

# Package ‘ceramic’

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ceramic-package      *Obtain imagery tiles*

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### Description

The ceramic package provides tools to download and load imagery and raster tiles from online servers.

### Details

Any process that can trigger downloads will first check the `ceramic_cache()` in case the tile already exists.

The main functions are for downloading tiles and loading them as raster objects, and each accepts a spatial object for the first argument, alternatively a raster extent, or location:

<code>get_tiles</code>	Download tiles for a given service for an extent and resolution
<code>get_tiles_buffer</code>	Download tiles based on location and buffer (width, height) in metres
<code>get_tiles_dim</code>	Download tiles based on extent and output dimension in pixels
<code>get_tiles_zoom</code>	Download tiles base on extent and zoom level

Two helper functions will trigger the download of tiles and also collate the result into a raster object:

<code>cc_location</code>	Download tiles and build a raster object of imagery
<code>cc_elevation</code>	Download tiles and build a raster object of elevation data

Administration functions for handling the file cache and required API key for on online service:

<code>get_api_key</code>	Return the stored key for online API, or NULL
<code>ceramic_cache</code>	Report the location of the tile cache
<code>clear_ceramic_cache</code>	Delete all files in the tile cache (use with caution!)

Other functions that are either rarely used or considered subject to change:

ceramic_tiles	Find particular tiles from the cache
mercator_tile_extent	Abstract raster-extent form of the spherical Mercator tile system, expressed in tile-index and
plot_tiles	Plot the tiles from ceramic_tiles
tiles_to_polygon	Convert ceramic_tiles to simple features format
cc_casey	Specific location hardcoded form of cc_location
cc_davis	Specific location hardcoded form of cc_location
cc_heard	Specific location hardcoded form of cc_location
cc_kingston	Specific location hardcoded form of cc_location
cc_macquarie	Specific location hardcoded form of cc_location
cc_mawson	Specific location hardcoded form of cc_location

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cc_location	<i>Obtain tiled imagery by location query</i>
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## Description

Obtain imagery or elevation data by location query. The first argument `loc` may be a spatial object (sp, raster, sf) or a 2-column matrix with a single longitude and latitude value. Use `buffer` to define a width and height to pad around the raw longitude and latitude in metres. If `loc` has an extent, then `buffer` is ignored.

## Usage

```
cc_location(loc = NULL, buffer = 5000, type = "mapbox.satellite",
  ..., zoom = NULL, max_tiles = NULL, debug = FALSE)

cc_macquarie(loc = c(158.93835, -54.49871), buffer = 5000,
  type = "mapbox.outdoors", ..., zoom = NULL, max_tiles = NULL,
  debug = FALSE)

cc_davis(loc = c(77 + 58/60 + 3/3600, -(68 + 34/60 + 36/3600)),
  buffer = 5000, type = "mapbox.outdoors", ..., zoom = NULL,
  max_tiles = NULL, debug = FALSE)

cc_mawson(loc = c(62 + 52/60 + 27/3600, -(67 + 36/60 + 12/3600)),
  buffer = 5000, type = "mapbox.outdoors", ..., zoom = NULL,
  max_tiles = NULL, debug = FALSE)

cc_casey(loc = cbind(110 + 31/60 + 36/3600, -(66 + 16/60 + 57/3600)),
  buffer = 5000, type = "mapbox.outdoors", ..., zoom = NULL,
  max_tiles = NULL, debug = FALSE)

cc_heard(loc = c(73 + 30/60 + 30/3600, -(53 + 0 + 0/3600)),
  buffer = 5000, type = "mapbox.outdoors", ..., zoom = NULL,
  max_tiles = NULL, debug = FALSE)
```

```
cc_kingston(loc = c(147.70837, -42.98682), buffer = 5000,
  type = "mapbox.outdoors", ..., zoom = NULL, max_tiles = NULL,
  debug = FALSE)

cc_elevation(loc = NULL, buffer = 5000, ..., zoom = NULL,
  max_tiles = NULL, debug = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

loc	a longitude, latitude pair of coordinates, or a spatial object
buffer	with in metres to extend around the location, ignored if 'loc' is a spatial object with extent
type	character string of provider imagery type (see Details)
...	arguments passed to internal function, specifically <code>base_url</code> (see Details)
zoom	desired zoom for tiles, use with caution - if <code>NULL</code> is chosen automatically
max_tiles	maximum number of tiles to be read into memory - if <code>NULL</code> is set by zoom constraints
debug	optionally print out files that will be used

### Details

`cc_elevation` does extra work to unpack the DEM tiles from the RGB format.

Available types are 'elevation-tiles-prod' for AWS elevation tiles, and 'mapbox.satellite', 'mapbox.outdoors', 'mapbox.terrain-rgb' or any string accepted by Mapbox services.

Note that arguments `max_tiles` and `zoom` are mutually exclusive. One or both must be `NULL`. If both are `NULL` then `max_tiles = 16L`.

### Value

A `raster::brick()` object, either 'RasterBrick' with three layers (Red, Green, Blue) or with a single layer in the case of `cc_elevation()`.

### Custom styles

Custom Mapbox styles may be specified with the argument `base_url` in the form: `"https://api.mapbox.com/sty`  
Currently must be considered in-development.

### Examples

```
if (!is.null(get_api_key())) {

  img <- cc_location(cbind(147, -42), buffer = 1e5)

  ## this source does not need the Mapbox API, but we won't run the example unless it's set
  dem <- cc_kingston(buffer = 1e4, type = "elevation-tiles-prod")
  raster::plot(dem, col = grey(seq(0, 1, length = 94)))
```

```
## Mapbox imagery
im <- cc_macquarie()
library(raster)
plotRGB(im)
}
```

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ceramic\_tiles      *Tile files*

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## Description

Find existing files in the cache. Various options can be controlled, this is liable to change pending generalization across providers.

## Usage

```
ceramic_tiles(zoom = NULL, type = "mapbox.satellite",
              source = "api.mapbox.com", glob = NULL, regexp = NULL)
```

## Arguments

zoom	zoom level
type	imagery type
source	imagery source
glob	see <code>fs::dir_ls</code>
regexp	see <code>fs::dir_ls</code>

## Value

A data frame of tile file paths with tile index, zoom, type, version, source and spatial extent.

## Examples

```
if (interactive() && !is.null(get_api_key())) {
  tiles <- ceramic_tiles(zoom = 0)
}
```

`clear_ceramic_cache`*Clear ceramic cache*

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**Description**

Delete all downloaded files in the `ceramic_cache()`.

**Usage**

```
clear_ceramic_cache(clobber = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>clobber</code>	set to TRUE to avoid checks and delete files
<code>...</code>	reserved for future arguments, currently ignored

**Value**

This function is called for its side effect, but also returns the file paths as a character vector whether deleted or not, or NULL if the user cancels.

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`get-tiles-constrained`*Get tiles with specific constraints*

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**Description**

Get tiles by zoom, by overall dimension, or by buffer on a single point.

**Usage**

```
get_tiles_zoom(x, zoom = 0, ..., format = "png")
```

```
get_tiles_dim(x, dim = c(512, 512), ..., format = "png")
```

```
get_tiles_buffer(x, buffer = NULL, ..., max_tiles = 9,  
  format = "png")
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	a spatial object with an extent
<code>zoom</code>	desired zoom for tiles, use with caution - cannot be unset in <code>get_tiles_zoom</code>
<code>...</code>	passed to <code>get_tiles()</code>
<code>format</code>	defaults to "png", also available is "jpg"
<code>dim</code>	for <code>get_tiles_dim</code> the overall maximum dimensions of the image (padded out to tile size of 256x256)
<code>buffer</code>	width in metres to extend around the location, ignored if 'x' is a spatial object with extent
<code>max_tiles</code>	maximum number of tiles - if NULL is set by zoom constraints

## Details

Each function expects an extent in longitude latitude or a spatial object with extent as the first argument.

`get_tiles_zoom()` requires a zoom value, defaulting to 0

`get_tiles_dim()` requires a dim value, default to `c(512, 512)`, a set of 4 tiles

`get_tiles_buffer()` requires a single location (longitude, latitude) and a buffer in metres

## Value

A list with files downloaded in character vector, a data frame of the tile indices, the zoom level used and the extent in `raster::extent` form.

## See Also

`get_tiles`

## Examples

```
if (!is.null(get_api_key())) {
  ex <- raster::extent(146, 147, -43, -42)
  tile_infoz <- get_tiles_zoom(ex, type = "mapbox.outdoors", zoom = 1)

  tile_infod <- get_tiles_dim(ex, type = "mapbox.outdoors", dim = c(256, 256))

  tile_infob <- get_tiles_buffer(cbind(146.5, -42.5), buffer = 5000, type = "mapbox.outdoors")
}
```

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`get_api_key`*Get API key for Mapbox service*

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### Description

Mapbox tile providers require an API key. Other providers may not need a key and so this is ignored.

### Usage

```
get_api_key(api = "mapbox", ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>api</code>	character string denoting which service ("mapbox" only)
<code>...</code>	currently ignored

### Details

The `mapdeck` package<sup>1</sup> has a more comprehensive tool for setting the Mapbox API key, if this is in use `ceramic` will find it first and use it.

To set your Mapbox API key obtain a key from <https://account.mapbox.com/access-tokens/>

1) Run this to set for the session `'Sys.setenv(MAPBOX_API_KEY=<yourkey>')`

OR,

2) To set permanently store `'MAPBOX_API_KEY=<yourkey>'` in `'~/.Renviron'`.

There is a fairly liberal allowance for the actual name of the environment variable, any of `'MAPBOX_API_KEY'`, `'MAPBOX_API_TOKEN'`, `'MAPBOX_KEY'`, `'MAPBOX_TOKEN'`, or `'MAPBOX'` will work (and they are sought in that order).

If no key is available, `NULL` is returned, with a warning.

### Value

The stored API key value, see Details.

### Examples

```
get_api_key()
```

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<sup>1</sup><https://CRAN.r-project.org/package=mapdeck/>



get\_tiles

*Download Mapbox imagery tiles***Description**

Obtain imagery or elevation tiles by location query. The first argument `loc` may be a spatial object (sp, raster, sf) or a 2-column matrix with a single longitude and latitude value. Use `buffer` to define a width and height to pad around the raw longitude and latitude in metres. If `loc` has an extent, then `buffer` is ignored.

**Usage**

```
get_tiles(x, buffer, type = "mapbox.satellite", crop_to_buffer = TRUE,
         format = NULL, ..., zoom = NULL, debug = FALSE, max_tiles = NULL,
         base_url = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a longitude, latitude pair of coordinates, or a spatial object
<code>buffer</code>	width in metres to extend around the location, ignored if 'x' is a spatial object with extent
<code>type</code>	character string of provider imagery type (see Details)
<code>crop_to_buffer</code>	crop to the user extent, used for creation of output objects (otherwise is padded tile extent)
<code>format</code>	tile format to use, defaults to "jpg" for Mapbox satellite imagery and "png" otherwise
<code>...</code>	arguments passed to internal function, specifically <code>base_url</code> (see Details)
<code>zoom</code>	desired zoom for tiles, use with caution - if <code>NULL</code> is chosen automatically
<code>debug</code>	optionally print out files that will be used
<code>max_tiles</code>	maximum number of tiles - if <code>NULL</code> is set by zoom constraints
<code>base_url</code>	tile provider URL expert use only
<code>verbose</code>	report messages or suppress them

**Details**

`get_tiles()` may be run with no arguments, and will download (and report on) the default tile source at zoom 0. Arguments `type`, `zoom` (or `max_tiles`), `format` may be used without setting `loc` or `buffer` and the entire world extent will be used. Please use with caution! There is no maximum on what will be downloaded, but it can be interrupted at any time.

Use `debug = TRUE` to avoid download and simply report on what would be done.

`cc_elevation` does extra work to unpack the DEM tiles from the RGB format.

Available types are 'elevation-tiles-prod' for AWS elevation tiles, and 'mapbox.satellite', 'mapbox.outdoors', 'mapbox.terrain-rgb', 'mapbox.streets', 'mapbox.light', 'mapbox.dark' or any other string accepted by Mapbox services.

**Value**

A list with files downloaded in character vector, a data frame of the tile indices, the zoom level used and the extent in raster::extent form.

**See Also**

get\_tiles\_zoom get\_tiles\_dim get\_tiles\_buffer

**Examples**

```
if (!is.null(get_api_key())) {  
  tile_info <- get_tiles(raster::extent(146, 147, -43, -42), type = "mapbox.outdoors", zoom  
}
```

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mercator\_tile\_extent

*Tile extent*

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**Description**

Calculate tile extent for a given x, y tile at a zoom level.

**Usage**

```
mercator_tile_extent(tile_x, tile_y, zoom, tile_size = 256)
```

**Arguments**

tile_x	x coordinate of tile
tile_y	y coordinate of tile
zoom	zoo level
tile_size	tile dimensions (assumed square, i.e. 256x256)

**Details**

Currently only spherical Mercator is supported.

**Value**

A numeric vector of the spatial extent, in 'xmin', 'xmax', 'ymin', 'ymax' form.

**Examples**

```
mercator_tile_extent(2, 4, zoom = 10)

global <- mercator_tile_extent(0, 0, zoom = 0)
plot(NA, xlim = global[c("xmin", "xmax")], ylim = global[c("ymin", "ymax")])
rect_plot <- function(x) rect(x["xmin"], x["ymin"], x["xmax"], x["ymax"])
rect_plot(mercator_tile_extent(1, 1, zoom = 2))
rect_plot(mercator_tile_extent(2, 1, zoom = 2))
rect_plot(mercator_tile_extent(1, 2, zoom = 2))

rect_plot(mercator_tile_extent(1, 1, zoom = 4))
rect_plot(mercator_tile_extent(2, 1, zoom = 4))
rect_plot(mercator_tile_extent(1, 2, zoom = 4))
```

plot\_tiles

*Plot slippy map tiles***Description**

Create a new plot of tile rectangles, or add to an existing plot.

**Usage**

```
plot_tiles(x, ..., add = FALSE, label = TRUE, cex = 0.6,
  add_coast = TRUE, include_zoom = TRUE)

tiles_to_polygon(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	tiles as create by <code>ceramic_tiles()</code>
...	arguments passed to <code>graphics::rect()</code>
add	add to an existing plot?
label	include text label?
cex	relative size of text label if drawn (see <code>text()</code> )
add_coast	include a basic coastline on the plot?
include_zoom	include zoom level with text label if drawn?

**Details**

The extent ('xmin', 'xmax', 'ymin', 'ymax') is used directly to draw the tiles so must be in the native Mercator coordinate system used by most tile servers.

**Value**

`plot_tiles()` is called for its side-effect, a plot, and returns `NULL` invisibly. `tiles_to_polygon` returns a simple features polygon data frame.

**Examples**

```
if (!is.null(get_api_key())) {  
  get_tiles_zoom(zoom = 1)  
  tiles <- ceramic_tiles(zoom = 1)  
  plot_tiles(tiles)  
}
```