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      (<https://www.cyclestreets.net/api/>). The focus of this package is
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batch

Interface to CycleStreets Batch Routing API

## **Description**

Note: set CYCLESTREETS\_BATCH, CYCLESTREETS\_PW and CYCLESTREETS\_PW environment variables, e.g. with usethis::edit\_r\_environ() before trying this.

## Usage

```
batch(
  desire_lines = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  directory = tempdir(),
 wait = FALSE,
 wait_time = NULL,
  name = "Batch job",
  serverId = 21,
  strategies = "quietest",
  bothDirections = 0,
 minDistance = 50,
 maxDistance = 5000,
  filename = "test",
  includeJsonOutput = 1,
  emailOnCompletion = "you@example.com",
  username = Sys.getenv("CYCLESTREETS_UN"),
  password = Sys.getenv("CYCLESTREETS_PW"),
  base_url = "https://api.cyclestreets.net/v2/batchroutes.createjob",
```

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## **Arguments**

desire\_lines Geographic desire lines representing origin-destination data

id int Batch job ID, as returned from batchroutes.createjob. action string (startlpauselcontinuelterminate)

Action to take. Available actions are: start: Start (open) job pause: Pause job continue: Continue (re-open) job terminate: Terminate job and delete data

directory Where to save the data? tempdir() by default

wait Should the process block your R session but return a route? FALSE by default.

wait\_time How long to wait before getting the data in seconds? NULL by default, meaning

it will be calculated by the private function wait\_s().

name The name of the batch routing job for CycleStreets

serverId The server ID to use (21 by default) strategies Route plan types, e.g. "fastest"

bothDirections int (10) Whether to plan in both directions, i.e. A-B as well as B-A. 0, meaning

only one way routes, is the default in the R default.

minDistance Min Euclidean distance of routes to be calculated

maxDistance Maximum Euclidean distance of routes to be calculated

filename Character string

includeJsonOutput

int (10) Whether to include a column in the resulting CSV data giving the full JSON output from the API, rather than just summary information like distance and time.

string Your CycleStreets account password. You can set it with Sys.setenv(CYCLESTREETS\_PW="xxxx

anu

emailOnCompletion

password

Email on completion?

username string Your CycleStreets account username. In due course this will be replaced

with an OAuth token.

base\_url The base url from which to construct API requests (with default set to main

server)

pat The API key used. By default this uses Sys.getenv("CYCLESTREETS").

silent Logical (default is FALSE). TRUE hides request sent.

delete\_job Delete the job? TRUE by default to avoid clogged servers

cols\_to\_keep Columns to return in output sf object

segments logical, return segments TRUE/FALSE/"both"

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## **Details**

See https://www.cyclestreets.net/journey/batch/ for web UI.

Recommneded max batch size: 300k routes

#### **Examples**

```
if(FALSE) {
library(sf)
desire_lines = od::od_to_sf(od::od_data_df, od::od_data_zones)[4:5, 1:3]
u = paste0("https://github.com/cyclestreets/cyclestreets-r/",
  "releases/download/v0.5.3/od-longford-10-test.Rds")
desire_lines = readRDS(url(u))
routes_id = batch(desire_lines, username = "robinlovelace", wait = FALSE)
# Wait for some time, around a minute or 2
routes_wait = batch(id = routes_id, username = "robinlovelace", wait = TRUE, delete_job = FALSE)
names(routes_wait)
plot(routes_wait)
plot(desire_lines$geometry[4])
plot(routes_wait$geometry[routes_wait$route_number == "4"], add = TRUE)
head(routes_wait$route_number)
unique(routes_wait$route_number)
# Job is deleted after this command:
routes_attrib = batch(desire_lines, id = routes_id, username = "robinlovelace", wait = TRUE)
names(routes_attrib)
unique(routes_attrib$route_number)
desire_lines_huge = desire_lines[sample(nrow(desire_lines), 250000, replace = TRUE), ]
routes_id = batch(desire_lines_huge, username = "robinlovelace", wait = FALSE)
names(routes)
plot(routes$geometry)
plot(desire_lines$geometry, add = TRUE, col = "red")
routes = batch(desire_lines, username = "robinlovelace", wait_time = 5)
# profvis::profvis(batch_read("test-data.csv.gz"))
}
```

batch\_multi

Batch routing for multiple plans and large datasets

#### **Description**

Batch routing for multiple plans and large datasets

## Usage

```
batch_multi(
  desire_lines,
  plans = c("fastest", "balanced"),
  nrow_batch = 10000,
  temp_folder = tempdir(),
```

```
batch_ids = NULL,
    ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

desire\_lines Input desire lines
plans Plans, e.g. fastest
nrow\_batch How many rows per batch?
temp\_folder path to folder
batch\_ids NULL?
... Arguments passed to batch

## Value

A list of routes.

## **Examples**

```
if(FALSE) {
  od_df = readr::read_csv("https://github.com/nptscot/npt/raw/main/data-raw/od_subset.csv")
  zones = sf::read_sf("https://github.com/nptscot/npt/raw/main/data-raw/zones_edinburgh.geojson")
  desire_lines = od::od_to_sf(od_df, zones)
  desire_lines = desire_lines[1:100, ]
  p = c("fastest", "quietest")
  routes_multi = batch_multi(desire_lines, plans = p, nrow_batch = 26, delete_job = FALSE)
  names(routes_multi)
  plot(routes_multi$fastest$geometry)
  plot(routes_multi$quietest$geometry)
  ids = list(
    fastest = 4059:(4059+3),
    quietest = 4063:(4063+3)
  )
  r_ids = batch_multi(desire_lines, plans = p, nrow_batch = 26, delete_job = FALSE, batch_ids = ids)
}
```

cyclestreets\_column\_names

Prices of 50,000 round cut diamonds.

## **Description**

Variables provided by CycleStreets in their journey data

## Usage

```
cyclestreets_column_names
```

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## **Format**

An object of class character of length 44.

## Source

```
https://www.cyclestreets.net/
```

journey

Plan a journey with CycleStreets.net

# Description

R interface to the CycleStreets.net journey planning API, a route planner made by cyclists for cyclists. See cyclestreets.net/api for details.

## Usage

```
journey(
   from,
   to,
   plan = "fastest",
   silent = TRUE,
   pat = NULL,
   base_url = "https://www.cyclestreets.net",
   reporterrors = TRUE,
   save_raw = "FALSE",
   ...
)
```

# Arguments

from	Longitude/Latitude pair, e.g. c(-1.55, 53.80)
to	Longitude/Latitude pair, e.g. c(-1.55, 53.80)
plan	Text strong of either "fastest" (default), "quietest" or "balanced"
silent	Logical (default is FALSE). TRUE hides request sent.
pat	The API key used. By default this uses Sys.getenv("CYCLESTREETS").
base_url	The base url from which to construct API requests (with default set to main server)
reporterrors	Boolean value (TRUE/FALSE) indicating if cyclestreets (TRUE by default). should report errors (FALSE by default).
save_raw	Boolean value which returns raw list from the json if TRUE (FALSE by default).
	Arguments passed to json2sf_cs

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#### **Details**

Requires the internet and a CycleStreets.net API key. CycleStreets.net does not yet work worldwide.

You need to have an api key for this code to run. By default it uses the CYCLESTREETS environment variable. A quick way to set this is to install the usethis package and then executing the following command:

```
usethis::edit_r_environ()
```

That should open up a new file in your text editor where you can add the environment variable as follows (replace 1a... with your key for this to work):

```
CYCLESTREETS=1a43ed677e5e6fe9
```

After setting the environment variable, as outlined above, you need to restart your R session before the journey function will work.

See www.cyclestreets.net/help/journey/howitworks/ for details on how these are calculated.

CycleStreets can give you lots of info at route and segment level. Commonly useful columns include:

```
cols = c("name", "provisionName", "time", "quietness", "edition", "gradient_smooth")
See json2sf_cs() for details.
```

## See Also

```
json2sf_cs
```

```
## Not run:
from = c(-1.55, 53.80) # geo_code("leeds")
to = c(-1.76, 53.80) # geo_code("bradford uk")
r1 = journey(from, to)
cols = c("name", "provisionName", "distances", "time", "quietness", "edition", "gradient_smooth")
r2 = journey(from, to, cols_to_keep = cols)
names(r2)
r2
r1[1:2, ]
r1$grammesCO2saved
r1$calories
plot(r1[1:4])
plot(r1[10:ncol(r1)])
to = c(-2, 53.5) # towards Manchester
r1 = journey(from, to)
names(r1)
r2 = journey(from, to, plan = "balanced")
plot(r1["quietness"], reset = FALSE)
plot(r2["quietness"], add = TRUE)
r3 = journey(from, to, silent = FALSE)
r4 = journey(from, to, save_raw = TRUE)
r5 = journey(c(-1.524, 53.819), c(-1.556, 53.806))
```

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```
plot(r5["gradient_segment"])
plot(r5["gradient_smooth"])

u = paste0("https://github.com/cyclestreets/cyclestreets-r/",
    "releases/download/v0.4.0/line_with_single_segment.geojson")
desire_line = sf::read_sf(u)
r = stplanr::route(1 = desire_line, route_fun = journey)
r

## End(Not run)
```

journey2

Plan a journey with CycleStreets.net

## **Description**

R interface to the CycleStreets.net journey planning API, a route planner made by cyclists for cyclists. See cyclestreets.net/api for details.

# Usage

```
journey2(
  fromPlace = NA,
  toPlace = NA,
  id = NULL,
  plan = "fastest",
  pat = NULL,
  base_url = "https://www.cyclestreets.net",
  host_con = 1,
  reporterrors = TRUE,
  segments = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

tromPlace	st points, matrix, or vector of Ing/lat coordinates
toPlace	sf points, matrix, or vector of lng/lat coordinates
id	a character ID value to be attached to the results
plan	Text strong of either "fastest" (default), "quietest" or "balanced"
pat	The API key used. By default this uses Sys.getenv("CYCLESTREETS").
base_url	The base url from which to construct API requests (with default set to main server)
host_con	number of threads to use passed to curl::new_pool
reporterrors	Boolean value (TRUE/FALSE) indicating if cyclestreets (TRUE by default). should report errors (FALSE by default).
segments	Logical, if true route segments returned otherwise whole routes

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#### **Details**

Requires the internet and a CycleStreets.net API key. CycleStreets.net does not yet work worldwide.

You need to have an api key for this code to run. By default it uses the CYCLESTREETS environment variable. A quick way to set this is to install the usethis package and then executing the following command:

```
usethis::edit_r_environ()
```

That should open up a new file in your text editor where you can add the environment variable as follows (replace 1a... with your key for this to work):

```
CYCLESTREETS=1a43ed677e5e6fe9
```

After setting the environment variable, as outlined above, you need to restart your R session before the journey function will work.

See www.cyclestreets.net/help/journey/howitworks/ for details on how these are calculated.

#### See Also

```
json2sf cs
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
from = c(-1.55, 53.80) # geo_code("leeds")
to = c(-1.76, 53.80) # geo_code("bradford uk")
r1 = journey(from, to)
r2 = journey2(from, to, segments = TRUE)
# waldo::compare(r1, r2) # see differences
sum(sf::st_length(r1))
sum(sf::st_length(r2))
# waldo::compare(sum(sf::st_length(r1)), sum(sf::st_length(r2)))
# waldo::compare(names(r1), names(r2))
# waldo::compare(r1[1, ], r2[1, ])
r1[1:2, ]
r2[1:2, ]
r1$grammesCO2saved
r1$calories
## End(Not run)
```

json2sf\_cs

Quickly convert output from CycleStreets.net into sf object

## Description

Available fields from CycleStreets include:

json2sf\_cs

## Usage

```
json2sf_cs(
  results_raw,
  id = 1,
  segments = TRUE,
  route_variables = c("start", "finish", "start_longitude", "start_latitude",
  "finish_longitude", "finish_latitude", "crow_fly_distance", "event", "whence",
  "speed", "itinerary", "plan", "note", "length", "west", "south", "east", "north",
    "leaving", "arriving", "grammesCO2saved", "calories", "edition"),
 cols_to_keep = c("id", "time", "busynance", "quietness", "signalledJunctions",
  "signalledCrossings", "name", "walk", "elevations", "distances", "type", "legNumber",
  "distance", "turn", "startBearing", "color", "provisionName", "start", "finish",
    "start_longitude", "start_latitude", "finish_longitude", "finish_latitude",
   "crow_fly_distance", "event", "whence", "speed", "itinerary", "plan", "note",
   "length", "west", "south", "east", "north", "leaving", "arriving", "grammesCO2saved",
    "calories", "edition", "gradient_segment",
    "elevation_change",
    "gradient_smooth")
)
```

## **Arguments**

results\_raw Raw result from CycleStreets.net read-in with readLines or similar

id id of the result

segments Return segment level data? TRUE by default.

route\_variables

Route level variables

cols\_to\_keep Columns to return in output sf object

#### **Details**

```
c("id", "time", "busynance", "quietness", "signalledJunctions",
   "signalledCrossings", "name", "walk", "elevations", "distances",
   "type", "legNumber", "distance", "turn", "startBearing", "color",
   "provisionName", "start", "finish", "start_longitude", "start_latitude",
   "finish_longitude", "finish_latitude", "crow_fly_distance", "event",
   "whence", "speed", "itinerary", "plan", "note", "length", "west",
   "south", "east", "north", "leaving", "arriving", "grammesCO2saved",
   "calories", "edition", "gradient_segment", "elevation_change",
   "gradient_smooth", "geometry")
```

```
from = "Leeds Rail Station"
to = "University of Leeds"
# from_point = tmaptools::geocode_OSM(from)
# to_point = tmaptools::geocode_OSM(to)
from_point = c(-1.54408, 53.79360)
```

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```
to_point = c(-1.54802, 53.79618)
# save result from the API call to journey.json
# res_json = journey(from_point, to_point, silent = FALSE, save_raw = TRUE)
# jsonlite::write_json(res_json, "inst/extdata/journey.json")
# f = "inst/extdata/journey.json"
f = system.file(package = "cyclestreets", "extdata/journey.json")
rsf = json2sf_cs(readLines(f), id = 1, segments = TRUE)
names(rsf)
json2sf_cs(readLines(f), id = 1, segments = TRUE, cols_to_keep = "quietness")
# save result from the API call to journey.json
# res_json = journey(from_point, to_point, silent = FALSE, save_raw = TRUE)
# jsonlite::write_json(res_json, "inst/extdata/journey_short.json")
# f = "inst/extdata/journey_short.json"
f = system.file(package = "cyclestreets", "extdata/journey_short.json")
obj = jsonlite::read_json(f, simplifyVector = TRUE)
# Inclusion of "start_longitude" leads to the additional ProvisionName1 colum:
cols = c("name", "distances", "provisionName")
json2sf_cs(readLines(f), id = 1, segments = TRUE, cols_to_keep = cols)
```

ltns

Download data on 'Low Traffic Neighbourhoods' or 'rat runs' from CycleStreets

## **Description**

R interface to the CycleStreets.net LTN. See ltn API docs and an article on the methods for further details: https://www.cyclestreets.org/news/2021/07/25/mapping-ltns/

# Usage

```
ltns(bb, pat = Sys.getenv("CYCLESTREETS"))
```

## **Arguments**

bb An sf or 'bounding box' like object

pat The API key used. By default this uses Sys.getenv("CYCLESTREETS").

```
## Not run:
bb = "0.101131,52.195807,0.170288,52.209719"
ltn_data = ltns(bb)
plot(ltn_data)
bb = stplanr::routes_fast_sf
ltn_data = ltns(bb)
plot(ltn_data)
## End(Not run)
```

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smooth\_with\_cutoffs

Identify and smooth-out anomalous gradient values

## **Description**

When distance\_cutoff and gradient\_cutoff thresholds are both broken for route segments, this function treats them as anomalous and sets the offending gradient values to the mean of the n segments closest to (in front of and behind) the offending segment.

## Usage

```
smooth_with_cutoffs(
  gradient_segment,
  elevation_change,
  distances,
  distance_cutoff = 50,
  gradient_cutoff = 0.1,
  n = 3,
  warnNA = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

```
gradient_segment
The gradient for each segment from CycleStreets.net
elevation_change
The difference between the maximum and minimum elevations within each segment
distances
The distance of each segment
distance_cutoff
Distance (m) used to identify anomalous gradients
gradient_cutoff
Gradient (%, e.g. 0.1 being 10%) used to identify anomalous gradients

The number of segments to use to smooth anomalous gradients.

WarnNA
Logical should NA warning be given? The default is 3, meaning segments directly before, after and including the offending segment.
```

```
f = system.file(package = "cyclestreets", "extdata/journey.json")
rsf = json2sf_cs(readLines(f))
rsf$gradient_segment
rsf$elevation_change
rsf$distances
smooth_with_cutoffs(rsf$gradient_segment, rsf$elevation_change, rsf$distances)
smooth_with_cutoffs(rsf$gradient_segment, rsf$elevation_change, rsf$distances, 20, 0.05)
smooth_with_cutoffs(rsf$gradient_segment, rsf$elevation_change, rsf$distances, 200, 0.02)
smooth_with_cutoffs(rsf$gradient_segment, rsf$elevation_change, rsf$distances, 200, 0.02)
```

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ways

Download data on 'Ways' with cyclability (quietness) ratings

## **Description**

R interface to the CycleStreets.net LTN. See API docs.

## Usage

```
ways(
   bb,
   pat = Sys.getenv("CYCLESTREETS"),
   base_url = "https://api.cyclestreets.net/v2/mapdata?",
   limit = 400,
   types = "way",
   wayFields =
    "name,ridingSurface,id,cyclableText,quietness,speedMph,speedKmph,pause,color",
   zoom = 16
)
```

## **Arguments**

An sf or 'bounding box' like object

The API key used. By default this uses Sys.getenv("CYCLESTREETS").

The base url from which to construct API requests (with default set to main server)

limit Maximum number of features to return
types The type of way to get. Default: "way".

wayFields Which attributes of the ways to return?

Zoom level

```
## Not run:

u_test = paste0("https://api.cyclestreets.net/v2/mapdata?key=c047ed46f7b50b1x",
    "&limit=400&types=way&wayFields=name,ridingSurface,id,cyclableText,",
    "quietness,speedMph,speedKmph,pause,color&zoom=16&",
    "bbox=-9.160863,38.754642,-9.150128,38.75764")

# ways_test = sf::read_sf(u_test)
bb = "0.101131,52.195807,0.170288,52.209719"
bb = "-9.160863,38.754642,-9.150128,38.75764"
way_data = ways(bb)
plot(way_data)
bb = stplanr::routes_fast_sf
way_data = ways(bb)
```

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```
plot(way_data)
## End(Not run)
```

# **Index**