



GIRO Data Center is offline

as IT forensics experts audit a security breach at UML

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With apologies if this message reaches you in error, let us inform you that Lowell GIRO Data Center is temporarily offline after a cybersecurity incident at the campus-wide UMass Lowell system. No timeline for completion of the security audit is provided to us at this time. We hope to be back to normal operations soon.

Incidentally: when GIRO resumes its services, please consider upgrading your SAO Explorer software to the latest version 3.6.0 and connecting it to our new DIDBase platform. The DIDBase access tests indicate a ~40% improvement of latency to retrieve ionograms and ionogram-derived data products from Lowell. Brief installation instructions follow... but please wait for us to return online!

Installation of SAO Explorer 3.6.0

1. Download zip file from here:

https://ulcar.uml.edu/SAO-X/SAOExplorer_3.6.0.zip

2. Unzip it in one of your local folders with the user access... (that is, not your Applications or Program Files folder).

For windows, click wstart.bat file, for Mac users, macstart.sh file, and for linux, the starter file is linstart.sh.

3. Once installed and started, please point your SAO Explorer to our new DIDBase in Lowell:

Go to "Database Connection" menu under File. Find an empty slot in the table. Then put:

Alias: New Lowell (or something to your liking)

Database URL: jdbc:firebirdsql://129.63.134.211/didb

Username: xxxxxx

Password: xxxxxx

then CLICK on Save in list.

then CLICK on Connect.

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