

Google Earth Engine with rgee :: CHEAT SHEET



Mission

The goal of rgee is to offer a user-friendly interface for analyzing spatial data on the Google Earth Engine (GEE) platform using the R programming language.

Installation

	■ It is necessary to have <code>Rtools</code> installed. ▶ <code>install.package("rgee")</code>
	■ In terminal execute, as follow: user:~\$ sudo apt install libjq-dev user:~\$ sudo apt install libprotobuf-dev user:~\$ sudo apt install protobuf-compiler ▶ <code>install.package("rgee")</code>
	■ In terminal execute, as follow: user:~\$ docker run -d -p 8787:8787 -e USER=rgee -e PASSWORD=rgee --name rgee-dev csaybar/rgee

For **Python requirements installation**, use `ee_install`:

```
> rgee::ee_install()
```

only run once
rgee is installed

See the **Python** section in [rgeebok](#) for more details.

Hello world Earth Engine

```
> library("rgee")
> ee_Initialize(user, drive, gcs)

GEE username (Optional)
Connect GEE with GD.
Connect GEE with GCS.

# Earth Engine API style (chaining methods)
> ee$string("Hello World from Earth Engine!")$getInfo()

Fetch and return information. From GEE server to local.

> [1] "Hello World from Earth Engine!"
```

Pipe integration %>%

Pipe operator has been included into rgee to provide functional programming style.

```
# Earth Engine API with pipes style
> ee$string("Hello World from Earth Engine!")%>%
  ee$string$getInfo()

> [1] "Hello World from Earth Engine!"
```

Basic classes

Basic data structures available in GEE..

Type	Class	Example
Number	ee\$Number	> ee\$Number(2021)
String	ee\$String	> ee\$String("Hello")
List	ee\$List	> ee\$List(c("Hi", "amy"))
Dictionary	ee\$Dictionary	> ee\$Dictionary(list(year = 2021))
Array	ee\$Array	> ee\$Array(26, 9, 2021)
Date	ee\$Date	> ee\$Date("1990-01-01")

ee\$Geometry

A collection of geometric forms that describe an object spatially.

Type	Geom	Function
Point	•	ee\$Geometry\$Point <code>sf::st_point</code>
LineString	—	ee\$Geometry\$LineString <code>sf::st_linestring</code>
LineRing	—	ee\$Geometry\$LineRing <code>sf::st_linestring</code>
Polygon	—	ee\$Geometry\$Polygon <code>sf::st_polygon</code>
Multipoint	••	ee\$Geometry\$Multipoint <code>sf::st_multipoint</code>
MultiLineString	—	ee\$Geometry\$MultiLineString <code>sf::st_multilinestring</code>
MultiGeometry	—	ee\$Geometry\$MultiGeometry <code>sf::st_geometrycollection</code>

Geometric operations

Type	Function
Buffer	<code>*\$buffer</code>
Intersection	<code>*\$intersection</code>
Union	<code>*\$union</code>
Difference	<code>*\$difference</code>
Symmetric difference	<code>*\$symmetricdifference</code>

(* : The symbol mean is a type of GEE geometry, for example : a ee\$Geometry\$Polygon)

Data catalog

The Earth Engine catalogue can be accessed interactively from R with rgee.

Function	Example
<code>ee_utils_dataset_display</code>	> ee_utils_dataset_display("Landsat")

Visualization

rgee supports the visualization of spatial Earth Engine objects such as Image, ImageCollection, Feature, FeatureCollection, and allows users to customize the legend using the `Map$addLegend` method.

Object	Geom	Method	Arguments
Image		Map\$addLayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <code>eeObject*</code> ■ <code>VisParams</code> ■ <code>name</code> ■ <code>show</code> ■ <code>opacity</code>
Feature			
FeatureCollection			
ImageCollection			
		Map\$addLayers	■ <code>nmax</code>

* `eeObject` can also be a Cloud Optimized GeoTIFF (COG) file.

`Map$Legend` needs that users pass the same `visParams` used in `Map$addLayer`.

Data	Function	Type
Categorical	<code>Map\$addLegend(...)</code>	color_mapping = "categorical"
Continue		color_mapping = "continue"
Discrete		color_mapping = "discrete"
Customize		color_mapping = "character"

Example

```
> image <- ee$Image$Dataset$CGIAR_SRTM90_V4
> visparams <- list(min = 0, max = 3000)
> m1 <- Map$addLayer(image, visparams, "DEM")
> m1 + Map$addLegend(visparams, "DEM", "bottomright", 8)

rgee also supports the metadata display of GEE spatial objects (ee_print).

> ee$Image("CGIAR/SRTM90_V4") %>% ee_print(srtm)
```

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Considerations

Some issues can occurs when reticulate translate the R code into Python. We detected four cases:

1. map method in ee\$List objects.

Solution: Use `ee_utils_pyfunc`.

2. Strict integer number data type.

Solution: Add "L" at the end. For instance: `> ee$Number(20L)`

3. Be careful with ee\$Date objects.

Solution: Use `eedate_to_rdate` and `rdate_to_eedate`.

4. Reserved words.

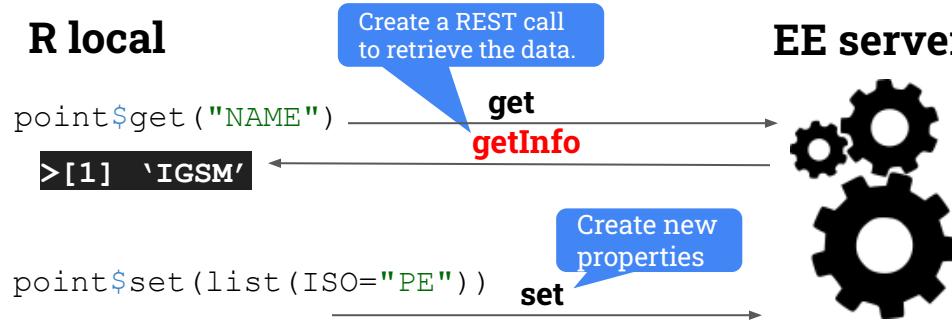
Solution: Use quotation marks. For instance: `> x$'repeat'(20, 2)`

ee\$Feature

It is an GEE geometry + properties.

```
> xy <- c(-77.08643, -12.05536)           Longitude and
> geom <- ee$Geometry$Point(xy)             latitude in a vector
> props <- list(ID = 1, NAME = "IGSM")
> point <- ee$Feature(geom, props)
```

R local



ee\$FeatureCollection

It is an set of GEE features + properties.

```
> minmax <- c(-77.08, -12.05, -77.08, -12.05)
> box <- ee$Geometry$Rectangle(minmax)
> lf1 <- ee$Feature(box, list(ISO="PE"))
> lf2 <- ee$Feature(box, list(ISO="RU"))
> prps <- list(ID=1, NAME="polygons")
> fc <- ee$FeatureCollection(c(lf1, lf2), prps)
> print(fc)
```

```
> EarthEngine Object: FeatureCollection
```

ee\$image

It is an set of bands. An band is array of values + properties.

```
> image1 <- ee$image(1)           Create a constant image
> image1
> EarthEngine Object: Image
> image2 <- ee$image(2)
> list_img <- list(image1, image2)
> image3 <- ee$image(list_img)
> image3
```

EarthEngine Object: Image

Create a constant image

Concatenate two single-band images into one multi-band image

Image I/O

Functions	FROM	TO	RETURN
ee_as_raster	EE server	Local	R object
ee_image_to_asset	EE server	EE asset	Unstarted task
ee_image_to_gcs	EE server	GCS	Unstarted task
ee_image_to_drive	EE server	GD	Unstarted task
ee_as_stars	EE server	Local	R object
raster_as_ee	Local	EE server	GEE object
stars_as_ee	Local	EE server	GEE object

ee\$imageCollection

It is an set of GEE images + properties.

```
> ic <- ee$imageCollection(list_img)
> ic
> EarthEngine Object: ImageCollection
```

ImageCollection I/O

Functions	FROM	TO	RETURN
ee_get_date_ic	EE server	Local	R data.frame
ee_imagecollection_to_local	EE server	Local	R object

FeatureCollection Export (Table)

Set of functions to fetch and return GEE FeatureCollections.

Functions	FROM	TO	RETURN
gcs_to_ee_table	GCS	EE server	Unstarted task
ee_as_sf	EE server	Local	R object
ee_table_to_drive	EE server	GD	Unstarted task
ee_table_to_gcs	EE server	GCS	Unstarted task
ee_table_to_asset	EE server	EE asset	Unstarted task
sf_as_ee	Local	EE server	GEE object

GEE Asset Manager

Set of functions to interact with the GEE asset manager.

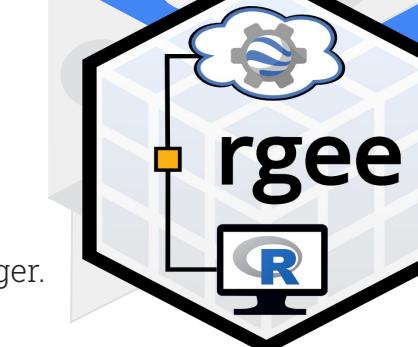
Batch operations are supported.

FUNCTIONS

```
ee_manage_create
ee_manage_delete
ee_manage_assetlist
ee_manage_quota
ee_manage_copy
ee_manage_move
ee_manage_set_properties
ee_manage_delete_properties
ee_manage_asset_access
ee_manage_task
ee_manage_cancel_all_running_task
```

DESCRIPTION

Create an empty folder or ic.
Delete an GEE asset.
List files in a folder or ic.
Show user GEE quota.
Copy a paste GEE asset.
Cut and paste a GEE asset.
Set GEE asset properties.
Delete GEE asset properties.
Change IAM policy.
Show the task's user history.
Cancel all the running task.



Custom Animations

Auxiliary functions to create GIF files with Earth Engine. They depend of the magick package. `rgeeExtra` now include these functions.

FUNCTIONS

```
ee_utils_gif_annotation
ee_utils_gif_creator
ee_utils_gif_save
```

DESCRIPTION

Add text to a GIF.
From ee\$imageCollection to GIF.
Write a magick object as a GIF file.

Miscellaneous

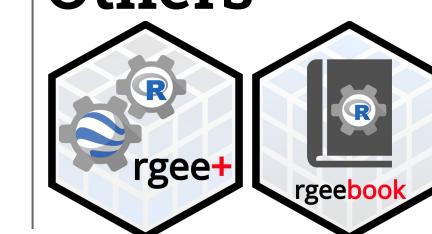
FUNCTIONS

```
ee_utils_create_json
ee_utils_create_manifest_image
ee_utils_create_manifest_table
ee_utils_dataset_display
ee_utils_future_value
ee_utils_get_crs
ee_utils_py_to_r
ee_utils_pyfunc
ee_utils_shp_to_zip
ee_utils_cog_metadata
```

DESCRIPTION

Convert a R list into a JSON.
GEE Image manifest creator.
GEE Table manifest creator.
Search into the GEE Data Catalog.
Return the future values object.
Convert SR-ORG into a OGC WKT.
Translate Python objects to R.
Wrap a R function in Python.
Create a zip from an sf object.
Metadata of a COG tile server.

Others



This cheatsheet was created using the `rgee` reference manual and the `rgee vignettes`. Visit the `rgeebook` for additional information about this package.