

# About Jim

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## 1. Features

- Powerful image managing using a tagging technology
- Advanced tag structuring (tags can have parent tags and child tags)
- Can handle JPEG, PNG and GIF images
- Reads meta information (exif data) out of photos (jpeg images)
- Stores additional information about your images (such as descriptions, dates, ratings, etc.)
- Runs on every system supporting [Java](#) (e.g. Windows and many Linux based systems)
- Extendible via plugins (for available plugins see [list of plugins.](#))

## 2. License

Jim is free software licensed under the [Apache License, version 2.0.](#)

This means Jim does not cost anything and you can browse the source code and even manipulate it if you want to.

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## 3. Jim and its story

At first I programmed Jim because I needed a program for managing my photos, and none of the available fitted to me. So I started to my own one in about summer 2007. Well, the first version able to do it's job was ready only some months later.

Well, it was not really as powerful as the current version, so I began to rewrite the whole code now using technologies such as [Hibernate](#) for the database handling. This rewritten version was ready in January 2008 and offered a highly improved tagging system as well as a dirty but working plugin system. It was the first version of Jim I really used to manage my own images - and it worked just fine.

For end users the current release 2.0.0 is 99% the same as the release described above.

Internal I restructured the whole code now using [OSGi](#) as a platform and as plugin manager. At the same time the current version is the first being published.