
EO4VisTrails Documentation

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ONE**

OVERVIEW

EO4VisTrails adds spatial and temporal data access, data pre-processing and data analysis capabilities to [VisTrails](#), the Python scientific workflow tool. This includes cloud, analytics and standards-based spatial data access.

Current data modules allow access to OGC Web Services, such as WFS, WMS, SOS, as well as other spatial data sources, including PostGIS databases and netCDF datacubes. Additional modules provides wrappers around standard R, Octave and SQL scripts for data analysis capabilities.

Spatial data can be visualised using a mapping module (via the QGIS API), as well as more conventional plots, for example, for time-series and windrose data.

PACKAGES

2.1 DataAnalytics

This package enables spatial and statistical analysis capabilities for EO4VisTrails.

2.1.1 RasterLang

2.1.2 PySAL

This module ???

```
class dataanalytics.PySAL.PySALModule
class dataanalytics.PySAL.PySALModule
dataanalytics.PySAL.W
    alias of <Mock object at 0x28c05d0>
```

2.1.3 PyDAP

2.1.4 rpy2Stats

2.1.5 netcdf4

Note: add brief description of what this netCDF client does

```
dataanalytics.netcdf4.netcdf4Reader
    alias of <Mock object at 0x2836590>
dataanalytics.netcdf4.netcdf4ConfigurationWidget
    alias of <Mock object at 0x2836b10>
```

2.1.6 octave

2.2 Geolinf

This package provides GIS capabilities for EO4VisTrails.

In particular, it provides GRASS, PostGIS, OGC web clients and some visualisation capabilities through the QGIS API.

2.2.1 DataModels

This package provides consistent internal data models for feature, raster and time-series data. Proposes use of gdal, ogr (or GeoJson) and hdf

DataRequest

This module forms part of the eo4vis1trails capabilities - it is used as a base module for building requests.

```
geoinf.datamodels.DataRequest.DataRequest
    alias of <Mock object at 0x318e3d0>
```

Feature

This module provides an generic OGC Simple Features data model via OGR. All eo4vistrails modules dealing with feature data must extend one of the provided classes.

```
geoinf.datamodels.Feature.initialize(*args, **keywords)
    Add module to the Vistrails registry; specify input & output ports.

geoinf.datamodels.Feature.FeatureModel
    alias of <Mock object at 0x35093d0>

geoinf.datamodels.Feature.MemFeatureModel
    alias of <Mock object at 0x3509810>

geoinf.datamodels.Feature.FileFeatureModel
    alias of <Mock object at 0x3509a50>

geoinf.datamodels.Feature.FeatureModelGeometryComparitor
    alias of <Mock object at 0x35097d0>
```

QgsLayer

QgsLayerWriter

This module provides a means for saving raster and vector data to file, in the format defined by QGIS.

```
geoinf.datamodels.QgsLayerWriter.QgsLayerWriter
    alias of <Mock object at 0x35362d0>
```

Raster

This module provides a generic coverage/raster data model via GDAL. All eo4vistrails modules dealing with raster data must extend this class.

```
geoinf.datamodels.Raster.initialize(*args, **keywords)
    Add module to the Vistrails registry; specify input & output ports.
```

class geoinf.datamodels.Raster._GdalMemModel

Used as both a storage mechanism for MemRasterModel instances and as a general GDAL constructor, i.e. whether you want an in-memory GDAL data provider or not, data will always be passed into GDAL control via instances of _GdalMemModel

```
dumpToFile (filesource, datasetType='GTiff')

loadContentFromFile (sourceDS, getStatement='')
```

Loads content off filesystem, e.g. from a geotiff

Parameters

- **uri** (*str*) – a path to a file
- **getStatement** (*str*) – the XML of the request parameters

Return type None

Expects datasets with one layer, so some arcane formats are out...

loadContentFromURI (*uri*, *getStatement*=‘’)

Loads content off web service, feed etc.; e.g., a WCS

Parameters

- **uri** (*str*) – the URI of the service endpoint
- **getStatement** (*str*) – the XML of the request parameters

Return type None

These arguments allow creation of GET/POST requests, and also allow us to make GDAL sensibly deal with the inputs.

For WCS, we expect a WCS GetCoverage request to be incoming. GDAL, our raster “swiss army knife”, expects to access a WCS from a config file on the filesystem, that looks like:

```
<WCS_GDAL>
  <ServiceURL>
    http://ict4eo.meraka.csir.co.za/geoserver/wcs?
  </ServiceURL>
  <CoverageName>
    nurc:Img_Sample
  </CoverageName>
</WCS_GDAL>
```

and is called something like *ict4eowcs.wcs*.

GDAL needs read/write access to this file, for it then writes the capabilities to it for later reference.

```
geoinf.datamodels.Raster.RasterModel
alias of <Mock object at 0x35c7e10>
```

RasterImport**TemporalVectorLayer****WebRequest**

This module forms part of the eo4vistrails capabilities - it is used to handle web request (e.g. for WFS, WCS or SOS) processing inside vistrails.

```
geoinf.datamodels.WebRequest.WebRequest
    alias of <Mock object at 0x37da2d0>
```

2.2.2 GeoStrings

This package provides core and general purpose code for eo4vistrails geoinf module. In particular, it provides geo-constant for use in other modules.

GeoJSON

This module holds a GeoJSON type that can be passed around between modules.

```
geoinf.geostrings.GeoJSON.GeoJSONModule
    alias of <Mock object at 0x387c450>

geoinf.geostrings.GeoJSON.GJFeature
    alias of <Mock object at 0x387ca10>
```

GeoStrings

This abstract module provides string specialisations that allow modules to understand what kind of data is being passed into a method as a string.

```
geoinf.geostrings.GeoStrings.GeoStringConstantWidget
    alias of <Mock object at 0x3917990>
```

2.2.3 Helpers

This package provides core and general purpose helper code for eo4vistrails geoinf module. In particular, provides a tool for defining Areas, Lines and Points of interest for use elsewhere in GIS environments and statistical environments.

AOI_Utils

2.2.4 PostGIS

This package provides GIS capabilities for eo4vistrails. In particular, it provides PostGIS clients via psycopg2.

PostGIS

pgLoadersDumpers

DataTransformations

2.2.5 Web

This package provides OGC capabilities for eo4vistrails. In particular, provides WFS, WCS and SOS clients through the owslib (<http://gispython.org/owslib>) library, and hence has a dependency thereupon. owslib is dependent on libxml or elementree

Common

This module provides a small API for fetching the service and dealing with OGC (Open Geospatial Consortium) Web Service metadata, which is common to all the various services (via owslib).

Requirements: owslib 0.3.4

NOTE:

As at 2010-11-09, you will need to patch version 0.3.4b for owslib sos.py:

```
self.filters=filter.Filter_Capabilities(val)
```

should be:

```
self.filters=filter.FilterCapabilities(val)
```

```
class geoinf.web.Common.OgcService(service_url, service_type, service_version, timeout=180, capabilities=None)
```

Base class for OGC service operations.

Input ports:

service_url: string URL for OGC service

service_type: string ‘wfs’, ‘sos’, ‘wcs’

service_version: string currently only version 1.0 for OGC services (but see Notes)

timeout: integer in seconds - some lines/servers experiences slow speeds and/or the XML being returned is in a large document, taking time to construct (see inline comments about usage in different services)

capabilities: a full capabilities document - if provided, no call will be made by owslib to the service_url, and this will be used instead

Notes:

Namespace issues pervade WFS in owslib e.g. * cannot handle when geoserver shortcuts a namespace with an abbreviation * wfs will never load a 1.1.0 instance, but it should be loaded as wfs200

setOperations(service_list)

service identification metadata is structured differently for the different services - parse appropriately

setProviderIdentification(provider_dict)

provider metadata is structured differently for the different services - parse appropriately

setServiceIdentification(service_dict)

service identification metadata is structured differently for the different services - parse appropriately

FTP

This module provides FTP functionality.

```
geoinf.web.FTP.FTPReader
```

alias of <Mock object at 0x3d09bd0>

OgcConfigurationWidget

OgcService

PortConfigurationWidget

This module provides general OGC (Open Geospatial Consortium) Web Service selection widgets for configuring geoinf.web modules.

This refers primarily to GetCapabilities requests

```
class geoinf.web.PortConfigurationWidget.Port (id=None, name=None, sigstring='edu.utah.sci.vistrails.basic:String', type='input', sort_key=-1)
```

TODO - write docstring

```
value()
```

Create a tuple-form of a port, for use by Vistrails module

```
geoinf.web.PortConfigurationWidget.PortConfigurationWidget
```

alias of <Mock object at 0x3f45f50>

SOS

SOSFeeder

WCS

WFS

WPS

GLOSSARY

source directory The directory which, including its subdirectories, contains all source files for one Sphinx project.

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