS MONAI?

## Medical Open Network for AI

### *Project MONAI*

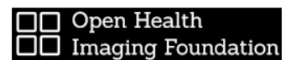
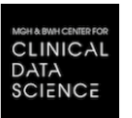
- a collaborative open-source initiative
- founded at MICCAI 2019
- establish and standardize the best practices for deep learning in healthcare imaging to accelerate the pace of innovation.



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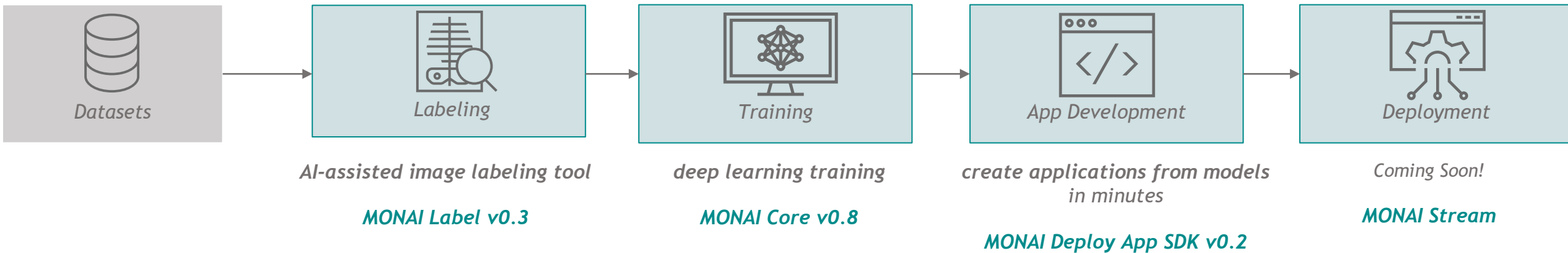


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# WHAT IS MONAI?

Accelerate Pace of Research Innovation With a Common Foundation



# MONAI Label

*AI-assisted image labeling tool*

# What is MONAI Label?

## Infrastructure: client-server system

Three main parts

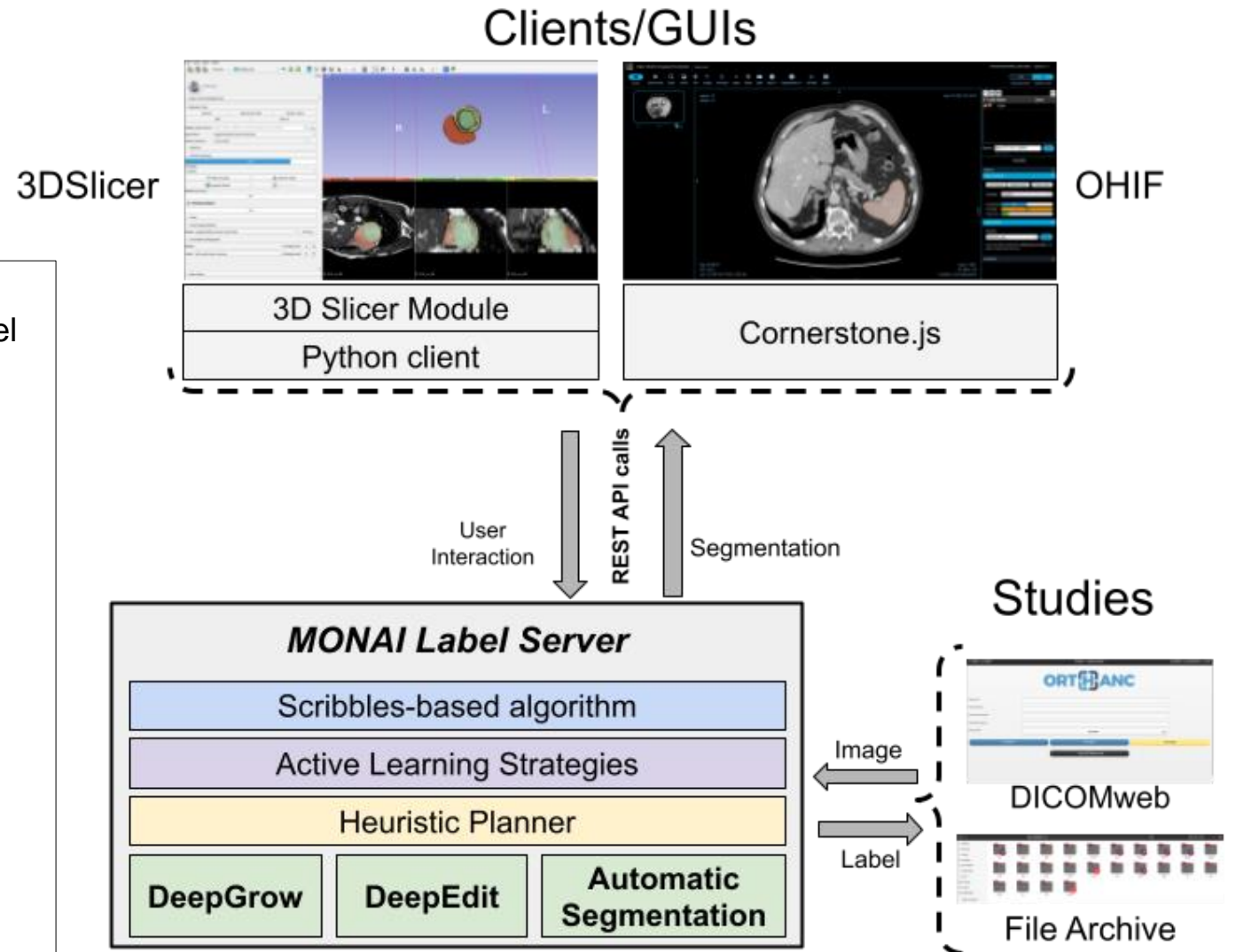
- MONAI Label server
- Datastore
- Clients/GUIs

### Clinician

- Annotate datasets by **sample apps**, w/wo pre-trained model
  - Build AI annotation models by just submitting labels
  - Less time and effort
- **Pre-built plugins** for 3DSlicer and OHIF viewer

### Researcher/Developer

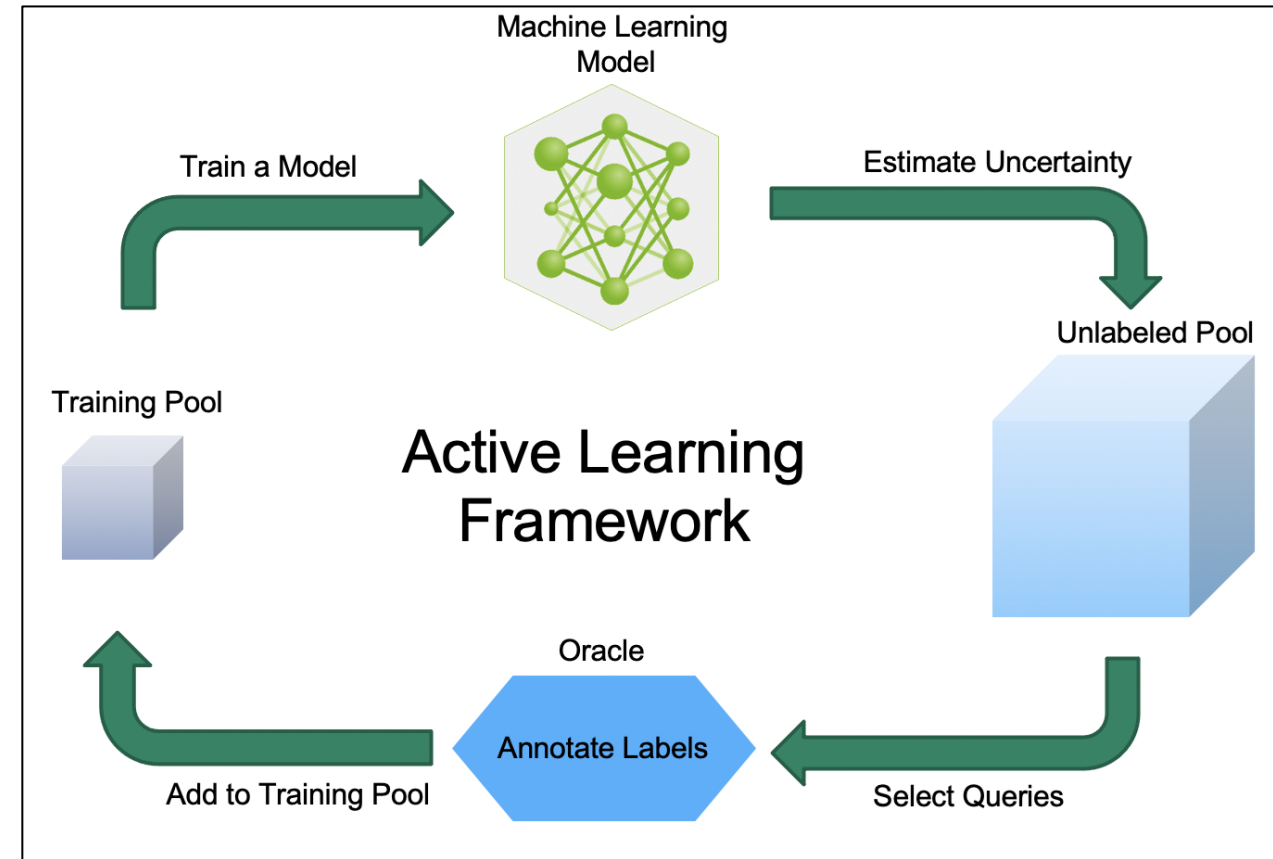
- Create new MONAI LABEL apps, e.g.,
  - Implement new annotation methods
  - Implement new active learning techniques
- Rapid app prototyping
  - Make incremental improvements to sample apps
  - Verify effectiveness in real-world scenarios
  - Deploy MONAI Label Apps to wider audiences



# What is MONAI Label?

## Server: Active Learning Strategies

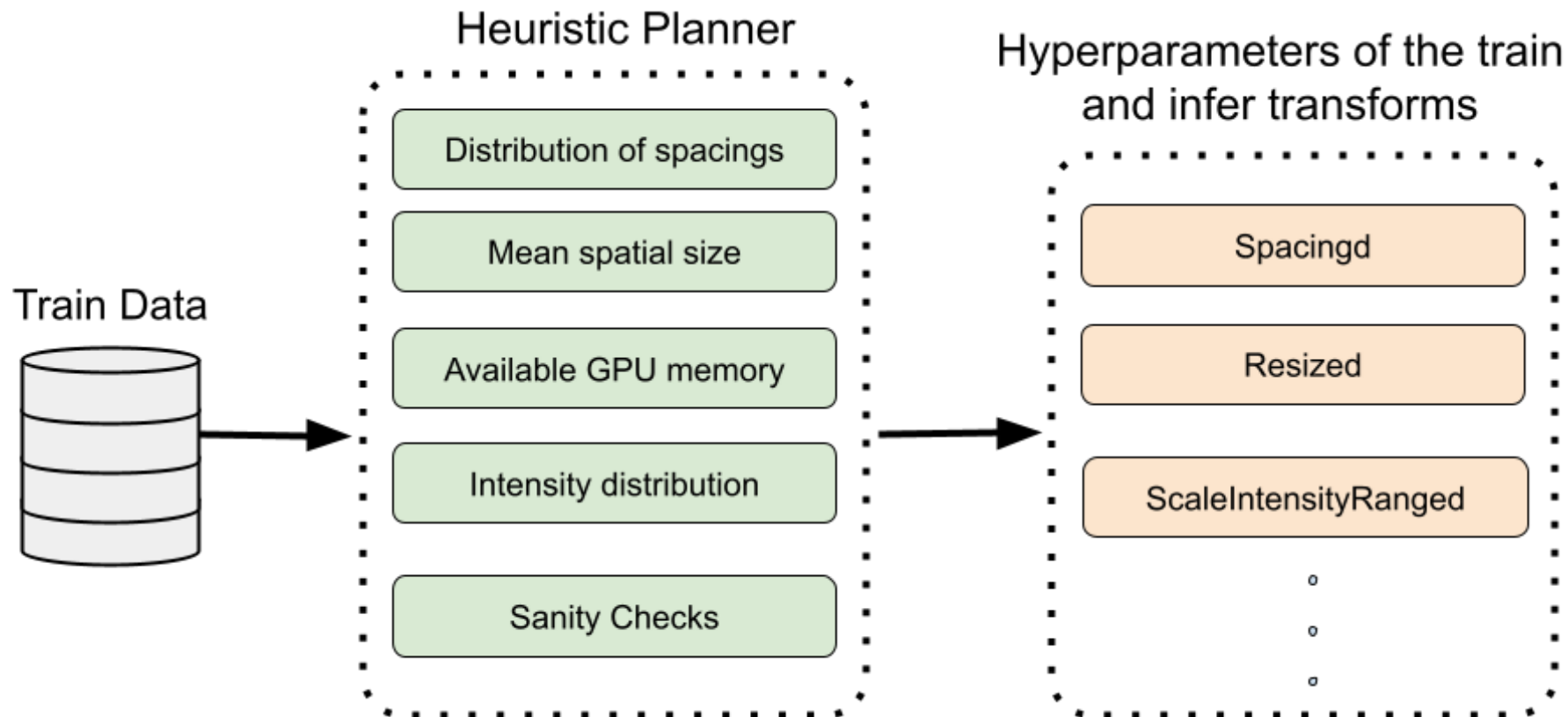
- **Why use Active Learning Strategies?**
  - Random selection is not always the most efficient.
  - A semi-supervised machine learning approach where the algorithm can choose which data it wants to learn from
  - E.g., train on harder/more uncertain ones first.
- **Strategies available in MONAI Label**
  - Aleatoric Uncertainty (based on Test-Time Augmentation)
  - Epistemic Uncertainty
- **After having a pretrained model**
  - Uncertainty of each image is computed.
  - Unlabeled samples that are harder/need more attention from the clinician will be selected.



# What is MONAI Label?

## Server: Heuristic Planner

- Defines image spatial size based on available GPU memory.
- Defines training transforms based on GPU memory, average spatial size and spacing of datastore.
- Performs sanity checks before starting training.
- Shows warning in case images are multimodality or multilabel.





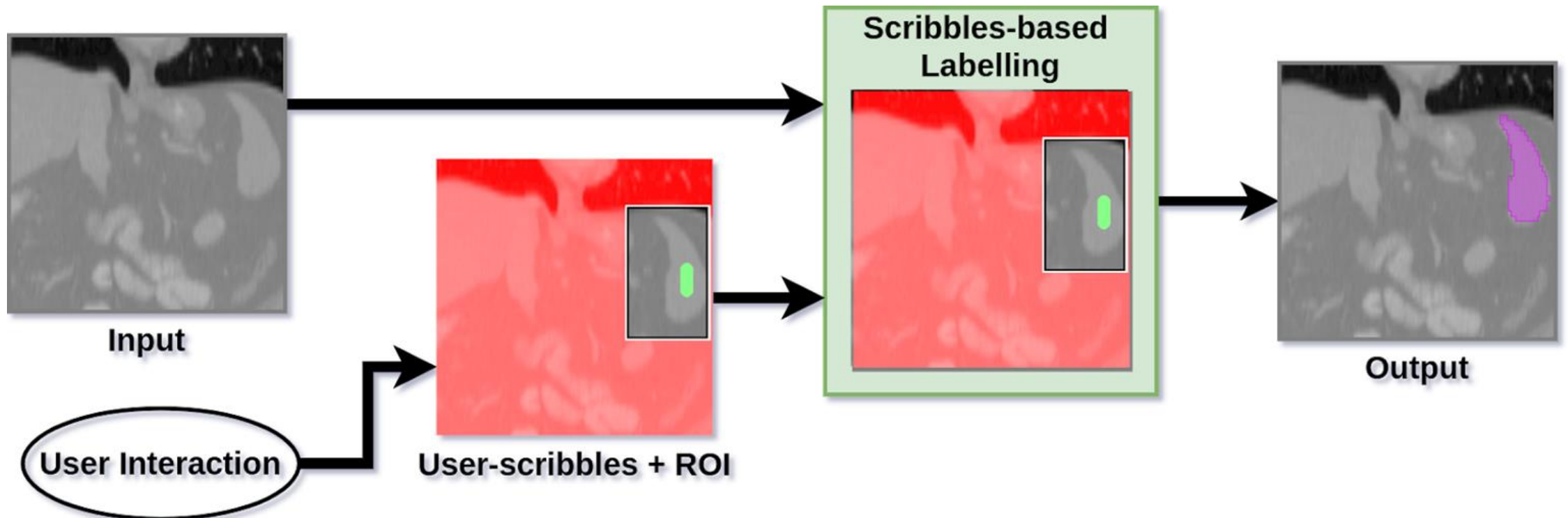
# What is MONAI Label?

## Server: Scribbles-based algorithms

- **Scribbles:** free-hand line drawings for minimal interaction
- **Two scribbles-based modes in MONAI Label**
  - Scribbles-only: uses scribbles to generate segmentation labels [1, 2]
  - Scribbles-based refinement: refines labels inferred by a deep learning model [2]

[1] Criminisi, Antonio, et al. "Geos: Geodesic image segmentation." ECCV, 2008.

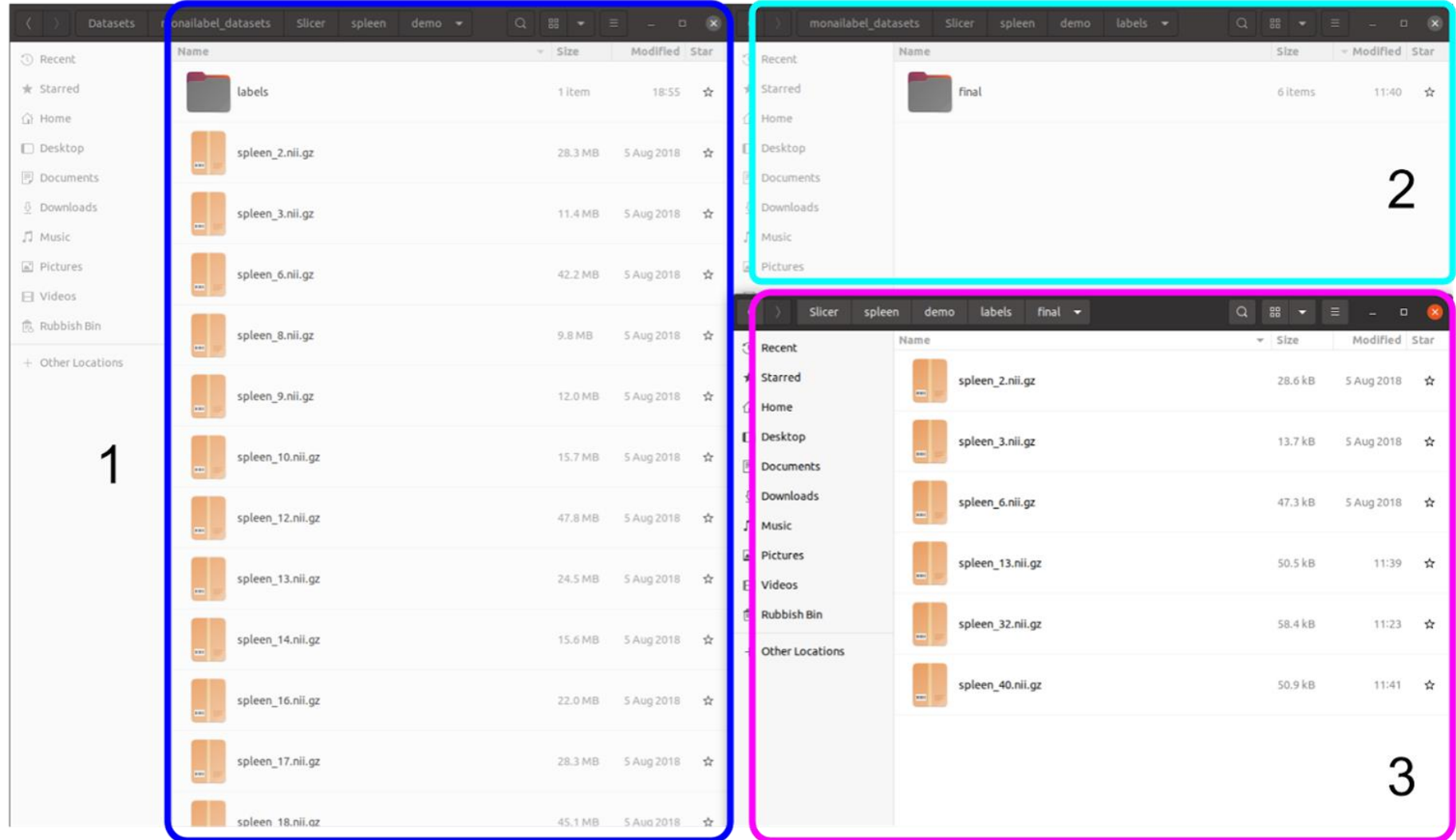
[2] Wang, Guotai, et al. "Interactive medical image segmentation using deep learning with image-specific fine tuning." IEEE TMI, 2018.



# What is MONAI Label?

## Datastore

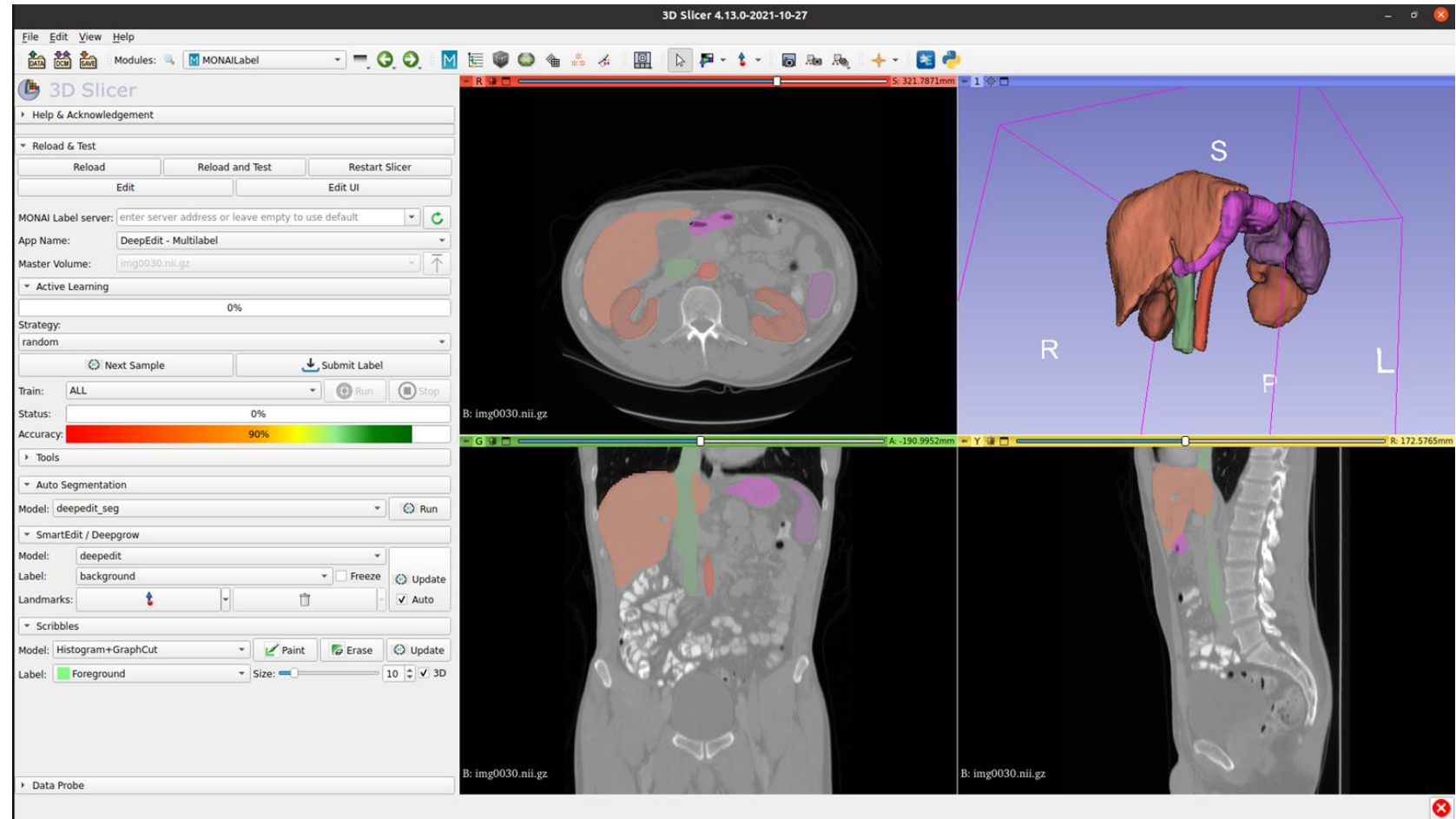
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# What is MONAI Label?

Client: 3DSlicer

- Open-source
- User-friendly
- Supportive community
- Many manual annotation tools
- Easy to customize
- Ready-to-use MONAI Label plugin

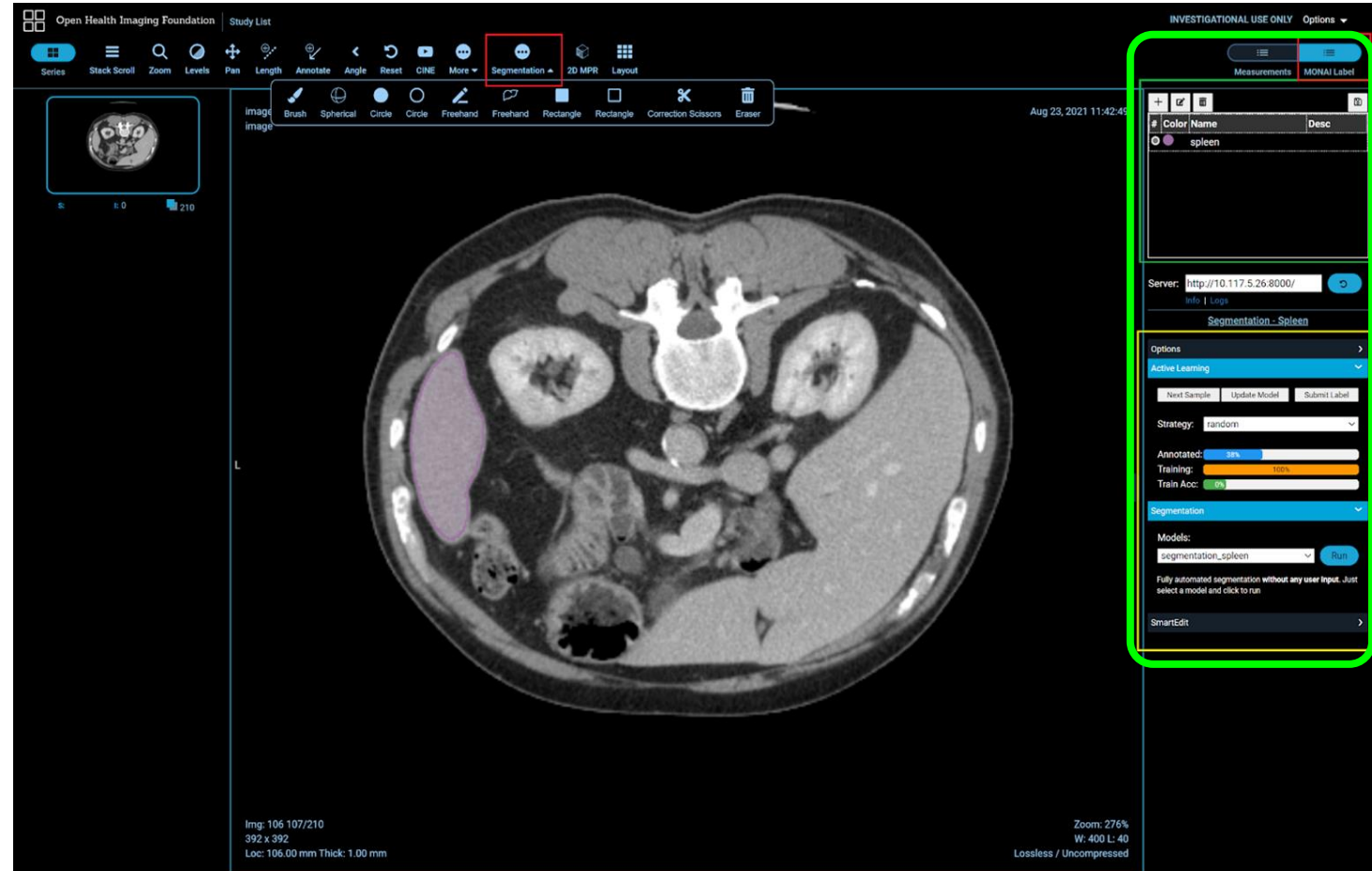


# What is MONAI Label?

Client: OHIF viewer (Open Health Imaging Foundation)

- Open-source
- Web-based viewer
- Works out-of-the-box with Image Archives that support DICOMWeb, e.g., Orthanc.
- Beautiful user interface (UI) designed with extensibility in mind.
- Pre-built with MONAI Label
- accessible at <http://127.0.0.1:8000/ohif/> when you start monailabel server connecting to local/remote dicom-web storage.


MONAI Label











# How to create a MONAI Label App?

Start from [sample apps](#)

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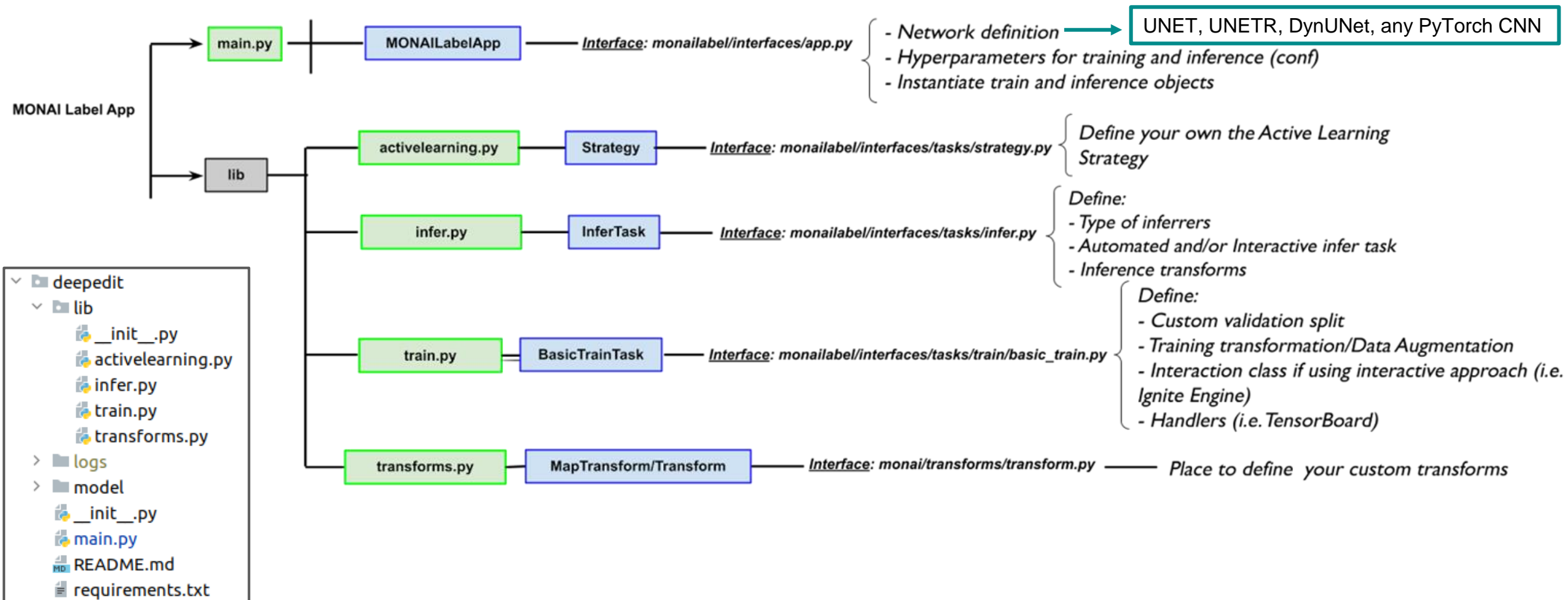
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# How to create a MONAI Label App?

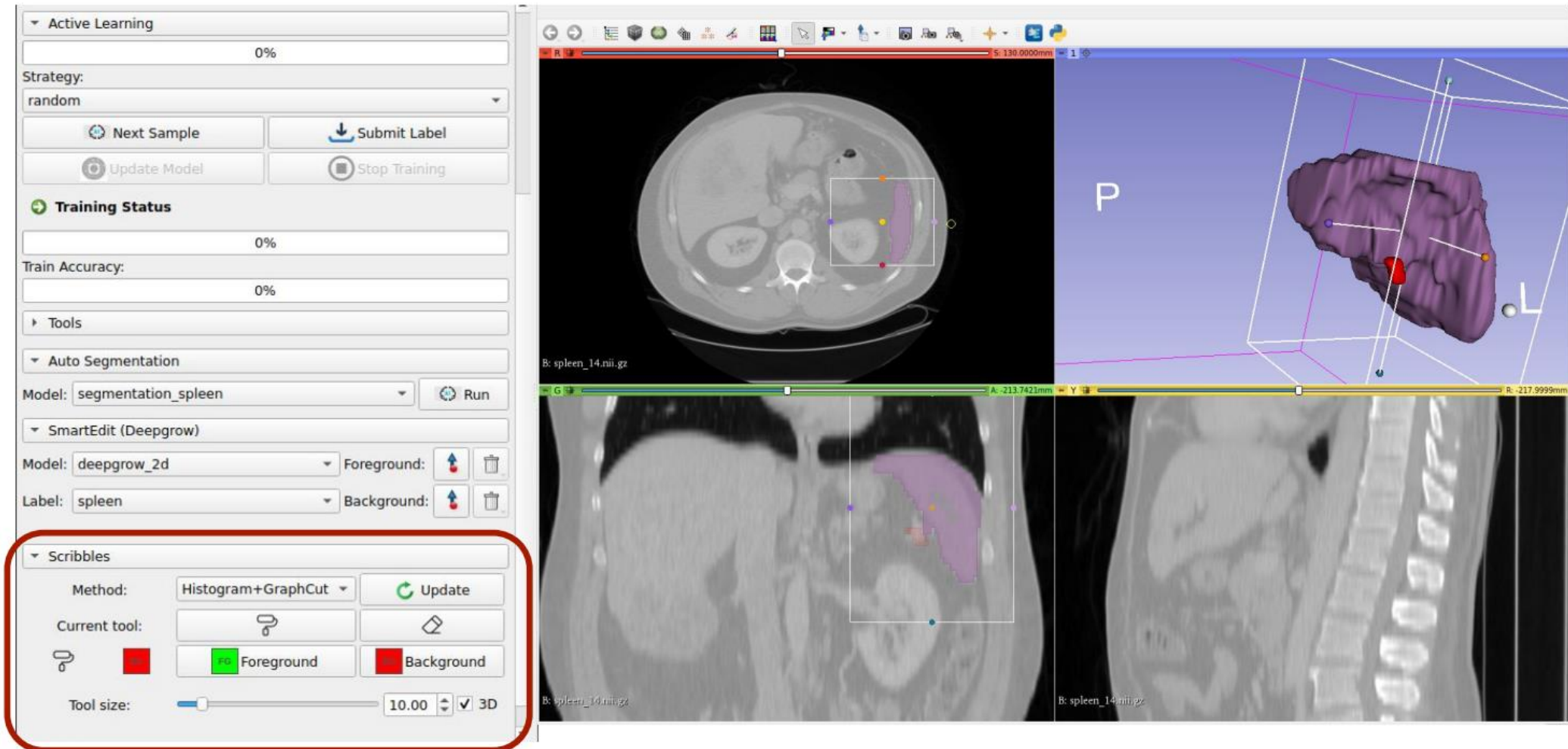
## MONAI Label App Structure



# How to create a MONAI Label App?

Create interactions in client plugin

Can support different types of interactions, e.g., **closed curves**.



# How to create a MONAI Label App?

## Integrate to other viewers

- REST API for Clients <http://127.0.0.1:8000/>
- Requirement for the viewer:
  - can REST API calls to the server
  - commercial viewers might not allow you to modify

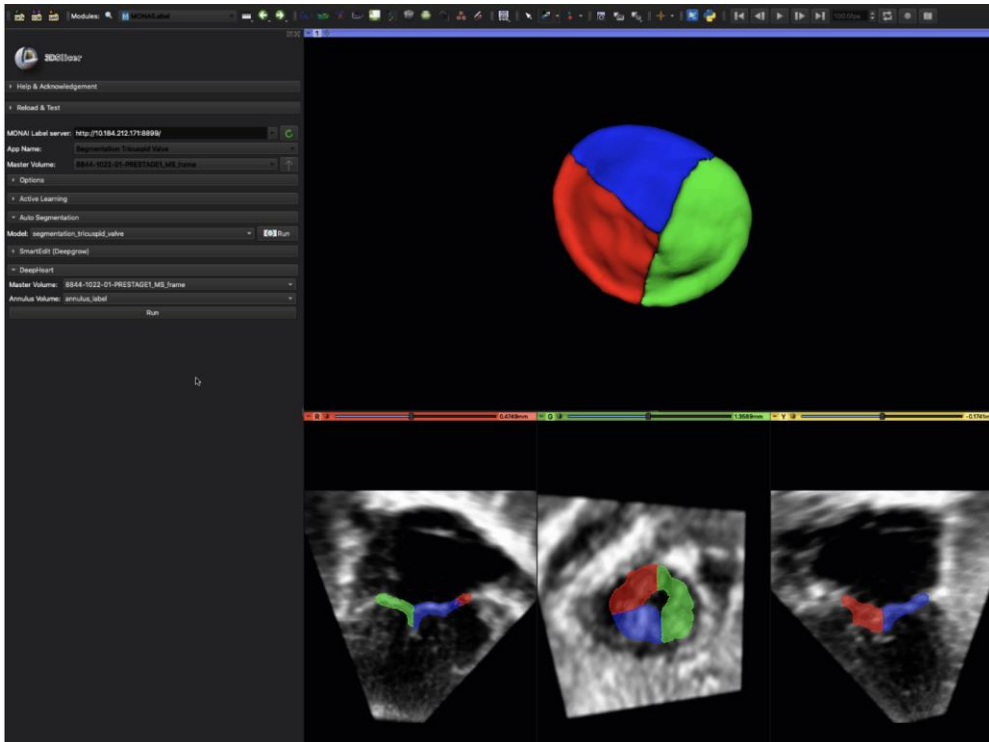
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Train		
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# MONAI Label Success Story

## Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

“Open-source frameworks like Project MONAI provide a standardized, transparent, and reproducible template for the creation of, and deployment of medical imaged-focused machine learning models, potentiating efforts such as ours. They allow us to focus on investigating novel algorithms and their application, rather than developing and maintaining software infrastructure. This in turn has accelerated research progress which we are actively translating into tools of practical relevance to the pediatric community we serve” - Dr. Matthew Jolley, MD, CHOP



- Creation of a MONAI Label app for leaflet segmentation of heart valves in 3D echocardiographic (3DE) images.
- Require standardized way of collaborating between clinical and research teams.
- Next steps: Deploy this model as a MONAI Label application on a public facing server at CHOP where clinicians can directly interface with the model and trigger a training loop for adaptation.

# How to use MONAI Label on local workstation?

## Demo overview

Goal - annotate & build a model for liver segmentation

Cold start - No labels/pretrained weights available

*Start MONAI Label docker container*

*Download sample apps & datasets*

Sample app - DeepEdit (network: dynunet, pretrained weights: MSD challenge Spleen CT dataset)

Dataset - MSD liver CT dataset

Start MONAI Label server

Start 3DSlicer

Annotate from scratch - MONAI Label module's Scribbles (use ROI first)/Slicer's internal tools, e.g., Grow-from-Seeds

Start training in the background

Use the just-trained model to do auto-segmentation/inference, then use DeepGrow to refine it

Use Active Learning Strategies

# How to use MONAI Label on HiperGator?

## Demo overview

Goal - annotate & build a model for liver segmentation

Cold start - No labels/pretrained weights available

*Login HiperGator OOD <https://ood.rc.ufl.edu/>*

*Download sample apps & datasets*

Sample app - DeepEdit (network: dynunet, pretrained weights: MSD challenge Spleen CT dataset)

Dataset - MSD liver CT dataset

*Open a terminal*

Start MONAI Label server

*Start a Console*

Start 3DSlicer

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# Resources

## HiperGator

- Become a HiperGator user (request HiperGator accounts, trials, submit purchase forms, etc)  
<https://www.rc.ufl.edu/get-started/hipergator/>
- How to use HiperGator?
  - UFRC wiki [https://help.rc.ufl.edu/doc/UFRC\\_Help\\_and\\_Documentation](https://help.rc.ufl.edu/doc/UFRC_Help_and_Documentation)
  - Open OnDemand [https://help.rc.ufl.edu/doc/Open\\_OnDemand](https://help.rc.ufl.edu/doc/Open_OnDemand)
- Need more help?
  - Submit a ticket <https://support.rc.ufl.edu>
  - Doc on getting help [https://help.rc.ufl.edu/doc/Get\\_Help](https://help.rc.ufl.edu/doc/Get_Help)

# Resources

## MONAI Label

- Doc (please explore the top menu bar What's New, Installation, Quickstart [step-by-step tutorials], Modules Overview, Application Deployment, API Reference) <https://docs.monai.io/projects/label/en/latest/whatsnew.html>
- MONAI Label repo <https://github.com/Project-MONAI/MONAILabel>
- MONAI Label wiki <https://github.com/Project-MONAI/MONAILabel/wiki>
- Quick start <https://github.com/Project-MONAI/MONAILabel/blob/main/README.md>
- Active Learning <https://github.com/Project-MONAI/MONAILabel/wiki/Active-Learning>
- FAQ <https://github.com/Project-MONAI/MONAILabel/wiki/FAQ>
- Report bugs\ask questions\request new features\provide any feedback
  - Issues tab <https://github.com/Project-MONAI/MONAILabel/issues>
  - Discussion tab <https://github.com/Project-MONAI/MONAILabel/discussions>
- MONAI Label session recording from MICCAI MONAI Bootcamp 2021 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8HipCgSZlw&list=PLtoSVSQ2XzyCobzE6NvwjNpITsQyPUtfs&index=11&t=1819s>
- 3DSlicer doc for the basics [https://slicer.readthedocs.io/en/latest/user\\_guide/getting\\_started.html](https://slicer.readthedocs.io/en/latest/user_guide/getting_started.html)
- 3DSlicer doc for module Segment Editor [https://slicer.readthedocs.io/en/latest/user\\_guide/modules/segmenteditor.html](https://slicer.readthedocs.io/en/latest/user_guide/modules/segmenteditor.html)
- 3DSlicer 10min segmentation tutorial <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJolexlvtGo&t=2s>

# Resources

## MONAI sessions @GTC 2022

- [AI-assisted Annotation for Continuous Learning with MONAI Label \[DLIT2098\]](#)
- [Developing for the AI Medical Project Life Cycle: MONAI Community Developer Meetup \[SE2174\]](#)
- [Accelerate your research with MONAI on AWS \[S42397\]](#)
- [Design, Train, and Evaluate Domain-specialized Health-care Imaging AI Models with MONAI \[DLIT2097\]](#)
- [Creating Inference Applications for the Medical AI Project Life Cycle using MONAI Deploy \[DLIT2099\]](#)
- [HCLS Dev Summit: Building an Open-source Foundation to Fuel R&D Innovation \[S42639\]](#)
- [Experiences in Algorithm Deployment in Large Healthcare Settings and Continuous Learning \[S41923\]](#) Mayo Clinic
- [Scientific Process of Building AI Models \(Presented by Quantiphi, Inc.\) \[S42426\]](#) Quantiphi, Inc.
- [AI Building Blocks for Industry 4.0 \(Presented by Supermicro\) \[S42564\]](#) Super Micro Computer, Inc.

# Future Work

- Multimodality support
- Pathology Applications
- Multiple apps under single server
- Self-supervised learning or unsupervised learning algorithms to leverage unlabeled data for better performance.

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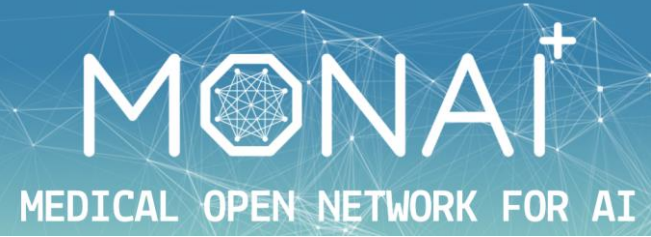


# MONAI MOMENTUM IS EXPLODING

Let's build MONAI together

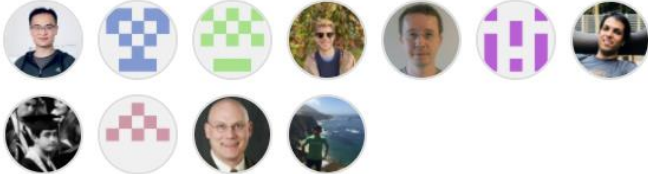
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Contributors 76



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*10 Working groups  
80 external contributors*



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# Thanks!

See you at MONAI Core tutorial next Tuesday!

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