

# Package ‘bluebike’

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**Title** Blue Bike Comprehensive Data

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**Description** Facilitates the importation of the Boston Blue Bike trip data since 2015. Functions include the computation of trip distances of given trip data. It can also map the location of stations within a given radius and calculate the distance to nearby stations. Data is from <<https://www.bluebikes.com/system-data>>.

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| bluebike | <i>bluebike - A Data Package for Bluebike Users</i> |
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## Description

bluebike includes functions and dataset that aids bluebike users to retrieve data and perform data wrangling and visualizations

## Details

This package includes data from the Boston Blue Bike trip history data acquired from the **Blue Bikes System Data**. The users can import all monthly trip history data from 2020 to 2022 into a cleaned data set that can easily be used for data analysis. The package also includes a sample data set that includes 1000 sampled trip history from Feb. 2022, and a full data set that contains information about all available stations. The package also serves as a visualization tool for user to browse for closest stations as well as trip-planning via computing trip distances.

Available functions are:

- `import_month_data`  
Takes in numeric year/month values and imports data from **Blue Bikes System Data** for the specified time
- `station_distance`  
Returns stations with distance in ascending order given the user's current location
- `station_radius`  
Plots the position of the stations within walking distance (500 m), and present the basic information about the stations via leaflet
- `trip_distance`  
Computes the geographical distance between the start and end stations

Available datasets are:

- `trip_history_sample`  
A sample of 1000 trip data entries from February 2022
- `station_data`  
A dataset that includes identification, position, and other basic information about bluebike stations

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
# Find most used stations:
stations <- trip_history_sample %>%
  group_by(`start_station_name`) %>%
  summarize(trips_from = n())
head(stations)
```

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| import_month_data | <i>Import monthly data from bluebike system data</i> |
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**Description**

This function takes in numeric year/month values and imports data for the specified time

**Usage**

```
import_month_data(year, month)
```

**Arguments**

|       |                        |
|-------|------------------------|
| year  | numeric value of year  |
| month | numeric value of month |

**Value**

A spec\_tbl\_df object

**Examples**

```
# Pull Jan., 2015 data from web
library(dplyr)
jan_2015 <- import_month_data(2015, 1)

# Pull first quarter of 2015 data from web
spring2015 <- c(1, 2, 3)
quarter_1_2015 <- lapply(spring2015, import_month_data, year = 2015)
quarter_1_2015 <- bind_rows(quarter_1_2015)
```

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| station_data | <i>Blue bike station data</i> |
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### Description

A dataset that includes identification, position, and other basic information about bluebike stations

### Usage

```
station_data
```

### Format

A data frame of 423 rows and 8 columns

**number** Station ID

**name** Station name

**latitude** Latitude of the station

**longitude** Longitude of the station

**district** District of the station

**public** Character vector showing if a station is public

**total\_docks** The number of docks at each station

**deployment\_year** The year that the station was put into work

### Source

The original source of the data are bluebikes system data retrieved from <https://www.bluebikes.com/system-data>

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| station_distance | <i>Compute the distance from stations given current location</i> |
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### Description

This function returns stations with distance in ascending order given the user's current location

### Usage

```
station_distance(long, lat)
```

### Arguments

long                      longitude of user location

lat                        latitude of user location

**Value**

a tbl\_df object showing the distance between the user and top five closest stations with ID, name, number of docks, and position

**Examples**

```
# Calculate distance for user at (-71.11467361, 42.34414899) and show the closest five stations
top_5_station <- head(station_distance(-71.11467361, 42.34414899), 5)
```

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| station_radius | <i>Plot bike stations within a given radius</i> |
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**Description**

This function plots the position of the stations within walking distance

**Usage**

```
station_radius(long, lat, r = 1000)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                       |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| long | numeric value of longitude            |
| lat  | numeric value of latitude             |
| r    | numeric value of set radius in meters |

**Value**

A leaflet map

**Examples**

```
# Show user at (-71.11467, 42.34415) and set the radius to 500 m
station_radius(long = -71.11467, lat = 42.34415, r = 2000)
```

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| trip_distance | <i>Compute trip distance for a specific dataset</i> |
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### Description

This function computes the geographical distance between the start and end stations for trips in a given dataset

### Usage

```
trip_distance(data)
```

### Arguments

|      |                                                 |
|------|-------------------------------------------------|
| data | trip data pulled from the Blue Bike System data |
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### Value

a tbl\_df object with an additional distance column

### Examples

```
# Calculate distance for sample trip data
sample_distance <- trip_distance(trip_history_sample)$distance
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| trip_history_sample | <i>Random 1000 samples from the Blue Bikes System Data website</i> |
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### Description

a random sample of bluebike trip history data from February, 2022

### Usage

```
trip_history_sample
```

### Format

A data frame of 1,000 rows representing each sample of trip history

**trip\_duration** Trip duration of each trip measured in seconds

**start\_time** Start time and date of each trip

**stop\_time** Stop time and date of each trip

**start\_station\_id** The identification variable of the start station

**start\_station\_name** The name of the end station

**start\_station\_latitude** The latitude of the start station  
**start\_station\_longitude** The longitude of the start station  
**end\_station\_id** The identification variable of the end station  
**end\_station\_name** The name of the end station  
**end\_station\_latitude** The latitude of the end station  
**end\_station\_longitude** The longitude of the start station  
**bike\_id** The identification variable of the bike corresponding to each trip  
**user\_type** Type of user in each trip (Casual = Single Trip or Day Pass user; Member = Annual or Monthly Member)  
**postal\_code** Postal code of the user

### Source

The original source of the data are bluebikes system data retrieved from <https://www.bluebikes.com/system-data>

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