

# Package ‘MazamaLocationUtils’

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APIKeys

*API keys for data services.*

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### Description

This package maintains an internal set of API keys which users can set using `setAPIKey()`. These keys will be remembered for the duration of an R session. This functionality provides an abstraction layer in dependent packages so that data access functions can test for and access specific API keys with generic code.

### Format

Character strings.

### Details

The following functions help with the management of API keys:

`getAPIKey()` – Returns the API key associated with a web service. If `provider == NULL` a list is returned containing all recognized API keys.

`setAPIKey()` – Sets the API key associated with a web service. Silently returns previous value of the API key.

`showAPIKeys()` – Returns a list of all currently set API keys.

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`clusterByDistance`

*Add distance-clustering information to a dataframe*

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### Description

Distance clustering is used to identify unique deployments of a sensor in an environmental monitoring field study. GPS-reported locations can be jittery and result in a sensor self-reporting from a cluster of nearby locations. Clustering helps resolve this by assigning a single location to the cluster.

Standard `kmeans` clustering does not work well when clusters can have widely differing numbers of members. A much better result is achieved with the Partitioning Around Medoids method available in `cluster::pam()`.

The value of `clusterDiameter` is compared with the output of `cluster::pam(...)$clusinfo[, 'av_diss']` to determine the number of clusters.

**Usage**

```
clusterByDistance(  
  tbl,  
  clusterDiameter = 1000,  
  lonVar = "longitude",  
  latVar = "latitude",  
  maxClusters = 50  
)
```

**Arguments**

tbl	Tibble with geolocation information.
clusterDiameter	Diameter in meters used to determine the number of clusters (see description).
lonVar	Name of longitude variable in the incoming tibble.
latVar	Name of the latitude variable in the incoming tibble.
maxClusters	Maximum number of clusters to try.

**Value**

Input tibble with additional columns: clusterLon, clusterLat, clusterID.

**Note**

In most applications, the [table\\_addClustering](#) function should be used as it implements two-stage clustering using `clusterbyDistance()`.

**References**

[When k-means clustering fails](#)

**See Also**

[table\\_removeRecord](#)

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)  
  
# Fremont, Seattle 47.6504, -122.3509  
# Magnolia, Seattle 47.6403, -122.3997  
# Downtown Seattle 47.6055, -122.3370  
  
fremont_x <- jitter(rep(-122.3509, 10), .0005)  
fremont_y <- jitter(rep(47.6504, 10), .0005)  
  
magnolia_x <- jitter(rep(-122.3997, 8), .0005)  
magnolia_y <- jitter(rep(47.6403, 8), .0005)
```

```
downtown_x <- jitter(rep(-122.3370, 3), .0005)
downtown_y <- jitter(rep(47.6055, 3), .0005)

# Apply clustering
tbl <-
  dplyr::tibble(
    longitude = c(fremont_x, magnolia_x, downtown_x),
    latitude = c(fremont_y, magnolia_y, downtown_y)
  ) %>%
  clusterByDistance(
    clusterDiameter = 1000
  )

plot(tbl$longitude, tbl$latitude, pch = tbl$clusterID)
```

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coreMetadataNames      *Names of standard spatial metadata columns*

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### Description

Character string identifiers of the minimum set of fields required for a table to be considered a valid "known locations" table.

```
coreMetadataNames <- c(
  "locationID",            # from MazamaLocationUtils::location_createID()
  "locationName",        # from MazamaLocationUtils::location_initialize()
  "longitude",            # user supplied
  "latitude",            # user supplied
  "elevation",            # from MazamaLocationUtils::getSingleElevation_USGS()
  "countryCode",        # from MazamaSpatialUtils::getCountryCode()
  "stateCode",           # from MazamaSpatialUtils::getStateCode()
  "countyName",         # from MazamaSpatialUtils::getUSCounty()
  "timezone",            # from MazamaSpatialUtils::getTimezone()
  "houseNumber",        # from MazamaLocationUtils::getSingleAddress_Photon()
  "street",              # from MazamaLocationUtils::getSingleAddress_Photon()
  "city",                # from MazamaLocationUtils::getSingleAddress_Photon()
  "postalCode"          # from MazamaLocationUtils::getSingleAddress_Photon()
)
```

### Usage

```
coreMetadataNames
```

### Format

A vector with 3 elements

### Details

```
coreMetadataNames
```

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getLocationDataDir      *Get location data directory*

---

### Description

Returns the directory path where known location data tables are located.

### Usage

```
getLocationDataDir()
```

### Value

Absolute path string.

### See Also

[LocationDataDir](#)

[setLocationDataDir](#)

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id\_monitors\_500      *Idaho monitor locations dataset*

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### Description

The id\_monitor\_500 dataset provides a set of known locations associated with Idaho state air quality monitors. This dataset was generated on 2023-10-24 by running:

```
library(AirMonitor)
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

initializeMazamaSpatialUtils()
setLocationDataDir("./data")

monitor <- monitor_loadLatest() %>% monitor_filter(stateCode == "ID")
lons <- monitor$meta$longitude
lats <- monitor$meta$latitude

table_initialize() %>%
  table_addLocation(
    lons, lats,
    distanceThreshold = 500,
    elevationService = "usgs",
    addressService = "photon"
  ) %>%
  table_save("id_monitors_500")
```

**Usage**

```
id_monitors_500
```

**Format**

A tibble with 30 rows and 13 columns of data.

**See Also**

[or\\_monitors\\_500](#)

[wa\\_monitors\\_500](#)

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```
initializeMazamaSpatialUtils
```

*Initialize MazamaSpatialUtils package*

---

**Description**

Convenience function that wraps:

```
MazamaSpatialUtils::setSpatialDataDir("~/Data/Spatial")
MazamaSpatialUtils::loadSpatialData("EEZCountries.rda")
. MazamaSpatialUtils::loadSpatialData("OSMTimezones.rda")
MazamaSpatialUtils::loadSpatialData("NaturalEarthAdm1.rda")
MazamaSpatialUtils::loadSpatialData("USCensusCounties.rda")
```

If spatial data has not yet been installed, an error is returned with an extended message detailing how to install the appropriate data.

**Usage**

```
initializeMazamaSpatialUtils(spatialDataDir = "~/Data/Spatial")
```

**Arguments**

`spatialDataDir` Directory where **MazamaSpatialUtils** datasets are found.

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Fail gracefully if any resources are not available
try({

  # Set up directory for spatial data
  spatialDataDir <- tempdir() # typically "~/Data/Spatial"
  MazamaSpatialUtils::setSpatialDataDir(spatialDataDir)
```

```

exists("NaturalEarthAdm1")
initializeMazamaSpatialUtils(spatialDataDir)
exists("NaturalEarthAdm1")
class(NaturalEarthAdm1)

}, silent = FALSE)

```

---

LocationDataDir      *Directory for location data*

---

### Description

This package maintains an internal directory path which users can set using `setLocationDataDir()`. All package functions use this directory whenever known location tables are accessed. The default setting when the package is loaded is `getwd()`.

### Format

Absolute path string.

### See Also

[getLocationDataDir](#)  
[setLocationDataDir](#)

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location\_createID      *Create one or more unique locationIDs*

---

### Description

A unique locationID is created for each incoming longitude and latitude.

See `MazamaCoreUtils::createLocationID` for details.

At `precision = 10`, this results in a maximum error of 0.6 meters which is more than precise enough for environmental monitoring studies making use of this package.

An excellent way to become familiar with geohash is through the [GeoHash Explorer](#).

### Usage

```

location_createID(
  longitude = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  algorithm = c("geohash", "digest"),
  precision = 10
)

```



**Arguments**

longitude	Vector of longitudes in decimal degrees E.
latitude	Vector of latitudes in decimal degrees N.
algorithm	Algorithm to use – either "geohash" or "digest".
precision	precision argument used when encoding with "geohash".

**Value**

Vector of character locationIDs.

**Note**

The "digest" algorithm is deprecated but provided for backwards compatibility with databases that were built using locationIDs generated with this algorithm.

**References**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decimal\\_degrees](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decimal_degrees)

<https://www.johndcook.com/blog/2017/01/10/probability-of-secure-hash-collisions/>

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Wenatchee
lon <- -120.325278
lat <- 47.423333
locationID <- location_createID(lon, lat)
print(locationID)

location_createID(lon, lat, algorithm = "geohash")
location_createID(lon, lat, algorithm = "geohash", precision = 7)
```

---

location\_getCensusBlock

*Get census block data from the FCC API*

---

**Description**

The FCC Block API is used get census block, county, and state FIPS associated with the longitude and latitude. The following list of data is returned:

- stateCode
- countyName
- censusBlock

The data from this function should be considered to be the gold standard for state and county. i.e. this information could and should be used to override information we get elsewhere.

**Usage**

```
location_getCensusBlock(  
  longitude = NULL,  
  latitude = NULL,  
  censusYear = 2010,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E.
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N.
censusYear	Year the census was taken.
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

List of census block/county/state data.

**References**

<https://geo.fcc.gov/api/census/>

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)  
  
# Fail gracefully if any resources are not available  
try({  
  
  # Wenatchee  
  lon <- -120.325278  
  lat <- 47.423333  
  
  censusList <- location_getCensusBlock(lon, lat)  
  str(censusList)  
  
}, silent = FALSE)
```

---

location\_getOpenCageInfo

*Get location information from OpenCage*

---

**Description**

The OpenCage reverse geocoding service is used to obtain all available information for a specific location.

The data from OpenCage should be considered to be the gold standard for address information could and should be used to override information we get elsewhere.

**Usage**

```
location_getOpenCageInfo(longitude = NULL, latitude = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E.
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N.
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Single-row tibble with OpenCage information.

**Note**

The OpenCage service requires an API key which can be obtained from their web site. This API key must be set as an environment variable with:

```
Sys.setenv("OPENCAGE_KEY" = "YOUR_PERSONAL_API_KEY")
```

The OpenCage "free trial" level allows for 1 request/sec and a maximum of 2500 requests per day.

**References**

<https://opencagedata.com>

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Fail gracefully if any resources are not available
try({

  # Wenatchee
  lon <- -120.325278
  lat <- 47.423333

  Sys.setenv("OPENCAGE_KEY" = "YOUR_PERSONAL_API_KEY")

  openCageTbl <- location_getOpenCageInfo(lon, lat)
  dplyr::glimpse(openCageTbl)
```

```
}, silent = FALSE)
```

---

```
location_getSingleAddress_Photon
```

*Get address data from the Photon API to OpenStreetMap*

---

### Description

The Photon API is used get address data associated with the longitude and latitude. The following list of data is returned:

- houseNumber
- street
- city
- stateCode
- stateName
- postalCode
- countryCode
- countryName

The function makes an effort to convert both state and country Name into Code with codes defaulting to NA. Both Name and Code are returned so that improvements can be made in the conversion algorithm.

### Usage

```
location_getSingleAddress_Photon(
  longitude = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  baseUrl = "https://photon.komoot.io/reverse",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E.
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N.
baseUrl	Base URL for data queries.
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

### Value

List of address components.

## References

<https://photon.komoot.io>

## Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Fail gracefully if any resources are not available
try({

  # Set up standard directories and spatial data
  spatialDataDir <- tempdir() # typically "~/Data/Spatial"
  initializeMazamaSpatialUtils(spatialDataDir)

  # Wenatchee
  lon <- -120.325278
  lat <- 47.423333

  addressList <- location_getSingleAddress_Photon(lon, lat)
  str(addressList)

}, silent = FALSE)
```

---

location\_getSingleAddress\_TexasAM

*Get an address from the Texas A&M reverse geocoding service*

---

## Description

Texas A&M APIs are used to determine the address associated with the longitude and latitude.

## Usage

```
location_getSingleAddress_TexasAM(
  longitude = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  apiKey = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E.
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N.
apiKey	Texas A&M Geocoding requires an API key. The first 2500 requests are free.
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Numeric elevation value.

**References**

[https://geoservices.tamu.edu/Services/ReverseGeocoding/WebService/v04\\_01/HTTP.aspx](https://geoservices.tamu.edu/Services/ReverseGeocoding/WebService/v04_01/HTTP.aspx)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Fail gracefully if any resources are not available
try({

  # Wenatchee
  longitude <- -122.47
  latitude <- 47.47
  apiKey <- YOUR_PERSONAL_API_KEY

  location_getSingleAddress_TexasAM(longitude, latitude, apiKey)

}, silent = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

---

location\_getSingleElevation\_USGS

*Get elevation data from a USGS web service*

---

**Description**

USGS APIs are used to determine the elevation in meters associated with the longitude and latitude.

*Note: The conversion factor for meters to feet is 3.28084.*

**Usage**

```
location_getSingleElevation_USGS(
  longitude = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E.
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N.
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Numeric elevation value.

**References**

<https://epqs.nationalmap.gov/v1/docs>

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Fail gracefully if any resources are not available
try({

  # Wenatchee
  longitude <- -120.325278
  latitude <- 47.423333

  location_getSingleElevation_USGS(longitude, latitude)

}, silent = FALSE)
```

---

location\_initialize    *Create known location record with core metadata*

---

**Description**

Creates a known location record with the following columns of core metadata:

- locationID
- locationName
- longitude
- latitude
- elevation
- countryCode
- stateCode
- countyName

- timezone
- houseNumber
- street
- city
- postalCode

### Usage

```
location_initialize(
  longitude = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  stateDataset = "NaturalEarthAdm1",
  elevationService = NULL,
  addressService = NULL,
  precision = 10,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E.
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N.
stateDataset	Name of spatial dataset to use for determining state
elevationService	Name of the elevation service to use for determining the elevation. Default: NULL skips this step. Accepted values: "usgs".
addressService	Name of the address service to use for determining the street address. Default: NULL skips this step. Accepted values: "photon".
precision	precision argument passed on to <a href="#">location_createID</a> .
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

### Value

Tibble with a single new known location.

### Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Fail gracefully if any resources are not available
try({

  # Set up standard directories and spatial data
  spatialDataDir <- tempdir() # typically "~/Data/Spatial"
  initializeMazamaSpatialUtils(spatialDataDir)

  # Wenatchee
```



```
lon <- -120.325278
lat <- 47.423333

locationRecord <- location_initialize(lon, lat)
str(locationRecord)

}, silent = FALSE)
```

---

MazamaLocationUtils    *Manage Spatial Metadata for Known Locations*

---

## Description

A suite of utility functions for discovering and managing metadata associated with sets of spatially unique "known locations".

This package is intended to be used in support of data management activities associated with fixed locations in space. The motivating fields include both air and water quality monitoring where fixed sensors report at regular time intervals.

## Details

When working with environmental monitoring time series, one of the first things you have to do is create unique identifiers for each individual time series. In an ideal world, each environmental time series would have both a `locationID` and a `deviceID` that uniquely identify the specific instrument making measurements and the physical location where measurements are made. A unique `timeseriesID` could be produced as `locationID_deviceID`. Metadata associated with each `timeseriesID` would contain basic information needed for downstream analysis including at least:

```
timeseriesID, locationID, deviceID, longitude, latitude, ...
```

- An extended time series for an occasionally re-positioned sensor would group by `deviceID`.
- Multiple sensors placed at a single location could be grouped by `locationID`.
- Maps would be created using `longitude`, `latitude`.
- Time series would be accessed from a secondary data table with `timeseriesID`.

Unfortunately, we are rarely supplied with a truly unique and truly spatial `locationID`. Instead we often use `deviceID` or an associated non-spatial identifier as a stand-in for `locationID`.

Complications we have seen include:

- GPS-reported longitude and latitude can have *jitter* in the fourth or fifth decimal place making it challenging to use them to create a unique `locationID`.
- Sensors are sometimes *re-positioned* in what the scientist considers the "same location".
- Data for a single sensor goes through different processing pipelines using different identifiers and is later brought together as two separate time series.

- The spatial scale of what constitutes a "single location" depends on the instrumentation and scientific question being asked.
- Deriving location-based metadata from spatial datasets is computationally intensive unless saved and identified with a unique locationID.
- Automated searches for spatial metadata occasionally produce incorrect results because of the non-infinite resolution of spatial datasets.

This package attempts to address all of these issues by maintaining a table of known locations for which CPU intensive spatial data calculations have already been performed. While requests to add new locations to the table may take some time, searches for spatial metadata associated with existing locations are simple lookups.

Working in this manner will solve the problems initially mentioned but also provides further useful functionality.

- Administrators can correct entries in the collectionName table. (*e.g.* locations in river bends that even high resolution spatial datasets mis-assign)
- Additional, non-automatable metadata can be added to collectionName. (*e.g.* commonly used location names within a community of practice)
- Different field campaigns can have separate collectionName tables.
- .csv or .rda versions of well populated tables can be downloaded from a URL and used locally, giving scientists working with known locations instant access to spatial data that otherwise requires special skills, large datasets and lots of compute cycles.

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or\_monitors\_500

*Oregon monitor locations dataset*

---

## Description

The or\_monitor\_500 dataset provides a set of known locations associated with Oregon state air quality monitors. This dataset was generated on 2023-10-24 by running:

```
library(AirMonitor)
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

initializeMazamaSpatialUtils()
setLocationDataDir("./data")

monitor <- monitor_loadLatest() %>% monitor_filter(stateCode == "OR")
lons <- monitor$meta$longitude
lats <- monitor$meta$latitude

table_initialize() %>%
  table_addLocation(
    lons, lats,
    distanceThreshold = 500,
```

```
elevationService = "usgs",
addressService = "photon"
) %>%
table_save("or_monitors_500")
```

**Usage**

```
or_monitors_500
```

**Format**

A tibble with 64 rows and 13 columns of data.

**See Also**

[id\\_monitors\\_500](#)

[wa\\_monitors\\_500](#)

---

setLocationDataDir      *Set location data directory*

---

**Description**

Sets the data directory where known location data tables are located. If the directory does not exist, it will be created.

**Usage**

```
setLocationDataDir(dataDir)
```

**Arguments**

dataDir      Directory where location tables are stored.

**Value**

Silently returns previous value of the data directory.

**See Also**

[LocationDataDir](#)

[getLocationDataDir](#)

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table\_addClustering *Add clustering information to a dataframe*

---

## Description

Clustering is used to identify unique deployments of a sensor in an environmental monitoring field study.

Sensors will be moved around from time to time, sometimes across the country and sometimes across the street. We would like to assign unique identifiers to each new "deployment" but not when the sensor is moved a short distance.

We use clustering to find an appropriate number of unique "deployments". The sensitivity of this algorithm can be adjusted with the `clusterDiameter` argument.

Standard kmeans clustering does not work well when clusters can have widely differing numbers of members. A much better result is achieved with the Partitioning Around Medoids method available in `cluster::pam()`.

The value of `clusterRadius` is compared with the output of `cluster::pam(...)$clusinfo[, 'av_diss']` to determine the number of clusters.

## Usage

```
table_addClustering(  
  tbl,  
  clusterDiameter = 1000,  
  lonVar = "longitude",  
  latVar = "latitude",  
  maxClusters = 50  
)
```

## Arguments

<code>tbl</code>	Tibble with geolocation information ( <i>e.g.</i>
<code>clusterDiameter</code>	Diameter in meters used to determine the number of clusters (see description).
<code>lonVar</code>	Name of longitude variable in the incoming tibble.
<code>latVar</code>	Name of the latitude variable in the incoming tibble.
<code>maxClusters</code>	Maximum number of clusters to try.

## Value

Input tibble with additional columns: `clusterLon`, `clusterLat`.

## Note

The `table_addClustering()` function implements two-stage clustering using [clusterByDistance](#). If the first attempt at clustering produces clustered locations that are still too close to each other, another round of clustering is performed using the results of the previous attempt. This two-stage approach seems to work well in practice.

## References

[When k-means clustering fails](#)

## See Also

[clusterByDistance](#)

## Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Fremont, Seattle 47.6504, -122.3509
# Magnolia, Seattle 47.6403, -122.3997
# Downtown Seattle 47.6055, -122.3370

fremont_x <- jitter(rep(-122.3509, 10), .0005)
fremont_y <- jitter(rep(47.6504, 10), .0005)

magnolia_x <- jitter(rep(-122.3997, 8), .0005)
magnolia_y <- jitter(rep(47.6403, 8), .0005)

downtown_x <- jitter(rep(-122.3370, 3), .0005)
downtown_y <- jitter(rep(47.6055, 3), .0005)

# Apply clustering
tbl <-
  dplyr::tibble(
    longitude = c(fremont_x, magnolia_x, downtown_x),
    latitude = c(fremont_y, magnolia_y, downtown_y)
  ) %>%
  table_addClustering(
    clusterDiameter = 1000
  )

plot(tbl$longitude, tbl$latitude, pch = tbl$clusterID)
```

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table_addColumn	<i>Add a new column of metadata to a table</i>
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## Description

A new metadata column is added to the locationTbl. For matching locationID records, the associated locationData is inserted. Otherwise, the new column will be initialized with NA.

## Usage

```
table_addColumn(
  locationTbl = NULL,
  columnName = NULL,
```

```
locationID = NULL,  
locationData = NULL,  
verbose = TRUE  
)
```

### Arguments

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations.
columnName	Name to use for the new column.
locationID	Vector of locationID strings.
locationData	Vector of data to used at matching records.
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

### Value

Updated tibble of known locations.

### See Also

[table\\_removeColumn](#)

[table\\_updateColumn](#)

### Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)  
  
# Starting table  
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))  
names(locationTbl)  
  
# Add an empty column  
locationTbl <-  
  locationTbl %>%  
  table_addColumn("AQSID")  
  
names(locationTbl)
```

---

table\_addCoreMetadata *Add missing core metadata columns to a known location table*

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**Description**

An existing table will be amended to guarantee that it includes the following core metadata columns.

- locationID
- locationName
- longitude
- latitude
- elevation
- countryCode
- stateCode
- countyName
- timezone
- houseNumber
- street
- city
- postalCode

The longitude and latitude columns are required to exist in the incoming tibble but all others are optional.

If any of these core metadata columns are found, they will be retained.

The locationID will be generated (anew if already found) from existing longitude and latitude data.

Other core metadata columns will be filled with NA values of the proper type.

The result is a tibble with all of the core metadata columns. These columns must then be filled in to create a usable "known locations" table.

**Usage**

```
table_addCoreMetadata(locationTbl = NULL, precision = 10)
```

**Arguments**

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations. This input tibble need not be a standardized "known location" with all required columns. They will be added.
precision	precision argument passed on to <a href="#">location_createID</a> .

**Value**

Tibble with the metadata columns required in a "known locations" table.

**Note**

No check is performed for overlapping locations. The returned tibble has the structure of a "known locations" table and is a good starting place for investigation. But further work is required to produce a valid table of "known locations" associated with a specific spatial scale.

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table_addLocation	<i>Add new known location records to a table</i>
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### Description

Incoming longitude and latitude values are compared against the incoming locationTbl to see if they are already within distanceThreshold meters of an existing entry. A new record is created for each location that is not already found in locationTbl.

### Usage

```
table_addLocation(
  locationTbl = NULL,
  longitude = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  distanceThreshold = NULL,
  stateDataset = "NaturalEarthAdm1",
  elevationService = NULL,
  addressService = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations.
longitude	Vector of longitudes in decimal degrees E.
latitude	Vector of latitudes in decimal degrees N.
distanceThreshold	Distance in meters.
stateDataset	Name of spatial dataset to use for determining state codes, Default: 'NaturalEarthAdm1'
elevationService	Name of the elevation service to use for determining the elevation. Default: NULL skips this step. Accepted values: "usgs".
addressService	Name of the address service to use for determining the street address. Default: NULL skips this step. Accepted values: "photon".
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

### Value

Updated tibble of known locations.

### Note

This function is a vectorized version of table\_addSingleLocation().



**See Also**

[table\\_addSingleLocation](#)  
[table\\_removeRecord](#)  
[table\\_updateSingleRecord](#)

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Fail gracefully if any resources are not available
try({

  # Set up standard directories and spatial data
  spatialDataDir <- tempdir() # typically "~/Data/Spatial"
  initializeMazamaSpatialUtils(spatialDataDir)

  locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))

  # Coulee City, WA
  lon <- -119.290904
  lat <- 47.611942

  locationTbl <-
    locationTbl %>%
    table_addLocation(lon, lat, distanceThreshold = 500)

  dplyr::glimpse(locationTbl)

}, silent = FALSE)
```

---

table\_addOpenCageInfo *Add address fields to a known location table*

---

**Description**

The OpenCage reverse geocoding service is used to update an existing table. Updated columns include:

- countryCode
- stateCode
- countyName
- timezone
- houseNumber
- street
- city

- postalCode
- address

When `replaceExisting = TRUE`, all existing address fields are discarded in favor of the OpenCage versions. To only fill in missing values in `locationTbl`, use `replaceExisting = FALSE`.

The OpenCage service returns a large number of fields, some of which may be useful. To add all OpenCage fields to a location table, use `retainOpenCage = TRUE`. This will append 78+ fields of information, each each named with a prefix of "opencage\_".

### Usage

```
table_addOpenCageInfo(
  locationTbl = NULL,
  replaceExisting = FALSE,
  retainOpenCage = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

<code>locationTbl</code>	Tibble of known locations.
<code>replaceExisting</code>	Logical specifying whether to replace existing data with data obtained from OpenCage.
<code>retainOpenCage</code>	Logical specifying whether to retain all fields obtained from OpenCage, each named with a prefix of <code>opencage_</code> .
<code>verbose</code>	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

### Value

Tibble of "known locations" enhanced with information from the OpenCage reverse geocoding service.

### Note

The OpenCage service requires an API key which can be obtained from their web site. This API key must be set as an environment variable with:

```
Sys.setenv("OPENCAGE_KEY" = "<your api key>")
```

Parameters are set for use at the OpenCage "free trial" level which allows for 1 request/sec and a maximum of 2500 requests per day.

Because of the 1 request/sec default, it is recommended that `table_addOpenCageInfo()` only be used in an interactive session when updating a table with a large number of records.

### References

<https://opencagedata.com>

**Examples**

```

library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Fail gracefully if any resources are not available
try({

  myTbl <- id_monitors_500[1:3,]
  myTbl$countryCode[1] <- NA
  myTbl$countryCode[2] <- "WRONG"
  myTbl$countyName[3] <- "WRONG"
  myTbl$timezone <- NA

  dplyr::glimpse(myTbl)

  Sys.setenv("OPENCAGE_KEY" = "<YOUR_KEY>")

  table_addOpenCageInfo(myTbl) %>%
    dplyr::glimpse()

  table_addOpenCageInfo(myTbl, replaceExisting = TRUE) %>%
    dplyr::glimpse()

  table_addOpenCageInfo(myTbl, replaceExisting = TRUE, retainOpenCage = TRUE) %>%
    dplyr::glimpse()

}, silent = FALSE)

```

---

table\_addSingleLocation

*Add a single new known location record to a table*

---

**Description**

Incoming longitude and latitude values are compared against the incoming locationTbl to see if they are already within distanceThreshold meters of an existing entry. A new record is created for if the location is not already found in locationTbl.

**Usage**

```

table_addSingleLocation(
  locationTbl = NULL,
  longitude = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  distanceThreshold = NULL,
  stateDataset = "NaturalEarthAdm1",
  elevationService = NULL,
  addressService = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations.
longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E.
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N.
distanceThreshold	Distance in meters.
stateDataset	Name of spatial dataset to use for determining state codes, Default: "NaturalEarthAdm1".
elevationService	Name of the elevation service to use for determining the elevation. Default: NULL. Accepted values: "usgs".
addressService	Name of the address service to use for determining the street address. Default: NULL. Accepted values: "photon".
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Updated tibble of known locations.

**See Also**

[table\\_addLocation](#)  
[table\\_removeRecord](#)  
[table\\_updateSingleRecord](#)

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Fail gracefully if any resources are not available
try({

  # Set up standard directories and spatial data
  spatialDataDir <- tempdir() # typically "~/Data/Spatial"
  initializeMazamaSpatialUtils(spatialDataDir)

  locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))

  nrow(locationTbl)

  # Coulee City, WA
  lon <- -119.290904
  lat <- 47.611942

  locationTbl <-
    locationTbl %>%
    table_addSingleLocation(lon, lat, distanceThreshold = 500)
```

```
nrow(locationTbl)  
}, silent = FALSE)
```

---

table\_filterByDistance

*Return known locations near a target location*

---

### Description

Returns a tibble of the known locations from `locationTbl` that are within `distanceThreshold` meters of the target location specified by `longitude` and `latitude`.

### Usage

```
table_filterByDistance(  
  locationTbl = NULL,  
  longitude = NULL,  
  latitude = NULL,  
  distanceThreshold = NULL,  
  measure = c("geodesic", "haversine", "vincenty", "cheap")  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>locationTbl</code>	Tibble of known locations.
<code>longitude</code>	Target longitude in decimal degrees E.
<code>latitude</code>	Target latitude in decimal degrees N.
<code>distanceThreshold</code>	Distance in meters.
<code>measure</code>	One of "haversine" "vincenty", "geodesic", or "cheap" specifying desired method of geodesic distance calculation.

### Value

Tibble of known locations.

### Note

Only a single target location is allowed.

## Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))

# Too small a distanceThreshold will not find a match
locationTbl %>%
  table_filterByDistance(
    longitude = -117.3647,
    latitude = 47.6725,
    distanceThreshold = 10
  ) %>%
  dplyr::glimpse()

# Expanding the distanceThreshold will find several
locationTbl %>%
  table_filterByDistance(
    longitude = -117.3647,
    latitude = 47.6725,
    distanceThreshold = 10000
  ) %>%
  dplyr::glimpse()
```

---

table\_findAdjacentDistances

*Find distances between adjacent locations in a known locations table*

---

## Description

Calculate distances between all locations within a known locations table and return a tibble with the row indices and separation distances of those records separated by less than distanceThreshold meters. Records are returned in order of distance.

It is useful when working with new metadata tables to identify adjacent locations early on so that decisions can be made about the appropriateness of the specified distanceThreshold.

## Usage

```
table_findAdjacentDistances(
  locationTbl = NULL,
  distanceThreshold = NULL,
  measure = c("geodesic", "haversine", "vincenty", "cheap")
)
```

## Arguments

locationTbl      Tibble of known locations.  
distanceThreshold  
                  Distance in meters.

measure One of "haversine" "vincenty", "geodesic", or "cheap" specifying desired method of geodesic distance calculation.  
See `geodist::geodist` for details.

### Value

Tibble of row indices and distances for those locations separated by less than `distanceThreshold` meters.

### Note

The measure "cheap" may be used to speed things up depending on the spatial scale being considered. Distances calculated with `measure = "cheap"` will vary by a few meters compared with those calculated using `measure = "geodesic"`.

### Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

meta <- wa_airfire_meta

# Any locations closer than 2 km?
table_findAdjacentDistances(meta, distanceThreshold = 2000)

# How about 4 km?
table_findAdjacentDistances(meta, distanceThreshold = 4000)
```

---

table\_findAdjacentLocations

*Finds adjacent locations in a known locations table.*

---

### Description

Calculate distances between all locations within a known locations table and return a tibble containing all records that have an adjacent location separated by less than `distanceThreshold` meters. The return tibble is ordered by separation distance.

It is useful when working with new metadata tables to identify adjacent locations early on so that decisions can be made about the appropriateness of the specified `distanceThreshold`.

### Usage

```
table_findAdjacentLocations(
  locationTbl = NULL,
  distanceThreshold = NULL,
  measure = c("geodesic", "haversine", "vincenty", "cheap")
)
```

**Arguments**

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations.
distanceThreshold	Distance in meters.
measure	One of "haversine" "vincenty", "geodesic", or "cheap" specifying desired method of geodesic distance calculation. See <code>geodist::geodist</code> for details.

**Value**

Tibble of known locations separated by less than distanceThreshold meters.

**Note**

The measure "cheap" may be used to speed things up depending on the spatial scale being considered. Distances calculated with `measure = "cheap"` will vary by a few meters compared with those calculated using `measure = "geodesic"`.

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

meta <- wa_airfire_meta

# Any locations closer than 2 km?
meta %>%
  table_findAdjacentLocations(distanceThreshold = 2000) %>%
  dplyr::select(AQSID, timezone)

# How about 4 km?
meta %>%
  table_findAdjacentLocations(distanceThreshold = 4000) %>%
  dplyr::select(AQSID, timezone)
```

---

table\_getDistanceFromTarget

*Return distances and directions from a target location to known locations*

---

**Description**

Returns a tibble with the same number of rows as locationTbl containing the distance and direction from the target location specified by longitude and latitude to each known location found in locationTbl.



**Usage**

```
table_getDistanceFromTarget(  
  locationTbl = NULL,  
  longitude = NULL,  
  latitude = NULL,  
  measure = c("geodesic", "haversine", "vincenty", "cheap")  
)
```

**Arguments**

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations.
longitude	Target longitude in decimal degrees E.
latitude	Target latitude in decimal degrees N.
measure	One of "geodesic", "haversine", "vincenty" or "cheap" specifying desired method of geodesic distance calculation.

**Value**

Tibble of distances in meters and cardinal directions from a target location.

**Note**

Only a single target location is allowed.

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)  
  
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))  
  
locationTbl %>%  
  table_getDistanceFromTarget(  
    longitude = -117.3647,  
    latitude = 47.6725  
  ) %>%  
  dplyr::glimpse()
```

---

table\_getLocationID    *Return IDs of known locations*

---

**Description**

Returns a vector of locationIDs for the known locations that each incoming location will be assigned to within the given. If more than one known location exists within the given distanceThreshold, the closest will be assigned. NA will be returned for each incoming that cannot be assigned to a known location in locationTbl.

**Usage**

```
table_getLocationID(  
  locationTbl = NULL,  
  longitude = NULL,  
  latitude = NULL,  
  distanceThreshold = NULL,  
  measure = c("geodesic", "haversine", "vincenty", "cheap")  
)
```

**Arguments**

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations.
longitude	Vector of longitudes in decimal degrees E.
latitude	Vector of latitudes in decimal degrees N.
distanceThreshold	Distance in meters.
measure	One of "geodesic", "haversine", "vincenty" or "cheap" specifying desired method of geodesic distance calculation. See <a href="#">geodist</a> .

**Value**

Vector of known locationIDs.

**Note**

The measure "cheap" may be used to speed things up depending on the spatial scale being considered. Distances calculated with measure = "cheap" will vary by a few meters compared with those calculated using measure = "geodesic".

**Examples**

```
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))  
  
# Wenatchee  
lon <- -120.325278  
lat <- 47.423333  
  
# Too small a distanceThreshold will not find a match  
table_getLocationID(locationTbl, lon, lat, distanceThreshold = 50)  
  
# Expanding the distanceThreshold will find one  
table_getLocationID(locationTbl, lon, lat, distanceThreshold = 5000)
```

---

`table_getNearestDistance`*Return distances to nearest known locations*

---

### Description

Returns distances between target locations and the closest location found in `locationTbl` (if any). Target locations are specified with `longitude` and `latitude`.

For each target location, only a single distance to the closest known location is returned. If no known location is found within `distanceThreshold`, the distance associated with that target location will be NA. The length and order of resulting distances will match the order of the incoming target locations.

### Usage

```
table_getNearestDistance(  
  locationTbl = NULL,  
  longitude = NULL,  
  latitude = NULL,  
  distanceThreshold = NULL,  
  measure = c("geodesic", "haversine", "vincenty", "cheap")  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>locationTbl</code>	Tibble of known locations.
<code>longitude</code>	Vector of target longitudes in decimal degrees E.
<code>latitude</code>	Vector of target latitudes in decimal degrees N.
<code>distanceThreshold</code>	Distance in meters.
<code>measure</code>	One of "geodesic", "haversine", "vincenty" or "cheap" specifying desired method of geodesic distance calculation.

### Value

Vector of closest distances between target locations and known locations.

### Use Case

You may have a set of locations of interest for which you want to assess whether any monitoring locations are nearby. In this case, the locations of interest will provide `longitude` and `latitude` while `locationTbl` will be the known location table associated with the monitoring locations.

The resulting vector of distances will tell you the distance, for each target location, to the nearest monitoring location.

**Note**

The measure "cheap" may be used to speed things up depending on the spatial scale being considered. Distances calculated with `measure = "cheap"` will vary by a few meters compared with those calculated using `measure = "geodesic"`.

See [geodist](#) for details.

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))

# Wenatchee
lon <- -120.325278
lat <- 47.423333

# Too small a distanceThreshold will not find a match
table_getNearestDistance(locationTbl, lon, lat, distanceThreshold = 50)

# Expanding the distanceThreshold will find one
table_getNearestDistance(locationTbl, lon, lat, distanceThreshold = 5000)
```

---

`table_getNearestLocation`

*Return known locations*

---

**Description**

Returns a tibble of the known locations from `locationTbl` that are closest to the vector of target locations specified by longitude and latitude. Only a single known location is returned for each incoming target location. If no known location is found for a particular incoming location, that record in the tibble will contain all NA.

**Usage**

```
table_getNearestLocation(
  locationTbl = NULL,
  longitude = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  distanceThreshold = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

`locationTbl`      Tibble of known locations.  
`longitude`        Vector of longitudes in decimal degrees E.

latitude            Vector of latitudes in decimal degrees N.  
distanceThreshold            Distance in meters.

**Value**

Tibble of known locations.

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))

# Wenatchee
lon <- -120.325278
lat <- 47.423333

# Too small a distanceThreshold will not find a match
table_getNearestLocation(locationTbl, lon, lat, distanceThreshold = 50) %>% str()

# Expanding the distanceThreshold will find one
table_getNearestLocation(locationTbl, lon, lat, distanceThreshold = 5000) %>% str()
```

---

table\_getRecordIndex    *Return indexes of known location records*

---

**Description**

Returns a vector of locationTbl row indexes for the locations associated with each locationID.

**Usage**

```
table_getRecordIndex(locationTbl = NULL, locationID = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

locationTbl        Tibble of known locations.  
locationID        Vector of locationID strings.  
verbose            Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Vector of locationTbl row indexes.

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))

# Wenatchee
lon <- -120.325278
lat <- 47.423333

# Get the locationID first
locationID <- table_getLocationID(locationTbl, lon, lat, distanceThreshold = 5000)

# Now find the row associated with this ID
recordIndex <- table_getRecordIndex(locationTbl, locationID)

str(locationTbl[recordIndex,])
```

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table_initialize	<i>Create an empty known location table</i>
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**Description**

Creates an empty known location tibble with the following columns of core metadata:

- locationID
- locationName
- longitude
- latitude
- elevation
- countryCode
- stateCode
- countyName
- timezone
- houseNumber
- street
- city
- postalCode

**Usage**

```
table_initialize()
```

**Value**

Empty known location tibble with the specified metadata columns.

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Create an empty Tbl
emptyTbl <- table_initialize()
dplyr::glimpse(emptyTbl)
```

---

table\_initializeExisting

*Converts an existing table into a known location table*

---

**Description**

An existing table may have much of the data that is needed for a known location table. This function accepts an incoming table and searches for required columns:

- locationID
- locationName
- longitude
- latitude
- elevation
- countryCode
- stateCode
- countyName
- timezone
- houseNumber
- street
- city
- postalCode

The longitude and latitude columns are required but all others are optional.

If any of these optional columns are found, they will be used and the often slow and sometimes slightly inaccurate steps to generate that information will be skipped for locations that have non-missing data. Any additional columns of information that are not part of the required core metadata will be retained.

This method skips the assignment of columns like elevation and all address related fields that require web service requests.

Compared to initializing a brand new table and populating it one record at a time, this is a much faster way of creating a known location table from a pre-existing table of metadata.

**Usage**

```
table_initializeExisting(
  locationTbl = NULL,
  stateDataset = "NaturalEarthAdm1",
  countryCodes = NULL,
  distanceThreshold = NULL,
  measure = c("geodesic", "haversine", "vincenty", "cheap"),
  precision = 10,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations. This input tibble need not be a standardized "known location" table with all required columns. Missing columns will be added.
stateDataset	Name of spatial dataset to use for determining state codes, Default: 'NaturalEarthAdm1'
countryCodes	Vector of country codes used to optimize spatial searching. (See ?MazamaSpatialUtils::getStateCode())
distanceThreshold	Distance in meters.
measure	One of "haversine" "vincenty", "geodesic", or "cheap" specifying desired method of geodesic distance calculation. See ?geodist::geodist.
precision	precision argument passed on to <a href="#">location_createID</a> .
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Known location tibble with the specified metadata columns. Any locations whose circles (as defined by distanceThreshold) overlap will generate warning messages.

It is incumbent upon the user to address overlapping locations by one of:

1. reduce the distanceThreshold until no overlaps occur
2. assign one of the overlapping locations to the other location

**Note**

The measure "cheap" may be used to speed things up depending on the spatial scale being considered. Distances calculated with measure = "cheap" will vary by a few meters compared with those calculated using measure = "geodesic".



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table_leaflet	<i>Leaflet interactive map for known locations</i>
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## Description

This function creates interactive maps that will be displayed in RStudio's 'Viewer' tab. The default setting of `jitter` will move locations randomly within an ~50 meter radius so that overlapping locations can be identified. Set `jitter = 0` to see precise locations.

## Usage

```
table_leaflet(  
  locationTbl = NULL,  
  maptype = c("terrain", "roadmap", "satellite", "toner"),  
  extraVars = NULL,  
  jitter = 5e-04,  
  ...  
)
```

## Arguments

<code>locationTbl</code>	Tibble of known locations.
<code>maptype</code>	Optional name of leaflet ProviderTiles to use, e.g. terrain.
<code>extraVars</code>	Character vector of additional <code>locationTbl</code> column names to be shown in leaflet popups.
<code>jitter</code>	Amount to use to slightly adjust locations so that multiple monitors at the same location can be seen. Use zero or NA to see precise locations.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>leaflet::addCircleMarker()</code> .

## Details

The `maptype` argument is mapped onto leaflet "ProviderTile" names. Current mappings include:

- "roadmap" => "OpenStreetMap"
- "satellite" => "Esri.WorldImagery"
- "terrain" => "Esri.WorldTopoMap"
- "toner" => "Stamen.Toner"

If a character string not listed above is provided, it will be used as the underlying map tile if available. See <https://leaflet-extras.github.io/leaflet-providers/> for a list of "provider tiles" to use as the background map.

## Value

A leaflet "plot" object which, if not assigned, is rendered in RStudio's 'Viewer' tab.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# A table with all core metadata
table_leaflet(wa_monitors_500)

# A table missing some core metadata
table_leaflet(
  wa_airfire_meta,
  extraVars = c("stateCode", "countyName", "msaName")
)

# Customizing the map
table_leaflet(
  wa_airfire_meta,
  extraVars = c("stateCode", "countyName", "msaName"),
  radius = 6,
  color = "black",
  weight = 2,
  fillColor = "red",
  fillOpacity = 0.3
)

## End(Not run)
```

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table_leafletAdd	<i>Add to a leaflet interactive map for known locations</i>
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**Description**

This function adds a layer to an interactive map displayed in RStudio's 'Viewer' tab. The default setting of `jitter` will move locations randomly within an ~50 meter radius so that overlapping locations can be identified. Set `jitter = 0` to see precise locations.

**Usage**

```
table_leafletAdd(
  map = NULL,
  locationTbl = NULL,
  extraVars = NULL,
  jitter = 5e-04,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

`map` Leaflet map.

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations.
extraVars	Character vector of additional locationTbl column names to be shown in leaflet popups.
jitter	Amount to use to slightly adjust locations so that multiple monitors at the same location can be seen. Use zero or NA to see precise locations.
...	Additional arguments passed to leaflet::addCircleMarkers().

**Value**

A leaflet "plot" object which, if not assigned, is rendered in Rstudio's 'Viewer' tab.

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table_load	<i>Load a known location table</i>
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**Description**

Load a tibble of known locations from the preferred directory.

The known location table must be named either <collectionName>.rda or <collectionName>.csv. If both are found, only <collectionName>.rda will be loaded to ensure that columns will have the proper type assigned.

**Usage**

```
table_load(collectionName = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

collectionName Character identifier for this table.

**Value**

Tibble of known locations.

**See Also**

[setLocationDataDir](#)

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Set the directory for saving location tables
setLocationDataDir(tempdir())

# Load an example table and check the dimensions
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))
dim(locationTbl)
```

```
# Save it as "table_load_example"
table_save(locationTbl, "table_load_example")

# Load it and check the dimensions
my_table <- table_load("table_load_example")
dim(my_table)

# Check the locationDataDir
list.files(getLocationDataDir(), pattern = "table_load_example")
```

---

table\_removeColumn      *Remove a column of metadata in a table*

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### Description

Remove the column matching columnName. This function can be used in pipelines.

### Usage

```
table_removeColumn(locationTbl = NULL, columnName = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations.
columnName	Name of the column to be removed.
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

### Value

Updated tibble of known locations.

### See Also

[table\\_addColumn](#)  
[table\\_removeColumn](#)

### Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Starting table
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))
names(locationTbl)

# Add a new column
locationTbl <-
  locationTbl %>%
  table_addColumn("AQSID")
```

```
names(locationTbl)

# Now remove it
locationTbl <-
  locationTbl %>%
  table_removeColumn("AQSID")

names(locationTbl)

try({
  # Cannot remove "core" metadata
  locationTbl <-
    locationTbl %>%
    table_removeColumn("longitude")
}, silent = FALSE)
```

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table_removeRecord	<i>Remove location records from a table</i>
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### Description

Incoming locationID values are compared against the incoming locationTbl and any matches are removed.

### Usage

```
table_removeRecord(locationTbl = NULL, locationID = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations.
locationID	Vector of locationID strings.
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

### Value

Updated tibble of known locations.

### See Also

[table\\_addLocation](#)  
[table\\_addSingleLocation](#)  
[table\\_updateSingleRecord](#)

**Examples**

```

library(MazamaLocationUtils)

locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))
dim(locationTbl)

# Wenatchee
lon <- -120.325278
lat <- 47.423333

# Get the locationID first
locationID <- table_getLocationID(locationTbl, lon, lat, distanceThreshold = 500)

# Remove it
locationTbl <- table_removeRecord(locationTbl, locationID)
dim(locationTbl)

# Test
table_getLocationID(locationTbl, lon, lat, distanceThreshold = 500)

```

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table\_save

*Save a known location table*


---

**Description**

Save a tibble of known locations to the preferred directory. If outputType is a vector, the known locations table will be saved to the preferred directory in multiple formats.

**Usage**

```

table_save(
  locationTbl = NULL,
  collectionName = NULL,
  backup = TRUE,
  outputType = "rda"
)

```

**Arguments**

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations.
collectionName	Character identifier for this table.
backup	Logical specifying whether to save a backup version of any existing tables sharing collectionName.
outputType	Vecvector of output formats. (Currently only "rda" or "csv" are supported.)

**Details**

Backup files are saved with "YYYY-mm-ddTHH:MM:SS"

**Value**

File path of saved file.

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Set the directory for saving location tables
setLocationDataDir(tempdir())

# Load an example table and check the dimensions
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))
dim(locationTbl)

# Save it as "table_save_example"
table_save(locationTbl, "table_save_example")

# Add a column and save again
locationTbl %>%
  table_addColumn("my_column") %>%
  table_save("table_save_example")

# Check the locationDataDir
list.files(getLocationDataDir(), pattern = "table_save_example")
```

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table_updateColumn	<i>Update a column of metadata in a table</i>
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**Description**

Updates records in a location table. Records are identified by locationID and the data found in locationData is used to replace any existing value in the columnName column. locationID and locationData must be of the same length. Any NA values in locationID will be ignored.

If columnName is not a named column within locationTbl, a new column will be created.

**Usage**

```
table_updateColumn(  
  locationTbl = NULL,  
  columnName = NULL,  
  locationID = NULL,  
  locationData = NULL,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations.
columnName	Name of an existing/new column in locationTbl whose data will be updated/created.
locationID	Vector of locationID strings.
locationData	Vector of data to be inserted at records identified by locationID.
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Updated tibble of known locations.

**See Also**

[table\\_addColumn](#)

[table\\_removeColumn](#)

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))
wa <- get(data("wa_airfire_meta"))

# We will merge some metadata from wa into locationTbl

# Record indices for wa
wa_indices <- seq(5,65,5)
wa_sub <- wa[wa_indices,]

locationID <-
  table_getLocationID(
    locationTbl,
    wa_sub$longitude,
    wa_sub$latitude,
    distanceThreshold = 500
  )

locationData <- wa_sub$AQSID

locationTbl <-
  table_updateColumn(locationTbl, "AQSID", locationID, locationData)

# Look at the data we attempted to merge
wa$AQSID[wa_indices]

# And two columns from the updated locationTbl
locationTbl_indices <- table_getRecordIndex(locationTbl, locationID)
locationTbl[locationTbl_indices, c("city", "AQSID")]
```



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`table_updateSingleRecord`*Update a single known location record in a table*

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### Description

Information in the `locationList` is used to replace existing information found in `locationTbl`. This function can be used for small tweaks to an existing `locationTbl`. Wholesale replacement of records should be performed with `table_removeRecord()` followed by `table_addLocation()`.

### Usage

```
table_updateSingleRecord(  
  locationTbl = NULL,  
  locationList = NULL,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>locationTbl</code>	Tibble of known locations.
<code>locationList</code>	List containing <code>locationID</code> and one or more named columns whose values are to be replaced.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

### Value

Updated tibble of known locations.

### See Also

[table\\_addLocation](#)  
[table\\_addSingleLocation](#)  
[table\\_removeRecord](#)

### Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)  
  
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))  
  
# Wenatchee  
wenatcheeRecord <-  
  locationTbl %>%  
  dplyr::filter(city == "Wenatchee")  
  
str(wenatcheeRecord)
```

```

wenatcheeID <- wenatcheeRecord$locationID

locationTbl <- table_updateSingleRecord(
  locationTbl,
  locationList = list(
    locationID = wenatcheeID,
    locationName = "Wenatchee-Fifth St"
  )
)

# Look at the new record
locationTbl %>%
  dplyr::filter(city == "Wenatchee") %>%
  str()

```

---

validateLocationTbl    *Validate a location table*

---

### Description

Ensures that the incoming table has numeric longitude and latitude columns.

### Usage

```
validateLocationTbl(locationTbl = NULL, locationOnly = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

locationTbl    Tibble of known locations.  
locationOnly    Logical specifying whether to check for all standard columns.

### Value

Invisibly returns TRUE if no error message has been generated.

---

validateMazamaSpatialUtils  
*Validate proper setup of MazamaSpatialUtils*

---

### Description

The **MazamaSpatialUtils** package must be properly installed and initialized before using functions from the **MazamaLocationUtils** package. This function tests for this.

**Usage**

```
validateMazamaSpatialUtils()
```

**Value**

Invisibly returns TRUE if no error message has been generated.

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wa_airfire_meta	<i>Washington monitor metadata dataset</i>
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**Description**

The wa\_pwfsl\_meta dataset provides a set of Washington state air quality monitor metadata used by the USFS AirFire group. This dataset was generated on 2023-10-24 by running:

```
library(AirMonitor)

wa_airfire_meta <-
  airnow_loadLatest() %>%
  monitor_filter(stateCode == "WA") %>%
  monitor_getMeta() %>%
  # On 2023-10-24, this metdata still uses zip instead of postalCode
  dplyr::rename(postalCode = zip) %>%
  # Remove internal fields
  dplyr::select(-dplyr::starts_with("airnow_"))

save(wa_airfire_meta, file = "data/wa_airfire_meta.rda")
```

**Usage**

```
wa_airfire_meta
```

**Format**

A tibble with 92 rows and 29 columns of data.

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`wa_monitors_500`*Washington monitor locations dataset*

---

**Description**

The `wa_monitor_500` dataset provides a set of known locations associated with Washington state air quality monitors. This dataset was generated on 2023-10-24 by running:

```
library(AirMonitor)
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

initializeMazamaSpatialUtils()
setLocationDataDir("./data")

monitor <- monitor_loadLatest() %>% monitor_filter(stateCode == "WA")
lons <- monitor$meta$longitude
lats <- monitor$meta$latitude

table_initialize() %>%
  table_addLocation(
    lons, lats,
    distanceThreshold = 500,
    elevationService = "usgs",
    addressService = "photon"
  ) %>%
  table_save("wa_monitors_500")
```

**Usage**

```
wa_monitors_500
```

**Format**

A tibble with 78 rows and 13 columns of data.

**See Also**

[id\\_monitors\\_500](#)

[or\\_monitors\\_500](#)

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