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Description Wrapper around the 'Open Source Routing Machine (OSRM)' API <<http://project-osrm.org/>>. 'osrmr' works with API versions 4 and 5 and can handle servers that run locally as well as the 'OSRM' webserver.

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decode_geom	<i>Transform encoded polylines to lat-lng data.frame.</i>
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Description

decode_geom() uses a decoding algorithm to decode polylines. (<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/32476218/how-to-decode-encoded-polylines-from-osrm-and-plotting-route-geometry>)

Usage

```
decode_geom(encoded, precision = stop("a numeric, either 5 or 6"))
```

Arguments

encoded	A character containing encoded polylines
precision	A numeric (either 5 or 6) to specify the precision of [lat,lng] encoding. (OSRM API v4 used precision 5 with "polyline", OSRM API v5 uses precision 6 with "polyline6")

Value

data.frame with lat and lng

Examples

```
decoded_api_4 <- decode_geom(osrmr::encoded_string_api_4, precision = 5)
decoded_api_5 <- decode_geom(osrmr::encoded_string_api_5, precision = 6)
decoded_api_4[1:3,]
#   lat   lng
# 1 47.10020 8.09970
# 2 47.09850 8.09207
# 3 47.09617 8.09118
decoded_api_5[1:3,]
#   lat   lng
# 1 47.10020 8.099703
# 2 47.09850 8.092074
# 3 47.09617 8.091181
assertthat::assert_that(all.equal(decoded_api_4, decoded_api_5, tolerance = 1e-6))
```

encoded_string_api_4 *encoded_string_api_4: An encoded route to illustrate the 'osrmr::decode_geom()' function. After decoding all points on the route are available as wgs84 coordinates. Decoding varies on the API version of OSRMR. This version is decoded using API v4.*

Description

encoded_string_api_4: An encoded route to illustrate the 'osrmr::decode_geom()' function. After decoding all points on the route are available as wgs84 coordinates. Decoding varies on the API version of OSRMR. This version is decoded using API v4.

Usage

encoded_string_api_4

Format

A string containing an encoded polyline

encoded_string_api_5 *encoded_string_api_5: An encoded route to illustrate the 'osrmr::decode_geom()' function. After decoding all points on the route are available as wgs84 coordinates. Decoding varies on the API version of OSRMR. This version is decoded using API v5.*

Description

encoded_string_api_5: An encoded route to illustrate the 'osrmr::decode_geom()' function. After decoding all points on the route are available as wgs84 coordinates. Decoding varies on the API version of OSRMR. This version is decoded using API v5.

Usage

encoded_string_api_5

Format

A string containing an encoded polyline

make_request	<i>Run one server request for OSRM (online- or localhost)</i>
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Description

In order to fail gracefully, this function handles errors and warnings if the asked server (online- or localhost) doesn't work properly. In this case the error message is returned and connections are closed using `base::closeAllConnections()`.

Usage

```
make_request(request)
```

Arguments

request	A character
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Details

If the asked server doesn't react within 1 second, a warning is thrown using `R.utils::withTimeout(..., timeout = 1)`

Value

A list. The dimension of the list depends on the request and whether the server reacted properly or not.

nearest	<i>nearest accessible position</i>
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Description

`nearest()` calculates the nearest position to the given coordinates which can be accessed by car. The coordinate-standard is WGS84. Attention: The OSRM API v4 is only working locally, but not with the 'OSRM' webservice.

Usage

```
nearest(lat, lng, api_version = 5, localhost = F, timeout = 0.001)
```

Arguments

lat	A numeric (-90 < lat < 90)
lng	A numeric (-180 < lng < 180)
api_version	A numeric (either 4 or 5)
localhost	A logical (TRUE = localhost is used, FALSE = onlinehost is used)
timeout	A numeric indicating the timeout between server requests (in order to prevent queue overflows). Default is 0.001s.

Value

A data.frame with lat and lng

Examples

```
## Not run:
osrmr::nearest(47,9, 5, FALSE)

Sys.setenv("OSRM_PATH_API_5"="C:/OSRM_API5")
osrmr::run_server(Sys.getenv("OSRM_PATH_API_5"), "switzerland-latest.osrm")
osrmr::nearest(47,9, 5, TRUE)
osrmr::quit_server()
Sys.unsetenv("OSRM_PATH_API_5")

Sys.setenv("OSRM_PATH_API_4"="C:/OSRM_API4")
osrmr::run_server(Sys.getenv("OSRM_PATH_API_4"), "switzerland-latest.osrm")
osrmr::nearest(47,9, 4, TRUE)
osrmr::quit_server()
Sys.unsetenv("OSRM_PATH_API_4")
## End(Not run)
```

nearest_api_v4	<i>nearest accessible position for OSRM API v4</i>
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Description

nearest_api_v4() calculates the nearest position to the given coordinates which can be accessed by car with the OSRM API 4. The coordinate-standard is WGS84. Attention: The OSRM API v4 is only working locally, but not with the 'OSRM' webservice.

Usage

```
nearest_api_v4(lat, lng, address)
```

Arguments

lat	A numeric (-90 < lat < 90)
lng	A numeric (-180 < lng < 180)
address	A character specifying the serveraddress (local or online)

Value

A data.frame with lat and lng

Examples

```
## Not run:
Sys.setenv("OSRM_PATH_API_4"="C:/OSRM_API4")
osrmr::run_server(Sys.getenv("OSRM_PATH_API_4"), "switzerland-latest.osrm")
osrmr::nearest_api_v4(47,9, osrmr::server_address(TRUE))
osrmr::quit_server()
Sys.unsetenv("OSRM_PATH_API_4")
## End(Not run)
```

nearest_api_v5

nearest accessible position for OSRM API v5

Description

nearest_api_v5() calculates the nearest position to the given coordinates which can be accessed by car with the OSRM API v5. The coordinate-standard is WGS84.

Usage

```
nearest_api_v5(lat, lng, address)
```

Arguments

lat	A numeric (-90 < lat < 90)
lng	A numeric (-180 < lng < 180)
address	A character specifying the serveraddress (local or online)

Value

A data.frame with lat and lng

Examples

```
## Not run:
osrmr::nearest_api_v5(47,9, osrmr::server_address(FALSE))
Sys.setenv("OSRM_PATH_API_5"="C:/OSRM_API5")
osrmr::run_server(Sys.getenv("OSRM_PATH_API_5"), "switzerland-latest.osrm")
osrmr::nearest_api_v5(47,9, osrmr::server_address(TRUE))
osrmr::quit_server()
Sys.unsetenv("OSRM_PATH_API_5")
## End(Not run)
```

quit_server	<i>Quit local OSRM server</i>
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Description

quit_server() quits your local OSRM server by using a taskkill shell command (depending on your OS).

Usage

```
quit_server()
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
osrmr::quit_server()
# NULL
## End(Not run)
```

run_server	<i>Start local OSRM server</i>
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Description

run_server() starts your local OSRM server by using a shell command (depending on your OS). A local (pre-built) version of the OSRM-engine must be on your device. (<https://github.com/Project-OSRM/osrm-backend/wiki/Building-OSRM>).

Usage

```
run_server(map_name, osrm_path = Sys.getenv("OSRM_PATH"))
```

Arguments

map_name	A character (name of your pre-built map - e.g. "switzerland-latest.osrm")
osrm_path	A string pointing to your local OSRM installation. Default is the environment variable "OSRM_PATH".

Details

To start the server, it is necessary to know its location. If it was installed in C:/OSRM_APIx, it is easiest to set an environment variable which points to the folder via Sys.setenv(). Note: You need to set the variable in each session.

Value

error_code A character

Examples

```
## Not run:
Sys.setenv("OSRM_PATH"="C:/OSRM_API4")
osrmr::run_server("switzerland-latest.osrm")
# 0
Sys.setenv("OSRM_PATH"="C:/OSRM_API5")
osrmr::run_server("switzerland-latest.osrm")
# 0
Sys.unsetenv("OSRM_PATH")
## End(Not run)
```

server_address	<i>server_address() returns the URL address of the OSRM localhost or OSRM webservice, depending on the value of the variable 'use_localhost'. This is an internal function. The address is used as a part of a OSRM server-request.</i>
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Description

server_address() returns the URL address of the OSRM localhost or OSRM webservice, depending on the value of the variable 'use_localhost'. This is an internal function. The address is used as a part of a OSRM server-request.

Usage

```
server_address(use_localhost)
```

Arguments

use_localhost A logical, indicating whether to use the localhost or not.

Value

character, the address of an OSRM server

Examples

```
osrmr::server_address(TRUE)
# [1] "http://localhost:5000"
osrmr::server_address(FALSE)
# [1] "http://router.project-osrm.org"
```

viaroute	<i>travel time or full information of a route</i>
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Description

For a given start- and end-destination, viaroute() calculates route informations using OSRM. OSRM chooses the nearest point which can be accessed by car for the start- and end-destination. The coordinate-standard is WGS84. Attention: The OSRM API-4 is only working locally, but not with the onlinehost.

Usage

```
viaroute(
  lat1,
  lng1,
  lat2,
  lng2,
  instructions,
  api_version,
  localhost,
  timeout = 0.001
)
```

Arguments

lat1	A numeric (-90 < lat1 < 90) -> start-destination
lng1	A numeric (-180 < lng1 < 180) -> start-destination
lat2	A numeric (-90 < lat2 < 90) -> end-destination
lng2	A numeric (-180 < lng2 < 180) -> end-destination
instructions	A logical. If FALSE, only the traveltime (in seconds, as numeric) will be returned. If TRUE, more details of the route are returned (as list).
api_version	A numeric (either 4 or 5)
localhost	A logical (TRUE = localhost is used, FALSE = onlinehost is used)
timeout	A numeric indicating the timeout between server requests (in order to prevent queue overflows). Default is 0.001s.

Value

a numeric or a list (depending on instructions)

Examples

```
# direct examples of the online API
## Not run:
#' link <- "http://router.project-osrm.org/route/v1/driving/8.1,47.1;8.3,46.9?steps=false"
```

```

a <- rjson::fromJSON(file = link)

# example with onlinehost API5
osrmr::viaroute(47.1, 8.1, 46.9, 8.3, FALSE, 5, FALSE)

# examples with localhost API4/API5
Sys.setenv("OSRM_PATH"="C:/OSRM_API4")
osrmr::run_server("switzerland-latest.osrm")
osrmr::viaroute(47.1, 8.1, 46.9, 8.3, FALSE, 4, TRUE)
osrmr::quit_server()
Sys.unsetenv("OSRM_PATH")

Sys.setenv("OSRM_PATH"="C:/OSRM_API5")
osrmr::run_server("switzerland-latest.osrm")
osrmr::viaroute(47.1, 8.1, 46.9, 8.3, FALSE, 5, TRUE)
osrmr::quit_server()
Sys.unsetenv("OSRM_PATH")
## End(Not run)

```

viaroute_api_v4

travel time or full information of a route for OSRM API 4

Description

For a given start- and end-destination, `viaroute()` calculates route informations using OSRM API 4. OSRM chooses the nearest point which can be accessed by car for the start and destination. The coordinate-standard is WGS84. Attention: The OSRM API-4 is only working locally, but not with the onlinehost.

Usage

```
viaroute_api_v4(lat1, lng1, lat2, lng2, instructions, address)
```

Arguments

lat1	A numeric (-90 < lat1 < 90) -> start-destination
lng1	A numeric (-180 < lng1 < 180) -> start-destination
lat2	A numeric (-90 < lat2 < 90) -> end-destination
lng2	A numeric (-180 < lng2 < 180) -> end-destination
instructions	A logical. If FALSE, only the traveltime (in seconds, as numeric) will be returned. If TRUE, more details of the route are returned (as list).
address	A character specifying the serveraddress (local or online)

Value

a numeric or a list (depending on parameter instructions)

Examples

```
## Not run:
Sys.setenv("OSRM_PATH"="C:/OSRM_API4")
osrmr::run_server("switzerland-latest.osrm")
osrmr::viaroute_api_v4(47,9,48,10, FALSE, osrmr::server_address(TRUE))
osrmr::quit_server()
Sys.unsetenv("OSRM_PATH")
## End(Not run)
```

viaroute_api_v5 *travel time or full information of a route for OSRM API 5*

Description

For a given start- and end-destination, viaroute() calculates route informations using OSRM API 5. OSRM chooses the nearest point which can be accessed by car for the start and destination. The coordinate-standard is WGS84. Attention: The OSRM API-4 is only working locally, but not with the onlinehost.

Usage

```
viaroute_api_v5(lat1, lng1, lat2, lng2, instructions, address)
```

Arguments

lat1	A numeric (-90 < lat1 < 90) -> start-destination
lng1	A numeric (-180 < lng1 < 180) -> start-destination
lat2	A numeric (-90 < lat2 < 90) -> end-destination
lng2	A numeric (-180 < lng2 < 180) -> end-destination
instructions	A logical. If FALSE, only the traveltime (in seconds, as numeric) will be returned. If TRUE, more details of the route are returned (as list).
address	A character specifying the serveraddress (local or online)

Value

a numeric or a list (depending on parameter instructions)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# example with onlinehost
osrmr::viaroute_api_v5(47, 9, 48, 10 , FALSE, osrmr::server_address(FALSE))

# example with localhost
Sys.setenv("OSRM_PATH"="C:/OSRM_API5")
osrmr::run_server("switzerland-latest.osrm")
osrmr::viaroute_api_v5(47, 9, 48, 10 , FALSE, osrmr::server_address(TRUE))
```

```
osrmr::quit_server()  
Sys.unsetenv("OSRM_PATH")  
## End(Not run)
```

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