



NASAView v.3.10.0

for the Planetary Data System

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1.1 Overview

About NASAView

NASAView was developed as a simple display tool for data contained in the PDS archive with a requirement that it run on multiple hardware platforms and convert between machine specific data formats as necessary. This application was built using the PDS Label Library Light (L3), PDS Object Access Library (OAL), and the XVT Portability Toolkit.

The PDS OAL and L3 libraries provide access to PDS labeled data products and represent the standard software libraries available for the production and use of the PDS archive. The L3 library reads and parses a product label and allows access to label information using standard function calls. The OAL, using the label information, manipulates the actual science data at three levels. At the lowest level or stream layer, physical record format differences such as <CR><LF> versus <LF> record delimiters are addressed. At the next higher level or structure layer, data format differences such as byte-order is addressed. Finally at the object layer, data products can be manipulated using object-based function calls.

The XVT Portability Toolkit, a commercial product, provides the cross platform GUI development environment for NASAView. It allows an interface to be developed on one platform and to then be ported to another supported platform with little effort. Most important for this application, it utilizes the native windowing system on the target platform. This provides a user with the expected look-and-feel on a specific platform while also providing the same application functionality across platforms.

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1.2 Release Notes

Release Notes

The purpose of this section is to provide a description of a NASAView release including any impact that the new or modified capabilities will have on the Discipline Nodes or the PDS user community. An itemized list of changes for this release and past releases can be found on the [Release Changes](#) page. If viewing this document in PDF form, see the appendix for details.

Release 3.10.0

This is a maintenance release of NASAView correcting a number of issues including support for displaying 16-bit, multi-banded images and large spreadsheets within the hierarchy menu.

Release 3.9.0

This is a maintenance release of NASAView correcting a number of issues including support for displaying large spreadsheets and IEEE Real Numbers.

Release 3.8.0

This is a maintenance release of NASAView, which includes fixes for supporting 16-bit unsigned images, 32-bit multi-banded images, and tables containing items within a bit column.

Release 3.7.0

This is a maintenance release of NASAView, which includes a fix for labels containing both a SPREADSHEET and HEADER object, and also a fix for multi-banded images containing LINE_DISPLAY_DIRECTION and SAMPLE_DISPLAY_DIRECTION keywords to change the orientation of an image.

Also included in this release is the deployment of a Mac Intel and Mac PowerPC package instead of the single Mac package released in previous versions. This is due to NASAView having to do architecture-dependent, byte-swapping in order to read the data properly.

Release 3.6.0

This is a maintenance release of NASAView, which includes a fix to correctly calculate the total number of bytes in a Band Interleaved by Pixel Qube as well as a fix to correctly parse labels with blank lines within a statement.

Release 3.5.0

This is a maintenance release of NASAView, which includes a fix to correctly handle Band Interleaved by Pixel, (BAND, SAMPLE, LINE), qubes.

Release 3.4.0

This is a maintenance release of NASAView, which includes a fix to support 32-bit images.

Release 3.3.0

This is a maintenance release of NASAView, which includes support for 64-bit images.

Release 3.2.0

This is a maintenance release of NASAView, which includes support for the Linux 64-bit platform and numerous bug fixes.

Release 3.1.0

This is a maintenance release of NASAView, which fixes issues found during beta testing of release 3.0.0.

Release 3.0.0

This release of NASAView represents the beta release for JPEG-2000 and improved Mac OS X support.

1.3 Installation

Installation

This section describes how to install the NASAView software contained in the *nasaview* package. The following topics can be found in this section:

- [System Requirements](#)
- [Unpacking the Package](#)
- [Miscellaneous Notes](#)

System Requirements

The following table shows a list of platforms that NASAView currently supports:

Platform	Version
Linux (32-bit)	Built on Red Hat 7.3. Tested on Red Hat Enterprise 3.
Linux (64-bit)	Built and tested on Red Hat Enterprise 4.
Mac OS X (Intel)	Built and tested on 10.4.11.
Mac PowerPC	Built on a Mac OS X 10.4.11. Tested on PowerPC G4 running 10.4
Solaris	Built and tested on 2.7.
Windows	Built on XP with Service Pack 3. Requires at least Service Pack 2.

The Linux and Solaris releases of NASAView require X Windows and the Motif window manager to be installed in order to function properly. NASAView is not guaranteed to run under other X Window systems, but there are rumors of success. In addition, if NASAView is to be displayed on a remote terminal, the remote terminal must have an X Windows emulator installed.

Unpacking the Package

Download the *nasaview* package from the [NASAView](#) web page. The binary distribution is available in either zip or tar/gzip packages depending on the platform. Unpack the selected binary distribution file according to the selected platform below.

Linux

Unpack the selected binary distribution file with the following command:

```
[node: ~] tar -xzf nasaview-3.10.0_linux.tar.gz
```

The commands above result in the creation of the *nasaview-3.10.0_linux* directory with the following directory structure:

- **README.txt**

A README file directing the user to the available documentation for the project.

- **LICENSE.txt**

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- **doc/**

This document directory contains a local web site with the NASAView Guide and other configuration management related information. Just point your favorite browser to the *index.html* file in this directory.

- **nasaview**

The NASAView executable file.

- **nasaview.uid**

Resource file for the NASAView application.

- ***.so**

Support libraries.

- **FHA01118.LBL**

Test label.

Mac OS X

Unpack the selected binary distribution file by either double-clicking it on the desktop or executing the following command:

```
[node: ~] tar -xzf nasaview-3.10.0_mac.tar.gz
```



The commands above result in the creation of the *nasaview-3.10.0_mac* directory with the following directory structure:

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- **NASAView**

The NASAView executable file.

Solaris

Unpack the selected binary distribution file with the following command:

```
[node: ~] tar -xzf nasaview-3.10.0_solaris.tar.gz
```

The commands above result in the creation of the *nasaview-3.10.0_solaris* directory with the following directory structure:

- **README.txt**

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Test label.

Windows

Unpack the selected binary distribution file by either double-clicking it on the desktop or executing the following command:

```
C:\> unzip nasaview-3.10.0_win.zip
```

The commands above result in the creation of the *nasaview-3.10.0_win* directory with the following directory structure:

- **README.txt**

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- **doc/**

This document directory contains a local web site with the NASAView Guide and other configuration management related information. Just point your favorite browser to the *index.html* file in this directory.

- **nasaview.exe**

The NASAView executable file.

- ***.dll**

Support libraries. These files can be moved to the *C:\Windows\System* directory if desired but are probably better off left in this location.

- **FHA01118.LBL**

Test label.

Miscellaneous Notes

NASAView can be invoked as a Web Browser helper application by specifying the following in a browser:

- File Type: application/PDS
- Action: NASAView
- Extensions: LBL, IMG

1.4 Operation

Operation

NASAView provides a Graphical User Interface (GUI) enabling users to view PDS label products. This section describes how to use NASAView. The following topics can be found in this section:

- [Tool Setup](#)
- [Tool Execution](#)
- [Tool Interface](#)
- [Common Errors](#)
- [Mac OS X Quirks](#)

Tool Setup

In order to execute NASAView on Solaris and Linux machines, the user's environment must be configured appropriately. Windows and Mac OS X users, however, do not need to setup their environment. This section describes how to setup the user environment on Solaris and Linux machines. The commands for setting environment variables must not contain spaces or line continuation characters in the value for the variable.

Linux and Solaris Setup

This section details the environment setup for Linux and Solaris machines. The following steps need to be performed:

- Set the UIDPATH Environment Variable
- Set the LD_LIBRARY_PATH Environment Variable

Set the UIDPATH Environment Variable

The *UIDPATH* environment variable is used by Motif to locate the NASAView resource file named *nasaview.uid*.

The following command demonstrates setting the *UIDPATH* environment variable by appending to its current setting. In this example, the *nasaview.uid* file is located in the *nasaview* directory:

```
[node:~] setenv UIDPATH ${UIDPATH}:$HOME/nasaview/%U
```

```
[node:~] echo $UIDPATH
```

Note: The `%U` symbol must be used when setting the `UIDPATH` environment variable. This represents a value that is substituted at runtime by NASAView.

Set the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` Environment Variable

The `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable is used to locate the NASAView-dependent libraries. The following command demonstrates how to set this variable, by appending to its current setting.

This example appends the location of the NASAView-dependent libraries found in the *nasaview* directory:

```
[node:~] setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH ${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}:%HOME/nasaview  
[node:~] echo $LD_LIBRARY_PATH
```

Once the `UIDPATH` and `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variables have been set, the tool can be executed as demonstrated in the following example:

```
[node: /home/user/nasaview] ./nasaview <optional PDS label file specification>
```

Mac OS X Setup

There are no environment variables that need to be set in order to execute NASAView on a Mac OS X machine. To launch the application, double-click the NASAView executable file.

Windows Setup

There are no environment variables that need to be set in order to execute NASAView on a Windows machine. All the dependency files for NASAView should be sitting in the same location as the NASAView executable file.

The preferred method to run NASAView is to double-click the NASAView executable file. The alternative method is to specify the NASAView executable file through the command-line as demonstrated in the following example:

```
C:\nasaview> nasaview <optional PDS label file specification>
```

Tool Execution

This section is intended to provide users with helpful tips on how to use NASAView when it opens more 'elaborate' PDS labels: labels that do not simply have just a single IMAGE or TABLE object.

Examples

This section provides documentation on how to use NASAView against more elaborate PDS labels, such as:

- Displaying Multiple Objects
- Displaying a Multi-banded Image

Displaying Multiple Objects

When there are multiple objects in a PDS label, NASAView automatically determines which object to display, using the following rules:

- The first IMAGE object in the label will be displayed regardless of any other objects that exist.
- If no IMAGE object exists, then the first TABLE object in the label will be displayed.

In order to display the rest of the objects, use the *Previous Table/Next Table* buttons (only applies to TABLE objects) and/or use the *Object Hierarchy* menu option. See the [Using the Object Hierarchy Menu Option](#) for more details.

Displaying a Multi-banded Image

Before a multi-banded image is displayed, the multi-banded image GUI window appears. See the [Multi-banded Image Interface](#) for more information on how to use this interface.

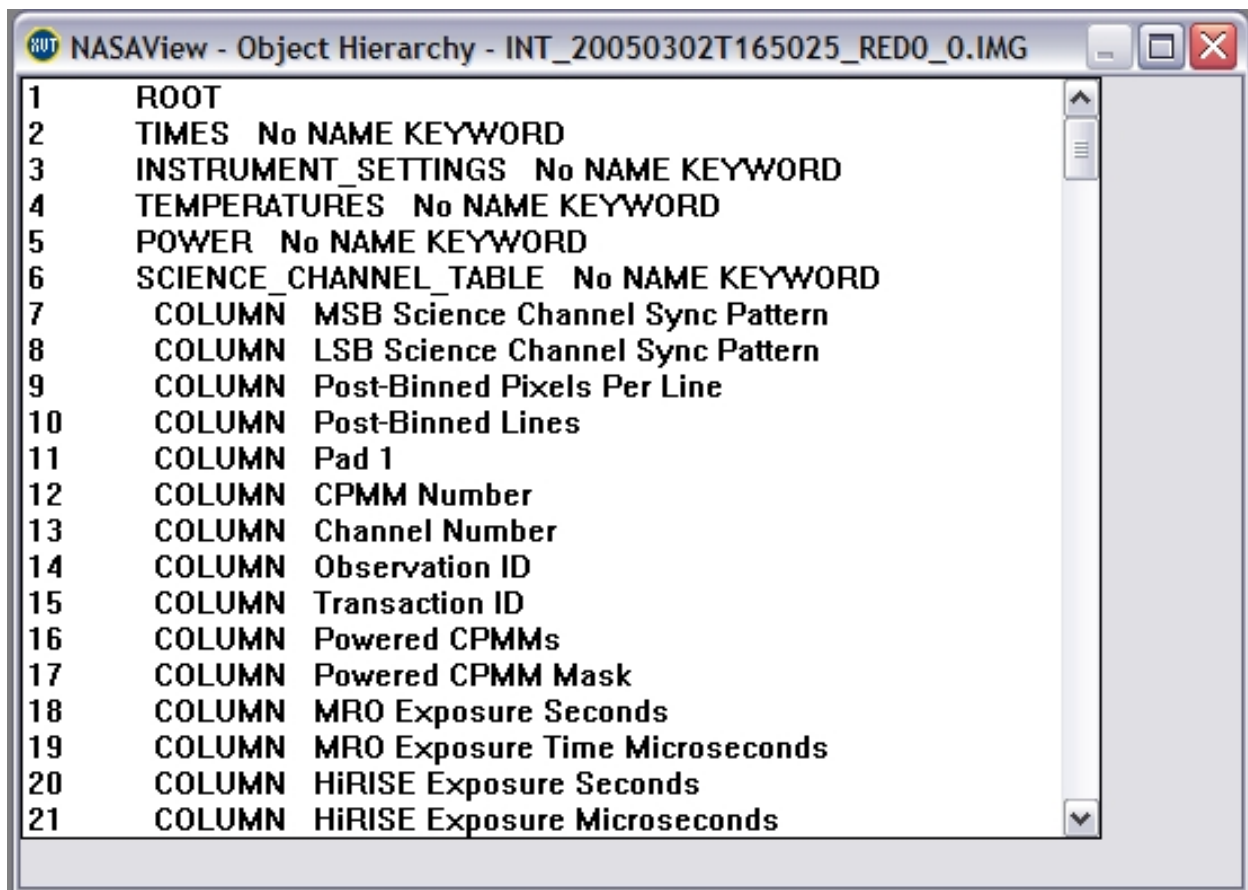
The band strengths must be set to at least 1, otherwise unexpected behavior will result.

Using the Object Hierarchy Menu Option

The *Object Hierarchy* menu option is used to display other objects found in a PDS label. This menu option is most commonly used when a PDS label contains both an IMAGE and a TABLE object. This section describes how to use this menu option.

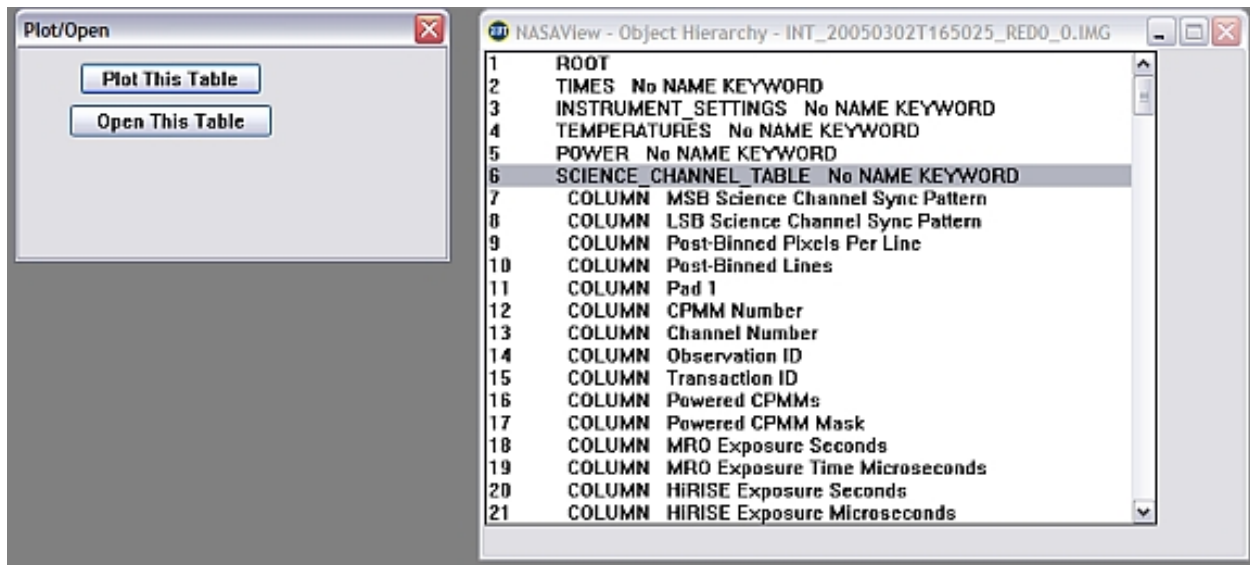
Open the Object Hierarchy Window

Go to the *Label* menu in the menu bar and select the *Object Hierarchy* option. When you do this, a new window should appear:



Double-click the Object To Be Displayed

Place the mouse pointer over the object to be displayed and double-click the mouse. At this point, another window will appear:



Push the Open This Table button.

In this example, the Table Display window should appear after the button is pushed. If an IMAGE object was selected, then the image will automatically be displayed.

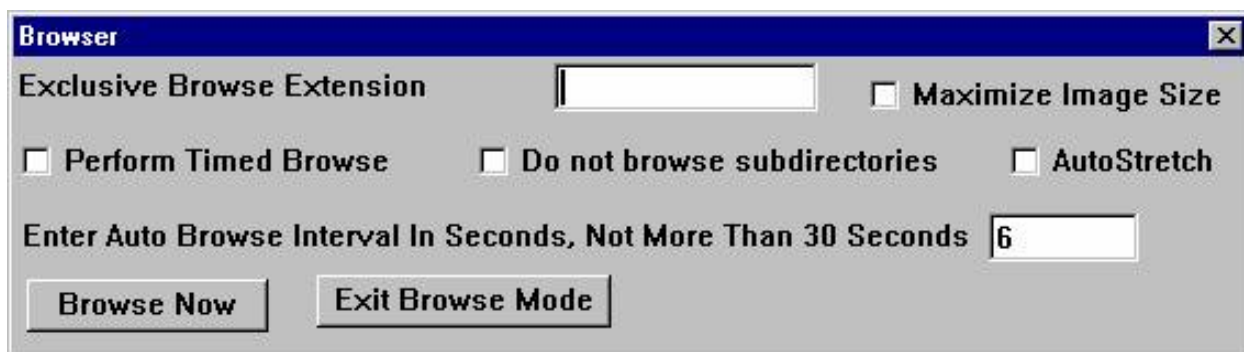
Automated Browse Feature

NASAView provides an automated method of opening multiple PDS labels in a directory. This section describes how to use the automated browsing feature of NASAView.

Select the *Automated CD Browse* option from the *File* menu of NASAView. A new window should appear:



Select a directory then click **OK**. Another window will open to select the browse options:



This window contains the following options:

- Exclusive Browse Extension

Specify the extension that the file must have in order to be opened. The entry is case sensitive. If this field is left blank, then NASAView will attempt to display all files in the directory.

For example, if the desire is to open files that end in *.LBL*, enter *LBL* in the text box.

- Maximize Image Size

Image windows are normally opened at a pre-selected size. If this option is selected, the application window will be expanded to full size and the image windows will fill as much of the application window as necessary to show the full image.

- Perform Timed Browse

Selecting this option allows NASAView to display all files that have an attached or detached label. Files not meeting this criteria will be skipped and the user will be notified. If this option is not selected, then the user will be prompted to display or skip a file.

- Do not browse subdirectories

This option limits the displaying of files to only the selected directory. The default is to display files in the selected directory and all of its sub-directories.

- AutoStretch

This option will stretch each image without user intervention.

- Enter Auto Browse Interval In Seconds, Not More Than 30 Seconds

This option controls how long each object will be displayed. The default time is 6 seconds. An interval up to 30 seconds is allowed.

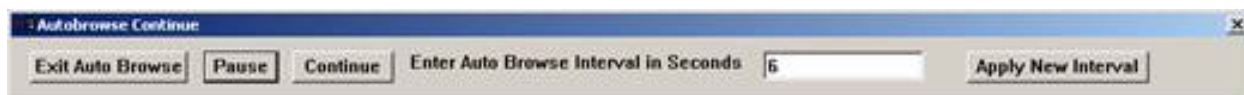
- Browse Now

This button starts the auto browse feature.

- Exit Browse

This button will exit the auto browse function.

If the *Perform Timed Browse* option is selected, a window should appear:



This window will be present during an auto browse session. The following options are available:

- Exit Auto Browse

This button will stop the auto browse feature.

- Pause

This button will temporarily stop the auto browse feature so that a new interval can be entered.

- Continue

This button will resume the auto browse if it was paused.

- Enter Auto Browse Interval in Seconds

This button changes how long each image will be displayed. Pause the auto browse first before entering a

new interval.

- Apply New Interval

This button will apply the new auto browse interval value entered.

If the *Perform Timed Browse* option is not selected, one of two manual browser control windows will appear:



This window will be displayed if the file to be displayed contains a PDS label or has a detached label associated with it.

This window contains the following buttons:

- Display It
This button displays the selected file.
- Skip It
This button does not display the selected file.
- Skip All Files With This Extension
This button skips all files with the same extension as the selected file. This is case sensitive.
- Skip The Rest Of This Directory
This button will not display anymore files in this directory. NASAView will move onto the next sub-directory if allowed or will move on to the next directory.
- Stop Browsing
This button will stop the auto browse feature.

The other manual browser control window that could be displayed is the following:



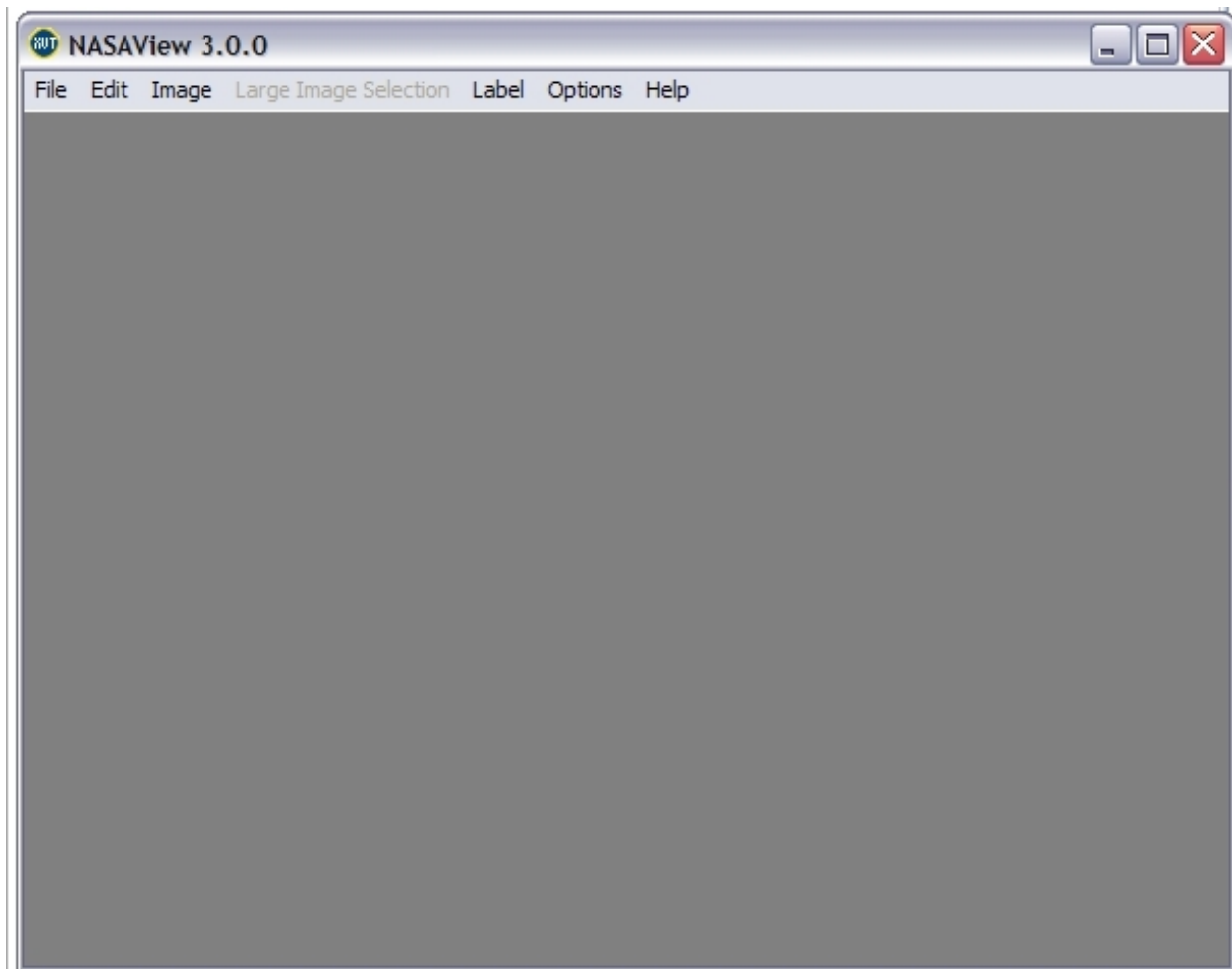
This window will be displayed if the selected file does not have a displayable image or table associated with its label.

This window contains the following buttons:

- **Skip It**
This button does not display the selected file.
- **Skip All Files With This Extension**
This button skips all files with the same extension as the selected file. This is case sensitive.
- **Skip The Rest Of This Directory**
This button will not display anymore files in this directory. NASAView will move onto the next sub-directory if allowed or will move on to the next directory.
- **Make A Label For This Raw Image File**
This button will present the user with a template and directions for creating a PDS label for a raw image file.
- **Make A Label For This FITS File**
This button will present the user with a template and directions for creating a PDS label for a FITS file.
- **Stop Browsing**
This button will stop the auto browse feature.

Tool Interface

The Graphical User Interface (GUI) of NASAView allows the user to display and examine Planetary Data System (PDS) archive products. After launching the tool, the NASAView main window should appear on the user's desktop:



This window is what a user would see if running on a Windows machine. For users running on Solaris, Linux, and a Mac OS X, the main window will look different. The window will appear more native to the target platform to give the user an expected look-and-feel for that machine.

The main window consists of the following menus:

- File
 - Open Object

This menu option displays an object found in a PDS label. The selected file must contain a PDS label or it must be a PDS label file (*.lbl) or there must be a PDS label file (.lbl) with the same name as the selected file. If a text file is selected it will be opened as a text file.
 - Open text

This menu option displays text files.
 - Make a PDS Label
 - For a FITS Image

This menu option will make a PDS label for a FITS image. Select a FITS file and NASAView will make a label for the file.

- For a Raw Image

This menu option will present a template for a minimal PDS label along with directions for completing the template.

- Automated CD Browse

This menu option allows automated browsing of files in a CD or directory. See the Tool Execution section for a detailed description on using this feature.

- Close

This menu option closes the current open file.

- Save GIF

This menu option saves the current image in a GIF file format. The file will have the same name as the original, but will have a .GIF extension. The image that will be saved is the image in memory. This image is not the same as the displayed image if the image has been stretched or otherwise altered.

- Save GIF as

This menu option saves the current image in a GIF file format under a user-specified file name. The default will be the name of the original file. The image that will be saved is the image in memory. This image is not the same as the displayed image if the image has been stretched or otherwise altered.

- Save JPEG

This menu option saves the current image in a JPEG file format. The file will have the same name as the original, but will have a .JPG extension. The image that will be saved is the image in memory. This image is not the same as the displayed image if the image has been stretched or otherwise altered.

- Save JPEG as

Save the current image in a JPEG file format under a user-specified file name. The default will be the name of the original file. The image that will be saved is the image in memory. This image is not the same as the displayed image if the image has been stretched or otherwise altered.

- Exit

This menu option exits the application.

The *Print Setup* and *Print* menu options are disabled and not functional at this time.

- Edit

This menu consists of the standard options (Undo, Cut, Copy, Paste, Delete) which functions as they do in any other application.

The *Undo* option is not functional at this time.

- Image

This menu consists of options that allow a user to stretch an image.

Except for multi-banded images, all images are displayed in 255 shades of gray. An image with pixel values ranging from 0 to 254 has one shade for each value. An image with a range from 0 to 1016 has one shade for every 4 values. An image with a range of 0 to 101,600 has one shade for every 400 values. If in the case of this last image the actual range was 101,092 to 101,600, a lot of the detail would be lost because all the data is in the last 508 values, which would be represented by only 2 shades of gray. If this image is normalized, the new range is now 0 to 508. This new range would yield 1 shade of gray for every 2 pixel values. This would bring out more detail.

- Stretch Display

This menu option causes the display to be normalized. The pixel values get re-distributed to completely utilize all 255 gray scale values. The user can also use the histogram feature to manually control the stretch. See the description of the *View Histogram* option under the *Options* menu for more information.

Stretching an image tends to improve image detail. Some images appear completely obscure until they are stretched and may show a lot of detail after stretching.

- Invert Display

This menu option reverses the colors in a 256 gray scale display.

- Undo Display

This menu option restores the display using the memory image as a source.

- Stretch Image

This menu option stretches the displayed image, but also causes the image in memory to be stretched. This allows a user to save the stretched image as a JPEG or GIF image file.

- Large Image Selection

This menu is enabled only when a portion of an image can be displayed at a time. This occurs when an image is found to be greater than 10,000 lines and/or line samples. The options under this menu provide the capability to display the rest of an image. By default, the first 5000 lines and/or line samples is displayed.

- Next Line Samples

This menu option displays the next 5000 line samples of the current image.

- Previous Line Samples

This menu option displays the previous 5000 line samples of the current image.

- Next Lines

This menu option displays the next 5000 lines of the current image.

- Previous Lines

This menu option displays the previous 5000 lines of the current image.

- Select Lines and Line Samples

This menu option allows an image to be displayed using user-specified line and line sample ranges. When this option is selected, the following window should appear on the user's desktop:

Lines and Line Samples Selection

Enter The Start and Stop Line and Line Sample Values

Note: Difference between start and stop values must be less than 10000

Total Number of Lines in Image 45431

Total Number of Line Samples in Image 16577

Current Ranges

Start Line	1
Stop Line	5000
Start Line Sample	1
Stop Line Sample	5000

Start Line

Stop Line

Start Line Sample

Stop Line Sample

OK

This window tells the user the total number of lines and line samples in the image and what ranges are currently being displayed. Given this information, input the desired ranges for the lines and line samples in the 4 white boxes located to the right of the screen. Click *OK* when finished. NASAView will display the image with the user specified ranges in a new image window.

- Label

- Object Parameters

This menu option displays the keywords and keyword values for the PDS object currently being displayed.

- Object Hierarchy

This menu option displays a list of PDS objects in the file being displayed. If the object has sub-objects, such as COLUMN objects in a TABLE object, then those will be listed also.

This menu option also allows a user to display other objects in a PDS label.

- Full Label

This menu option displays the PDS label for the current file.

- Band Min/Max

This menu option is associated with multi-banded images. It allows each band to be stretched. To achieve the best results, it is recommended to stretch all three bands to the same degree.

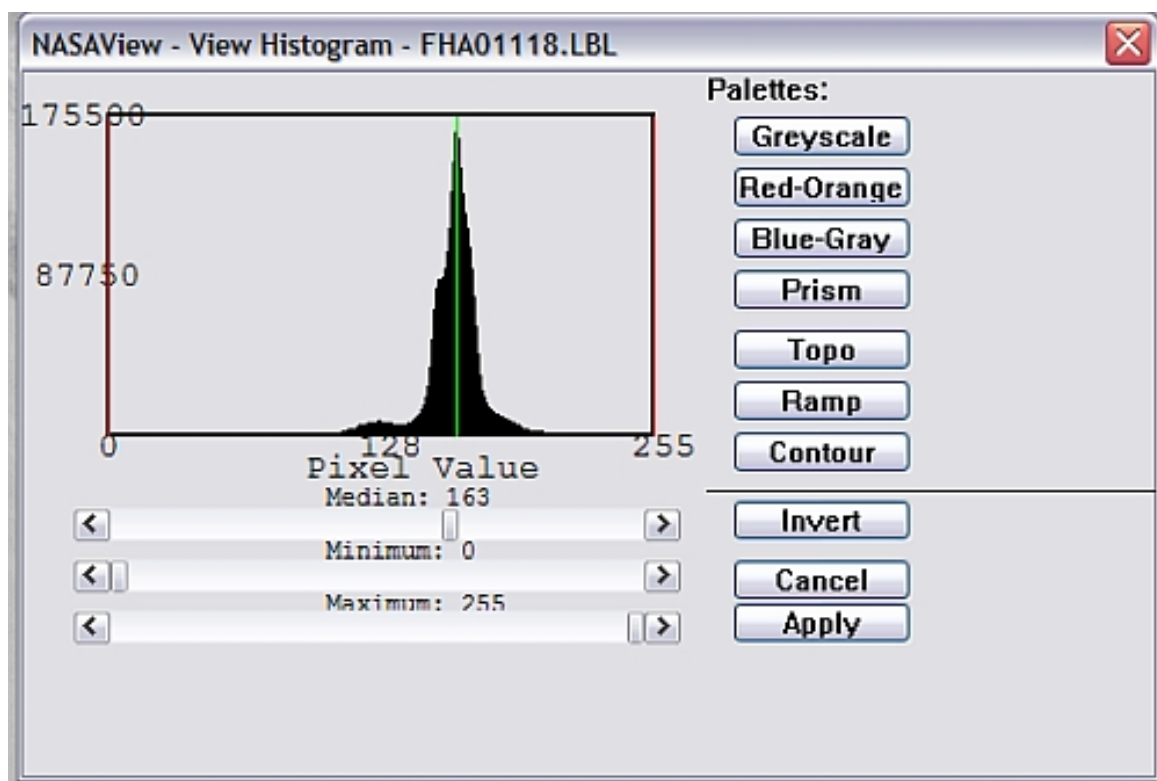
- Options

A different set of options is available depending upon the type of file opened.

When an IMAGE/QUBE object is displayed, the following options are available:

- View Histogram

This menu option provides a graphic display of the pixel value distribution. When this option is selected, the following window should appear on the user's desktop:



As shown in the above window, there are 3 controls that allow adjustment of the distribution. The top control, labeled *Median*, allows the median of the data to be moved through the 256 available values of a pixel. The middle control, labeled *Minimum*, allows the minimum value to be redefined, causing the low end of the data to be clipped. The bottom control, labeled *Maximum*, allows the maximum value to be redefined, causing the high end of the data to be clipped.

The buttons found on the right allows the user to apply the following palettes: Greyscale, Red-Orange, Blue-Grey, Prism, Topo, Ramp, and Contour.

- Show Side Data

This menu option is only associated with QUBE objects. This option displays the keywords associated with the QUBE side data.

- Hide/Show Qube Controls

This menu option is only associated with QUBE objects. This option controls whether or not the *QUBE Control* Window is visible.

The *Parse Times as Seconds* and *Show Integers as Unsigned Hex* menu options are not functional at this time.

When TEXT files are displayed, the following options are available:

- Show <LF><CR>

This menu option controls whether or not to display carriage return/line feed characters in a file. The default is to show them. These characters will be shown as <LF> and <CR> if they are present in the file and this feature is turned ON. When the file is saved, <LF> and <CR> will be written to the file.

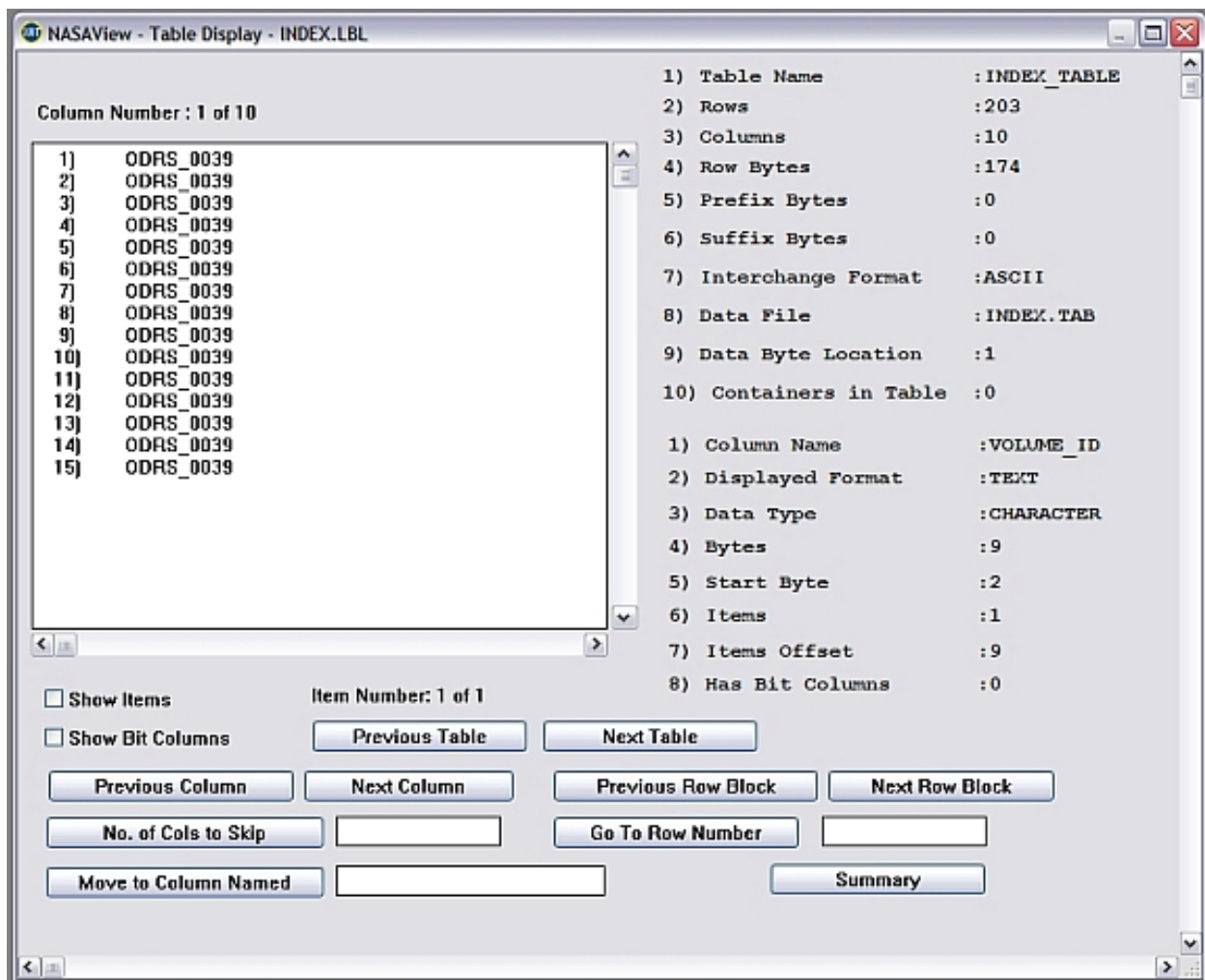
Although the *Font* menu option appears, it is not functional at this time.

- Help

This menu option displays the current NASAView version and copyright notice.

Table Display Interface

This section describes the Table Display GUI interface when a TABLE object is opened in NASAView. When a TABLE object is opened, a window should appear similar to the following:



NASAView displays one column of data at a time. The indicator at the top tells which column is currently being displayed. In addition, 15 rows of data is displayed at a time.

The right of the screen shows two sets of information. The top-half represents information about the TABLE object and the bottom-half represents information about the current COLUMN/BIT COLUMN object being displayed.

The Table Display window features the following check boxes:

- Show Items

This check box allows the display of items in a COLUMN or BIT COLUMN object. The total number of items is indicated by the *Items* attribute.

When this box is checked, the *Previous Column* and *Next Column* buttons are used to display the previous and next item, respectively. The *Item Number: x of y* display found to the right of this check box indicates which item is being displayed, where x represents the current item on display and y represents the total number of items.

Un-checking this box will stop the *Previous Column* or *Next Column* buttons from displaying the previous and next item, respectively.

- Show Bit Columns

This check box allows the display of BIT COLUMN objects. The *Has Bit Columns* attribute indicates the total number of BIT COLUMN objects found in the COLUMN object.

When this box is checked, the data of the first BIT COLUMN object found in the current COLUMN object will be displayed. The *Previous Column* and *Next Column* buttons are used to display the previous and next bit column, respectively. At the top of the screen, it will show the current bit column being displayed.

Un-checking this box returns the display back to the data of the current COLUMN object.

Note: If this box is checked and there are no BIT COLUMN objects inside the current data on display, then the *Previous Column* and *Next Column* buttons will not work. The *Show Bit Columns* box will need to be un-checked in order for these buttons to work again.

The Table Display window features the following buttons:

- Previous Table

This button displays the previous TABLE object if there are multiple TABLE objects in a PDS label.

- Next Table

This button displays the next TABLE object if there are multiple TABLE objects in a PDS label.

- Previous Column

This button displays the previous COLUMN object, BIT COLUMN object, or item data.

- Next Column

This button displays the next COLUMN object, BIT COLUMN object, or item data.

- Previous Row Block

This button displays the previous 15 rows of data for a COLUMN object, BIT COLUMN object, or item.

- Next Row Block

This button displays the next 15 rows of data for a COLUMN object, BIT COLUMN object, or item.

- No. of Cols to Skip

This button gives the user the ability to skip over a user-specified number of columns in order to display the desired column. Specify the desired number of columns to skip in the text box located to the right of this button. Then click the button. Inputting a positive integer number will skip over columns to the right of the current column being displayed. A negative integer number will skip over columns to the left of the current column being displayed.

As an example, if column 10 is currently being displayed and a 5 is entered, column 15 will be displayed. If a -3 is entered, column 7 will be displayed.

- Go To Row Number

This button allows the user to specify the starting row number of the data to be displayed. Specify the starting row number in the text box located to the right of this button. Then click the button.

As an example, if 10 is entered, then rows 10 through 25 of the data will be displayed.

- Move to Column Named

This button displays the COLUMN object that matches the user specified column name. Enter the column name to be displayed in the text box located to the right of this button. Then click the button. If the name entered matches the NAME attribute of a COLUMN object in the PDS label, then it will be displayed.

This button is not intended to search across both BIT COLUMN and COLUMN objects. The *Show Bit Columns* box must be selected first before attempting to use this button to search for BIT COLUMN objects with a specific name. In addition, this button will only search the set of BIT COLUMN objects within the current COLUMN object. It will not look to the BIT COLUMNS within the next COLUMN object and so forth to look for the specified name.

- Summary

This button summarizes the data in a COLUMN object, BIT COLUMN object, or item and displays it. The type of summary performed depends on the data type of the column, bit column, or column item. Numeric data types such as integer and real will result in a summary that includes the minimum, maximum, and average values. Character data types will result in a summary that includes only value counts: a table of data values and the number of times each occurred in the column, bit column, or column item. Datetime types will result in a summary that includes minimum and maximum values plus an occurrence count table for values that did not appear to be dates or times. Boolean data types will result in occurrence counts.

Multi-banded Image Interface

This section describes the GUI interface when a multi-banded image is being opened in NASAView. When a multi-banded image is being opened, a window like the following should appear before the image is displayed:



The window consists of buttons to increase/decrease the band strength and band intensity for red, green, and blue.

The buttons that control the band strength for each color increase/decrease by 1 with each click of the button.

Note: The band strengths should never be set to 0. Unexpected behavior will occur.

The buttons that control the band intensity for each color increase/decrease by 0.1 with each click of the button.

Alternatively, there are text boxes found to the right of the buttons where the band strengths and intensities can be entered manually.

The *Apply Selections* button is used to apply the current settings to the image and displays it. The current settings are found to the left of the buttons.

Common Errors

At this point, there seems to be a common error when using NASAView on some Linux platforms. When the "Open Object" menu option is selected, a File Chooser GUI window appears to prompt the user to select a file. At this point, multiple error messages like the following appear on the user terminal window:

```
Warning:
  Name: FilterText
  Class: XmTextField
  Character '\165' not supported in font.  Discarded.

Warning:
  Name: FilterText
  Class: XmTextField
  Character '\170' not supported in font.  Discarded.

Warning:
  Name: FilterText
  Class: XmTextField
  Character '\57' not supported in font.  Discarded.
```

When this occurs, the GUI window does not behave properly. The user will be unable to choose a file or select another directory to browse.

The exact cause of the issue is unknown, but in the cases seen, the error was due to the *LANG* environment variable being set to *en_US.UTF-8*. This represents the installation default locale. It is believed that certain versions of Motif, the X window manager, have an issue with this environment variable setting.

The solution that has been known to work is to change the *LANG* environment variable to *en_US* or *C*.

The following command sets the *LANG* environment variable to *en_US*

```
[node:~] setenv LANG en_US

[node:~] echo $LANG
```

Mac OS X Quirks

There are a few quirks to be aware of when running NASAView on the Mac OS X platform.

Image Display

Due to a bug in the XVT software, images on the Mac platform will only be displayed up to about 2000 lines x 2000 line samples. The rest of the image can be viewed using the *Large Image Selection* menu. Refer to the [Tool Interface](#) section for a detailed description on this menu option.

PDS CD Volume Support

On the Mac platform, NASAView crashes after selecting a label or image file located on a CD from one of the older PDS Volumes. The error message that appears is the following:

```
FATAL ERROR: MSG 0x003482ec [CAT 3/4 STD
33516]
Category: XVT release 3 assert (Signaled assert 4)
Function: XVT_app_create
File: /Users/build_user/builds/dsc_osx/svn/src/
ptk/mac/kfsys.c line: 411
```

Volume Sets that are known to cause this error are CDs of Magellan, Viking Orbiter, Voyager, and Galileo REDR images or labels. The work around is to copy the files from the CD to the local Mac machine running NASAView.