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delay_setup	<i>Delay</i>
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### Description

Delay

### Usage

delay\_setup()

### Value

a number for amount of time to delay

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pnw_wy	<i>A subset of USGS stations in HUC 17</i>
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### Description

A subset of USGS stations in HUC 17

### Usage

pnw\_wy

**Format**

A data frame with 18934 rows and 30 variables:

- Station** name of USGS station
- site\_no** station site id number
- wy** water year
- peak\_va** peak flow value
- peak\_dt** peak flow date
- drainage\_area** drainage area in sq.miles
- lat** latitude
- long** longitude
- altitude** altitude in meters
- obs\_per\_wy** observations per water year per site
- wy\_count** water year count per site
- Flow\_sum** Sum of Flow
- Flow\_max** Maximum of Flow
- Flow\_min** Minimum of Flow
- Flow\_mean** Mean of Flow
- Flow\_median** Median of Flow
- Flow\_stdev** Standard Deviation of Flow
- Flow\_coef\_var** Coefficient of Variation of Flow
- Flow\_max\_dnorm** Maximum of Flow normalized by drainage area
- Flow\_min\_dnorm** Minimum of Flow normalized by drainage area
- Flow\_mean\_dnorm** Mean of Flow normalized by drainage area
- Flow\_med\_dnorm** Median of Flow normalized by drainage area
- Flow\_max\_sdnorm** Maximum of Flow normalized by drainage area
- Flow\_min\_sdnorm** Minimum of Flow normalized by standard deviation
- Flow\_mean\_sdnorm** Mean of Flow normalized by standard deviation
- Flow\_med\_sdnorm** Median of Flow normalized by standard deviation
- Flow\_sd\_norm** Standard Deviation of Flow normalized by standard deviation
- decade** decade
- COMID** comid of site
- DamIndex** dam index

**Value**

a tibble

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 wwOptions

*Options*


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## Description

Options

## Usage

```
wwOptions(
  date_range = "pfn",
  period = 11,
  dates = NULL,
  site_status = "all",
  floor_iv = "1 hour",
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

date_range	A character. Indicating how to call the API. 'pfn' = Period from now, 'date_range' = a date range, "recent" = the most recent value.
period	A numeric. Return all values from a period from now (only if 'pfn' is used).
dates	A vector. Return all values within an absolute date range (start and end dates). Only if 'date_range' is used.
site_status	A character indicating site status. Example, 'all' = both active and inactive, 'active' = only active sites, 'inactive' = only inactive sites.
floor_iv	A character on how to floor the instantaneous values, '1 hour' (default).
...	other options used for options.

## Value

A list with API options.

## Note

A site is considered active if; it has collected time-series (automated) data within the last 183 days (6 months) or it has collected discrete (manually collected) data within 397 days (13 months).

## Examples

```
## Not run:

library(whitewater)
yaak_river_dv <- ww_dvUSGS('12304500',
  parameter_cd = '00060',
```

```
wy_month = 10)

yaak_river_iv <- ww_floorIVUSGS(yaak_river_dv)

#change floor method

yaak_river_iv <- ww_floorIVUSGS(yaak_river_dv,
                                options = wwOptions(floor_iv = '6-hour'))

#change number of days

yaak_river_iv <- ww_floorIVUSGS(yaak_river_dv,
                                options = wwOptions(floor_iv = '2-hour',
                                                    period = 365))

# get by date range

yaak_river_wy <- ww_floorIVUSGS(yaak_river_dv,
                                options = wwOptions(date_range = 'date_range',
                                                    dates = c('2022-03-01', '2022-05-11'))))

# site status as 'active'

yaak_river_wy <- ww_floorIVUSGS(yaak_river_dv,
                                options = wwOptions(site_status = 'active',
                                                    date_range = 'date_range',
                                                    dates = c('2022-03-01', '2022-05-11'))))

## End(Not run)
```

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ww\_current\_conditions *Get Current Conditions*

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## Description

Get Current Conditions

## Usage

```
ww_current_conditions()
```

## Value

a tibble with current conditions and attributes from USGS dashboard.

**Note**

The time zone used in the URL call is the R session time zone. Also, the time is 1-hour behind. Here are the attributes that are with the data.frame: AgencyCode,SiteNumber,SiteName,SiteTypeCode,Latitude,Longitude,CurrentConditionID,ParameterCode,TimeLocal,TimeZoneCode,Value, ValueFlagCode,RateOfChangeUnitPerHour,Statistic

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

current_conditions <- ww_current_conditions()

## End(Not run)
```

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 ww\_dvUSGS

*Process USGS daily values*


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**Description**

This function is a wrapper around [readNWISdv](#) but includes added variables like water year, lat/lon, station name, altitude and tidied dates.

**Usage**

```
ww_dvUSGS(
  sites,
  parameter_cd = "00060",
  start_date = "",
  end_date = "",
  stat_cd = "00003",
  parallel = FALSE,
  wy_month = 10,
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

sites	A vector of USGS NWIS sites
parameter_cd	A USGS code for metric, default is "00060".
start_date	A character of date format, e.g. "1990-09-01"
end_date	A character of date format, e.g. "1990-09-01"
stat_cd	character USGS statistic code. This is usually 5 digits. Daily mean (00003) is the default.
parallel	logical indicating whether to use <code>future_map()</code> .

wy\_month        numeric indicating the start month of the water year. e.g. 10 (default).  
 verbose        logical for printing information. TRUE (default).  
 ...            arguments to pass on to [future\\_map](#).

### Value

A tibble with daily metrics and added meta-data.

### Note

Use it the same way you would use [readNWISdv](#).

### Examples

```
## Not run:

library(whitewater)
yaak_river_dv <- ww_dvUSGS('12304500',
  parameter_cd = '00060',
  wy_month = 10)

#parallel

#get sites

huc17_sites <- dataRetrieval::whatNWISdata(huc = 17,
  siteStatus = 'active',
  service = 'dv',
  parameterCd = '00060')

library(future)
#need to call future::plan()
plan(multisession(workers = availableCores()-1))

pnw_dv <- ww_dvUSGS(huc17_sites$site_no,
  parameter_cd = '00060',
  wy_month = 10,
  parallel = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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 ww\_floorIVUSGS

*Floor IV USGS*


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### Description

This function generates instantaneous NWIS data from <https://waterservices.usgs.gov/> and then floors to a user defined interval with [wwOptions](#) ('1 hour' is default) by taking the mean.

**Usage**

```
ww_floorIVUSGS(
  procDV,
  sites = NULL,
  parameter_cd = NULL,
  options = wwOptions(),
  parallel = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

procDV	A previously created <a href="#">ww_dvUSGS</a> object.
sites	A vector of USGS NWIS sites (optional).
parameter_cd	A USGS code parameter code, only if using sites argument.
options	A <a href="#">wwOptions</a> call.
parallel	logical indicating whether to use <code>future_map()</code> .
verbose	logical for printing information. TRUE (default).
...	arguments to pass on to <a href="#">future_map</a> .

**Value**

A tibble with a user defined interval time step.

**Note**

For performance reasons, with multi-site retrievals you may retrieve data since October 1, 2007 only. If a previously created [ww\\_dvUSGS](#) object is not used then the user needs to provide a sites vector. This will run [ww\\_dvUSGS](#) in the background.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

library(whitewater)
yaak_river_dv <- ww_dvUSGS('12304500',
  parameter_cd = '00060',
  wy_month = 10)

yaak_river_iv <- ww_floorIVUSGS(yaak_river_dv)

#change floor method

yaak_river_iv <- ww_floorIVUSGS(yaak_river_dv,
  options = wwOptions(floor_iv = '6-hour'))

#change number of days
```



```

yaak_river_iv <- ww_floorIVUSGS(yaak_river_dv,
                                options = wwOptions(floor_iv = '2-hour',
                                                       period = 365))

# get by date range

yaak_river_wy <- ww_floorIVUSGS(yaak_river_dv,
                                options = wwOptions(date_range = 'date_range',
                                                       dates = c('2022-03-01', '2022-05-11')))

#parallel

#get sites

huc17_sites <- dataRetrieval::whatNWISdata(huc = 17,
                                           siteStatus = 'active',
                                           service = 'dv',
                                           parameterCd = '00060')

library(future)
#need to call future::plan()
plan(multisession(workers = availableCores()-1))

pnw_dv <- ww_dvUSGS(huc17_sites$site_no,
                    parameter_cd = '00060',
                    wy_month = 10,
                    parallel = TRUE)

pnw_iv <- ww_floorIVUSGS(pnw_dv,
                         parallel = TRUE)

## End(Not run)

```

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ww\_instantaneousUSGS *Instantaneous USGS*

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### Description

This function generates Instantaneous NWIS data from <https://waterservices.usgs.gov/>.

### Usage

```

ww_instantaneousUSGS(
  procDV,
  sites = NULL,
  parameter_cd = NULL,
  options = wwOptions(),
  parallel = FALSE,

```

```

    verbose = TRUE,
    ...
  )

```

### Arguments

procDV	A previously created <a href="#">ww_dvUSGS</a> object.
sites	A vector of USGS NWIS sites. optional
parameter_cd	A USGS code parameter code, only if using sites argument.
options	A <a href="#">wwOptions</a> call.
parallel	logical indicating whether to use <code>future_map()</code> .
verbose	logical for printing information. TRUE (default).
...	arguments to pass on to <a href="#">future_map</a> .

### Value

A tibble with instantaneous values.

### Note

For performance reasons, with multi-site retrievals you may retrieve data since October 1, 2007 only. If a previously created [ww\\_dvUSGS](#) object is not used then the user needs to provide a sites vector. This will run [ww\\_dvUSGS](#) in the background.

### Examples

```

## Not run:

library(whitewater)
yaak_river_dv <- ww_dvUSGS('12304500',
  parameter_cd = '00060',
  wy_month = 10)

yaak_river_iv <- ww_instantaneousUSGS(yaak_river_dv)

#change number of days

yaak_river_iv <- ww_instantaneousUSGS(yaak_river_dv,
  options = wwOptions(period = 365))

# get by date range

yaak_river_wy <- ww_instantaneousUSGS(yaak_river_dv,
  options = wwOptions(date_range = 'date_range',
    dates = c('2022-03-01', '2022-05-11')))

# get most recent

yaak_river_wy <- ww_instantaneousUSGS(yaak_river_dv,
  options = wwOptions(date_range = 'recent'))

```

```

#parallel

#get sites

huc17_sites <- dataRetrieval::whatNWISdata(huc = 17,
siteStatus = 'active',
service = 'dv',
parameterCd = '00060')

library(future)
#need to call future::plan()
plan(multisession(workers = availableCores()-1))

pnw_dv <- ww_dvUSGS(huc17_sites$site_no,
parameter_cd = '00060',
wy_month = 10,
parallel = TRUE)

pnw_iv <- ww_instantaneousUSGS(pnw_dv,
parallel = TRUE)

## End(Not run)

```

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ww\_monthUSGS

*Month-Only Stats (USGS)*


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### Description

This function uses the results of the [ww\\_dvUSGS](#) object to generate mean, maximum, median, standard deviation and coefficient of variation for month only.

### Usage

```
ww_monthUSGS(procDV, sites = NULL, parallel = FALSE, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

procDV	A previously created <a href="#">ww_dvUSGS</a> object.
sites	A character vector with NWIS site numbers (optional).
parallel	logical indicating whether to use <code>future_map()</code> .
verbose	logical for printing information. TRUE (default).
...	arguments to pass on to <a href="#">future_map</a> and <a href="#">ww_dvUSGS</a> .

### Value

A tibble filtered by month and added meta-data.

**Note**

If a previously created `ww_dvUSGS` object is not used then the user needs to provide a sites vector. This will run `ww_dvUSGS` in the background.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

library(whitewater)
yaak_river_dv <- ww_dvUSGS('12304500',
  parameter_cd = '00060',
  wy_month = 10)

yaak_river_month <- ww_monthUSGS(yaak_river_dv)

## End(Not run)
```

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`ww_peakUSGS`*Get Peak Flows*

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**Description**

Get Peak Flows

**Usage**

```
ww_peakUSGS(sites, parallel = FALSE, wy_month = 10, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>sites</code>	A vector of USGS NWIS sites
<code>parallel</code>	logical indicating whether to use <code>future_map()</code> .
<code>wy_month</code>	numeric indicating the start month of the water year. e.g. 10 (default).
<code>verbose</code>	logical for printing information. TRUE (default).
<code>...</code>	arguments to pass on to <code>future_map</code> .

**Value**

a tibble with peaks by water year

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ww_statsUSGS	<i>USGS stats</i>
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### Description

This function uses the [readNWISstat](#) to gather daily, monthly or yearly percentiles.

### Usage

```
ww_statsUSGS(
  procDV,
  sites = NULL,
  temporalFilter = "daily",
  parameter_cd = NULL,
  days = 10,
  parallel = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

procDV	A previously created <a href="#">ww_dvUSGS</a> object.
sites	A character USGS NWIS site.
temporalFilter	A character for the stat summary window, e.g. 'daily' (default), 'monthly', 'yearly'.
parameter_cd	A USGS code parameter code, only if using sites argument.
days	A numeric input of days to go back from today (only needed if using .temporalFilter = 'daily').
parallel	logical indicating whether to use future_map().
verbose	logical for printing information. TRUE (default).
...	arguments to pass on to <a href="#">future_map</a> .

### Value

a tibble with associated site statistics.

### Note

Be aware, the parameter values ('Flow', 'Wtemp', etc) are calculated from the [ww\\_floorIVUSGS](#) function by taking the daily mean of the hourly data. Thus, the instantaneous values will look different than the daily mean values, as it should. The .temporalFilter argument is used to generate the window of percentiles.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# get by date range

yaak_river_dv <- ww_dvUSGS('12304500')

#daily
yaak_river_stats <- ww_statsUSGS(yaak_river_dv,
                                temporalFilter = 'daily',
                                days = 10)

#monthly
yaak_river_stats <- ww_statsUSGS(yaak_river_dv,
                                temporalFilter = 'monthly',
                                days = 10)

#yearly
yaak_river_stats <- ww_statsUSGS(yaak_river_dv,
                                temporalFilter = 'yearly',
                                days = 10)

## End(Not run)
```

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ww\_wymUSGS

*Water Year & Monthly Stats (USGS)*


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**Description**

This function uses the results of the [ww\\_dvUSGS](#) object to generate mean, maximum, median, standard deviation and coefficient of variation per water year per month.

**Usage**

```
ww_wymUSGS(procDV, sites = NULL, parallel = FALSE, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

procDV	A previously created <a href="#">ww_dvUSGS</a> object.
sites	A character vector with NWIS site numbers (optional).
parallel	logical indicating whether to use <code>future_map()</code> .
verbose	logical for printing information. TRUE (default).
...	arguments to pass on to <a href="#">future_map</a> and <a href="#">ww_dvUSGS</a> .

**Value**

A tibble filtered by water year and month with added meta-data.

**Note**

If a previously created [ww\\_dvUSGS](#) object is not used then the user needs to provide a sites vector. This will run [ww\\_dvUSGS](#) in the background.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

library(whitewater)
yaak_river_dv <- ww_dvUSGS('12304500',
  parameter_cd = '00060',
  wy_month = 10)

yaak_river_wym <- ww_wymUSGS(yaak_river_dv)

## End(Not run)
```

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 ww\_wyUSGS

*Water Year Stats (USGS)*


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**Description**

This function uses the results of the [ww\\_dvUSGS](#) object to generate mean, maximum, median, standard deviation and some normalization methods (drainage area, scaled by log and standard deviation) per water year.

**Usage**

```
ww_wyUSGS(procDV, sites = NULL, parallel = FALSE, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

procDV	A previously created <a href="#">ww_dvUSGS</a> object.
sites	A character vector with NWIS site numbers (optional).
parallel	logical indicating whether to use <code>future_map()</code> .
verbose	logical for printing information. TRUE (default).
...	arguments to pass on to <a href="#">future_map</a> and/or <a href="#">ww_dvUSGS</a> .

**Value**

A tibble filtered by water year with added meta-data.

**Note**

If a previously created [ww\\_dvUSGS](#) object is not used then the user needs to provide a sites vector. This will run [ww\\_dvUSGS](#) in the background.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

library(whitewater)
yaak_river_dv <- ww_dvUSGS('12304500',
  parameter_cd = '00060',
  wy_month = 10)

yaak_river_wy <- ww_wyUSGS(yaak_river_dv)

#parallel

#get sites

huc17_sites <- dataRetrieval::whatNWISdata(huc = 17,
  siteStatus = 'active',
  service = 'dv',
  parameterCd = '00060')

library(future)
#need to call future::plan()
plan(multisession(workers = availableCores()-1))

pnw_dv <- ww_dvUSGS(huc17_sites$site_no,
  parameter_cd = '00060',
  wy_month = 10,
  parallel = TRUE)

pnw_wy <- ww_wyUSGS(pnw_dv,
  parallel = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```



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