

# Package ‘osrm.backend’

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**osrm\_check\_available\_versions**  
*Check for Available OSRM Versions*

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### Description

Queries the GitHub API to get a list of all available version tags for the OSRM backend that have binaries for the current platform.

### Usage

```
osrm_check_available_versions(prereleases = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

prereleases	A logical value. If TRUE, include pre-release versions in the returned list. Defaults to FALSE.
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### Value

A character vector of available version tags.

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {  
  # Get all stable versions with binaries for this platform  
  osrm_check_available_versions()  
}
```

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### osrm\_check\_latest\_version

*Check for the Latest Stable OSRM Version*

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## Description

Queries the GitHub API to find the most recent stable (non-pre-release) version tag for the OSRM backend that has binaries available for the current platform.

## Usage

```
osrm_check_latest_version()
```

## Value

A string containing the latest version tag (e.g., "v5.27.1").

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {  
  # Get the latest stable version number of OSRM backend  
  osrm_check_latest_version()  
}
```

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### osrm\_cleanup

*Clean Up OSRM Files in a Directory*

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## Description

Remove OSRM-generated files from a directory. This is useful when switching between algorithms (CH and MLD) or when you want to start fresh.

## Usage

```
osrm_cleanup(path, keep_osm = TRUE, dry_run = FALSE, quiet = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

path	A string. Path to an OSRM file or directory containing OSRM files. If a file path is provided (e.g., <code>data.osm.pbf</code> or <code>data.osrm.hngr</code> ), the base name will be extracted and all related <code>.osrm.*</code> files will be removed.
keep_osm	Logical. If TRUE (default), keeps the original <code>.osm.pbf</code> (or <code>.osm</code> , <code>.osm.bz2</code> ) file. If FALSE, removes it as well.
dry_run	Logical. If TRUE, shows what would be deleted without actually deleting. Default is FALSE.
quiet	Logical. If TRUE, suppresses messages. Default is FALSE.

## Details

OSRM creates many `.osrm.*` files during the extract, contract, partition, and customize stages. This function helps clean up these files.

**Important:** The CH and MLD algorithms cannot safely coexist in the same directory because the MLD partition stage modifies some extract-stage files. Use this function to clean up before switching algorithms.

## Value

Invisibly returns a character vector of removed file paths.

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  install_dir <- osrm_install(
    version = "latest",
    path_action = "session",
    quiet = TRUE
  )

  # Stage a temporary workspace with placeholder OSRM files
  pbf_path <- system.file("extdata/cur.osm.pbf", package = "osrm.backend")
  osrm_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), paste0("osrm-", Sys.getpid()))
  dir.create(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
  tmp_pbf <- file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osm.pbf")
  file.copy(from = pbf_path, to = tmp_pbf, overwrite = TRUE)
  file.create(
    file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osrm.timestamp"),
    file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osrm.hngr"),
    file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osrm.mldgr"),
    file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osrm.partition")
  )

  # Preview what would be deleted
  osrm_cleanup(osrm_dir, dry_run = TRUE)

  # Clean up OSRM artifacts (keep the OSM file)
  osrm_cleanup(osrm_dir)
```

```

# Remove everything including the OSM source
osrm_cleanup(osrm_dir, keep_osm = FALSE)

osrm_uninstall(
  dest_dir = install_dir,
  clear_path = TRUE,
  force = TRUE,
  quiet = TRUE
)
unlink(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
}

```

**osrm\_clear\_path**      *Clear OSRM Path from Project's .Rprofile*

## Description

Scans the .Rprofile file in the current project's root directory and removes any lines that were added by osrm\_install() to modify the PATH.

## Usage

```
osrm_clear_path(quiet = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

quiet	A logical value. If TRUE, suppresses messages. Defaults to FALSE.
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## Value

TRUE if the file was modified, FALSE otherwise.

## Examples

```

if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  # Clean up a temporary project's .Rprofile
  old <- setwd(tempdir())
  on.exit(setwd(old), add = TRUE)
  writeLines(
    c(
      "#added-by-r-pkg-osrm.backend",
      'Sys.setenv(PATH = paste("dummy", Sys.getenv("PATH"), sep = .Platform$path.sep))',
      ),
    ".Rprofile"
  )
  osrm_clear_path(quiet = TRUE)
  unlink(".Rprofile")
}

```

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`osrm_contract`*Contract OSRM Graph for Contraction Hierarchies (CH)*

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## Description

Run the `osrm-contract` tool to contract an OSRM graph for the CH pipeline. After running, a companion `<base>.osrm.hsgr` file must exist to confirm success.

## Usage

```
osrm_contract(
  input_osrm,
  threads = 8L,
  verbosity = c("INFO", "NONE", "ERROR", "WARNING", "DEBUG"),
  segment_speed_file = NULL,
  turn_penalty_file = NULL,
  edge_weight_updates_over_factor = 0,
  parse_conditionals_from_now = 0,
  time_zone_file = NULL,
  quiet = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  spinner = TRUE,
  echo_cmd = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

<code>input_osrm</code>	A string. Path to a <code>.osrm.timestamp</code> file, the base path to the <code>.osrm</code> files (without extension), or a directory containing exactly one <code>.osrm.timestamp</code> file.
<code>threads</code>	An integer. Number of threads to use; default 8.
<code>verbosity</code>	A string. Log verbosity level passed to <code>-l/--verbosity</code> (one of "NONE", "ERROR", "WARNING", "INFO", "DEBUG"); default "INFO".
<code>segment_speed_file</code>	A string or NULL. Path to nodeA,nodeB,speed CSV; default NULL.
<code>turn_penalty_file</code>	A string or NULL. Path to from_,to_,via_nodes,penalties CSV; default NULL.
<code>edge_weight_updates_over_factor</code>	A numeric. Threshold for logging large weight updates; default 0.
<code>parse_conditionals_from_now</code>	A numeric. UTC timestamp for conditional restrictions; default 0.
<code>time_zone_file</code>	A string or NULL. GeoJSON file for time zone boundaries; default NULL.
<code>quiet</code>	A logical. Master switch that suppresses package messages and process output when TRUE; default FALSE.
<code>verbose</code>	A logical. When TRUE and <code>quiet = FALSE</code> , streams stdout and stderr from the underlying <code>processx::run</code> calls.

spinner	A logical. When TRUE and quiet = FALSE, shows a spinner instead of live logs; default TRUE.
echo_cmd	A logical. When TRUE and quiet = FALSE, prints each command before running; default FALSE.

## Value

An object of class `osrm_job` with the following elements:

- osrm\_job\_artifact** The path to the contracted `.osrm.hngr` file.
- osrm\_working\_dir** The directory containing all OSRM files.
- logs** The `processx::run` result object.

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  install_dir <- osrm_install(
    version = "latest",
    path_action = "session",
    quiet = TRUE
  )

  # Prepare a small graph then contract it for the CH pipeline
  pbf_path <- system.file("extdata/cur.osm.pbf", package = "osrm.backend")
  osrm_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), paste0("osrm-", Sys.getpid()))
  dir.create(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
  tmp_pbf <- file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osm.pbf")
  file.copy(from = pbf_path, to = tmp_pbf, overwrite = TRUE)
  profile <- osrm_find_profile("car.lua")

  extract_job <- osrm_extract(
    input_osm = tmp_pbf,
    profile = profile,
    overwrite = TRUE,
    threads = 1L
  )

  ch_graph <- osrm_contract(extract_job, threads = 1L, verbose = TRUE)
  ch_graph$osrm_job_artifact

  osrm_uninstall(
    dest_dir = install_dir,
    clear_path = TRUE,
    force = TRUE,
    quiet = TRUE
  )
  unlink(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
}
```

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osrm\_customize*Customize OSRM Graph for Multi-Level Dijkstra (MLD)*

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**Description**

Run the `osrm-customize` tool to customize a partitioned OSRM graph for the MLD pipeline. After running, a companion `<base>.osrm.mldgr` file must exist to confirm success.

**Usage**

```
osrm_customize(
  input_osrm,
  threads = 8L,
  verbosity = c("INFO", "NONE", "ERROR", "WARNING", "DEBUG"),
  segment_speed_file = NULL,
  turn_penalty_file = NULL,
  edge_weight_updates_over_factor = 0,
  parse_conditionals_from_now = 0,
  time_zone_file = NULL,
  quiet = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  spinner = TRUE,
  echo_cmd = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>input_osrm</code>	A string. Path to a <code>.osrm.partition</code> file, the base path to the partitioned <code>.osrm</code> files (without extension), or a directory containing exactly one <code>.osrm.partition</code> file.
<code>threads</code>	An integer. Number of threads to use; default 8 ( <code>osrm-customize</code> 's default).
<code>verbosity</code>	A string. Log verbosity level passed to <code>-l</code> / <code>--verbosity</code> (one of "NONE", "ERROR", "WARNING", "INFO", "DEBUG"); default "INFO".
<code>segment_speed_file</code>	A string or <code>NULL</code> . Path to nodeA,nodeB,speed CSV; default <code>NULL</code> .
<code>turn_penalty_file</code>	A string or <code>NULL</code> . Path to from_,to_,via_nodes,penalties CSV; default <code>NULL</code> .
<code>edge_weight_updates_over_factor</code>	A numeric. Factor threshold for logging large weight updates; default 0.
<code>parse_conditionals_from_now</code>	A numeric. UTC timestamp from which to evaluate conditional turn restrictions; default 0.
<code>time_zone_file</code>	A string or <code>NULL</code> . GeoJSON file with time zone boundaries; default <code>NULL</code> .
<code>quiet</code>	A logical. Master switch that suppresses package messages and process output when <code>TRUE</code> ; default <code>FALSE</code> .

verbose	A logical. When TRUE and quiet = FALSE, streams stdout and stderr from the underlying processx::run calls.
spinner	A logical. When TRUE and quiet = FALSE, shows a spinner instead of live logs; default TRUE.
echo_cmd	A logical. When TRUE and quiet = FALSE, prints each command before running; default FALSE.

### Value

An object of class osrm\_job with the following elements:

- osrm\_job\_artifact** The path to the customized .osrm.mldgr file.
- osrm\_working\_dir** The directory containing all OSRM files.
- logs** The processx::run result object.

### Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  install_dir <- osrm_install(
    version = "latest",
    path_action = "session",
    quiet = TRUE
  )

  # Partition then customize a graph for the MLD pipeline
  pbf_path <- system.file("extdata/cur.osm.pbf", package = "osrm.backend")
  osrm_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), paste0("osrm-", Sys.getpid()))
  dir.create(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
  tmp_pbf <- file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osm.pbf")
  file.copy(from = pbf_path, to = tmp_pbf, overwrite = TRUE)
  profile <- osrm_find_profile("car.lua")

  extract_job <- osrm_extract(
    input_osm = tmp_pbf,
    profile = profile,
    overwrite = TRUE,
    threads = 1L
  )
  partition_job <- osrm_partition(extract_job, threads = 1L)

  mld_graph <- osrm_customize(partition_job, threads = 1L, verbose = TRUE)
  mld_graph$osrm_job_artifact

  osrm_uninstall(
    dest_dir = install_dir,
    clear_path = TRUE,
    force = TRUE,
    quiet = TRUE
  )
  unlink(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
}
```

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**osrm\_extract***Extract OSM into OSRM Graph Files*

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**Description**

Run the `osrm-extract` tool to preprocess an OSM file (`.osm`, `.osm.bz2`, or `.osm.pbf`) into the base `.osrm` graph files using a specified Lua profile. After running, a companion `<base>.osrm.timestamp` file must exist to confirm success.

**Usage**

```
osrm_extract(
  input_osm,
  profile = osrm_find_profile("car.lua"),
  threads = 8L,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  verbosity = c("INFO", "NONE", "ERROR", "WARNING", "DEBUG"),
  data_version = NULL,
  small_component_size = 1000L,
  with_osm_metadata = FALSE,
  parse_conditional_restrictions = FALSE,
  location_dependent_data = NULL,
  disable_location_cache = FALSE,
  dump_nbg_graph = FALSE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  spinner = TRUE,
  echo_cmd = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>input_osm</code>	A string. Path to the input OSM file ( <code>.osm</code> , <code>.osm.bz2</code> , or <code>.osm.pbf</code> ) or a directory containing exactly one OSM file with a supported extension.
<code>profile</code>	A string. Path to the OSRM Lua profile (e.g. returned by <code>osrm_find_profile("car.lua")</code> ).
<code>threads</code>	An integer. Number of threads for <code>-t</code> / <code>--threads</code> ; default 8 (OSRM's default).
<code>overwrite</code>	A logical. If <code>FALSE</code> (default), stops when any existing <code>.osrm*</code> files matching the base name are found alongside <code>input_osm</code> . Set to <code>TRUE</code> to proceed regardless.
<code>verbosity</code>	A string. Log verbosity level passed to <code>-l</code> / <code>--verbosity</code> (one of <code>"NONE"</code> , <code>"ERROR"</code> , <code>"WARNING"</code> , <code>"INFO"</code> , <code>"DEBUG"</code> ). Default <code>"INFO"</code> .
<code>data_version</code>	A string or <code>NULL</code> . Passed to <code>-d</code> / <code>--data_version</code> ; default <code>NULL</code> , in which case the option is omitted.

```

small_component_size
    An integer. For --small-component-size; default 1000 (OSRM's default).
with_osm_metadata
    A logical. If TRUE, adds --with-osm-metadata; default FALSE.
parse_conditional_restrictions
    A logical. If TRUE, adds --parse-conditional-restrictions; default FALSE.
location_dependent_data
    A string or NULL. Path to GeoJSON, passed to --location-dependent-data;
    default NULL, in which case the option is omitted.
disable_location_cache
    A logical. If TRUE, adds --disable-location-cache; default FALSE.
dump_nbg_graph A logical. If TRUE, adds --dump-nbg-graph; default FALSE.
quiet A logical. Master switch that suppresses package messages and process output
    when TRUE; default FALSE.
verbose A logical. When TRUE and quiet = FALSE, streams stdout and stderr from the
    underlying processx::run calls.
spinner A logical. When TRUE and quiet = FALSE, shows a spinner instead of live logs;
    default TRUE.
echo_cmd A logical. When TRUE and quiet = FALSE, prints each command before running;
    default FALSE.

```

## Value

An object of class `osrm_job` with the following elements:

**osrm\_job\_artifact** The path to the generated `.osrm.timestamp` file.

**osrm\_working\_dir** The directory containing all OSRM files.

**logs** The processx::run result object.

## Examples

```

if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  # Install OSRM (temporary, session PATH)
  install_dir <- osrm_install(
    version = "latest",
    path_action = "session",
    quiet = TRUE
  )

  # copy example OSM PBF into a temporary workspace to avoid polluting pkg data
  pbf_path <- system.file("extdata/cur.osm.pbf", package = "osrm.backend")
  osrm_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), paste0("osrm-", Sys.getpid()))
  dir.create(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
  tmp_pbf <- file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osm.pbf")
  file.copy(from = pbf_path, to = tmp_pbf, overwrite = TRUE)

  # Find the path to the profile first
  car_profile <- osrm_find_profile("car.lua")
}

```

```

# extract OSRM graph files
result <- osrm_extract(
  input_osm                = tmp_pbf,
  profile                  = car_profile,
  overwrite                = TRUE,
  threads                  = 1L
)
# path to generated .osrm files (specifically, the .osrm.timestamp file)
result$osrm_job_artifact

# Clean up binaries and workspace
osrm_uninstall(
  dest_dir = install_dir,
  clear_path = TRUE,
  force = TRUE,
  quiet = TRUE
)
unlink(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
}

```

**osrm\_find\_profile**      *Locate an OSRM Lua profile (e.g. car.lua) in a host installation*

## Description

By default OSRM ships profiles for "car", "bike" and "foot" in a `profiles/` directory alongside the binaries. This function will try to locate `osrm-routed` on the PATH, resolve symlinks, and look first for a `profiles/` directory next to the binary (as placed there by `osrm_install()`). If that fails, it looks for sibling directories `share/osrm/profiles` and `share/osrm-backend/profiles`. If that fails, it will try to fall back on `/usr/local/share/osrm/profiles`, `/usr/local/share/osrm-backend/profiles`, `/usr/share/osrm/profiles`, and `/usr/share/osrm-backend/profiles`.

## Usage

```
osrm_find_profile(profile = "car.lua")
```

## Arguments

profile	A single string, the name of the Lua profile file (e.g. "car.lua"). Defaults to "car.lua".
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## Value

The normalized filesystem path to the profile.

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  install_dir <- osrm_install(
    version = "latest",
    path_action = "session",
    quiet = TRUE
  )
  osrm_find_profile("car.lua")
  osrm_uninstall(
    dest_dir = install_dir,
    clear_path = TRUE,
    force = TRUE,
    quiet = TRUE
  )
}
```

### osrm\_install

#### *Install OSRM Backend Binaries*

## Description

Downloads and installs pre-compiled binaries for the OSRM backend from the official GitHub releases. The function automatically detects the user's operating system and architecture to download the appropriate files. Only the latest v5 release (v5.27.1) and v6.0.0 were manually tested and are known to work well; other releases available on GitHub can be installed but are not guaranteed to function correctly.

## Usage

```
osrm_install(
  version = "latest",
  dest_dir = NULL,
  force = FALSE,
  path_action = c("session", "project", "none"),
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

version	A string specifying the OSRM version tag to install. Defaults to "latest". Use "latest" to automatically find the most recent stable version (internally calls <a href="#">osrm_check_latest_version()</a> ). Versions other than v5.27.1 and v6.0.0 will trigger a warning but are still attempted if binaries are available.
dest_dir	A string specifying the directory where OSRM binaries should be installed. If NULL (the default), a user-friendly, persistent location is chosen via <code>tools::R_user_dir("osrm.backend", which = "cache")</code> , and the binaries are installed into a subdirectory named after the OSRM version (e.g. <code>.../cache/v6.0.0</code> ).

<code>force</code>	A logical value. If TRUE, reinstall OSRM even if it's already found in <code>dest_dir</code> . If FALSE (default), the function will stop if an existing installation is detected.
<code>path_action</code>	A string specifying how to handle the system PATH. One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "session" (default): Adds the OSRM bin directory to the PATH for the current R session only.</li> <li>• "project": Modifies the <code>.Rprofile</code> in the current project to set the PATH for all future sessions in that project.</li> <li>• "none": Does not modify the PATH.</li> </ul>
<code>quiet</code>	A logical value. If TRUE, suppresses installer messages and warnings. Defaults to FALSE.

## Details

The function performs the following steps:

1. Queries the GitHub API to find the specified release of Project-OSRM/osrm-backend.
2. Identifies the correct binary (.tar.gz archive) for the user's OS (Linux, macOS, or Windows) and architecture (x64, arm64).
3. Downloads the archive to a temporary location.
4. Extracts the archive and locates the OSRM executables (e.g., `osrm-routed`, `osrm-extract`).
5. Copies these executables to a local directory (defaults to `file.path(tools::R_user_dir("osrm.backend", which = "user"))`).
6. Downloads the matching Lua profiles from the release tarball and installs them alongside the binaries.
7. Optionally modifies the PATH environment variable for the current session or project.

macOS users should note that upstream OSRM v6.x binaries are built for macOS 15.0 (Sequoia, Darwin 24.0.0) or newer. `osrm_install()` automatically blocks v6 installs on older macOS releases and, when `version = "latest"`, selects the most recent v5 build instead while warning about the requirement. Warnings include both the marketing version and Darwin kernel so you'll see messages like macOS 13 Ventura [Darwin 22.6.0].

When installing OSRM v6.x for Windows, the upstream release omits the Intel Threading Building Blocks (TBB) runtime and a compatible bz2 DLL. To keep the executables runnable out of the box, `osrm_install()` fetches TBB from [oneTBB v2022.3.0](#) and the BZip2 runtime from [bzip2-windows v1.0.8.0](#), verifying their SHA-256 checksums before extraction. Without these extra libraries, the OSRM v6 binaries shipped for Windows cannot start.

On macOS, OSRM v6.x binaries also miss the bundled TBB runtime. The installer reuses the libraries from release v5.27.1 to keep the binaries functional and patches their `libbz2` linkage using `install_name_tool` so that they load the system-provided BZip2 runtime.

Power users (including package authors running cross-platform tests) can override the auto-detected platform by setting the R options `osrm.backend.override_os` and `osrm.backend.override_arch` (e.g., `options(osrm.backend.override_os = "linux", osrm.backend.override_arch = "arm64")`) before calling `osrm_install()`. Overrides allow requesting binaries for any OS and CPU combination that exists on the GitHub releases.

## Value

The path to the installation directory.

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  old <- setwd(tempdir())
  on.exit(setwd(old), add = TRUE)

  # Install the default stable version and set PATH for this session
  install_dir <- osrm_install(path_action = "session", quiet = TRUE)

  # Install for a project non-interactively (e.g., in a script)
  osrm_install(path_action = "project", quiet = TRUE, force = TRUE)

  # Clean up the project's .Rprofile and uninstall binaries
  osrm_clear_path(quiet = TRUE)
  osrm_uninstall(
    dest_dir = install_dir,
    clear_path = TRUE,
    force = TRUE,
    quiet = TRUE
  )
}
```

osrm\_partition

*Partition OSRM Graph for Multi-Level Dijkstra (MLD)*

## Description

Run the `osrm-partition` tool to partition an OSRM graph for the MLD pipeline. After running, a companion `<base>.osrm.partition` file must exist to confirm success.

## Usage

```
osrm_partition(
  input_osrm,
  threads = 8L,
  verbosity = c("INFO", "NONE", "ERROR", "WARNING", "DEBUG"),
  balance = 1.2,
  boundary = 0.25,
  optimizing_cuts = 10L,
  small_component_size = 1000L,
  max_cell_sizes = c(128, 4096, 65536, 2097152),
  quiet = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  spinner = TRUE,
  echo_cmd = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

<code>input_osrm</code>	A string. Path to a <code>.osrm.timestamp</code> file, the base path to the <code>.osrm</code> files (without extension), or a directory containing exactly one <code>.osrm.timestamp</code> file.
<code>threads</code>	An integer. Number of threads to use; default 8 ( <code>osrm-partition</code> 's default).
<code>verbosity</code>	A string. Log verbosity level passed to <code>-l--verbosity</code> (one of "NONE", "ERROR", "WARNING", "INFO", "DEBUG", default "INFO").
<code>balance</code>	A numeric. Balance for left and right side in single bisection; default 1.2.
<code>boundary</code>	A numeric. Percentage of embedded nodes to contract as sources and sinks; default 0.25.
<code>optimizing_cuts</code>	An integer. Number of cuts to use for optimizing a single bisection; default 10.
<code>small_component_size</code>	An integer. Size threshold for small components; default 1000.
<code>max_cell_sizes</code>	A numeric vector. Maximum cell sizes starting from level 1; default <code>c(128, 4096, 65536, 2097152)</code> .
<code>quiet</code>	A logical. Master switch that suppresses package messages and process output when TRUE; default FALSE.
<code>verbose</code>	A logical. When TRUE and <code>quiet</code> = FALSE, streams stdout and stderr from the underlying <code>processx::run</code> calls.
<code>spinner</code>	A logical. When TRUE and <code>quiet</code> = FALSE, shows a spinner instead of live logs; default TRUE.
<code>echo_cmd</code>	A logical. When TRUE and <code>quiet</code> = FALSE, prints each command before running; default FALSE.

## Value

An object of class `osrm_job` with the following elements:

**`osrm_job_artifact`** The path to the partitioned `.osrm.partition` file.

**`osrm_working_dir`** The directory containing all OSRM files.

**`logs`** The `processx::run` result object.

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  install_dir <- osrm_install(
    version = "latest",
    path_action = "session",
    quiet = TRUE
  )

  # Prepare a small graph then partition it for the MLD pipeline
  pbf_path <- system.file("extdata/cur.osm.pbf", package = "osrm.backend")
  osrm_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), paste0("osrm-", Sys.getpid()))
  dir.create(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
  tmp_pbf <- file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osm.pbf")
  file.copy(from = pbf_path, to = tmp_pbf, overwrite = TRUE)
```

```

profile <- osrm_find_profile("car.lua")

extract_job <- osrm_extract(
  input_osm = tmp_pbf,
  profile = profile,
  overwrite = TRUE,
  threads = 1L
)

partition_job <- osrm_partition(extract_job, threads = 1L, verbose = TRUE)
partition_job$osrm_job_artifact

osrm_uninstall(
  dest_dir = install_dir,
  clear_path = TRUE,
  force = TRUE,
  quiet = TRUE
)
unlink(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
}

```

**osrm\_prepare\_graph***Prepare OSRM Graph for Routing (Extract + Partition/Contract)***Description**

High-level wrapper that first runs `osrm-extract` on an OSM file to produce the base `.osrm` graph, then prepares it for routing via either the MLD pipeline (`osrm-partition` + `osrm-customize`) or the CH pipeline (`osrm-contract`).

**Usage**

```

osrm_prepare_graph(
  input_osm,
  profile = osrm_find_profile("car.lua"),
  threads = 8L,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  verbosity = c("INFO", "NONE", "ERROR", "WARNING", "DEBUG"),
  data_version = NULL,
  small_component_size = 1000L,
  with_osm_metadata = FALSE,
  parse_conditional_restrictions = FALSE,
  location_dependent_data = NULL,
  disable_location_cache = FALSE,
  dump_nbg_graph = FALSE,
  algorithm = c("mld", "ch"),
  balance = 1.2,

```

```

boundary = 0.25,
optimizing_cuts = 10L,
max_cell_sizes = c(128, 4096, 65536, 2097152),
quiet = FALSE,
verbose = FALSE,
spinner = TRUE,
echo_cmd = FALSE
)

```

## Arguments

<code>input_osm</code>	A string. Path to the input OSM file (.osm, .osm.bz2, or .osm.pbf) or a directory containing exactly one OSM file with a supported extension.
<code>profile</code>	A string. Path to the OSRM Lua profile (e.g. returned by <code>osrm_find_profile("car.lua")</code> ).
<code>threads</code>	An integer. Number of threads for extract and partition/contract; default 8.
<code>overwrite</code>	A logical. If FALSE, stops if any existing <code>.osrm*</code> files matching the base name are found alongside <code>input_osm</code> . Set to TRUE to overwrite them.
<code>verbosity</code>	A string. Log verbosity for extract/partition/contract (one of "NONE", "ERROR", "WARNING", "INFO", "DEBUG"). Default "INFO".
<code>data_version</code>	A string or NULL. Passed to <code>osrm-extract</code> via -d; default NULL.
<code>small_component_size</code>	An integer. For extract & partition; default 1000.
<code>with_osm_metadata</code>	A logical. Adds --with-osm-metadata during extract; default FALSE.
<code>parse_conditional_restrictions</code>	A logical. Adds --parse-conditional-restrictions; default FALSE.
<code>location_dependent_data</code>	A string or NULL. Path to GeoJSON for extract; default NULL.
<code>disable_location_cache</code>	A logical. Adds --disable-location-cache; default FALSE.
<code>dump_nbg_graph</code>	A logical. Adds --dump-nbg-graph; default FALSE.
<code>algorithm</code>	A string. One of "mld" (default) or "ch".
<code>balance</code>	A numeric. Balance for <code>osrm-partition</code> ; default 1.2.
<code>boundary</code>	A numeric. Boundary percentage for <code>osrm-partition</code> ; default 0.25.
<code>optimizing_cuts</code>	An integer. Optimizing cuts for <code>osrm-partition</code> ; default 10.
<code>max_cell_sizes</code>	A numeric vector. Max cell sizes for <code>osrm-partition</code> ; default <code>c(128, 4096, 65536, 2097152)</code> .
<code>quiet</code>	A logical. Master switch that suppresses package messages and process output when TRUE; default FALSE.
<code>verbose</code>	A logical. When TRUE and quiet = FALSE, streams stdout and stderr from the underlying <code>processx::run</code> calls.
<code>spinner</code>	A logical. When TRUE and quiet = FALSE, shows a spinner instead of live logs; default TRUE.
<code>echo_cmd</code>	A logical. When TRUE and quiet = FALSE, prints each command before running; default FALSE.

## Value

An object of class `osrm_job` with the following elements:

- osrm\_job\_artifact** The path to the final routing-ready graph file (`.osrm.hngr` for CH or `.osrm.mldgr` for MLD).
- osrm\_working\_dir** The directory containing all OSRM files.
- logs** A list of `processx::run` results for each stage: `extract`, `partition/contract`, and `customize` (if MLD).

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  install_dir <- osrm_install(
    version = "latest",
    path_action = "session",
    quiet = TRUE
  )

  # Prepare a routing-ready graph with the default MLD pipeline
  pbf_path <- system.file("extdata/cur.osm.pbf", package = "osrm.backend")
  osrm_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), paste0("osrm-", Sys.getpid()))
  dir.create(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
  tmp_pbf <- file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osm.pbf")
  file.copy(from = pbf_path, to = tmp_pbf, overwrite = TRUE)

  graph <- osrm_prepare_graph(
    input_osm = tmp_pbf,
    overwrite = TRUE,
    threads = 1L,
    algorithm = "mld"
  )
  graph$osrm_job_artifact

  osrm_uninstall(
    dest_dir = install_dir,
    clear_path = TRUE,
    force = TRUE,
    quiet = TRUE
  )
  unlink(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
}
```

## Description

Returns a snapshot of servers registered by [osrm\\_start\\_server\(\)](#) or [osrm\\_start\(\)](#). You can stop one by passing its id, port, or pid to [osrm\\_stop\(\)](#).

## Usage

```
osrm_servers()
```

## Value

A data.frame with columns: id, pid, port, algorithm, started\_at, alive, has\_handle.

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  install_dir <- osrm_install(
    version = "latest",
    path_action = "session",
    quiet = TRUE
  )

  # copy example OSM PBF into a temporary workspace to avoid polluting pkg data
  pbf_path <- system.file("extdata/cur.osm.pbf", package = "osrm.backend")
  osrm_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), paste0("osrm-", Sys.getpid()))
  dir.create(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
  tmp_pbf <- file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osm.pbf")
  file.copy(from = pbf_path, to = tmp_pbf, overwrite = TRUE)
  graph <- osrm_prepare_graph(tmp_pbf, overwrite = TRUE, threads = 1L)

  srv <- osrm_start_server(graph$osrm_job_artifact, port = 6000, threads = 1L)
  osrm_servers()
  osrm_stop(srv)

  osrm_uninstall(
    dest_dir = install_dir,
    clear_path = TRUE,
    force = TRUE,
    quiet = TRUE
  )
  unlink(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
}
```

**osrm\_start**

*Start an OSRM Server with Automatic Setup*

## Description

A high-level, "one-shot" function to start an OSRM server that automatically handles OSRM installation and graph preparation. This is the recommended function for most users to get a server running quickly with minimal steps.

## Usage

```
osrm_start(
  path,
  algorithm = c("mld", "ch"),
  quiet = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

path	A string. Path to the input data. Can be one of:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A path to an OSM file (e.g., /path/to/data.osm.pbf).</li> <li>• A path to a directory containing OSRM graph files or an OSM file.</li> <li>• A direct path to a final graph file (.osrm.mldgr or .osrm.hsgr).</li> </ul>
algorithm	A string specifying the routing algorithm to use for graph preparation, either "mld" (Multi-Level Dijkstra, default) or "ch" (Contraction Hierarchies). This is only used when <code>osrm_prepare_graph</code> is automatically called.
quiet	A logical value. If TRUE, suppresses installer messages and warnings. Defaults to FALSE.
verbose	A logical. If FALSE (default), suppresses detailed console output from backend commands. If TRUE, shows all output, which is useful for debugging.
...	Additional arguments passed on to <code>osrm_prepare_graph()</code> (e.g., <code>overwrite = TRUE</code> ) and <code>osrm_start_server()</code> (e.g., <code>port = 5001</code> ).

## Details

This function is designed for convenience and automates the entire setup process. By default, it is not verbose and only prints high-level status messages.

1. **Check for OSRM Installation:** It first verifies if the `osrm-routed` executable is available in the system's PATH. If not, it automatically calls `osrm_install()` to download and install the latest stable version.
2. **Process Input Path and Prepare Graph:** The function intelligently handles the path argument to find or create the necessary graph files. If the graph files do not exist, it automatically runs `osrm_prepare_graph()` to build them, which may take some time.
3. **Start Server:** Once the graph files are located or prepared, it launches the `osrm-routed` server and prints a confirmation message with the server's PID and port.

For advanced users or for debugging, set `verbose = TRUE` to see the detailed console output from the installation and graph preparation steps. For full manual control, use the lower-level functions like `osrm_prepare_graph()` and `osrm_start_server()` directly.

## Value

A `processx::process` object for the running server.

**See Also**

[osrm\\_stop\(\)](#), [osrm\\_start\\_server\(\)](#) for manual server startup.

**Examples**

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  install_dir <- osrm_install(
    version = "latest",
    path_action = "session",
    quiet = TRUE
  )

  # copy example OSM PBF into a temporary workspace to avoid polluting pkg data
  pbf_path <- system.file("extdata/cur.osm.pbf", package = "osrm.backend")
  osrm_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), paste0("osrm-", Sys.getpid()))
  dir.create(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
  local_pbf <- file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osm.pbf")
  file.copy(from = pbf_path, to = local_pbf, overwrite = TRUE)

  # Start the server with one command.
  # It will quietly install OSRM and prepare the graph if needed.
  osrm_process <- osrm_start(local_pbf)

  # Stop the server when done.
  osrm_stop()

  # To see all backend logs during setup, use verbose = TRUE
  osrm_process_verbose <- osrm_start(local_pbf, verbose = TRUE)
  osrm_stop()

  osrm_uninstall(
    dest_dir = install_dir,
    clear_path = TRUE,
    force = TRUE,
    quiet = TRUE
  )
  unlink(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
}
```

**osrm\_start\_server**

*Start an OSRM MLD/CH server with osrm-routed*

**Description**

Launches an `osrm-routed` process pointing at a localized OSRM graph (either `.osrm.mldgr` for MLD or `.osrm.hsgr` for CH/CoreCH).

**Usage**

```
osrm_start_server(
  osrm_path,
  version = FALSE,
  help = FALSE,
  verbosity = c("INFO", "ERROR", "WARNING", "NONE", "DEBUG"),
  trial = FALSE,
  ip = "0.0.0.0",
  port = 5001L,
  threads = 8L,
  shared_memory = FALSE,
  memory_file = NULL,
  mmap = FALSE,
  dataset_name = NULL,
  algorithm = NULL,
  max_viaroute_size = 500L,
  max_trip_size = 100L,
  max_table_size = 100L,
  max_matching_size = 100L,
  max_nearest_size = 100L,
  max_alternatives = 3L,
  max_matching_radius = -1L,
  quiet = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  echo_cmd = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

osrm_path	Character(1). Path to the .osrm.mldgr or .osrm.hngr file
version	Logical; if TRUE, prints version and exits
help	Logical; if TRUE, prints help and exits
verbosity	Character; one of "NONE", "ERROR", "WARNING", "INFO", "DEBUG"
trial	Logical or integer; if TRUE or >0, quits after initialization (default: FALSE)
ip	Character; IP address to bind (default: "0.0.0.0")
port	Integer; TCP port to listen on (default: 5001)
threads	Integer; number of worker threads (default: 8)
shared_memory	Logical; load graph from shared memory (default: FALSE)
memory_file	Character or NULL; DEPRECATED (behaves like mmap)
mmap	Logical; memory-map data files (default: FALSE)
dataset_name	Character or NULL; name of shared memory dataset
algorithm	Character or NULL; one of "CH", "CoreCH", "MLD". If NULL (default), auto-selected based on file extension
max_viaroute_size	Integer (default: 500)

```

max_trip_size  Integer (default: 100)
max_table_size Integer (default: 100)
max_matching_size
    Integer (default: 100)
max_nearest_size
    Integer (default: 100)
max_alternatives
    Integer (default: 3)
max_matching_radius
    Integer; use -1 for unlimited (default: -1)
quiet          Logical; when TRUE, suppresses package messages.
verbose         Logical; reserved for controlling future server verbosity, included for interface
                 consistency with osrm\_start\(\). Defaults to FALSE.
echo_cmd        Logical; echo command line to console before launch (default: FALSE)

```

## Details

The server's standard output and error streams can be controlled via R options for non-interactive use or persistent logging. By default, they are captured as pipes, which allows for reading output directly within the R session (e.g., via `osrm_server$read_output_lines()`).

To redirect the server's output to one or more files, you can set the `osrm.server.log_file` R option before calling this function:

- **Combined Log:** To send both `stdout` and `stderr` to a single file, provide a file path: `options(osrm.server.log_file = "path/to/osrm.log")`
- **Separate Logs:** To send `stdout` and `stderr` to separate files, provide a named list: `options(osrm.server.log_file = list(stdout = "out.log", stderr = "err.log"))`
- **Default Behavior:** To restore the default behavior of using pipes, set the option to `NULL`:  
`options(osrm.server.log_file = NULL)`

You can override the `osrm`-routed executable via `options(osrm.routed.exec = "/full/path/to/osrm-routed")`.

## Value

A `processx::process` object for the running server (also registered internally).

## Examples

```

if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  install_dir <- osrm_install(
    version = "latest",
    path_action = "session",
    quiet = TRUE
  )

  # Build a graph then launch an OSRM server on a custom port
  pbf_path <- system.file("extdata/cur.osm.pbf", package = "osrm.backend")
  osrm_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), paste0("osrm-", Sys.getpid()))

```

```
dir.create(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
tmp_pbf <- file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osm.pbf")
file.copy(from = pbf_path, to = tmp_pbf, overwrite = TRUE)

graph <- osrm_prepare_graph(
  input_osm = tmp_pbf,
  overwrite = TRUE,
  threads = 1L,
  algorithm = "mld"
)

server <- osrm_start_server(
  osrm_path = graph$osrm_job_artifact,
  port = 6000,
  threads = 1L
)

# Later, stop the server again
osrm_stop(server)

osrm_uninstall(
  dest_dir = install_dir,
  clear_path = TRUE,
  force = TRUE,
  quiet = TRUE
)
unlink(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
}
```

---

**osrm\_stop***Stop an OSRM Server*

---

**Description**

Terminates an osrm-routed process launched by `osrm_start()` or `osrm_start_server()`.

**Usage**

```
osrm_stop(
  server = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  port = NULL,
  pid = NULL,
  wait = 1000L,
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

<code>server</code>	Optional <code>processx::process</code> object returned by <code>osrm_start_server()</code> .
<code>id</code>	Optional character id from <code>osrm_servers()</code> .
<code>port</code>	Optional integer TCP port.
<code>pid</code>	Optional integer process id.
<code>wait</code>	Integer milliseconds to wait for clean shutdown (default 1000).
<code>quiet</code>	Logical; suppress messages (default FALSE).

## Details

This function provides a flexible way to stop a running OSRM process. If no arguments are specified, it defaults to stopping the most recently started server that is still alive.

You can also stop a specific server by providing:

- The `processx::process` object returned by `osrm_start()` or `osrm_start_server()`.
- The server's id, port, or pid (use `osrm_servers()` to find these).

## Value

A list with fields `id`, `pid`, `port`, `stopped` (logical).

## See Also

[osrm\\_start\(\)](#), [osrm\\_servers\(\)](#), [osrm\\_stop\\_all\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  install_dir <- osrm_install(
    version = "latest",
    path_action = "session",
    quiet = TRUE
  )

  # copy example OSM PBF into a temporary workspace to avoid polluting pkg data
  pbf_path <- system.file("extdata/cur.osm.pbf", package = "osrm.backend")
  osrm_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), paste0("osrm-", Sys.getpid()))
  dir.create(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
  tmp_pbf <- file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osm.pbf")
  file.copy(from = pbf_path, to = tmp_pbf, overwrite = TRUE)
  graph <- osrm_prepare_graph(tmp_pbf, overwrite = TRUE, threads = 1L)

  srv <- osrm_start_server(graph$osrm_job_artifact, port = 6000, threads = 1L)

  # Stop by passing the process object
  osrm_stop(srv)

  # Or stop by port after the process is registered
  osrm_stop(port = 6000)
```

```

osrm_uninstall(
  dest_dir = install_dir,
  clear_path = TRUE,
  force = TRUE,
  quiet = TRUE
)
unlink(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
}

```

**osrm\_stop\_all***Stop all running OSRM servers started via this package***Description**

Stop all running OSRM servers started via this package

**Usage**

```
osrm_stop_all()
```

**Value**

The number of servers attempted.

**Examples**

```

if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  install_dir <- osrm_install(
    version = "latest",
    path_action = "session",
    quiet = TRUE
  )

  pbf_path <- system.file("extdata/cur.osm.pbf", package = "osrm.backend")
  osrm_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), paste0("osrm-", Sys.getpid()))
  dir.create(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
  tmp_pbf <- file.path(osrm_dir, "cur.osm.pbf")
  file.copy(from = pbf_path, to = tmp_pbf, overwrite = TRUE)
  graph <- osrm_prepare_graph(tmp_pbf, overwrite = TRUE, threads = 1L)

  srv <- osrm_start_server(graph$osrm_job_artifact, port = 6000, threads = 1L)
  stopped <- osrm_stop_all()
  stopped

  osrm_uninstall(
    dest_dir = install_dir,
    clear_path = TRUE,
    force = TRUE,

```

```

    quiet = TRUE
)
unlink(osrm_dir, recursive = TRUE)
}

```

**osrm\_uninstall***Uninstall OSRM Backend Binaries***Description**

Removes the OSRM backend binaries and optionally clears the PATH configuration from the project's `.Rprofile`.

**Usage**

```

osrm_uninstall(
  dest_dir = NULL,
  clear_path = TRUE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  all = FALSE,
  force = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>dest_dir</code>	A string specifying the directory from which to remove OSRM binaries. If <code>NULL</code> (the default), the function looks for an installation in the per-version subdirectories inside <code>tools:::R_user_dir("osrm.backend", which = "cache")</code> and removes it. When multiple versions are installed, interactive sessions that are not <code>quiet</code> will be prompted (with a numbered menu and <code>0</code> to cancel) to choose a directory; otherwise, <code>dest_dir</code> must be supplied. Ignored if <code>all = TRUE</code> .
<code>clear_path</code>	A logical value. If <code>TRUE</code> (default), also removes the PATH configuration from the project's <code>.Rprofile</code> by calling <code>osrm_clear_path()</code> .
<code>quiet</code>	A logical value. If <code>TRUE</code> , suppresses informational messages and confirmation prompts. Defaults to <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>all</code>	A logical value. If <code>TRUE</code> , removes all OSRM installations found in the default cache directory. Will prompt for confirmation unless <code>force = TRUE</code> . Defaults to <code>FALSE</code> . When <code>TRUE</code> , the <code>dest_dir</code> parameter is ignored.
<code>force</code>	A logical value. If <code>TRUE</code> , skips all confirmation prompts, enabling non-interactive usage. Defaults to <code>FALSE</code> .

**Value**

`TRUE` if one or more directories were successfully removed, and `FALSE` otherwise.

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  # Install OSRM temporarily
  install_dir <- osrm_install(path_action = "session", quiet = TRUE)

  # Uninstall that specific version and clear PATH changes
  osrm_uninstall(
    dest_dir = install_dir,
    clear_path = TRUE,
    force = TRUE,
    quiet = TRUE
  )

  # If multiple installs exist, remove them all
  osrm_uninstall(all = TRUE, force = TRUE, quiet = TRUE)
}
```

## osrm\_which

*Locate the OSRM Installation Used by osrm.backend*

## Description

Resolves the osrm-routed executable available on the current PATH (or the override provided via options(osrm.routed.exec)). Runs osrm-routed --version to verify availability, then prints the directory containing the executable together with the backend version reported by osrm-routed so you know what will be used in the current session.

## Usage

```
osrm_which(quiet = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

quiet	Logical; if FALSE (default), prints information about the located installation. If TRUE, suppresses printed output and only returns the information as a list.
-------	--

## Value

A list with components executable (full path to osrm-routed), directory (its parent folder), osrm\_version (character vector of non-empty lines emitted by osrm-routed --version), and the raw processx::run result in logs.

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("OSRM_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  install_dir <- osrm_install(
    version = "latest",
    path_action = "session",
```

```
    quiet = TRUE
  )

# check which OSRM installation will be used
osrm_which()

osrm_uninstall(
  dest_dir = install_dir,
  clear_path = TRUE,
  force = TRUE,
  quiet = TRUE
)
}
```

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