# Package 'gmapsdistance'

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get.api.key

Get the Google Maps API key

#### **Description**

This function returns the user's Google Maps API key that was defined with set.api.key.

# Usage

```
get.api.key()
```

#### Value

the user's api key

### **Examples**

```
get.api.key()
```

gmapsdistance

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# **Description**

Compute Distance with Google Maps

#### Usage

```
gmapsdistance(origin, destination, combinations, mode, key,
  shape, avoid, departure, dep_date, dep_time,
  traffic_model, arrival, arr_date, arr_time)
```

### **Arguments**

origin A string or vector of strings containing the description of the starting point(s).

Should be inside of quoutes (""). If more than one word for a same location is used, they should be separated by a plus sign e.g. "Bogota+Colombia". Coordinates in LAT-LONG format are also a valid input as long as they can be

identified by Google Maps.

destination A string or vector of strings containing the description of the end point(s).

Should be the same format as the variable "origin".

combinations When the origin and destination entries are vectors, the user can specify if the

function computes all possible combinations between origins and destinations, or only pairwise distance and times. Should be inside of double quotes (",") and

one of the following: "all", "pairwise".

If the combinations is set to "pairwise", the origin and destination vectors must

have the same lenght.

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mode A string containing the mode of transportation desired. Should be inside of

double quotes (",") and one of the following: "bicycling", "walking", "transit"

or "driving".

key In order to use the Google Maps Distance Matrix API it is necessary to have

an API key. The key should be inside of quotes. Example: "THISISMYKEY".

This key an also be set using set.api.key("THISISMYKEY").

A string that specifies the shape of the distance and time matrices to be returned.

Should be inside of double quotes (",") and one of the following: "long" or

"wide".

shape

avoid

If the function is used to find the distance/time for one origin and one destination, the shape does not matter. If there is more than one city as origin or destination, "long" will return a matrix in long format and "wide" will return a

matrix in wide format. The shape is set as wide be default.

When the mode is set to "driving", the user can find the time and distance of the route by avoiding tolls, highways, indoor and ferries. Should be inside of double quotes (",") and one of the following: "tolls", "highways", "ferries", "indoor".

ONLY works with a Google Maps API key.

departure The time and distance can be comptued at the desired time of departure. The

option departure is the number of seconds since January 1, 1970 00:00:00 UCT. Alternatively, the user can use the dep\_date and dep\_time options to set the

departure date and time.

If no value is set for departure, dep\_date and dep\_time, the departure time is set

to the present.

ONLY works with a Google Maps API key AND MUST be according to UCT

time.

dep\_date Instead of using the departure option, the user can set the departure date and

time using dep\_date and dep\_time options.

If no value is set for departure, dep\_date and dep\_time, the departure time is set

to the present.

ONLY works with a Google Maps API key AND MUST be according to UCT

time.

dep\_time Instead of using the departure option, the user can set the departure date and

time using dep\_date and dep\_time options.

If no value is set for departure, dep\_date and dep\_time, the departure time is set

to the present.

ONLY works with a Google Maps API key AND MUST be according to UCT

time.

traffic\_model When the mode is set to "driving", the user can find the times and distances

using different traffic models. Should be inside of double quotes (",") and one

of the following: "optimistic", "pessimistic", "best\_guess".

ONLY works with a Google Maps API key and with a departure time.

arrival The time and distance can be comptued to arrive at a predetermined time. The

option arrival is the number of seconds since January 1, 1970 00:00:00 UCT. Alternatively, the user can use the arr\_date and arr\_time options to set the arrival

date and time.

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The user cannot input both departure and arrival times.

ONLY works with a Google Maps API key AND MUST be according to UCT time.

arr\_date

Instead of using the arrival option, the user can set the arrival date and time using arr\_date and arr\_time options.

The user cannot input both departure and arrival times.

ONLY works with a Google Maps API key AND MUST be according to UCT

time.

arr\_time

Instead of using the arrival option, the user can set the arrival date and time using arr\_date and arr\_time options.

The user cannot input both departure and arrival times.

ONLY works with a Google Maps API key AND MUST be according to UCT time

#### **Details**

The function gmapsdistance uses the Google Maps Distance Matrix API in order to compute the distance(s) and time(s) between two points. In order to be able to use the function you will need an API key and enable the Distance Matrix API in the Google Developers Console For more information about how to get a key, go to https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/distance-matrix/get-api-key#key For more information about the Google Maps Distance Matrix API go to https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/distance-matrix/intro?hl=en

#### Value

A list with the traveling time(s) and distance(s) between origin(s) and destination(s) and the status

# **Examples**

```
# Example 1
results = gmapsdistance(origin = "Washington+DC",
                        destination = "New+York+City+NY",
                        mode = "driving")
results
# Example 2
results = gmapsdistance(origin = "38.1621328+24.0029257",
                        destination = "37.9908372+23.7383394",
                        mode = "walking")
results
# Example 3
results = gmapsdistance(origin = c("Seattle+WA", "Miami+FL"),
                        destination = c("Chicago+IL", "Philadelphia+PA"),
                        mode = "bicycling",
                        dep_date = "2017-08-16",
                        dep_time = "20:40:00")
results
```

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```
# Example 4
origin = c("Washington+DC", "Miami+FL")
destination = c("Los+Angeles+CA", "Austin+TX", "Chicago+IL")
results = gmapsdistance(origin, destination, mode = "driving", shape = "long")
results
# Example 5
origin = c("40.431478+-80.0505401", "33.7678359+-84.4906438")
destination = c("43.0995629+-79.0437609", "41.7096483+-86.9093986")
results = gmapsdistance(origin, destination, mode = "bicycling", shape="long")
results
# Example 6
# results = gmapsdistance(origin = c("Washington+DC", "New+York+NY"),
                          destination = c("Los+Angeles+CA", "Austin+TX"),
#
                          mode = "driving",
#
                          departure = 1514742000,
                          traffic_model = "pessimistic",
                          shape = "long",
                          key=APIkey)
# results
# EXAMPLE 7:
# results = gmapsdistance(origin = c("Washington+DC", "New+York+NY"),
                          destination = c("Los+Angeles+CA", "Austin+TX"),
                          mode = "driving",
#
                          avoid = "tolls",
#
                          key=APIkey)
# results
```

pkg.env

Define package environment

# **Description**

pkg.env is a package environment that contains the variable api.key with the user's Google Maps API key

#### Usage

pkg.env

#### **Format**

<environment: 0x57722a0>

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Set the Google Maps API key

# Description

This function stores a user's Google Maps API key as the package's environmental variable

# Usage

```
set.api.key(key)
```

# Arguments

key

is the user's Google Maps API key

# Examples

```
#DONTRUN
set.api.key("MY-GOOGLE-MAPS-API-KEY")
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