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## Stacks

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In CIAO, a stack is an ASCII file containing a list of filenames. Many CIAO tools can accept a stack as an input instead of a single file via the @ qualifier. The tool runs on each file in the stack consecutively; some tools create a stack of output files, while others combine the results into a single output. For details, see the stack ahelp file.

The term "stack" is used similarly when referring to region shapes in a file. The Regions with Multiple Shapes vs. Region Stacks section of the Using CIAO Region Files explains this and gives an example.

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