
ToolIP

Visual Programming for Image Processing

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ToolIP what is it ?

ToolIP stands for :

- **Tool** for **I**mage **P**rocessing
- **V**isual **P**rogramming **T**ool for **I**mage **P**rocessing
- **E**ditng **G**raphs, no **I**mage **P**rocessing **F**unctionality
- **A**lgorithms and **V**isualization via **P**lugins

ToolIP Origins and History

2005 and before	Surface Inspection Tasks
2005	General C++ plugin framework (MABlibCore)
2006	Algorithm nodes (MASClib) and Graph Runner (no GUI)
2008	simple GUI, step by step execution, no flow control
2009 - Today	improved GUI, automatic parallel execution, dynamic parameters, flow control, new parallel Graph Runner

Algorithm graph in xml

```
<?xml version = '1.0' encoding = 'UTF-8'?>
<!DOCTYPE graph>
<graph stacksize="15" nodes="15" >
  <stack_in>0</stack_in>
  <stack_out>4</stack_out>
  <param name="StackOutSources" >1</param>
  <param name="CallerStackOut" >1</param>
  <param name="DebugLevel" >3</param>

  <node plugin="%ITWMDIR%/bin/utility::ConvertType" id="0" >
    <stack_in>0</stack_in>
    <stack_out>1</stack_out>
    <param name="out_type" >IMAGE_GREY_F</param>
  </node>

  <edge from="0" to="1" />

  <node plugin="%ITWMDIR%/bin/segmentation::FeatureSegmentation"
id="1" >
    <long id="minimum_region_size" >50</long>
    <double id="split_threshold" >0.15</double>
    <double id="merge_threshold" >0.25</double>
    <stack_in>1</stack_in>
    <stack_out>2</stack_out>
    <string id="feature_plugin" >%ITWMDIR%/bin/feature::Haralick
</string>
  </node>

  <edge from="1" to="2" />

  <node plugin="%ITWMDIR%/bin/utility::Normalize" id="2" >
    <stack_in>2</stack_in>
    <stack_out>3</stack_out>
  </node>

  <edge from="2" to="3" />

  <node plugin="%ITWMDIR%/bin/utility::ConvertType" id="3" >
    <stack_in>3</stack_in>
```

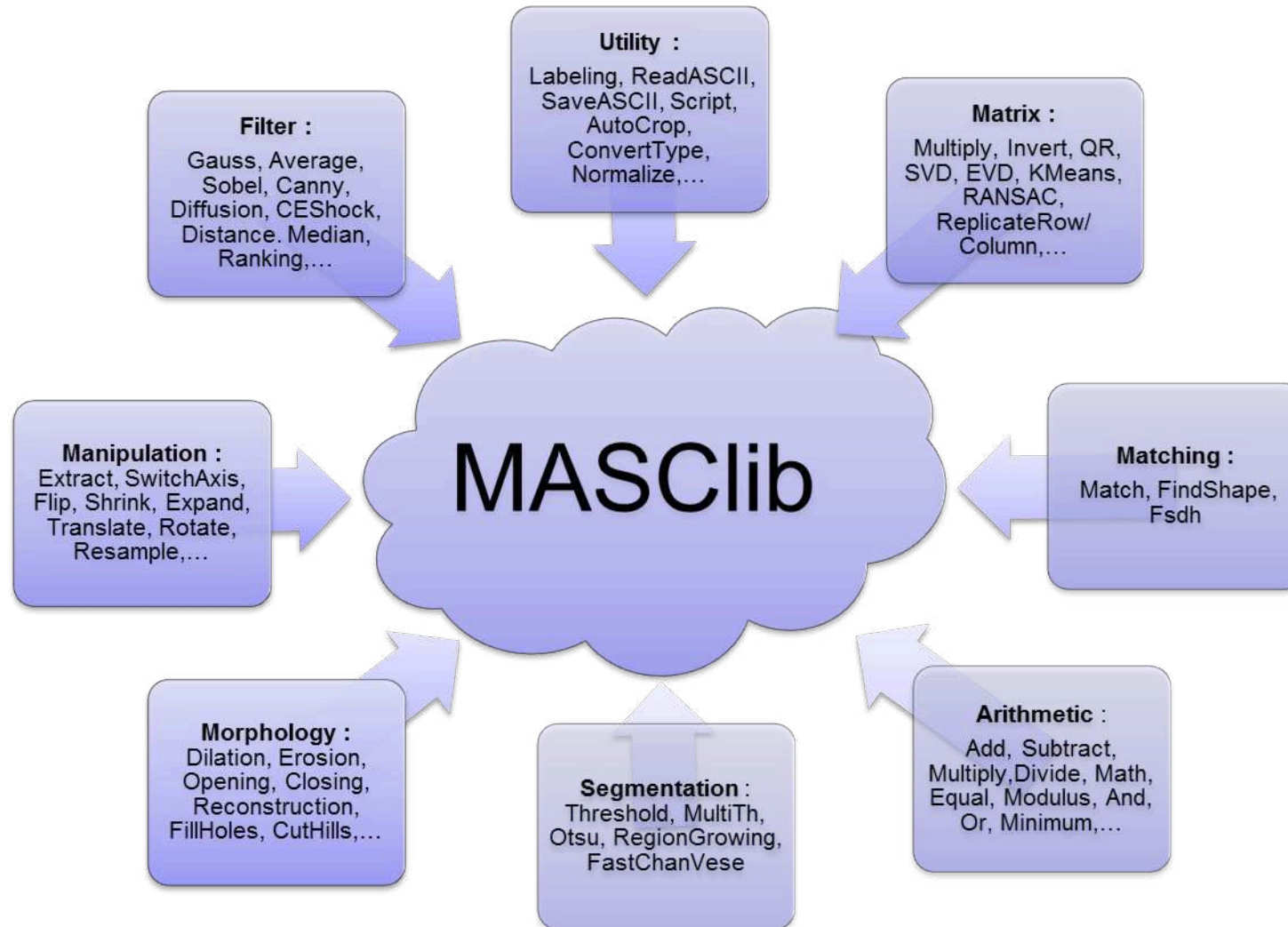
ToolIP what does it look like ?

The screenshot displays the ToolIP software interface, which is used for creating and executing workflows. The main window shows a workflow graph with several nodes connected by green lines. The nodes include 'ReadImage', 'ConvertType', 'Sub Graph', and three 'Display' nodes. A 'Sub Graph 1 Parameters' dialog is open, showing settings for 'mabl2core::Graph (Generic::mabl2core)'. The dialog has tabs for 'Line Edit', 'XML', 'Mappings', and 'Description'. The 'Line Edit' tab is active, showing parameters: 'size (long)' set to 32, 'shift_x (long)' set to 430, and 'shift_y (long)' set to 48. There are also 'Live' checkboxes and a 'New Parameter' button. Below the dialog, the workflow graph continues with 'Sobel' nodes, 'Extract' nodes, 'Serialize' nodes, 'Append' nodes, an 'Add' node, and a 'Line' node. The 'Line' node is connected to an 'OUTPUT PORT'. On the right side, there are two image displays. 'Display 1 Display' shows a grayscale image of a woman's face with a bounding box. 'Display 2 Display' shows a grayscale image of the same woman's face with a bounding box, labeled 'GREY_F [(128,128,1)]'. The interface also includes a 'Plugins' panel on the left with a search bar and a list of plugins, and a toolbar at the top with various icons.

ToolIP why is it interesting?

- Selfexplaining to use, no programming necessary
- Can use graphs at the customer site
- Easy to extend, add new Algorithms
- Cross platform - works on linux and windows
- Almost no overhead compared to compiled code

ToolIP includes MASCLib



Using Plugins and Algorithm Graphs from C++

```
// read "Lena.png" from file
CImage *pImgIn = RunPlugin("%ITWMDIR%/bin/utility::ReadImage", "filename",
    "Lena.png" );

// apply the average3d filter to pImgIn
std::string plugin_path = "%ITWMDIR%/bin/filter::Average3d";
CImage *pImgOut = RunPlugin( plugin_path, pImgIn, "step_x", 3, "step_y", 3);

// subtract pImgOut from pImgIn inplace
RunPlugin(pImgOut, "%ITWMDIR%/bin/arithmetic::Subtract", pImgIn, pImgOut, "upcast",
    true);
```

Using Plugins and Algorithm Graphs from C++

```
// save pImgOut in ASCII format
```

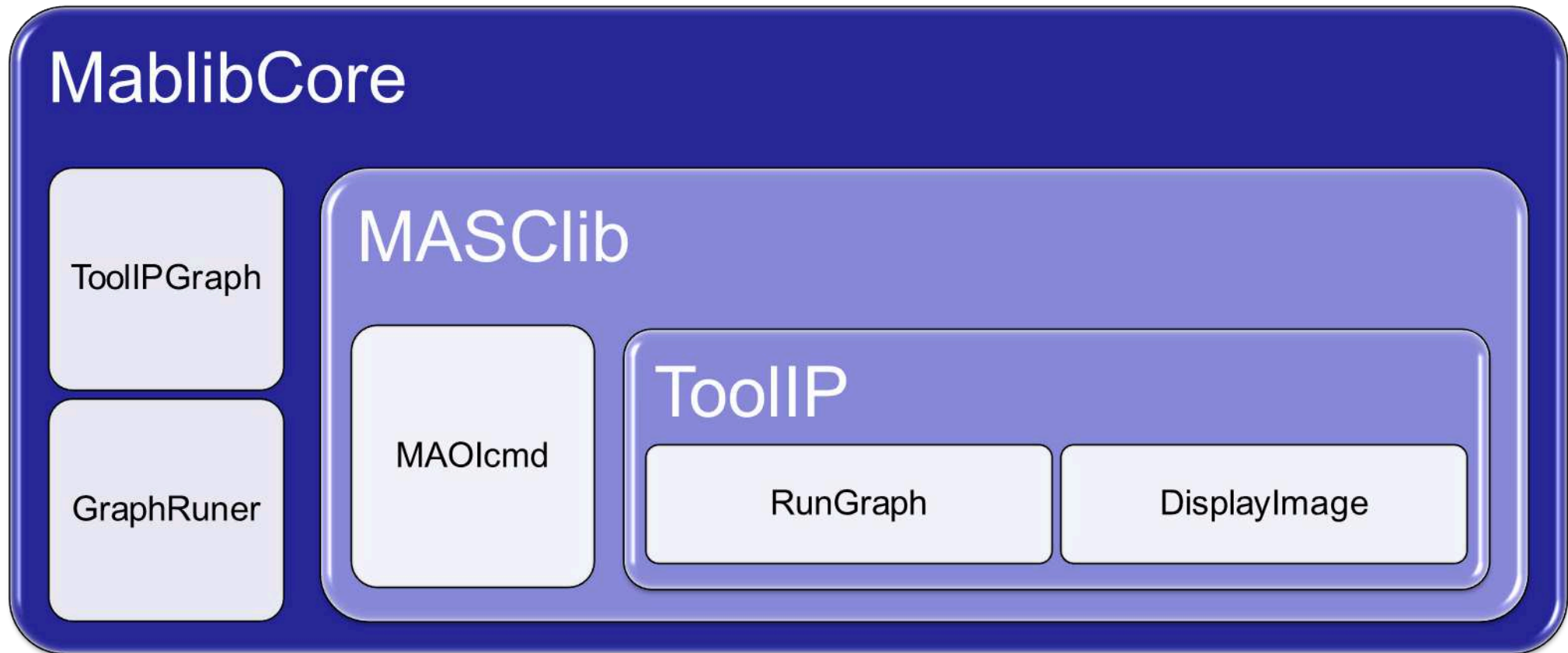
```
RunPlugin("%ITWMDIR  
%/bin/utility::SaveASCII", pImgOut, "filename", "laplace.asc");
```

- An algorithm created in ToolIP can be called too as follows:

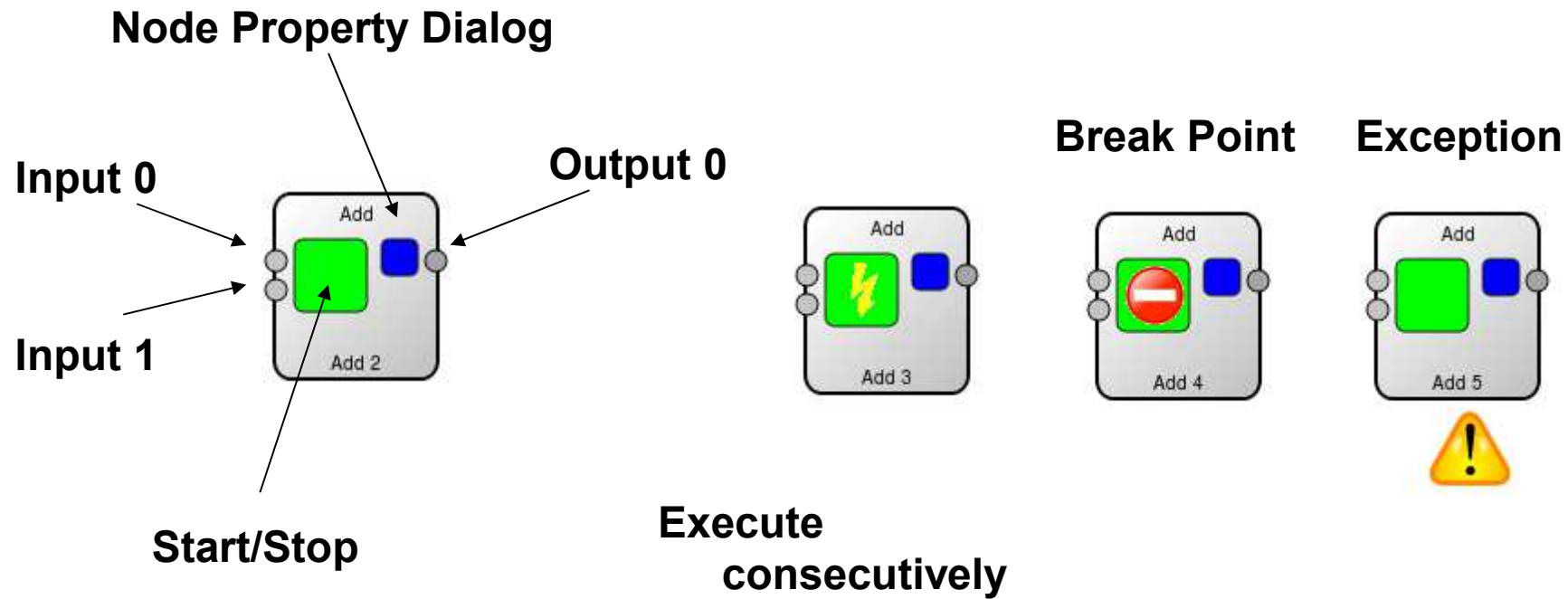
```
// rotate input image by 17 degrees using the graph Rotate.xml
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```
CImage *pImgRot = RunGraph( "Rotate.xml" , pImgIn, "angle", 17.0,  
"bg_value", 125.0);
```

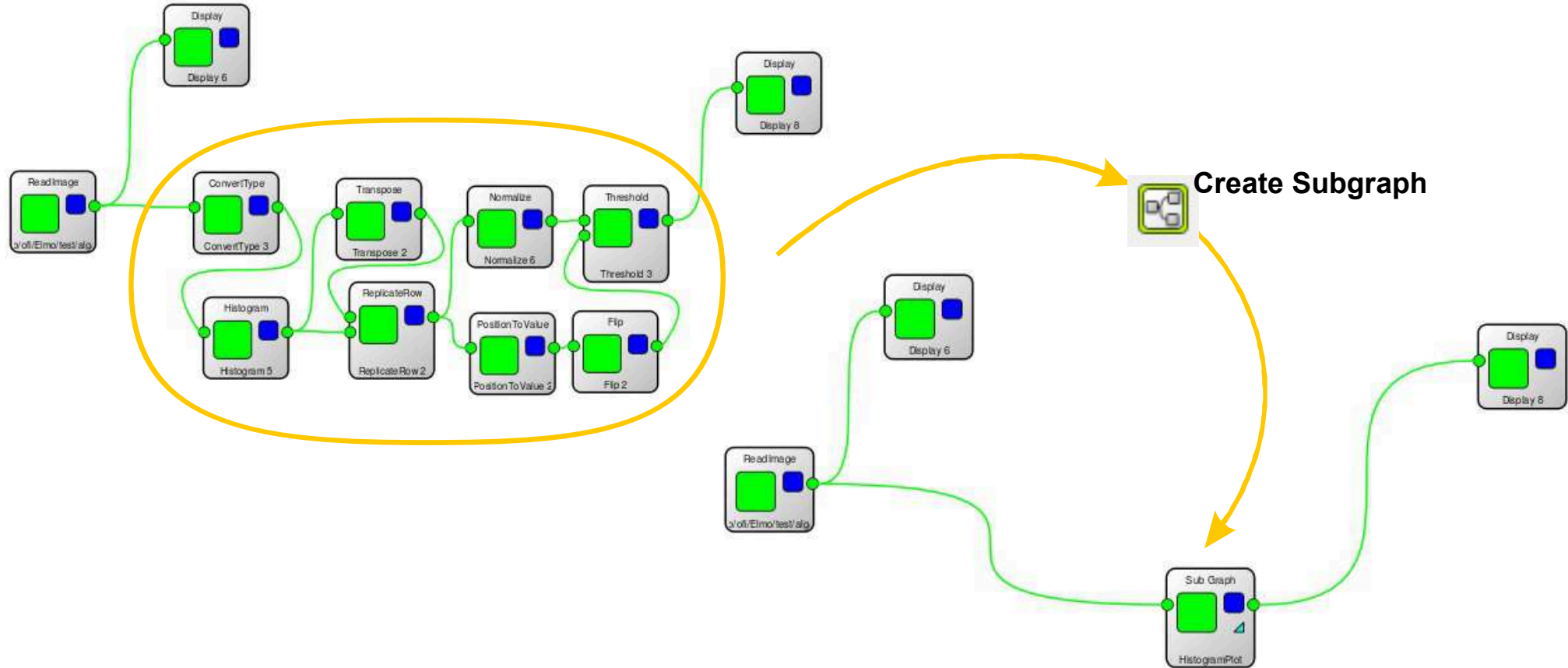
Thank You for Your Attention!



ToolIP GUI Nodes



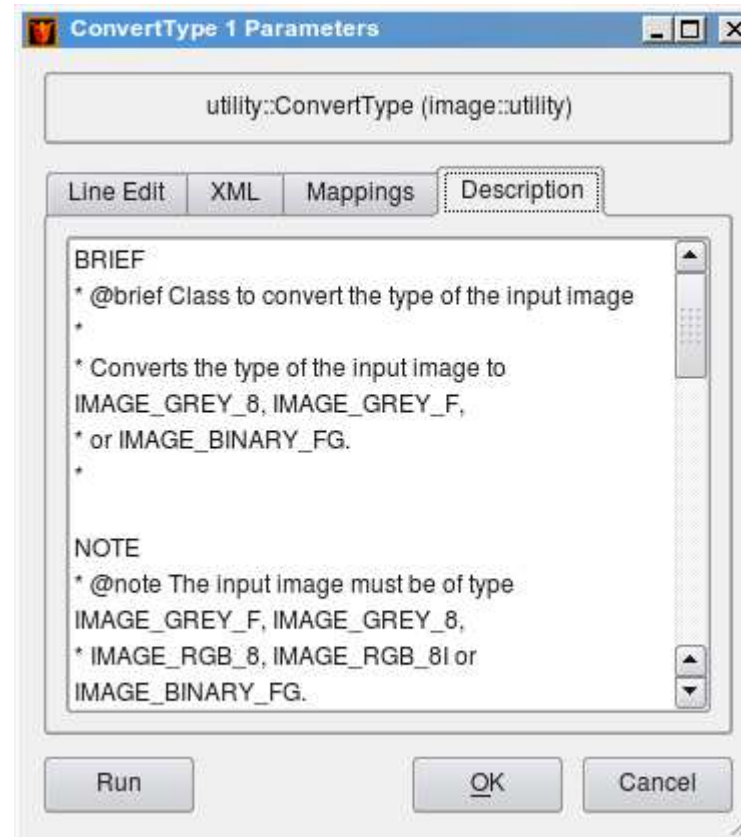
ToolIP Subgraph



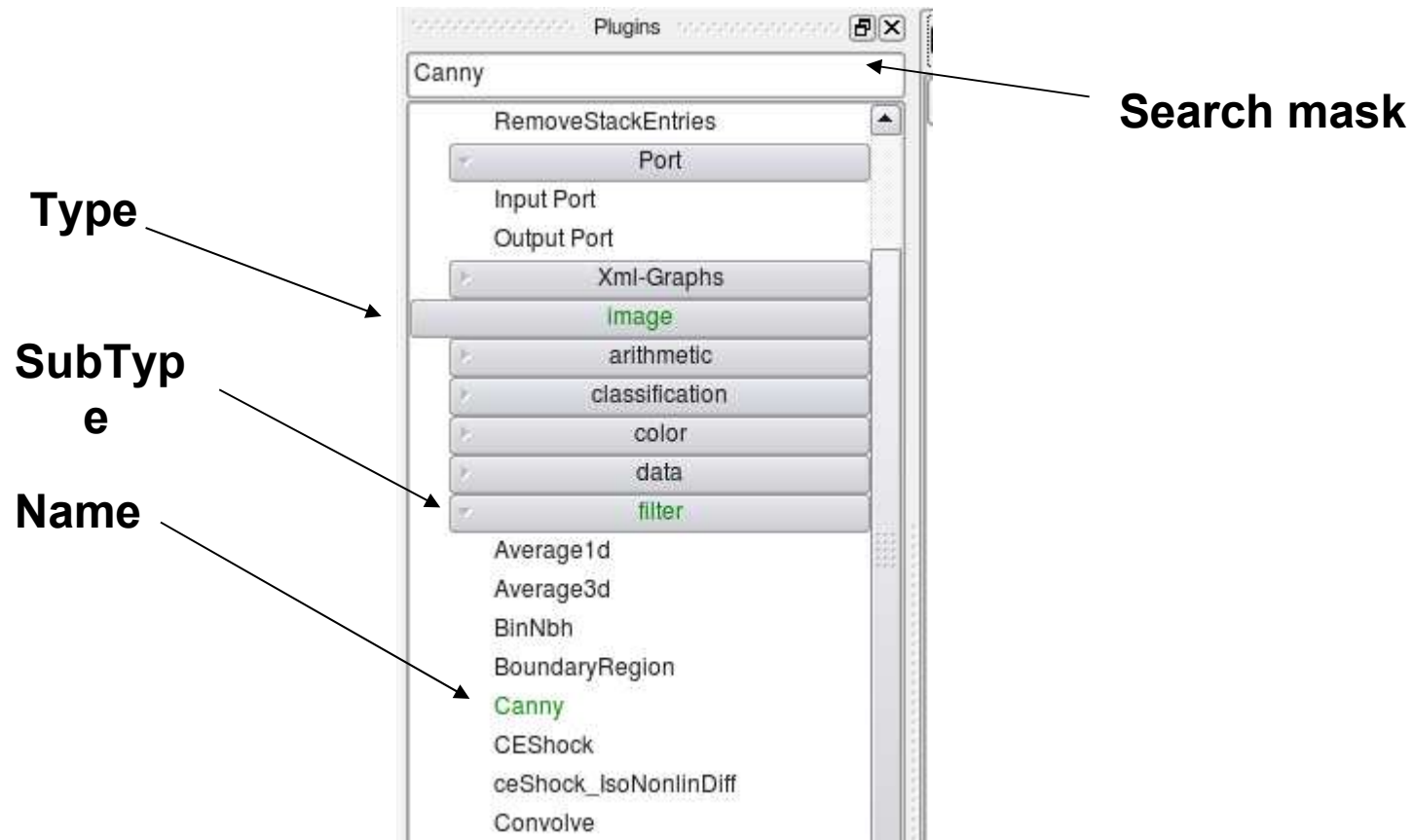
ToolIP GUI Node Property Dialog



ToolIP GUI Node Property Dialog



ToolIP GUI Plugin Window



ToolIP GUI Toolbar

