
spatialist Documentation

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The most convenient way to install spatialist is by using conda:

```
conda install --channel conda-forge spatialist
```

See below for more detailed Linux installation instructions outside of the Anaconda framework.

1.1 Installation of dependencies

1.1.1 GDAL

spatialist requires GDAL version ≥ 2.1 built with GEOS and PROJ4 as dependency as well as the GDAL Python binding. Alternatively, one can use [pygdal](#), a virtualenv and setuptools friendly version of standard GDAL python bindings.

Ubuntu

Starting with release Yakkety (16.10), Ubuntu comes with GDAL >2.1 . See [here](#). You can install it like this:

```
sudo apt-get install python-gdal python3-gdal gdal-bin
```

For older Ubuntu releases you can add the [ubuntugis](#) repository to apt prior to installation to install version >2.1 :

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:ubuntugis/ppa
sudo apt-get update
```

This way the required dependencies (GEOS and PROJ4 in particular) are also installed. You can check the version by typing:

```
gdalinfo --version
```

Debian

Starting with Debian 9 (Stretch) GDAL is available in version >2.1 in the official repository.

Building from source

Alternatively, you can build GDAL and the dependencies from source. The script *spatialist/install/install_deps.sh* gives specific instructions on how to do it. It is not yet intended to run this script via shell, but rather to follow the instructions step by step.

1.1.2 SQLite + Spatialite

Windows

While `sqlite3` and its Python binding are usually already installed, the `spatialite` extension needs to be added. Two packages exist, `libspatialite` and `mod_spatialite`. Both can be used by `spatialist`. It is strongly recommended to use Ubuntu >= 16.04 (Xenial) or Debian >=9 (Stretch), which offer the package *libsqlite3-mod-spatialite*. This package is specifically intended to only serve as an extension to *sqlite3* and can be installed like this:

```
sudo apt-get install libsqlite3-mod-spatialite
```

After installation, the following can be run in Python to test the needed functionality:

```
import sqlite3
# setup an in-memory database
con = sqlite3.connect(':memory:')
# enable loading extensions and load spatialite
con.enable_load_extension(True)
try:
    con.load_extension('mod_spatialite.so')
except sqlite3.OperationalError:
    con.load_extension('libspatialite.so')
```

In case loading extensions is not permitted you might need to install the package *pysqlite2*. See the script *spatialist/install/install_deps.sh* for instructions. There you can also find instructions on how to install `spatialite` from source. To test *pysqlite2* you can import it as follows and then run the test above:

```
from pysqlite2 import dbapi2 as sqlite3
```

Installing this package is likely to cause problems with the `sqlite3` library installed on the system. Thus, it is safer to build a static `sqlite3` library for it (see installation script).

1.2 Installation of spatialist

For the installation we need the Python tool `pip`.

```
sudo apt-get install python-pip
```

Once everything is set up, `spatialist` is ready to be installed. You can install stable releases like this:

```
python -m pip install spatialist
```

or the latest GitHub master branch using `git` like this:

```
sudo apt-get install git
sudo python -m pip install git+https://github.com/johntruckenbrodt/spatialist.git
```

2.1 Raster Class

class `spatialist.raster.Raster` (*filename*, *list_separate=True*, *timestamps=None*)

This is intended as a raster meta information handler with options for reading and writing raster data in a convenient manner by simplifying the numerous options provided by the [GDAL](#) python binding. Several methods are provided along with this class to directly modify the raster object in memory or directly write a newly created file to disk (without modifying the raster object itself). Upon initializing a Raster object, only metadata is loaded. The actual data can be, for example, loaded to memory by calling methods `matrix()` or `load()`.

Parameters

- **filename** (str or list or `gdal.Dataset`) – the raster file(s)/object to read
- **list_separate** (*bool*) – treat a list of files as separate layers or otherwise as a single layer? The former is intended for single layers of a stack, the latter for tiles of a mosaic.
- **timestamps** (*list[str] or function or None*) – the time information for each layer or a function converting band names to a `datetime.datetime` object

__getitem__ (*index*)

subset the object by slices or vector geometry. If slices are provided, one slice for each raster dimension needs to be defined. I.e., if the raster object contains several image bands, three slices are necessary. Integer slices are treated as pixel coordinates and float slices as map coordinates. If a [Vector](#) geometry is defined, it is internally projected to the raster CRS if necessary, its extent derived, and the extent converted to raster pixel slices, which are then used for subsetting.

Parameters **index** (tuple of *slice* or *Vector*) – the subsetting indices to be used

Returns a new raster object referenced through an in-memory GDAL VRT file

Return type *Raster*

Examples

```
>>> filename = 'test'
>>> with Raster(filename) as ras:
>>>     print(ras)
class      : spatialist Raster object
dimensions : 2908, 2069, 115 (rows, cols, bands)
resolution : 20.0, -20.0 (x, y)
extent      : 713315.198, 754695.198, 4068985.595, 4127145.595 (xmin, xmax,
↳ymin, ymax)
coord. ref.: +proj=utm +zone=29 +datum=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs
data source: test
>>>
>>>
>>> xmin = 0
>>> xmax = 100
>>> ymin = 4068985.595
>>> ymax = 4088985.595
>>> with Raster(filename)[ymin:ymax, xmin:xmax, :] as ras:
>>>     print(ras)
class      : spatialist Raster object
dimensions : 1000, 100, 115 (rows, cols, bands)
resolution : 20.0, -20.0 (x, y)
extent      : 713315.198, 715315.198, 4068985.595, 4088985.595 (xmin, xmax,
↳ymin, ymax)
coord. ref.: +proj=utm +zone=29 +datum=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs
data source: /tmp/tmpk5weyhq.vrt
>>>
>>>
>>> ext = {'xmin': 713315.198, 'xmax': 715315.198, 'ymin': ymin, 'ymax': ymax}
>>>
>>> with bbox(ext, crs=32629) as vec:
>>>     with Raster(filename)[vec] as ras:
>>>         print(ras)
class      : spatialist Raster object
dimensions : 1000, 100, 115 (rows, cols, bands)
resolution : 20.0, -20.0 (x, y)
extent      : 713315.198, 715315.198, 4068985.595, 4088985.595 (xmin, xmax,
↳ymin, ymax)
coord. ref.: +proj=utm +zone=29 +datum=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs
data source: /tmp/tmps4rc9o09.vrt
```

allstats (*approximate=False*)

Compute some basic raster statistics

Parameters **approximate** (*bool*) – approximate statistics from overviews or a subset of all tiles?

Returns a list with a dictionary of statistics for each band. Keys: *min*, *max*, *mean*, *sdev*. See [gdal.Band.ComputeStatistics](#).

Return type list of dicts

array ()

read all raster bands into a numpy ndarray

Returns the array containing all raster data

Return type [numpy.ndarray](#)

assign (*array*, *band*)

assign an array to an existing Raster object

Parameters

- **array** (*numpy.ndarray*) – the array to be assigned to the Raster object
- **band** (*int*) – the index of the band to assign to

bandnames

Returns the names of the bands

Return type *list*

bands

Returns the number of image bands

Return type *int*

bbox (*outname=None*, *driver='ESRI Shapefile'*, *overwrite=True*, *source='image'*)

Parameters

- **outname** (*str* or *None*) – the name of the file to write; If *None*, the bounding box is returned as *Vector* object
- **driver** (*str*) – The file format to write
- **overwrite** (*bool*) – overwrite an already existing file?
- **source** (*{ 'image', 'gcp' }*) – get the bounding box of either the image or the ground control points

Returns the bounding box vector object

Return type *Vector* or *None*

close ()

closes the GDAL raster file connection

cols

Returns the number of image columns

Return type *int*

coord_img2map (*x=None*, *y=None*)

convert image pixel coordinates to map coordinates in the raster CRS. Either x, y or both must be defined.

Parameters

- **x** (*int* or *float*) – the x coordinate
- **y** (*int* or *float*) – the y coordinate

Returns the converted coordinate for either x, y or both

Return type *float* or *tuple*

coord_map2img (*x=None*, *y=None*)

convert map coordinates in the raster CRS to image pixel coordinates. Either x, y or both must be defined.

Parameters

- **x** (*int* or *float*) – the x coordinate
- **y** (*int* or *float*) – the y coordinate

Returns the converted coordinate for either x, y or both

Return type `int` or `tuple`

dim

Returns (rows, columns, bands)

Return type `tuple`

driver

Returns a GDAL raster driver object.

Return type `gdal.Driver`

dtype

Returns the data type description; e.g. *Float32*

Return type `str`

epsg

Returns the CRS EPSG code

Return type `int`

extent

Returns the extent of the image

Return type `dict`

extract (*px, py, radius=1, nodata=None*)

extract weighted average of pixels intersecting with a defined radius to a point.

Parameters

- **px** (*int* or *float*) – the x coordinate in units of the Raster SRS
- **py** (*int* or *float*) – the y coordinate in units of the Raster SRS
- **radius** (*int* or *float*) – the radius around the point to extract pixel values from; defined as multiples of the pixel resolution
- **nodata** (*int*) – a value to ignore from the computations; If *None*, the nodata value of the Raster object is used

Returns the the weighted average of all pixels within the defined radius

Return type `int` or `float`

files

Returns a list of all absolute names of files associated with this raster data set

Return type list of `str`

format

Returns the name of the image format

Return type `str`

geo

General image geo information.

Returns a dictionary with keys *xmin, xmax, xres, rotation_x, ymin, ymax, yres, rotation_y*

Return type `dict`

geogcs

Returns an identifier of the geographic coordinate system

Return type `str` or `None`

is_valid()

Check image integrity. Tries to compute the checksum for each raster layer and returns False if this fails. See this forum entry: [How to check if image is valid?](#).

Returns is the file valid?

Return type `bool`

layers()

Returns a list containing a `gdal.Band` object for each image band

Return type list of `gdal.Band`

load()

load all raster data to internal memory arrays. This shortens the read time of other methods like `matrix()`.

matrix (*band=1, mask_nan=True*)

read a raster band (subset) into a numpy ndarray

Parameters

- **band** (*int*) – the band to read the matrix from; 1-based indexing
- **mask_nan** (*bool*) – convert nodata values to `numpy.nan`? As `numpy.nan` requires at least float values, any integer array is cast to float32.

Returns the matrix (subset) of the selected band

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

nodata

Returns the raster nodata value(s)

Return type `float` or `list`

proj4

Returns the CRS PROJ4 description

Return type `str`

proj4args

Returns the PROJ4 string arguments as a dictionary

Return type `dict`

projcs

Returns an identifier of the projected coordinate system; If the CRS is not projected `None` is returned

Return type `str` or `None`

projection

Returns the CRS Well Known Text (WKT) description

Return type `str`

res

the raster resolution in x and y direction

Returns (xres, yres)

Return type `tuple`

rescale (*fun*)

perform raster computations with custom functions and assign them to the existing raster object in memory

Parameters **fun** (*function*) – the custom function to compute on the data

Examples

```
>>> with Raster('filename') as ras:
>>>     ras.rescale(lambda x: 10 * x)
```

rows

Returns the number of image rows

Return type `int`

srs

Returns the spatial reference system of the data set.

Return type `osr.SpatialReference`

write (*outname*, *dtype*='default', *format*='ENVI', *nodata*='default', *overwrite*=False, *cmap*=None, *update*=False, *xoff*=0, *yoff*=0, *array*=None, *options*=None, *overviews*=None)
write the raster object to a file.

Parameters

- **outname** (*str*) – the file to be written
- **dtype** (*str*) – the data type of the written file; data type notations of GDAL (e.g. *Float32*) and numpy (e.g. *int8*) are supported.
- **format** (*str*) – the file format; e.g. 'GTiff'
- **nodata** (*int* or *float*) – the nodata value to write to the file
- **compress_tif** (*bool*) – if the format is GeoTiff, compress the written file?
- **overwrite** (*bool*) – overwrite an already existing file? Only applies if *update* is *False*.
- **cmap** (`gdal.ColorTable`) – a color map to apply to each band. Can for example be created with function `cmap_mpl2gdal()`.
- **update** (*bool*) – open the output file for update or only for writing?
- **xoff** (*int*) – the x/column offset
- **yoff** (*int*) – the y/row offset
- **array** (`numpy.ndarray`) – write different data than that associated with the Raster object
- **options** (*list* or *None*) – as list of options for creating the output dataset; see `gdal.Driver.Create`

- **overviews** (*list or None*) – a list of integer overview levels to be created; see `gdal.Dataset.BuildOverviews`

2.2 Raster Tools

<code>apply_along_time</code>	Apply a time series computation to a 3D raster stack using multiple CPUs.
<code>png</code>	convert a raster image to png.
<code>rasterize</code>	rasterize a vector object
<code>stack</code>	function for mosaicking, resampling and stacking of multiple raster files
<code>subset_tolerance</code>	this parameter can be set to increase the pixel tolerance in percent when subsetting <i>Raster</i> objects with the extent of other spatial objects.

`spatialist.raster.apply_along_time(src, dst, func1d, nodata, format, cmap=None, maxlines=None, cores=8, *args, **kwargs)`

Apply a time series computation to a 3D raster stack using multiple CPUs. The stack is read in chunks of maxlines x columns x time steps, for which the result is computed and stored in a 2D output array. After finishing the computation for all chunks, the output array is written to the specified file.

Notes

It is intended to directly write the computation result of each chunk to the output file respectively so that no unnecessary memory is used for storing the complete result. This however first requires some restructuring of the method `spatialist.Raster.write()`.

Parameters

- **src** (*Raster*) – the source raster data
- **dst** (*str*) – the output file in GeoTiff format
- **func1d** (*function*) – the function to be applied over a single time series 1D array
- **nodata** (*int*) – the nodata value to write to the output file
- **format** (*str*) – the output file format, e.g. ‘GTiff’
- **cmap** (*gdal.ColorTable*) – a color table to write to the resulting file; see `spatialist.auxil.cmap_mpl2gdal()` for creation options.
- **maxlines** (*int*) – the maximum number of lines to read at once. Controls the amount of memory used.
- **cores** (*int*) – the number of parallel cores
- **args** (*any*) – Additional arguments to *func1d*.
- **kwargs** (*any*) – Additional named arguments to *func1d*.

See also:

`spatialist.ancillary.parallel_apply_along_axis()`

`spatialist.raster.png(src, dst, percent=10, scale=(2, 98), worldfile=False, nodata=None)`

convert a raster image to png. The input raster must either have one or three bands to create a grey scale or RGB image respectively.

Parameters

- **src** (*Raster*) – the input raster image to be converted
- **dst** (*str*) – the output png file name
- **percent** (*int*) – the size of the png relative to *src*
- **scale** (*tuple* or *None*) – the percentile bounds as (min, max) for scaling the values of the input image or *None* to not apply any scaling.
- **worldfile** (*bool*) – create a world file (extension .wld)?
- **nodata** (*int* or *None*) – The no data value to write to the file. All pixels with this value will be transparent.

Notes

Currently it is not possible to control what happens with values outside of the percentile range defined by *scale*. Therefore, if e.g. *nodata* is set to 0, all values below the lower percentile will be marked as 0 and will thus be transparent in the image. On the other hand if *nodata* is 255, all values higher than the upper percentile will be transparent. This is addressed in GDAL issue [#1825](#).

Examples

```
>>> from spatialist.raster import Raster, png
>>> src = 'src.tif'
>>> dst = 'dst.png'
>>> with Raster(src) as ras:
>>>     png(src=ras, dst=dst, percent=10, scale=(2, 98), worldfile=True)
```

`spatialist.raster.rasterize(vectorobject, reference, outname=None, burn_values=1, expressions=None, nodata=0, append=False)`

rasterize a vector object

Parameters

- **vectorobject** (*Vector*) – the vector object to be rasterized
- **reference** (*Raster*) – a reference Raster object to retrieve geo information and extent from
- **outname** (*str* or *None*) – the name of the GeoTiff output file; if *None*, an in-memory object of type *Raster* is returned and parameter *outname* is ignored
- **burn_values** (*int* or *list*) – the values to be written to the raster file
- **expressions** (*list*) – SQL expressions to filter the vector object by attributes
- **nodata** (*int*) – the nodata value of the target raster file
- **append** (*bool*) – if the output file already exists, update this file with new rasterized values? If *True* and the output file exists, parameters *reference* and *nodata* are ignored.

Returns if *outname* is *None*, a raster object pointing to an in-memory dataset else *None*

Return type *Raster* or *None*

Example

```
>>> from spatialist import Vector, Raster, rasterize
>>> outname1 = 'target1.tif'
>>> outname2 = 'target2.tif'
>>> with Vector('source.shp') as vec:
>>>     with Raster('reference.tif') as ref:
>>>         burn_values = [1, 2]
>>>         expressions = ['ATTRIBUTE=1', 'ATTRIBUTE=2']
>>>         rasterize(vec, reference, outname1, burn_values, expressions)
>>>         expressions = ["ATTRIBUTE2='a'", "ATTRIBUTE2='b'"]
>>>         rasterize(vec, reference, outname2, burn_values, expressions)
```

`spatialist.raster.stack` (*srcfiles*, *dstfile*, *resampling*, *targetres*, *dstnodata*, *srcnodata=None*, *shapefile=None*, *layernames=None*, *sortfun=None*, *separate=False*, *overwrite=False*, *compress=True*, *cores=4*, *pbar=False*)
function for mosaicking, resampling and stacking of multiple raster files

Parameters

- **srcfiles** (*list*) – a list of file names or a list of lists; each sub-list is treated as a task to mosaic its containing files
- **dstfile** (*str*) – the destination file or a directory (if *separate* is True)
- **resampling** (*{near, bilinear, cubic, cubicspline, lanczos, average, mode, max, min, med, Q1, Q3}*) – the resampling method; see [documentation of gdalwarp](#).
- **targetres** (*tuple or list*) – two entries for x and y spatial resolution in units of the source CRS
- **srcnodata** (*int, float or None*) – the nodata value of the source files; if left at the default (None), the nodata values are read from the files
- **dstnodata** (*int or float*) – the nodata value of the destination file(s)
- **shapefile** (*str, Vector or None*) – a shapefile for defining the spatial extent of the destination files
- **layernames** (*list*) – the names of the output layers; if *None*, the basenames of the input files are used; overrides *sortfun*
- **sortfun** (*function*) – a function for sorting the input files; not used if *layernames* is not None. This is first used for sorting the items in each sub-list of *srcfiles*; the basename of the first item in a sub-list will then be used as the name for the mosaic of this group. After mosaicking, the function is again used for sorting the names in the final output (only relevant if *separate* is False)
- **separate** (*bool*) – should the files be written to a single raster stack (ENVI format) or separate files (GTiff format)?
- **overwrite** (*bool*) – overwrite the file if it already exists?
- **compress** (*bool*) – compress the geotiff files?
- **cores** (*int*) – the number of CPU threads to use
- **pbar** (*bool*) – add a progressbar? This is currently only used if *separate==False*

Raises `RuntimeError`

Notes

This function does not reproject any raster files. Thus, the CRS must be the same for all input raster files. This is checked prior to executing `gdalwarp`. In case a shapefile is defined, it is internally reprojected to the raster CRS prior to retrieving its extent.

Examples

```
from pyroSAR.ancillary import groupbyTime, find_datasets, seconds
from spatialist.raster import stack

# find pyroSAR files by metadata attributes
archive_sl = '../sentinell/GRD/processed'
scenes_sl = find_datasets(archive_sl, sensor=('S1A', 'S1B'), acquisition_mode='IW
→')

# group images by acquisition time
groups = groupbyTime(images=scenes_sl, function=seconds, time=30)

# mosaic individual groups and stack the mosaics to a single ENVI file
# only files overlapping with the shapefile are selected and resampled to its
→extent
stack(srcfiles=groups, dstfile='stack', resampling='bilinear', targetres=(20, 20),
      srcnodata=-99, dstnodata=-99, shapefile='site.shp', separate=False)
```

`spatialist.raster.subset_tolerance = 0`

this parameter can be set to increase the pixel tolerance in percent when subsetting *Raster* objects with the extent of other spatial objects.

Examples

Coordinates are in EPSG:32632, pixel resolution of the image to be subsetted is 90 m:

(subsetting extent)

```
{'xmin': 534093.341, 'xmax': 830103.341, 'ymin': 5030609.645, 'ymax': 5250929.645}
```

```
subset_tolerance = 0
```

```
{'xmin': 534003.341, 'xmax': 830103.341, 'ymin': 5030519.645, 'ymax': 5250929.645}
```

```
subset_tolerance = 0.02
```

```
{'xmin': 534093.341, 'xmax': 830103.341, 'ymin': 5030609.645, 'ymax': 5250929.645}
```

2.3 Vector Class

class `spatialist.vector.Vector` (*filename=None, driver=None*)

This is intended as a vector meta information handler with options for reading and writing vector data in a convenient manner by simplifying the numerous options provided by the OGR python binding.

Parameters

- **filename** (*str or None*) – the vector file to read; if filename is *None*, a new in-memory Vector object is created. In this case *driver* is overridden and set to 'Memory'. The following file extensions are auto-detected:
 - .geojson (GeoJSON)

- .gpkg (GPKG)
- .kml (KML)
- .shp (ESRI Shapefile)
- **driver** (*str*) – the vector file format; needs to be defined if the format cannot be auto-detected from the filename extension

__getitem__ (*expression*)

subset the vector object by index or attribute.

Parameters **expression** (*int* or *str*) – the key or expression to be used for subsetting.
See [ogr.Layer.SetAttributeFilter](#) for details on the expression syntax.

Returns a vector object matching the specified criteria

Return type *Vector*

Examples

Assuming we have a shapefile called *testsites.shp*, which has an attribute *sitename*, we can subset individual sites and write them to new files like so:

```
>>> from spatialist import Vector
>>> filename = 'testsites.shp'
>>> with Vector(filename) ["sitename='site1'"] as site1:
>>>     site1.write('site1.shp')
```

addfeature (*geometry, fields=None*)

add a feature to the vector object from a geometry

Parameters

- **geometry** (*ogr.Geometry*) – the geometry to add as a feature
- **fields** (*dict* or *None*) – the field names and values to assign to the new feature

addfield (*name, type, width=10*)

add a field to the vector layer

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – the field name
- **type** (*int*) – the OGR Field Type (OFT), e.g. *ogr.OFTString*. See [Module ogr](#).
- **width** (*int*) – the width of the new field (only for *ogr.OFTString* fields)

addlayer (*name, srs, geomType*)

add a layer to the vector layer

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – the layer name
- **srs** (*int, str* or *osr.SpatialReference*) – the spatial reference system. See [spatialist.auxil.crsConvert\(\)](#) for options.
- **geomType** (*int*) – an OGR well-known binary data type. See [Module ogr](#).

addvector (*vec*)

add a vector object to the layer of the current Vector object

Parameters

- **vec** (*Vector*) – the vector object to add
- **merge** (*bool*) – merge overlapping polygons?

bbox (*outname=None, driver=None, overwrite=True*)
create a bounding box from the extent of the Vector object

Parameters

- **outname** (*str* or *None*) – the name of the vector file to be written; if None, a Vector object is returned
- **driver** (*str*) – the name of the file format to write
- **overwrite** (*bool*) – overwrite an already existing file?

Returns if outname is None, the bounding box Vector object

Return type *Vector* or *None*

close ()
closes the OGR vector file connection

convert2wkt (*set3D=True*)
export the geometry of each feature as a wkt string

Parameters **set3D** (*bool*) – keep the third (height) dimension?

extent
the extent of the vector object

Returns a dictionary with keys *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, *ymax*

Return type *dict*

fieldDefs

Returns the field definition for each field of the Vector object

Return type list of *ogr.FieldDefn*

fieldnames

Returns the names of the fields

Return type list of *str*

geomType

Returns the layer geometry type

Return type *int*

geomTypes

Returns the geometry type of each feature

Return type *list*

getArea ()

Returns the area of the vector geometries

Return type *float*

getFeatureByAttribute (*fieldname, attribute*)
get features by field attribute

Parameters

- **fieldname** (*str*) – the name of the queried field
- **attribute** (*int* or *str*) – the field value of interest

Returns the feature(s) matching the search query

Return type list of `ogr.Feature` or `ogr.Feature`

getFeatureByIndex (*index*)

get features by numerical (positional) index

Parameters **index** (*int*) – the queried index

Returns the requested feature

Return type `ogr.Feature`

getProjection (*type*)

get the CRS of the Vector object. See `spatialist.auxil.crsConvert()`.

Parameters **type** (*str*) – the type of projection required.

Returns the output CRS

Return type `int`, `str` or `osr.SpatialReference`

getUniqueAttributes (*fieldname*)

Parameters **fieldname** (*str*) – the name of the field of interest

Returns the unique attributes of the field

Return type list of `str` or `int`

getfeatures ()

Returns a list of cloned features

Return type list of `ogr.Feature`

init_features ()

delete all in-memory features

init_layer ()

initialize a layer object

layerdef

Returns the layer's feature definition

Return type `ogr.FeatureDefn`

layername

Returns the name of the layer

Return type `str`

load ()

load all feature into memory

nfeatures

Returns the number of features

Return type `int`

nfields

Returns the number of fields

Return type `int`

nlayers

Returns the number of layers

Return type `int`

proj4

Returns the CRS in PROJ4 format

Return type `str`

reproject (*projection*)
in-memory reprojection

Parameters **projection** (`int`, `str`, `osr.SpatialReference`) – the target CRS. See `spatialist.auxil.crsConvert()`.

setCRS (*crs*)

directly reset the spatial reference system of the vector object. This is not going to reproject the Vector object, see `reproject()` instead.

Parameters **crs** (`int`, `str`, `osr.SpatialReference`) – the input CRS

Example

```
>>> site = Vector('shape.shp')
>>> site.setCRS('+proj=longlat +ellps=WGS84 +datum=WGS84 +no_defs')
```

srs

Returns the geometry's spatial reference system

Return type `osr.SpatialReference`

write (*outfile*, *driver=None*, *overwrite=True*)
write the Vector object to a file

Parameters

- **outfile** – the name of the file to write; the following extensions are automatically detected for determining the format driver:
 - `.geojson` (GeoJSON)
 - `.gpkg` (GPKG)
 - `.kml` (KML)
 - `.shp` (ESRI Shapefile)
- **driver** (*str*) – the output file format; needs to be defined if the format cannot be auto-detected from the filename extension
- **overwrite** (*bool*) – overwrite an already existing file?

2.4 Vector Tools

`spatialist.vector.intersect` (*obj1*, *obj2*)
intersect two Vector objects

Parameters

- **obj1** (*Vector*) – the first vector object; this object is reprojected to the CRS of obj2 if necessary
- **obj2** (*Vector*) – the second vector object

Returns the intersect of obj1 and obj2 if both intersect and None otherwise

Return type *Vector* or *None*

`spatialist.vector.bbox(coordinates, crs, outname=None, driver=None, overwrite=True)`

create a bounding box vector object or shapefile from coordinates and coordinate reference system. The CRS can be in either WKT, EPSG or PROJ4 format

Parameters

- **coordinates** (*dict*) – a dictionary containing numerical variables with keys *xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin* and *ymax*
- **crs** (*int*, *str*, *osr.SpatialReference*) – the CRS of the *coordinates*. See `crsConvert()` for options.
- **outname** (*str*) – the file to write to. If *None*, the bounding box is returned as *Vector* object
- **driver** (*str*) –
the output file format; needs to be defined if the format cannot be auto-detected from the filename extension
- **overwrite** (*bool*) – overwrite an existing file?

Returns the bounding box *Vector* object

Return type *Vector* or *None*

`spatialist.vector.feature2vector(feature, ref, layername=None)`

create a *Vector* object from ogr features

Parameters

- **feature** (list of *ogr.Feature* or *ogr.Feature*) – a single feature or a list of features
- **ref** (*Vector*) – a reference *Vector* object to retrieve geo information from
- **layername** (*str* or *None*) – the name of the output layer; retrieved from *ref* if *None*

Returns the new *Vector* object

Return type *Vector*

`spatialist.vector.wkt2vector(wkt, srs, layername='wkt')`

convert a well-known text string geometry to a *Vector* object

Parameters

- **wkt** (*str*) – the well-known text description
- **srs** (*int*, *str*) – the spatial reference system; see `spatialist.auxil.crsConvert()` for options.
- **layername** (*str*) – the name of the internal *ogr.Layer* object

Returns the vector representation

Return type *Vector*

Examples

```
>>> from spatialist.vector import wkt2vector
>>> wkt = 'POLYGON ((0. 0., 0. 1., 1. 1., 1. 0., 0. 0.))'
>>> with wkt2vector(wkt, srs=4326) as vec:
>>>     print(vec.getArea())
1.0
```

2.5 General Spatial Tools

`spatialist.auxil.cmap_mpl2gdal` (*mplcolor*, *values*)

convert a matplotlib color table to a GDAL representation.

Parameters

- **mplcolor** (*str*) – a color table code
- **values** (*list*) – the integer data values for which to retrieve colors

Returns the color table in GDAL format

Return type `gdal.ColorTable`

Notes

This function is currently only developed for handling discrete integer data values in an 8 Bit file. Colors are thus scaled between 0 and 255.

Examples

```
>>> from osgeo import gdal
>>> from spatialist.auxil import cmap_mpl2gdal
>>> values = list(range(0, 100))
>>> cmap = cmap_mpl2gdal(mplcolor='YlGnBu', values=values)
>>> print(isinstance(cmap, gdal.ColorTable))
True
```

`spatialist.auxil.coordinate_reproject` (*x*, *y*, *s_crs*, *t_crs*)

reproject a coordinate from one CRS to another

Parameters

- **x** (*int* or *float*) – the X coordinate component
- **y** (*int* or *float*) – the Y coordinate component
- **s_crs** (*int*, *str* or *osr.SpatialReference*) – the source CRS. See `crsConvert()` for options.
- **t_crs** (*int*, *str* or *osr.SpatialReference*) – the target CRS. See `crsConvert()` for options.

Returns

Return type `tuple`

`spatialist.auxil.crsConvert` (*crsIn*, *crsOut*)

convert between different types of spatial references

Parameters

- **crsIn** (int, str, `osr.SpatialReference`) – the input CRS
- **crsOut** (`{'wkt', 'proj4', 'epsg', 'osr', 'opengis' or 'prettyWkt'}`) – the output CRS type

Returns the output CRS

Return type int, str, `osr.SpatialReference`

Examples

convert an integer EPSG code to PROJ4:

```
>>> crsConvert(4326, 'proj4')
'+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +no_defs '
```

convert a PROJ4 string to an opengis URL:

```
>>> crsConvert('+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +no_defs ', 'opengis')
'http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/4326'
```

convert the opengis URL back to EPSG:

```
>>> crsConvert('http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/4326', 'epsg')
4326
```

convert an EPSG compound CRS (WGS84 horizontal + EGM96 vertical)

```
>>> crsConvert('EPSG:4326+5773', 'proj4')
'+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +geoidgrids=egm96_15.gtx +vunits=m +no_defs '
```

`spatialist.auxil.gdal_rasterize` (*src, dst, options*)

a simple wrapper for `gdal.Rasterize`

Parameters

- **src** (str or `ogr.DataSource`) – the input data set
- **dst** (*str*) – the output data set
- **options** (*dict*) – additional parameters passed to `gdal.Rasterize`; see `gdal.RasterizeOptions`

`spatialist.auxil.gdal_translate` (*src, dst, options*)

a simple wrapper for `gdal.Translate`

Parameters

- **src** (str, `ogr.DataSource` or `gdal.Dataset`) – the input data set
- **dst** (*str*) – the output data set
- **options** (*dict*) – additional parameters passed to `gdal.Translate`; see `gdal.TranslateOptions`

`spatialist.auxil.gdalbuildvrt` (*src, dst, options=None, void=True*)

a simple wrapper for `gdal.BuildVRT`

Parameters

- **src** (str, list, `ogr.DataSource` or `gdal.Dataset`) – the input data set(s)

- **dst** (*str*) – the output data set
- **options** (*dict*) – additional parameters passed to `gdal.BuildVRT`; see `gdal.BuildVRTOptions`
- **void** (*bool*) – just write the results and don't return anything? If not, the spatial object is returned

`spatialist.auxil.gdalwarp` (*src, dst, options, pbar=False*)
a simple wrapper for `gdal.Warp`

Parameters

- **src** (*str*, `ogr.DataSource` or `gdal.Dataset`) – the input data set
- **dst** (*str*) – the output data set
- **options** (*dict*) – additional parameters passed to `gdal.Warp`; see `gdal.WarpOptions`
- **pbar** (*bool*) – add a progressbar?

`spatialist.auxil.haversine` (*lat1, lon1, lat2, lon2*)
compute the distance in meters between two points in latlon

Parameters

- **lat1** (*int* or *float*) – the latitude of point 1
- **lon1** (*int* or *float*) – the longitude of point 1
- **lat2** (*int* or *float*) – the latitude of point 2
- **lon2** (*int* or *float*) – the longitude of point 2

Returns the distance between point 1 and point 2 in meters

Return type `float`

`spatialist.auxil.ogr2ogr` (*src, dst, options*)
a simple wrapper for `gdal.VectorTranslate` aka `ogr2ogr`

Parameters

- **src** (*str* or `ogr.DataSource`) – the input data set
- **dst** (*str*) – the output data set
- **options** (*dict*) – additional parameters passed to `gdal.VectorTranslate`; see `gdal.VectorTranslateOptions`

`spatialist.auxil.utm_autodetect` (*spatial, crsOut*)
get the UTM CRS for a spatial object

The bounding box of the object is extracted, reprojected to `EPSG:4326` and its center coordinate used for computing the best UTM zone fit.

Parameters

- **spatial** (`Raster` or `Vector`) – a spatial object in an arbitrary CRS
- **crsOut** (*str*) – the output CRS type; see function `crsConvert()` for options

Returns the output CRS

Return type `int` or `str` or `osr.SpatialReference`

2.6 Database Tools

`spatialist.sqlite_util.sqlite_setup(driver=':memory:', extensions=None, verbose=False)`

Setup a `sqlite3` connection and load extensions to it. This function intends to simplify the process of loading extensions to `sqlite3`, which can be quite difficult depending on the version used. Particularly loading *spatialite* has caused quite some trouble. In recent distributions of Ubuntu this has become much easier due to a new apt package *libsqlite3-mod-spatialite*. For use in Windows, *spatialist* comes with its own *spatialite* DLL distribution. See [here](#) for more details on loading *spatialite* as an `sqlite3` extension.

Parameters

- **driver** (*str*) – the database file or (by default) an in-memory database
- **extensions** (*list*) – a list of extensions to load
- **verbose** (*bool*) – print loading information?

Returns the database connection

Return type `sqlite3.Connection`

Example

```
>>> from spatialist.sqlite_util import sqlite_setup
>>> conn = sqlite_setup(extensions=['spatialite'])
```

2.7 Ancillary Functions

This script gathers central functions and classes for general applications

`spatialist.ancillary.dissolve(inlist)`

list and tuple flattening

Parameters **inlist** (*list*) – the list with sub-lists or tuples to be flattened

Returns the flattened result

Return type *list*

Examples

```
>>> dissolve([[1, 2], [3, 4]])
[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
>>> dissolve([(1, 2, (3, 4)), [5, (6, 7)]])
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]
```

`spatialist.ancillary.finder(target, matchlist, foldermode=0, regex=False, recursive=True)`

function for finding files/folders in folders and their subdirectories

Parameters

- **target** (*str* or *list of str*) – a directory, zip- or tar-archive or a list of them to be searched
- **matchlist** (*list*) – a list of search patterns

- **foldermode** (*int*) –
 - 0: only files
 - 1: files and folders
 - 2: only folders
- **regex** (*bool*) – are the search patterns in matchlist regular expressions or unix shell standard (default)?
- **recursive** (*bool*) – search target recursively into all subdirectories or only in the top level? This is currently only implemented for parameter *target* being a directory.

Returns the absolute names of files/folders matching the patterns

Return type list of str

class spatialist.ancillary.HiddenPrints
Bases: `object`

Suppress console stdout prints, i.e. redirect them to a temporary string object.

Adapted from <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/8391411/suppress-calls-to-print-python>

Examples

```
>>> with HiddenPrints():  
>>>     print('foobar')  
>>> print('foobar')
```

spatialist.ancillary.multicore (*function*, *cores*, *multiargs*, ***singleargs*)
wrapper for multicore process execution

Parameters

- **function** – individual function to be applied to each process item
- **cores** (*int*) – the number of subprocesses started/CPU's used; this value is reduced in case the number of subprocesses is smaller
- **multiargs** (*dict*) – a dictionary containing sub-function argument names as keys and lists of arguments to be distributed among the processes as values
- **singleargs** – all remaining arguments which are invariant among the subprocesses

Returns the return of the function for all subprocesses

Return type `None` or list

Notes

- all *multiargs* value lists must be of same length, i.e. all argument keys must be explicitly defined for each subprocess
- all function arguments passed via *singleargs* must be provided with the full argument name and its value (i.e. `argname=argval`); default function args are not accepted
- if the processes return anything else than `None`, this function will return a list of results
- if all processes return `None`, this function will be of type void

Examples

```
>>> def add(x, y, z):
>>>     return x + y + z
>>> multicore(add, cores=2, multiargs={'x': [1, 2]}, y=5, z=9)
[15, 16]
>>> multicore(add, cores=2, multiargs={'x': [1, 2], 'y': [5, 6]}, z=9)
[15, 17]
```

See also:

`pathos.multiprocessing`

`spatialist.ancillary.parse_literal(x)`
return the smallest possible data type for a string or list of strings

Parameters *x* (*str* or *list*) – a string to be parsed

Returns the parsing result

Return type *int*, *float* or *str*

Examples

```
>>> isinstance(parse_literal('1.5'), float)
True
```

```
>>> isinstance(parse_literal('1'), int)
True
```

```
>>> isinstance(parse_literal('foobar'), str)
True
```

`spatialist.ancillary.run(cmd, outdir=None, logfile=None, inlist=None, void=True, errorpass=False, env=None)`

wrapper for subprocess execution including logfile writing and command prompt piping
this is a convenience wrapper around the `subprocess` module and calls its class `Popen` internally.

Parameters

- **cmd** (*list*) – the command arguments
- **outdir** (*str* or *None*) – the directory to execute the command in
- **logfile** (*str* or *None*) – a file to write stdout to
- **inlist** (*list* or *None*) – a list of arguments passed to stdin, i.e. arguments passed to interactive input of the program
- **void** (*bool*) – return stdout and stderr?
- **errorpass** (*bool*) – if False, a `subprocess.CallledProcessError` is raised if the command fails
- **env** (*dict* or *None*) – the environment to be passed to the subprocess

Returns a tuple of (stdout, stderr) if *void* is False otherwise None

Return type *None* or *Tuple*

```
spatialist.ancillary.which(program, mode=1)
```

mimics UNIX's which

taken from this post: <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/377017/test-if-executable-exists-in-python>

can be replaced by `shutil.which()` starting from Python 3.3

Parameters

- **program** (*str*) – the program to be found
- **mode** (*os.F_OK or os.X_OK*) – the mode of the found file, i.e. file exists or file is executable; see `os.access()`

Returns the full path and name of the command

Return type *str* or *None*

```
spatialist.ancillary.parallel_apply_along_axis(func1d, axis, arr, cores=4, *args,
                                              **kwargs)
```

Like `numpy.apply_along_axis()` but using multiple threads. Adapted from [here](#).

Parameters

- **func1d** (*function*) – the function to be applied
- **axis** (*int*) – the axis along which to apply *func1d*
- **arr** (*numpy.ndarray*) – the input array
- **cores** (*int*) – the number of parallel cores
- **args** (*any*) – Additional arguments to *func1d*.
- **kwargs** (*any*) – Additional named arguments to *func1d*.

Returns

Return type *numpy.ndarray*

2.8 ENVI HDR file manipulation

This module offers functionality for editing ENVI header files

```
class spatialist.envi.HDRObject (data=None)
```

ENVI HDR info handler

Parameters **data** (*str, dict or None*) – the file or dictionary to get the info from; If *None* (default), an object with default values for an empty raster file is returned

Examples

```
>>> from spatialist.envi import HDRObject
>>> with HDRObject('E:/test.hdr') as hdr:
>>>     hdr.band_names = ['one', 'two']
>>>     print(hdr)
>>>     hdr.write()
```

write (*filename='same'*)
write object to an ENVI header file

`spatialist.envi.hdr` (*data*, *filename*)
write ENVI header files

Parameters

- **data** (*str* or *dict*) – the file or dictionary to get the info from
- **filename** (*str*) – the HDR file to write

Some general examples

3.1 in-memory vector object rasterization

Here we create a new raster data set with the same geo-information and extent as a reference data set and burn the geometries from a shapefile into it.

In this example, the shapefile contains an attribute `Site_name` and one of the geometries in the shapefile has a value of `my_testsite` for this attribute.

We use the `expressions` parameter to subset the shapefile and burn a value of 1 in the raster at all locations where the geometry selection overlaps. Multiple expressions can be defined together with multiple burn values.

Also, burn values can be appended to an already existing raster data set. In this case, the rasterization is performed in-memory to further use it for e.g. plotting. Alternatively, an `outname` can be defined to directly write the result to disk as a GeoTiff.

See `spatialist.raster.rasterize()` for further reference.

```
>>> from spatialist import Vector, Raster
>>> from spatialist.raster import rasterize
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>>
>>> shapefile = 'testsites.shp'
>>> rasterfile = 'extent.tif'
>>>
>>> with Raster(rasterfile) as ras:
>>>     with Vector(shapefile) as vec:
>>>         mask = rasterize(vec, reference=ras, burn_values=1, expressions=["Site_
↳ Name='my_testsite'"])
>>>         plt.imshow(mask.matrix())
>>>         plt.show()
```


4.1 0.4 | 2019-12-05

- `spatialist.auxil.gdalwarp()`: optional progressbar via new argument *pbar*
- `spatialist.raster.Raster`
 - enabled reading data in zip and tar.gz archives
 - `bbox()`
 - * renamed parameter *format* to *driver*
 - * new parameter *source* to get coordinates from the image of the GCPs
- `spatialist.raster.stack()`
 - improved parallelization
 - new parameter *pbar* to make use of the new `gdalwarp()` functionality
- bug fixes

4.2 0.5 | 2020-04-21

- compatibility of SpatiaLite tools with Windows10
- compatibility with GDAL 3
- new function `spatialist.ancillary.parallel_apply_along_axis()`: like `numpy.apply_along_axis()` but using multiple threads
- new function `spatialist.auxil.cmap_mpl2gdal()`: convert matplotlib color sequences to GDAL color tables
- `spatialist.raster.Raster`

- method `write()`: new argument `cmap` to write color maps to a file; can be created with e.g. `cmap_mpl2gdal()`
- subsetting: option to use map coordinates instead of just pixel coordinates
- method `array()`:
 - * automatically reduce dimensionality of returned arrays using `numpy.squeeze()`
 - * cast arrays to `float32` if the native data type does not support `numpy.nan` for masking missing data
- option to read image data in all `.tar*` archives, not just `tar.gz`
- new methods `coord_map2img()` and `coord_img2map()` to convert between pixel/image and map coordinates of a dataset
- `spatialist.vector.Vector`
 - better representation of the object's geometry type(s) with new method `geomTypes()` and additional info when printing the object with `print()`
- `spatialist.explorer.RasterViewer`
 - optionally pass custom functions to create additional plots using argument `custom`

4.3 0.6 | 2020-07-17

- method `spatialist.raster.Raster.write()`
 - optionally update an existing file with new arg `update`
 - partial writing with new args `xoff` and `yoff`
 - write external arrays with new arg `array`
- new function `spatialist.raster.png()`
- new function `spatialist.raster.apply_along_time()`
- bug fixes

4.4 0.7 | 2021-06-30

- `spatialist.raster.Raster`: option to subset objects by
 - band names
 - time range
- `spatialist.auxil.crsConvert()`: raise a `RuntimeError` if no corresponding EPSG code was found
- module `spatialist.explorer` and associated demo data and notebook have been outsourced to https://github.com/johntruckenbrodt/spatialist_explorer

4.5 0.8 | 2021-09-07

- `spatialist.raster.Raster`:
 - method `write()`

- * removed argument *compress_tif*
 - * added arguments *options* and *overviews*
- subsetting support for time stamps, color tables and nodata
- option to convert band names to time stamps by passing a function as argument *timestamps*
- bug fixes
- *spatialist.envi*: enabled reading of HDR files in ZIP archives

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