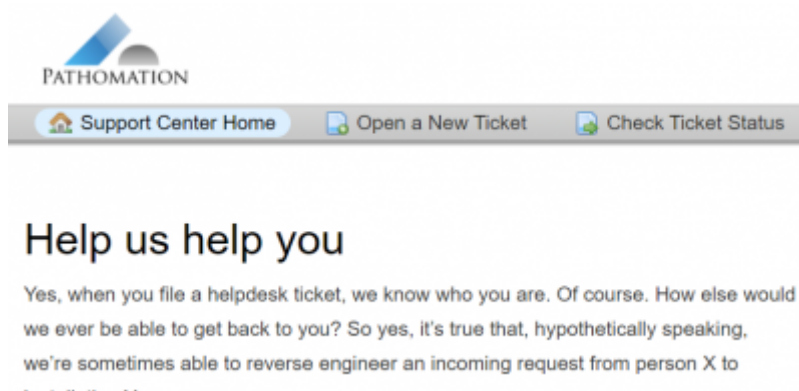


File format troubleshooting

There are any number of ways that information can be encoded. While we strive to [support as many file formats as possible](#), we can't promise you that we support everything. Occasionally, you'll encounter data that you think *should* work, but for whatever reason, *doesn't*.

Technology keeps evolving, and vendors keep coming up with more advanced features in their hardware. Sometimes this requires changes in the file format, too, that we may not always be informed about on time.

There's a [Pathomation helpdesk](#) for that.



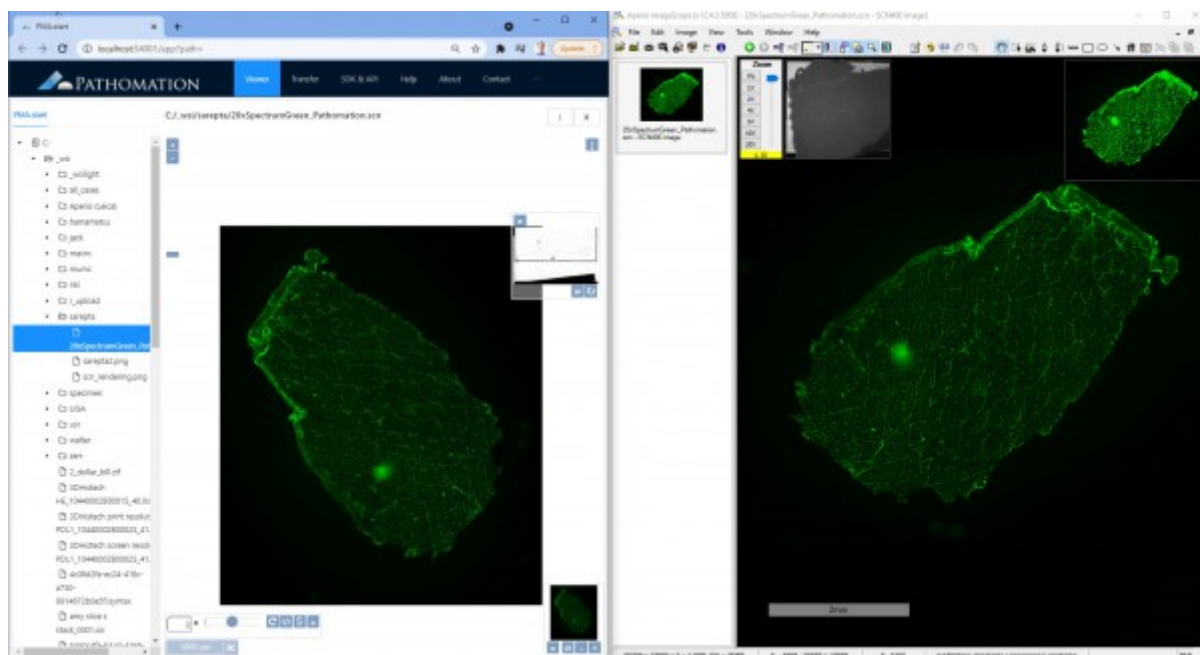
But before you contact us, there are a couple of steps that you can take yourself, depending on the type of data we're talking about:

Slides

Check the filesize of your original slide data. If you expect to see a slide scanned at 20X, but the file that you're trying to host is only 100KB, you're probably missing data. Specifically:

- You may be dealing with a [multi-file file format](#)
- You may have downloaded a file from somewhere and something went wrong mid-transfer, resulting in truncated data

If you know the origin of the slide and the scanner hardware vendor, check if the file renders with the vendor's native viewer



When all else fails, [contact us](#). On [our helpdesk website](#), you find [additional pointers of information that you can provide us with and that can help troubleshoot the issue](#).

If you know the origin of the annotations, check if they render correctly with the vendor's native software.

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There are a number of other formats that are used throughout the Pathomation platform (including PMA.core): CSV, XLS, XML, ARFF... If you find yourself working with any of these file formats and run into trouble; the general guidance is to see if the file under suspicion is interpreted correctly by the software it came from.

<https://docs.pathomation.com/pma.core/2.0/>

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