



# OnSSET/Global Electrification Platform

## Hands-on 5: Data extraction to CSV<sup>1</sup>

In order to facilitate the extraction of GIS data to CSV format, a Jupyter Notebook has been developed. To be able to run the Jupyter Notebook, please follow the installation instructions:

- 1) First, go [here](#) and click **Code > Download zip** to download the *OnSSET GIS Extraction codes*. Extract the folder in a directory of your choice on the computer.
- 2) This exercise requires that you have Python and Anaconda installed. To install these, follow the instructions [here](#).

Next, download all of the GIS datasets required for this exercise for Benin [here](#).

**If you have any questions, you can post them on the [OnSSET Forum](#).**

## Learning outcomes

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By the end of this exercise, you will be able to:

- 1) Use the Jupyter Notebook to extract the data to a csv file.
- 2) List the datasets that are used in the GIS extraction.
- 3) Create the CSV file required for Hands-on 6.

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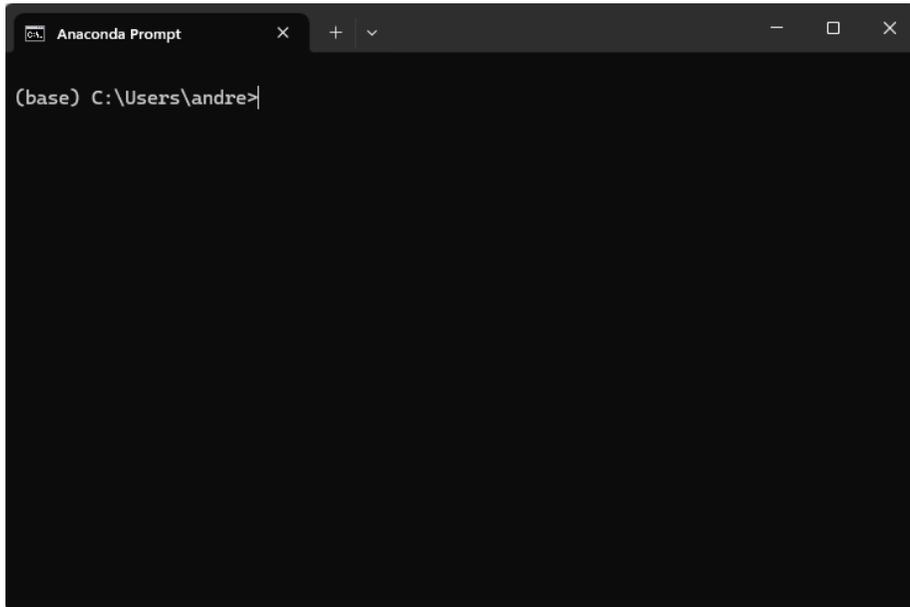
<sup>1</sup> This exercise is an exercise developed by Khavari, B., 2019. Exercise 5: Data extraction to CSV [WWW Document]. OnSSET Teaching Kit. URL [https://onsset.github.io/teaching\\_kit/courses/module\\_2/Excercise%205/](https://onsset.github.io/teaching_kit/courses/module_2/Excercise%205/) (accessed 2.18.21).

# 1. Installing the necessary Python packages

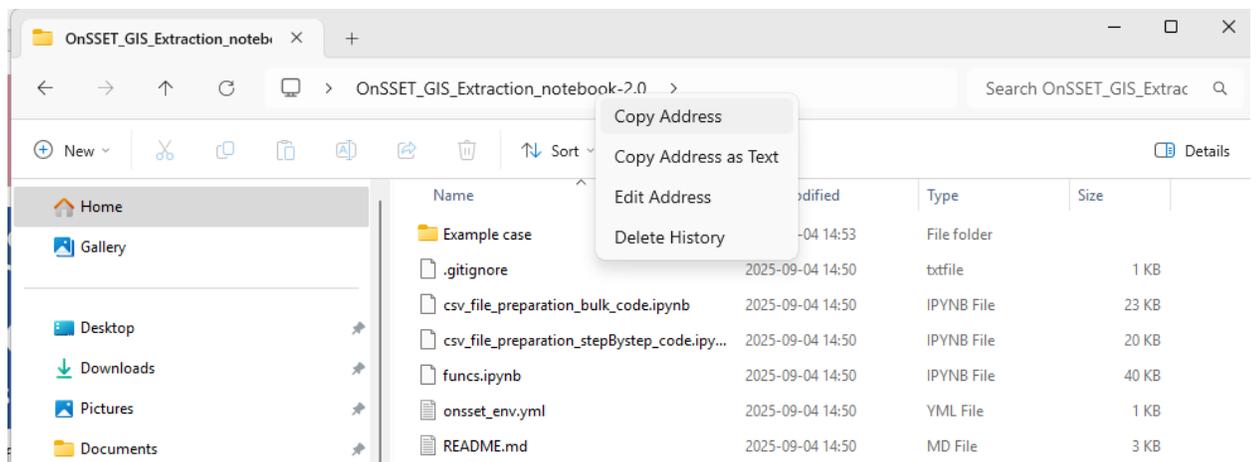
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First, you need to install the necessary Python packages to be able to run the Jupyter Notebook to extract the GIS data to a csv-format.

1. Start by opening the Anaconda Prompt.



2. Next, you need to go to the location on your computer where you have downloaded and extracted the folder with the *OnSSET GIS Extraction Codes*. On a windows computer, you can copy the path in the File Explorer:





3. In Anaconda Prompt, type **cd** followed by a space and then the path, then press enter.

A screenshot of the Anaconda Prompt terminal window. The prompt shows the user has navigated to the directory C:\Users\andre> and entered the command cd C:\Users\OnSSET\_GIS\_Extraction\_notebook-2.0. The cursor is at the end of the command.

```
Anaconda Prompt
(base) C:\Users\andre>cd C:\Users\OnSSET_GIS_Extraction_notebook-2.0|
```

4. Next, to install all the packages in a new environment, write the following command and press enter:

**conda env create --name onsset\_env --file onsset\_env.yml**

A screenshot of the Anaconda Prompt terminal window. The prompt shows the user has navigated to the directory C:\Users\andre> and entered the command cd C:\Users\OnSSET\_GIS\_Extraction\_notebook-2.0. The prompt then shows the user entering the command conda env create --name onsset\_env --file onsset\_env.yml.

```
Anaconda Prompt
(base) C:\Users\andre>cd C:\Users\OnSSET_GIS_Extraction_notebook-2.0
(base) C:\Users\OnSSET_GIS_Extraction_notebook-2.0>conda env create --name onsset_env --file onsset_env.yml|
```

5. If everything works correctly, you should see the following, and the installation is complete:

A screenshot of the Anaconda Prompt terminal window showing the output of the conda env create command. The output indicates that several packages were successfully installed and provides instructions on how to activate and deactivate the environment.

```
Anaconda Prompt
Successfully installed alphashape-1.3.1 click-log-0.4.0 exactextract-0.2.2 geojson-3.2.0 geopandas-0.14.4 gridfinder-3.3
done
#
# To activate this environment, use
#
#   $ conda activate onsset_env
#
# To deactivate an active environment, use
#
#   $ conda deactivate
```



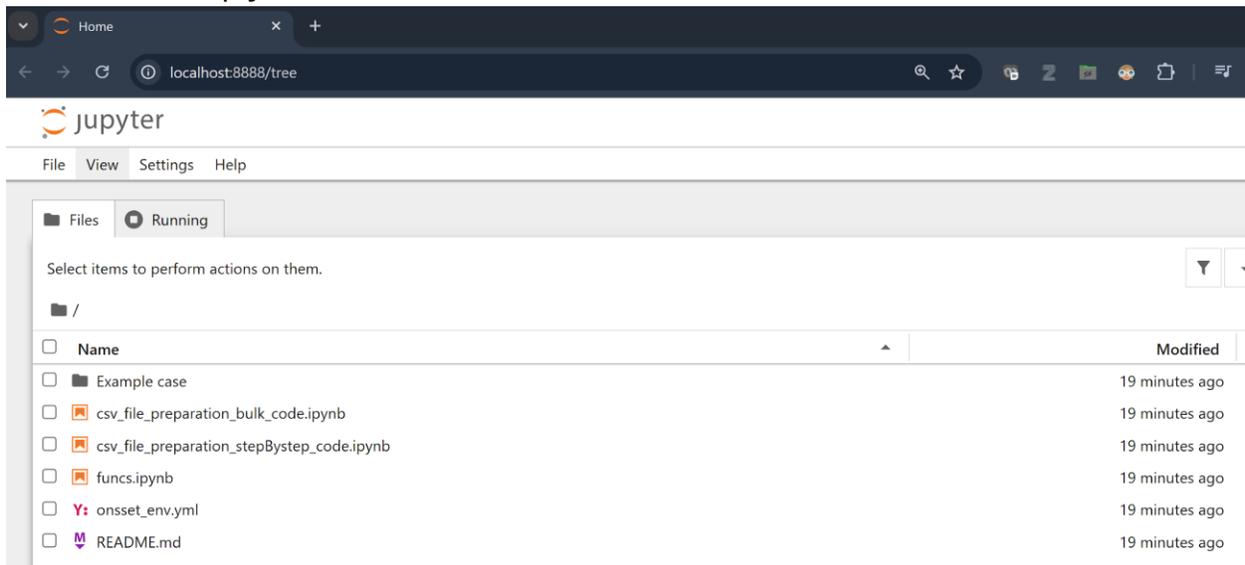
## 2. Running the GIS extraction Jupyter Notebook

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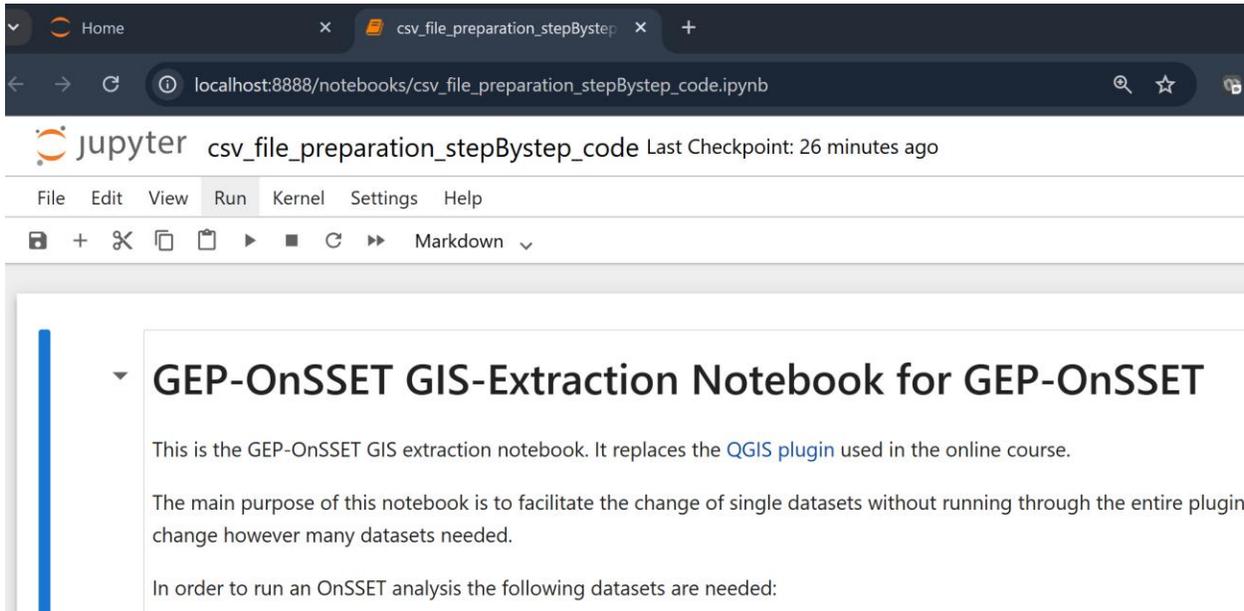
To launch the Jupyter Notebook, open Anaconda Prompt and run the following three commands:

- **cd PATH** (replace PATH with the location on your computer where you have downloaded and extracted the folder with the *OnSSET GIS Extraction Codes*)
- **conda activate onsset\_env**
- **jupyter notebook**

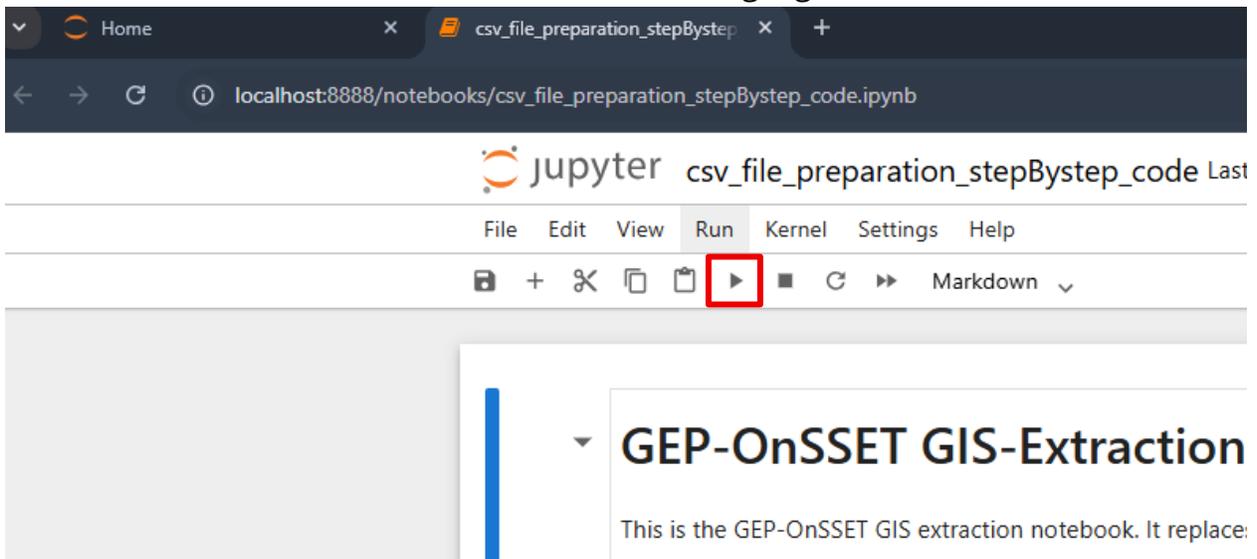
This will open up jupyter in a browser. Note that everything is still offline, the browser is simply used as the interface.



Click on the one called **csv\_file\_preparation\_stepBystep\_code.ipynb** to open it.



Click on the Run button to run the selected cell (highlighted in blue).



First, you will import the necessary packages and codes. If you receive an error message here, that typically means something went wrong with the installation, or that you have not activated the environment while opening the notebook. Note that while the cell is executing, this is shown with a star \* on the left-hand side. Once finished, this is replaced by a number in the brackets (e.g. [1]). Cells that only contain text do not show the star and numbers.

## Cell 1 - Importing necessary packages (Mandatory)

Packages to be used are imported from the funcs.ipynb.

```
[*] %run funcs.ipynb
import time
```

In the next cell, we need to define the coordinate system. In this case, you can keep EOSG:3395, so simply run the cell.

## Cell 2 - Setting the target coordinate system (Mandatory)

When calculating distances it is important to choose a coordinate system that represents distances correctly in your area of interest. The coordinate system that is given is the World Mercator, these coordinate system generally work well, but the distortions get larger as you move away from the equator.

In order to select your own coordinate system go to [epsg.io](https://epsg.io) and type in your area of interest, this will give you a list of coordinate systems to choose from. Once you have selected your coordinate system replace the numbers below with the numbers from your coordinate system (**keep the "EPSG" part**).

**NOTE** When selecting your coordinate system make sure that you select a system with the unit of meters, this is indicated for all systems on [epsg.io](https://epsg.io)

```
[2]: crs = 'EPSG:3395'
```

In cell 3, create an empty folder where you wish to save the results. When you run the first cell, a pop-up window will appear and you will be asked to select that folder. Click **Ok** and select the folder.

## Cell 3 - Select the workspace and the administrative boundaries (Mandatory)

Define the workspace. The output layers will populate this folder. It is highly recommended to select an empty folder as your workspace.

For the administrative boundaries you will have to select an **Polygon** layer of interest.

```
[*]: messagebox.showinfo('OnSSET extraction', 'Output folder')
workspace = filedialog.askdirectory()

[4]: messagebox.showinfo('OnSSET', 'Select the admin boundaries')
admin_path = filedialog.askopenfilename(filetypes = (("vector files", "*.geojson"), ("all files", "*.*")))
admin = gpd.read_file(admin_path)
```

Next, you will be asked to select the administrative boundaries.

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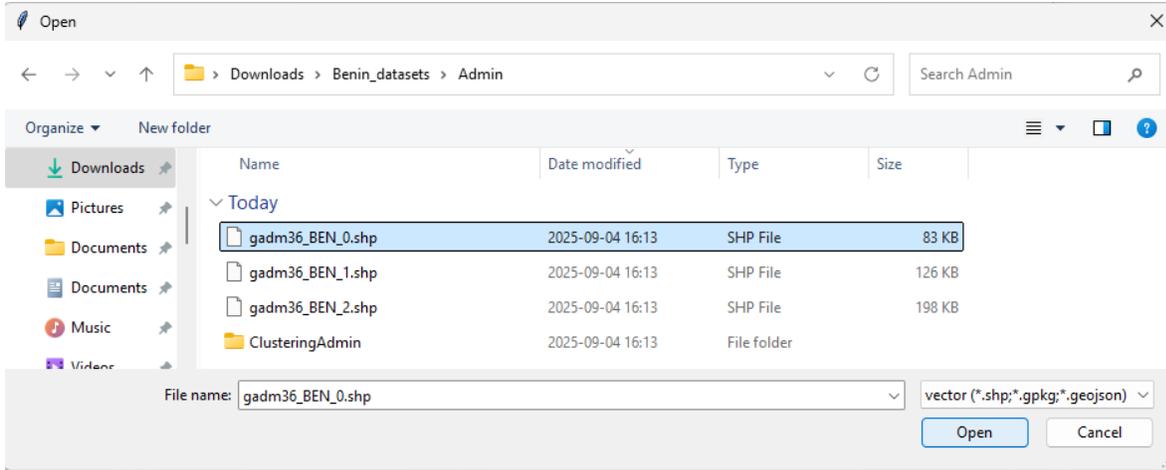
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```

Click **OK** and select the administrative boundaries GIS layer called

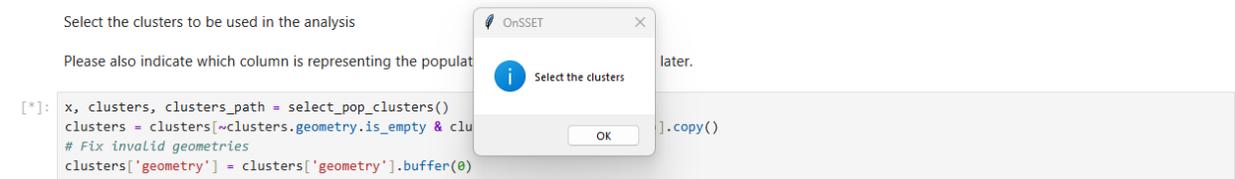


**gadm36\_BEN\_0.shp**, found in the *Benin\_datasets > Admin* folder that you have downloaded, and click on **Open**.

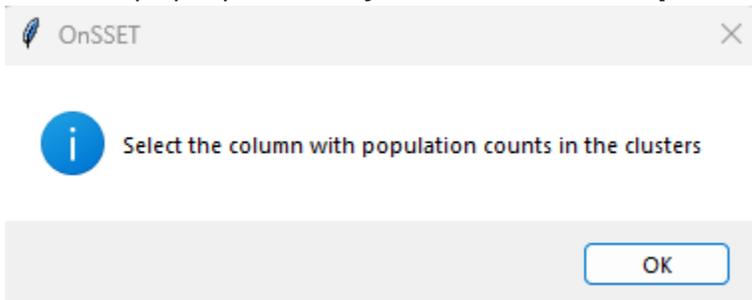


In the next cell, you will be asked to open the population clusters. Select the layer called **Benin.shp** found in *Benin\_datasets > Clusters*.

#### Cell 4 - Select the population clusters (Mandatory)

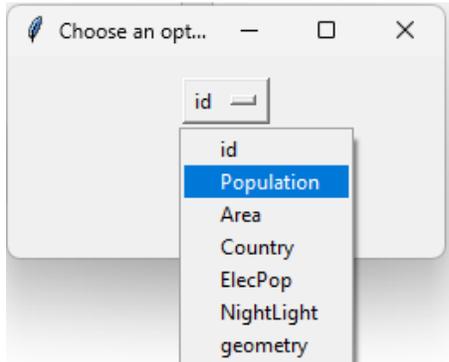


Another pop-up will ask you to select the **Population** column.





Click OK, then in the drop-down select **Population**.



Keep running the following cells, and select according to the list below. Note that some of the datasets may not be mandatory and available in the training exercise, in that case simply click Cancel.

**Cell 5:** From *Benin\_datasets* > *Solar* select **GHI.tif**

**Cell 6:** From *Benin\_datasets* > *Traveltime* select **Traveltime.tif**

**Cell 7:** From *Benin\_datasets* > *windvel* select **windvel.tif**

**Cell 8:** From *Benin\_datasets* > *NightLights* select **NightLights.tif**

**Cell 9:** From *Benin\_datasets* > *CustomDemand* select **CustomizedDemand2.tif**

**Cell 10:** No need to select anything here.

**Cell 11:** From *Benin\_datasets* > *Substations* select **substations.shp**

**Cell 12:** From *Benin\_datasets* > *HV* select **Existing.shp**

**Cell 13:** From *Benin\_datasets* > *HV* select **Planned.shp**

**Cell 14:** From *Benin\_datasets* > *MV* select **Existing.shp**

**Cell 15:** From *Benin\_datasets* > *MV* select **Planned.shp**

**Cell 16:** From *Benin\_datasets* > *Roads* select **roads.shp**

**Cell 17:** Not available, click *Cancel*

**Cell 18:** From *Benin\_datasets* > *Hydro* select **hydro\_points.shp**

In the pop-up windows for this dataset, select first **PowerMW** and then **MW**.



Cell 19: Not available, click *Cancel*

Cell 20: From *Benin\_datasets* > *Admin* select **GADM36\_BEN\_1.shp**

In the pop-up window for this dataset, select **NAME\_1**

Cell 21: This is the final cell. It will export the data into a csv-file called **GEP-OnSSET\_InputFile.csv** in the output folder you selected in the beginning (you should see the message as below).

### Cell 21 - Conditioning & Export (Mandatory)

This is the final cell in the extraction. This cell has to be run.

```
[22]: clusters = conditioning(clusters, workspace, x)
print('Workspace: ', workspace)

Processing finished: 2025-09-05 10:20:18
The extraction file is now ready for review & use in the workspace directory as 'OnSSET_InputFile.csv'!
Workspace: C:/Users/andre/Downloads/GIS_Extraction
```

In the csv-file, every row represents one settlement. To understand what each column means, have a look at [this document](#) or the [OnSSET Documentation](#).

GridCellAr	Country	id	Pop	NightLight	ElecPop	GHI	TravelHou	WindVel	Residential	Substator	CurrentHV	CurrentMV	RoadDist	Hydropow	Hydropow	Hydropow	Admin_1	PlannedH	PlannedM	Transform		
0.008755	Benin	0	35.04101			0		3.2891	2109.333	48.64474	92.56765	34.01263	22.15677	29.82892	41	2809.16	Benin	92.56765	34.01263	99999		
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The CSV file is the final step of this exercise, which we will use in the final hands-on exercise to run OnSSET.