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gdalUtilities-package *Wrappers for 'GDAL' Utilities Executables*

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gdalbuildvrt                      *Interface to GDAL's gdalbuildvrt utility*

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### Description

This function provides an interface mirroring that of the GDAL command-line app `gdalbuildvrt`. For a description of the utility and the arguments that it takes, see the documentation at <https://gdal.org/programs/gdalbuildvrt.html>.

### Usage

```
gdalbuildvrt(  
    gdalfile,  
    output.vrt,  
    ...,  
    tileindex,  
    resolution,  
    te,  
    tr,  
    tap,  
    separate,  
    b,  
    sd,  
    allow_projection_difference,  
    optim,  
    q,  
    addalpha,  
    hidenodata,  
    srcnodata,  
    vrtnodata,  
    ignore_srcmaskband,  
    a_srs,  
    r,  
    oo,  
    input_file_list,  
    strict,  
    non_strict,  
    overwrite,  
    config_options = character(0),  
    dryrun = FALSE  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>gdalfile</code>	Character vector supplying file paths to one or more input datasets.
<code>output.vrt</code>	Character. Path to output VRT file. Typically, output file will have suffix ".vrt".

... Here, a placeholder argument that forces users to supply exact names of all subsequent formal arguments.

tileindex, resolution, te, tr, tap, separate, b, sd  
See the GDAL project's [gdalbuildvrt documentation](#) for details.

allow\_projection\_difference, q, optim, addalpha, hidenodata  
See the GDAL project's [gdalbuildvrt documentation](#) for details.

srcnodata, vrtnodata, ignore\_srcmaskband, a\_srs, r, oo  
See the GDAL project's [gdalbuildvrt documentation](#) for details.

input\_file\_list, strict, non\_strict, overwrite  
See the GDAL project's [gdalbuildvrt documentation](#) for details.

config\_options A named character vector with GDAL config options, of the form `c(option1=value1, option2=value2)`. (See [here](#) for a complete list of supported config options.)

dryrun Logical (default FALSE). If TRUE, instead of executing the requested call to GDAL, the function will print the command-line call that would produce the equivalent output.

### Value

Silently returns path to `output.vrt`.

### Author(s)

Joshua O'Brien

### Examples

```
## Prepare file paths
td <- tempdir()
out_vrt <- file.path(td, "out.vrt")
layer1 <-
  system.file("extdata/tahoe_lidar_bareearth.tif",
             package = "gdalUtilities")
layer2 <-
  system.file("extdata/tahoe_lidar_highesthit.tif",
             package = "gdalUtilities")

## Build VRT and check that it works
gdalbuildvrt(gdalfile = c(layer1, layer2), output.vrt = out_vrt)
gdalinfo(out_vrt)
```

### Description

This function provides an interface mirroring that of the GDAL command-line app `gdaldem`. For a description of the utility and the arguments that it takes, see the documentation at <https://gdal.org/programs/gdaldem.html>.

**Usage**

```

gdaldem(
    mode,
    input_dem,
    output_map,
    ...,
    of,
    compute_edges,
    alg,
    b,
    co,
    q,
    z,
    s,
    az,
    alt,
    combined,
    multidirectional,
    igor,
    p,
    trigonometric,
    zero_for_flat,
    color_text_file = character(),
    alpha,
    exact_color_entry,
    nearest_color_entry,
    config_options = character(),
    dryrun = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

mode	Character, one of "hillshade", "slope", "color-relief", "TRI", "TPI", "roughness", indicating which of the available processing modes is to be used.
input_dem	Path to a GDAL-supported readable DEM datasource.
output_map	Character. Path to a GDAL-supported output file.
...	Here, a placeholder argument that forces users to supply exact names of all subsequent formal arguments.
of, compute_edges, alg, b, co, q, z, s, az, alt, combined	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdaldem documentation</a> for details.
multidirectional, igor, p, trigonometric, zero_for_flat	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdaldem documentation</a> for details.
color_text_file, alpha, exact_color_entry, nearest_color_entry	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdaldem documentation</a> for details.
config_options	A named character vector with GDAL config options, of the form c(option1=value1, option2=value2). (See <a href="#">here</a> for a complete list of supported config options.)

`dryrun` Logical (default FALSE). If TRUE, instead of executing the requested call to GDAL, the function will print the command-line call that would produce the equivalent output.

### Value

Silently returns path to `output_map`.

### Author(s)

Joshua O'Brien

### Examples

```
## Prepare file paths
td <- tempdir()
in_dem <- system.file("extdata/maunga.tif", package = "gdalUtilities")
out_slope <- file.path(td, "slope.tif")
out_shade <- file.path(td, "shade.tif")
out_aspect <- file.path(td, "aspect.tif")

## Apply DEM processing
gdaldem("slope", in_dem, out_slope)
gdaldem("shade", in_dem, out_shade)
gdaldem("aspect", in_dem, out_aspect)

## View results
if(require(terra)) {
  op <- par(mfcol = c(1, 2))
  plot(rast(in_dem), main = "elevation")
  plot(rast(out_slope), main = "slope")
  plot(rast(out_shade), main = "hillshade")
  plot(rast(out_aspect), main = "aspect")
  par(op) ## Reset parameters to preexisting values
}
```

### Description

This function provides an interface mirroring that of the GDAL command-line app `gdalinfo`. For a description of the utility and the arguments that it takes, see the documentation at <https://gdal.org/programs/gdalinfo.html>.

**Usage**

```
gdalinfo(
  datasetname,
  ...,
  json,
  mm,
  stats,
  approx_stats,
  hist,
  nogcp,
  nomd,
  norat,
  noct,
  nofl,
  checksum,
  proj4,
  listmdd,
  mdd,
  wkt_format,
  sd,
  oo,
  IF,
  dryrun = FALSE,
  config_options = character(0),
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

datasetname	Path to a GDAL-supported readable datasource.
...	Here, a placeholder argument that forces users to supply exact names of all subsequent formal arguments.
json, mm, stats, approx_stats, hist, nogcp, nomd, norat, noct	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdalinfo documentation</a> for details.
nofl, checksum, proj4, listmdd, mdd, wkt_format, sd, oo, IF	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdalinfo documentation</a> for details.
dryrun	Logical (default FALSE). If TRUE, instead of executing the requested call to GDAL, the function will print the command-line call that would produce the equivalent output.
config_options	A named character vector with GDAL config options, of the form c(option1=value1, option2=value2). (See <a href="#">here</a> for a complete list of supported config options.)
quiet	Logical (default FALSE). If TRUE, suppress printing of output to the console.

**Value**

Silently returns a character vector containing the information returned by the gdalinfo utility.

**Author(s)**

Joshua O'Brien

**Examples**

```
ff <- system.file("extdata/maunga.tif", package = "gdalUtilities")
gdalinfo(ff)
```

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gdalmdiminfo

*Interface to GDAL's gdalmdiminfo utility*

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**Description**

This function provides an interface mirroring that of the GDAL command-line app `gdalmdiminfo`. For a description of the utility and the arguments that it takes, see the documentation at <https://gdal.org/programs/gdalmdiminfo.html>.

**Usage**

```
gdalmdiminfo(
  datasetname,
  ...,
  oo,
  arrayoption,
  detailed,
  nopretty,
  array,
  limit,
  stats,
  IF,
  dryrun = FALSE,
  config_options = character(0),
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>datasetname</code>	Path to a GDAL-supported readable datasource.
<code>...</code>	Here, a placeholder argument that forces users to supply exact names of all subsequent formal arguments.
<code>oo, arrayoption, detailed, nopretty, array, limit, stats, IF</code>	the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdalmdiminfo documentation</a> for details.
<code>dryrun</code>	Logical (default FALSE). If TRUE, instead of executing the requested call to GDAL, the function will print the command-line call that would produce the equivalent output.
<code>config_options</code>	A named character vector with GDAL config options, of the form <code>c(option1=value1, option2=value2)</code> . (See <a href="#">here</a> for a complete list of supported config options.)
<code>quiet</code>	Logical (default FALSE). If TRUE, suppress printing of output to the console.

**Value**

Silently returns a character vector containing the information in JSON format returned by the `gdalmdiminfo` utility.

**Author(s)**

Joshua O'Brien

**Examples**

```
ff <- system.file("nc/cropped.nc", package = "sf")
gdalmdiminfo(ff)
```

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`gdalmdimtranslate`      *Interface to GDAL's `gdalmdimtranslate` utility*

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**Description**

This function provides an interface mirroring that of the GDAL command-line app `gdalmdimtranslate`. For a description of the utility and the arguments that it takes, see the documentation at <https://gdal.org/programs/gdalmdimtranslate.html>.

**Usage**

```
gdalmdimtranslate(  
  src_filename,  
  dst_filename,  
  ...,  
  co,  
  IF,  
  of,  
  array,  
  group,  
  subset,  
  scaleaxes,  
  oo,  
  config_options = character(0),  
  dryrun = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>src_filename</code>	Character. Path to a GDAL-supported readable datasource.
<code>dst_filename</code>	Character. Path to a GDAL-supported output file.
<code>...</code>	Here, a placeholder argument that forces users to supply exact names of all subsequent formal arguments.

co, IF, of, array, group, subset, scaleaxes, oo  
 See the GDAL project's [gdalmdimtranslate documentation](#) for details.

config\_options A named character vector with GDAL config options, of the form c(option1=value1, option2=value2). (See [here](#) for a complete list of supported config options.)

dryrun Logical (default FALSE). If TRUE, instead of executing the requested call to GDAL, the function will print the command-line call that would produce the equivalent output.

**Value**

Silently returns path to dst\_filename.

**Author(s)**

Joshua O'Brien

**Examples**

```
## A simple dataset bundled with the sf package
FF <- system.file("nc/cropped.nc", package = "sf")
td <- tempdir()
out_tiff <- file.path(td, "out.tiff")
gdalinfo(FF)
gdalmdimtranslate(FF, out_tiff, array = "sst")
gdalinfo(out_tiff)

## A more interesting dataset bundled with the stars package
if(require(terra)) {
  FF <- system.file("nc/reduced.nc", package = "stars")
  gdalinfo(FF)
  td <- tempdir()
  out_1_tiff <- file.path(td, "out_1.tiff")
  gdalmdimtranslate(FF, out_1_tiff, array = "sst")
  plot(rast(out_1_tiff),
       main = "Sea Surface Temperature\n(2x2 degree cells)")
  ## Translate to a tiff, coarsen by a factor of 5
  out_2_tiff <- file.path(td, "out_2.tiff")
  gdalmdimtranslate(FF, out_2_tiff, array = "sst",
                   scaleaxes = "lon(5),lat(5)")
  plot(rast(out_2_tiff),
       main = "Sea Surface Temperature\n(10x10 degree cells)")
}
```

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gdalUtilities-defunct *Defunct function(s) in the gdalUtilities package*

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**Description**

These functions have been removed from this package.

**Usage**

```
gRasterize(...)
```

**Arguments**

```
...           Function arguments
```

**Details**

`gRasterize` was removed due to its dependency on the **raster** package, on which **gdalUtilities** no longer Depends. The source for `gRasterize` may still be found (and sourced, using `devtools::source_gist()`) at <https://gist.github.com/JoshOBrien/7cf19b8b686e6d6230a78a1a9799883b>.

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gdalwarp

*Interface to GDAL's gdalwarp utility*

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**Description**

This function provides an interface mirroring that of the GDAL command-line app `gdalwarp`. For a description of the utility and the arguments that it takes, see the documentation at <https://gdal.org/programs/gdalwarp.html>.

**Usage**

```
gdalwarp(  
  srcfile,  
  dstfile,  
  ...,  
  s_srs,  
  t_srs,  
  ct,  
  to,  
  vshift,  
  novshift,  
  s_coord_epoch,  
  t_coord_epoch,  
  order,  
  tps,  
  rpc,  
  geoloc,  
  et,  
  refine_gcps,  
  te,  
  te_srs,  
  tr,  
  tap,  
  ts,
```

```

    ovr,
    wo,
    ot,
    wt,
    r,
    srcnodata,
    dstnodata,
    srcalpha,
    nosrcalpha,
    dstalpha,
    wm,
    multi,
    q,
    IF,
    of,
    co,
    cutline,
    cl,
    cwhere,
    csql,
    cblend,
    crop_to_cutline,
    overwrite,
    nomd,
    cvmd,
    setci,
    oo,
    doo,
    config_options = character(),
    dryrun = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

srcfile	Character. Path to a GDAL-supported readable datasource.
dstfile	Character. Path to a GDAL-supported output file.
...	Here, a placeholder argument that forces users to supply exact names of all subsequent formal arguments.
s_srs, t_srs, ct, to, vshift, novshift	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdalwarp documentation</a> for details.
s_coord_epoch, t_coord_epoch, order, tps, rpc, geoloc, et	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdalwarp documentation</a> for details.
refine_gcps, te, te_srs, tr, tap, ts, ovr, wo, ot, wt, r, srcnodata	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdalwarp documentation</a> for details.
dstnodata, srcalpha, nosrcalpha, dstalpha, wm, multi, q, IF, of, co	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdalwarp documentation</a> for details.
cutline, cl, cwhere, csql, cblend, crop_to_cutline, overwrite	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdalwarp documentation</a> for details.

nomd, cvmd, setci, oo, doo

See the GDAL project's [gdalwarp documentation](#) for details.

config\_options A named character vector with GDAL config options, of the form c(option1=value1, option2=value2)  
(See [here](#) for a complete list of supported config options.)

dryrun Logical (default FALSE). If TRUE, instead of executing the requested call to GDAL, the function will print the command-line call that would produce the equivalent output.

## Value

Silently returns path to dstfile.

## Author(s)

Joshua O'Brien

## Examples

```
## Prepare file paths
td <- tempdir()
in_tif <- file.path(td, "tahoe.tif")
gcp_tif <- file.path(td, "tahoe_gcp.tif")
out_tif <- file.path(td, "tahoe_warped.tif")

## Set up some ground control points, then warp
file.copy(system.file("extdata/tahoe.tif", package = "gdalUtilities"),
          in_tif)
## Four numbers: column, row, x-coord, y-coord
gcp <- matrix(c(100, 300, -119.93226, 39.28977, ## A
                0, 300, -119.93281, 39.28977, ## B
                100, 400, -119.93226, 39.28922, ## C
                0, 400, -119.93281, 39.28922, ## lower-left
                400, 0, -119.93067, 39.29136, ## upper-right
                400, 400, -119.93062, 39.28922, ## lower-right
                0, 0, -119.93281, 39.29141), ## upper-left
              ncol = 4, byrow = TRUE)

## Add ground control points. (For some reason, this drops CRS, so
## it needs to be explicitly given via `a_srs` argument.)
gdal_translate(in_tif, gcp_tif, gcp = gcp, a_srs = "EPSG:4326")
gdalwarp(gcp_tif, out_tif, r = "bilinear")

## Check that it worked
if(require(terra)) {
  op <- par(mfcol = c(1, 2))
  r1 <- plot(rast(in_tif), main = "Original raster")
  r2 <- plot(rast(out_tif), main = "Warped raster")
  par(op) ## Reset preexisting parameters
}
```

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 gdal\_grid

*Interface to GDAL's gdal\_grid utility*


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### Description

This function provides an interface mirroring that of the GDAL command-line app `gdal_grid`. For a description of the utility and the arguments that it takes, see the documentation at [https://gdal.org/programs/gdal\\_grid.html](https://gdal.org/programs/gdal_grid.html).

### Usage

```
gdal_grid(
    src_datasource,
    dst_filename,
    ...,
    ot,
    of,
    txe,
    tye,
    tr,
    outsize,
    a_srs,
    zfield,
    z_increase,
    z_multiply,
    a,
    spat,
    clipsrc,
    clipsrcsql,
    clipsrclayer,
    clipsrcwhere,
    l,
    where,
    sql,
    co,
    q,
    config_options = character(0),
    dryrun = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

<code>src_datasource</code>	Character. Path to a GDAL-supported readable datasource.
<code>dst_filename</code>	Character. Path to a GDAL-supported output file.
<code>...</code>	Here, a placeholder argument that forces users to supply exact names of all subsequent formal arguments.

ot, of, txe, tye, tr, outsize, a_srs, zfield, z_increase, z_multiply	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdal_grid documentation</a> for details.
a, spat, clipsrc, clipsrcsql, clipsrclayer, clipsrcwhere	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdal_grid documentation</a> for details.
l, where, sql, co, q	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">gdal_grid documentation</a> for details.
config_options	A named character vector with GDAL config options, of the form c(option1=value1, option2=value2). (See <a href="#">here</a> for a complete list of supported config options.)
dryrun	Logical (default FALSE). If TRUE, instead of executing the requested call to GDAL, the function will print the command-line call that would produce the equivalent output.

**Value**

Silently returns path to dst\_filename.

**Author(s)**

Joshua O'Brien

**Examples**

```
## Set up file paths
td <- tempdir()
dem_file <- file.path(td, "dem.csv")
vrt_header_file <- file.path(td, "tmp.vrt")
out_raster <- file.path(td, "tmp.tiff")

## Create file of points with x-, y-, and z-coordinates
pts <-
  data.frame(Easting = c(86943.4, 87124.3, 86962.4, 87077.6),
             Northing = c(891957, 892075, 892321, 891995),
             Elevation = c(139.13, 135.01, 182.04, 135.01))
write.csv(pts, file = dem_file, row.names = FALSE)

## Prepare a matching VRT file
vrt_header <- c(
  '<OGRVRTDataSource>',
  ' <OGRVRTLayer name="dem">',
  paste0(' <SrcDataSource>', dem_file, '</SrcDataSource>'),
  ' <GeometryType>wkbPoint</GeometryType>',
  ' <GeometryField encoding="PointFromColumns" x="Easting" y="Northing" z="Elevation"/>',
  '</OGRVRTLayer>',
  '</OGRVRTDataSource>'
)
cat(vrt_header, file = vrt_header_file, sep = "\n")

## Test it out
gdal_grid(src_datasource = vrt_header_file,
          dst_filename = out_raster,
          a = "invdist:power=2.0:smoothing=1.0",
```

```

txe = c(85000, 89000), tye = c(894000, 890000),
outsize = c(400, 400),
of = "GTiff", ot = "Float64", l = "dem")

## Check that it works
if(requireNamespace("terra", quietly = TRUE)) {
  library(terra)
  plot(rast(out_raster))
  text(Northing ~ Easting, data = pts,
       labels = seq_len(nrow(pts)), cex = 0.7)
}

```

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gdal\_rasterize

*Interface to GDAL's gdal\_rasterize utility*


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### Description

This function provides an interface mirroring that of the GDAL command-line app `gdal_rasterize`. For a description of the utility and the arguments that it takes, see the documentation at [https://gdal.org/programs/gdal\\_rasterize.html](https://gdal.org/programs/gdal_rasterize.html).

### Usage

```

gdal_rasterize(
  src_datasource,
  dst_filename,
  ...,
  b,
  i,
  at,
  burn,
  a,
  threeD,
  add,
  l,
  where,
  sql,
  dialect,
  of,
  a_srs,
  to,
  co,
  a_nodata,
  init,
  te,
  tr,
  tap,

```

```

    ts,
    ot,
    optim,
    q,
    config_options = character(0),
    dryrun = FALSE
  )

```

## Arguments

`src_datasource` Character. Path to a GDAL-supported readable datasource.

`dst_filename` Character. Path to a GDAL-supported output file.

... Here, a placeholder argument that forces users to supply exact names of all subsequent formal arguments.

`b, i, at, burn, a, threeD, add, l, where, sql, dialect, of`  
See the GDAL project's [gdal\\_rasterize documentation](#) for details.

`a_srs, to, co, a_nodata, init, te, tr, tap, ts, ot, optim, q`  
See the GDAL project's [gdal\\_rasterize documentation](#) for details.

`config_options` A named character vector with GDAL config options, of the form `c(option1=value1, option2=value2)`. (See [here](#) for a complete list of supported config options.)

`dryrun` Logical (default FALSE). If TRUE, instead of executing the requested call to GDAL, the function will print the command-line call that would produce the equivalent output.

## Value

Silently returns path to `dst_filename`.

## Author(s)

Joshua O'Brien

## Examples

```

if(require(terra)) {
  ## Prepare file paths of example shapefile and template raster file
  vect_file <- system.file("ex/lux.shp", package = "terra")
  td <- tempdir()
  rast_file <- file.path(td, "lux_rast.tif")

  ## Construct and save an appropriately sized 'empty' raster
  LUX <- vect(vect_file)
  lonlatratio <- 1 / cospi(mean(geom(LUX)[, "y"]) / 180)
  rr <- rast(ext(LUX),
             resolution = c(lonlatratio * 0.01, 0.01),
             crs = crs(LUX), vals = NA)

  ## Note: this next line warns that raster is empty
  writeRaster(rr, filename = rast_file, overwrite = TRUE)
}

```

```
## Rasterize polygon using empty raster and check that it worked
gdal_rasterize(vect_file, rast_file, a = "ID_2")
plot(rast(rast_file))
}
```

---

gdal\_translate

*Interface to GDAL's gdal\_translate utility*

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## Description

This function provides an interface mirroring that of the GDAL command-line app `gdal_translate`. For a description of the utility and the arguments that it takes, see the documentation at [https://gdal.org/programs/gdal\\_translate.html](https://gdal.org/programs/gdal_translate.html).

## Usage

```
gdal_translate(
  src_dataset,
  dst_dataset,
  ...,
  ot,
  strict,
  IF,
  of,
  b,
  mask,
  expand,
  outsize,
  tr,
  r,
  scale,
  exponent,
  unscale,
  srcwin,
  projwin,
  projwin_srs,
  srs,
  epo,
  eco,
  a_srs,
  a_coord_epoch,
  a_ullr,
  a_nodata,
  a_scale,
  a_offset,
```

```

    colorinterp,
    mo,
    co,
    nogcp,
    gcp,
    q,
    sds,
    stats,
    noxmp,
    norat,
    oo,
    sd_index,
    config_options = character(0),
    dryrun = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

`src_dataset` Character. Path to a GDAL-supported readable datasource.

`dst_dataset` Character. Path to a GDAL-supported output file.

... Here, a placeholder argument that forces users to supply exact names of all subsequent formal arguments.

`ot, strict, IF, of, b, mask, expand, outsize, tr, r, scale, exponent`  
See the GDAL project's [gdal\\_translate documentation](#) for details.

`unscale, srcwin, projwin, projwin_srs, srs, epo, eco`  
See the GDAL project's [gdal\\_translate documentation](#) for details.

`a_srs, a_coord_epoch, a_ullr, a_nodata, a_scale, a_offset`  
See the GDAL project's [gdal\\_translate documentation](#) for details.

`colorinterp` Along with `colorinterp`, arguments named `colorinterp_bn`, where `bn` refers the number of a band are also allowed. See the GDAL project's [gdal\\_translate documentation](#) for details.

`mo, co, nogcp, gcp, q, sds, stats, norat, noxmp, oo, sd_index`  
See the GDAL project's [gdal\\_translate documentation](#) for details.

`config_options` A named character vector with GDAL config options, of the form `c(option1=value1, option2=value2)`. (See [here](#) for a complete list of supported config options.)

`dryrun` Logical (default FALSE). If TRUE, instead of executing the requested call to GDAL, the function will print the command-line call that would produce the equivalent output.

### Value

Silently returns path to `dst_dataset`.

### Author(s)

Joshua O'Brien

## Examples

```
## Prepare file paths
td <- tempdir()
in_raster <- file.path(td, "europe.tif")
out_raster <- file.path(td, "europe_small.tif")
file.copy(system.file("extdata/europe.tif", package = "gdalUtilities"),
          to = td)

## Shrink a tiff by 50% in both x and y dimensions
gdal_translate(in_raster, out_raster, outsize = c("50%", "50%"))

## Check that it worked
if(require(terra)) {

  r1 <- rast(in_raster)
  r1[is.na(r1)] <- 0
  r1 <- as.factor(r1)
  rat <- levels(r1)[[1]]
  rat[["landcover"]] <- c("water", "land")
  levels(r1) <- rat

  r2 <- rast(out_raster)
  r2[is.na(r2)] <- 0
  r2 <- as.factor(r2)
  rat <- levels(r2)[[1]]
  rat[["landcover"]] <- c("water", "land")
  levels(r2) <- rat

  op <- par(mfcol = c(1, 2))
  plot(r1, col = c("lightblue", "brown"), legend = FALSE)
  plot(r2, col = c("lightblue", "brown"), legend = FALSE)
  par(op) ## Reset pre-existing parameters
}
```

---

nearblack

*Interface to GDAL's nearblack utility*

---

## Description

This function provides an interface mirroring that of the GDAL command-line app nearblack. For a description of the utility and the arguments that it takes, see the documentation at <https://gdal.org/programs/nearblack.html>.

## Usage

```
nearblack(
  infile,
  o = infile,
```

```

    ...,
    of,
    white,
    color,
    near,
    nb,
    setalpha,
    setmask,
    q,
    co,
    config_options = character(0),
    dryrun = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

<code>infile</code>	Character. Path to a GDAL-supported readable datasource.
<code>o</code>	Optionally, a character string giving the path to a GDAL-supported output file. If not supplied, defaults to <code>codeinfile=</code> , indicating that the input file should be modified in place.
<code>...</code>	Here, a placeholder argument that forces users to supply exact names of all subsequent formal arguments.
<code>of, white, color, near, nb, setalpha, setmask, q, co</code>	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">nearblack documentation</a> for details.
<code>config_options</code>	A named character vector with GDAL config options, of the form <code>c(option1=value1, option2=value2)</code> . (See <a href="#">here</a> for a complete list of supported config options.)
<code>dryrun</code>	Logical (default FALSE). If TRUE, instead of executing the requested call to GDAL, the function will print the command-line call that would produce the equivalent output.

### Value

Silently returns path to `o`.

### Author(s)

Joshua O'Brien

### Examples

```

td <- tempdir()
a_rast <- file.path(td, "a.tif")
b_rast <- file.path(td, "b.tif")
file.copy(system.file("extdata/tahoe.tif", package = "gdalUtilities"),
          a_rast)
file.copy(system.file("extdata/tahoe.tif", package = "gdalUtilities"),
          b_rast)
nearblack(a_rast, b_rast, of = "GTiff", near = 150)

```

```
## Check that it worked
if(require(terra)) {
  op <- par(mfcol = c(1, 2))
  r1 <- plot(rast(a_rast))
  r2 <- plot(rast(b_rast))
  par(op) ## Reset preexisting parameters
}
```

---

ogr2ogr

*Interface to GDAL's ogr2ogr utility*

---

## Description

This function provides an interface mirroring that of the GDAL command-line app ogr2ogr. For a description of the utility and the arguments that it takes, see the documentation at <https://gdal.org/programs/ogr2ogr.html>.

## Usage

```
ogr2ogr(
  src_datasource_name,
  dst_datasource_name,
  ...,
  layer,
  f,
  append,
  overwrite,
  update,
  select,
  progress,
  sql,
  dialect,
  where,
  skipfailures,
  spat,
  spat_srs,
  geomfield,
  dsco,
  lco,
  nln,
  nlt,
  dim,
  a_srs,
  t_srs,
  s_srs,
  ct,
  preserve_fid,
```

```
    fid,  
    limit,  
    oo,  
    doo,  
    gt,  
    ds_transaction,  
    clipsrc,  
    clipsrcsql,  
    clipsrclayer,  
    clipsrcwhere,  
    clipdst,  
    clipdstsql,  
    clipdstlayer,  
    clipdstwhere,  
    wrapdateline,  
    datelineoffset,  
    simplify,  
    segmentize,  
    makevalid,  
    fieldTypeToString,  
    unsetFieldWidth,  
    mapFieldType,  
    fieldmap,  
    splitlistfields,  
    maxsubfields,  
    resolveDomains,  
    explodecollections,  
    zfield,  
    gcp,  
    order,  
    tps,  
    s_coord_epoch,  
    t_coord_epoch,  
    a_coord_epoch,  
    addfields,  
    unsetFid,  
    emptyStrAsNull,  
    relaxedFieldNameMatch,  
    forceNullable,  
    unsetDefault,  
    nomd,  
    mo,  
    noNativeData,  
    config_options = character(0),  
    dryrun = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

src_datasource_name	Character. Path to a GDAL-supported readable datasource.
dst_datasource_name	Character. Path to a GDAL-supported output file.
...	Here, a placeholder argument that forces users to supply exact names of all subsequent formal arguments.
layer, f, append, overwrite, update, select, progress, sql, dialect	See the GDAL project's <a href="#">ogr2ogr documentation</a> for details.
where, skipfailures, spat, spat_srs, geomfield, dsco, lco, nln, nlt	See <a href="#">ogr2ogr documentation</a> .
dim, a_srs, t_srs, s_srs, ct, preserve_fid, fid, limit, oo, doo, gt	See the <a href="#">ogr2ogr documentation</a> .
ds_transaction, clipsrc, clipsrcsql, clipsrclayer, clipsrcwhere	See <a href="#">ogr2ogr documentation</a> .
clipdst, clipdstsql, clipdstlayer, clipdstwhere, wrapdateline	See <a href="#">ogr2ogr documentation</a> .
datelineoffset, simplify, segmentize, makevalid, addfields	See <a href="#">ogr2ogr documentation</a> .
fieldmap, splitlistfields, maxsubfields	See <a href="#">ogr2ogr documentation</a> .
resolveDomains, explodecollections, zfield, gcp, order, tps	See <a href="#">ogr2ogr documentation</a> .
s_coord_epoch, t_coord_epoch, a_coord_epoch	See <a href="#">ogr2ogr documentation</a> .
unsetFid, emptyStrAsNull, relaxedFieldNameMatch, forceNullable	See <a href="#">ogr2ogr documentation</a> .
unsetDefault, fieldTypeToString, unsetFieldWidth, mapFieldType	See <a href="#">ogr2ogr documentation</a> .
nomd, mo, noNativeData	See <a href="#">ogr2ogr documentation</a> .
config_options	A named character vector with GDAL config options, of the form c(option1=value1, option2=value2). (See <a href="#">here</a> for a complete list of supported config options.)
dryrun	Logical (default FALSE). If TRUE, instead of executing the requested call to GDAL, the function will print the command-line call that would produce the equivalent output.

**Value**

Silently returns path to dst\_datasource\_name.

**Author(s)**

Joshua O'Brien

**Examples**

```
## Prepare file paths
td <- tempdir()
lux <- system.file("ex/lux.shp", package = "terra")
lux_merc <- file.path(td, "mercator.shp")
lux_lcc <- file.path(td, "lcc.shp")

## Reproject to 'WGS 84/World Mercator'
## https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercator\_projection
ogr2ogr(lux, lux_merc, t_srs = "EPSG:3395", overwrite = TRUE)
## Reproject to a Canadian 'Lambert conformal conic projection'
## https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lambert\_conformal\_conic\_projection
ogr2ogr(lux, lux_lcc, t_srs = "EPSG:3347", overwrite = TRUE)

if(require(terra)) {
  op <- par(mfcol = c(1,2))
  plot(vect(lux_merc), main = "WGS 84",
        border = "darkgrey", col = gray.colors(12))
  plot(vect(lux_lcc), main = "LCC",
        border = "darkgrey", col = gray.colors(12))
  par(op)
}
```

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