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PIs of Service Mode [SM] runs are automatically subscribed to receive email notifications whenever Observation Blocks from one of their runs are executed at the telescope. The management of the email subscription is regulated in the new Night Log Tool (NLT) run progress index page accessible from the User Portal page "View your list of Observing Runs".

Phase 2 and/or data delegates can also subscribe. The progress of the observations can also be directly accessed by clicking on the run ID on this page. In addition the status of your OBs can always be checked inside the web tool p2 at the "Overview" and/or "Schedule" tab of your run.

Once you receive notification that one (or more) of your FORS2 Pre-Imaging OBs has been executed you can obtain **both** the RAW data (and associated calibrations) for processing the data yourself **and** "quick-look" pipeline processed products. All these data are delivered via the [ESO Science Archive Facility](#). The data are made available "soon" after the OB(s) are completed -- normally within a few minutes to a few hours. If it does not arrive within 24hrs, please contact your USD support astronomer.

The following is a step-by-step guide to obtaining these data, once they are available.

Directly from the SAF

1. Navigate your browser to [ESO Science Archive Facility \[SAF\]](#)
2. Search by the "Program ID", you may want to also set Start and End dates if your pre-imaging is acquired over several different nights and you just need some of them



This query interface allows to search and to request raw observational data taken by telescopes of the La Silla Paranal Observatory.
 New Features 9 November 2020:

- You can now limit your queries to either optical or infrared instruments using the MarkOptical and MarkInfrared buttons in the instrument blue panel
- When looking for images in a certain bandpass, constraints can now be provided using wavelengths in nm, or standard bandpass name (see [help page](#))
- At request time, you can decide whether to download any of the following:
 - the selected raw data,
 - the raw or processed calibrations needed to process the selected raw data,
 - the pipeline-processed data generated out of the selected raw data (if they exist)

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Output preferences:
 Return max rows.

Target, Program, and Scheduling Information

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3. In the query result page, select the files of interest (likely all) and proceed to "Request marked datasets (new service)" (see screenshot). Note: the old way won't show the products.



To request data please select the datasets in the results table by marking the checkbox in the left-most column, then press the **Request marked datasets** button. (You will be prompted for your ESO User Portal username and password. If you do not yet have an ESO User Portal account, please fill out the [registration form](#).) Datasets for which the proprietary period is over are highlighted in green and are publicly available. Datasets that are still under the proprietary period are highlighted in red and can only be downloaded by the corresponding PI and delegates. Datasets that are not yet available in the Archive are marked with a "N/A".

Request marked datasets (old way)

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Request marked datasets (old way)

A total of 6 records were found matching the provided criteria.



Sky Map: the Aladin Java applet will provide you with the pointing distribution of all the sources matching your request and having Ra, Dec information. The interchange of data between ESO and Aladin is done via a VOTable, available from [votable54160.xml](#) Further [help](#).

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- In the Download Portal page, "Sign in" at the top-right corner (if not already). Select the PROCESSED.QUICKLOOK check box at the bottom of the list, plus any other other data types you are interested in (e.g. the raw (selected by default), associated raw calibration (if you want to pipeline process the data yourself), night logs). Then choose a download option on the right-hand side of the page. If you don't see the "PROCESSED.QUICKLOOK check box" it probably just means they haven't made it into the archive yet.

The screenshot shows the 'Download Portal' for the La Silla Paranal Observatory. The page is dark-themed and contains the following elements:

- Header:** 'Download Portal' title, a 'Sign in' button, and the observatory name 'La Silla Paranal Observatory' with a note to acknowledge the use of archive data.
- Requested raw data section:**
 - Raw data for which processed data is available (see below):**
 - Raw data** (6 Files (19.30 MB))
 - Associated processed calibrations (0 Files (0.00 B)) with a 'Run association' button.
 - Associated raw calibrations (0 Files (0.00 B)) with a 'Run association' button.
 - Night Logs (0 Files (0.00 B)) with a 'Run association' button.
 - Raw data for which no processed data is available:** None.
- Processed data from the requested raw data:** A toggle switch is set to 'Include all'. Below it, a note states: 'The following processed data are available for download in addition to the explicitly requested raw data. Please confirm to include.'
- PROCESSED.QUICKLOOK:** PROCESSED.QUICKLOOK (6 Files (100.39 MB))

On the right side, there is a sidebar with 'Selected files' (6 Files (19.30 MB)) and 'Download options' (Download shell script, Show file list, Download ZIP file).

Via the User Portal

Alternatively from your run progress page in the [ESO UserPortal](https://www.eso.org/UserPortal):

1. Log in into the User Portal (<https://www.eso.org/UserPortal>).
2. From the Phase 2 box, select "Check the status of your observing runs" and then select the desired Run ID.
3. Mark the relevant OBs ("Retrieve OB" tick box), then Archive query for selected RAW OBs.
4. Proceed as of step 2 in the "Directly from the SAF" section above.

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