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spgrass6-package *Interface between GRASS geographical information system and R*

Description

Interpreted interface between GRASS geographical information system, versions 6 and 7, and R, based on starting R from within the GRASS environment, or on running R stand-alone and creating a throw-away GRASS environment from within R. The interface uses classes defined in the sp package to hold spatial data.

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Further information may be found in the document doc/spgrass_0.3.pdf in the directory returned by `system.file("", package="spgrass6")`.

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Examples

```
if (nchar(Sys.getenv("GISRC")) > 0) {
  require(rgdal)
  soilsph <- readRAST("soils.ph", ignore.stderr=TRUE, plugin=FALSE)
  summary(soilsph)
  grd <- gmeta2grd(ignore.stderr=TRUE)
  grd
  set.seed(1)
}
```

```

pts <- spsample(soilsph, 200, "random")
smple <- SpatialPointsDataFrame(pts, data=over(pts, soilsph))
summary(smple)
writeVECT(smple, "sp_dem", v.in.ogr_flags="overwrite", ignore.stderr=TRUE)
bugsDF <- readVECT("bugsites", ignore.stderr=TRUE, mapset="PERMANENT")
summary(bugsDF)
vInfo("streams", ignore.stderr=TRUE)
vColumns("streams", ignore.stderr=TRUE)
vDataCount("streams", ignore.stderr=TRUE)
streams <- readVECT("streams", type="line,boundary",
  remove.duplicates=FALSE, ignore.stderr=TRUE, plugin=FALSE)
summary(streams)
}

```

execGRASS

Run GRASS commands

Description

The functions provide an interface to GRASS commands run through system, based on the values returned by the `--interface description` flag using XML parsing. If required parameters are omitted, and have declared defaults, the defaults will be used.

Usage

```

execGRASS(cmd, flags = NULL, ..., parameters = NULL, intern = NULL,
  ignore.stderr = NULL, Sys_ignore.stdout=FALSE, Sys_wait=TRUE,
  Sys_input=NULL, Sys_show.output.on.console=TRUE, Sys_minimized=FALSE,
  Sys_invisible=TRUE, echoCmd=NULL, redirect=FALSE, legacyExec=NULL)
doGRASS(cmd, flags = NULL, ..., parameters = NULL, echoCmd=NULL,
  legacyExec=NULL)
parseGRASS(cmd, legacyExec=NULL)
## S3 method for class 'GRASS_interface_desc'
print(x, ...)
getXMLencoding()
setXMLencoding(enc)

```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>cmd</code> | GRASS command name |
| <code>flags</code> | character vector of GRASS command flags |
| <code>...</code> | for <code>execGRASS</code> and <code>doGRASS</code> , GRASS module parameters given as R named arguments directly. For the <code>print</code> method, other arguments to <code>print</code> method. The storage modes of values passed must match those required in GRASS, so a single GRASS string must be a character vector of length 1, a single GRASS integer must be an integer vector of length 1 (may be an integer constant such as 10L), and a single GRASS float must be a numeric vector of length 1. For multiple values, use vectors of suitable length |

| | |
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| parameters | list of GRASS command parameters, used if GRASS parameters are not given as R arguments directly; the two methods for passing GRASS parameters may not be mixed. The storage modes of values passed must match those required in GRASS, so a single GRASS string must be a character vector of length 1, a single GRASS integer must be an integer vector of length 1 (may be an integer constant such as 10L), and a single GRASS float must be a numeric vector of length 1. For multiple values, use vectors of suitable length |
| intern | default NULL, in which case set internally from <code>get.useInternOption</code> ; a logical (not 'NA') which indicates whether to make the output of the command an R object. Not available unless 'popen' is supported on the platform |
| ignore.stderr | default NULL, taking the value set by <code>set.ignore.stderrOption</code> , a logical indicating whether error messages written to 'stderr' should be ignored |
| Sys_ignore.stdout, Sys_wait, Sys_input | pass extra arguments to system |
| Sys_show.output.on.console, Sys_minimized, Sys_invisible | pass extra arguments to system on Windows systems only |
| echoCmd | default NULL, taking the logical value set by <code>set.echoCmdOption</code> , print GRASS command to be executed to console |
| redirect | default FALSE, if TRUE, add "2>&1" to the command string and set <code>intern</code> to TRUE; only used in legacy mode |
| legacyExec | default NULL, taking the logical value set by <code>set.legacyExecOption</code> which is initialised to FALSE on "unix" platforms and TRUE otherwise. If TRUE, use <code>system</code> , if FALSE use <code>system2</code> and divert stderr to temporary file to record error messages and warnings from GRASS modules |
| x | object to be printed |
| enc | character string to replace UTF-8 in header of XML data generated by GRASS module <code>-interface-description</code> output when the internationalised messages are not in UTF-8 (known to apply to French, which is in latin1) |

Details

`parseGRASS` checks to see whether the GRASS command has been parsed already and cached in this session; if not, it reads the interface description, parses it and caches it for future use. `doGRASS` assembles a proposed GRASS command with flags and parameters as a string, wrapping `parseGRASS`, and `execGRASS` is a wrapper for `doGRASS`, running the command through `system` (from 0.7-4, the `...` argument is not used for passing extra arguments for `system`). The command string is termed `proposed`, because not all of the particular needs of commands are provided by the interface description, and no check is made for the existence of input objects. Support for multiple parameter values added with help from Patrick Caldon. Support for defaults and for direct use of GRASS parameters instead of a parameter list suggested by Rainer Krug.

Value

`parseGRASS` returns a `GRASS_interface_desc` object, `doGRASS` returns a character string with a proposed GRASS command - the expanded command name is returned as an attribute, and `execGRASS` returns what `system` or `system2` return, particularly depending on the `intern` argument when the character strings output by GRASS modules are returned. If `intern` is FALSE,

system returns the module exit code, while system2 returns the module exit code with “resOut” and “resErr” attributes.

Note

If any package command fails with a UTF-8 error from the XML package, try using setXMLencoding to work around the problem that GRASS modules declare –interface-description output as UTF-8 without ensuring that it is (French is of 6.4.0 RC5 latin1).

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See Also

[system](#)

Examples

```
if (nchar(Sys.getenv("GISRC")) > 0) {
  oechoCmd <- get.echoCmdOption()
  set.echoCmdOption(TRUE)
  print(parseGRASS("r.slope.aspect"))
  doGRASS("r.slope.aspect", flags=c("overwrite"),
    elevation="elevation.dem", slope="slope", aspect="aspect")
  pars <- list(elevation="elevation.dem", slope="slope", aspect="aspect")
  doGRASS("r.slope.aspect", flags=c("overwrite"), parameters=pars)
  print(parseGRASS("r.buffer"))
  doGRASS("r.buffer", flags=c("overwrite"), input="bugsites", output="bmap",
    distances=seq(1000,15000,1000))
  pars <- list(input="bugsites", output="bmap", distances=seq(1000,15000,1000))
  doGRASS("r.buffer", flags=c("overwrite"), parameters=pars)
  set.echoCmdOption(oechoCmd)
  try(res <- execGRASS("r.stats", input = "fire_blocksgg", # no such file
    flags = c("C", "n"), silent=FALSE)
  res <- execGRASS("r.stats", input = "fire_blocksgg", flags = c("C", "n"),
    legacyExec=TRUE)
  print(res)
  if (res != 0) {
    resERR <- execGRASS("r.stats", input = "fire_blocksgg",
      flags = c("C", "n"), redirect=TRUE, legacyExec=TRUE)
    print(resERR)
  }
}
```

gmeta6

Reads GRASS metadata from the current LOCATION

Description

GRASS LOCATION metadata are read into a list in R; helper function getLocationProj returns an sproj-compliant PROJ.4 string of projection information. The helper function gmeta2grd creates a GridTopology object from the current GRASS mapset region definitions. The function gmeta and gmeta6 are identical and gmeta6 is maintained only for backward compatibility and might be deprecated.

Usage

```

gmeta(ignore.stderr = FALSE)
getLocationProj(ignore.stderr = FALSE)
gmeta2grd(ignore.stderr = FALSE)
## S3 method for class 'gmeta'
print(x, ...)
get.ignore.stderrOption()
get.stop_on_no_flags_parasOption()
get.useGDALOption()
get.pluginOption()
get.echoCmdOption()
get.useInternOption()
get.legacyExecOption()
get.defaultFlagsOption()
get.suppressEchoCmdInFuncOption()
set.ignore.stderrOption(value)
set.stop_on_no_flags_parasOption(value)
set.useGDALOption(value)
set.pluginOption(value)
set.echoCmdOption(value)
set.useInternOption(value)
set.legacyExecOption(value)
set.defaultFlagsOption(value)
set.suppressEchoCmdInFuncOption(value)

```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------|--|
| ignore.stderr | default FALSE, can be set to TRUE to silence system() output to standard error; does not apply on Windows platforms |
| x | S3 object returned by gmeta |
| ... | arguments passed through print method |
| value | logical value for setting options on ignore.stderr set by default on package load to FALSE, stop_on_no_flags_paras set by default on package load to |

TRUE, useGDAL set by default on package load to TRUE, plugin set by default on package load to NULL, echoCmd set by default on package load to FALSE. useIntern sets the intern argument globally; legacyExec sets the legacyExec option globally, but is initialized to FALSE on unix systems (all but Windows) and TRUE on Windows; defaultFlags is initialized to NULL, but may be a character vector with values from c("quiet", "verbose") suppressEchoCmdInFunc default TRUE suppresses the effect of echoCmd within package functions, may be set FALSE for debugging.

Value

Returns list of g.gisenv, g.region -g3, and g.proj values

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Examples

```
if (nchar(Sys.getenv("GISRC")) > 0) {
  G <- gmeta()
  print(G)
  CRS(getLocationProj())
  grd <- gmeta2grd()
  print(grd)
  ncells <- prod(slot(grd, "cells.dim"))
  df <- data.frame(k=rep(1, ncells))
  mask_SG <- SpatialGridDataFrame(grd, data=df)
  print(summary(mask_SG))
}
```

initGRASS

Initiate GRASS session

Description

Run GRASS interface in an R session not started within GRASS. In general, most users will use `initGRASS` in throwaway locations, to use GRASS modules on R objects without the need to define and populate a location. The function initializes environment variables used by GRASS, the `.gisrc` used by GRASS for further environment variables, and a temporary location.

The locking functions are used internally, but are exposed for experienced R/GRASS scripters needing to use the GRASS module “g.mapset” through `initGRASS` in an existing GRASS location. In particular, “g.mapset” may leave a `.gislock` file in the current MAPSET, so it may be important to call `unlink_.gislock` to clean up before quitting the R session.

Usage

```

initGRASS(gisBase, home, SG, gisDbase, location, mapset, override = FALSE,
  use_g.dirseps.exe = TRUE, pid)
get.GIS_LOCK()
set.GIS_LOCK(pid)
unset.GIS_LOCK()
unlink_.gislock()

```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| gisBase | The directory path to GRASS binaries and libraries |
| home | The directory in which to create the .gisrc file; defaults to \$HOME on Unix systems and to USERPROFILE on Windows systems; can usually be set to tempdir() |
| SG | An optional SpatialGrid object to define the DEFAULT_WIND of the temporary location |
| gisDbase | if missing, tempdir() will be used; GRASS GISDBASE directory for the working session |
| location | if missing, basename(tempfile()) will be used; GRASS location directory for the working session |
| mapset | if missing, basename(tempfile()) will be used; GRASS mapset directory for the working session |
| override | default FALSE, set to TRUE if accidental trashing of GRASS .gisrc files and locations is not a problem |
| use_g.dirseps.exe | default TRUE; when TRUE appears to work for WinGRASS Native binaries, when FALSE for QGIS GRASS binaries; ignored on other platforms. |
| pid | default as.integer(round(runif(1, 1, 1000))), integer used to identify GIS_LOCK; the value here is arbitrary, but probably should be set correctly |

Details

The function establishes an out-of-GRASS working environment providing GRASS commands with the environment variable support required, and may also provide a temporary location for use until the end of the running R session if the home argument is set to tempdir(), and the gisDbase argument is not given. Running gmeta shows where the location is, should it be desired to archive it before leaving R.

Value

The function runs gmeta before returning the current values of the running GRASS session that it provides.

Note

If any package command fails with a UTF-8 error from the XML package, try using setXMLencoding to work around the problem that GRASS modules declare -interface-description output as UTF-8 without ensuring that it is (French is of 6.4.0 RC5 latin1).

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See Also

[gmeta](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
initGRASS("/usr/bin/grass-6.4.4", home=tempdir())
initGRASS("C:/GRASS", home=tempdir())

## End(Not run)
```

readRAST

Read and write GRASS 6+ raster files

Description

Read GRASS 6+ raster files from GRASS 6+ into R SpatialGridDataFrame objects, and write single columns of R SpatialGridDataFrame objects to GRASS 6+. readRAST and writeRAST use temporary binary files and r.out.bin and r.in.bin rather than the temporary ASCII files used in earlier implementations. The earlier versions may still be used in a transition period. The functions readRAST and readRAST6 as well as writeRAST and writeRAST6 are identical and the functions ending with ...6 are maintained only for backward compatibility and might be deprecated.

Usage

```
readRAST(vname, cat=NULL, ignore.stderr = NULL, NODATA=NULL, plugin=NULL,
mapset=NULL, useGDAL=NULL, close_OK=TRUE, drivename="GTiff",
driverFileExt=NULL, return_SGDF=TRUE)
writeRAST(x, vname, zcol = 1, NODATA=NULL, ignore.stderr = NULL,
useGDAL=NULL, overwrite=FALSE, flags=NULL, drivename="GTiff")
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------|--|
| vname | A vector of GRASS 6.0 raster file names |
| cat | default NULL; if not NULL, must be a logical vector matching vname, stating which (CELL) rasters to return as factor |
| ignore.stderr | default NULL, taking the value set by set.ignore.stderrOption, can be set to TRUE to silence system() output to standard error; does not apply on Windows platforms |
| plugin | default NULL does auto-detection, changes to FALSE if vname is longer than 1, and a sanity check will be run on raster and current region, and the function will revert to FALSE if mismatch is found; if TRUE, the plugin is available and the raster should be read in its original region and resolution; if the plugin is used, no further arguments other than mapset are respected |

| | |
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| mapset | default NULL, if plugin is TRUE, the mapset of the file to be imported will be autodetected; if not NULL and if plugin is TRUE, a character string overriding the autodetected mapset, otherwise ignored |
| useGDAL | default NULL, taking the value set by <code>set.useGDALOption</code> ; use <code>r.out.gdal</code> or <code>plugin</code> and <code>readGDAL</code> if autodetected or <code>plugin=TRUE</code> ; or for writing <code>writeGDAL</code> , <code>GTiff</code> , and <code>r.in.gdal</code> , if FALSE using <code>r.out.bin</code> or <code>r.in.bin</code> |
| close_OK | default TRUE - clean up possible open connections used for reading metadata; may be set to FALSE to avoid the side-effect of other user-opened connections being broken |
| drivername | default "GTiff"; a valid GDAL writable driver name to define the file format for intermediate files |
| driverFileExt | default NULL; otherwise string value of required driver file name extension |
| return_SGDF | default TRUE returning a <code>SpatialGridDataFrame</code> object, if FALSE, return a list with a <code>GridTopology</code> object, a list of bands, and a <code>proj4string</code> ; see example below |
| x | A <code>SpatialGridDataFrame</code> object for export to GRASS as a raster layer |
| zcol | Attribute column number or name |
| NODATA | by default NULL, in which case it is set to one less than <code>floor()</code> of the data values, otherwise an integer NODATA value (required to be integer by GRASS <code>r.out.bin</code>) |
| overwrite | default FALSE, if TRUE inserts "overwrite" into the value of the <code>flags</code> argument if not already there to allow existing GRASS rasters to be overwritten |
| flags | default NULL, character vector, for example "overwrite" |

Value

`readRAST` returns a `SpatialGridDataFrame` objects with an `data.frame` in the data slots, and with the projection argument set. Note that the projection argument set is the the GRASS rendering of `proj4`, and will differ from the WKT/ESRI rendering returned by `readVECT` in form but not meaning. They are exchangeable but not textually identical, usually with the `+ellps=` term replaced by `ellipsoid` parameters verbatim. If `return_SGDF` is FALSE, a list with a `GridTopology` object, a list of bands, and a `proj4string` is returned, with an S3 class attribute of "gridList".

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Examples

```
if (nchar(Sys.getenv("GISRC")) > 0) {
  require(rgdal)
  ois <- get.ignore.stderrOption()
  set.ignore.stderrOption(TRUE)
  get.useGDALOption()
  spear <- readRAST(c("geology", "elevation.dem"), cat=c(TRUE, FALSE),
    useGDAL=FALSE)
  spear <- readRAST(c("geology", "elevation.dem"), cat=c(TRUE, FALSE),
```

```

    useGDAL=TRUE)
print(table(spear$geology))
execGRASS("r.stats", flags=c("c", "l", "quiet"), input="geology")
boxplot(spear$elevation.dem ~ spear$geology)
spear$sqdem <- sqrt(spear$elevation.dem)
if ("GRASS" %in% gdalDrivers()$name) {
  execGRASS("g.region", rast="elevation.dem")
  dem1 <- readRAST("elevation.dem", plugin=TRUE, mapset="PERMANENT")
  print(summary(dem1))
  execGRASS("g.region", rast="elevation.dem")
}
writeRAST(spear, "sqdemSP", zcol="sqdem")
execGRASS("r.info", map="sqdemSP")
execGRASS("g.remove", rast="sqdemSP")
writeRAST(spear, "sqdemSP", zcol="sqdem", useGDAL=TRUE)
execGRASS("r.info", map="sqdemSP")
print(system.time(sqdemSP <- readRAST(c("sqdemSP", "elevation.dem"),
  useGDAL=TRUE, return_SGDF=FALSE)))
print(system.time(sqdemSP <- readRAST(c("sqdemSP", "elevation.dem"),
  useGDAL=TRUE, return_SGDF=TRUE)))
print(system.time(sqdemSP <- readRAST(c("sqdemSP", "elevation.dem"),
  useGDAL=FALSE, return_SGDF=TRUE)))
print(system.time(sqdemSP <- readRAST(c("sqdemSP", "elevation.dem"),
  useGDAL=FALSE, return_SGDF=FALSE)))
str(sqdemSP)
mat <- do.call("cbind", sqdemSP$dataList)
str(mat)
print(system.time(SGDF <- SpatialGridDataFrame(grid=sqdemSP$grid,
  proj4string=sqdemSP$proj4string, data=as.data.frame(sqdemSP$dataList))))
summary(SGDF)
execGRASS("g.remove", rast="sqdemSP")
if (execGRASS("g.version", intern=TRUE) > "GRASS 7") {
  execGRASS("r.mapcalc", expression="quads0 = quads - 1")
} else {
  execGRASS("r.mapcalculator", outfile="quads0",
    amap="quads", formula='A - 1')
}
execGRASS("r.stats", flags="c", input="quads0")
quads0 <- readRAST("quads0")
print(table(quads0$quads0))
quads0 <- readRAST("quads0", plugin=FALSE)
print(table(quads0$quads0))
execGRASS("g.remove", rast="quads0")
set.ignore.stderrOption(ois)
}

```

Description

readVECT moves one GRASS 6+ vector object file with attribute data through a temporary shapefile to a Spatial*DataFrame object of type determined by the GRASS 6+ vector object; writeVECT moves a Spatial*DataFrame object through a temporary shapefile to a GRASS vector object file. vect2neigh returns neighbour pairs with shared boundary length as described by Markus Neteler, in <https://stat.ethz.ch/pipermail/r-sig-geo/2005-October/000616.html>. cygwin_clean_temp can be called to try to clean the GRASS mapset-specific temporary directory under cygwin. The functions readVECT and readVECT6 as well as writeVECT and writeVECT6 are identical and the functions ending with ...6 are maintained only for backward compatibility and might be deprecated.

Usage

```
readVECT(vname, layer, type=NULL, plugin=NULL, remove.duplicates = TRUE,
  ignore.stderr = NULL, with_prj=TRUE, with_c=FALSE, mapset=NULL,
  pointDropZ=FALSE, driver="ESRI Shapefile")
writeVECT(SDF, vname, v.in.ogr_flags=NULL, ignore.stderr = NULL,
  driver="ESRI Shapefile")
vInfo(vname, layer, ignore.stderr = NULL)
vColumns(vname, layer, ignore.stderr = NULL)
vDataCount(vname, layer, ignore.stderr = NULL)
vect2neigh(vname, ID=NULL, ignore.stderr = NULL, remove=TRUE, vname2=NULL,
  units="k")
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| vname | A GRASS 6+ vector file name |
| layer | a layer name (integer in GRASS 6, string in GRASS 7); if missing set to default of 1 |
| type | override type detection when multiple types are non-zero, passed to v.out.ogr |
| plugin | default NULL for auto-detection, may be set to FALSE to avoid or TRUE if the plugin is known to be available; if the plugin is used, no further arguments other than mapset are respected |
| remove.duplicates | In line and area vector objects, multiple geometrical features may be associated with a single cat number, leading to duplication of data rows; this argument attempts to combine the geometrical features so that they match a single data row |
| ignore.stderr | default NULL, taking the value set by set.ignore.stderrOption, can be set to TRUE to silence system() output to standard error; does not apply on Windows platforms |
| with_prj | default TRUE, write ESRI-style PRJ file for transferred data |

| | |
|----------------|---|
| with_c | default TRUE in GRASS 6, FALSE in GRASS 7; if TRUE in GRASS 6 or FALSE in GRASS 7, export features with category (labeled) only; if not default, all features are exported, including GRASS “islands” which are probably spurious exterior rings filling holes. |
| mapset | if plugin is TRUE, the mapset of the file to be imported may be changed from the current mapset by passing a character string |
| pointDropZ | default FALSE, if TRUE, discard third coordinates for point geometries; third coordinates are always discarded for line and polygon geometries |
| driver | default "ESRI Shapefile"; a valid OGR writable driver name to define the file format for intermediate files, one of c("GML", "SQLite"), c("ESRI_Shapefile", "MapInfo_File") |
| SDF | A Spatial*DataFrame to be moved to GRASS6 as a vector object, for SpatialPointsDataFrame, SpatialLinesDataFrame, and SpatialPolygonsDataFrame objects |
| v.in.ogr_flags | Character vector containing additional optional flags and/or options for v.in.ogr, particularly "o" and "overwrite" |
| ID | A valid DB column name for unique identifiers (optional) |
| remove | default TRUE, remove copied vectors created in vect2neigh |
| vname2 | If on a previous run, remove was FALSE, the name of the temporary vector may be given to circumvent its generation |
| units | default “k”; see GRASS v. to. db manual page for alternatives |

Value

readVECT imports a GRASS6+ vector object into a Spatial*DataFrame object with the type determined by the type of the GRASS6 vector object; vect2neigh returns a data frame object with left and right neighbours and boundary lengths, also given class GRASSneigh and spatial.neighbour (as used in spdep). The incantation to retrieve the neighbours list is `sn2listw(vect2neigh())$neighbours`, and to retrieve the boundary lengths: `sn2listw(vect2neigh())$weights`. The GRASSneigh object has two other useful attributes: `external` is a vector giving the length of shared boundary between each polygon and the external area, and `total` giving each polygon’s total boundary length.

Note that GRASS6 vectors should be rebuilt by running “v.build.all” in each mapset.

Note

Please note that the OGR drivers used may not handle missing data gracefully. From rgdal release 0.5-27, missing values are taken as unset OGR field values. If the OGR driver encodes them in this way, NAs will be moved across the interface correctly from R to GRASS, and from GRASS to R using the OGR GRASS vector plugin. Work is continuing to correct v.out.ogr so that it emits unset fields, which affects users with no OGR GRASS plugin for the present. Thanks to Dylan Beaudette for helping with missing data handling.

Please also note that, on Windows and Cygwin systems, the temporary shapefiles are not removed by the interface functions, nor can GRASS remove them on termination - they must for the time being be removed manually. Windows believes that the GDAL/OGR library is still using them.

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Examples

```
if (nchar(Sys.getenv("GISRC")) > 0) {
  require(rgdal)
  ois <- get.ignore.stderrOption()
  set.ignore.stderrOption(TRUE)
  if (execGRASS("g.version", intern=TRUE) > "GRASS 7") {
    execGRASS("v.info", map="bugsites", layer="1")
  } else {
    execGRASS("v.info", map="bugsites", layer=1L)
  }
  print(vInfo("bugsites"))
  bugs <- readVECT("bugsites", plugin=NULL)
  print(summary(bugs))
  bugs1 <- readVECT("bugsites", plugin=FALSE)
  print(summary(bugs1))
  writeVECT(bugs, "newbugs", v.in.ogr_flags=c("o", "overwrite"))
  if (execGRASS("g.version", intern=TRUE) > "GRASS 7") {
    execGRASS("v.info", map="newbugs", layer="1")
  } else {
    execGRASS("v.info", map="newbugs", layer=1L)
  }
  nbugs <- readVECT("newbugs")
  print(summary(nbugs))
  print(vInfo("roads"))
  roads <- readVECT("roads")
  print(summary(roads))
  set.ignore.stderrOption(ois)
}
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