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af_api	<i>Describe an API endpoint</i>
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## Description

Bundles an endpoint URL with its authentication and pagination strategies and a namespace service (used to look up tokens). The resulting object is passed to [af\\_fetch\(\)](#) and [af\\_fetch\\_all\(\)](#).

## Usage

```
af_api(
  endpoint,
  service = "apifetch",
  auth = af_auth_bearer(),
  pagination = af_paginate_offset(),
  drop_cols = character(),
  connect_hint = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

endpoint	The base API URL.
service	Namespace used to look up the token (see <a href="#">af_get_token()</a> ).
auth	An apifetch_auth strategy (see <a href="#">af_auth</a> ). Default <a href="#">af_auth_bearer()</a> .
pagination	An apifetch_pagination strategy (see <a href="#">af_paginate</a> ). Default <a href="#">af_paginate_offset()</a> .

drop_cols	Character vector of response columns to drop after parsing (e.g. a status column). Default none.
connect_hint	Optional extra line shown when a connection error occurs (e.g. a VPN requirement).

### Value

An `apifetch_api` object.

### Examples

```
af_api(  
  endpoint = "https://www.bigdata.pe.gov.br/api/buscar",  
  service = "BigDataPE",  
  auth = af_auth_raw(),  
  pagination = af_paginate_offset("header"),  
  drop_cols = "Mensagem",  
  connect_hint = "Ensure you are on the PE Conectado network or VPN."  
)
```

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af_auth	<i>Authentication strategies</i>
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### Description

Constructors describing how a token is attached to a request. Pass the result to the `auth` argument of `af_api()`.

### Usage

```
af_auth_raw(header = "Authorization")  
  
af_auth_bearer(header = "Authorization", prefix = "Bearer ")  
  
af_auth_header(header = "X-API-Key")  
  
af_auth_query(param = "api_key")
```

### Arguments

header	Header name to use.
prefix	String prepended to the token (bearer scheme).
param	Query-parameter name (query scheme).

**Details**

- `af_auth_raw()`: send the token verbatim in a header (default Authorization). This is what the Big Data PE API expects.
- `af_auth_bearer()`: send "Bearer <token>" in the Authorization header.
- `af_auth_header()`: send the token in an arbitrary header (e.g. X-API-Key).
- `af_auth_query()`: send the token as a URL query parameter.

**Value**

An `apifetch_auth` object.

**Examples**

```
af_auth_raw()
af_auth_bearer()
af_auth_header("X-API-Key")
af_auth_query("api_key")
```

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af\_fetch

*Fetch a single page from an API*

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**Description**

Performs one authenticated request against an `af_api()` profile, applying its pagination strategy, and returns the parsed body as a tibble. HTTP errors and connection failures are translated into friendly cli messages.

**Usage**

```
af_fetch(api, name, limit = Inf, offset = 0L, query = list(), verbosity = 0L)
```

**Arguments**

<code>api</code>	An <code>apifetch_api</code> object (see <code>af_api()</code> ).
<code>name</code>	The token name to authenticate with (looked up via the API's service).
<code>limit</code>	Maximum number of records to request. Default <code>Inf</code> (no limit). Non-positive or infinite values omit the parameter.
<code>offset</code>	Starting record. Default <code>0</code> (omitted).
<code>query</code>	A named list of additional query-string filters. Default empty.
<code>verbosity</code>	<code>0</code> (silent, default), <code>1</code> (progress messages), or <code>2</code> (progress plus full HTTP request/response details).

**Value**

A tibble with the parsed response.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
api <- af_api("https://www.bigdata.pe.gov.br/api/buscar",
             service = "BigDataPE", auth = af_auth_raw(),
             pagination = af_paginate_offset("header"))
af_store_token("dengue", "token", service = "BigDataPE")
af_fetch(api, "dengue", limit = 50)

## End(Not run)
```

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af_fetch_all	<i>Fetch all data from an API in chunks</i>
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**Description**

Iteratively calls `af_fetch()` with an advancing offset, stopping when a chunk comes back empty or `total_limit` is reached, then row-binds the chunks into one tibble. Columns listed in the API profile's `drop_cols` are removed.

**Usage**

```
af_fetch_all(
  api,
  name,
  total_limit = Inf,
  chunk_size = 50000L,
  query = list(),
  verbosity = 0L
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>api</code>	An <code>af_fetch_api</code> object (see <code>af_api()</code> ).
<code>name</code>	The token name to authenticate with (looked up via the API's service).
<code>total_limit</code>	Maximum number of records to retrieve in total. Default <code>Inf</code> (all available).
<code>chunk_size</code>	Records to request per chunk. Default <code>50000</code> .
<code>query</code>	A named list of additional query-string filters. Default empty.
<code>verbosity</code>	<code>0</code> (silent, default), <code>1</code> (progress messages), or <code>2</code> (progress plus full HTTP request/response details).

**Value**

A tibble with all retrieved records.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
api <- af_api("https://www.bigdata.pe.gov.br/api/buscar",
             service = "BigDataPE", auth = af_auth_raw(),
             pagination = af_paginate_offset("header"),
             drop_cols = "Mensagem")
af_fetch_all(api, "dengue", total_limit = 500, chunk_size = 100)

## End(Not run)
```

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af\_get\_token                      *Retrieve a stored API token*

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**Description**

Retrieves the token stored for name under service. Returns NULL (with a warning) rather than erroring when no token is found.

**Usage**

```
af_get_token(name, service = "apifetch")
```

**Arguments**

name                      The identifier for this token (e.g. a dataset or resource name).  
service                    A namespace prefix grouping tokens for one API. Default "apifetch".

**Value**

The token string, or NULL if not found.

**Examples**

```
token <- af_get_token("dengue", service = "BigDataPE")
```

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af\_list\_tokens                    *List stored API tokens*

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**Description**

Returns the names (without the service prefix) of all tokens stored for a given service in environment variables.

**Usage**

```
af_list_tokens(service = "apifetch")
```

**Arguments**

service            A namespace prefix grouping tokens for one API. Default "apifetch".

**Value**

A character vector of token names, empty if none are found.

**Examples**

```
af_list_tokens(service = "BigDataPE")
```

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af\_paginate            *Pagination strategies*

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**Description**

Constructors describing how limit/offset are sent with a request. Pass the result to the pagination argument of [af\\_api\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
af_paginate_offset(  
  where = c("header", "query"),  
  limit_param = "limit",  
  offset_param = "offset"  
)  
  
af_paginate_none()
```

**Arguments**

where            Either "header" or "query".  
limit\_param, offset\_param  
                 Parameter names to use.

**Details**

- `af_paginate_offset()`: send limit/offset either as HTTP headers (default, as the Big Data PE API expects) or as URL query parameters.
- `af_paginate_none()`: send no pagination parameters.

Non-positive or infinite values are omitted from the request.

**Value**

An `apifetch_pagination` object.

**Examples**

```
af_paginate_offset("header")
af_paginate_offset("query", limit_param = "per_page")
af_paginate_none()
```

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af_remove_token	<i>Remove a stored API token</i>
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**Description**

Removes the token stored for name under service. Does nothing (beyond a warning) when no token is found.

**Usage**

```
af_remove_token(name, service = "apifetch")
```

**Arguments**

name	The identifier for this token (e.g. a dataset or resource name).
service	A namespace prefix grouping tokens for one API. Default "apifetch".

**Value**

Invisibly NULL; called for its side effect.

**Examples**

```
af_remove_token("dengue", service = "BigDataPE")
```

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af_store_token	<i>Store an API token in an environment variable</i>
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**Description**

Stores an authentication token in a process environment variable named "<service>\_<name>". The token is never written to disk. If a non-empty variable with that name already exists, the function refuses to overwrite it.

**Usage**

```
af_store_token(name, token, service = "apifetch")
```

**Arguments**

name	The identifier for this token (e.g. a dataset or resource name).
token	The authentication token (character).
service	A namespace prefix grouping tokens for one API. Default "apifetch".

**Value**

Invisibly NULL; called for its side effect.

**Examples**

```
bdpe <- af_store_token("dengue", "your-token-here", service = "BigDataPE")
```

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parse_queries	<i>Build a URL with query parameters</i>
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**Description**

Appends a named list of query parameters to a base URL, URL-encoding both names and values and dropping parameters whose value is the empty string.

**Usage**

```
parse_queries(url, query_list)
```

**Arguments**

url	The base URL.
query_list	A named list of query parameters.

**Value**

The URL with the query string appended (or the base URL unchanged when there are no parameters to add).

**Examples**

```
parse_queries("https://example.com", list(a = "1", b = "2"))
```

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