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Edward Tufte's website, with information about his classic books on presenting visual information: https://www.edwardtufte.com/tufte/books_vdqi

"I do imaging," with lots of free and other imaging software: https://idoimaging.com/

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Fiji is just ImageJ, a free, powerful, afnd easy-to-use software package that will run on any computer platform. I use it regularly for routine image manipulation and some analysis. It has a nice plugin for making journal figures too (FigureJ).

Download Fiji here: http://fiji.sc/

(Notice the points on that webpage about citing Fiji in your publications.)

ImageJ has LOTS of plugins: https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/plugins/

Drishti is another free package, very powerful for visualising 3D images. It can be used to make way cool renderings of 3D objects. I have found it especially helpful for images of fossils in amber.

Get it from GitHub (scroll down the page for download links): https://github.com/nci/drishti

The latest homework assignment for my imaging course here has some useful Drishti information and exercises: http://imagingclasses.blogspot.co.at/