

# Package ‘link2GI’

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add2Path	<i>Adds a defined variable and value to the global search path</i>
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### Description

Adds a variable to the global search path of the current environment

### Usage

```
add2Path(newPath)
```

### Arguments

newPath	the path that is added
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### Author(s)

Chris Reudenbach

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# add path
addPath("pathtosomewhere")

## End(Not run)
```

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checkPCDomain	<i>Checks if running on a specified computer domain</i>
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**Description**

Checks if the computer belongs to the Marburg Universitys computer pools

**Usage**

```
checkPCDomain(cliCode = NULL, prefixPC = "PCRZP")
```

**Arguments**

cliCode	code of the software currently saga and otb are supported
prefixPC	contains the an arbitrary part of the computer name. It always starts with the first letter.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# add path
checkPCDomain("saga",prefixPC="PCRZP")

## End(Not run)
```

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getGrassParams4W	<i>Initialize and set up 'GRASS GIS' and rgrass7 for the usage on 'Windows' OS</i>
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**Description**

Initialize the enviroment variables on a 'Windows' OS for using 'GRASS GIS' via [rgrass7](#)

**Usage**

```
getGrassParams4W(setDefaultGrass = NULL, DL = "C:", verSelect = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

setDefaultGrass	default = NULL forces a full search for 'GRASS GIS' binaries. You may alternatively provide a vector containing pathes and keywords. c("C:/OSGeo4W64", "grass-7.0.5", "osgeo4W") is valid for a typical osgeo4w installation.
DL	raster or sp object
verSelect	if TRUE you must interactively selcect between alternative installations

**Details**

The concept is very straightforward but for an all days usage pretty helpful. You need to provide a [raster](#) or a [sp](#) object. The derived properties are used to initialize a temporary but static [rgrass7](#) environment. During the rsession you will have full access to GRASS7 both via the wrapper package as well as the command line.

**Value**

getGrassParams4W initializes the usage of GRASS7.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# automatic retrieval of valid 'GRASS GIS' environment settings
# if more than one is found the user has to choose.
getGrassParams4W()

# typical standalone installation
getGrassParams4W(c("C:/Program Files/GRASS GIS 7.0.5", "GRASS GIS 7.0.5", "NSIS"))

# typical OSGeo4W64 installation
getGrassParams4W(c("C:/OSGeo4W64", "grass-7.0.5", "osgeo4W"))

## End(Not run)
```

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getGrassParams4X	<i>Initialize and set up 'GRASS GIS' and rgrass7 for the usage on 'Linux' OS</i>
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**Description**

Initialize and set up [rgrass7](#) for 'Linux'

**Usage**

```
getGrassParams4X(setDefaultGrass = NULL, MP = "/usr", verSelect = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

setDefaultGrass	default = NULL will force a search for 'GRASS GIS' You may provide a valid combination as c("C:/OSGeo4W64", "grass-7.0.5", "osgeo4w")
MP	mount point to be searched. default is "usr"
verSelect	if TRUE you must interactively select between alternative installations

**Details**

During the session you will have full access to GRASS7 GIS via the [rgrass7](#) wrapper. Additionally you may use also use the API calls of GRASS7 via the command line.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# automatic retrieval of the GRASS7 environment settings
getGrassParams4X()

# typical standalone installation
getGrassParams4X("/usr/bin/grass72")

# typical user defined installation (compiled sources)
getGrassParams4X("/usr/local/bin/grass72")

## End(Not run)
```

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getSpatialClass	<i>Checks if x is a raster or sp object</i>
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**Description**

Checks if x is a raster or sp object

**Usage**

```
getSpatialClass(obj)
```

**Arguments**

obj	R raster* or sp object
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**Author(s)**

Chris Reudenbach

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# add path
getSpatialClass(x)

## End(Not run)
```

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initProj	<i>Defines and creates folders and variables</i>
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**Description**

Defines and creates (if necessary) all folders variables set the SAGA path variables and other system variables exports all variables to the global environment

**Usage**

```
initProj(projRootDir = getwd(), projFolders = c("data/", "result/", "run/",
"log/"))
```

**Arguments**

projRootDir	project github root directory (your github name)
projFolders	list of subfolders in project

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link2GI	<i>Linking the GI-World</i>
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**Description**

A simple wrapper for linking GI/RS functionality to R

**Details**

Functions for linking GI/RS functionality to R

**Note**

It is important to keep in mind that all binaries need to be installed correctly on your system. the link2GI package just tries to generate correct settings, system variables and so on for most of the known issues. It is tested for 'Windows 7' and 'Windows 10' as well as for the most popular 'Linux' distributions. The 'OSX' operation system should run but is not tested.

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linkgdalUtils                      *Search and export the settings of gdalUtils and 'GDAL' binaries.*

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### Description

Check and export the `gdalUtils` and `'GDAL'` settings. You need to have installed the `'GDAL'` binaries.

### Usage

```
linkgdalUtils()
```

### Value

A list of the complete capabilities of the current installed GDAL version

### Author(s)

CR

### Examples

```
## Not run:

# get all available driver
gdal<- linkgdalUtils()

gdal[[1]]$drivers$format_code

# GET BINARY PATH
gdal[[1]]$path

# get additional and available python tools
gdal[[1]]$python_utilities

## End(Not run)
```

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linkGRASS7                      *Initializes environment variables and pathes for GRASS7*

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### Description

Initializes the environment and the pathes for `'GRASS GIS 7.x'` The correct linkage to `'GRASS GIS'` is performed by using an existing and valid `raster` or `sp` object.

## Usage

```
linkGRASS7(x = NULL, defaultGrass = NULL, searchPath = NULL,  
           verSelect = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

x	raster or sp object
defaultGrass	if NULL an automatic search will be performed. You may also provide a valid combination as c("C:/OSGeo4W64","grass-7.0.5","osgeo4w")
searchPath	path or mounting point that will be searched
verSelect	boolean if TRUE you may choose interactively the binary version (if found more than one), by default FALSE

## Details

The concept is very straightforward but for an all days usage pretty helpful. You need to provide a [raster](#) or [sp](#) spatial object which has to be correctly georeferenced. The resulting params will be used to initialize a temporary but static [rgrass7](#) environment.

If you want speed up the init process (mainly the search over your hard disk) you can provide a correct parameter set. Best way to do so is to call search

## Value

linkGRASS7 initializes the usage of GRASS7.

## Note

'GRASS GIS 7' is excellently supported by the [rgrass7](#) wrapper package. Nevertheless 'GRASS GIS' is well known for its high demands regarding the correct workspace and environment setup. This becomes even worse on 'Windows' platforms or if alternative 'GRASS GIS' installations are available. While the setup function `initGRASS` that is provided by the [rgrass7](#) package, works fine under Linux and for known paths and environmental variables, one will find that the integration of a 'Windows' based 'GRASS GIS' especially if provided by 'OSGeo4W' <http://trac.osgeo.org/osgeo4w/> and/or the parallel installations of different software versions will be cumbersome. The function `linkGRASS7` tries to find all valid 'GRASS GIS' binaries by analyzing the startup files of 'GRASS GIS'. After identifying 'GRASS GIS' binaries all necessary system variables and settings will be performed.

If you have more than one valid installation you will be ask to select one.

## Author(s)

Chris Reudenbach



**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# get meuse data
library(sp)
data(meuse)
coordinates(meuse) <- ~x+y
proj4string(meuse) <-CRS("+init=epsg:28992")

# automatic search and find of GRASS binaries if
# more than one you have to choose.
linkGRASS7(meuse)

# call if you do not have any idea if and where GRASS is installed
# Actually this linking procedure is highly recommended
linkGRASS7(meuse)

# assuming a typical standalone non-OSGeo4W installation
# You must provide at
linkGRASS7(meuse,c("C:/Program Files/GRASS GIS7.0.5","GRASS GIS 7.0.5","NSIS"))

# assuming a typical OSGeo4W installation
linkGRASS7(meuse,c("C:/OSGeo4W64","grass-7.0.5","osgeo4W"))

# string for Linux c("/usr/bin","grass72") '

## End(Not run)
```

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linkOTB

*Locate and set up 'Orfeo ToolBox' API bindings*


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**Description**

Locate and set up **'Orfeo ToolBox'** API bindings

**Usage**

```
linkOTB(binPathOtb = NULL, rootPathOtb = NULL, otbType = NULL,
        DL = "C:", verSelect = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

binPathOtb	string contains path to where the otb binaries are located
rootPathOtb	string provides the root folder of the binPathOtb
otbType	string
DL	string hard drive letter default is C:
verSelect	boolean default is FALSE. If there is more than one 'OTB' installation and verSelect = TRUE the user can select interactively the preferred 'OTB' version

**Details**

It looks for the `otb_cli.bat` file. If the file is found in a `bin` folder it is assumed to be a valid 'OTB' binary installation.

if called without any parameter `linkOTB()` it performs a full search over the harddrive `C:`. If it finds one or more 'OTB' binaries it will take the first hit. You have to set `verSelect = TRUE` for an interactive selection of the preferred version.

**Value**

add `otb` pathes to the enviroment and creates global variables `otbPath`

**Note**

You may also set the path manually. Using a 'OSGeo4W64' <http://trac.osgeo.org/osgeo4w/> installation it is typically `C:/OSGeo4W64/bin/`

**Author(s)**

Chris Reudenbach

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# call if you do not have any idea if and where OTB is installed
linkOTB()

# call it for a default OSGeo4W installation of the OTB
linkOTB("C:/OSGeo4W64/bin/")

# call it for a default Linux installation of the OTB
linkOTB("/usr/bin/")

## End(Not run)
```

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linkSAGA

*Locate and bind valid SAGA installation(s)*

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**Description**

Locate and bind valid **SAGA GIS** installation(s). It returns the pathes and correct environment settings. All valid means that it looks for the `saga_cmd` or `saga_cmd.exe` executables. If the file is found it is assumed to be a valid 'SAGA GIS' installation.

**Usage**

```
linkSAGA(defaultSAGA = NULL, DL = "C:", MP = "/usr", verSelect = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

defaultSAGA	string contains path to SAGA binaries
DL	drive letter
MP	mount point
verSelect	boolean default is FALSE. If there is more than one 'SAGA GIS' installation and verSelect = TRUE the user can select interactively the preferred 'SAGA GIS' version

**Details**

If called without any parameter linkSAGA() it performs a full search over C:. If it finds one or more 'SAGA GIS' binaries it will take the first hit. You have to set verSelect = TRUE for an interactive selection of the preferred version. Additionally the selected SAGA pathes are added to the environment and the global variables sagaPath, sagaModPath and sagaCmd will be created.

**Note**

The excellent 'SAGA GIS' wrapper **RSAGA** is NOT used because the the developemt of 'SAGA GIS' breaks permanently the API call syntax. This fact makes it highly impracticable to keep with the wrapper adaptions in line. RSAGA will meet perfectly your needs if you use 'SAGA GIS' versions from 2.0.4 - 2.2.3.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# call if you do not have any idea if and where SAGA GIS is installed
linkSAGA()

# typical OSGeo4W64 installation
linkSAGA(c("C:/OSGeo4W64/apps/saga", "C:/OSGeo4W64/apps/saga/modules"))

## End(Not run)
```

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makGlobalVar

*Generates a variable with a certain value in the R environment*


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**Description**

Generates a variable with a certain value in the R environment

**Usage**

```
makGlobalVar(name, value)
```

**Arguments**

name                    character string name of the variable  
 value                    character string value of the variable

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# creates the global var \code{pathToData} with the value \code{~/home/data}
makGlobalVar("pathToData", "~/home/data")

## End(Not run)
```

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searchGRASSW	<i>Search recursively valid 'GRASS GIS' installation(s) on a given 'Windows' drive</i>
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**Description**

Provides an list of valid 'GRASS GIS' installation(s) on your 'Windows' system. There is a major difference between osgeo4W and standalone installations. The functions trys to find all valid installations by analysing the calling batch scripts.

**Usage**

```
searchGRASSW(DL = "C:")
```

**Arguments**

DL                    drive letter to be searched, default is "C:"

**Value**

A dataframe with the 'GRASS GIS' root folder(s), version name(s) and installation type code(s)

**Author(s)**

Chris Reudenbach

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# get all valid 'GRASS GIS' installation folders and params at "C:"
searchGRASSW()

## End(Not run)
```

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searchGRASSX	<i>Search recursively valid 'GRASS GIS' installation(s) at a given 'Linux' mount point</i>
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**Description**

Search for valid 'GRASS GIS' installations at a given 'Linux' mount point

**Usage**

```
searchGRASSX(MP = "/usr")
```

**Arguments**

MP	default is /usr
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**Value**

A dataframe containing 'GRASS GIS' binary folder(s), version name(s) and installation type code(s)

**Author(s)**

Chris Reudenbach

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# get all valid 'GRASS GIS' installation folders in the /usr directory (typical location)
searchGRASSX("~/usr")

# get all valid 'GRASS GIS' installation folders in the home directory
searchGRASSX("~/")

## End(Not run)
```

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searchOTBW	<i>Search recursively for valid 'OTB' installation(s) on a 'Windows' OS</i>
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**Description**

Search for valid 'OTB' installations on a 'Windows' OS

**Usage**

```
searchOTBW(DL = "C:")
```

**Arguments**

DL                    drive letter default is "C:"

**Value**

A dataframe with the 'OTB' root folder(s) the version name(s) and the installation type(s).

**Author(s)**

Chris Reudenbach

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
#### Examples how to use RSAGA and OTB bindings from R

# get all valid OTB installation folders and params
searchOTBW()

## End(Not run)
```

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searchSAGAW

*Search recursively for valid 'Windows' 'SAGA GIS' installation(s)*

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**Description**

Search for valid 'SAGA GIS' installation(s) on a given 'Windows' drive

**Usage**

```
searchSAGAW(DL = "C:", verSelect = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

DL                    drive letter default is "C:"

verSelect            boolean default is FALSE. If there is more than one 'SAGA GIS' installation and verSelect = TRUE the user can select interactively the preferred 'SAGA GIS' version

**Value**

A dataframe containing the 'SAGA GIS' root folder(s), the version name(s) and the installation type(s)

**Author(s)**

Chris Reudenbach

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
#### Examples how to use searchSAGAW

# get all valid SAGA installation folders and params
sagaParams<- searchSAGAW()

## End(Not run)
```

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setGrassEnv4W	<i>Initializes and set up access to 'GRASS GIS 7.xx' via the <a href="#">rgrass7</a> wrapper or command line packages</i>
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**Description**

Initializes and set up access to 'GRASS GIS 7.xx' via the [rgrass7](#) wrapper or command line packages

**Usage**

```
setGrassEnv4W(grassRoot = "C:\\OSGEO4~1", grassVersion = "grass-7.0.5",
  installationType = "osgeo4W", jpgmem = 1e+06)
```

**Arguments**

grassRoot	grass root directory i.e. "C:\\OSGEO4~1",
grassVersion	grass version name i.e. "grass-7.0.5"
installationType	two options "osgeo4w" as installed by the 'OSGeo4W'-installer and "NSIS" that is typical for a standalone installation of 'GRASS GIS'.
jpgmem	jpeg2000 memory allocation size. Default is 1000000

**Value**

Set all necessary environment variables and additionally returns the GISBASE directory as string.

**Author(s)**

Chris Reudenbach

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# get all valid 'GRASS GIS' installation folders and params
grassParam<- setGrassEnv4W()

## End(Not run)
```

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`setOTBEnv`*Initializes and set up access to the 'OTB' command line interface*

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**Description**

Initializes and set up access to the 'OTB' command line interface

**Usage**

```
setOTBEnv(binPathOtb = NULL, rootPathOtb = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

`binPathOtb`      string contains the path to the 'OTB' binaries

`rootPathOtb`     string contains the full string to the root folder containing the 'OTB' installation'

**Value**

Adds 'OTB' paths to the enviroment and creates the variable global string variable `otbCmd`, that contains the path to the 'OTB' binaries.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
## example for the most common default OSGeo4W64 installation of OTB  
setOTBEnv(binPathOtb="C:\\OSGeo4W64\\bin\\",rootPathOtb="C:\\OSGeo4W64")  
  
## End(Not run)
```



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