**Steps for interfacing with PurpleAir API for retrieving station information, downloading data, and data engineering and analysis using PurpleAir API tool, Python and R**

**All current station data and referenced files can be found at the links below.**

**Git-hub repo:**

**Good drive:**

**PurpleAir API Key:** 43418ADC-5C99-11EE-A77F-42010A800009

**Retrieve station coordinates**

I have written a python script to retrieve station coordinates. Please refer to script file *get\_station\_location.py*

PurpleAir sensors are geolocated in WGS84

Station IDs, info, and location can be found in the spreadsheet *StationList\_2024.xlsx*

**Download station data**

Station data can be downloaded using the PurpleAir Data Download Tool. The tool can be installed here: <https://community.purpleair.com/t/purpleair-data-download-tool/3787>

1. Open program. Go to API Keys on the left side bar. Input our API key under *API Read Key*.

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1. Go to *Download*. Enter for the following fields:

*Sensor Indexes:* 176247, 176209, 185075, 176215

*Timezone:* America/Denver

*Desired start and end time* (Our sensors were installed on 7/22/24)

*Desired Average (I usually do raw data at 0 seconds, but if you would like it averaged there are many options available)*

*Fields:* choose desired fields. I usually do the following:

* Humidity
* VOC
* pm1.0\_atm, pm2.5\_atm, pm10.0\_atm

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1. Select directory to save data and click *Get Data* to start download. You will see a progress window. Depending on internet connection it will take a few minutes to download all data.

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1. Data will be in .csv format, with a separate table for each sensor.

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I have also written a python script for interfacing with the PurpleAir API directly through HTTPS requests. Please refer to script file *retrieve\_all\_data.py*

**Format and combine station data**

I have written an R script for formatting and combining downloaded data into a single .csv. Please refer to script PA\_Data\_combiner.qmd

See *Scripts* folder for additional scripts with plotting and other analysis functions.