

DETECTING LANDCOVER FROM SATELLITE IMAGES USING ELLMER

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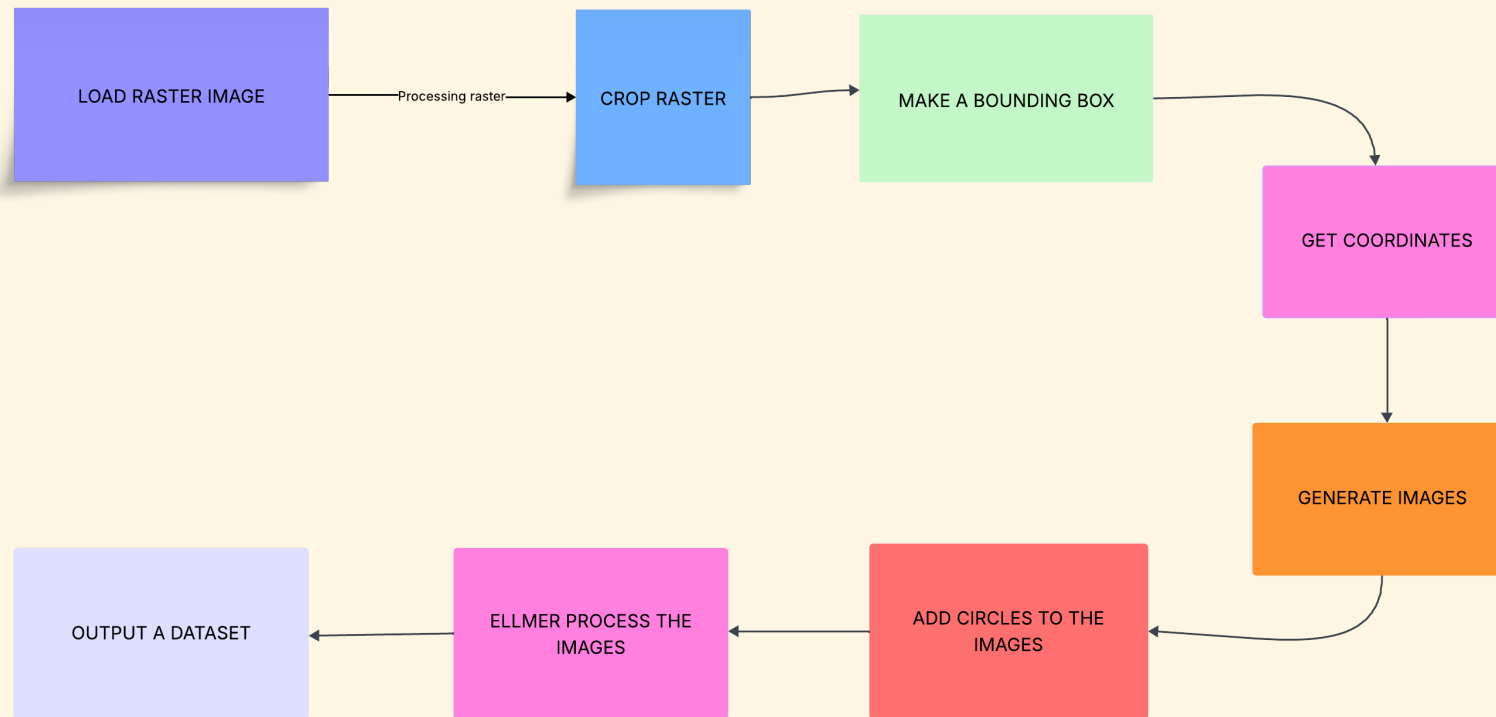
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THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) have satellite images.

- Leverage Large Language Models(LLMs) to assist in interpreting those imageries.
- Prototype a fast, flexible workflow





Workflow Overview

WHAT IS ELLMER?

- R package to interact with LLMs
- Prompts and responses directly into R
- Enables us to control the output we want
 - Dataframe



Logo



How are you?

 I'm just code, but I'm here and ready to help! How can I assist you today?

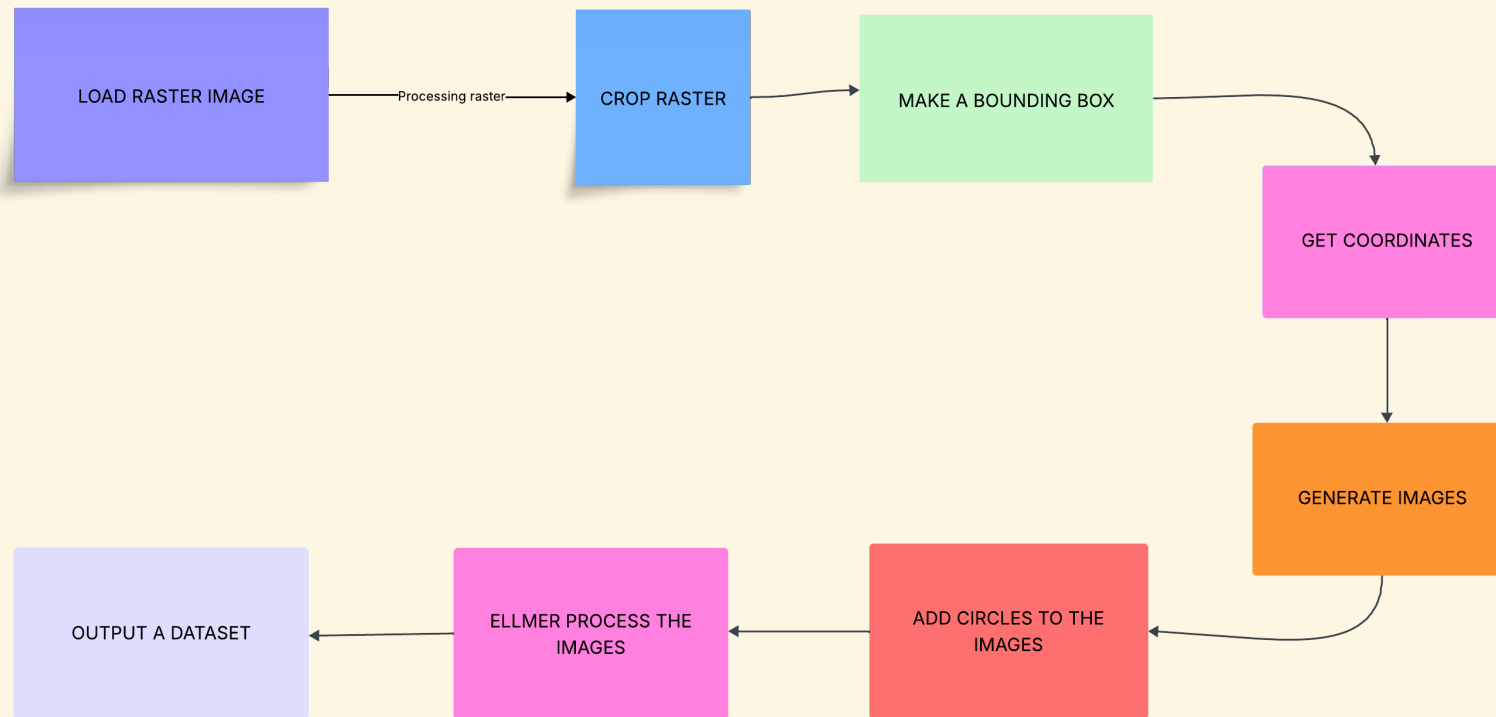
I want to know how much it takes a spaceship to reach the moon from earth

 On average, it takes about **3 days** for a spacecraft to travel from Earth to the Moon. The exact time depends on the type of mission, trajectory, and speed of the spacecraft. For example:

- **Apollo missions:** Took about **2.5 to 3 days**.
- **Unmanned probes:** Times can vary depending on trajectory.

Let me know if you'd like to dive deeper into the details!

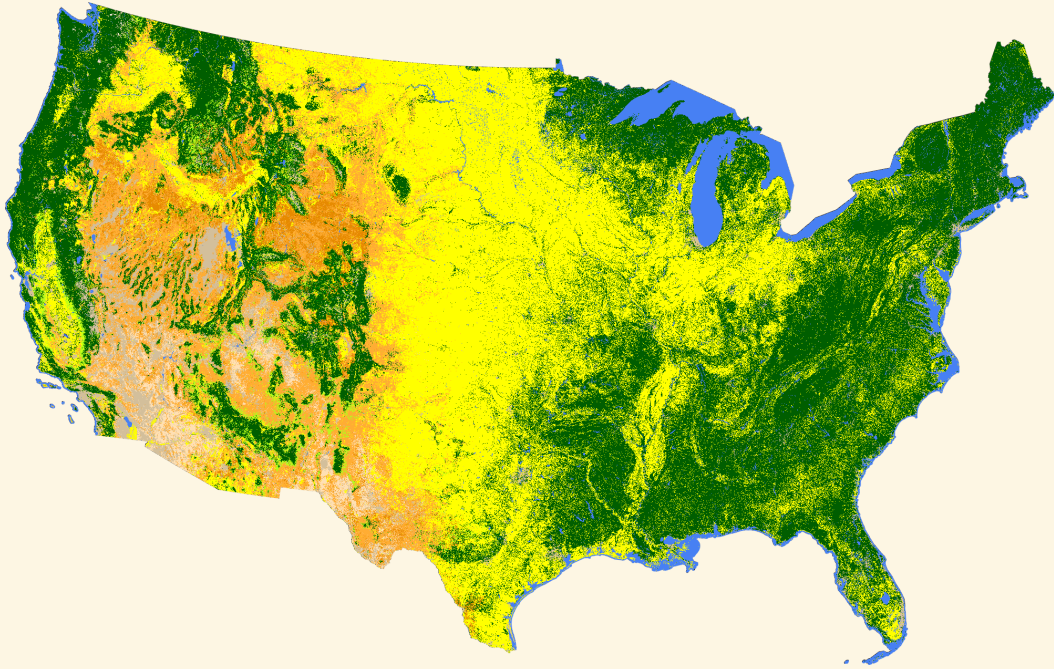
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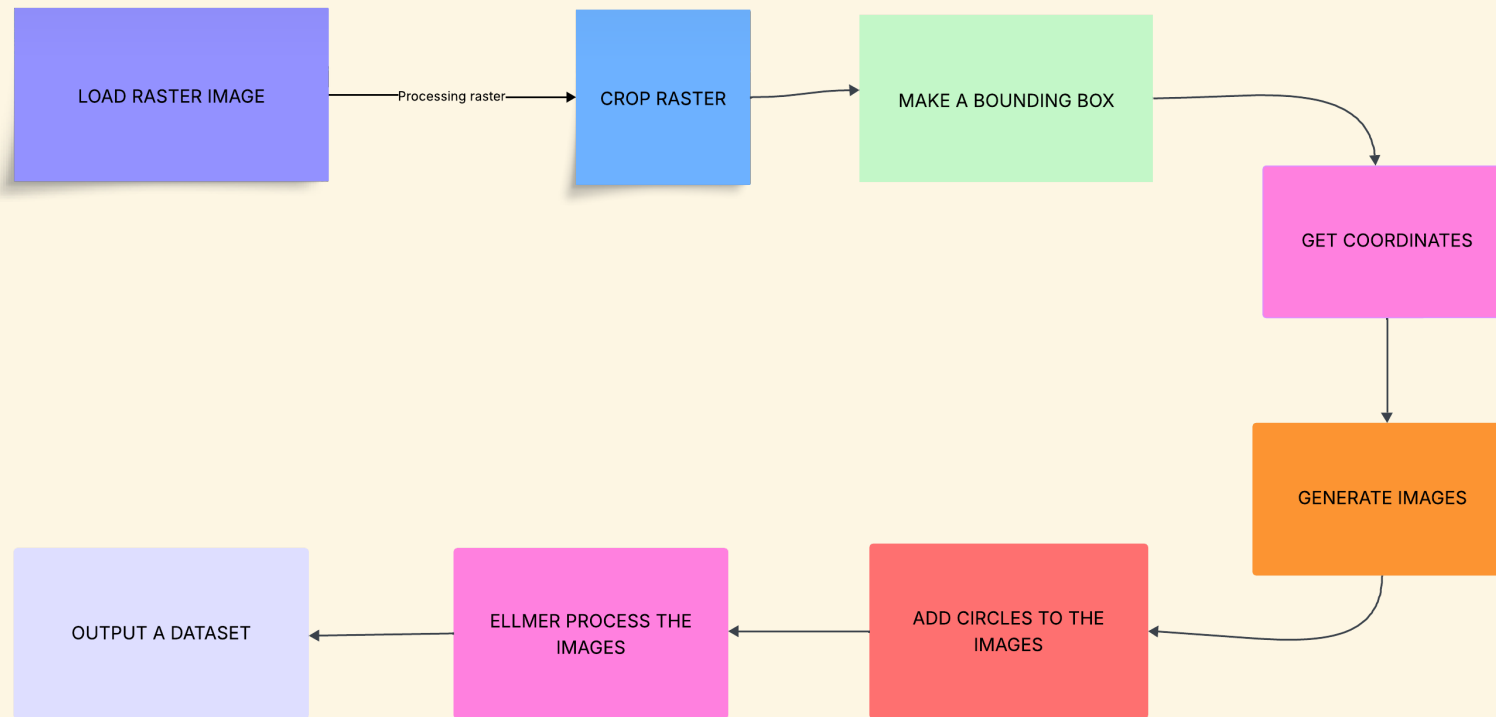


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PROCESSING RASTER IMAGE

```
1 # Load raster interactively  
2 raster.img <- raster(file.choose())
```

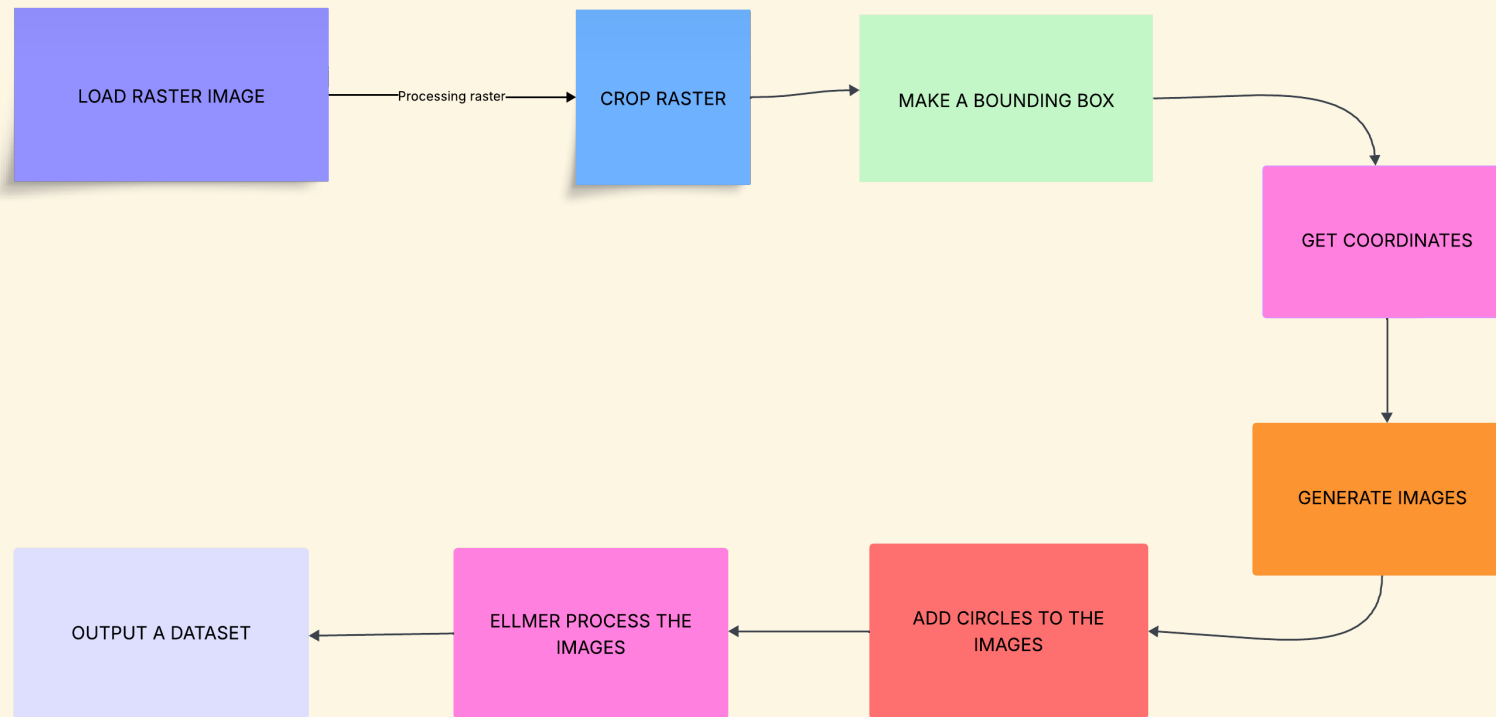




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CROPPING RASTER TO SELECTED REGION

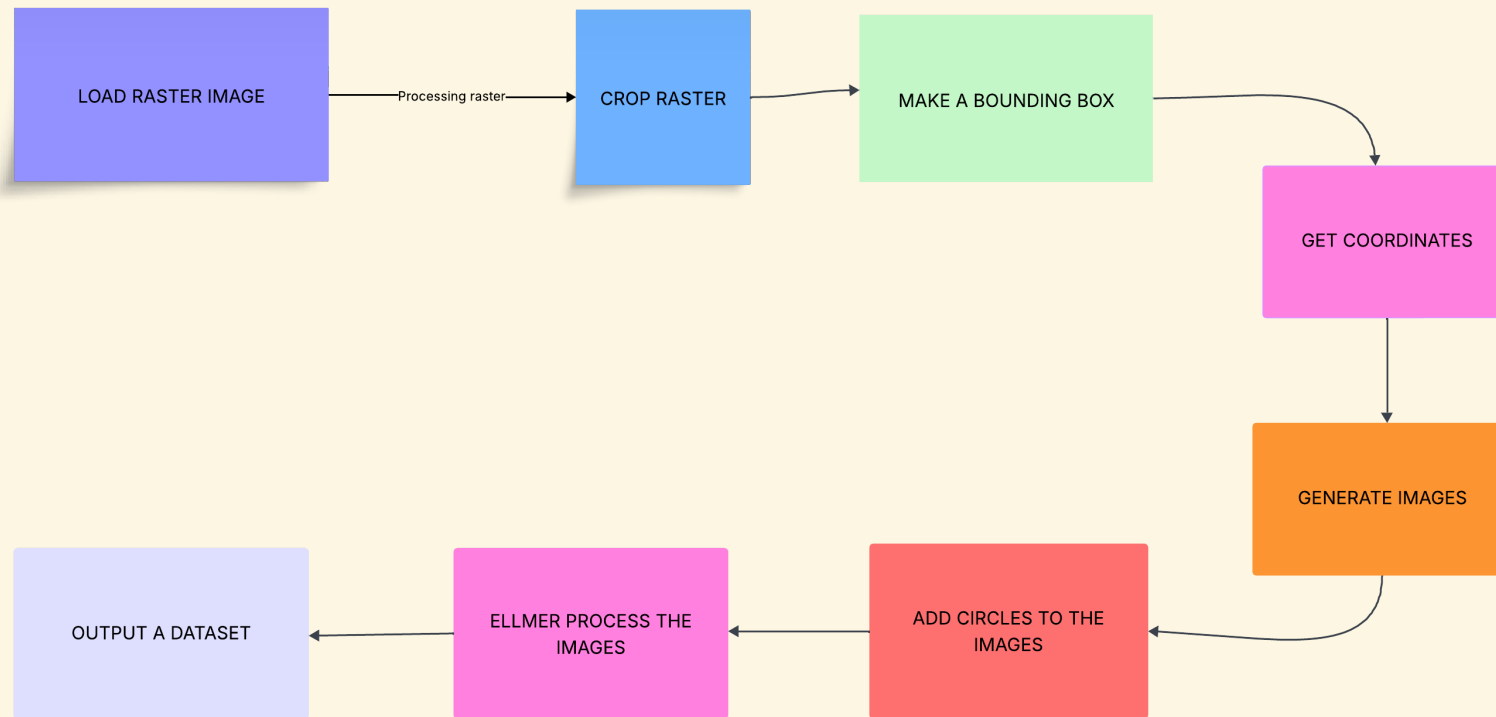
```
1 # 1. Define a bounding box (area of interest) in geographic coordinates
2 bbox_wgs84 <- st_bbox(c(xmin = -80.52071966199662,
3                         ymin = 39.720265072840725, xmax = -74.69529551145511,
4                         ymax = 42.269954234532335), crs = 4326)
5
6 # 2. Reproject the bounding box to match the raster's coordinate system
7 bbox_albers <- st_transform(bbox_wgs84, crs(raster.img))
8
9 # 3. Crop the raster using the reprojected bounding box
10 raster.crop<- crop(raster.img, bbox_albers)
```



Workflow Overview

OBTAINED COORDINATES NEEDED BY NAIP

```
1 #4. Stratified sample
2   #obtain the classification of the pixels
3   pixel_values <- getValues(raster.crop)
4
5 sample_pixels <- sampleStratified(raster.crop, size = 10,
6                                   strata = c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14))
7
8 #5. Extract the pixel values at the sampled cell indices.
9 sampled_values <- values(raster.crop)[as.data.frame(sample_pixels)$cell]
10
11 #6. Get the spatial (x, y) coordinates of the sampled cells
12 sampled_coords <- xyFromCell(raster.crop, as.data.frame(sample_pixels)$cell)
13
14 #7. Converting a point to a bbox
15 from_point_to_bbox <- function(x, y) {
16
17   # Get CRS from raster
18   raster_crs <- st_crs(raster.img)
19 }
```



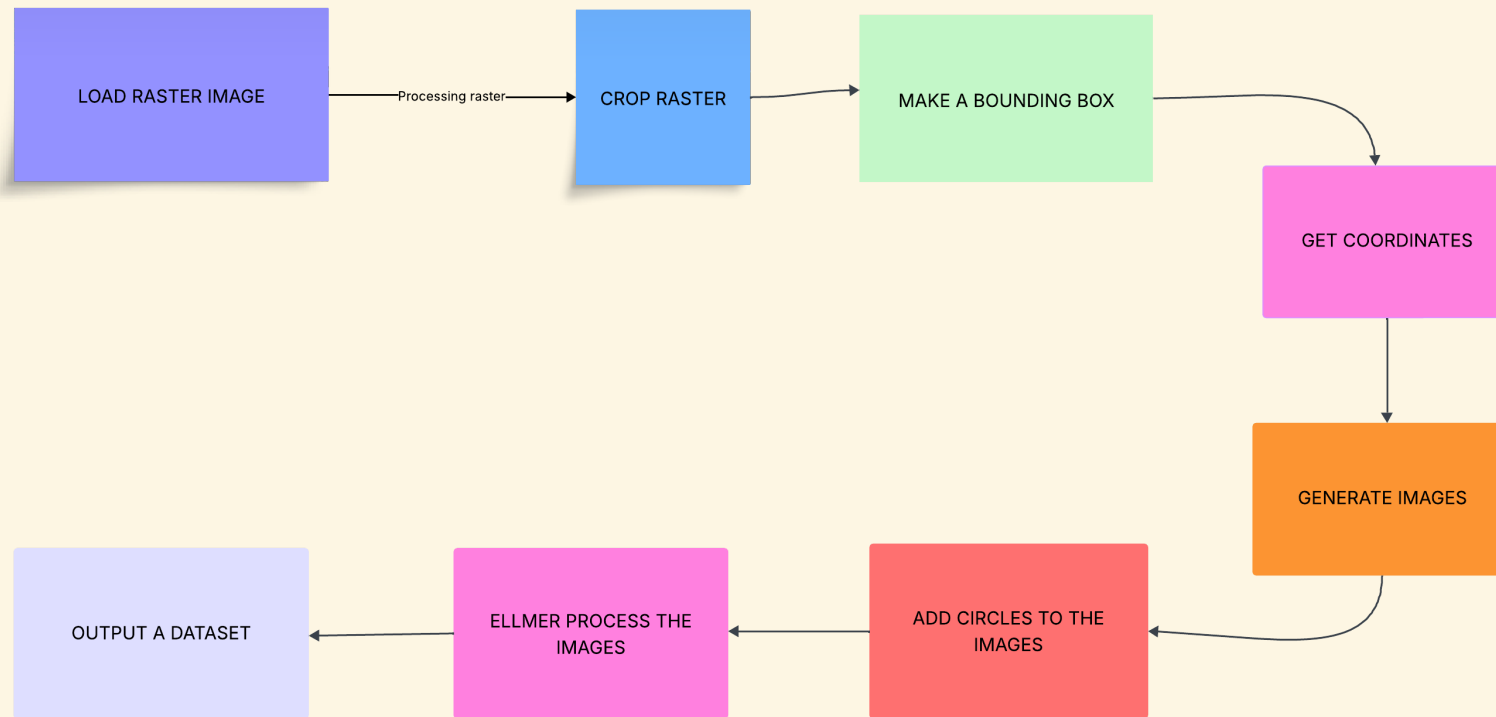
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GENERATE IMAGES

- A function `access_image` to build NAIP API URLs using bbox values and save PNG images locally.
- A function `add_circle_to_image` to mark a territory of interest on the images.



 Original Image



Workflow Overview

SETTING UP ELLMER CHATBOT

- System prompt to guide the LLM on what to look for
 - Detailed, output format, and identifying classes.

```
1 # Initialize chat with system prompt
2 image.analyze <- chat_github(
3   model = "gpt-4o",
4   system_prompt = "
5   You are analyzing satellite images to determine the type of land cover in
6
7   Classify the land cover in the circle using the following categories. For
8   level using one of these options: 'Confident', 'Somewhat confident', 'Some
9
10  Land Cover Classification Categories:
11
12  Water
13  - 11: Open Water – Areas of open water, generally with less than 25% cover
14  - 12: Perennial Ice/Snow – Areas characterized by a perennial cover of ice
15
16  Developed
17  - 21: Developed, Open Space – Mostly vegetation (lawns), with impervious s
```

DETECTING LAND COVER WITH ELLMER

- Convert output to JSON
- Then make it a data frame

```
1 # Define the land cover analysis function
2 analyze_land_cover <- function(image_path) {
3   # Structured chat interaction
4   response <- image.analyze$chat_structured(
5     content_image_file(image_path),
6     "Analyse the image and give the answer in json format and I want just o
7     Somewhat confident, Somewhat not confident, or Not confident. I don't w
8     you can not identify the landcover just put NA. And give precisely, to
9     type = type_object(
10      Land_cover_type = type_string(),
11      confidence = type_string()
12    )
13  )
14  # Convert response to JSON and extract data
15  json_response <- toJSON(response, pretty = TRUE, auto_unbox = TRUE)
16  # Convert to data frame
17  df <- data.frame(
```

OUTPUT OF THE PROJECT

Sample of my_dataframe							
xmin	ymin	xmax	ymax	Pixel	NLCD_Class	landcover	confidence
-75.27140	39.94556	-75.03496	40.12405	149223473	Barren	Developed, High Intensity	Confident
-76.43660	41.66671	-76.19433	41.84545	50042923	Planted	Planted/Cultivated	Confident
-75.80918	41.49185	-75.56751	41.67056	54955682	Planted	Forest	Confident
-74.71331	40.33583	-74.47559	40.51435	117879812	Forest	NA	Not confident
-79.62203	42.31122	-79.37755	42.49008	37464043	Water	NA	Not confident
-75.45732	39.75493	-75.22150	39.93341	163565875	Water	Developed, High Intensity	Confident
-76.05469	40.32546	-75.81697	40.50400	132981256	Barren	Planted/Cultivated	Confident
-75.29682	39.01298	-75.06341	39.19142	209804149	Water	Forest	Confident
-76.39755	40.33389	-76.15981	40.51243	135976510	Herbaceous	NA	Not confident
-77.00169	40.27071	-76.76417	40.44924	146169073	Herbaceous	NA	Not confident

SETBACKS AND FUTURE WORK

- Limited on the number of images to proceed
- Being able to identify bad images
- Deeper investigation in the sub categories of the classifications
- Detect and interpret land changes across time

THANK YOU

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