

# Package ‘AOI’

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**Description** An area of interest (AOI) is a geographic extent.

AOIs help confine and formalize a unit of work to a geographic area and define research and sub setting efforts while improving reproducibility.

They are built around concrete spatial attributes but often are discussed in a more colloquial way.

This package lets users define regions through a common query to achieve spatial geometries.

Tools are provided to help define, describe, and convert points, boundaries, and features to usable forms including strings and political boundaries (for USA states and counties).

In addition, this package provides geocoding and reverse geocoding functions through the Google Maps, OpenStreetMaps and ESRI Webservices.

This package is provided to support the breadth of spatial packages in the R ecosystem.

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AOI

*AOI Package*

## Description

An area of interest (AOI) is a geographic extent and the aim of this package is to help users create these. The package is written using the simple features paradigm, however, by default, objects are returned as `SpatialPolygons` projected to EPSG:4269. For those that have made the jump to sf, all functions include a 'sf' parameter that can be set to TRUE and eventually the default behavior will change.

The primary functions to be aware of are `geocode`, `getAOI`, `getBoundingBox`. The first returns a set spatial points, the second a single spatial geometry, and the last a geometry encompassing all input features. `bbox_st` and `bbox_sp` help convert AOIs between string and geometry manifestations; `check` helps users visualize AOIs in a interactive leaflet map; and `buffer` allows for the modification of AOIs by uniform distances. Finally, `revgeocode` provides a reverse geocoding interface to help understand coordinates as locations, and `describe` breaks existing spatial features into getAOI parameters to improve the reproducibility of geometry generation.

Two core datasets are served with the package reflecting the spatial geometries of US `states` and `counties`.

See the [README](#) on github, and a webpage of examples [here](#).

aoiProj

*AOI Projection*

## Description

Base projection used for all AOI calls: *EPSG:4269*. 'aoiProj = "+init=epsg:4269"'

## Usage

```
aoiProj
```

## Format

An object of class character of length 1.

**Author(s)**

Mike Johnson

bbox\_sp

*Convert bounding box string to geometry***Description**

Convert a vector, dataframe, bb, or raster object to a spatial geometry

**Usage**

```
bbox_sp(bbox_st, sf = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

bbox_st	a character comma seperated string, numeric vector, or data.frame in the order ("xmin", "xmax", "ymin", "ymax"). Raster objects are also accepted.
sf	logical. If TRUE object returned is of class sf, default is FALSE and returns SpatialPolygons

**Value**

a bounding box geometry

**Author(s)**

Mike Johnson

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

## SpatialPolygon from string
bbox = bbox_sp("37,36,-119,-118")

## SpatialPolygon from vector
bbox = c(37,38,-119,-118) %>% bbox_sp()

## Simple Feature Polygon from data.frame
bbox = data.frame(xmin = 37, xmax = 38, ymin = -119, ymax = -118) %>% bbox_sp(sf = T)

## SpatialPolygon from Reverse Geocoding results
bbox = revgeocode("Santa Barbara")$bb %>% bbox_sp()

## String to Geometry to String (full circle)
bbox = c(37,38,-119,-118) %>% bbox_sp() %>% bbox_st()

## Raster to sf
raster %>% bbox_sp(sf = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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bbox_st	<i>Convert spatial geometry to string (data.frame)</i>
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### Description

Convert a spatial object to a data.frame of (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)

### Usage

```
bbox_st(AOI)
```

### Arguments

AOI                      any spatial object (raster, sf, sp). Can be piped (%>%) from [getAOI](#)

### Value

a bounding box data.frame (xmin. xmax, ymin, ymax)

### Author(s)

Mike Johnson

### Examples

```
## Not run:
## Get a bounding box data.frame for AOI
AOI = getAOI(list("UCSB", 10, 10)) %>% bbox_st()

## End(Not run)
```

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buff	<i>Buffer AOI</i>
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### Description

Add or subtract a uniform distance to/from a spatial object in either miles or kilometers.

### Usage

```
buff(AOI, d, km = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

AOI                      a spatial, raster or simple features object  
d                          numeric.The distance by which to modify each edge  
km                        logical.Is the distance in kilometers? Default is FALSE and in miles

### Value

a spatial geometry of the same class as the input AOI (if Raster sp returned)

**Author(s)**

Mike Johnson

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# get an AOI of 'Garden of the Gods' and add a 2 mile buffer
getAOI("Garden of the Gods") %>% buffer(10)

# get an AOI of 'Garden of the Gods' and add a 2 kilometer buffer
getAOI("Garden of the Gods") %>% buffer(10, km = TRUE)

# get and AOI for Colorado Springs and subtract 3 miles
getAOI("Garden of the Gods") %>% buffer(-3)

## End(Not run)
```

check

*Generate Leaflet map and tool set***Description**

Generate an interactive leaflet map for checking, and refining AOI queries. Useful leaflet tools allow for the marking of points, measuring of distances, and interactive panning and zooming to help define an appropriate AOI.

**Usage**

```
check(AOI = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

AOI                      any spatial object (raster, sf, sp). Can be piped (%>%) from [getAOI](#)

**Value**

a leaflet html object

**Author(s)**

Mike Johnson

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Generate an empty map:
check()

## Check a defined AOI:
AOI = getAOI(clip = list("UCSB", 10, 10))
check(AOI)
```

```
## Chain to AOI calls:
  getAOI(clip = list("UCSB", 10, 10)) %>% check()

## Add layers with standard leaflet functions:
  r = getAOI("UCSB") %>% # get AOI
  HydroData::findNED() %>% # get raster of elevation data
  HydroData::findNWIS() # get SpatialPointsDataframe of local USGS gages

  check(r$NED) %>% addMarkers(data = r$nwis, popup = r$nwis$site_no)

## Save map for reference:
  m = getAOI("Kansas City") %>% check()
  htmlwidgets::saveWidget(m, file = paste0(getwd(), "/myMap.html"))

## End(Not run)
```

counties

*USA Counties*

## Description

Dataset containing SpatialPolygons of USA Counties. Data is initialized from the USABoundaries and USABoundariesData package, converted to SpatialPolygons, reprojected and cleaned-up for this package. The primary reason for doing this to provide a more minimalistic dataset primed for this package and leaflet use.

## Usage

```
counties
```

## Format

a SpatialPolygonsDataFrame, 3220 observations of 7 variables

- 'statefp': A character State 2-digit Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code
- 'countyfp': A character County 3-digit Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code
- 'affgeoid': A character AFF Summary Level Code
- 'geoid': A character Concatinates state and county FIP code
- 'name': A character County name
- 'state\_name': A character State name
- 'state\_abbr': A character State Abbreviation

## Source

[USABoundaries](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
  AOI::counties

## End(Not run)
```

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`describe`*Describe an AOI*

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## Description

Describes a spatial, raster or sf object in terms of a reproducible clip area.

## Usage

```
describe(AOI)
```

## Arguments

**AOI** any spatial object (raster, sf, sp). Can be piped (%>%) from [getAOI](#)

## Value

a data.frame of AOI descriptors including:

**latCent** the AOI center latitude

**lngCent** the AOI center longitude

**height** height in (miles)

**width** width in(miles)

**origin** AOI origin

**name** Most descriptive place name from [revgeocode](#)

## Author(s)

Mike Johnson

## Examples

```
## Not run:
AOI = getAOI(clip = list("UCSB", 10, 10)) %>% describe()

```
latCent : 34.4139629
lngCent : -119.848947
height  : 10 miles
width   : 10 miles
origin  : center
name    : 93106, Santa Barbara, California
```

## End(Not run)
```

geocode

*Geocoding***Description**

A wrapper around the Google and OpenStreetMap geocoding web-services. Users can request a lat/long pair, spatial points, and/or a bounding box geometry.

One or more locations can be given at a time. If a single point is requested, 'geocode' will provide a matrix of lat lon vals; a spatial point and the geocode derived bounding box (if requested). If multiple points are given the returned objects will be a matrix with columns for input name-lat-lon; a SpatialPoints object; and a minimum bounding box of input locations.

**Usage**

```
geocode(location = NULL, pt = FALSE, bb = FALSE, sf = FALSE,
        server = "google")
```

**Arguments**

location	character. Place name(s)
pt	logical. If TRUE points geometry is appended to the returned list()
bb	logical. If TRUE bounding box geometry is appended to the returned list()
sf	logical. If TRUE object(s) returned are of class sf, default is FALSE and returns sp
server	character. What server should be prioritized. Options include 'google' or 'osm' (default = 'google')

**Value**

at minimum a matrix of lat/long coordinates. Possible list with appended spatial features of type sf or sp

**Author(s)**

Mike Johnson

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## geocode a single location
geocode("UCSB")
## geocode a single location and return a SpatialPoints object
geocode("UCSB", pt = TRUE)
## geocode a single location and derived bounding box of location
geocode("UCSB", bb = TRUE)
## geocode multiple locations
geocode(c("UCSB", "Goleta", "Sterns Warf"))
## geocode multiple points and generate a minimum bounding box of all locations
geocode(c("UCSB", "Goleta", "Sterns Warf"), bb = T, pt= T)

## End(Not run)
```



getAOI

*Get Area of Interest (AOI) geometry***Description**

Generate a spatial geometry from:

1. US state name(s)
2. US state, county pair(s)
3. a user spatial, sf or raster object
4. a clip unit (see details)

**Usage**

```
getAOI(clip = NULL, state = NULL, county = NULL, sf = FALSE,
       km = FALSE, bb = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

clip	A spatial, raster, sf or a list object (see details for list parameters)
state	character. Full name or two character abbreviation. Not case sensitive
county	character. County name(s). Requires state input. Not case sensitive. If 'all' then all counties in a state are returned
sf	logical. If TRUE object returned is of class sf, default is FALSE and returns SpatialPolygons
km	logical. If TRUE distances are in kilometers, default is FALSE with distances in miles
bb	logical. Only applicable for state and county calls. If TRUE the bounding geometry of state/county is returned, default is FALSE and returns flat geometries

**Details**

A clip unit can be described by just a location (eg 'UCSB'). In doing so the associated boundaries determined by [geocode](#) will be returned. To have greater control over the clip unit it can be defined as a list with a minimum of 3 inputs:

1. A point:
  - 'location name' (character) ex: "UCSB"
  - 'lat/lon' pair: ex: "c(-36, -120)"
2. A bounding box height (numeric)
  - in miles ex: 10
3. A bounding box width (numeric)
  - in miles ex: 10

The bounding box is always drawn in relation to the location. By default the point is treated as the center of the box. To define the relative location of the point to the bounding box, a fourth input can be used:

### 1. Origin

- 'center' (default)
- 'upperleft'
- 'upperright'
- 'lowerleft'
- 'lowerright'

In total, 1 to 5 elements can be used to define clip element and **ORDER MATTERS** (point, height, width, origin). Acceptable variations include:

- 1 member: (1) location name
  - "UCSB"
- 3 members: (1) location name, (2) height, (3) width
  - `list("UCSB", 10, 10)`
- 4 members: (1) latitude, (2) longitude, (3) height, (4) width
  - `list(36, -120, 10, 10)`
- 4 members: (1) location name, (2) height, (3) width, (4) origin
  - `list("UCSB", 10, 10, "lowerright")`
- 5 members: (1) lat, (2) long, (3) height, (4) width, (5) origin
  - `list(36, -120, 10, 10, "upperright")`

### Value

a geometry projected to *EPSG:4269*.

### Author(s)

Mike Johnson

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Get AOI for a location
getAOI("Sacramento")

# Get AOI defined by a state(s)
getAOI(state = 'CA')
getAOI(state = c('CA', 'nevada'))

# Get AOI defined by state & county pair(s)
getAOI(state = 'California', county = 'Santa Barbara')
getAOI(state = 'CA', county = c('Santa Barbara', 'ventura'))

# Get AOI defined by state & county pair(s)
getAOI(state = 'California', county = 'Santa Barbara')
getAOI(state = 'CA', county = c('Santa Barbara', 'ventura'))

# Get AOI defined by external spatial file:
getAOI(clip = sf::read_sf('la_metro.shp'))
getAOI(clip = raster('AOI.tif'))

# Get AOI defined by 10 mile bounding box using lat/lon
```

```

getAOI(clip = c(35, -119, 10, 10))

# Get AOI defined by 10 mile2 bounding box using the 'KMART near UCSB' as lower left corner
getAOI(clip = list('KMART near UCSB', 10, 10, 'lowerleft'))

## End(Not run)

```

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getBoundingBox

*Get minimum bounding box of spatial features*


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### Description

Returns a minimum bounding box for a spatial, raster or sf object(s)

### Usage

```
getBoundingBox(x, sf = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

x	a data.frame with a lat and long column, a raster, sf, or spatial object
sf	logical. If TRUE object returned is of class sf, default is FALSE and returns SpatialPolygons Default is FALSE and returns class SpatialPolygon

### Author(s)

Mike Johnson

### Examples

```

## Not run:
## Find the 10 closest Airports to UCSB
ap = geocode("UCSB") %>% HydroData::findNearestAirports(n =10)
AOI = ap$ap %>% getBoundingBox()

## Get bounding box of raster object
AOI = getBoundingBox(r)

## End(Not run)

```

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revgeocode

*Reverse Geocoding*


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### Description

Describe a location using the ERSI and OSM reverse geocoding web-services. This service provides traditional reverse geocoding (lat/long to placename) but can also be use to get more information about a place name.

### Usage

```
revgeocode(point)
```

**Arguments**

point                    a point provided by numeric lat,long pair or character place name

**Value**

a data.frame of descriptive features

**Author(s)**

Mike Johnson

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
revgeocode(c(38,-115))

```
county      : Lincoln Count
state       : Nevada
country     : United States of America
place_id    : 198776170
osm_type    : relation
osm_id      : 166463
lat         : 37.5449476
lon         : -114.8764448
bb          : -115.897545,-114.048473,36.8420756,38.678486
match_addr  : 89017, Hiko, Nevada
longlabel   : 89017, Hiko, NV, USA
shortlabel  : 89017
addr_type   : Postal
city        : Hiko
countrycode : USA
```

revgeocode("UCSB")

```
university  : UCSB
pedestrian  : Library Plaza
county      : Santa Barbara County
state       : California
postcode    : 93106
country     : United States of America
place_id    : 187839690
osm_type    : way
osm_id      : 542863702
lat         : 34.4145937
lon         : -119.84581949869
bb          : -119.8851155,-119.8360437,34.4047282,34.4243918
match_addr  : 93106, Santa Barbara, California
longlabel   : 93106, Santa Barbara, CA, USA
addr_type   : Postal
city        : Santa Barbara
countrycode : USA
```
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

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states	<i>USA States</i>
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## Description

Dataset containing SpatialPolygons of USA States. Data is initialized from the USAboundaries and USAboundariesData package, converted to SpatialPolygons, re-projected and cleaned-up for this package. The primary reason for doing this is to provide a more minimalistic dataset primed for this package and leaflet use.

## Usage

```
states
```

## Format

a SpatialPolygonsDataFrame, 52 observations of 5 variables

- 'statefp': A character State 2-digit Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code
- 'statens': A character American National Standards Institute (ANSI) code
- 'affgeoid': A character AFF Summary Level Code
- 'state\_name': A character State Name
- 'state\_abbr': A character State Abbreviation

## Source

[USAboundaries](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
AOI::states  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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