

# Package ‘mapdata’

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**Description** Supplement to maps package, providing the larger and/or higher-resolution databases.

**Depends** R (>= 2.7.0), maps (>= 2.0-7)

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china

*China Map*

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**Description**

This database produces a map of China, including provincial boundaries.

**Format**

The data file is merely an assignment to a character string which specifies the name of an environment variable which contains the base location of the binary files used by the map drawing functions. This environment variable (`R_MAPDATA_DATA_DIR` for the datasets in the `mapdata` package) is set at package load time.

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**See Also**

[map, world](#)

**Examples**

```
map('china')
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nzHires*New Zealand Map*

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**Description**

This database produces a high-resolution map of New Zealand. The database includes many Pacific Island dependencies also.

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## See Also

[map](#), [world](#), [nz](#)

## Examples

```
map('nzHires')
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rivers

*World Rivers Map Database*

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## Description

This database produces major rivers (and some lakes) which may be used to add to an existing map. Unfortunately, there is no fine control over which rivers are plotted, so all rivers which lie within the boundaries of the current plot on display will be added. Some of these may be outside the boundaries of the map shown.

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## See Also

[map](#), [world](#)

## Examples

```
map('usa')
map('rivers', add=TRUE)
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`world2Hires`*Pacific Centric World Map*

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## Description

This world database comes from a cleaned-up version of the CIA World Data Bank II data and contains approximately 2 million points representing the world coastlines and national boundaries. This map is based on latitudes [0, 360), which then has the Pacific Ocean in the centre of the map.

## Usage

```
data(world2HiresMapEnv)
```

## Format

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## Source

The CIA World Data Bank II is currently (mid-2003) available from <http://www.evl.uic.edu/pape/data/WDB/>.

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## See Also

[map](#), [world](#), [worldHires](#), [world2](#)

## Examples

```
map('world2Hires', xlim=c(100, 300))
```

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`worldHires`*World Map*

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### Description

This world database comes from a cleaned-up version of the CIA World Data Bank II data and contains approximately 2 million points representing the world coastlines and national boundaries. This makes it suitable for extracting countries, continents, etc. while still retaining lots of detail.

The ‘world2’ database is a modified version of the ‘world’ database in which the longitude ranges from 0 through 360 degrees, instead of -180 through 180. This then allows maps of the whole Pacific Ocean for example.

### Usage

```
data(worldHiresMapEnv)
```

### Format

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### See Also

[map](#), [world](#)

### Examples

```
map('worldHires', col=1:10)
map('worldHires', 'Switzerland')
title('Switzerland')
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