

Package ‘rdwd’

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<https://www.dwd.de/EN/climate_environment/cdc/cdc_node_en.html> for more information).
Choose observational time series from meteorological stations with 'selectDWD()'.
Find raster data from radar and interpolation according to <<https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd/raster-data.html>>.
Download (multiple) data sets with progress bars and no re-downloads through 'dataDWD()'.
Read both tabular observational data and binary gridded datasets with 'readDWD()'.

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Value

invisible list with DEU and EUR

Author(s)

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See Also

[plotRadar](#), [website raster chapter](#)

Examples

```
if(requireNamespace("terra", quietly=TRUE)){
  plot(1, xlim=c(2,16), ylim=c(47,55))
  addBorders()
  addBorders(add=FALSE)
  plot(1, xlim=c(2,16), ylim=c(47,55))
  addBorders(de="orange", eu=NA)
}
```

app

Launch interactive weather analysis app

Description

Launch interactive analysis of weather period comparison for different RDWD stations. The R session is blocked during usage, close the app to re-enable console usage.

Usage

```
app(...)
```

Arguments

... Arguments passed to [shiny::runApp\(\)](#)

Author(s)

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See Also

[shiny::runApp\(\)](#), [rdwd](#)

Examples

```
# app()
```

checkIndex*check indexes*

Description

check indexes. Mainly for internal usage in [createIndex\(\)](#). Not exported, so call it as `rdwd:::checkIndex()` if you want to run tests yourself. Further test suggestions are welcome!

Usage

```
checkIndex(  
  findex = NULL,  
  mindex = NULL,  
  gindex = NULL,  
  excludefp = TRUE,  
  fast = FALSE,  
  warn = !quiet,  
  logfile = berryFunctions::packagePath(file = "misc/ExampleTests/warnings.txt"),  
  quiet = rdwdquiet()  
)
```

Arguments

<code>findex</code>	fileIndex . DEFAULT: NULL
<code>mindex</code>	metaIndex . DEFAULT: NULL
<code>gindex</code>	geoIndex . DEFAULT: NULL
<code>excludefp</code>	Exclude false positives from <code>geoIndex</code> coordinate check results? DEFAULT: TRUE
<code>fast</code>	Exclude the 3-minute location per ID check? DEFAULT: FALSE
<code>warn</code>	Warn about issues? DEFAULT: <code>!quiet</code> (TRUE)
<code>logfile</code>	File to copy log to, appended to existing content. NULL to suppress. DEFAULT: "misc/ExampleTests/warnings.txt"
<code>quiet</code>	Logical: Suppress progress messages? DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()

Value

Charstring with issues (if any) to be printed with [message\(\)](#).

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, May 2019

See Also

[createIndex](#)

Examples

```
data(fileIndex) ; data(metaIndex) ; data(geoIndex)
# ci <- rdwd:::checkIndex(findex=fileIndex, mindex=metaIndex, gindex=geoIndex)
# cat(ci)
```

checkSuggestedPackage *check suggested package for availability*

Description

check suggested package for availability, yielding an instructive error message if not

Usage

```
checkSuggestedPackage(package, functionname)
```

Arguments

package Charstring: package to be checked for loadability
functionname Charstring: function name to be used in the message

Value

invisible success logical value from [requireNamespace\(\)](#)

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Aug 2019

See Also

[requireNamespace\(\)](#)

checkUpdates *check some historical files for updates by DWD*

Description

check whether the DWD has updated historical datasets. That requires [updateIndexes](#) to be run by me. If that is the case, the funtion will give a warning, otherwise a message.

Usage

```
checkUpdates(fast = TRUE)
```

Arguments

fast only check a subset? currently ignored. DEFAULT: TRUE

Value

currently available files on the FTP server in the ca 34 historical folders, invisibly

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Mar+May 2025

See Also

<https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd/fileindex.html>

Examples

```
# current <- checkUpdates()
```

createIndex	<i>Create file and meta index of the DWD CDC FTP Server</i>
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Description

This is mainly an internal function. Create data.frames out of the vector index returned by `indexFTP()`. For `fileIndex` (the first output element) `createIndex` tries to obtain res, var, per, file, id, start and end from the paths. If `meta=TRUE`, `metaIndex` and `geoIndex` are also created. They combine all Beschreibung files into a single data.frame.

If you create your own index as suggested in `selectDWD` (argument `findex`), you can read the produced file as shown in the example section.

Usage

```
createIndex(
  paths,
  base = dwdbase,
  dir = locdir(),
  fname = "fileIndex.txt",
  meta = FALSE,
  metadir = "meta",
  mname = "metaIndex.txt",
  gname = "geoIndex.txt",
  overwrite = FALSE,
  check = TRUE,
  checkwarn = TRUE,
  checklog = tempfile(),
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

paths	Char: vector of DWD paths returned by <code>indexFTP()</code> called with the same base value as this function
base	Main directory of DWD ftp server, defaulting to observed climatic records. DEFAULT: <code>dwdbase</code>
dir	Char: writeable directory name where to save the main output(s). Created if not existent. DEFAULT: <code>locdir()</code>
fname	Char: Name of file in dir in which to write <code>fileIndex</code> . Use <code>fname=""</code> to suppress writing. DEFAULT: "fileIndex.txt"
meta	Logical: should metaIndex also be created from fileIndex? Uses <code>dataDWD()</code> to download files if not present. DEFAULT: FALSE
metadir	Char: Directory (subfolder of dir) where original description files are downloaded to if meta=TRUE. Passed to <code>dataDWD()</code> . "" to write in dir. DEFAULT: "meta"
mname	Char: Name of file in dir (not metadir) in which to write <code>metaIndex</code> . Use <code>mname=""</code> to suppress writing. DEFAULT: "metaIndex.txt"
gname	Filename for <code>geoIndex</code> . DEFAULT: "geoIndex.txt"
overwrite	Logical: Overwrite existing fname / mname / gname files? If not, "_n" is added to the filenames, see <code>berryFunctions::newFilename()</code> . DEFAULT: FALSE
check	Logical: run <code>checkIndex()</code> ? DEFAULT: TRUE
checkwarn	Logical: warn about <code>checkIndex()</code> issues? DEFAULT: TRUE
checklog	Logfile for <code>checkIndex()</code> . DEFAULT: <code>tempfile()</code>
quiet	Logical: Suppress messages about progress and filenames? DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>
...	Further arguments passed to <code>dataDWD()</code> for the meta part.

Value

invisible data.frame (or if meta=TRUE, list with two data.frames) with a number of columns inferred from the paths. Each is also written to disc.

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Oct-Nov 2016, June 2017

See Also

`indexFTP()`, `updateIndexes()`, `index`, `selectDWD()`, [website index chapter](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: # Not tested with R CMD check because of file writing
link <- "daily/kl/historical/tageswerte_KL_00699_19490101_19580630_hist.zip"
ind <- createIndex(link, dir=tempdir())
ind
```

```

# res var      per id      start      end ismeta
# daily kl historical 699 1949-01-01 1958-06-30 FALSE
link2 <- "daily/kl/historical/KL_Tageswerte_Beschreibung_Stationen.txt"
link3 <- "daily/kl/recent/KL_Tageswerte_Beschreibung_Stationen.txt"
ind2 <- createIndex(c(link,link2,link3), dir=tempdir(), meta=TRUE, checkwarn=FALSE)
lapply(ind2, head)
link4 <- "1_minute/precipitation/meta_data/Meta_Daten_ein_min_rr_00755.zip"
ind <- createIndex(link4, dir=tempdir())
ind

## End(Not run)

```

dataDWD

Download data from the DWD CDC FTP Server

Description

Get climate data from the German Weather Service (DWD) FTP-server. The desired dataset is downloaded into dir. If read=TRUE, it is also read and processed.

dataDWD handles vectors of URLs, displays progress bars (if the package pbapply is available) and by default does not re-download data already in dir (but see argument force to update files).

To solve "errors in download.file: cannot open URL", see <https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd/fileindex.html>.

Usage

```

dataDWD(
  url,
  base = dwdbase,
  joinbf = FALSE,
  dir = locdir(),
  force = FALSE,
  overwrite = !isFALSE(force),
  read = TRUE,
  dbin = TRUE,
  method = getOption("download.file.method"),
  dfargs = NULL,
  sleep = 0,
  progbar = !quiet,
  browse = FALSE,
  ntrunc = 2,
  file = NULL,
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  ...
)

```

Arguments

url	Char (vector): complete file URL(s) (including base and filename.zip) as returned by <code>selectDWD()</code> . Can be a vector with several FTP URLs.
base	Single char: base URL that will be removed from output file names. DEFAULT: <code>dwdbase</code>
joinbf	Logical: paste base and file url together? Needed mostly for data at <code>gridbase</code> . DEFAULT: FALSE (<code>selectDWD</code> returns complete URLs already)
dir	Char: Writeable directory name where to save the downloaded file. Created if not existent. DEFAULT: <code>locdir()</code>
force	Logical (vector): always download, even if the file already exists in dir? Use NA to force re-downloading files older than 24 hours. Use a numerical value to force after that amount of hours. Use something like <code>c(Inf, 24)</code> or <code>force=c(24*365, 6)</code> , for <code>per="hr"</code> . Use <code>force=rep(c(365*24, 6), each=3)</code> if you selected 3 stations with <code>per="hr"</code> in <code>selectDWD()</code> . Note: if force is not FALSE, the overwrite default is TRUE. DEFAULT: FALSE
overwrite	Logical (vector): if force=TRUE, overwrite the existing file rather than append "_1"/"_2" etc to the filename? DEFAULT: <code>!isFALSE(force)</code> , i.e. true when force is specified.
read	Logical: read the file(s) with <code>readDWD()</code> ? If FALSE, only download is performed and the filename(s) returned. DEFAULT: TRUE
dbin	Logical: Download binary file, i.e. add mode="wb" to the <code>download.file()</code> call? See Website for details. DEFAULT: TRUE
method	<code>download.file</code> method. Introduced in version 1.5.25 (2022-05-12) as triggered by https://github.com/brry/rdwd/issues/34 . DEFAULT: <code>getOption("download.file.method")</code>
dfargs	Named list of additional arguments passed to <code>download.file()</code> Note that mode="wb" is already passed if dbin=TRUE
sleep	Number. If not 0, a random number of seconds between 0 and sleep is passed to <code>Sys.sleep()</code> after each download to avoid getting kicked off the FTP-Server, see note in <code>indexFTP()</code> . DEFAULT: 0
progbar	Logical: present a progress bar with estimated remaining time? If missing and <code>length(file)==1</code> , progbar is internally set to FALSE. Only works if the R package pbapply is available. DEFAULT: TRUE (!quiet)
browse	Logical: open repository via <code>browseURL()</code> and return URL folder path? If TRUE, no data is downloaded. If file has several values, only unique folders will be opened. DEFAULT: FALSE
ntrunc	Single integer: number of filenames printed in messages before they get truncated with message "(and xx more)". DEFAULT: 2
file	Deprecated since rdwd version 1.3.34, 2020-07-28.
quiet	Logical: suppress message about directory / filenames? DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>
...	Further arguments passed to <code>readDWD()</code> , like <code>fread</code> , <code>varnames</code> , <code>hr</code> , etc.

Value

Presuming downloading and processing were successful: if read=TRUE, the desired dataset (as returned by `readDWD()`), otherwise the filename as saved on disc (may have "_n" appended in name, see `berryFunctions::newFilename()`).

If `length(file)>1`, the output is a list of outputs / vector of filenames.

The output is always invisible.

Author(s)

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See Also

`selectDWD()`, `readDWD()`, `download.file()`.

<https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd>

Helpful for plotting: `berryFunctions::monthAxis()`, see also `berryFunctions::climateGraph()`

Examples

```
## Not run: ## requires internet connection
# find FTP files for a given station name and file path:
link <- selectDWD("Fuerstenzell", res="hourly", var="wind", per="recent")
# download file:
fname <- dataDWD(link, dir=locdir(), read=FALSE) ; fname
# dlocdir() is the default directory to store files
# unless force=TRUE, already obtained files will not be downloaded again

# read and plot file:
wind <- readDWD(fname, varnames=TRUE) ; head(wind)
metafiles <- readMeta(fname) ; str(metafiles, max.level=1)
column_names <- readVars(fname) ; head(column_names)

plotDWD(wind, "F.Windgeschwindigkeit", main="DWD hourly wind Fuerstenzell",
        ylab="Hourly Wind speed [m/s]", lwd=1)

# current and historical files, keep historical in the overlap time period:
link <- selectDWD("Potsdam", res="daily", var="kl", per="hr"); link
potsdam <- dataDWD(link, dir=locdir(), hr=4)
plot(TMK~MESS_DATUM, data=tail(potsdam,1500), type="l")

# With many files (>>50), use sleep to avoid getting kicked off the FTP server
#links <- selectDWD(res="daily", var="solar")
#sol <- dataDWD(links, sleep=20) # random waiting time after download (0 to 20 secs)

# Real life examples can be found in the use cases section of the website:
# browseURL("https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd")

## End(Not run)
```

dirDWD	<i>directory management for rdwd</i>
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Description

Manage directories with useful messages in the rdwd package.

Usage

```
dirDWD(dir = locdir(), quiet = rdwdquiet())
```

Arguments

dir	Char for dirDWD: writeable directory name. Created if not existent. DEFAULT: locdir()
quiet	Logical: Suppress messages about creating dir? DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()

Value

dirDWD invisibly returns the prior working directory as per [setwd\(\)](#).

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Oct 2016

See Also

[dataDWD\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# see source code of dataDWD and metaDWD
```

dwdbase	<i>DWD FTP Server base URL</i>
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Description

base URLs to the DWD FTP Server

dwdbase: observed climatic records at ftp:// variant of

https://opendata.dwd.de/climate_environment/CDC/observations_germany/climate/

See [overview of available datasets](#) and [usage suggestions](#).

gridbase: spatially interpolated gridded data at ftp:// variant of

https://opendata.dwd.de/climate_environment/CDC/grids_germany/

See [usage suggestions](#)

Usage

dwdbase

Format

An object of class character of length 1.

dwdparams	<i>DWD parameter explanations</i>
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Description

Short German parameter explanations for the DWD abbreviations on the CDC FTP server.

These are manually created by me and might need to be expanded if the DWD adds more abbreviations.

[readVars\(\)](#) maps them to the variable abbreviations in the "Metadaten_Parameter.*txt" file in any given zip folder and will warn about missing entries.

Usage

dwdparams

Format

An object of class data.frame with 176 rows and 2 columns.

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Jun 2018

See Also

[readVars\(\)](#), [readDWD\(\)](#)

Examples

```
head(dwdparams)
```

fileType	<i>determine DWD file type</i>
----------	--------------------------------

Description

determine which subfunction to call in [readDWD\(\)](#) from the file extension (ext).

The first block is for **observational data** ([overview](#)), the second for **gridded data** ([overview](#)).

Click on the type for the subfunction documentation, e.g. [data](#) for [readDWD.data\(\)](#).

type	ext	notes
data	.zip	For regular data at dwdbase .
meta	.txt	For Beschreibung.txt files. For zip files containing station meta information, see readMeta() .
multia	[SO]	[SO]: file ends with "Standort.txt" or contains multi_annual. Overrides meta.
stand	[SF]	[SF]: file contains "standard_format". For subdaily/standard_format files.
data	.txt.gz	For data at /CDC/derived_germany/.
pdf	.pdf	only opens file in default viewer.
radar	.gz	For when the file contains a single binary file.
binary	.tar.gz	The common radolan format, as far as I can tell.
raster	.asc.gz	E.g. for seasonal data at gridbase .
nc	.nc.gz	For packed netcdf files.
hyras	.nc	For non-packed netcdf files.
asc	.tar	For a file containing asc files.
asc	.zip	For a -grids-.zip file containing 1 asc file.
rklim	YW*.tar	For a file containing bin files.

[grib2](#) .grib2.bz2 For an nwp forecast file.

Usage

```
fileType(file)
```

Arguments

file Filename(s) with extension.

Value

Character (vector)

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Jul 2020

See Also

[readDWD\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ft <- read.table(header=TRUE, stringsAsFactors=FALSE, text="
type      filename
data      daily_kl_recent_tageswerte_KL_03987_akt.zip
meta      daily_kl_recent_KL_Tageswerte_Beschreibung_Stationen.txt
multia    multi_annual_mean_81-10_Temperatur_1981-2010_aktStandort.txt
multia    multi_annual_mean_81-10_Temperatur_1981-2010.txt
stand     subdaily_standard_format_kl_10381_00_akt.txt
deriv     derived_germany_soil_daily_historical_3987.txt.gz
pdf       DESCRIPTION_obsgermany_climate_monthly_kl_historical_en.pdf

radar     radolan_recent_bin-raa01-rw_10000-1802020250-dwd---bin.gz
binary    daily_radolan_historical_bin_2017_SF201712.tar.gz
raster    16_DJF_grids_germany_seasonal_air_temp_mean_188216.asc.gz
nc        daily_Project_TRY_humidity_RH_199509_daymean.nc.gz
hyras     monthly_hyras_de_humidity_hurs_hyras_5_2020_v5-0_de_monmean.nc
asc       radolan_historical_asc_2018_RW-201809.tar
asczip    grids_germany_annual_radiation_global_2024.zip
rklim     5_minutes_radolan_reproc_2017_002_bin_2020_YW2017.002_202006.tar
grib2     ftp_weather_nwp_cosmo-d2_005_T_2M.grib2.bz2
grib2     Project_TRY_air_temperature_mean_TT_201102.nc.bz2
")
fileType(ft$filename)

stopifnot(fileType(ft$filename)==ft$type)
berryFunctions::is.error(fileType("random_stuff.odt"), force=TRUE)

stopifnot(validFileTypes %in% ft$type)
```

```
stopifnot(ft$type %in% validFileTypes)
```

findID	<i>find DWD weather station ID from name</i>
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Description

Identify DWD weather station ID from station name

Usage

```
findID(
  name = "",
  exactmatch = TRUE,
  mindex = metaIndex,
  failempty = FALSE,
  quiet = rdwdquiet()
)
```

Arguments

name	Char: station name(s) that will be matched in mindex to obtain id . DEFAULT: ""
exactmatch	Logical: Should name match an entry in mindex exactly (be ==)? If FALSE, name may be a part of mindex\$Stationsname, as checked with grepl() . This is useful e.g. to get all stations starting with a name (e.g. 42 IDs for Berlin). DEFAULT: TRUE
mindex	Single object: Index used to select id if name is given. DEFAULT: metaIndex
failempty	Logical: fail if no matching names are found (instead of returning NA with a warning)? With the latter, selectDWD() returns all files at a res/var/per folder. This may be especially unwanted with per="hr". DEFAULT: FALSE
quiet	Logical: suppress length warnings? DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()

Value

Character string (vector) with ID(s)

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Oct-Nov 2016

See Also

used in [selectDWD\(\)](#), [metaInfo\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Give weather station name (must be existing in metaIndex):
findID("Potsdam")
findID("potsDam") # capitalization is ignored
# all names containing "Hamburg":
findID("Hamburg", exactmatch=FALSE)
findID("Potsdam", exactmatch=FALSE)

# vectorized:
findID(c("Potsdam", "Berlin-Buch"))

# German Umlauts are changed to ue, ae, oe, ss
findID("Muenchen", FALSE)
berryFunctions::convertUmlaut("M?nchen") # use this to convert umlauts in lists
```

index

Indexes of files and metadata on the DWD CDC FTP server

Description

Created with [indexFTP\(\)](#) and [createIndex\(\)](#) used in [updateIndexes\(\)](#).

In functions, you can access them with `rdwd::fileIndex` etc.

fileIndex: A data.frame with the filenames (and derived information) at the default base value [dwdbase](#).

metaIndex: A data.frame with the contents of all the station description files (..._Beschreibung_Stationen.txt) under [dwdbase](#).

geoIndex: metaIndex distilled to geographic locations.

gridIndex: Vector of file paths at [gridbase](#).

formatIndex: (modified) table from https://opendata.dwd.de/climate_environment/CDC/observations_germany/climate/subdaily/standard_format/formate_kl.html

Format

fileIndex: data.frame with character strings. ca 260k rows x 8 columns:

res, var, per (see [selectDWD\(\)](#)), station id, time series start and end, and ismeta information, all according to path.

metaIndex: data.frame with ca 97k rows for 12 columns:

Stations_id, von_datum, bis_datum, Stationshoehe, geoBreite, geoLaenge, Stationsname, Bundesland, res,

geoIndex: data.frame with ca 6k rows for 11 columns:

id, name, state, lat, lon, ele, nfiles, nonpublic, recentfile, display, col

gridIndex: Vector with ca 50k file paths at [gridbase](#)

formatIndex: data.frame with 140 rows for 12 columns:

Ke_Ind, Kennung, Label, Beschreibung, Einheit, Code-Tabellen, Zusatzinfo, Typ, Pos, Erlaubt, Fehl1k, div

Author(s)

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Source

Deutscher WetterDienst / Climate Data Center FTP Server

See Also

[createIndex\(\)](#), [indexFTP\(\)](#), [selectDWD\(\)](#), [findID\(\)](#), [metaInfo\(\)](#), [website index chapter](#)

Examples

```
data(fileIndex)
data(metaIndex)
data(geoIndex)
head(fileIndex)
head(metaIndex)
head(geoIndex)

# in functions, you can use head(rdwd::fileIndex) etc, but I don't export them
# because Hadley says 'Never @export a data set' in
# browseURL("http://r-pkgs.had.co.nz/data.html#data-data")

# To use a custom index, see
# browseURL("https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd/fileindex.html")
```

indexFTP

Create a recursive index of an FTP Server

Description

Create a list of all the files (in all subfolders) of an FTP server. Defaults to the German Weather Service (DWD, Deutscher WetterDienst) OpenData server at https://opendata.dwd.de/climate_environment/CDC/observations_germany/climate/.

The R package RCurl must be available to do this.

It's not suggested to run this for all folders, as it can take quite some time and you may get kicked off the FTP-Server. This package contains an index of the climatic observations at weather stations ([fileIndex](#)) and gridded datasets ([gridIndex](#)). If they are out of date, please let me know!

Getting banned from the FTP Server

Normally, this shouldn't happen anymore: since Version 0.10.10 (2018-11-26), a single RCurl handle is used for all FTP requests. There's a provision if the FTP server detects bot requests and denies access. If `RCurl::getURL()` fails, there will still be an output which you can pass in a second run via `folder` to extract the remaining dirs. You might need to wait a bit and set `sleep` to a higher value in that case. Here's an example:

```
gridindex <- indexFTP("", gridbase)
gridindex <- indexFTP(gridindex, gridbase, sleep=15)
```

Of course, with a higher sleep value, the execution will take longer!

Note: Between version 1.0.17 (2019-05-14) and 1.8.26 (2025-05-20), the DWD provided a tree file that was used to obtain all folders first, eliminating the recursive calls. See [issue 47](#).

Usage

```
indexFTP(
  folder = "",
  base = dwdbase,
  is.file.if.has.dot = TRUE,
  exclude.latest.bin = TRUE,
  fast = NULL,
  sleep = 0,
  nosave = FALSE,
  dir = locdir(),
  filename = folder[1],
  overwrite = FALSE,
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  progbar = !quiet,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

folder	Folder(s) to be indexed recursively, e.g. "/hourly/wind/". Leading slashes will be removed. Use folder="" to search at the location of base itself. DEFAULT: ""
base	Main directory of FTP server. Trailing slashes will be removed. DEFAULT: dwdbase
is.file.if.has.dot	Logical: if some of the input paths contain a dot, treat those as files, i.e. do not try to read those as if they were a folder. Only set this to FALSE if you know what you're doing. DEFAULT: TRUE
exclude.latest.bin	Exclude latest file at opendata.dwd.de/weather/radar/radolan/ RUrl::getURL indicates this is a pointer to the last regularly named file. DEFAULT: TRUE
fast	Obsolete, ignored. DEFAULT: NULL
sleep	If not 0, a random number of seconds between 0 and sleep is passed to Sys.sleep() after each read folder to avoid getting kicked off the FTP-Server, see note above. DEFAULT: 0
nosave	Logical: do not save the results to disc? If TRUE, dir, filename and overwrite are ignored. DEFAULT: FALSE
dir	Writeable directory name where to save the downloaded file. Created if not existent. DEFAULT: locdir()

filename	Character: Part of output filename. "INDEX_of_DWD_" is prepended, "/" replaced with "_", ".txt" appended. DEFAULT: folder[1]
overwrite	Logical: Overwrite existing file? If not, "_n" is added to the filename, see berryFunctions::newFilename() . DEFAULT: FALSE
quiet	Suppress progbars and message about directory/files? DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()
progbar	Logical: present a progress bar in each level? DEFAULT: TRUE
verbose	Logical: write a lot of messages from RCurl::getURL() ? DEFAULT: FALSE (usually, you dont need all the curl information)

Value

a vector with file paths

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Oct 2016

See Also

[createIndex\(\)](#), [updateIndexes\(\)](#), [website index chapter](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: ## Needs internet connection
sol <- indexFTP(folder="/daily/solar", dir=tempdir())
head(sol)

# with subfolders:
mon <- indexFTP(folder="/monthly", dir=tempdir())
unique(dirname(mon))
# mon <- indexFTP(folder="/monthly/kl", dir=tempdir(), verbose=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

lldist

distance between lat-long coordinates

Description

Great-circle distance between points at lat-long coordinates. Mostly a copy of OSMscale::earthDist Version 0.5.3 (2017-04-19). <https://github.com/brry/OSMscale/blob/master/R/earthDist.R#L57-L102>. Copied manually to avoid dependency hell. Does not check coordinates. Not exported.

Usage

```
lldist(lat, long, data, r = 6371, i = 1L)

maxlldist(lat, long, data, r = 6371, fun = max, each = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

lat, long	Latitude (North/South) and longitude (East/West) coordinates in decimal degrees
data	Optional: data.frame with the columns lat and long
r	radius of the earth. Could be given in miles. DEFAULT: 6371 (km)
i	Integer: Index element against which all coordinate pairs are computed. DEFAULT: 1
fun	Function to be applied. DEFAULT: <code>max()</code>
each	Logical: give max dist to all other points for each point separately? If FALSE, will return the maximum of the complete distance matrix, as if <code>max(maxlldist(y, x))</code> . For examples, see <code>OSMscale::maxEarthDist</code> DEFAULT: TRUE
...	Further arguments passed to fun, like <code>na.rm=TRUE</code>

Value

Vector with distance(s) in km (or units of r, if r is changed)

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Aug 2016 + Jan 2017. Angle formula from Diercke Weltatlas 1996, Page 245

locdir	<i>local data directory</i>
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Description

This can be used to set a directory for DWD data across projects, thus avoiding multiple downloads of the same file.

Set the default for all subsequent calls with `options(rdwdlocdir="YOUR/PATH")`.

You could add this to your .Rprofile file e.g. via `usethis::edit_r_profile()`

Usage

```
locdir(dir = getOption("rdwdlocdir"), file = NULL, quiet = rdwdquiet())
```

Arguments

dir	Path to data directory. If dir does not exist, <code>tempdir()</code> is used instead (with a warning, unless <code>quiet=TRUE</code>). If dir is NULL, locdir tries "C:/DWDdata", then "~/DWDdata". dir can also be set with <code>options(rdwdlocdir="YOUR/PATH")</code> thanks to the DEFAULT: <code>getOption("rdwdlocdir")</code>
file	Optional: path(s) at dir. DEFAULT: NULL
quiet	Logical: suppress tempdir warning? DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>

Value

charstring (directory)

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Apr 2019, Jun 2021

See Also

`runLocalTests()`

Examples

```
locdir()
oldopt <- options(rdwdlocdir="~")
locdir()
stopifnot(locdir() == path.expand("~"))
options(oldopt) ; rm(oldopt)
```

metaInfo

Information for a station ID on the DWD CDC FTP server

Description

Information for a station ID on the DWD CDC FTP server

Usage

```
metaInfo(id, mindex = metaIndex, hasfileonly = TRUE)
```

Arguments

id	Station ID (integer number or convertible to one)
mindex	Index dataframe with metadata. DEFAULT: <code>metaIndex</code>
hasfileonly	Logical: Only show entries that have files? DEFAULT: TRUE

Value

invisible data.frame. Also [prints](#) the output nicely formatted.

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Nov 2016

See Also

[metaIndex](#)

Examples

```
metaInfo(2849)
```

nearbyStations	<i>Find DWD stations close to given coordinates</i>
----------------	---

Description

Select DWD stations within a given radius around a set of coordinates

Usage

```
nearbyStations(
  lat,
  lon,
  radius,
  res = NA,
  var = NA,
  per = NA,
  mindate = NA,
  hasfileonly = TRUE,
  mindex = metaIndex,
  current = FALSE,
  statname = "nearbyStations target location",
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

lat	Coordinates y component [degrees N/S, range 47:55]
lon	Coordinates x component [degrees E/W, range 6:15]
radius	Maximum distance [km] within which stations will be selected

res, var, per	Restrictions for dataset type as documented in selectDWD() . Each can be a vector of entries. DEFAULTS: NA (ignored)
mindate	Minimum dataset ending date (as per metadata). DEFAULT: NA
hasfileonly	Logical: only return entries for which there is an open-access file available? DEFAULT: TRUE
mindex	Index with metadata for selecting data. See https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd/fileindex.html#metaindex DEFAULT: metaIndex
current	Get current mindex for res/var/per? All 3 must be given. See selectDWD() for details. DEFAULT: FALSE
statname	Character: name for target location. DEFAULT: "nearbyStations target location"
quiet	Logical: suppress progress messages? DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()
...	Further arguments passed to selectDWD()

Value

[metaIndex](#) subset with additional columns "dist" and "url"

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Mar 2017, Aug 2025

See Also

[selectDWD\(\)](#), [metaIndex](#), [website use case with nearbyStations](#)

Examples

```
m <- nearbyStations(49.211784, 9.812475, radius=30,
  res=c("daily", "hourly"), var=c("precipitation", "more_precip", "kl"),
  mindate=as.Date("2016-05-30"), statname="Braunsbach catchment center")
# View(m)

# for a continued example of this, see the website use case
# "plot all rainfall values around a given point" (ca section 21):
# browseURL("https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd")
```

newColumnNames

Enhance readDWD column names

Description

Add short German parameter descriptions to the DWD abbreviations. This uses [dwdparams\(\)](#) to create column names like "TT_TU.Lufttemperatur" and "RSK.Niederschlagshoehe." Column names not in the abbreviation list will be left untouched.

Usage

```
newColumnNames(dataframe, variables = dwdparams, separator = ".")
```

Arguments

dataframe	Dataframe as returned by readDWD.data()
variables	Dataframe as returned by readVars() for a single file. Rownames must be variable abbreviations. There must be a "Kurz" column. DEFAULT: dwdparams
separator	Separator between abbreviation and long name. DEFAULT: "."

Value

The dataframe with new column names

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Apr 2019

See Also

[dwdparams](#), [readVars\(\)](#), [readDWD\(\)](#) argument varnames, [newColumnNames\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# mainly for internal usage
```

plotDWD	<i>Quickly plot time series</i>
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Description

plot rdwd time series from data.frames

Usage

```
plotDWD(
  x,
  cn,
  monthaxis = TRUE,
  line0 = FALSE,
  xlab = "",
  ylab = cn,
  main = "",
  type = "l",
  lwd = 3,
  col = "blue",
```

```

    las = 1,
    mar = c(2.6, 3.1, 2.5, 0.5),
    mgp = c(1.9, 0.7, 0),
    keeppar = TRUE,
    ...
)

```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	Data.frame, e.g. from readDWD.data
<code>cn</code>	Column name (charstring)
<code>monthaxis</code>	Draw nice axis? DEFAULT: TRUE
<code>line0</code>	Draw horizontal line at 0? DEFAULT: FALSE
<code>xlab</code>	X axis label. DEFAULT: ""
<code>ylab</code>	Y axis label. DEFAULT: cn
<code>main</code>	Plot title. DEFAULT: ""
<code>type</code>	graphics::plot type. DEFAULT: "l"
<code>lwd</code>	Line width. DEFAULT: 3
<code>col</code>	Line color. DEFAULT: "blue"
<code>las</code>	Label axis style. DEFAULT: 1 (all upright)
<code>mar</code>	Plot margins. DEFAULT: c(2.6, 3.1, 2.5, 0.5)
<code>mgp</code>	Margin placement. DEFAULT: c(1.9, 0.7, 0)
<code>keeppar</code>	Keep <code>las</code> , <code>mar</code> and <code>mgp</code> as set with par , so later points are added in the right location? DEFAULT: TRUE
<code>...</code>	Further arguments passed to graphics::plot

Value

Nothing

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Sep 2021

See Also

[readDWD\(\)](#)

Examples

```

link <- selectDWD("Potsdam", res="daily", var="kl", per="r")
clim <- dataDWD(link, dir=locdir(), varnames=TRUE)
plotDWD(clim, "TMK.Lufttemperatur", line0=TRUE, main="Potsdam")

```

plotRadar

*plot radar products on a pretty map***Description**

Convenience function to plot radar products on a pretty map. Creates a separate plot for each layer, a selection is possible.

Usage

```
plotRadar(
  x,
  layer = NULL,
  main = names(x),
  land = "gray80",
  sea = "cadetblue1",
  de = "grey80",
  eu = "black",
  col = berryFunctions::seqPal(),
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = NULL,
  zlim = NULL,
  axes = TRUE,
  las = 1,
  mar = c(2.5, 3.5, 2.5, 5),
  keeppar = TRUE,
  project = TRUE,
  proj = "radolan",
  extent = "radolan",
  adjust05 = FALSE,
  targetproj = "11",
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	terra raster object, e.g. 'dat' element of object returned by readDWD() .
layer	Optional: selected layer(s) to be plotted. DEFAULT: NULL
main	Graph title(s). Use "" to suppress. DEFAULT: names(x)
land	Color of land areas in the map. DEFAULT: "gray80"
sea	Color of sea areas in the map. DEFAULT: "cadetblue1"
de	Color of Deutschland Bundesland borders. DEFAULT: "grey80"
eu	Color of Europe country borders . DEFAULT: "black"
col	Color palette for the data itself. DEFAULT: berryFunctions::seqPal()

xlim	xlim. DEFAULT: NULL, i.e. taken from x extent (after reprojection if project=TRUE)
ylim	ylim. DEFAULT: NULL, i.e. taken from y extent (after reprojection if project=TRUE)
zlim	zlim. 3 Options: two-number vector, zlim="ind" for individual zlim per layer, or NULL for range of selected layer(s). DEFAULT: NULL
axes	Draw axes? DEFAULT: TRUE
las	LabelAxisStyle for axes. DEFAULT: 1 (all upright)
mar	Vector with plot margins. DEFAULT: c(2.5, 3.5, 2.5, 5)
keeppar	Logical: keep the margins set with par, so later points etc are added in the right location? DEFAULT: TRUE, opposite to sf::plot with reset=TRUE, see https://github.com/cran/sf/blob/master/R/plot.R
project	Project the data before plotting? Not needed if <code>projectRasterDWD()</code> has already been called. DEFAULT: TRUE
proj	current projection, see <code>projectRasterDWD()</code> , used only if project=TRUE. DEFAULT: "radolan"
extent	current extent, see <code>projectRasterDWD()</code> , used only if project=TRUE. DEFAULT: "radolan"
adjust05	Logical: Adjust extent by 0.5m to match edges? DEFAULT: FALSE
targetproj	target projection, see <code>projectRasterDWD()</code> , used only if project=TRUE. DEFAULT: "ll"
quiet	suppress progress messages? DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>
...	Further arguments passed to <code>terra::plot()</code>

Value

terra object, (re)projected (if project=TRUE). If length(layer)==1, only that selected layer is returned.

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Feb 2020, June 2023

See Also

`projectRasterDWD()`, `addBorders()`, `readDWD()`, [website raster chapter](#)

Examples

```
# See https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd/raster-data.html
## Not run:  ## Excluded from CRAN checks: requires internet connection
link <- "seasonal/air_temperature_mean/16_DJF/grids_germany_seasonal_air_temp_mean_188216.asc.gz"
rad <- dataDWD(link, base=gridbase, joinbf=TRUE)
radp <- plotRadar(rad, proj="seasonal", extent=NULL, main="plotRadar ex")
plotRadar(radp, ylim=c(52,54), project=FALSE)

# plotRadar equivalent, map only country borders:
radpm <- projectRasterDWD(rad[[1]], proj="seasonal", extent=NULL)
```

```

terra::plot(radpm)
addBorders()

# several layers
url <- "daily/Project_TRY/pressure/PRED_199606_daymean.nc.gz" # 5 MB
nc <- dataDWD(url, base=gridbase, joinbf=TRUE)

ncp3 <- plotRadar(nc, main=paste(terra::longnames(nc), terra::time(nc)), layer=1:3,
                  col=terrain.colors(100), proj="nc", extent="nc")
plotRadar(ncp3, layer=3:4, project=FALSE) # still has all layers
plotRadar(ncp3, layer=4:5, project=FALSE, zlim="ind") # individual zlims per layer
plotRadar(ncp3, layer=1, project=FALSE, zlim=c(1016,1020))

ncp1 <- plotRadar(nc, layer=1, proj="nc", extent="nc") # much faster projection
# no longer has layers 2-4:
berryFunctions::is.error(plotRadar(ncp1, layer=1:4, project=FALSE), TRUE, TRUE)

## End(Not run)

```

projectRasterDWD

project DWD raster data

Description

Set projection and extent for DWD raster data. Optionally (and per default) also reprojects to latlon data.

WARNING: reprojection to latlon changes values slightly. For the tested RX product, this change is significant, see: <https://github.com/brry/rdwd/blob/master/misc/ExampleTests/Radartests.pdf>

In terra::plot, use **range=zlim with the original range** if needed.

Usage

```

projectRasterDWD(
  r,
  proj = "radolan",
  extent = "radolan",
  adjust05 = FALSE,
  targetproj = "ll",
  threads = TRUE,
  quiet = rdwdquiet()
)

```

Arguments

r terra raster object

proj	Current projection to be given to r. Can be - a <code>terra::crs()</code> input, - NULL to not set proj+extent (but still consider targetproj), - or a special charstring for internal defaults, namely: "radolan" (readDWD.binary + .asc + .radar), "seasonal" (.raster) or "nc" (.nc). DEFAULT: "radolan"
extent	Current <code>terra::ext()</code> extent to be given to r. Ignored if proj=NULL. Can be NULL to be ignored, an extent object, a vector with 4 numbers, or "radolan" / "rw" / "seasonal" / "nc" with internal defaults. DEFAULT: "radolan"
adjust05	Logical: Adjust extent by 0.5m to match edges? DEFAULT: FALSE
targetproj	r is reprojected to this <code>terra::crs()</code> . Use NULL to not reproject (i.e. only set proj and extent). DEFAULT: "ll" with internal default for lat-lon.
threads	Use multiple CPU threads for <code>terra::project()</code> ? DEFAULT: TRUE (opposite from terra::project)
quiet	Logical: suppress progress messages? DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>

Details

The internal defaults are extracted from the Kompositformatbeschreibung at <https://www.dwd.de/DE/leistungen/radolan/radolan.html>, as provided 2019-04 by Antonia Hengst.

The nc extent was obtained by projecting Germanys bbox to EPSG 3034 (specified in the DWD documentation). Using that as a starting point, I then refined the extent to a visual match, see [developmentNotes.R](#)

Value

terra raster object with projection and extent, invisible

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, May 2019, June 2023

See Also

`plotRadar()`
`terra::crs / ext / project`
`readDWD.binary / raster / asc / radar / nc`
[website raster chapter](#)

Examples

```
# To be used after readDWD.binary etc
```

`rdwd`*Handle Climate Data from DWD (German Weather Service)*

Description

- find, select, download + read data from the German weather service DWD
- vectorized, progress bars, no re-downloads
- index of files + meta data
- observational time series from 6k meteorological recording stations (2.5k active)
-> rain, temperature, wind, sunshine, pressure, cloudiness, humidity, snow, ...
- gridded raster data from radar + interpolation
- european data stock slowly growing
For an introduction to the package, see <https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd>.

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>

See Also

Useful links:

- <https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/brry/rdwd/issues>

`rdwdquiet`*global quiet option for rdwd*

Description

global quiet option. The default `rdwdquiet()` is FALSE.
Just write the following in your code and all subsequent calls will be quiet:
`options(rdwdquiet=TRUE)`

Usage

`rdwdquiet()`

readDWD

*Process data from the DWD CDC FTP Server***Description**

Read climate data that was downloaded with [dataDWD\(\)](#). The data is unzipped and subsequently, the file(s) are read, processed and returned as a data.frame / terra raster object.

For observational data, new users are advised to set varnames=TRUE to obtain more informative column names.

readDWD will call internal (but documented) subfunctions depending on the argument type, see the overview in [fileType\(\)](#).

Not all arguments to readDWD are used for all subfunctions, e.g. fread is used only by [readDWD.data](#), while dividebyten is used in [readDWD.raster](#) and [readDWD.asc](#).

file can be a vector with several filenames. Most other arguments can also be a vector and will be recycled to the length of file.

Usage

```
readDWD(
  file,
  type = fileType(file),
  varnames = FALSE,
  fread = NA,
  format = NA,
  tz = "GMT",
  hr = 0,
  dividebyten = TRUE,
  var = "",
  progbar = !quiet,
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  quietread = quiet,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

file	Char (vector): name(s) of the file(s) downloaded with dataDWD() , e.g. "~/DWD-data/tageswerte_KL_02575_akt.zip" or "~/DWDdata/RR_Stundenwerte_Beschreibung_Stationen.txt"
type	Character (vector) determining which subfunction to call. DEFAULT: fileType(file) .
varnames	Logical (vector): Expand column names? Only used in readDWD.data() . DEFAULT: FALSE (for backward compatibility)
fread	Logical (vector): read fast? Used in readDWD.data() . DEFAULT: NA

format, tz	Format and time zone of time stamps, see readDWD.data()
hr	Integer code to merge historical and recent file. Used here, but documented in detail in readDWD.data() . DEFAULT: 0 (ignore argument)
dividebyten	Logical (vector): Divide the values in raster files by ten? That way, [1/10 mm] gets transformed to [mm] units. Used in readDWD.radar() , readDWD.raster() and readDWD.asc() . DEFAULT: TRUE
var	var for readDWD.nc() . DEFAULT: ""
progrbar	Logical: present a progress bar with estimated remaining time? If missing and length(file)==1, progrbar is internally set to FALSE, unless binary files are to be read. DEFAULT: !quiet
quiet	Logical: suppress messages? DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()
quietread	Logical: suppress message like "Reading 1 file with readDWD.data() and fread=TRUE ...". DEFAULT: quiet
...	Further arguments passed to the internal readDWD.* subfunctions (see fileType) and from those to the underlying actual reading functions

Value

For observational data, an invisible data.frame of the desired dataset, or a named list of data.frames if length(file) > 1.
For gridded data, terra raster objects.

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Jul-Oct 2016, Winter 2018/19

See Also

[dataDWD\(\)](#), [readVars\(\)](#), [readMeta\(\)](#), [selectDWD\(\)](#), [fileType\(\)](#)
<https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd>

Examples

```
# see dataDWD and readDWD.* subfunctions
```

readDWD.asc

read dwd gridded radolan asc data

Description

read grid-interpolated radolan asc data. Intended to be called via [readDWD\(\)](#).
All layers (following selection if given) in all .tar.gz files are combined into a terra raster with [terra::rast\(\)](#).
To project the data, use [projectRasterDWD\(\)](#)

Usage

```
readDWD.asc(
  file,
  exdir = NULL,
  dividebyten = TRUE,
  selection = NULL,
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  progbar = !quiet,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. DWDdata/grids_germany/hourly/radolan/historical/asc/2018_RW-201809.tar. Must have been downloaded with mode="wb"!
exdir	Directory to unzip into. Unpacked files existing therein will not be untarred again, saving up to 15 secs per file. DEFAULT: NULL (subfolder of <code>tempdir()</code>)
dividebyten	Divide numerical values by 10? See <code>readDWD</code> . If dividebyten=FALSE and exdir left at NULL (tempdir), save the result on disc with <code>terra::writeRaster()</code> . Accessing out-of-memory raster objects won't work if exdir is removed! -> Error in .local(Object, ...) DEFAULT: TRUE
selection	Optionally read only a subset of the ~24*31=744 files. Called as f[selection]. DEFAULT: NULL (ignored)
quiet	Suppress progress messages? DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>
progbar	Show progress bars? <code>readDWD()</code> will keep progbar=TRUE for asc files, even if length(file)==1. DEFAULT: !quiet, i.e. TRUE
...	Further arguments passed to <code>terra::rast()</code>

Value

data.frame

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, April 2019

See Also

`readDWD()`

Examples

```
## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks, but run in localtests
# File selection and download:
radbase <- paste0(gridbase,"/hourly/radolan/historical/asc/")
radfile <- "2018/RW-201809.tar" # 25 MB to download
file <- dataDWD(radfile, base=radbase, joinbf=TRUE, read=FALSE)
#asc <- readDWD(file) # 4 GB in mem. ~ 20 secs unzip, 10 secs read, 2 min divide
```

```

asc <- readDWD(file, selection=1:5, dividebyten=TRUE)
plotRadar(asc[[1]], main=names(asc)[1])

viddir <- paste0(tempdir(), "/RadolanVideo")
dir.create(viddir)
png(paste0(viddir, "/Radolan_%03d.png"), width=7, height=5, units="in", res=300)
plotRadar(asc, layer=1:3, main=names(asc)) # 3 secs per layer
dev.off()
berryFunctions::openFile(paste0(viddir, "/Radolan_001.png"))

# Time series of a given point in space:
plot(unlist(asc[800,800,]), type="l", xlab="Time [hours]")

# if dividebyten=FALSE, terra stores things out of memory in the exdir.
# by default, this is in tempdir, hence you would need to save asc manually:
# terra::writeRaster(asc, tempfile(fileext="/RW2018-09.gpkg"), overwrite=TRUE)

## End(Not run)

```

readDWD.asczip	<i>read dwd gridded asc data</i>
----------------	----------------------------------

Description

Read gridded asc data. Intended to be called via [readDWD\(\)](#).

Usage

```
readDWD.asczip(file, ascmeta = FALSE, quiet = rdwdquiet(), ...)
```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. DWDdata/annual/radiation_global/grids_germany_annual_radiation_...
ascmeta	Logical: return meta data from asc file as a vector with ca 20 string elements? DEFAULT: FALSE
quiet	Ignored. DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()
...	Further arguments passed to terra::rast()

Value

[terra::rast](#) object

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Jan 2025

See Also[readDWD\(\)](#)**Examples**

```
## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks, but run in localtests
link <- "annual/radiation_global/grids_germany_annual_radiation_global_2022.zip" # 0.1 MB
file <- dataDWD(link, base=gridbase, joinbf=TRUE, read=FALSE)
meta <- readDWD(file, ascmeta=TRUE)
str(meta)
grid <- readDWD(file)
plotRadar(grid, proj="seasonal", extent="seasonal")

## End(Not run)
```

readDWD.binary

*read dwd gridded radolan binary data***Description**

read gridded radolan binary data. Intended to be called via [readDWD\(\)](#).

Usage

```
readDWD.binary(
  file,
  exdir = sub(".tar.gz$", "", file),
  toraster = TRUE,
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  progbar = !quiet,
  selection = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. DWDdata/daily_radolan_historical_bin_2017_SF201712.tar.gz
exdir	Directory to unzip into. If existing, only the needed files will be unpacked with untar() . Note that exdir size will be around 1.1 GB. exdir can contain other files, these will be ignored for the actual reading with dwdradar::readRadarFile() . DEFAULT exdir: sub(".tar.gz\$", "", file)
toraster	Logical: convert output (list of matrixes + meta informations) to a list with dat (terra::rast) + meta (list from the first subfile, but with vector of dates)? DEFAULT: TRUE
quiet	Suppress progress messages? DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()

progbar	Show progress bars? <code>readDWD()</code> will keep <code>progbar=TRUE</code> for binary files, even if <code>length(file)==1</code> . DEFAULT: <code>!quiet</code> , i.e. <code>TRUE</code>
selection	Optionally read only a subset of the $\sim 24 \times 31 = 744$ files. Called as <code>f[selection]</code> . DEFAULT: <code>NULL</code> (ignored)
...	Further arguments passed to <code>dwdradar::readRadarFile()</code> , i.e. <code>na</code> and <code>clutter</code>

Value

list depending on argument `toraster`, see there for details

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Dec 2018. Significant input for the underlying `dwdradar::readRadarFile()` came from Henning Rust & Christoph Ritschel at FU Berlin.

See Also

`readDWD()`, especially `readDWD.radar()`
<https://wradlib.org> for much more extensive radar analysis in Python
 Kompositformatbeschreibung at <https://www.dwd.de/DE/leistungen/radolan/radolan.html>
 for format description

Examples

```
## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks, but run in localtests

# SF file as example: ----

SF_link <- "/daily/radolan/historical/bin/2017/SF201712.tar.gz"
SF_file <- dataDWD(url=SF_link, base=gridbase, joinbf=TRUE, # 204 MB
                  dir=locdir(), read=FALSE)
# exdir radardir set to speed up my tests:
SF_exdir <- "C:/Users/berry/Desktop/DWDbinarySF"
if(!file.exists(SF_exdir)) SF_exdir <- tempdir()
# no need to read all 24*31=744 files, so setting selection:
SF_rad <- readDWD(SF_file, selection=1:10, exdir=SF_exdir) #with toraster=TRUE
if(length(SF_rad)!=2) stop("length(SF_rad) should be 2, but is ", length(SF_rad))

SF_radp <- plotRadar(SF_rad$dat, layer=1:3, main=SF_rad$meta$date)
plotRadar(SF_radp, layer=1, project=FALSE)

# RW file as example: ----

RW_link <- "hourly/radolan/reproc/2017_002/bin/2017/RW2017.002_201712.tar.gz"
RW_file <- dataDWD(url=RW_link, base=gridbase, joinbf=TRUE, # 25 MB
                  dir=locdir(), read=FALSE)
RW_exdir <- "C:/Users/berry/Desktop/DWDbinaryRW"
if(!file.exists(RW_exdir)) RW_exdir <- tempdir()
RW_rad <- readDWD(RW_file, selection=1:10, exdir=RW_exdir)
RW_radp <- plotRadar(RW_rad$dat[[1]], main=RW_rad$meta$date[1], extent="rw")
```

```
# ToDo: why are values + patterns not the same?

# list of all Files: ----
data(gridIndex)
head(grep("historical", gridIndex, value=TRUE))

## End(Not run)
```

readDWD.data	<i>read regular dwd data</i>
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Description

Read regular dwd data. Intended to be called via `readDWD()`.

Usage

```
readDWD.data(
  file,
  fread = FALSE,
  varnames = FALSE,
  format = NA,
  tz = "GMT",
  hr = 0,
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. DWDdata/daily_kl_recent_tageswerte_KL_03987_akt.zip
fread	Logical: read faster with <code>data.table::fread</code> ? When reading many large historical files, speedup is significant. When called from <code>readDWD()</code> , <code>fread=NA</code> can also be used, which means TRUE if R package <code>data.table</code> and system command <code>unzip</code> are available. Hint for Windows users: <code>unzip</code> comes with Rtools. See https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd/fread.html DEFAULT: FALSE
varnames	Logical (vector): add a short description to the DWD variable abbreviations in the column names? E.g. change FX, TNK to FX.Windspitze, TNK.Lufttemperatur_Min, see <code>newColumnNames()</code> . DEFAULT: FALSE (for backwards compatibility)
format	Char (vector): Format passed to <code>as.POSIXct()</code> (see <code>strptime()</code>) to convert the date/time column to POSIX time format. If NA (the default), <code>readDWD</code> tries to find a suitable format based on the number of characters. Since <code>rdwd</code> version 1.8.7 (2024-05-14), timestamps with 8 digits (e.g. in daily data) is converted with <code>as.Date()</code> . If NULL, no conversion is performed (date stays a factor). DEFAULT: NA
tz	Char (vector): time zone for <code>as.POSIXct()</code> . "" is the current time zone, and "GMT" is UTC (Universal Time, Coordinated). DEFAULT: "GMT"

hr	Integer code to automatically merge historical and recent datasets. If set, readDWD returns a data.frame instead of a list. If multiple historical files are present, the longest date range (per file name) is used. This is not actually used in readDWD.data, but in readDWD() . 0 (default): ignore this argument 1: sort by hr (if given) + merge 2: also remove duplicated dates from recent 3: also remove columns QN3,QN4,eor 4: also remove column STATIONS_ID DEFAULT: 0
quiet	Suppress empty file warnings? DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()
...	Further arguments passed to read.table() or data.table::fread()

Value

data.frame

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>

See Also[readDWD\(\)](#), Examples in [dataDWD\(\)](#)

readDWD.deriv	<i>read derived dwd data</i>
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DescriptionRead dwd data from /CDC/derived_germany/. Intended to be called via [readDWD\(\)](#).**Usage**

readDWD.deriv(file, gargs = NULL, todate = TRUE, quiet = rdwdquiet(), ...)

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. DWDdata/soil_daily_historical_derived_germany_soil_daily_historic
gargs	If fread=FALSE: Named list of arguments passed to R.utils::gunzip() , see readDWD.raster() . DEFAULT: NULL
todate	Logical: Convert char column 'Datum' or 'Monat' with as.Date() ? The format is currently hard-coded. Monthly data gets mapped to yyyy-mm-15 DEFAULT: TRUE
quiet	Ignored. DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()
...	Further arguments passed to read.table() or data.table::fread()

Value

data.frame

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>

See Also

[readDWD\(\)](https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd/use-case-derived-data.html), <https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd/use-case-derived-data.html>

readDWD.grib2	<i>read nwp forecast data</i>
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Description

read gridded numerical weather prediction data. Intended to be called via [readDWD\(\)](#).

Usage

```
readDWD.grib2(file, pack = "terra", bargs = NULL, quiet = rdwdquiet(), ...)
```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. cosmo-d2_germany_regular-lat-lon_single-level_2021010100_005_T_2M.grib2.bz2
pack	Char: package used for reading. One of "terra" or "stars". "rgdal" (for the deprecated cosmo-d2 data) is no longer available, see issue . DEFAULT: "terra"
bargs	Named list of arguments passed to R.utils::bunzip2() , see gargs in readDWD.raster() . DEFAULT: NULL
quiet	Silence readGDAL completely, including warnings on discarded ellps / datum. DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()
...	Further arguments passed to terra::rast() or stars::read_stars() .

Value

terra or stars object, depending on pack

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Jan 2021.

See Also`readDWD()`https://www.dwd.de/EN/ourservices/nwp_forecast_data/nwp_forecast_data.html<https://www.dwd.de/EN/aboutus/it/functions/Teasergroup/grib.html>**Examples**

```
## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks, but run in localtests
nwp_t2m_base <- "ftp://opendata.dwd.de/weather/nwp/icon-d2/grib/15/soiltyp"
nwp_urls <- indexFTP("", base=nwp_t2m_base, dir=tempdir())
# for p instead of soiltyp, icosahedral_model-level files fail with GDAL errors,
# see https://github.com/brry/rdwd/issues/28
# regular-lat-lon-pressure-level files work with pack="terra" or "stars"

nwp_file <- dataDWD(tail(nwp_urls,1), base=nwp_t2m_base, dir=tempdir(),
                    joinbf=TRUE, dbin=TRUE, read=FALSE)
nwp_data <- readDWD(nwp_file)
terra::plot(nwp_data)
addBorders() # the projection seems to be perfectly good :)

# index of GRIB files
if(FALSE){ # indexing takes about 6 minutes!
grib_base <- "ftp://opendata.dwd.de/weather/nwp/icon-d2/grib"
grib_files <- indexFTP("", base=grib_base, dir=tempdir())
for(f in unique(substr(grib_files, 1,3))) print(grib_files[which(substr(grib_files, 1,3)==f)[1]])
View(data.frame(grep("regular",grib_files, value=TRUE)))
}

# Project_TRY bz2 netcdf data:
url <- "hourly/Project_TRY/air_temperature_mean/TT_201102.nc.bz2" # 97 MB
file <- dataDWD(url, base=gridbase, joinbf=TRUE, dir=tempdir(), read=FALSE)
nc <- readDWD(file) # should also be using readDWD.grib2
# Setting layer=1:2 takes 4 minutes, just go one at a time, I guess:
ncp <- plotRadar(nc, main=paste(terra::longnames(nc), terra::time(nc)), layer=1,
                 col=berryFunctions::seqPal(), proj="nc", extent="nc")

## End(Not run)
```

readDWD.hyras

*read dwd hyras netcdf data***Description**

Read hyras netcdf data. Intended to be called via `readDWD()`.

Note that terra must be installed to read the .nc files.

Usage

```
readDWD.hyras(file, quiet = rdwdquiet(), ...)
```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. DWDdata/monthly_hyras_de_humidity_hurs_hyras_5_2020_v5-0_de_monmean.nc
quiet	Currently not used. DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>
...	Further arguments passed to <code>terra::rast()</code>

Value

`terra::rast()` object.

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Jun 2023

See Also

`readDWD.nc()` for packed .nc.gz files, `readDWD()`

Examples

```
## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks, but run in localtests
link <- "monthly/hyras_de/humidity/hurs_hyras_5_2020_v5-0_de_monmean.nc"
hyras <- dataDWD(link, gridbase, joinbf=TRUE) # 0.9MB
plotRadar(hyras, proj="nc", extent=NULL,
           main=substr(terra::time(hyras),1,7), layer=1:2)

## End(Not run)
```

readDWD.meta	<i>read dwd metadata (Beschreibung*.txt files)</i>
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Description

read dwd metadata (Beschreibung*.txt files). Intended to be called via `readDWD()`. Column widths for `read.fwf()` are computed internally. if(any(meta)), `readDWD()` tries to set the locale to German (to handle Umlaute correctly). It is hence not recommended to call `rdwd::readDWD.meta` directly on a file! Names can later be changed to ascii with `berryFunctions::convertUmlaut()`.

Usage

```
readDWD.meta(file, quiet = rdwdquiet(), ...)
```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. DWDdata/daily_kl_recent_KL_Tageswerte_Beschreibung_Stationen.
quiet	Ignored. DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>
...	Further arguments passed to <code>read.fwf()</code>

Value

data.frame

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>

See Also[readDWD\(\)](#)**Examples**

```
## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks, but run in localtests

link <- selectDWD(res="daily", var="kl", per="r", meta=TRUE)
link <- link[!grepl("mn4", link)] # for mn4 file May 2022
link <- grep(".txt$", link, value=TRUE)
if(length(link)!=1) stop("length of link should be 1, but is ", length(link),
                        ":\n", berryFunctions::truncMessage(link,prefix="",sep="\n"))

file <- dataDWD(link, dir=locdir(), read=FALSE)
meta <- readDWD(file)
head(meta)

cnm <- colnames(meta)
if(length(cnm)!=9) stop("number of columns should be 9, but is ", length(cnm),
                        ":\n", toString(cnm))

## End(Not run)
```

readDWD.multia	<i>read multi_annual dwd data</i>
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Description

read multi_annual dwd data. Intended to be called via [readDWD\(\)](#).
 All other observational data at [dwdbase](#) can be read with [readDWD.data\(\)](#), except for the multi_annual and subdaily/standard_format data.

Usage

```
readDWD.multia(
  file,
  fileEncoding = "latin1",
  tryenc = TRUE,
  comment.char = "\032",
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. DWDdata/multi_annual_mean_81-10_Temperatur_1981-2010_aktStandort.txt or DWDdata/multi_annual_mean_81-10_Temperatur_1981-2010_Stationsliste_aktStandort.txt
fileEncoding	read.table() file encoding. DEFAULT: "latin1"
tryenc	Logical. If reading fails, try with encoding = "". This was added in version 1.8.5 (2023-09-27) because of non-reproducible issues in runLocalTests. DEFAULT: TRUE
comment.char	read.table() comment character. DEFAULT: "\032" (needed 2019-04 to ignore the binary control character at the end of multi_annual files)
quiet	Ignored. DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()
...	Further arguments passed to read.table()

Value

data.frame

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Feb 2019

See Also

[readDWD\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks, but run in localtests

# Temperature aggregates (2019-04 the 9th file, 2022-05 the 8th):
durl <- selectDWD(res="multi_annual", per="mean_81-10")[8]
murl <- selectDWD(res="multi_annual", per="mean_81-10", meta=TRUE)[8]
# encoding issue not tested enough to be in the source code:
ma_temp <- dataDWD(durl)
ma_meta <- dataDWD(murl)

head(ma_temp)
head(ma_meta)

ma <- merge(ma_meta, ma_temp, all=TRUE)
berryFunctions::linReg(ma$Stationshoehe, ma$Jahr, main="annual average ~ elevation")
op <- par(mfrow=c(3,4), mar=c(0.1,2,2,0), mgp=c(3,0.6,0))
for(m in colnames(ma)[8:19])
{
  berryFunctions::linReg(ma$Stationshoehe, ma[,m], xaxt="n", xlab="", ylab="", main=m)
  abline(h=0)
}
par(op)
```

```

par(bg=8)
berryFunctions::colPoints(ma$geogr..Laenge, ma$geogr..Breite, ma$Jahr, add=F, asp=1.4)

DEU <- terra::vect(system.file("extdata/DEU.gpkg", package="rdwd"))
pdf("MultiAnn.pdf", width=8, height=10)
par(bg="grey90")
for(m in colnames(ma)[8:19])
{
  terra::plot(DEU, border="grey40")
  berryFunctions::colPoints(ma[-262,]$geogr..Laenge, ma[-262,]$geogr..Breite, ma[-262,m],
    asp=1.4, # Range=range(ma[-262,8:19]),
    col=berryFunctions::divPal(200, rev=TRUE), zlab=m, add=T)
}
dev.off()
berryFunctions::openFile("MultiAnn.pdf")

## End(Not run)

```

readDWD.nc

read dwd netcdf data

Description

Read netcdf data. Intended to be called via [readDWD\(\)](#).

Note that R.utils and ncdf4 must be installed to unzip and read the .nc.gz files.

Usage

```

readDWD.nc(
  file,
  gargs = NULL,
  var = "",
  toraster = TRUE,
  noflip = TRUE,
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  ...
)

```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. DWDdata/grids_germany/daily/Project_TRY/humidity/RH_199509_01.nc
gargs	Named list of arguments passed to R.utils::gunzip() , see readDWD.raster() . DEFAULT: NULL
var	if toraster=FALSE: Charstring with name of variable to be read with ncdf4::ncvar_get() . If not available, an interactive selection is presented. DEFAULT: "" (last variable)
toraster	Read file with terra::rast() ? All further arguments (except noflip) will be ignored. Specify e.g. var through ... as varname. DEFAULT: TRUE

noflip	Vertical flip in <code>terra::rast()</code> ? Can probably always be TRUE, see https://github.com/rspatial/terra/issues DEFAULT: TRUE
quiet	Logical: Suppress time conversion failure warning? DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>
...	Further arguments passed to <code>terra::rast()</code> or <code>ncdf4::nc_open()</code>

Value

`terra::rast()` object. Alternatively, if `toraster=FALSE`, a list with time, lat, lon, var, varname, file and cdf. `cdf` is the output of `ncdf4::nc_open()`.

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Aug 2019

See Also

`readDWD.hyras()` for non-packed .nc files, `readDWD()`

Examples

```
## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks, but run in localtests

library(berryFunctions) # for seqPal and colPointsLegend

url <- "daily/Project_TRY/pressure/PRED_199606_daymean.nc.gz" # 5 MB
url <- "daily/Project_TRY/humidity/RH_199509_daymean.nc.gz" # 25 MB
file <- dataDWD(url, base=gridbase, joinbf=TRUE, dir=locdir(), read=FALSE)
nc <- readDWD(file)
ncp <- plotRadar(nc, main=paste(terra::longnames(nc), terra::time(nc)), layer=1:3,
                 col=seqPal(), proj="nc", extent="nc")

str(terra::values(nc[[1]])) # obtain actual values into memory

terra::plot(nc[[1]]) # axes 0:938 / 0:720, the number of grid cells
terra::plot(ncp[[1]]) # properly projected, per default onto latlon

rng <- range(terra::global(nc[[1:6]]), "range", na.rm=TRUE)
terra::plot(nc, col=seqPal(), zlim=rng, maxnl=6)

# Array instead of terra rast:
nc <- readDWD(file, toraster=FALSE)
image(nc$var[,1], col=seqPal(), asp=1.1)
colPointsLegend(nc$var[,1], title=paste(nc$varname, nc$time[1]))

# interactive selection of variable:
# nc <- readDWD(file, toraster=FALSE, var="--") # commented out to not block automated tests
str(nc$var)

## End(Not run)
```

readDWD.pdf	<i>open pdf data</i>
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Description

open pdf file. This leads to less failures in the new meta=TRUE

Usage

```
readDWD.pdf(file, quiet = rdwdquiet(), ...)
```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. monthly_kl_historical_DESCRIPTION_obsgermany_climate_monthl
quiet	Ignored. DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()
...	Further arguments passed to berryFunctions::openFile() and from there to system2()

Value

[berryFunctions::openFile\(\)](#) output

system in [selectDWD\(\)](#).

Intended to be called via [readDWD\(\)](#).

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, May 2022.

See Also

[readDWD\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks, but run in localtests
link <- selectDWD(res="hourly", var="solar", per="r", meta=TRUE)
if(!any(endsWith(link,"pdf"))) stop("no pdf file here anymore")
# hourly/sun no longer has a pdf file anymore 2023-09
link <- link[endsWith(link,"pdf")][1]
file <- dataDWD(link, read=FALSE)
readDWD(file) # opens in OS default PDF viewer

# for regular res/var combinations, use per=" " (since 1.8.29 2025-05-20)
link <- selectDWD(res="daily", var="kl", per=" ", meta=TRUE)
```

```

if(!any(endsWith(link,"pdf"))) stop("no pdf file here anymore")

## End(Not run)

```

readDWD.radar	<i>read dwd gridded radolan radar data</i>
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Description

read gridded radolan radar data. Intended to be called via `readDWD()`.

Usage

```

readDWD.radar(
  file,
  gargs = NULL,
  toraster = TRUE,
  dividebyten = TRUE,
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  ...
)

```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. DWDdata/hourly/radolan/recent/bin/ raa01-rw_10000-1802020250-dwd—bin.gz
gargs	Named list of arguments passed to <code>R.utils::gunzip()</code> , see <code>readDWD.raster()</code> . DEFAULT: NULL
toraster	Logical: convert output (list of matrixes + meta informations) to a list with data (<code>terra::rast</code>) + meta (list from the first subfile, but with vector of dates)? DEFAULT: TRUE
dividebyten	Logical: Divide the numerical values by 10? See <code>readDWD</code> . toraster??? DEFAULT: TRUE
quiet	Ignored. DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>
...	Further arguments passed to <code>dwdradar::readRadarFile()</code> , i.e. na and clutter

Value

Invisible list with dat (matrix or raster, depending on toraster) and meta (list with elements from header)

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Aug 2019. Significant input for the underlying `dwdradar::readRadarFile()` came from Henning Rust & Christoph Ritschel at FU Berlin.

See Also

`readDWD()`, especially `readDWD.binary()`
<https://wradlib.org> for much more extensive radar analysis in Python
 Kompositformatbeschreibung at <https://www.dwd.de/DE/leistungen/radolan/radolan.html>
 for format description

Examples

```
## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks, but run in localtests
# recent radar files
rrf <- indexFTP("hourly/radolan/recent/bin", base=gridbase, dir=tempdir())
lrf <- dataDWD(rrf[773], base=gridbase, joinbf=TRUE, dir=tempdir(), read=FALSE)
r <- readDWD(lrf)
plotRadar(r$dat, main=paste("mm in 24 hours preceding", r$meta$date))

## End(Not run)
```

readDWD.raster	<i>read dwd gridded raster data</i>
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Description

Read gridded raster data. Intended to be called via `readDWD()`.
 Note that R.utils must be installed to unzip the .asc.gz files.

Usage

```
readDWD.raster(file, gargs = NULL, dividebyten, quiet = rdwdquiet(), ...)
```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. DWDdata/grids_germany/seasonal/air_temperature_mean/16_DJF_grids_germany_seasonal_air_temp_mean_188216.asc.gz
gargs	Named list of arguments passed to <code>R.utils::gunzip()</code> . The internal defaults are: <code>remove=FALSE</code> (recommended to keep this so file does not get deleted) and <code>skip=TRUE</code> (which reads previously unzipped files as is). If file has changed, use <code>gargs=list(temporary=TRUE)</code> . The <code>gunzip</code> default <code>destname</code> means that the unzipped file is stored at the same path as file. DEFAULT: <code>gargs: NULL</code>
dividebyten	Logical: Divide the numerical values by 10? See <code>readDWD</code> . DEFAULT: <code>TRUE</code>
quiet	Ignored. DEFAULT: <code>FALSE</code> through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>
...	Further arguments passed to <code>terra::rast()</code>

Value

`terra::rast` object

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Dec 2018

See Also

[readDWD\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks, but run in localtests

rasterbase <- paste0(gridbase,"/seasonal/air_temperature_mean")
ftp.files <- indexFTP("/16_DJF", base=rasterbase, dir=tempdir())
localfiles <- dataDWD(ftp.files[1:2], base=rasterbase, joinbf=TRUE,
                      dir=locdir(), read=FALSE)
rf <- readDWD(localfiles[1])
rf <- readDWD(localfiles[1]) # runs faster at second time due to skip=TRUE
terra::plot(rf)

plotRadar(rf, proj="seasonal", extent=NULL)

testthat::expect_equal(c(terra::minmax(rf)), c(-8.2,4.4))
rf10 <- readDWD(localfiles[1], dividebyten=FALSE)
terra::plot(rf10)
testthat::expect_equal(c(terra::minmax(rf10*1)), c(-82,44))

## End(Not run)
```

readDWD.rklim

read dwd gridded radklim binary data

Description

read gridded radklim binary data. Intended to be called via [readDWD\(\)](#).
 Note: needs dwdradar >= 0.2.6 (2021-08-08)

Usage

```
readDWD.rklim(
  file,
  exdir = NULL,
  unpacked = NULL,
  selection = NULL,
  toraster = TRUE,
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  progbar = !quiet,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. DWDdata/5_minutes_radolan_reproc_2017_002_bin_2020_YW2017
exdir	Directory to unzip into. If existing, only the needed files will be unpacked with <code>untar()</code> . Note that exdir size will be around 17 GB for 5-minute files. If unpacked=FALSE, exdir can contain other files that will be ignored for the actual reading. DEFAULT: <code>basename(file)</code> at <code>tempdir</code>
unpacked	Manually indicate whether .tar.gz files within .tar file have already been unpacked before. DEFAULT: NULL: checks if 'yw.*-bin' file(s) are present
selection	Optionally read only a subset of the $\sim 12 \times 24 \times 30/31 = 8640$ files. Called as <code>f[selection]</code> . DEFAULT: NULL (ignored)
toraster	Logical: convert to <code>terra::rast</code> ? see <code>readDWD.binary</code> DEFAULT: TRUE
quiet	Suppress progress messages? DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>
progbar	Show progress bars? DEFAULT: !quiet, i.e. TRUE
...	Further arguments passed to <code>dwdradar::readRadarFile()</code> , i.e. <code>na</code> and <code>clutter</code>

Value

list depending on argument `toraster`, see there for details

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Aug 2021.

See Also

`readDWD.binary()`, radar locations from https://www.dwd.de/DE/leistungen/radarklimatologie/radklim_kompositformat_1_0.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=1

Examples

```
## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks, but run in localtests
yw_link <- "/5_minutes/radolan/reproc/2017_002/bin/2022/YW2017.002_202203.tar"
# 202006 has untar error on Mac, 2023-04, maybe due to incomplete download
yw_file <- dataDWD(url=yw_link, base=gridbase, joinbf=TRUE, read=FALSE) # 207 MB
x <- readDWD(yw_file, selection=3641:3644)
# 00:30 for tar files, 01:40 for unpacking.
# If you need a preselection argument, let me know.
terra::plot(x$dat)
plotRadar(x$dat[[1]], extent="rw") # better extent below

f <- system.file("tests//raa01-yw2017.002_10000-2006131525-dwd---bin", package="dwdradar")
# https://stackoverflow.com/a/72207233/1587132 on how to install with tests folder
if(!file.exists(f)){
  # Clone from https://github.com/brry/dwdradar:
  f <- locdir(file="binary_testfile")
  download.file(paste0("https://github.com/brry/dwdradar/raw/master/tests/",
    "raa01-yw2017.002_10000-2006131525-dwd---bin"), f, mode="wb")
}
```

```

x <- dwdradar::readRadarFile(f)
x$dat <- terra::rast(x$dat)
terra::plot(x$dat)
plotRadar(x$dat, extent=c(-360, 380, -4730, -3690))

radloc <- read.table(header=T, sep=",", text="
ND, NM, NS , ED, EM, ES
53, 33, 50.4, 06, 44, 53.9
51, 07, 26.5, 13, 45, 48.5
51, 24, 18.5, 06, 57, 49.8
47, 52, 21.3, 08, 00, 24.6
54, 10, 23.2, 12, 06, 25.3
52, 28, 40.3, 13, 23, 13.0
54, 00, 15.8, 10, 02, 48.7
51, 07, 28.7, 13, 46, 07.1
49, 32, 26.4, 12, 24, 10.0
53, 20, 19.4, 07, 01, 25.5
51, 24, 20.2, 06, 58, 01.6
47, 52, 25.0, 08, 00, 13.0
51, 20, 06.0, 08, 51, 09.0
51, 18, 40.3, 08, 48, 07.2
50, 03, 06.0, 08, 34, 05.0
50, 01, 20.8, 08, 33, 30.7
53, 37, 16.5, 09, 59, 47.6
52, 27, 47.0, 09, 41, 53.9
52, 27, 36.2, 09, 41, 40.2
48, 10, 28.9, 12, 06, 06.3
48, 02, 31.7, 10, 13, 09.2
48, 20, 10.9, 11, 36, 42.1
50, 30, 00.4, 11, 08, 06.2
50, 06, 34.7, 06, 32, 53.9
49, 59, 05.1, 08, 42, 46.6
52, 38, 55.2, 13, 51, 29.6
54, 10, 32.4, 12, 03, 29.1
48, 35, 07.0, 09, 46, 58.0
52, 09, 36.3, 11, 10, 33.9")
radloc$x <- radloc$ED + radloc$EM/60 + radloc$ES/3600
radloc$y <- radloc$ND + radloc$NM/60 + radloc$NS/3600
for(i in 1:29) berryFunctions::circle(radloc$x[i], radloc$y[i], 0.9)

## End(Not run)

```

readDWD.stand

read subdaily/standard_format dwd data

Description

read subdaily/standard_format dwd data. Intended to be called via `readDWD()`.

All other observational data at [dwdbase](#) can be read with `readDWD.data()`, except for the multi_annual and subdaily/standard_format data.

Usage

```
readDWD.stand(
  file,
  fast = TRUE,
  fileEncoding = "latin1",
  formIndex = formatIndex,
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

file	Name of file on harddrive, like e.g. DWDdata/subdaily_standard_format_kl_10381_00_akt.txt or DWDdata/subdaily_standard_format_kl_10381_bis_1999.txt.gz
fast	Logical: use <code>readr::read_fwf()</code> instead of <code>read.fwf()</code> ? Takes 0.1 instead of 20 seconds but requires package to be installed. if fast=TRUE, fileEncoding is ignored. DEFAULT: TRUE
fileEncoding	<code>read.table()</code> file encoding. DEFAULT: "latin1" (potentially needed on Linux, optional but not hurting on windows)
formIndex	Single object: Index used to select column widths and NA values. To use a current / custom index, see the source code of <code>updateIndexes()</code> at https://github.com/brry/rwd/blob/master/R/updateIndexes.R . DEFAULT: <code>formatIndex</code>
quiet	Ignored. DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>
...	Further arguments passed to <code>read.fwf()</code> or <code>readr::read_fwf()</code>

Value

data.frame with column names as per `formatIndex`. "Q"-columns have "_parameter" appended to their name. A "Date" column has been added. NA-indicators have been processed into NAs.

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Oct 2019

See Also

[readDWD\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks, but run in localtests

link <- selectDWD(res="subdaily", var="standard_format", per="r")
link <- link[grepl("10381", link, fixed=TRUE)]
# Not ID, according to meta data, hence no longer in column id (2023-04).
file <- dataDWD(link, dir=locdir(), read=FALSE)
sf <- readDWD(file)
```

```

sf2 <- readDWD(file, fast=FALSE) # 20 secs!
stopifnot(all.equal(sf, sf2))

plot(sf$Date, sf$SHK, type="l")

# Plot all columns:
if(FALSE){ # not run in any automated testing
tmp <- tempfile(fileext=".pdf")
char2fact <- function(x)
{
  if(all(is.na(x))) return(rep(-9, len=length(x)))
  if(!is.numeric(x)) as.factor(x) else x
}
pdf(tmp, width=9)
par(mfrow=c(2,1),mar=c(2,3,2,0.1), mgp=c(3,0.7,0), las=1)
for(i in 3:ncol(sf)-1) plot(sf$Date, char2fact(sf[,i]), type="l", main=colnames(sf)[i], ylab="")
dev.off()
berryFunctions::openFile(tmp)
}

## End(Not run)

```

readMeta

Process data from the DWD CDC FTP Server

Description

Read climate meta info textfiles in zip folders downloaded with [dataDWD\(\)](#).

Usage

```
readMeta(file, progbar = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

file	Char (vector): name(s) of the zip file(s) downloaded with dataDWD() , e.g. "~/DWD-data/tageswerte_KL_02575_akt.zip"
progbar	Logical: present a progress bar with estimated remaining time? If missing and length(file)==1, progbar is internally set to FALSE. DEFAULT: TRUE
...	Further arguments passed to read.table()

Value

Invisible named list of data.frames; or a list of lists, if length(file)>1.

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, 2016 + March 2019

See Also

[dataDWD\(\)](#), [readVars\(\)](#), [readDWD\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# see dataDWD
```

readVars

Process data from the DWD CDC FTP Server

Description

Read climate variables (column meta data) from zip folders downloaded with [dataDWD\(\)](#). The metadata file "Metadaten_Parameter.*txt" in the zip folder file is read, processed and returned as a data.frame.

file can be a vector with several filenames.

Usage

```
readVars(file, params = dwdparams, quiet = rdwdquiet(), progbar = TRUE)
```

Arguments

file	Char (vector): name(s) of the file(s) downloaded with dataDWD() , e.g. "~/DWD-data/tageswerte_KL_02575_akt.zip"
params	data.frame: Parameter explanations. DEFAULT: dwdparams
quiet	Suppress message about non-abbreviated parameters? DEFAULT: FALSE through rdwdquiet()
progbar	Logical: present a progress bar with estimated remaining time? If missing and length(file)==1, progbar is internally set to FALSE. DEFAULT: TRUE

Value

data.frame of the desired dataset, or a named list of data.frames if length(file) > 1.

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Jun 2018

See Also

[dataDWD\(\)](#), [readDWD\(\)](#), [dwdparams](#), [newColumnNames\(\)](#)
[readMeta\(\)](#) for complete Metadaten_Parameter file.
[website use case](#)

Examples

```
# see dataDWD
```

rowDisplay	Create leaflet map popup from data.frame rows
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Description

Create display character string for leaflet map popup from data.frame rows. This function is not exported, as it is only internally useful. A generic version is available in [berryFunctions::popleaf\(\)](#).

Usage

```
rowDisplay(x)
```

Arguments

x data.frame with colnames

Value

Vector of character strings, one for each row in x.

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Feb 2017

See Also

[geoIndex](#)

runLocalTests	run local tests of rdwd
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Description

Run rdwd tests on local machine. Due to time-intensive data downloads, these tests are not run automatically on CRAN.

Usage

```
runLocalTests(
  dir_data = locdir(),
  dir_exmpl = berryFunctions::packagePath(file = "misc/ExampleTests"),
  start = 1,
  quiet = rdwdquiet()
)
```

Arguments

<code>dir_data</code>	Reusable data location. Preferably not under version control. DEFAULT: <code>locdir()</code>
<code>dir_exmpl</code>	Reusable example location. DEFAULT: local directory
<code>start</code>	Number to start tests at, helpful for partially successful runs. DEFAULT: 1
<code>quiet</code>	Suppress progress messages? DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>

Value

Time taken to run tests in minutes

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Apr-Oct 2019

See Also

`locdir()`

selectDWD

Select data from the DWD CDC FTP Server

Description

Select data files for downloading with `dataDWD()`.

The available res/var/per folders with datasets are listed [online](#).

Set `res=""`, `var=""`, `per=""` to avoid the default interactive selection.

The arguments `name/id` and `res/var/per` can be vectors.

Usage

```
selectDWD(
  name = "",
  res = NA,
  var = NA,
  per = NA,
  expand = TRUE,
  id = findID(name, exactmatch = exactmatch, minindex = minindex, quiet = quiet, failempty =
    failempty),
  exactmatch = TRUE,
  minindex = metaIndex,
  failempty = TRUE,
  findindex = fileIndex,
  current = FALSE,
  base = dwdbase,
  meta = FALSE,
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

name	Char: station name(s) passed to <code>findID()</code> , along with <code>exactmatch</code> , <code>mindex</code> and <code>failempty</code> . All 3 arguments are ignored if <code>id</code> is given. DEFAULT: "" (all stations at <code>res/var/per</code>)
res	Char: temporal resolution at base, e.g. "hourly", "daily", "monthly". See section 'Description' above and <code>fileIndex</code> . Use <code>res=""</code> for matching options from all resolutions. DEFAULT: NA for interactive selection
var	Char: weather variable of interest, e.g. "air_temperature", "cloudiness", "precipitation", "soil_moisture". See section 'Description' above and <code>fileIndex</code> . DEFAULT: NA for interactive selection
per	Char: desired time period , e.g. "recent" (up to date records from the last 1.5 years) or "historical" (long time series). Can be abbreviated. To get both datasets, use <code>per="hr"</code> . Use <code>per=" "</code> when using <code>meta=TRUE</code> (the DWD moved the description files in late 2024). Use <code>per=""</code> for matching options from all periods. DEFAULT: NA for interactive selection
expand	Logical: get all possible <code>res/var/per</code> combinations? Set to FALSE if you want only the given combinations. If FALSE, they cannot be NA or "". DEFAULT: TRUE
id	Char/Number: station ID with or without leading zeros, e.g. "00614" or 614. Is internally converted to an integer. Use NA (the default from <code>findID</code>) to get all data at <code>res/var/per</code> . DEFAULT: <code>findID(name, exactmatch, mindex, failempty)</code>
exactmatch	Logical passed to <code>findID()</code> : match name with <code>==</code> ? Else with <code>grepl()</code> . DEFAULT: TRUE
mindex	Single object: Index with metadata passed to <code>findID()</code> . DEFAULT: <code>metaIndex</code>
failempty	Fail if no matching station is found in <code>findID()</code> ? Avoid downloading all files. DEFAULT: TRUE
findex	Single object: Index used to select filename, as returned by <code>createIndex()</code> . To use a current / custom index, see <code>current</code> and https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd/fileindex.html . DEFAULT: <code>fileIndex</code>
current	Single logical when <code>res/var/per</code> is given: instead of <code>findex</code> , use a list of the currently available files at <code>base/res/var/per</code> ? This will call <code>indexFTP()</code> , thus requires availability of the Rcurl package. See https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd/fileindex.html . DEFAULT: FALSE
base	Single char: main directory of DWD ftp server. Must be the same base used to create <code>findex</code> . <code>sub("ftp:", "https:", dwdbase)</code> works fine. DEFAULT: <code>dwdbase</code>
meta	Logical: select Beschreibung file from <code>ismeta</code> entries in <code>findex</code> ? See <code>metaIndex</code> for a compilation of all Beschreibung files. See the 'Examples' section for handling pdf and txt files. DEFAULT: FALSE
quiet	Suppress id length warnings? DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>
...	Further arguments passed to <code>indexFTP()</code> if <code>current=TRUE</code> , except folder and base.

Value

Character string with file path and name(s) in the format "base/res/var/per/filename.zip"

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Oct 2016, rewritten May 2022

See Also

[dataDWD\(\)](#), [metaIndex](#), [website station selection chapter](#)

Examples

```
# Give weather station name (must exist in metaIndex):
selectDWD("Potsdam", res="daily", var="kl", per="historical")

# all files for all stations matching "Koeln":
tail(selectDWD("Koeln", res="", var="", per="", exactmatch=FALSE)) # 686 files
findID("Koeln", FALSE)

## Not run: # Excluded from CRAN checks to save time

# selectDWD("Potsdam") # interactive selection of res/var/per

# directly give station ID:
selectDWD(id="00386", res="daily", var="kl", per="historical")
selectDWD(id=537, "", "", "", "") # 8 files

# period can be abbreviated:
selectDWD(id="5419", res="daily", var="kl", per="h")

# selectDWD is vectorizable!
# since version 1.5.28 (2022-05-12) outer product, not elementwise comparison:
selectDWD("Freiburg", res="daily", var="kl", per="rh")
selectDWD("Freiburg", res=c("daily","monthly"), var="kl", per="r")
selectDWD("Freiburg", res=c("daily","monthly"), var="kl", per="hr")
# get old behaviour (needed e.g. in nearbyStations):
ids <- c(3761,3761, 3603)
# all combinations:
selectDWD(id=ids, res="daily", var="kl", per=c("h","r","r")) # 4
# only given combinations:
selectDWD(id=ids, res="daily", var="kl", per=c("h","r","r"), expand=FALSE) # 3

# all files in all paths matching id:
head( selectDWD(id=c(1050, 386), res="",var="",per="") ) # 277 files
# all files in a given path (if ID is empty):
head( selectDWD(id="", res="daily", var="kl", per="recent") ) # 585 files

selectDWD(id=386, res="monthly", var="kl", per="h")

# Meta data - Description and Beschreibung txt/pdf files.:
# manually select .txt (not pdf) files for automated opening with readDWD.
```

```

link <- selectDWD(res="monthly", var="kl", per="h", meta=TRUE) # omit ID/Name!
link
link2 <- grep("\\.txt$", link, value=TRUE) ; link2
m <- dataDWD(link2, dir=locdir())
head(m)
#
# Open PDF files with your system's default Viewer:
dataDWD(link[1], dir=locdir())

## End(Not run)

```

updateRdwd

Update rdwd development version

Description

Update rdwd to the latest development version on github, if necessary. If the version number or date is larger on github, `remotes::install_github()` will be called.

Usage

```

updateRdwd(
  pack = "rdwd",
  user = "brry",
  vignette = NA,
  quiet = rdwdquiet(),
  ...
)

```

Arguments

pack	Name of (already installed) package. DEFAULT: "rdwd"
user	Github username. repo will then be user/pack. DEFAULT: "brry"
vignette	build_vignettes in <code>remotes::install_github()</code> ? DEFAULT: NA (changed to TRUE if rmarkdown and knitr are available)
quiet	Suppress version messages and <code>remotes::install</code> output? DEFAULT: FALSE through <code>rdwdquiet()</code>
...	Further arguments passed to <code>remotes::install_github()</code>

Value

data.frame with version information

Author(s)

Berry Boessenkool, <berry-b@gmx.de>, Nov 2019

See Also

```
remotes::install_github()
```

Examples

```
# updateRdwd()
```

validFileTypes	<i>valid fileType values</i>
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Description

fileType values that have a reading subfunction `readDWD.ftype()`.

Usage

```
validFileTypes
```

Format

An object of class character of length 15.

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