

gopro max stills 2 kmz converter

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TL;DR:

This workflow creates a .kmz file from geocoded 360° images taken with a GoPro Max. It involves package setup, file renaming, selecting images by distance (20m default), adding overlays (optional), creating a .kml file, then finally converting everything to a .kmz file for use in the [pannotator](#) package for annotating. To use this script open the pannotator_collect.Rproj in RStudio, then open this file (goproMaxStills2KmqConverter.qmd) and **RUN EACH CODE CHUNK IN ORDER USING THE PLAY ARROW AT THE TOP-RIGHT CORNER OF THE CHUNK** to create a .kmz file.

Description of the Workflow

This workflow has been developed to allow easy creation of .kmz files from 360 degree panospheric images. These can be taken with a gopro Max camera or most consumer drones like those made by DJI. The overlay may need to be adjusted depending on the size of the images generated etc.

Any geocoded equirectangular images (jpegs) can be used, regardless of how they were created, but this workflow is specifically tailored to the gopro Max.

Before using this script we recommend making a backup of the original camera files just in case as this script edits the files directly.

The workflow code below is as follows:

1. Check and install required packages
2. Set user options:
 - > folder containing 360 degree images (jpgs)
 - > distance between images (metres)
 - > add overlays (True/False)
 - > overlay file to use (png with transparency)
3. Rename the files (only renames files if names are 12 characters long)
4. Get subset of images a specified distance apart (defaults to 20m)
5. Add overlays to the images (optional)
6. Create a google earth .kml file
7. Convert the kml file and associated images into a single .kmz file

The resulting .kmz file can then be used in the [pannotator](#) package for annotating.

Check & Install Required Packages

In order for this workflow to function as expected there are a few dependent packages to install and configure. If you are on linux or mac you may have some issues with the 'magick' package, check the documentation [here](#).

On Linux you need to install the ImageMagick++ library: on Debian/Ubuntu this is called [libmagick++-dev](#):

```
1 sudo apt-get install libmagick++-dev
```

To install from source on macOS you need either `imagemagick@6` or `imagemagick` from homebrew.

```
1 brew install imagemagick
```

In RStudio use the play arrow at the top-right corner of the code chunks to run them.

```
1 dependentPackages <-
2   c("svDialogs",
3     "tools",
4     "exiftoolr",
5     "geosphere",
6     "stringr",
7     "gpx",
8     "magick",
9     "imager",
10    "abind",
11    "fs",
12    "magrittr",
13    "zip",
14    "usefun"
15  )
16
17 for (i in dependentPackages) {
18   print(paste0("Checking for: ", i))
19
20   # First check if you have the package installed
21   check_for_package <- system.file(package = i)
22   print(check_for_package)
23
24   # If not run the following code to install it.
25   if (check_for_package == "") {
26     print(paste0(i, " package not found .....installing now"))
27     install.packages(i)
28   } else {
29     print(paste0(i, " package is already installed"))
30   }
31 }
```

Set User Options (manual version)

Here we manually set the user options which will be used in the following code chunks.

```
1 # Directory containing gopro_images
2 # (Windows) use forward slashes only, no spaces in folder or file
  ↪ names
3 directory <- "C:/Users/username/pannotator_collect/gopro_images"
4 # (Linux) use forward slashes only, no spaces in folder or file names
5 # directory <-
  ↪ "/media/username/drivename/gitRepos/pannotator_collect/gopro_images"
6 # (Mac) use forward slashes only, no spaces in folder or file names
7 # directory <-
  ↪ "/Users/username/gitRepos/pannotator_collect/gopro_images"
8
9 # Select the minimum distance in metres between each extracted image.
10 metresBetweenEachImageWanted <- 100
11
12 # Set to TRUE to add overlays to each image file; or FALSE to use
  ↪ images without any overlays.
13 addOverlays <- FALSE
14
15 # Conditionally set the overlay image file if addOverlays is TRUE
16 if (addOverlays == TRUE) {
17   # specify file path manually.
18   overlayImageFile <-
  ↪ "./overlay_files/5m_overlay_wedges_straight6.png"
19 } else if (identical(addOverlays, FALSE) || length(addOverlays) == 0)
  ↪ {
20   overlayImageFile <- NULL
21 }
```

Set User Options (svDialogs GUI version)

Here we set the user options using GUI popups which will be used in the following code chunks.

```

1 # svDialogs::msgBox("There will be several popup dialogs so you can
  ↳ select 1:Directory Containing 360 Images 2:Minimum Distance
  ↳ Between images 3:Add overlay to images 4:Select overlay image file
  ↳ (png)")
2 #
3 # # Choose the directory path containing 360 images.
4 # directory <- svDialogs::dlg_dir(default = getwd(), title = "Select
  ↳ Directory Containing 360 images")$res
5 #
6 # # Select the minimum distance in metres between each extracted
  ↳ image.
7 # metresBetweenEachImageWanted <- svDialogs::dlg_input(message =
  ↳ "Enter a value for: metresBetweenEachImageWanted", default =
  ↳ "100")$res
8 #
9 # # Set to TRUE to add overlays to each image file; or FALSE to use
  ↳ images without any overlays.
10 # addOverlays <- svDialogs::dlg_input(message = "Add Overlays to
  ↳ images?", default = "FALSE")$res
11 #
12 # # Conditionally set the overlay image file if addOverlays is TRUE
13 # if (addOverlays == TRUE) {
14 #   # Choose the file for your desired overlay image (PNG image with
  ↳ transparency).
15 #   overlayImageFile <- svDialogs::dlg_open(default =
  ↳ "./overlay_files", title = "Select overlay file (png)", multiple =
  ↳ FALSE, filters = svDialogs::dlg_filters["png", ])$res
16 # } else if (identical(addOverlays, FALSE) || length(addOverlays) ==
  ↳ 0) {
17 #   overlayImageFile <- NULL
18 # }
19 #
20 # finalMessage <- paste0("You have selected: Folder with 360 Images:
  ↳ ", directory,
21 #   " Metres Between Each Image Wanted: ",
  ↳ metresBetweenEachImageWanted, " AddOverlays: ", addOverlays)
22 # if (addOverlays == TRUE) {
23 #   finalMessage <- paste0(finalMessage, " Overlay Image File: " ,
  ↳ overlayImageFile)
24 # }
25 #

```

```
26 # svDialogs::dlg_message(message =finalMessage, type = "ok")
```

Rename Files

By default most consumer cameras like the gopro max & DJI drones don't allow the user to specify the file names they apply to images that they create.

A typical file name follows the format GS__XXXX.JPG - where XXXX is a counter number of the images taken by the camera.

To address this issue and make it easier to manage the files for processing, this code prepends the date_time stamp to the beginning of the files in a given directory. It's useful for organising files when doing field work, especially when using multiple cameras at the same time.

The output format is: YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS_FileName.ext

Note: Gopro now have a custom firmware allowing you to set file names in the field; see this [GoPro Labs link](#).

This code checks the file name length initially assuming that files names directly downloaded from the camera are 12 characters long. If the files used have longer file names they will not be renamed. This ensures they are only renamed once.

```
1 library(exiftoolr)
2 library(stringr)
3 library(tools)
4
5 # Check if 'directory' is set and valid, throw an error if not
6 if (!exists("directory") || !dir.exists(paste0(directory)) ||
    ↪ length(directory) == 0) {
7   stop("'directory' does not exist. Please run the code chunk under
    ↪ 'Set User Options' above to set the directory containing the 360
    ↪ images."
8   )
9 }
10
11 # filter only .jpg or .JPG files
12 file_extension <- "\\.[Jj][Pp][Gg]$"
13
14 my_files <-
15   list.files(
```

```

16     directory,
17     pattern = paste0("*", file_extension),
18     all.files = FALSE,
19     full.names = TRUE
20 )
21
22 #read the exif information in the file to get the creation date
23 files_df <- exiftoolr::exif_read(my_files, args = c("-G1", "-a",
24   ↪ "-s"))
25
26 #Loop through the files and check to change file names
27 #this checks if the files have already been changed by looking at the
28   ↪ length of the file name.
29 for (i in 1:nrow(files_df)) {
30   print("Checking if camera file name has not been changed")
31   if (nchar(files_df[i, "System:FileName"]) == 12) {
32     print("File appears to be 12 characters long")
33     print(paste0("SourceFile: ", files_df[i, "SourceFile"]))
34     origFullFileName <- paste0(files_df[i, "SourceFile"])
35     createDate <- paste0(files_df[i, "ExifIFD:DateTimeOriginal"])
36     print(paste0("CreateDate: ", createDate))
37     formattedCreateDate <- stringr::str_replace_all(createDate, ":",
38   ↪ "")
39     formattedCreateDate <-
40   ↪ stringr::str_replace_all(formattedCreateDate, " ", "_")
41     print(paste0("formattedCreateDate: ", formattedCreateDate))
42     file_ext <- tolower(tools::file_ext(files_df[i,
43   ↪ "System:FileName"])))
44     newFileName <- paste0(files_df[i, "System:Directory"], "/",
45   ↪ formattedCreateDate,"_",tools::file_path_sans_ext(basename(files_df[i,
46   ↪ "System:FileName"]))), ".",file_ext)
47     print(paste0("newFileName: ", newFileName))
48     file.rename(from = origFullFileName, to = newFileName)
49     print("File name changed")
50   } else {
51     print(
52       "It appears that the file has already been renamed as it's
53     ↪ greater than 12 characters long"
54     )
55     print(paste0("SourceFile: ", files_df[i, "SourceFile"]))
56   }

```

```
49  
50 }
```

Function to calculate distances between image geo-locations.

This code looks through all the files in a given folder and copies images a user-specified distance apart into a new folder for use later on. It starts with the first file and looks for a file at least XX metres from that. Once it finds one it adds it to the list then uses it as the location to look for another file at least XX metres from it and so on until it gets to the end of the file list. This method is most suitable for linear transect sampling but should work with any images that are spaced out enough.

```
1 library(geosphere)
2
3 options(digits = 20)
4 options(digits.secs = 20)
5 options(scipen = 9999)
6
7 #function which takes 2 arguments
8 #1:gpx_locations - a dataframe containing 4 columns("SourceFile",
9   ↪ "System:Directory", "Composite:GPSLongitude",
10  ↪ "Composite:GPSLatitude")
11 #2:distance in metres between each image to extract. (default=20m)
12 findImagesEveryXmetres <-
13   function(my_gpx_locs, metresToNextImage = 20) {
14     gpx_locs <- my_gpx_locs
15
16     keeps <- c("Composite:GPSLongitude", "Composite:GPSLatitude")
17     points <- gpx_locs[keeps]
18
19     #View(points)
20     #View(gpx_locs)
21
22     #calculate the distance between any two points
23     distance_m <- geosphere::distm(points , fun =
24   ↪ geosphere::distHaversine)
25     rownames(distance_m) <- basename(gpx_locs[, "SourceFile"])
26     colnames(distance_m) <- basename(gpx_locs[, "SourceFile"])
27
28     #View(distance_m)
```



```

26
27 #find images a certain distance apart.
28 selected_files <- vector()
29
30 metres_between_images <- metresToNextImage
31
32 print(paste0(
33   "Searching for images apart by: ",
34   metres_between_images,
35   " metres"
36 ))
37
38 for (i in 1:nrow(distance_m)) {
39   if (i == 1) {
40     #if it is the first frame add it as the current frame
41     selected_files <-
42       append(selected_files, rownames(distance_m)[i])
43     current_frame <- rownames(distance_m)[i]
44     print(paste0("Frame 1: ", current_frame))
45     print(paste0(
46       "looking for frame >",
47       metres_between_images ,
48       " Metres from frame 1"
49     ))
50   }#if the current frame is greater than the specified metres
51   if (distance_m[i, current_frame] >
52     ↪ as.numeric(metres_between_images)) {
53     current_frame <- rownames(distance_m)[i]
54     print(paste0("current_frame: ", current_frame))
55     selected_files <- append(selected_files, current_frame)
56   }
57 }
58 print(paste0("Files found:", selected_files))
59
60 new_folder <-
61   paste0(gpx_locs[1, "System:Directory"], "_",
62     ↪ metres_between_images, "m_apart")
63
64 dir.create(new_folder)

```

```

65     source_folder <- dirname(gpx_locs[1, "SourceFile"])
66
67     print(gpx_locs[1, "System:Directory"])
68
69     for (q in selected_files) {
70         file_to_copy <- paste0(source_folder, "/", q)
71         destination <- paste0(new_folder, "/", q)
72         file.copy(
73             file_to_copy,
74             destination,
75             overwrite = TRUE,
76             recursive = FALSE,
77             copy.mode = TRUE,
78             copy.date = TRUE
79         )
80     }
81
82 }
83
84 print("findImagesEveryXmetres(my_gpx_locs, metresToNextImage) function
  ↪ is now available to call")

```

Call Function Above

Now call the function above to calculate the distance between all the images and copy them to a new folder.

```

1  library(exiftoolr)
2
3  # Check if 'directory' is set and valid, throw an error if not
4  if (!exists("directory") || !dir.exists(paste0(directory)) ||
  ↪   length(directory) == 0) {
5      stop("'directory' does not exist. Please run the code chunk under
  ↪   'Set User Options' above to set the directory containing the 360
  ↪   images."
6  )
7  }
8
9  file_extension <- "\\.[Jj][Pp][Gg]$"
10

```

```

11 my_files <-
12   list.files(
13     normalizePath(directory, winslash = "/"),
14     pattern = paste0(file_extension),
15     all.files = FALSE,
16     full.names = TRUE
17   )
18
19 image_files_df <-
20   exiftoolr::exif_read(my_files, args = c("-G1", "-a", "-s"))
21
22 #View(image_files_df)
23
24 gpx_locs <-
25   as.data.frame(image_files_df[, c(
26     "SourceFile",
27     "System:Directory",
28     "Composite:GPSLatitude",
29     "Composite:GPSLongitude"
30   )])
31
32 #View(gpx_locs)
33
34 if (!exists("metresBetweenEachImageWanted") ||
35     ⇨ length(metresBetweenEachImageWanted) == 0) {
36   print("'metresBetweenEachImageWanted' does not exist. Using Default
37     ⇨ value. Please run the code chunk under 'Set User Options' above
38     ⇨ if you want to change the metresBetweenEachImageWanted")
39   findImagesEveryXmetres(my_gpx_locs = gpx_locs)
40 } else {
41   findImagesEveryXmetres(my_gpx_locs = gpx_locs, metresToNextImage =
42     ⇨ metresBetweenEachImageWanted)
43 }

```

Add Overlays to the Images

The code below goes through the images in the folder created above and adds an overlay file to them. This overlay must be specific to the camera used to create the 360 degree images as the focal length of the lens etc. will define how the overlay should look.

In this example we used a gopro Max at 3.2m above the ground. The easiest way to determine how an overlay should look is to take some images with the camera at the specified height with the desired overlay marked on the ground so you have an easy template to base your overlay on.

Here we wanted a circular marker with a 5 metre radius and we were lucky to find a round concrete water tank buried in the ground with the required radius. We marked the distance in metres from the centre of the plot directly under the camera using a pole with black marking tape at 1 metre intervals. Below is the image loaded into [inkscape](#) so we could draw the required marker lines for the overlay.

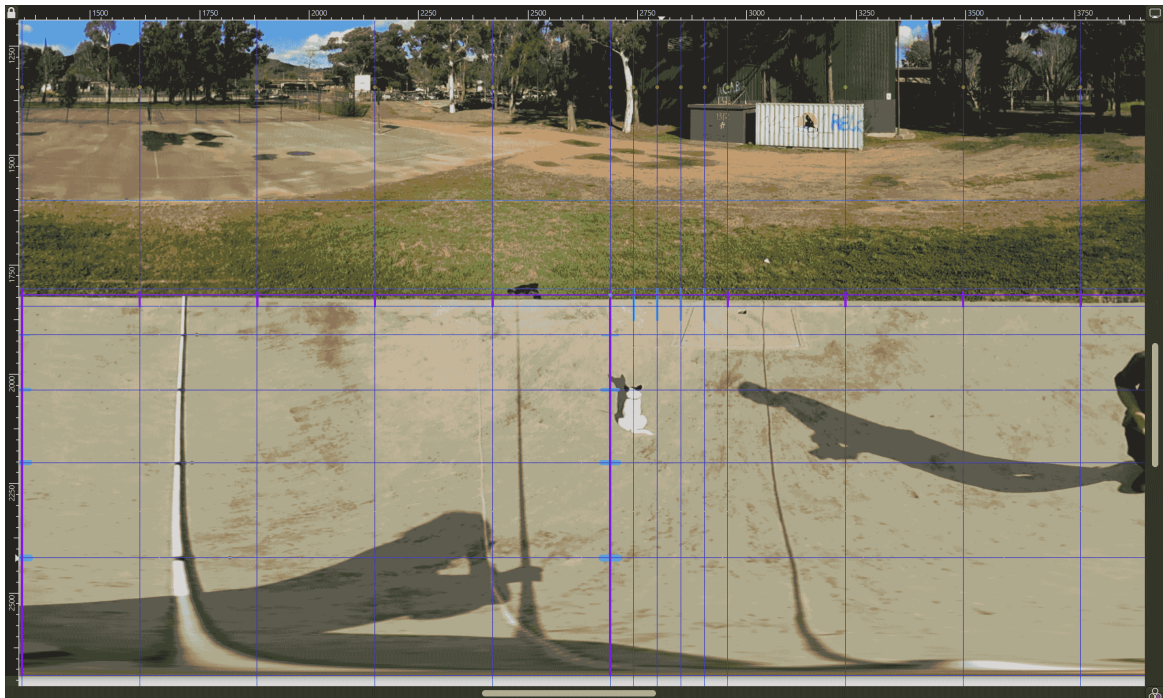


Figure 1: overlay image with camera background

Note: There is a slight discrepancy with the line on the right side of the image. This is due to the camera not being exactly vertical when capturing the image.

The overlay was created using inkscape and then exported as a portable network graphics (.png) file with transparency. See the example below:

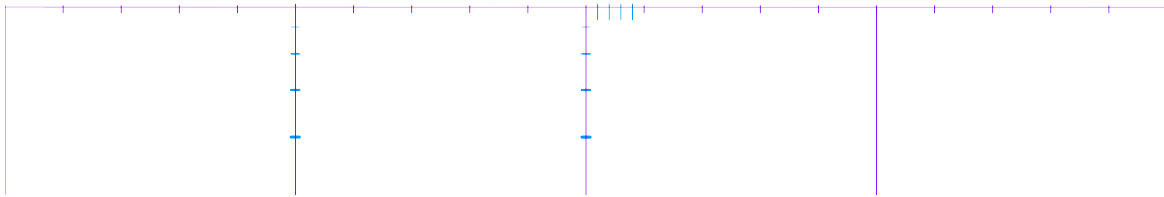


Figure 2: overlay image with transparency

Code to Create Overlays (magick version)

The code below uses [imagemagick](#) to load the underlying base file and then overlays the .png and saves out the flattened file for use in the kml/kmz files in the following steps. If you are on linux and have issues with the 'magick' package you may need to up the memory settings in the /etc/ImageMagick-6/policy.xml file.

```
<policy domain="resource" name="memory" value="4GiB"/>
<policy domain="resource" name="map" value="8GiB"/>
<policy domain="resource" name="disk" value="16GiB"/>
<policy domain="resource" name="area" value="10GiB"/>
```

You can find more info on how to do this [here](#).

```
1 #library(magick)
2 library(tools)
3 library(magrittr)
4
5 # Check if 'directory' is set and valid, throw an error if not
6 if (!exists("directory") || !dir.exists(paste0(directory)) ||
    ↪ length(directory) == 0) {
7   stop("'directory' does not exist. Please run the code chunk under
    ↪ 'Set User Options' above to set the directory containing the 360
    ↪ images."
```

```

8   )
9   }
10
11  # if 'metresBetweenEachImageWanted' doesn't exist then add the default
    ↪ metres between images
12  if (!exists("metresBetweenEachImageWanted") ||
    ↪ length(metresBetweenEachImageWanted) == 0) {
13    print("'metresBetweenEachImageWanted' not selected...using default:
    ↪ Please run the code chunk under 'Set User Options' above to set
    ↪ the metresBetweenEachImageWanted."
14    )
15    metresBetweenEachImageWanted <- 20
16  }
17
18  # if 'addOverlays' doesn't exist then throw an error asking to set
    ↪ 'addOverlays'
19  if (!exists("addOverlays") || length(addOverlays) == 0) {
20    stop("'addOverlays' does not exist. Please run the code chunk under
    ↪ 'Set User Options' above to set the addOverlays.")
21  }
22
23  if (addOverlays == TRUE) {
24    overlay_file <- overlayImageFile
25
26    new_directory <- paste0(directory,
27                           "_",
28                           metresBetweenEachImageWanted,
29                           "m_apart")
30
31    if (!dir.exists(paste0(new_directory))) {
32      print(paste0(new_directory, " does not exist!"))
33      stop("Did you run the code chunk above to find images a certain
    ↪ distance apart?"
34    )
35  }
36
37  # first create a new directory to add the overlay images to
    dir.create(paste0(new_directory, "/with_overlay/"))
38
39  file_extension <- "\\.[Jj][Pp][Gg]$"
40
41  files_lst <-

```

```

42 list.files(
43     new_directory,
44     pattern = paste0(file_extension),
45     all.files = FALSE,
46     full.names = TRUE,
47     recursive = FALSE,
48     include.dirs = FALSE
49 )
50
51 for (t in 1:length(files_lst)) {
52     background_image <- magick::image_read(files_lst[t])
53     overlay <-
54         magick::image_read(overlay_file)
55     image_dir <- dirname(files_lst[t])
56     overlay_image_dir <- paste0(image_dir, "/with_overlay/")
57     new_filename <-
58         paste0(overlay_image_dir,
59             basename(tools::file_path_sans_ext(files_lst[t])),
60             "_with_overlay.jpg")
61     print(paste0("Adding overlay to create: ", new_filename))
62     img <- c(background_image, overlay) %>%
63         magick::image_flatten(.) %>%
64         magick::image_write(., new_filename, format = "jpg")
65 }
66
67 } else {
68     print("'addOverlays' not TRUE: No overlay files generated")
69 }

```

Code to Create Overlays (imager version)

This code is an alternative version in case you have problems installing the magick package. It uses the imager package.

```

1 # library(imager)
2 # library(abind)
3 # library(exiftoolr)
4 #
5 # # Check if 'directory' is set and valid, throw an error if not
6 # if (!exists("directory") || !dir.exists(paste0(directory)) ||
    ↪ length(directory) == 0) {

```

```

7 # stop("'directory' does not exist. Please run the code chunk under
  ↪ 'Set User Options' above to set the directory containing the 360
  ↪ images."
8 # )
9 # }
10 #
11 # # if 'metresBetweenEachImageWanted' doesn't exist then add the
  ↪ default metres between images
12 # if (!exists("metresBetweenEachImageWanted") ||
  ↪ length(metresBetweenEachImageWanted) == 0) {
13 #   print("'metresBetweenEachImageWanted' not selected...using
  ↪ default: Please run the code chunk under 'Set User Options' above
  ↪ to set the metresBetweenEachImageWanted."
14 #   )
15 #   metresBetweenEachImageWanted <- 20
16 # }
17 #
18 # # if 'addOverlays' doesn't exist then throw an error asking to set
  ↪ 'addOverlays'
19 # if (!exists("addOverlays") || length(addOverlays) == 0) {
20 #   stop("'addOverlays' does not exist. Please run the code chunk
  ↪ under 'Set User Options' above to set the addOverlays.")
21 # }
22 #
23 # if (addOverlays == TRUE) {
24 #   overlay_file <- overlayImageFile
25 #
26 #   new_directory <- paste0(directory,
27 #                             "_",
28 #                             metresBetweenEachImageWanted,
29 #                             "m_apart")
30 #
31 #   if (!dir.exists(paste0(new_directory))) {
32 #     print(paste0(new_directory, " does not exist!"))
33 #     stop("Did you run the code chunk above to find images a certain
  ↪ distance apart?"
34 #   )
35 # }
36 # # first create a new directory to add the overlay images to
37 # dir.create(paste0(new_directory, "/with_overlay/"))
38 #

```



```

39 # file_extension <- "\\.[Jj][Pp][Gg]$"
40 #
41 # files_lst <-
42 #   list.files(
43 #     new_directory,
44 #     pattern = paste0(file_extension),
45 #     all.files = FALSE,
46 #     full.names = TRUE,
47 #     recursive = FALSE,
48 #     include.dirs = FALSE
49 #   )
50 #
51 # for (t in 1:length(files_lst)) {
52 #
53 #   base_image <- imager::load.image(files_lst[t])
54 #   overlay <- imager::load.image(overlay_file)
55 #
56 #   # Resize overlay to match the dimensions of the base image (if
57 #   ↪ needed)
58 #   overlay_resized <- resize(overlay, dim(base_image)[1],
59 #   ↪ dim(base_image)[2])
60 #
61 #   # Add the overlay onto the base image
62 #   # Ensure the overlay has an alpha channel for transparency
63 #   if (dim(overlay_resized)[4] == 4) {
64 #     # Extract RGB channels from the base image
65 #     base_rgb <- base_image[,,,1:3]
66 #
67 #     # Extract RGB and alpha channels from the overlay
68 #     overlay_rgb <- overlay_resized[,,,1:3]
69 #     alpha <- overlay_resized[,,,4]
70 #
71 #     #print(dim(base_rgb))    # Dimensions of base image's RGB
72 #     ↪ channels
73 #     #print(dim(overlay_rgb)) # Dimensions of overlay's RGB
74 #     ↪ channels
75 #     #print(dim(alpha))      # Dimensions of overlay's alpha
76 #     ↪ channel
77 #
78 #     alpha <- abind::abind(alpha, alpha, alpha, along = 3)
79 #
80 #   }
81 # }

```

```

75 #         # Blend the overlay with the base image using the alpha
    ↪ channel
76 #         blended_image <- (base_rgb * (1 - alpha)) + (overlay_rgb *
    ↪ alpha)
77 #     }
78 #
79 #     image_dir <- dirname(files_lst[t])
80 #     overlay_image_dir <- paste0(image_dir, "/with_overlay/")
81 #     new_filename <-
82 #         paste0(overlay_image_dir,
83 #             basename(tools::file_path_sans_ext(files_lst[t])),
84 #             "_with_overlay.jpg")
85 #     print(paste0("Adding overlay to create: ", new_filename))
86 #
87 #     # Save the result
88 #     imager::save.image(imager::as.cimg(blended_image), new_filename)
89 #
90 #     exif_args <- c(paste0('-TagsFromFile=', files_lst[t]),
91 #                   '-All:All',
92 #                   '-overwrite_original')
93 #
94 #     exiftoolr::exif_call(args = exif_args,
95 #                          path = new_filename,
96 #                          stdout = FALSE,
97 #                          quiet = TRUE
98 #                          )
99 #
100 # }
101 #
102 # } else {
103 #     print("'addOverlays' not TRUE: No overlay files generated")
104 # }

```

Generate kml File

This code generates a [google earth](#) kml file linking to the image files in the folder generated above. It uses [ExifTool](#) with a template “kml_hide_rollover.fmt” to create the kml file.

```

1 library(readr)
2

```

```

3 # Check if 'directory' is set and valid, throw an error if not
4 if (!exists("directory") || !dir.exists(paste0(directory)) ||
  ↪ length(directory) == 0) {
5   stop("'directory' does not exist. Please run the code chunk under
  ↪ 'Set User Options' above to set the directory containing the 360
  ↪ images."
6   )
7 }
8
9 # if 'metresBetweenEachImageWanted' doesn't exist then add the default
  ↪ metres between images
10 if (!exists("metresBetweenEachImageWanted") ||
  ↪ length(metresBetweenEachImageWanted) == 0) {
11   print("'metresBetweenEachImageWanted' not selected...using default:
  ↪ Please run the code chunk under 'Set User Options' above to set
  ↪ the metresBetweenEachImageWanted."
12   )
13   metresBetweenEachImageWanted <- 20
14 }
15
16 if (addOverlays == TRUE) {
17
18   new_directory <-
19     paste0(directory,
20           "_",metresBetweenEachImageWanted,
21           "m_apart/with_overlay")
22
23   output_kml <-
24     normalizePath(paste0(directory,
25           "_",
26           metresBetweenEachImageWanted,
27           "m_apart_with_overlay.kml"), winslash = "/", mustWork =
  ↪ FALSE)
28 } else if (addOverlays == FALSE || length(addOverlays) == 0) {
29   new_directory <-
30     paste0(directory,
31           "_",
32           metresBetweenEachImageWanted,
33           "m_apart")
34
35   output_kml <-

```

```

36     normalizePath(paste0(directory,
37         "_",
38         metresBetweenEachImageWanted,
39         "m_apart.kml"), winslash = "/", mustWork = FALSE)
40 }
41
42 exif_args <- c("-p", "kml_hide_rollover.fmt", "-r")
43 exiftoolr::exif_call(
44     args = exif_args,
45     path = new_directory,
46     stdout = output_kml,
47     quiet = FALSE
48 )
49
50 # now fix the links to the images to make them relative.
51 mystring <- readr::read_file(output_kml)
52 path_only <- paste0(dirname(output_kml))
53 # check if the folder is root of the drive
54 if(nchar(path_only) == 3){
55     mystring2 <- gsub(path_only, "./", mystring, fixed = T)
56 } else {
57     mystring2 <- gsub(path_only, ".", mystring, fixed = T)
58 }
59
60 # Write the file out
61 sink(paste0(output_kml))
62     writeLines(mystring2)
63 sink()
64
65 print(paste0("generated kml file: ", output_kml))

```

Convert kml & Images into a kmz File

This code reads the .kml file created above and converts it to a .kmz file. This involves zipping up the images and the .kml file into one file. It also edits the relative links etc. The convenience of the kmz file is that it combines the kml and associated images into one file.

NOTE: This code can generate kmz files >2GB. These files won't open correctly in google earth but are not corrupt and will work fine in pannotator. This is a limitation of google earth being 32 bit. You can read about it [here](#).

```

1 library(fs)
2 library(usefun)
3 library(readr)
4 library(stringr)
5 library(zip)
6
7 # Check if 'directory' is set and valid, throw an error if not
8 if (!exists("directory") || !dir.exists(paste0(directory)) ||
9     ↪ length(directory) == 0) {
10   stop("'directory' does not exist. Please run the code chunk under
11     ↪ 'Set User Options' above to set the directory containing the 360
12     ↪ images."
13   )
14 }
15
16 # if 'metresBetweenEachImageWanted' doesn't exist then add the default
17 ↪ metres between images
18 if (!exists("metresBetweenEachImageWanted") ||
19     ↪ length(metresBetweenEachImageWanted) == 0){
20   print("'metresBetweenEachImageWanted' not selected...using default:
21     ↪ Please run the code chunk under 'Set User Options' above to set
22     ↪ the metresBetweenEachImageWanted."
23   )
24   metresBetweenEachImageWanted <- 20
25 }
26
27 if (addOverlays == TRUE) {
28
29   new_directory <-
30     paste0(directory,
31             "_",
32             metresBetweenEachImageWanted,
33             "m_apart/with_overlay")
34
35   output_kml <-
36     normalizePath(paste0(directory,
37                           "_",
38                           metresBetweenEachImageWanted,
39                           "m_apart_with_overlay.kml"), winslash = "/", mustWork =
40       ↪ FALSE)
41 } else if (addOverlays == FALSE || length(addOverlays) == 0) {

```

```

34   new_directory <-
35   paste0(directory,
36         "_",
37         metresBetweenEachImageWanted,
38         "m_apart")
39
40   output_kml <-
41   normalizePath(paste0(directory,
42         "_",
43         metresBetweenEachImageWanted,
44         "m_apart.kml"), winslash = "/", mustWork = FALSE)
45 }
46
47 print("Generating kmz file for:")
48 print(output_kml)
49
50 kml_file_name <- basename(output_kml)
51 kml_image_directory <- new_directory
52
53 dir_to_copy <- normalizePath(kml_image_directory, winslash = "/",
54   ↪ mustWork = FALSE)
55 temp_folder <- paste0(usefun::get_parent_dir(directory), "temp")
56 new_dir_path <- normalizePath(paste0(temp_folder, "/files/"), winslash
57   ↪ = "/", mustWork = FALSE)
58
59 fs::dir_copy(dir_to_copy, new_dir_path, overwrite = TRUE)
60 fs::file_copy(output_kml, temp_folder, overwrite = TRUE)
61 file.rename(
62   from = file.path(temp_folder, kml_file_name),
63   to = file.path(temp_folder, "doc.kml")
64 )
65
66 #clean up all of the extra line breaks in the kml file
67 mystring <- readr::read_file(file.path(temp_folder, "doc.kml"))
68 mystring2 <- gsub('\r\r\r\r\r\n', '\n', mystring, fixed = T)
69 mystring3 <- gsub('\r\r\r\r\r\n', '\n', mystring2, fixed = T)
70 mystring4 <- gsub('\r\r\r\r\n', '\n', mystring3, fixed = T)
71 mystring5 <- gsub('\r\r\r\n', '\n', mystring4, fixed = T)
72 mystring6 <- gsub('\n\r\n', ' ', mystring5, fixed = T)
73
74 # Extract the part of the string after the last '/'

```

```

73
74 if (addOverlays == TRUE) {
75   last_part_dir <- tail(strsplit(dir_to_copy, "/")[[1]], 2)
76   mykml <-
77     stringr::str_replace_all(mystring6[1], paste0("src='./",
78   ↪ last_part_dir[1],"/", last_part_dir[2]), "src='files")
79 } else if (addOverlays == FALSE) {
80   last_part_dir <- tail(strsplit(dir_to_copy, "/")[[1]], 2)
81   mykml <-
82     stringr::str_replace_all(mystring6[1], paste0("src='./",
83   ↪ last_part_dir[2]), "src='files")
84 }
85
86 mykml <- stringr::str_replace_all(mykml[1], "<name>./", "<name>")
87 sink(paste0(file.path(temp_folder, "doc.kml")))
88 writeLines(mykml)
89 sink()
90
91 # name for new kmz file
92 kmz_file_name <-
93   paste0(usefun::get_parent_dir(directory),"/",
94     basename(tools::file_path_sans_ext(output_kml)),
95     ".kmz")
96
97 # create the kmz file
98 myWd <- normalizePath(temp_folder, winslash = "/", mustWork = FALSE)
99 files_lst <-
100   list.files(
101     path = temp_folder,
102     pattern = "*.jpg|*.kml",
103     all.files = FALSE,
104     full.names = FALSE,
105     recursive = TRUE,
106     ignore.case = FALSE,
107     include.dirs = FALSE
108   )
109
110 # zip the file up
111 zip::zip(
112   kmz_file_name,
113   files_lst,

```

```
112     recurse = FALSE,  
113     compression_level = 9,  
114     include_directories = TRUE,  
115     root = myWd,  
116     mode = "mirror"  
117 )  
118  
119 # remove the temp folder and its contents  
120 unlink(temp_folder, recursive = TRUE)
```