

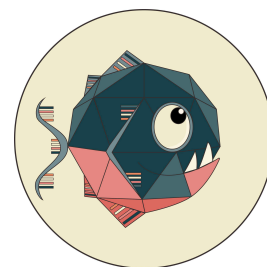
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## Abstract

This protocol provides step-by-step guidance on installing MiKNOW, piranhaGUI and its dependency Docker Desktop.

## Materials

Additional troubleshooting resources

Docker install and running issues

<https://docs.docker.com/desktop/troubleshoot/topics/>

WSL installation issues

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/wsl/install>

PiranhaGUI download page

<https://github.com/polio-nanopore/piranhaGUI/releases/>

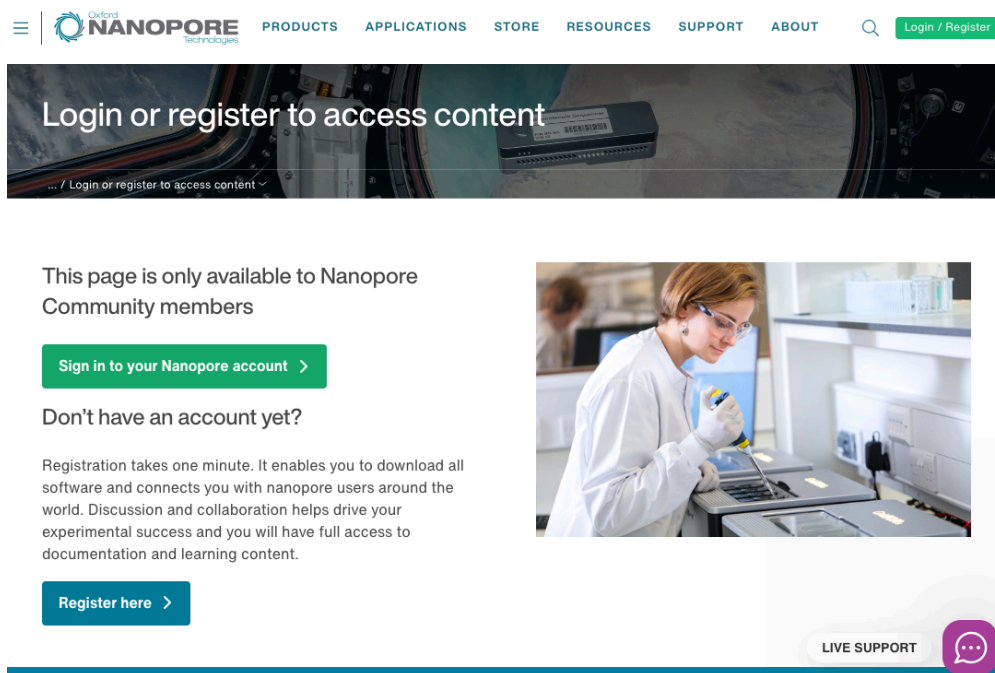
## Troubleshooting

## Laptop requirements

- 1 Requirements:
  1. Administrator access to the laptop
  2. A high-performance laptop with a GPU

## Setting up a Nanopore account & installing MinKNOW

- 2 Register for an Oxford Nanopore Technologies Account at <https://nanoporetech.com/community> by clicking the "Register here" button. You will have to verify your email address and log in. If you already have an account, sign in.



To access the useful software, you will need to associate your account with a full membership or else order a starter pack and become a full member.

- 3 Navigate in a web-browser to <https://community.nanoporetech.com/downloads>, you will need to log in to your Nanopore account to access this page.

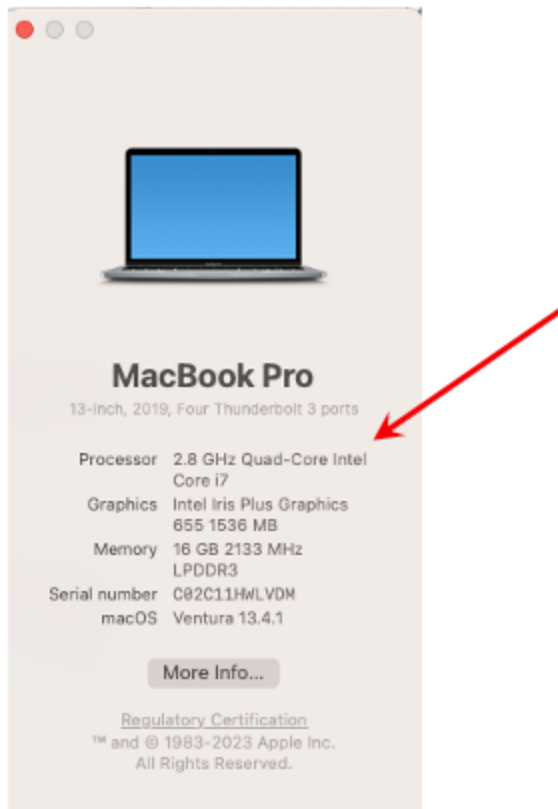
The screenshot shows the Nanopore Software Downloads page. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation links: Dashboard, Getting started, Posts, Groups, Nanopore Learning, Documentation (highlighted), Highlights, and Updates. The main content area is titled "Software Downloads" with the subtitle "All sequencing software and utilities in one place." It features a section for "Dorado" (Dorado v0.5.2) described as a "High-performance basecaller for Nanopore data - Developer release for evaluation of new features". Below this, there are links for "Linux" and "Centos 7" with "Installation guide" buttons. On the right, there is a user profile for "Aine O'Toole" (University of Edinburgh, Full Member) and a sidebar with buttons for "Protocols", "Software Downloads", and "Product updates".

Scroll down once you have reached this page to view the "MiKNOW download" and download the respective link depending on whether you are using a Windows, Mac or Linux machine.

The screenshot shows the Nanopore MinKNOW Software page. The sidebar is identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled "MinKNOW Software for the MinION Mk1B and the P2-Solo Devices". It features a section for "MinKNOW Software version 23.11.5 (OSX and Windows) and 23.11.7 (Ubuntu)" described as "Nanopore software for sequencing with MinION Mk1B and the P2-Solo Devices". Below this, there are links for "Windows", "Mac", and "Linux" with "Installation guide" buttons. For Windows, there are "GPU Installer" and "CPU Installer" buttons. For Mac, there are "Intel Installer" and "M1/M2/M3 Installer" buttons. For Linux, there are "GPU Installer" and "CPU Installer" buttons.

#### 4 **Mac Installation of MiKNOW**

If you have a Mac and are not sure whether you have an Apple or Intel chip, click the apple icon in the top left hand side of the screen, and navigate to "About this Mac". A window will pop up (like the one in the image) that describes various things about your computer, including "Processor". If your processor has Intel in it, you have an Intel chip, otherwise you have an Apple chip. Another clue would be how new your Mac is. If you've purchased a Mac in the last 3 years it's very likely to be an Apple chip.

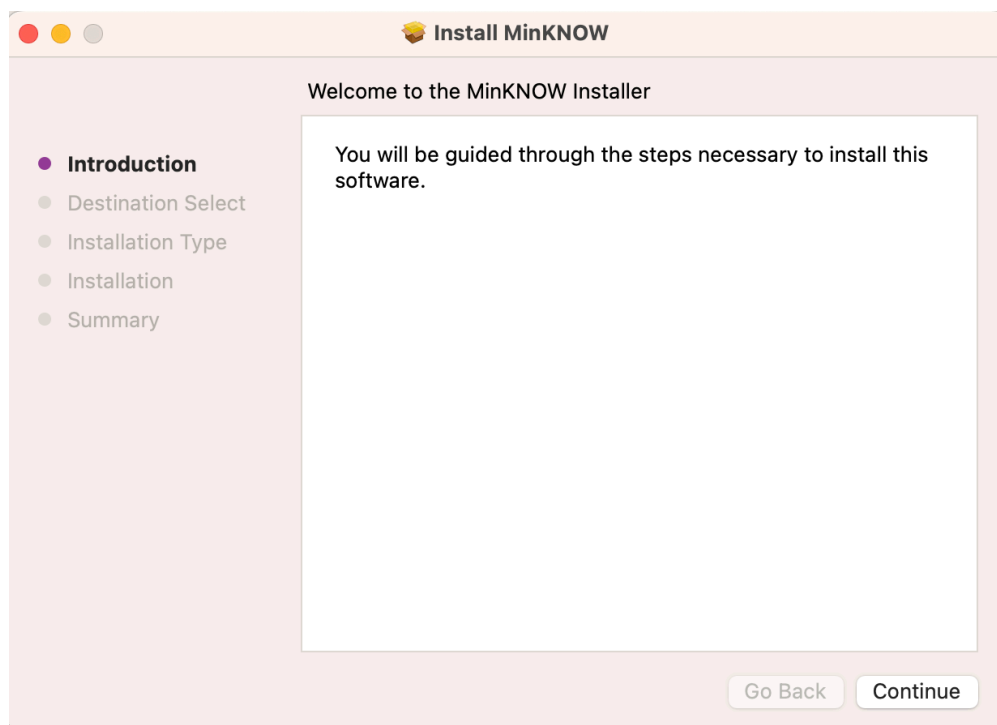


**About this mac** In this example the processor is an intel one, so the link to click on would be the Mac Intel installer.

Once you've downloaded the Mac dmg file, extract it and open the MinKNOW.pkg file by double clicking on the icon.



An installer window will open and you'll be guided through the installation steps:

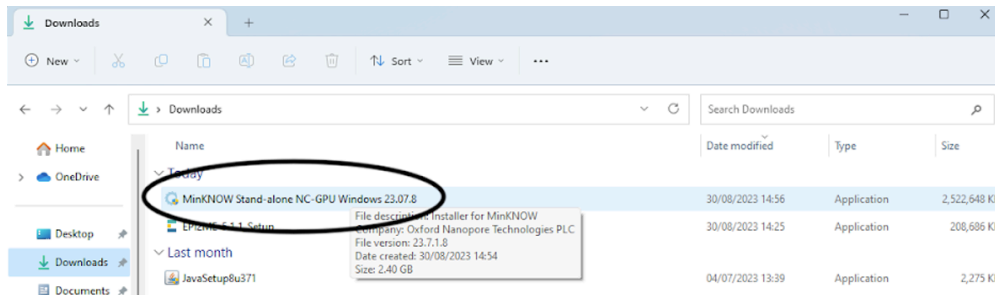


## 5 **Windows installation of MiKNOW**

Download the windows installer, the machine you're using should have a GPU so click on the GPU installer link. If your machine does not have a GPU, running basecalling for a Nanopore run will take a very long time.



Run the installer by double clicking it in the directory it was downloaded to (likely your downloads folder).



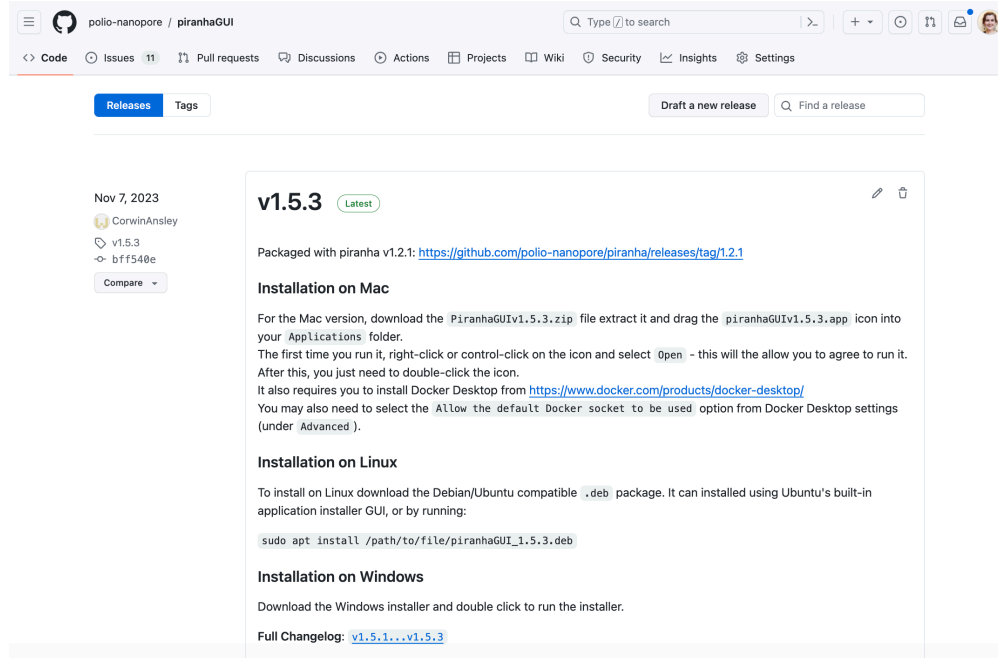
When the installer pops up, follow the installation instructions to install MiKNOW.

- 6 You should now be ready to run MinKNOW when you go to perform a sequencing run.

## Install piranha through piranhaGUI

- 7 PiranhaGUI can be installed on a Windows, MacOSX or Linux machine. To install piranhaGUI, navigate to [piranhaGUI GitHub](https://github.com/oxfordnanopore/piranhaGUI) on a web browser. You should see a page similar to the one below, which shows the latest releases of piranha GUI, along with some installation instructions.





The screenshot displays the GitHub interface for the repository `polio-nanopore / piranhaGUI`. The top navigation bar includes links for Code, Issues (11), Pull requests, Discussions, Actions, Projects, Wiki, Security, Insights, and Settings. Below this, the 'Releases' tab is selected, showing a list of releases. The latest release, **v1.5.3**, is highlighted with a 'Latest' badge. It was created by `CorwinAnsley` on `Nov 7, 2023`. The release details include a link to the release page, installation instructions for Mac, Linux, and Windows, and a link to the full changelog.

**v1.5.3** Latest

Packaged with piranha v1.2.1: <https://github.com/polio-nanopore/piranha/releases/tag/1.2.1>

**Installation on Mac**

For the Mac version, download the `PiranhaGUIv1.5.3.zip` file extract it and drag the `piranhaGUIv1.5.3.app` icon into your `Applications` folder. The first time you run it, right-click or control-click on the icon and select `Open` - this will allow you to agree to run it. After this, you just need to double-click the icon. It also requires you to install Docker Desktop from <https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop/>. You may also need to select the `Allow the default Docker socket to be used` option from Docker Desktop settings (under `Advanced`).

**Installation on Linux**

To install on Linux download the Debian/Ubuntu compatible `.deb` package. It can be installed using Ubuntu's built-in application installer GUI, or by running:

```
sudo apt install /path/to/file/piranhaGUI_1.5.3.deb
```

**Installation on Windows**

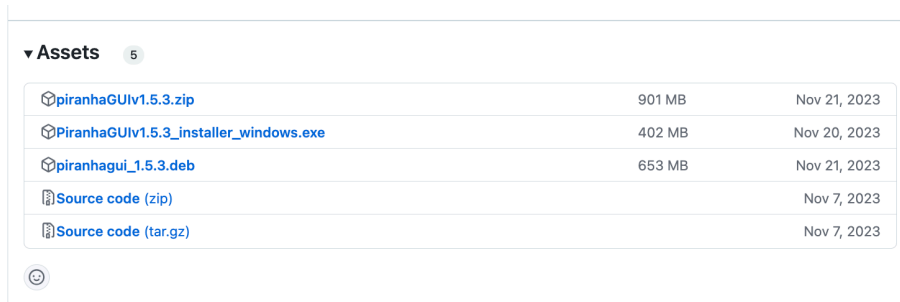
Download the Windows installer and double click to run the installer.






Full Changelog: [v1.5.1...v1.5.3](#)

PiranhaGUI releases page. A release is like a checkpoint for software that pins everything at a specific version. There may be periodic updates of piranhaGUI (new releases) and also of the piranha software that piranhaGUI runs.



- 8 To download the latest release, click on the relevant link on this page under the "assets" category of the latest releases.
- If you're a window's user, download the PiranhaGUIvX.X.X\_installer\_windows.exe installer and double click to run it
  - If you are a MacOS user download the PiranhaGUIvX.X.X.zip file and extract it, then drag it to your Applications folder. The first time you run it, right-click or control-click on the icon and select Open - this will allow you to agree to run it. After this, you just need to double-click the icon.
  - For Linux install the piranhaGUI\_X.X.X.deb file.



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 <a href="#">piranhaGUIv1.5.3.zip</a>	901 MB	Nov 21, 2023
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 <a href="#">Source code (tar.gz)</a>		Nov 7, 2023

Download links for piranhaGUI

- 9 If you have never run Docker on your computer before, you will need to install Docker Desktop.
- Navigate to <https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop/> on a web browser and you should see a page like the one below. Click on the relevant download link (Mac - Apple Chip, Mac - Intel Chip, Windows or Linux). See the next step if you are not sure whether you have an Apple Chip or Intel Chip.



Docker Desktop

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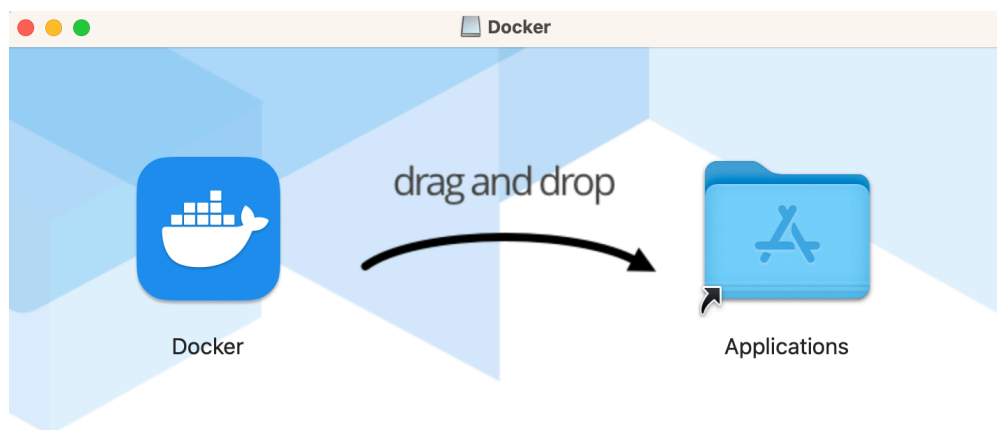


## 10 Install on a Mac



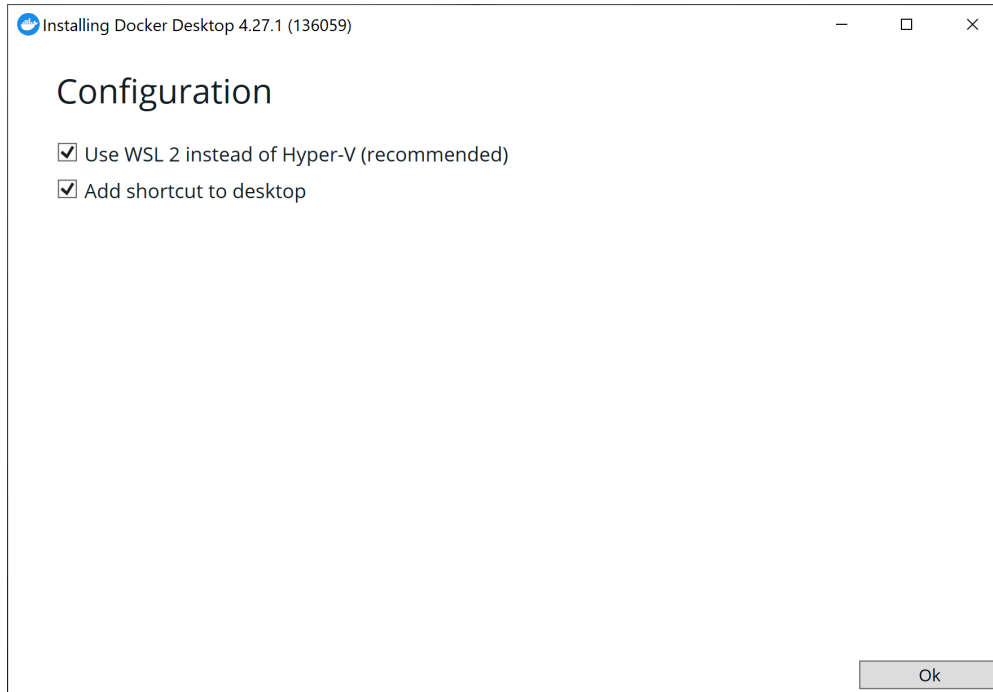
**About this mac** In this example the processor is an intel one, so the link to click on would be the Mac Intel installer.

If you downloaded a Mac dmg file, click on it to open and a window should pop up prompting you to drag the Docker icon into the Applications folder. Drag the icon into Applications.



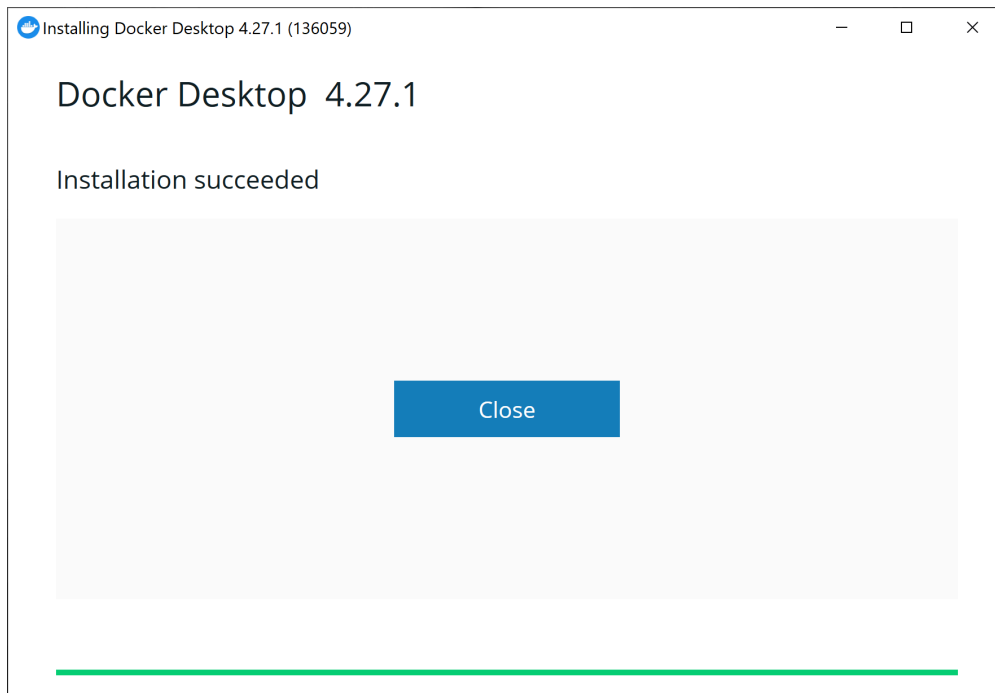
## 11 **Install on a windows machine**

If you downloaded a windows executable, double-click to open and follow the installation instructions on the window that pops up.



Tick use WSL2 instead of Hyper-V if possible

When you have clicked through and completed the instructions, you should see the following success screen:



- 12 Open Docker Desktop by clicking on the icon in your file browser to check it has installed successfully.

## PiranhaGUI setup

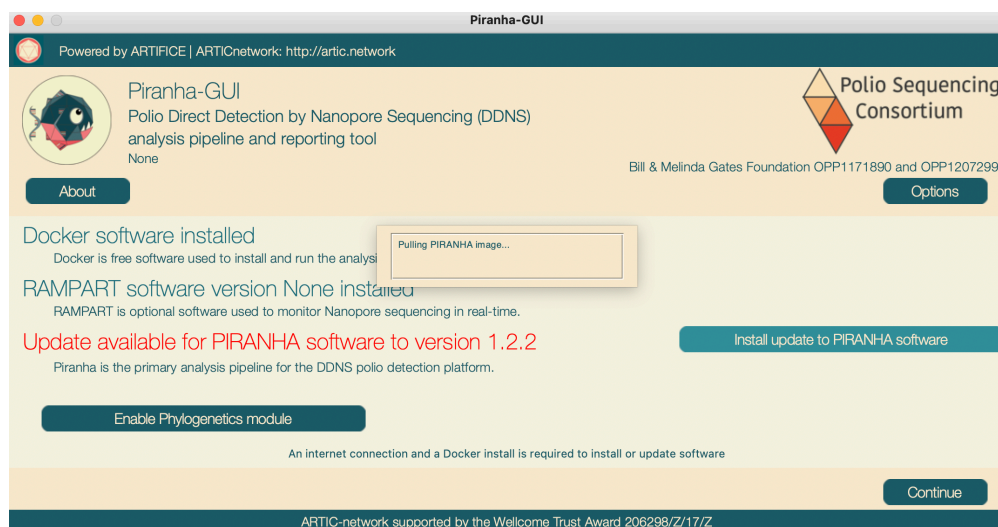
- 13 Double click on the piranhaGUI icon to open it. If you have a Mac and have not previously run piranhaGUI you should right-click or control-click on the icon and select 'Open', which will allow you to agree to run it.

When piranhaGUI has opened you should see a screen like the one below:

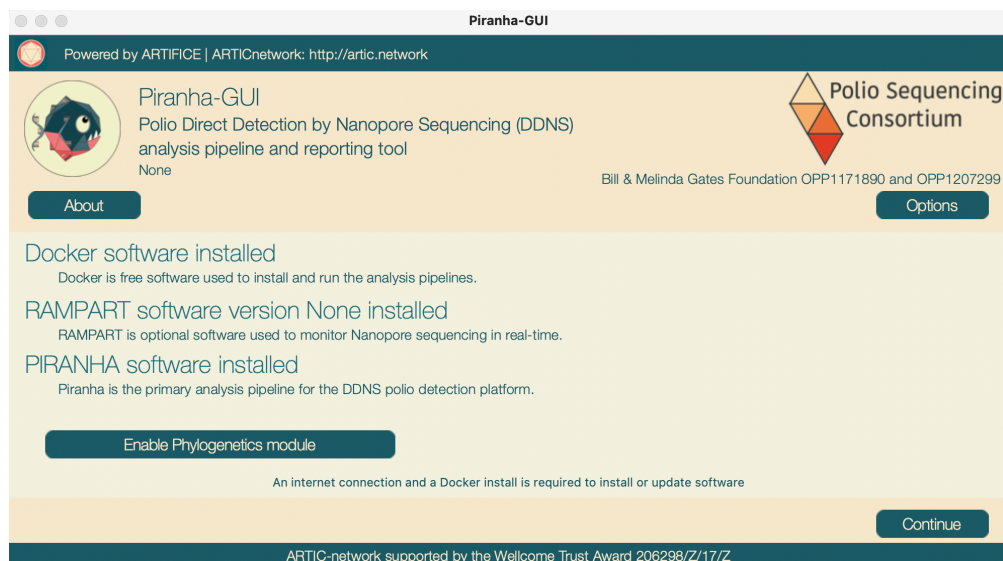


If the screen does not say Docker software installed, you may need to repeat the above Docker installation steps and ensure Docker installs correctly. Internet connectivity may be an issue for downloading Docker Desktop, but this only needs to be done once. Try to ensure a stable internet connection and download again if necessary. If the screen says "Docker software installed", you can move on to the next step.

- 14 You will want to make sure you have the latest version of piranha installed. If the message appears, as in the previous image, that an update is available for piranha, then click on the button to install the update to the piranha software. You should see the below message pop up that piranha GUI is pulling PIRANHA image:



This step requires an internet connection, when it is complete and piranha has been updated to the latest you should see the following screen:



All messages are in green, so you should be now ready to run piranha.

**\*\*If you are taking part in a training workshop and do not have a reliable internet connection, you may be able to install piranha with from a distributed thumb drive.\*\***