

Background

- First we import the python packages and create a series of functions.
- Then we open each image, rotate it, extract its coordinates, and save it as a *.tiff file.
- Later we transform the coordinates of each image from Decimal Degrees to Eastings and Northings. This will allow us to create a *.tfw file for each *.tiff image.
- Finally we create the *.tfw file.

Once we create the *.tiff and *.tfw files, we can project them and upload the images to Google Earth Engine

*Note: We assume that the reader has the required knowledge to use Jupyter notebooks or run this code in another development environment.

Getting Started

Load python packages

In the following cell we import the python packages we'll use in this example.

```
In [ ]: import gdal
import os
import sys
import glob
import time
import subprocess
import pandas as pd
from PIL import Image
```

Find the *.jpeg files

Now, we look for the directory or folder where the drone images are located. Here, we're interested only in *.jpg files, so we ensure that we only find those.

```
In [ ]: # Locate the directory of folder
path_1 = 'C:/Users/mkben/Desktop/Demo Drone JPEGs'
# path_1 = 'C:/droneImages/'

# Find all `*.jpeg` files in the directory or folder
os.chdir(path_1)
files = glob.glob("*.JPG")

# Print the number of `*.jpeg` files in the folder
print('there are ', len(files), ' *.jpeg files in ', os.getcwd())
```

Now that we know how many images we have, and their location, we can begin the image processing

Create the functions

In this step, we create some functions that will help us keep our code clean. The first function rotates the images 180 degrees, and saves it as *.tiff. The second function uses `exiftool` to extract the metadata from the images the third function creates a *.tfw file for each image. See more about *.tfw files here (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_file (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_file))

```
In [ ]: # Function to rotate the JPEG and save image as TIFF
def rotate_image(file):
    ''' This function uses the PIL packages to open, rotate, and save an image.
    :: file: a string with the image file name
    :: returns a `*.tiff` image
    '''
    with Image.open(file) as im:
        # Give the file a name
        basename = os.path.splitext(file)[0]
        # Rotate the image
        im = im.rotate(180)
        # Save the image as *.tiff
        im.save(str(basename)+'.tiff', format='TIFF')
        print(basename, ' rotated 180deg and saved as TIFF')
```

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In [ ]: # Function to get the Lat and Lon values from the metadata of the images
def get_lat_lon(file):
    '''this function gets the latitude and longitude values from an image using the "exiftool"
    and exports it to a pandas DataFrame. To use the 'exiftool', ensure that the executable file
    'exiftool(-k).exe' is in the folder where the images are located.
    ::file (string): the file to extract the metadata from
    Returns pandas DataFrame.
    '''

    exe = 'exiftool(-k).exe' #ensure EXIFtool is on your working directory
    metadata = {}
    cols = ['Image_ID', 'Lat_dd', 'Lon_dd']
    lat_lon = pd.DataFrame(columns=cols)
    #execute exiftool to get the metadata
    process = subprocess.Popen([exe, file], stdout = subprocess.PIPE,
                                stderr = subprocess.STDOUT,
                                universal_newlines = True)
    #parse each line and store it in a dictionary
    for output in process.stdout:
        #print(output.strip().split(':'))
        info = {}
        line = output.strip().split(':')
        try:
            key = line[0].strip()
            value = line[1].strip()
            metadata[key] = value
        except IndexError as e:
            print(e)
    #transform the dictionary to pandas DataFrame
    metadata = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(metadata, orient='index')
    # Get the Latitude and Longitude and transform D-M-S to Decimal Degrees
    lat_dms = str(metadata.loc['GPS Latitude'])
    lat_dms = lat_dms.replace("'", '').replace(' ', '').split(' ')
    lat_dd = int(lat_dms[4]) + int(lat_dms[6])/60 + float(lat_dms[7])/3600
    lon_dms = str(metadata.loc['GPS Longitude'])
    lon_dms = lon_dms.replace("'", '').replace(' ', '').split(' ')
    lon_dd = int(lon_dms[4]) + int(lon_dms[6])/60 + float(lon_dms[7])/3600
    #create a dataframe of Lats and Lons
    basename = os.path.splitext(file)[0]
    #here, the latitude has to be negative to be in the correct location
    df2 = pd.DataFrame([[basename, '-' + str(lat_dd), lon_dd]],
                        columns = cols)
    lat_lon = lat_lon.append(df2)
    return lat_lon

```

```
In [ ]: # Create a `*.tfw` file for each image
def create_tfw(file, csv_file):
    '''This function creates a tfw file with the eastings and northings
    for each image.
    :: file (string): *.jpeg file to be transformed
    :: csv_file: CSV file with the eastings and northings of each `file`
    Returns a *.tfw file
    '''

    #give a name to the file
    basename = os.path.splitext(file)[0]

    #Get the Eastings and Northings from the csv file
    easting = float(eastings[eastings['Image_ID'] == basename]['X'].values.rou
und(3))
    northing = float(eastings[eastings['Image_ID'] == basename]['Y'].values.rou
und(3))

    #create the *.twf file to store the eastings and northings for each file
    tfw = ('0.0045884815\n0.0000000000\n0.0000000000\n-0.0045884815\n'+
    str(easting)+'\n'+str(northing))

    with open(basename+'.tfw', "w") as file:
        file.write(str(tfw))

    print(basename, 'has a new *.tfw file')
```

Lets put it into practice:

```
In [ ]: # Print the working directory to ensure that this is where the images are stor
ed
print(os.getcwd())
```

```
In [ ]: # Use the 'rotate_image' function on each image.
for file in files:
    rotate_image(file)
```

```
In [ ]: # Create an empty pandas DataFrame to store the coordinates of all images
coordinates = pd.DataFrame()

#iterate though the folder where the files are
for file in files:
    print('working on ', file)

    # Extract the latitude and logitude of each image using the 'get_lat_lon'
    function.
    coords = get_lat_lon(file)

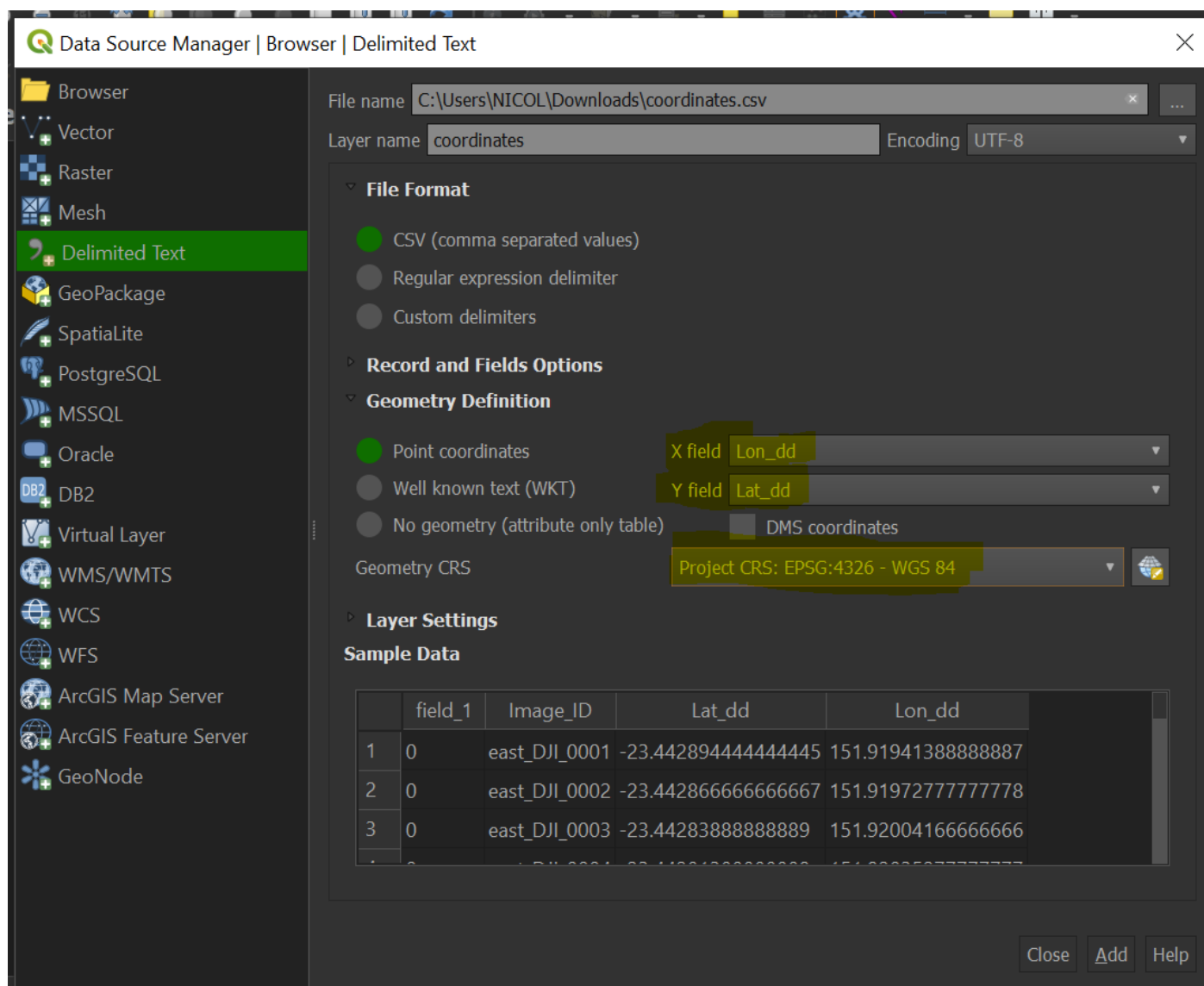
    # Add the coordindates of each file to the 'coordinates' DataFrame
    coordinates = coordinates.append(coords)

# Export the DataFrame with the coordinates for all images to a `*.csv` file
coordinates.to_csv('coordinates.csv')
```


Now coordinates.csv has the coordinates for all images in Decimal Degrees.

As part of the quality control of this project, we deliberately decided to run the following steps manually in QGIS. this way, we ensured that the extracted coordinates place the drone images in the correct location. We need to change these coordinates to Eastings and Northings. For simplicity, we use the QGIS User Interface in the following way:

1. Open Qgis
2. Click on *Open Data Source Mangager* and select *delimited text*
3. File Name --> `coordinates.csv` .
4. Ensure that on the **geometry CRS** you select **ESPG:4236 - WGS 84** (projection for Heron Reef) as shown below. This process will result in a new point layer showing the latitude and longitude coordinates of each image (from the 'coordinates.csv' file).




1. Right click on the new layer --> Export --> Save feature as. This opens a dialogue table
2. Select: a) CSV as output format, b) the desired CRS (in this case UTM 56S) and c) XY as the geometry (i.e. longitude will be the first column and latitude the second column)

 Save Vector Layer as... ✕

Format Comma Separated Value [CSV] ▼

File name eastings_northings.csv ✕ ...

Layer name

CRS EPSG:32756 - WGS 84 / UTM zone 56S ▼ 

▼ **Layer Options**

CREATE_CSVT	NO ▼
GEOMETRY	AS_XY ▼
LINEFORMAT	<Default> ▼
SEPARATOR	COMMA ▼
STRING_QUOTING	IF_AMBIGUOUS ▼
WRITE_BOM	NO ▼

▷ **Custom Options**

OK Cancel Help

Read the eastings and northings

Now that we have the coordinates of each image in Eastings and Northings, we can proceed to create the *.tfw file for each image.

```
In [ ]: # Read the *.csv file where the eastings and northings are located.
eastings = pd.read_csv('eastings_northings.csv')

# Print the first 5 records of the file
eastings.head(5)
```

What goes into a *.tfw file?

To create the *.tfw files, we need to understand what information they must have. Each file has six rows, and each row has only one number. Below we explain the information in the file:

- 0.0045884815 -> This is the x resolution. In this case ~0.45cm
- 0.0000000000 -> Rotation in the X axis. In this case there is no rotation, hence the number is zero
- 0.0000000000 -> Rotation in the Y axis. In this case there is no rotation, hence the number is zero
- -0.0045884815 -> Y scale (i.e. x resolution). Normally negative because the 'origin' of the image is usually in the top left corner. In this case ~0.45cm
- 389010.333 -> Easting coordinate of each iamge
- 12592615.666 -> Northing coordinate of each iamge

In our case, because the only parameters that change are the Eastings and Northings while the other paramenters remain constant. Our create_tfw function reflects this.

We can now create the *.tfw files for each *.tiff image.


```
In [ ]: for file in files:  
        create_tfw(file, eastings)
```

Now the images are ready to upload into Google Earth Engine or other software.

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