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create\_breach\_depression

*Breach depressions*

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### Description

Breaches all of the depressions in a DEM using Lindsay's (2016) algorithm. This should be preferred over depression filling in most cases.

### Usage

```
create_breach_depression(
  dem,
  output = tempfile(fileext = ".tif"),
  whitebox_wd = NULL,
  max_depth = Inf,
  max_length = Inf,
  flat_increment = NULL,
  fill_pits = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

dem	A character file path to a raster or a SpatRaster object.
output	A character file path specifying where the raster file should be stored. Defaults to a temporary file.
whitebox_wd	valid working directory for whitebox to store temporary rasters. Defaults to NULL which stores in a temporary space that is deleted when the user session is over. You can use this to store rasters before they are processed into terra::rast objects. Otherwise it is suggested to leave this NULL and store the rasters using the output argument.
max_depth	numeric, Optional maximum breach depth (default is Inf).
max_length	numeric, Optional maximum breach channel length (in grid cells; default is Inf).
flat_increment	numeric, Optional elevation increment applied to flat areas. Default is NULL.

fill\_pits        logical, Optional flag indicating whether to fill single-cell pits. Default is FALSE  
 ...            optional arguments passed to whitebox::wbt()

### Value

A SpatRaster object.

### Examples

```
dem <- system.file("extdata", "thompsoncreek.tif", package = "SELECTRdata")
dem <- terra::rast(dem)
create_breach_depression(dem)
```

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create\_breach\_depression\_lc

*Use the least cost pathway method to breach depressions*

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### Description

Creates a DEM with breached depressions using the least cost pathway. This is a wrapper for whitebox::wbt\_breach\_depressions\_least\_cost() that accepts terra SpatRaster objects or a file path to common raster files.

### Usage

```
create_breach_depression_lc(
  dem,
  output = tempfile(fileext = ".tif"),
  dist = 100,
  whitebox_wd = NULL,
  max_cost = Inf,
  min_dist = FALSE,
  flat_increment = NULL,
  fill = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

dem            A character file path to a raster or a SpatRaster object.  
 output        A character file path specifying where the raster file should be stored. Defaults to a temporary file.  
 dist          Maximum search distance for breach paths in cells. Defaults to 100.

whitebox_wd	valid working directory for whitebox to store temporary rasters. Defaults to NULL which stores in a temporary space that is deleted when the user session is over. You can use this to store rasters before they are processed into terra::rast objects. Otherwise it is suggested to leave this NULL and store the rasters using the output argument.
max_cost	numeric, Optional maximum breach cost (default is Inf).
min_dist	logical, Optional flag indicating whether to minimize breach distances. Default is FALSE.
flat_increment	Optional elevation increment applied to flat areas. Default is NULL.
fill	logical, Optional flag indicating whether to fill any remaining unbreached depressions. Default is FALSE
...	optional arguments passed to whitebox::wbt()

**Value**

A SpatRaster object.

**Examples**

```
dem <- system.file("extdata", "thompsoncreek.tif", package = "SELECTRdata")
dem <- terra::rast(dem)
create_breach_depression_lc(dem, dist = 10)
```

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create\_d8\_fa

*Create a D8 flow accumulation raster*

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**Description**

Creates a flow accumulation grid from a D8 flow direction raster or input DEM. This is a wrapper for whitebox::wbt\_d8\_flow\_accumulation() that accepts terra SpatRaster objects or a file path to common raster files.

**Usage**

```
create_d8_fa(
  D8pointer,
  output = tempfile(fileext = ".tif"),
  whitebox_wd = NULL,
  out_type = "cells",
  log = FALSE,
  clip = FALSE,
  pntr = TRUE,
  esri_pntr = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

D8pointer	A character file path to a raster or a SpatRaster object.
output	A character file path specifying where the raster file should be stored. Defaults to a temporary file.
whitebox_wd	valid working directory for whitebox to store temporary rasters. Defaults to NULL which stores in a temporary space that is deleted when the user session is over. You can use this to store rasters before they are processed into terra::rast objects. Otherwise it is suggested to leave this NULL and store the rasters using the output argument.
out_type	A character value indicating the values calculated for each cell. One of cells (default), catchment area, or specific contributing area.
log	Optional flag to request the output be log-transformed.
clip	Optional flag to request clipping the display max by 1%.
pntr	Is the input raster a D8 flow pointer rather than a DEM?
esri_pntr	Input D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
...	optional arguments passed to whitebox::wbt().

**Value**

A SpatRaster object.

**Examples**

```
# example code
dem <- system.file("extdata", "thompsoncreek.tif", package = "SELECTRdata")
dem <- terra::rast(dem)
D8pointer <- create_d8_pointer(dem)
create_d8_fa(D8pointer)
```

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create\_d8\_pointer      *Use D8 algorithm to create flow direction grid.*

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**Description**

Creates a flow direction or pointer grid using the d8 algorithm. This is a wrapper for the whitebox tools d8\_pointer that accepts terra SpatRaster objects or a file path to common raster files.

**Usage**

```
create_d8_pointer(
  dem,
  output = tempfile(fileext = ".tif"),
  whitebox_wd = NULL,
  esri_pntr = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

dem	A character file path to a raster or a SpatRaster object.
output	A character file path specifying where the raster file should be stored. Defaults to a temporary file.
whitebox_wd	valid working directory for whitebox to store temporary rasters. Defaults to NULL which stores in a temporary space that is deleted when the user session is over. You can use this to store rasters before they are processed into terra::rast objects. Otherwise it is suggested to leave this NULL and store the rasters using the output argument.
esri_pntr	logical, D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
...	optional arguments passed to whitebox::wbt()

**Value**

a SpatRaster object.

**Examples**

```
# example code
dem <- system.file("extdata", "thompsoncreek.tif", package = "SELECTRdata")
dem <- terra::rast(dem)
create_d8_pointer(dem)
```

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create\_fill\_depressions

*Use Whitebox Tools fill depression algorithm.*

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**Description**

Creates a DEM with all of the depressions filled and flat areas removed. This is a wrapper for whitebox::wbt\_fill\_depressions() that accepts terra SpatRaster objects or a file path to common raster files.

**Usage**

```
create_fill_depressions(
  dem,
  output = tempfile(fileext = ".tif"),
  whitebox_wd = NULL,
  fix_flats = TRUE,
  flat_increment = NULL,
  max_depth = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

dem	A character file path to a raster or a SpatRaster object.
output	A character file path specifying where the raster file should be stored. Defaults to a temporary file.
whitebox_wd	valid working directory for whitebox to store temporary rasters. Defaults to NULL which stores in a temporary space that is deleted when the user session is over. You can use this to store rasters before they are processed into terra::rast objects. Otherwise it is suggested to leave this NULL and store the rasters using the output argument.
fix_flats	logical, indicating whether flat areas should have a small gradient applied. Defaults to TRUE.
flat_increment	Optional elevation increment applied to flat areas. Defaults to NULL.
max_depth	Optional maximum depression depth to fill. Defaults to NULL.
...	optional arguments passed to whitebox::wbt()

**Value**

A SpatRaster object.

**Examples**

```
# example code
dem <- system.file("extdata", "thompsoncreek.tif", package = "SELECTRdata")
dem <- terra::rast(dem)
create_fill_depressions(dem)
```

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create\_single\_pit\_fill

*Fill single cell pits*

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**Description**

Wrapper for whitebox FillSingleCellPits. Raises pit cells to the elevation of their lowest neighbor.

**Usage**

```
create_single_pit_fill(
  dem,
  output = tempfile(fileext = ".tif"),
  whitebox_wd = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

dem	A character file path to a raster or a SpatRaster object.
output	A character file path specifying where the raster file should be stored. Defaults to a temporary file.
whitebox_wd	A valid working directory for whitebox to store temporary rasters. Defaults to NULL which stores in a temporary space that is deleted when the user session is over. You can use this to store rasters before they are processed into terra::rast objects. Otherwise it is suggested to leave this NULL and store the rasters using the output argument.
...	optional arguments passed to whitebox::wbt()

### Value

A SpatRaster object

### Examples

```
dem <- system.file("extdata", "thompsoncreek.tif", package = "SELECTRdata")
dem <- terra::rast(dem)
create_single_pit_fill(dem)
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create_streams	<i>Extract stream network</i>
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### Description

Creates a raster of likely stream cells from a flow-accumulation raster using the Whitebox Tools algorithm. This is a wrapper for whitebox::wbt\_extract\_streams() that accepts terra SpatRaster objects or a file path to common raster files.

### Usage

```
create_streams(  
  flow_accumulation,  
  output = tempfile(fileext = ".tif"),  
  whitebox_wd = NULL,  
  threshold = 1000,  
  zero_background = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

flow_accumulation	SpatRaster object, Input raster D8 flow accumulation file.
output	A character file path specifying where the raster file should be stored. Defaults to a temporary file.
whitebox_wd	valid working directory for whitebox to store temporary rasters. Defaults to NULL which stores in a temporary space that is deleted when the user session is over. You can use this to store rasters before they are processed into terra::rast objects. Otherwise it is suggested to leave this NULL and store the rasters using the output argument.
threshold	Numeric value indicating the threshold in flow accumulation values (number of cells) for channelization.
zero_background	logical, Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.
...	optional arguments passed to whitebox::wbt().

**Value**

A SpatRaster object.

**Examples**

```
# example code
dem <- system.file("extdata", "thompsoncreek.tif", package = "SELECTRdata")
dem <- terra::rast(dem)
D8pointer <- create_d8_pointer(dem)
D8fa <- create_d8_fa(D8pointer)
create_streams(D8fa)
```

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create\_streams\_vector *Convert stream raster to vector*

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**Description**

Creates a stream vector (terra SpatVector object) from a D8 flow direction raster and stream network raster. This is a wrapper for whitebox::wbt\_raster\_streams\_to\_vector() that accepts terra SpatRaster objects or a file path to common raster files.

**Usage**

```
create_streams_vector(
  streams,
  d8_pointer,
  output = tempfile(fileext = ".shp"),
  whitebox_wd = NULL,
```

```

    esri_pntr = FALSE,
    all_vertices = FALSE,
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

streams	SpatRaster object, input raster streams.
d8_pointer	SpatRaster object, input raster D8 pointer.
output	A character file path specifying where the raster file should be stored. Defaults to a temporary file.
whitebox_wd	valid working directory for whitebox to store temporary rasters. Defaults to NULL which stores in a temporary space that is deleted when the user session is over. You can use this to store rasters before they are processed into terra::rast objects. Otherwise it is suggested to leave this NULL and store the rasters using the output argument.
esri_pntr	logical, D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
all_vertices	logical, Do you want to preserve all vertices in output (i.e. no straight-line generalization).
...	optional arguments passed to whitebox::wbt()

### Value

A terra SpatVector object

### Examples

```

# example code
dem <- system.file("extdata", "thompsoncreek.tif", package = "SELECTRdata")
dem <- terra::rast(dem)
D8pointer <- create_d8_pointer(dem)
D8fa <- create_d8_fa(D8pointer)
streams <- create_streams(D8fa)
create_streams_vector(streams, D8pointer)

```

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create\_subbasins      *Subbasins*

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### Description

Identifies the catchments, or sub-basin, draining to each link in a stream network.

**Usage**

```

create_subbasins(
  d8_pntr,
  streams,
  output = tempfile(fileext = ".tif"),
  esri_pntr = FALSE,
  whitebox_wd = NULL,
  type = "terra",
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

d8_pntr	Input D8 pointer raster file.
streams	Input raster streams file.
output	A character file path specifying where the shapefile file should be stored. Defaults to a temporary file.
esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
whitebox_wd	valid working directory for whitebox to store temporary rasters. Defaults to NULL which stores in a temporary space that is deleted when the user session is over. You can use this to store rasters before they are processed into terra::rast objects. Otherwise it is suggested to leave this NULL and store the rasters using the output argument.
type	character, one of "terra" or "wbt". If type = "terra", returns an object of SpatVector. If type = "wbt", a wbt_result object is returned.
...	optional arguments passed to whitebox::wbt().

**Value**

SpatRaster

**Examples**

```

dem <- system.file("extdata", "thompsoncreek.tif", package = "SELECTRdata")
dem <- terra::rast(dem)
D8pointer <- create_d8_pointer(dem)
D8fa <- create_d8_fa(D8pointer)
streams <- create_streams(D8fa)
create_subbasins(D8pointer, streams)

```

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create_watershed	<i>Watershed</i>
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### Description

Identifies the watershed, or drainage basin, draining to a set of target cells.

### Usage

```
create_watershed(
  d8_pntr,
  pour_pts,
  output = tempfile(fileext = ".tif"),
  esri_pntr = FALSE,
  whitebox_wd = NULL,
  type = "terra",
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

d8_pntr	Input D8 pointer.
pour_pts	Input pour points (outlet).
output	A character file path specifying where the shapefile file should be stored. Defaults to a temporary file.
esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
whitebox_wd	valid working directory for whitebox to store temporary rasters. Defaults to NULL which stores in a temporary space that is deleted when the user session is over. You can use this to store rasters before they are processed into terra::rast objects. Otherwise it is suggested to leave this NULL and store the rasters using the output argument.
type	character, one of "terra" or "wbt". If type = "terra", returns an object of SpatVector. If type = "wbt", a wbt_result object is returned.
...	optional arguments passed to whitebox::wbt().

### Value

A SpatRaster or wbt\_result object.

### Examples

```
dem <- system.file("extdata", "thompsoncreek.tif", package = "SELECTRdata")
dem <- terra::rast(dem)
gpkg <- system.file("extdata", "thompsoncreek.gpkg", package = "SELECTRdata")
pourpoint <- terra::vect(gpkg, layer = "pourpoint", crs = terra::crs(dem))
D8pointer <- create_d8_pointer(dem)
```

```

D8fa <- create_d8_fa(D8pointer)
streams_ras <- create_streams(D8fa)
## write pourpoints to temp folder
temp_pour_point_file <- tempfile("snapped", fileext = ".shp")
snapped_pour_point <- snap_pour_point(pour_pts = pourpoint,
                                     streams = streams_ras,
                                     output = temp_pour_point_file)
snapped_pour_point <- terra::vect(temp_pour_point_file)
pour_point_rast <- terra::rasterize(snapped_pour_point, streams_ras)
create_watershed(d8_pntr = D8pointer, pour_pts = pour_point_rast)
## cleanup temp files
unlink(tempdir(), recursive = FALSE)

```

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snap_pour_point	<i>Jenson snap pour points</i>
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### Description

Moves outlet points used to specify points of interest in a watershedding operation to the nearest stream cell.

### Usage

```

snap_pour_point(
  pour_pts,
  streams,
  output = tempfile(fileext = ".shp"),
  whitebox_wd = NULL,
  snap_dist = 90,
  type = "terra",
  ...
)

```

### Arguments

pour_pts	Input vector pour points (outlet) file.
streams	Input raster streams file.
output	A character file path specifying where the shapefile file should be stored. Defaults to a temporary file.
whitebox_wd	valid working directory for whitebox to store temporary rasters. Defaults to NULL which stores in a temporary space that is deleted when the user session is over. You can use this to store rasters before they are processed into terra::rast objects. Otherwise it is suggested to leave this NULL and store the rasters using the output argument.
snap_dist	Maximum snap distance in map units.

type character, one of "terra" or "wbt". If type = "terra", returns an object of SpatVector. If type = "wbt", a wbt\_result object is returned.

... optional arguments passed to whitebox::wbt().

### Value

terra SpatVector object.

### Examples

```
## example data
dem <- system.file("extdata", "thompsoncreek.tif", package = "SELECTRdata")
dem <- terra::rast(dem)
gpkg <- system.file("extdata", "thompsoncreek.gpkg", package = "SELECTRdata")
pourpoint <- terra::vect(gpkg, layer = "pourpoint", crs = terra::crs(dem))

## create flow direction and flow accumulation rasters
D8pointer <- create_d8_pointer(dem)
D8fa <- create_d8_fa(D8pointer)

## create streams network raster
streams_ras <- create_streams(D8fa)

## write pourpoints to temp folder
temp_pour_point_file <- tempfile("snapped", fileext = ".shp")

## snap pour points to stream raster network
snapped_pour_point <- snap_pour_point(pour_pts = pourpoint,
                                     streams = streams_ras,
                                     output = temp_pour_point_file)

## you probably need a raster of the pour point, you need to call
## terra::vect since it is a SpatVectorProxy
pour_point_rast <- terra::rasterize(terra::vect(temp_pour_point_file), streams_ras)

## cleanup temp files
unlink(tempdir(), recursive = FALSE)
```

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