

# Package ‘AWAPer’

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Meteorology Australian Water Availability Project

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**Description** NetCDF files of the Bureau of Meteorology Australian Water Availabil-  
ity Project daily national climate grids are built for the efficient extrac-  
tion of daily points and catchment area weighted precipitation, Tmin, Tmax, vapour pressure, so-  
lar radiation and then estimation of evapotranspiration.

**Depends** R (>= 3.2.3)

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maptools, sp, zoo, methods

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catchments	<i>Example catchment boundary polygons.</i>
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### Description

Two example catchment boundaries as a `SpatialPolygonsDataFrame`. The catchments are Creswick Creek (ID 407214, Vic., Australia, see <http://www.bom.gov.au/water/hrs/#id=407214>) and Bet Bet Creek (ID 407220, Vic., Australia, see <http://www.bom.gov.au/water/hrs/#id=407220>). The catchments can be used to extract catchment average climate data using `extractCatchmentData`

### Usage

```
catchments
```

### Format

An object of class `SpatialPolygonsDataFrame` with 2 rows and 1 columns.

### See Also

[extractCatchmentData](#) for extracting catchment average climate data.

### Examples

```
# Load example catchment boundaries.
data("catchments")
```

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<code>extractCatchmentData</code>	<i>extractCatchmentData extracts catchment average climate data from netCDF files containing Australian climate data.</i>
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### Description

`extractCatchmentData` extracts the AWAP climate data for each point or polygon, and for the latter the daily spatial mean and variance (or user defined function) of each climate metric is calculated.

### Usage

```
extractCatchmentData(ncdfFilename = file.path(getwd(), "AWAP.nc"),
  ncdfSolarFilename = file.path(getwd(), "AWAP_solar.nc"),
  extractFrom = as.Date("1900-01-01", "%Y-%m-%d"),
  extractTo = as.Date(Sys.Date(), "%Y-%m-%d"), getPrecip = TRUE,
  getTmin = TRUE, getTmax = TRUE, getVprp = TRUE,
  getSolarrad = TRUE, getET = TRUE, DEM = "", catchments = "",
  spatial.function.name = "var", ET.function = "ET.MortonCRAE",
```

```
ET.Mortons.est = "potential ET", ET.Turc.humid = F,
ET.timestep = "monthly", ET.interp_missing_days = T,
ET.interp_missing_entries = T, ET.interp_abnormal = T,
ET.constants = list())
```

## Arguments

<code>ncdfFilename</code>	is a full file name (as string) to the netCDF file.
<code>ncdfSolarFilename</code>	is the full file name (as string) to the netCDF file.
<code>extractFrom</code>	is a date string specifying the start date for data extraction. The default is "1900-1-1".
<code>extractTo</code>	is a date string specifying the end date for the data extraction. The default is today's date as YYYY-MM-DD.
<code>getPrecip</code>	logical variable for extracting precipitation. Default is TRUE.
<code>getTmin</code>	logical variable for extracting Tmin. Default is TRUE.
<code>getTmax</code>	logical variable for extracting Tmax. Default is TRUE.
<code>getVprp</code>	logical variable for extracting vapour pressure. Default is TRUE.
<code>getSolarrad</code>	logical variable for extracting solar radiation. Default is TRUE.
<code>getET</code>	logical variable for calculating Morton's potential ET. Note, to calculate set <code>getTmin=T</code> , <code>getTmax=T</code> , <code>getVprp=T</code> and <code>getSolarrad=T</code> . Default is TRUE.
<code>DEM</code>	is either the full file name to a ESRI ASCII grid (as lat/long and using GDA94) or a raster class grid object. The DEM is used for the calculation of Morton's PET. The Australian 9 second DEM can be loaded using <code>getDEM()</code> .
<code>catchments</code>	is either the full file name to an ESRI shape file of points or polygons (latter assumed to be catchment boundaries) or a shape file already imported using <code>readShapeSpatial()</code> . Either way the shape file must be in long/lat (i.e. not projected) use the ellipsoid GRS 80.
<code>spatial.function.name</code>	character string for the function name applied to estimate the daily spatial spread in each variable. The default is <code>var</code> .
<code>ET.function</code>	character string for the evapotranspiration function to be used. The methods that can be derived from the AWAP data are are <a href="#">ET.Abtew</a> , <a href="#">ET.HargreavesSamani</a> , <a href="#">ET.JensenHaise</a> , <a href="#">ET.Makkink</a> , <a href="#">ET.McGuinnessBordne</a> , <a href="#">ET.MortonCRAE</a> , <a href="#">ET.MortonCRWE</a> , <a href="#">ET.Turc</a> . Default is <a href="#">ET.MortonCRAE</a> .
<code>ET.Mortons.est</code>	character string for the type of Mortons Et estimate. For <a href="#">ET.MortonCRAE</a> , the options are potential ET, wet areal ET or actual areal ET. For <a href="#">ET.MortonCRWE</a> , the options are potential ET or shallow lake ET. The default is potential ET.
<code>ET.Turc.humid</code>	logical variable for the Turc function using the humid adjustment. See <a href="#">ET.Turc</a> . For now this is fixed at F.
<code>ET.timestep</code>	character string for the evapotranspiration time step. Options are daily, monthly, annual but the options are dependent upon the chosen <code>ET.function</code> . The default is monthly.

ET.interp_missing_days	T or F, indicating if missing days should be interpolated for PET calculation. Default is T. See <a href="#">ReadInputs</a>
ET.interp_missing_entries	T or F, indicating if missing data entries should be interpolated for PET calculation. Default is T. See <a href="#">ReadInputs</a>
ET.interp_abnormal	T or F, indicating if abnormal values should be interpolated for PET calculation. Default is T. See <a href="#">ReadInputs</a>
ET.constants	list of constants from Evapotranspiration package required for ET calculations. To get the data use the command <code>data(constants)</code> . Default is <code>list()</code> .

## Details

The calculation of the spatial mean uses the fraction of each AWAP grid cell within the polygon. The variance calculation (or user defined function) does not use the fraction of the grid cell and returns NA if there are <2 grid cells in the catchment boundary. Prior to the catchment averaging and variance, evapotranspiration (ET) can also be calculated; after which the mean and variance PET is calculated.

The data extraction will by default be undertaken from 1/1/1900 to yesterday, even if the netCDF grids were only built for a subset of this time period. If the latter situation applies, it is recommended that the extraction start and end dates are input by the user.

The ET can be calculated using one of eight methods at a user defined time-step. When the time-step is monthly or annual then the ET estimate is linearly interpolated to a daily time step (using `zoo::na.spline()`) and then constrained to  $\geq 0$ . In calculating ET, the input data is pre-processed using `Evapotranspiration::ReadInputs()` such that missing days, missing entries and abnormal values are interpolated (by default) with the former two interpolated using the "DoY average", i.e. replacement with same day-of-the-year average. Additionally, when AWAP solar radiation is required for the ET function, data is only available from 1/1/1990. To derive ET values <1990, the average solar radiation for each day of the year from 1/1/1990 to "extractTo" is derived (i.e. 365 values) and then applied to each day prior to 1990. Importantly, the estimates of ET <1990 are dependent upon the end date extracted. Re-running the estimation of ET with a later `extractTo` data will change the estimates of ET prior to 1990.

Also, when "catchments" is points (not polygons), then the netCDF grids are interpolated using bilinear interpolation of the closest 4 grid cells.

Lastly, data is extracted for all time points and no temporal infilling is undertaken if the grid cells are blank.

## Value

When "catchments" are polygons, the returned variable is a list of variables containing two data.frames, one of the catchment average daily climate metrics and another of the catchment variance daily climate metrics.

When "catchments" are points, the returned variable is a data.frame containing daily climate data at each point.

**See Also**

[makeNetCDF\\_file](#) for building the NetCDF files of daily climate data.

**Examples**

```
# The example below shows how to extract and save data.
# For an additional example see \url{https://github.com/peterson-tim-j/AWAPer/blob/master/README.md}
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# Set dates for building netCDFs and extracting data.
startDate = as.Date("2000-01-01", "%Y-%m-%d")
endDate = as.Date("2000-02-28", "%Y-%m-%d")

# Set names for netCDF files.
ncdfFilename = 'AWAPer_demo.nc'
ncdfSolarFilename = 'AWAPer_solar_demo.nc'

# Remove any existing netCDF demo files.
if (file.exists(ncdfFilename))
  file.remove(ncdfFilename)
if (file.exists(ncdfSolarFilename))
  file.remove(ncdfSolarFilename)

# Build netCDF grids and over a defined time period.
file.names = makeNetCDF_file(ncdfFilename=ncdfFilename,
                             ncdfSolarFilename=ncdfSolarFilename,
                             updateFrom=startDate, updateTo=endDate)

# Load example catchment boundaries.
data("catchments")

# Get the constants required for ET estimation.
data(constants, package='Evapotranspiration')

# Download and import the Australian 9 second DEM.
DEM_9s = getDEM()

# Extract precip data.
# Note, the input "catchments" can also be a file to a ESRI shape file.
climateData = extractCatchmentData(ncdfFilename=file.names$ncdfFilename,
                                    ncdfSolarFilename=file.names$ncdfSolarFilename,
                                    extractFrom=startDate, extractTo=endDate,
                                    catchments=catchments, DEM=DEM_9s, ET.constants=constants)

# Extract the daily catchment average data.
climateDataAvg = climateData$catchmentAvg

# Extract the daily catchment variance data.
climateDataVar = climateData$catchmentvar

# Export data to .csv files
write.csv(climateDataAvg, 'climateAvg.csv')
```

```
write.csv(climateDataVar, 'climateVar.csv')
```

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getDEM

*Downloads and imports Geoscience Australia 9s DEM.*


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## Description

getDEM get Australian 9s DEM.

## Usage

```
getDEM(workingFolder = getwd(), urlDEM = getURLs())$DEM,
      DEMfilename = "dem-9s.asc", keepFiles = F)
```

## Arguments

workingFolder	is the file path (as string) in which to download the zip file. The default is getwd().
urlDEM	URL to the folder containing the Geoscience Australia 9s DEM. The default is taken from getURLs()\$DEM.
DEMfilename	is the file name for the DEM (as string). The default is 'dem-9s.asc'.
keepFiles	is a logical scalar to keep the downloaded zip file and extracted DEM ASCII file. The default is FALSE.

## Details

getDEM downloads the Geoscience Australia 9 second DEM and then imports the grid.

The DEM is required for the calculation of evapotranspiration within `extractCatchmentData`. For details of the DEM see <https://www.data.gov.au/dataset/geodata-9-second-dem-and-d8-digital-elevation-model>

## Value

A RasterLayer DEM for Australia.

## See Also

[extractCatchmentData](#) for extracting catchment daily average and variance data.

## Examples

```
# Download the DEM.
DEM_9s = getDEM()

# Save DEM for next time it is needed.
save(DEM_9s, file="DEM.RData" )
```

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getURLs	<i>Get default URLs for loading data.</i>
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**Description**

getURLs get URLS to AWAP and Australian 9s DEM.

**Usage**

```
getURLs()
```

**Details**

This function returns a list of default URLs used to download the AWAP and DEM data.

**Value**

A list variable of URLs as characters.

**Examples**

```
URLs = getURLs()
```

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makeNetCDF_file	<i>Build netCDF files of the Bureau of Meteorology (Australia) national gridded climate data.</i>
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**Description**

makeNetCDF\_file builds two netCDF files containing Australian climate data.

**Usage**

```
makeNetCDF_file(ncdfFilename = file.path(getwd(), "AWAP.nc"),
  ncdfSolarFilename = file.path(getwd(), "AWAP_solar.nc"),
  updateFrom = as.Date("1900-01-01", "%Y-%m-%d"),
  updateTo = as.Date(Sys.Date() - 1, "%Y-%m-%d"),
  workingFolder = getwd(), keepFiles = FALSE, compressionLevel = 5,
  urlPrecip = getURLs()$precip, urlTmin = getURLs()$Tmin,
  urlTmax = getURLs()$Tmax, urlVprp = getURLs()$vprp,
  urlSolarrad = getURLs()$solarrad)
```

## Arguments

<code>ncdfFilename</code>	is a file path (as string) and name to the netCDF file. The default is <code>file.path(getwd(), 'AWAP.nc')</code> .
<code>ncdfSolarFilename</code>	is the file path (as string) and name to the netCDF file. The default is <code>file.path(getwd(), 'AWAP_solar.nc')</code> .
<code>updateFrom</code>	is a date string specifying the start date for the AWAP data. If <code>ncdfFilename</code> and <code>ncdfSolarFilename</code> are specified and exist, then the netCDF grids will be updated with new data from <code>updateFrom</code> . To update the files from the end of the last day in the file set <code>updateFrom=NA</code> . The default is "1900-1-1".
<code>updateTo</code>	is a date string specifying the end date for the AWAP data. If <code>ncdfFilename</code> and <code>ncdfSolarFilename</code> are specified and exist, then the netCDF grids will be updated with new data to <code>updateTo</code> . The default is yesterday's date as YYYY-MM-DD.
<code>workingFolder</code>	is the file path (as string) in which to download the AWAP grid files. The default is <code>getwd()</code> .
<code>keepFiles</code>	is a logical scalar to keep the downloaded AWAP grid files. The default is FALSE.
<code>compressionLevel</code>	is the netCDF compression level between 1 (low) and 9 (high), and NA for no compression. Note, data extracion runtime may slightly increase with the level of compression. The default is 5.
<code>urlPrecip</code>	URL to the folder containing the AWAP daily precipittaiion grids. The default is from <code>getURLs()\$precip</code> .
<code>urlTmin</code>	URL to the folder containing the AWAP daily minimum temperature grids. The default is from <code>getURLs()\$Tmin</code> .
<code>urlTmax</code>	URL to the folder containing the AWAP daily maximum temperature grids. The default is from <code>getURLs()\$Tmax</code> .
<code>urlVprp</code>	URL to the folder containing the AWAP daily vapour pressure grids. The default is from <code>getURLs()\$vprp</code> .
<code>urlSolarrad</code>	URL to the folder containing the AWAP daily solar radiation grids. The default is from <code>getURLs()\$solarrad</code> .

## Details

`makeNetCDF_file` creates two netCDF files of daily climate data.

One of the netCDF files contains precipitation, minimum daily temperature, maximum daily temperature and vappour pressure. It should span from 1/1/1900 to today and requires ~20GB of hard-drive space (using default compression). The second netCDF file contains the solar radiation and started from 1/1/1990 and be ~24GB and spatial gaps are infilled using a 3x3 moving average repeated 3 times. To minimise the runtime in extracting data, both files should be stored locally and not on a network drive. Also, building the files requires installation of 7zip.

The climate data is sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology Australian Water Availability Project (<http://www.bom.gov.au/jsp/awap/>). For details see Jones et al. (2009).

The output from this function is required for all data extraction functions within this package and must be ran prior.



The function can be used to build netCDF files from scratch or to update existing netCDF files previously derived from this function. To not build or update a variable, set its respective URL to NA.

**Value**

A list variable containing the full file name to the AWAP data and the AWAP solar data.

**References**

David A. Jones, William Wang and Robert Fawcett, (2009), High-quality spatial climate data-sets for Australia, Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Journal, 58 , p233-248.

**See Also**

[extractCatchmentData](#) for extracting catchment daily average and variance data.

**Examples**

```
# Set dates for building netCDFs and extracting data.
startDate = as.Date("2000-01-01", "%Y-%m-%d")
endDate = as.Date("2000-02-28", "%Y-%m-%d")

# Set names for netCDF files.
ncdfFilename = 'AWAPer_demo.nc'
ncdfSolarFilename = 'AWAPer_solar_demo.nc'

# Remove any existing netCDF demo files.
if (file.exists(ncdfFilename))
  file.remove(ncdfFilename)
if (file.exists(ncdfSolarFilename))
  file.remove(ncdfSolarFilename)

# Build netCDF grids for all data but only over a defined time period.
makeNetCDF_file(ncdfFilename=ncdfFilename, ncdfSolarFilename=ncdfSolarFilename,
               updateFrom=startDate, updateTo=endDate)
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