

# Package: mvtview (via r-universe)

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clean_mvt	<i>Stop all running vector tile servers</i>
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### Description

As you use `serve_mvt` or `view_mvt` servers will accumulate in child processes. This function kills all child processes serving tiles.

### Usage

```
clean_mvt()
```

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serve_mvt	<i>Serve a .mbtiles database of vectortiles</i>
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### Description

Starts a web server in a background R session serving vector tiles from a supplied `.mbtiles` file.

### Usage

```
serve_mvt(tiles_path, port = NULL, .serve_mode = "in-memory")
```

### Arguments

<code>tiles_path</code>	The path to an <code>.mbtiles</code> file.
<code>port</code>	The port to for the server to serve mbtiles on. Default is a random available port.
<code>.serve_mode</code>	The way in which the server handles the vector tiles database. "in-memory" is the default and it will read the entire tile database into R as a tibble. "disk" will read tiles from the <code>.mbtiles</code> file as an SQLite database from disk. The default is more performant. Use "disk" only if you have a large vector tileset that would consume too much memory to hold in RAM at once.

### See Also

`start_mvt_server` for more control of server behaviour.

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start_mvt_server	<i>Start an mvt_server in the current session</i>
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## Description

Starts a web server serving vector tiles from a supplied .mbtiles file.

## Usage

```
start_mvt_server(  
  tiles_path,  
  host = "0.0.0.0",  
  port = NULL,  
  .serve_mode = "in-memory"  
)
```

## Arguments

tiles_path	The path to an .mbtiles file.
host	the host to serve tiles on
port	the port to serve tiles on
.serve_mode	The way in which the server handles the vector tiles database. "in-memory" is the default and it will read the entire tile database into R as a tibble. "disk" will read tiles from the .mbtiles file as an SQLite database from disk. The default is more performant. Use "disk" only if you have a large vector tileset that would consume too much memory to hold in RAM at once.

## Details

[serve\\_mvt\(\)](#) is likely more convenient. Only use this if you want more control of the host and port on which your tiles are served on.

Where [serve\\_mvt\(\)](#) verifies the server is actually up and responding, this function does not. So that's up to you to take on.

Note: This server has been built minimising code written, not ' maximising performance. It is intended for local development work, and will likely not be performant enough for any production use-case.

view\_mvt

*View a local vector tileset on a map***Description**

Given a local .mvtiles file containing a vector tiles database, this function will start a local development server to serve the tiles and then return a htmlwidget map that displays the tileset.

**Usage**

```
view_mvt(
  tiles_path,
  get_fill_color = "#FFFFFF70",
  get_line_color = "#ffffff",
  get_line_width = 2,
  line_width_units = "pixels",
  get_point_radius = 2,
  point_radius_units = "pixels",
  stroked = TRUE,
  tooltip = TRUE,
  pickable = TRUE,
  ...,
  .serve_mode = "in-memory"
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>tiles_path</code>	The path to an .mbtiles file.
<code>get_fill_color</code>	the fill colour of plotted features.
<code>get_line_color</code>	the line colour of plotted features.
<code>get_line_width</code>	the line width of plotted features (in pixels by default).
<code>line_width_units</code>	the units of the value supplied in <code>get_line_width</code> . "meters" may be preferred in some cases.
<code>get_point_radius</code>	the radius of plotted point features (in pixels by default).
<code>point_radius_units</code>	the units of the value supplied in <code>get_point_radius</code> . "meters" may be preferred in some cases.
<code>stroked</code>	use a line on the borders of polygons or points? TRUE by default.
<code>tooltip</code>	generate a tooltip for feature attributes? TRUE by default.
<code>pickable</code>	allow map to react to features that get mouse hover? Needs to be enabled to view tooltips. TRUE by default.
<code>...</code>	further arguments forwarded to <code>rdeck::add_mvt_layer()</code> .

`.serve_mode` The way in which the server handles the vector tiles database. "in-memory" is the default and it will read the entire tile database into R as a tibble. "disk" will read tiles from the `.mbtiles` file as an SQLite database from disk. The default is more performant. Use "disk" only if you have a large vector tileset that would consume too much memory to hold in RAM at once.

### Details

The map is powered by the awesome `rdeck` package, which is highly recommended for making interactive WebGL maps in R.

The graphics options of this function are passed directed to `rdeck::add_mvt_layer()`, and so support rdeck color scales based on attributes. See the rdeck helpfile for more detailed descriptions.

The graphics parameters apply only to relevant geometries. For example: 'fill color' is not used for line string features.

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