

Package ‘lutz’

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Type Package

Title Look Up Time Zones of Point Coordinates

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Description Input latitude and longitude values or an 'sf/sfc' POINT object and get back the timezone in which they exist. Two methods are implemented. One is very fast and uses the 'V8' package to access the 'tz-lookup.js' 'Javascript' library (<<https://github.com/darkskyapp/tz-lookup/>>). This method also works outside of countries' borders and in international waters, however speed comes at the cost of accuracy - near time zone borders away from populated centres there is a chance that it will return the incorrect time zone. The other method is slower but more accurate - it uses the sf package to intersect points with a detailed map of time zones from here: <<https://github.com/evansiroky/timezone-boundary-builder/>>.

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URL <https://github.com/ateucher/lutz>

BugReports <https://github.com/ateucher/lutz/issues>

Depends R (>= 2.10)

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tz_lookup	<i>Lookup time zones of sf or sp points</i>
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Description

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Usage

```
tz_lookup(x, crs = NULL, method = "fast", warn = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	either an sfc or sf points or SpatialPoints(DataFrame) object
crs	the coordinate reference system: integer with the EPSG code, or character with proj4string. If not specified (i.e., NULL) and x has no existing crs, EPSG: 4326 is assumed (lat/long).
method	method by which to do the lookup. Either "fast" (default) or "accurate".
warn	By default, if method = "fast" a warning is issued about the potential for inaccurate results. Set warn to FALSE to turn this off.

Value

character vector the same length as x specifying the time zone of the points.

Examples

```
if (require("sf")) {
  state_pts <- lapply(seq_along(state.center$x), function(i) {
    st_point(c(state.center$x[i], state.center$y[i]))
  })
  state_centers_sf <- st_sf(st_sfc(state_pts))
  state_centers_sf$tz <- tz_lookup(state_centers_sf)
  plot(state_centers_sf[, "tz"])
}
```

tz_lookup_coords *Lookup time zones of lat/long pairs*

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Usage

```
tz_lookup_coords(lat, lon, method = "fast", warn = TRUE)
```

Arguments

lat	numeric vector of latitudes
lon	numeric vector of longitudes the same length as x
method	method by which to do the lookup. Either "fast" (default) or "accurate".
warn	By default, if method = "fast" a warning is issued about the potential for inaccurate results. Set warn to FALSE to turn this off.

Value

character vector the same length as x and y specifying the time zone of the points.

Examples

```
tz_lookup_coords(42, -123)
tz_lookup_coords(lat = c(48.9, 38.5, 63.1, -25), lon = c(-123.5, -110.2, -95.0, 130))
```

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