

Sentinel-2 Compositing Tool

GEOM4009 Final Project

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Involved in the Shallow Water Earth Observation Lab, specializing in Satellite-Derived Bathymetry (SDB).

Develop a compositing tool that filters out unusable pixels, enhances data quality, and improves the accuracy of satellite-derived bathymetry estimates.

Communication : Initial Zoom meeting to define project scope and familiarize ourselves with the project, with occasional email check-ins for feedback and troubleshooting.

Purpose + Scope

Purpose

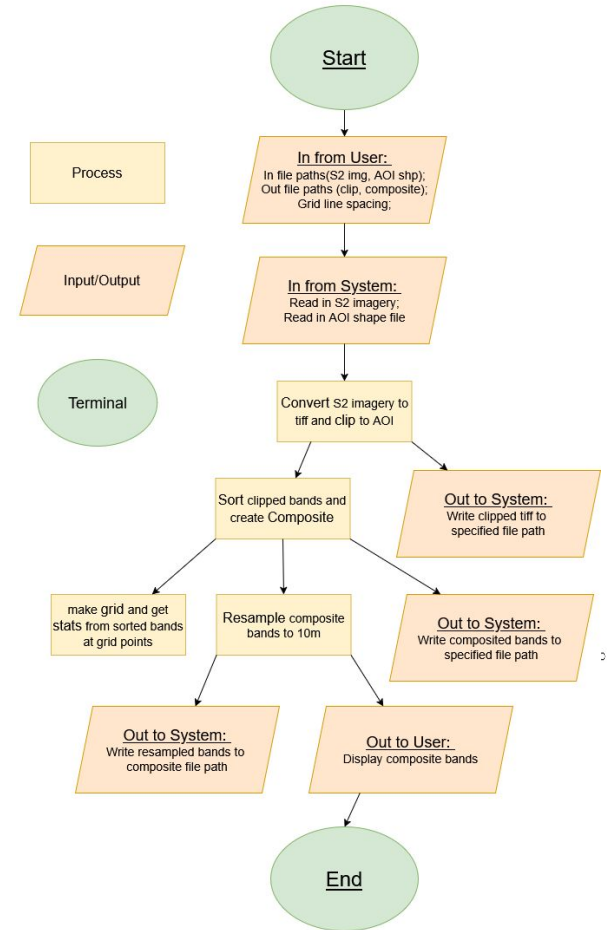
- Process series of S2 images of an area
- Use med comp to approach true values
- Extract data

Scope

- Clip image to AOI and convert to TIFF
- Create Median composites
- Resample image to 10m
- Record descriptive stats from bands
- Display results

Workflow

1. Get File Paths and other user input
2. Read in Data
3. Convert & Clip
4. Sort & Compose
5. Resample
6. Get Stats
7. Display



Documentation - Dependencies

CONDA®



1. Clone GitHub repository

GEOM4009/**W25Project_Compositing**

2. Download and install Anaconda
3. Create conda environment

```
conda env create -f s2compo_env.yml
```

4. Activate conda environment

```
conda activate s2compo
```

Documentation - Demonstration

**Download Imagery /
Demo Data**

Use Copernicus Browser to select and download Sentinel-2 data.

Folders

Define folders for input data, clipped files, and output in the notebook.

Run The Tool

Activate the Conda environment and open the tool in Jupyter Notebook.

Preprocessing

Clips Sentinel-2 data to theAOI and converts to TIFF.

Create Composites & Generate stats

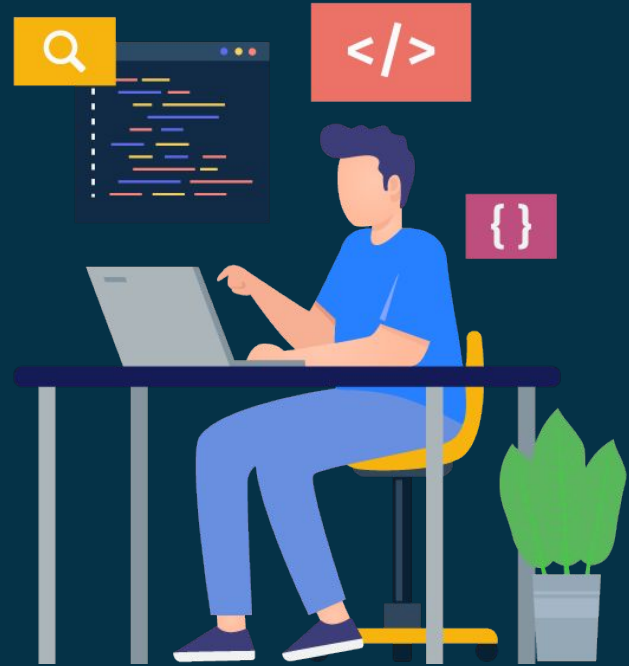
Generate and resample median value composites to 10m.

Visualise RGB and bands of interest for extra analyzation

Combine (Red, Green and Blue) into an RGB composite or visualize band of interest

Demonstration

Screenshots



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CONFIGURATIONS:

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DATA COLLECTIONS:

Sentinel-2

Sentinel-2 L1C

Sentinel-2 L2A

File upload

Upload a zipped file to create an area of interest. The area will be used for clipping when exporting an image.

Drop a zipped SHP, KML/KMZ, GPX, WKT (in EPSG:4326) or GEOJSON/JSON file.

Paste your GEOJSON geometry or enter a GEOREF/MGRS reference to define your area of interest.

Upload

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Mission: SENTINEL-2 Instrument: MSI Size: 577MB
Sensing time: 2025-04-02T10:10:51.025000Z

Visualise

SENTINEL-2 MSI S2MSI2A



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SENTINEL-2 MSI S2MSI2A



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Visualise

SENTINEL-2 MSI S2MSI2A



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Name	Date modified	Type	Size
 inputsS2	2025-03-26 12:45 PM	File folder	
 Corsica	2025-03-26 12:43 PM	Compressed (zipp...	3 KB

Make sure to created a new folder where we will keep everything needed to run the tool. You will need your zipped SHP file which in this case is "Corsica". Also create a new folder named "inputs2"

clippedS2	2025-03-26 1:29 PM	File folder	
composites	2025-03-26 1:30 PM	File folder	
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After opening this folder. Go ahead and make two new subdirectories names "clippedS2" and "composites" which will be needed for the tool to run. You should also be saving all your sentinel 2 images into the "inpuutsS2" folder (sentinel 2 images highlighted in red). PLEASE NOTE ALL THE PATHS OF THESE FILES AND DIRECTORIES AS WE WIL NEED THEM FOR THE TOOL.

Sentinel-2 Compositing Tool



Created by Adriana Caswell, Christian Devey, and Muhammad Ba

This tool creates median value composites for Sentinel-2 bands, resamples them to 10 m, and provides statistics about the composite. For more details, view the [documentation](#).

```
[ ]: import s2composite as s2
import rasterio as rio
from rasterio.plot import show
```

User inputs

Access the tool using jupyter labs.

Source Sentinel-2 imagery for your area of interest from the [Copernicus Browser](#) and define the following variables:

- **inputS2:** Path to the directory where zipped Sentinel-2 SAFE files are saved
- **clippedS2:** Path to directory where clipped TIFF files will be saved after preprocessing
- **composites:** Path to directory where the median composites and resampled composites will be saved
- **aoiShp:** Path to the shapefile representing your area of interest (AOI) which will be used to clip the Sentinel-2 files
- **lineSpacing:** Spacing for grid statistics (in meters). This will help in calculating statistics like mean, variance, etc., over a grid defined by this spacing.

```
[ ]: inputS2 = "demo//S2"
clippedS2 = "demo//S2//clipped"
compS2 = "demo//S2//composites"
aoiShp = "demo//StudyArea//StudyArea.shp"
lineSpacing = 5000
```

Change the paths depending on your computer and folder structure.

Once variables have been defined, you can *Run All Cells* or go through the workflow cell-by-cell below.

Create composites

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Composite statistics

+ 1 cell hidden

Display composites

Clip the Sentinel-2 SAFE files to your area of interest and output TIFF files.

```
1]: s2.prepS2(inputS2, aoishp, clippedS2)
```

Clipping and converting 4 Sentinel-2 images...

Clipping and conversion complete.

Optional: Perform cloud masking or remove images with excessive cloud cover to improve the compositing results.

Run the following code block to create median value composites for each band and resample the composites to 10 m.

```
2]: bands, meta10m, meta20m, meta60m = s2.sortBands(clippedS2)
s2.compositeBands(bands, meta10m, meta20m, meta60m, compS2)
composites = s2.resampleBandsTo10m(compS2, overwrite = False)
```

Sorting images by band...

Sort complete.

Compositing bands...

B01 median composite created.

B02 median composite created.

B03 median composite created.

B04 median composite created.

B05 median composite created.

B08 median composite created.

B11 median composite created.

B12 median composite created.

Compositing complete.

Resampling 8 bands to 10m resolution using bilinear...

Resampled: C:\School\GIS\Project\tool\inputsS2\composites\B01_resampled_10m.tif

Resampled: C:\School\GIS\Project\tool\inputsS2\composites\B02_resampled_10m.tif

Resampled: C:\School\GIS\Project\tool\inputsS2\composites\B03_resampled_10m.tif

Resampled: C:\School\GIS\Project\tool\inputsS2\composites\B04_resampled_10m.tif

Resampled: C:\School\GIS\Project\tool\inputsS2\composites\B05_resampled_10m.tif

Resampled: C:\School\GIS\Project\tool\inputsS2\composites\B08_resampled_10m.tif

Resampled: C:\School\GIS\Project\tool\inputsS2\composites\B11_resampled_10m.tif

Resampled: C:\School\GIS\Project\tool\inputsS2\composites\B12_resampled_10m.tif

After running the tool, the images should start to process and follow the steps. It will first create composites and display these files in the folders we created not too long ago. If there is no out put, please make sure to verify the file paths and also decompress the SHP file before using it.

```
[ ]: stats = s2.gridStats(bands, lineSpacing)
```



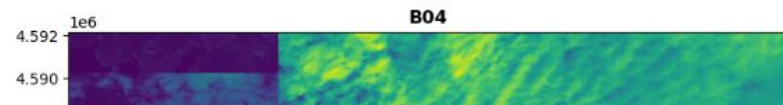
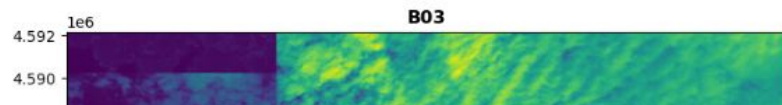
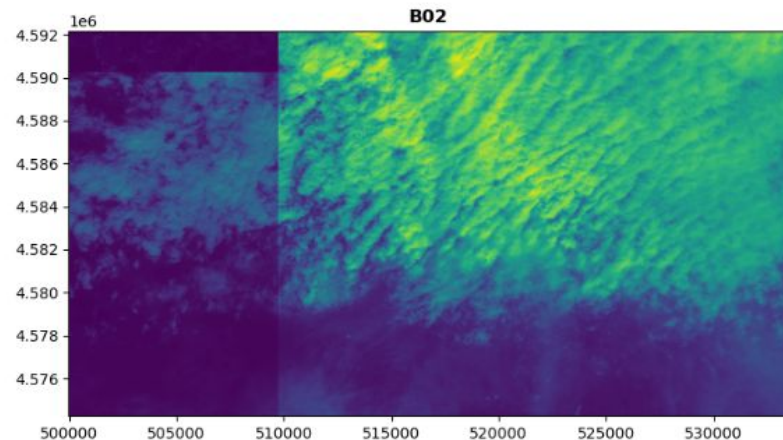
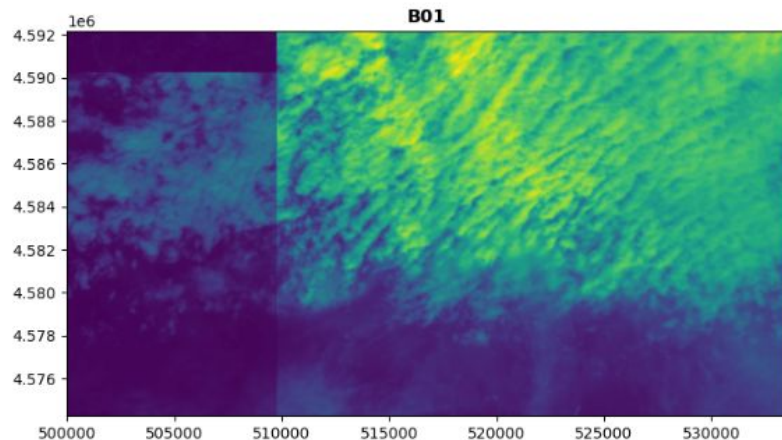
Display composites

Run the following code blocks to:

- Display the composite for each band of interest
- Display an RGB composite of the composites created
- Display the composite for a single band of interest

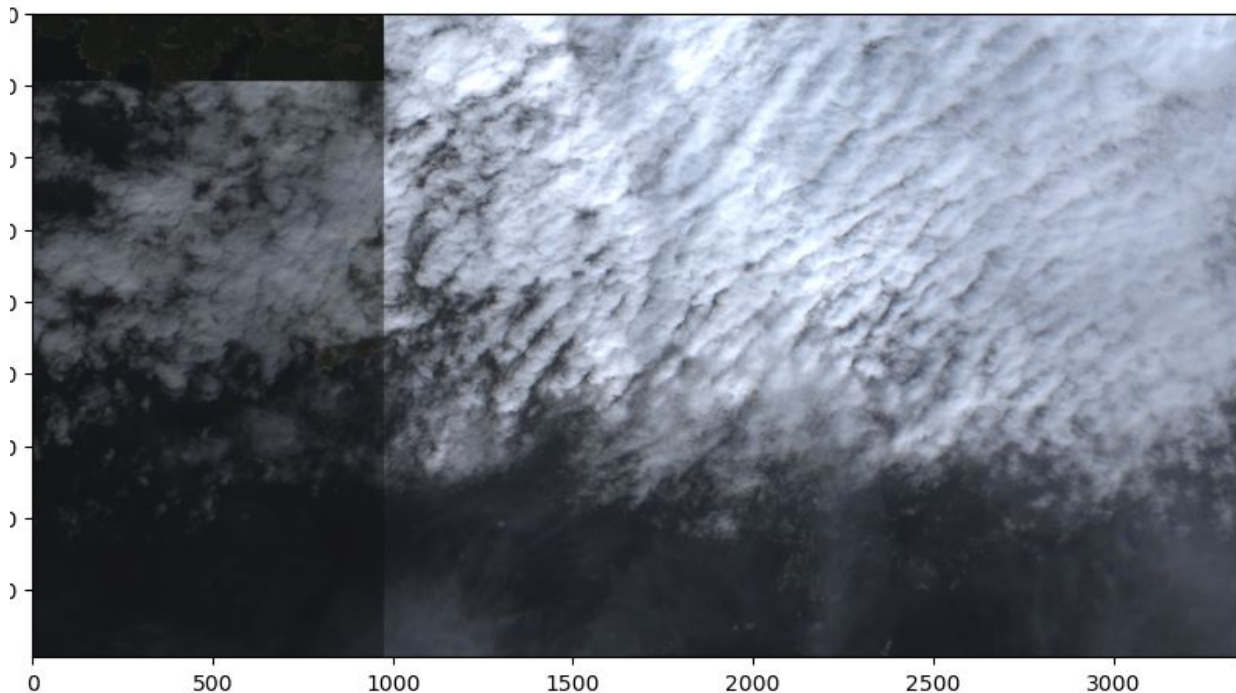
Further down in the tool, it will then get the composite statistics and also display these composites as you can see below

```
[8]: # display composite for each band of interest  
s2.showBands(composites)
```



```
play RGB composite  
"C:\School\GIS\Project\tool\inputsS2\composites\B04_resampled_10m.tif"  
"C:\School\GIS\Project\tool\inputsS2\composites\B03_resampled_10m.tif"  
"C:\School\GIS\Project\tool\inputsS2\composites\B02_resampled_10m.tif"
```

lowRGB(R, G, B)

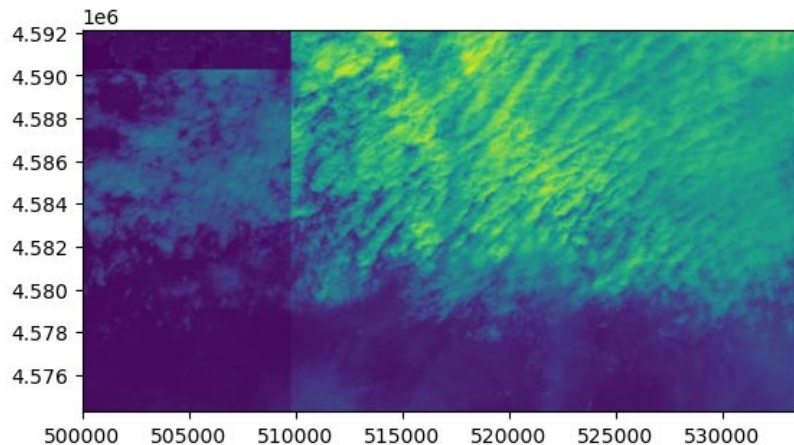


File paths can be inputted here which would then display the RGB composite

After all these steps are achieved, the major part of the tool is now completed and for further analyzation you can display the RGB composite. For this step you will have to head into the "inputsS2" then into the "composites" subdirectory where you can find the bands needed which are (B04, B03 and B02). Make sure to have the file paths of the bands needed.


```
[15]: # display a single band of interest
boi = r"C:\School\GIS\Project\tool\inputsS2\composites\B04_resampled_10m.tif"

with rio.open(boi) as src:
    show(src)
```



Furthermore, if you would like to only have a look at a certain band for analyzing, you can follow the same steps and change the path to the band of interest which would then be displayed

Documentation - Troubleshooting

Check error messages

File Paths

Check that all file paths are correct

Data types

Ensure input paths are pointing to the correct data (.SAFE.zip, .shp)

Storage

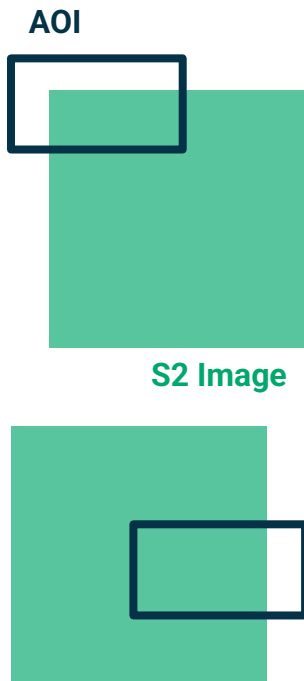
Ensure your hard drive has adequate storage to output TIFF files

Dependencies

Ensure the tool is being used in the s2compo conda environment

Do not modify repo folder structure or Sentinel-2 SAFE files

Challenges



Challenge

Size of Sentinel-2 imagery

Solution

Clip to AOI

Challenge

Arrays from clipped imagery had different dimensions

Solution

Clip using GDAL

Challenge

NoData values affecting composite and stats output

Solution

Use NumPy masked arrays

Limitations

Future Work

Impact of clouds on composite quality



Add **cloud masking** into the workflow

Downloading S2 imagery from Copernicus Hub



Incorporating the **Sentinel-2 API**

Interpretation of output statistics

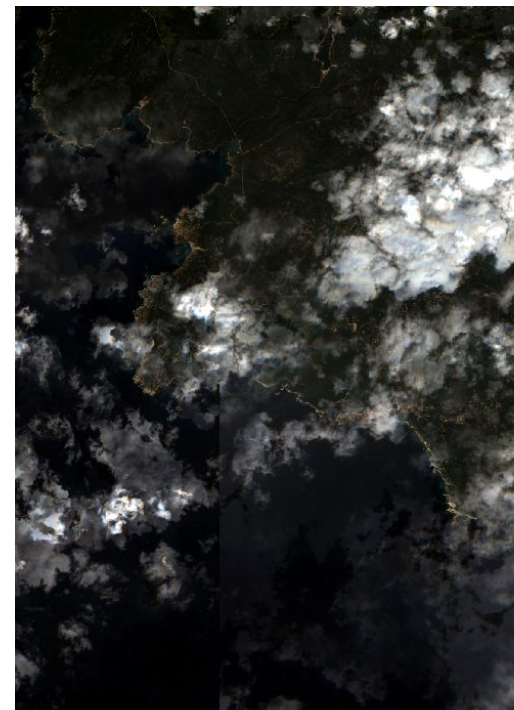


Create rasters containing **output statistics**

Median value compositing only

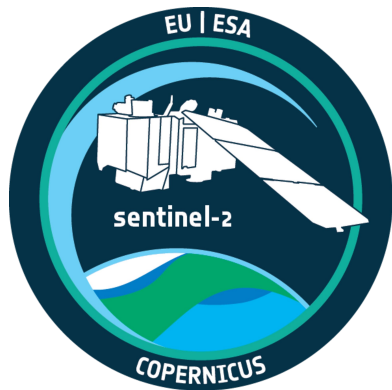


Adding **more compositing methods**



Example of clouds impacting the quality of the composite

Conclusion



- B01_composite.tif
- B01_resampled_10m.tif
- B02_composite.tif
- B02_resampled_10m.tif
- B03_composite.tif
- B03_resampled_10m.tif
- B04_composite.tif
- B04_resampled_10m.tif
- B05_composite.tif
- B05_resampled_10m.tif
- B08_composite.tif
- B08_resampled_10m.tif
- B11_composite.tif
- B11_resampled_10m.tif
- B12_composite.tif
- B12_resampled_10m.tif

+ Statistics

S2B_MSIL2A_2022122...40806T072335.SAFE.zip

S2B_MSIL2A_2025021...50219T142054.SAFE.zip

S2C_MSIL2A_20250211...0211T142256.SAFE.zip

S2C_MSIL2A_2025022...50221T174112.SAFE.zip

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- ★ Clipping using GDAL: [Geospatial Linux](#) documentation by University of Edinburgh and LTS International
- ★ Documentation from GDAL, Rasterio, Matplotlib, and NumPy
- ★ ChatGPT