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clean_ilstat_cache	<i>Clean Ilostat Cache</i>
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Description

Deletes all cache files from the your ilostat cache directory. See [get_ilstat](#) for more on cache.

Usage

```
clean_ilstat_cache(  
  cache_dir = getOption("ilstat_cache_dir", file.path(tempdir(), "ilstat")),  
  cache_update = getOption("ilstat_cache_update", FALSE),  
  quiet = getOption("ilstat_quiet", FALSE)  
)
```

Arguments

- cache_dir A character, path to a cache directory. The directory has to exist. The NULL (default) uses and creates 'ilstat' directory in the temporary directory from [tempdir](#). The directory can also be set with option `ilstat_cache_dir`,
- cache_update a logical whether to delete only out of date cache files. Useful when `cache_dir` is set as keep only update datasets. Can be set also with `options(ilstat_update = TRUE)`. Default is FALSE.
- quiet a logical, if TRUE , don't return message from processing, FALSE (default). Can be set also with `options(ilstat_quiet = TRUE)`,

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References

See citation("Rilostat") ilostat bulk download facility user guidelines https://webapps.ilo.org/ilstat-files/Documents/ILOSTAT_BulkDownload_Guidelines.pdf

Examples

```
## Not run:  
clean_ilocat_cache()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

`dataexplorer`*Play with ilostat data explorer*

Description

open ilostat data explorer app on your computer.

Usage

```
dataexplorer()
```

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References

See citation("Rilostat")

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
require(shiny)  
  
dataexplorer()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

`distribution_ilocat` *Switch ilostat to distribution*

Description

Get distribution for ilostat number of persons only.

Usage

```
distribution_ilocat(x, var, .keep = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	dataset to transform into distribution.
<code>var</code>	String variable name use for the distribution default "no", could be "sex", "classif1", "classif2".
<code>.keep</code>	if true return only new column call distribution default FALSE.

Details

this function use the max of the corresponding grouping so it is important to not filter any subset of the corresponding variable selected for the distribution at this level, ie. if you remove SEX_T, the distribution by sex will only have SEX_F or SEX_M / $\max(\text{SEX_M}, \text{SEX_F}) * 100$, which is no longer a distribution.

In addition, distribution is only applicable for indicators with Number of persons (usually in thousands), So pls do not distribute ratios, earnings, hours of works, CPI, GDP etc ... no warning will prevent for that if doubts use distribution from `get_iloostat()` instead of, warnings will help you.

Value

a `data_frame`. `obs_status` will no longer be a number of persons but a percentage.

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References

See citation("Rilostat") iloostat bulk download facility user guidelines https://webapps.ilo.org/iloostat-files/Documents/ILOSTAT_BulkDownload_Guidelines.pdf

Examples

```
## Not run:
dat <- get_iloostat("EMP_TEMP_SEX_STE_GEO_NB_A", cache = FALSE)
dat_dist <- distribution_iloostat(dat, "classif1")
dat_plus_dist <- mutate(dat, dist = distribution_iloostat(dat, "classif1", .keep=TRUE))
head(dat_dist)
clean_iloostat_cache()

## End(Not run)
```

get_iloostat

*Read Ilostat Data***Description**

Download datasets from iloostat <https://iloostat.ilo.org> via bulk download facility <https://iloostat.ilo.org/data/bulk/>.

Usage

```
get_iloostat(
  id,
  segment = getOption("iloostat_segment", "indicator"),
  type = getOption("iloostat_type", "code"),
  lang = getOption("iloostat_lang", "en"),
  time_format = getOption("iloostat_time_format", "raw"),
  filters = getOption("iloostat_filter", "none"),
  fixed = getOption("iloostat_fixed", TRUE),
  detail = getOption("iloostat_detail", "full"),
  cache = getOption("iloostat_cache", TRUE),
  cache_update = getOption("iloostat_cache_update", TRUE),
  cache_dir = getOption("iloostat_cache_dir", NULL),
  cache_format = getOption("iloostat_cache_format", "rds"),
  back = getOption("iloostat_back", TRUE),
  cmd = getOption("iloostat_cmd", "none"),
  quiet = getOption("iloostat_quiet", FALSE)
)
```

Arguments

id	A code name for the dataset of interest. See get_iloostat_toc or details for how to get code.
segment	A character, way to get datasets by: "indicator" (default) or "ref_area". Can be set also with options(iloostat_segment = 'ref_area'),
type	a character, type of variables, "code" (default), "label" or "both". Can be set also with options(iloostat_type = 'both'),
lang	a character, code for language. Available are "en" (default), "fr" and "es". Can be set also with options(iloostat_lang = 'fr'),
time_format	a string giving a type of the conversion of the time column from the iloostat format. "raw" (default) does not do conversion and return time as character (ie. '2017', '2017Q1', '2017M01'). A "date" converted to a Date with a first date of the period. A "date_last" converted to a Date with a last date of the period and "num" converted to a numeric. Can be set also with options(iloostat_time_format = 'date'),

filters	a list; "none" (default) to get a whole dataset or a named list of filters to get just part of the table. Names of list objects are ilostat variable codes and values are vectors of observation codes. filters detect on variables, so could be partial, ie. <code>list(sex = 'T')</code> is enough but equivalent to <code>list(sex = 'SEX_T')</code> . Additional options: • <code>timefrom</code>: starting year of the return dataset, • <code>timeto</code>: ending year of the return dataset.
fixed	a logical, if TRUE (default), filters arguments pattern is a string to be matched as is, Change to FALSE if more complex regex matching is needed.
detail	a character, 'full' (default), whether 'serieskeyonly', return only key, no data, no notes or dataonly return key and data, no notes or 'bestsourceonly' return best source only at the series key levels, see details. Can be set also with <code>options(ilstat_detail = 'serieskeyonly')</code> ,
cache	a logical whether to do caching. Default is TRUE. Affects only queries from the ilostat bulk download facility. Can be set also with <code>options(ilstat_cache = FALSE)</code> ,
cache_update	a logical whether to update cache. Check cache update with last.update attribute store on the cache file name and the one from the table of contents. Can be set also with <code>options(ilstat_cache_update = FALSE)</code> . Default is TRUE,
cache_dir	a path to a cache directory. The directory has to exist. The NULL (default) uses and creates 'ilstat' directory in the temporary directory from tempdir . The directory can also be set with option <code>ilstat_cache_dir</code> ,
cache_format	a character, format to store on the cache "rds" (default), but also "csv", "dta", "sav", "sas7bdat". useful for getting ilostat dataset directly on the cache_dir without R. Can be set also with <code>options(ilstat_cache_format = 'dta')</code> ,
back	a logical, TRUE return dataframe on R or not FALSE, useful for just saving file in specific cache_format,
cmd	a character, R expression use for manipulate internal data frame dat object applied to each datasets retrieved If use, cache is set to FALSE. see examples.
quiet	a logical, if TRUE , don't return message from processing, FALSE (default). Can be set also with <code>options(ilstat_quiet = TRUE)</code> ,

Value

a tibble. One column for each dimension in the data and the values column for numerical values, as well as the metadata columns. The time column for a time dimension.

others

Data sets are downloaded from the ilostat bulk download facility. If only the table id is given, the whole table is downloaded from the bulk download facility.

The bulk download facility is the fastest method to download whole datasets. It is also often the only way as the sdmx API has limitation of maximum 300 000 records at the same time and whole datasets usually exceeds that.

By default datasets from the bulk download facility are cached as they are often rather large.

Cache files are stored in a temporary directory by default or in a named directory if `cache_dir` or option `iloostat_cache_dir` is defined. The cache can be emptied with [clean_iloostat_cache](#).

The id, a code, for the dataset can be searched with the [get_iloostat_toc](#) or from the [bulk download facility](<https://iloostat.ilo.org/data/bulk/>).

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References

See citation("Rilostat") iloostat bulk download facility user guidelines <https://iloostat.ilo.org/data/bulk/>

See Also

[get_iloostat_toc](#), [label_iloostat](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
##### get simple dataset
dat <- get_iloostat("UNE_2UNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A")
head(dat)
dat <- get_iloostat("NZL_Q", segment = "ref_area")
head(dat)

dir.create(file.path(tempdir(), "r_cache"))
dat <- get_iloostat("UNE_2UNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A",
                  cache_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "r_cache"))
head(dat)

clean_iloostat_cache(cache_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "r_cache"))

options(iloostat_update = TRUE)
dat <- get_iloostat("UNE_2UNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A")
head(dat)
options(iloostat_update = FALSE)
options(iloostat_cache_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "r_cache"))
dat <- get_iloostat("UNE_2UNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A")

clean_iloostat_cache()

##### get multiple datasets
dat <- get_iloostat(c("CPI_ACPI_COI_RT_M", 'CPI_ACPI_COI_RT_Q'), cache = FALSE)
head(dat)
toc <- get_iloostat_toc(search = 'CPI_')
head(toc)
dat <- get_iloostat(toc, cache = FALSE) #id as a tibble

##### get datasets with filters
dat <- get_iloostat(id = c("UNE_2UNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A", 'EMP_2EMP_SEX_AGE_NB_A'),
```

```

filters = list( ref_area = "FRA",
  classif1 = "AGE_YTHADULT_YGE15",
  time = "2016",
  sex = c("T", 'SEX_F')), quiet = TRUE)
head(dat)
clean_iloostat_cache()

##### store in other format
dir.create(file.path(tempdir(), "iloostat"))

dat <- get_iloostat("UNE_2UNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A",
  cache_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "r_cache"), cache_format = 'csv')
dat <- get_iloostat("UNE_2UNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A",
  cache_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "r_cache"), cache_format = 'dta')

##### advanced manipulation

dat <- get_iloostat("UNE_2UNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A", cmd = "dat %>% count(ref_area)", quiet = TRUE)
label_iloostat(dat, code = 'ref_area')

clean_iloostat_cache()

## End(Not run)

```

get_iloostat_dic	<i>Read Ilostat Dictionary</i>
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Description

Downloads one iloostat dictionary from iloostat <https://iloostat.ilo.org> via bulk download facility <https://iloostat.ilo.org/data/bulk/>.

Usage

```
get_iloostat_dic(dic, lang = getOption("iloostat_lang", "en"))
```

Arguments

dic	A character, dictionary for the variable to be downloaded,
lang	a character, code for language. Available are "en" (default), "fr" and "es". Can be set also with options(iloostat_lang = 'fr'),

Details

For a given coded variable from iloostat <https://iloostat.ilo.org/>. The dictionaries link codes with human-readable labels. To translate codes to labels, use [label_iloostat](#).

Value

tibble with two columns: code names and full names.

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References

See citation("Rilostat") ilostat bulk download facility user guidelines https://webapps.ilo.org/ilstat-files/WEB_bulk_download/ILOSTAT_BulkDownload_Guidelines.pdf ilostat bulk download facility main page <https://ilstat.ilo.org/data/bulk/>

See Also

[label_ilstat](#), [get_ilstat](#).

Examples

```
## Not run:
tmp <- get_ilstat_dic("indicator")
head(tmp)
tmp <- get_ilstat_dic("classif1", lang = "fr")
head(tmp)

## End(Not run)
```

get_ilstat_toc

Read Ilostat Table of Contents

Description

Download one table of contents from ilostat <https://ilstat.ilo.org> via bulk download facility <https://ilstat.ilo.org/data/bulk/>.

Usage

```
get_ilstat_toc(
  segment = getOption("ilstat_segment", "indicator"),
  lang = getOption("ilstat_lang", "en"),
  search = getOption("ilstat_search", "none"),
  filters = getOption("ilstat_filter", "none"),
  fixed = getOption("ilstat_fixed", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

segment	A character, way to get datasets by: "indicator" (default) or "ref_area", Can be set also with options(ilstat_segment = 'ref_area'),
lang	a character, code for language. Available are "en" (default), "fr" and "es". Can be set also with options(ilstat_lang = 'fr'),

search	a character vector, "none" (default), datasets with this pattern in the description will be returned, characters vector will be use as AND, Character with ' ' as OR, see example, options(iloostat_time_format = 'date'),
filters	a list; "none" (default) to get a whole toc or a named list of filters to get just part of the table. Names of list objects are iloostat toc variable codes and values are vectors of observation codes. filters detect on variables.
fixed	a logical, if TRUE (default), pattern is a string to be matched as is, Change to FALSE if more complex regex matching is needed.

Details

The TOC in English by indicator is downloaded from https://webapps.ilo.org/iloostat-files/WEB_bulk_download/indicator/table_of_contents_en.csv. The values in column 'id' should be used to download a selected dataset.

The TOC in English by ref_area is downloaded from https://webapps.ilo.org/iloostat-files/WEB_bulk_download/ref_area/table_of_contents_en.csv. The values in column 'id' should be used to download a selected dataset.

Value

A tibble with ten columns depending of the segment: indicator or ref_area

- id : The codename of dataset of theme, will be used by the get_iloostat and get_iloostat_raw functions,
- indicator or ref_area : The indicator or ref_area code of dataset,
- indicator.label or ref_area.label : The indicator or ref_area name of dataset,
- freq : The frequency code of dataset,
- freq.label : Is freq name of dataset,
- size : Size of the csv.gz files,
- data.start : First time period of the dataset,
- data.end : Last time period of the dataset,
- last.update : Last update of the dataset,
- ... : Others relevant information

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References

See citation("Rilostat") iloostat bulk download facility user guidelines https://webapps.ilo.org/iloostat-files/WEB_bulk_download/ILOSTAT_BulkDownload_Guidelines.pdf

See Also

[get_iloostat.](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
## default segment by indicator, default lang English
toc <- get_ilotat_toc()
head(toc)
toc <- get_ilotat_toc(segment = 'ref_area', lang = 'fr')
head(toc)
##
## search on toc
toc <- get_ilotat_toc(search = 'education')
head(toc)
toc <- get_ilotat_toc(lang = 'fr', search = 'éducation')
head(toc)
toc <- get_ilotat_toc(segment = 'ref_area', lang = 'fr', search = 'Albanie')
toc
toc <- get_ilotat_toc(segment = 'ref_area', lang = 'es', search = 'Trimestral')
head(toc)
##
## search multi on toc
toc <- get_ilotat_toc(segment = 'ref_area', lang = 'fr',
  search = 'Albanie|France', fixed = FALSE)
head(toc)
toc <- get_ilotat_toc(search = 'youth|adult', fixed = FALSE)
head(toc)
toc <- get_ilotat_toc(search = c('youth','adult'), fixed = FALSE)
head(toc)
##

## End(Not run)
```

label_ilotat

Switch Ilost codes and labels

Description

Gets definitions/labels for ilostat codes from ilostat dictionaries.

Usage

```
label_ilotat(
  x,
  dic = NULL,
  code = NULL,
  lang = getOption("ilotat_lang", "en")
)
```

Arguments

x	A character or a factor vector or a data_frame to labelled.
dic	A string (vector) naming ilostat dictionary or dictionaries. If NULL (default) dictionary names are taken from column names of the data_frame. A character or a factor vector or a data_frame to labelled,
code	a vector of names of the column for which code columns should be retained. Set to "all", keep all the code.
lang	a character, code for language. Available are "en" (default), "fr" and "es". Can be set also with options(ilostat_lang = 'fr'),

Details

A character or a factor vector of codes returns a corresponding vector of definitions. label_ilostat labels also data_frames from [get_ilostat](#). For vectors a dictionary "time" and "values" columns are returned as they were, so you can supply data_frame from [get_ilostat](#) and get data_frame with definitions instead of codes.

Value

a vector or a data_frame. The suffix ".label" is added to code column names.

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References

See citation("Rilostat") ilostat bulk download facility user guidelines https://webapps.ilo.org/ilostat-files/Documents/ILOSTAT_BulkDownloadGuidelines.pdf

Examples

```
## Not run:
dat <- get_ilostat("UNE_2UNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A", cache = FALSE)
dat_lab <- label_ilostat(dat)
head(dat_lab)

# add just ref_area label
require(tidyverse)

dat <- get_ilostat("UNE_TUNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A") %>%
mutate(ref_area.label = ref_area %>%
label_ilostat( "ref_area", code = "all"), .after = ref_area)

clean_ilostat_cache()

## End(Not run)
```

Rilostat*Get more Support*

Description

On regular basis new tutorial and examples are building and available through this function.

Details

brief description of the package

Package:	Rilostat
Type:	Package
Version:	See sessionInfo() or DESCRIPTION file
Date:	2020-2025
License:	BSD_2_clause + LICENSE
LazyLoad:	yes

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References

See citation("Rilostat")

ilostat bulk download facility user guidelines https://webapps.ilo.org/ilostat-files/Documents/ILOSTAT_BulkDownload_Guidelines.pdf

Examples

```
## Not run:

# check which documentation have been recently added:

# help(Rilostat)

# https://ilostat.github.io/Rilostat/

## End(Not run)
```

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