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country_codes Country codes

Description

A full dataset of all reporter and partner codes available in the UN Comtrade database.

Usage

country_codes
ct_commodity_db_type

Format

country_codes A dataframe with 312 rows and eight columns:

id Unique country code.
country Name of the country (in English).
iso_3 The country’s ISO 3 code.
entry_year The country’s entry into the international system or 1900 (whichever is largest).
exit_year The country’s exit from the international system, if applicable.
group Indicates whether the entity is a group of countries. For example, ASEAN or the European Union.
reporter Indicates whether the country is a reporter in the UN Comtrade database.
partner Indicates whether the country can be reported on by others in the UN Comtrade database.
Not all partners are reporters. For example, the World cannot report its trade values.

Source


Description

This function is deprecated. There is currently no alternative for this function. [Superseded]

Usage

ct_commodity_db_type(...)

Arguments

... Used to catch all possible arguments that users have supplied to this function.

Value

depreciation error

Examples

# no examples because only legacy function
ct_commodity_lookup  UN Comtrade commodities database query

Description

The Comtrade API requires that searches for specific commodities be done using commodity codes. This is a helper function for querying the Comtrade commodity database. It takes as input a vector of commodities or commodity codes. Output is a list or vector of commodity descriptions or codes associated with the input search_terms. For use with the UN Comtrade API, full API docs can be found at https://unstats.un.org/wiki/display/comtrade/

Usage

ct_commodity_lookup(
  search_terms,
  return_code = FALSE,
  commodity_classification = "HS",
  type = "goods",
  return_char = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  ignore.case = TRUE,
  update = FALSE,
  ...
)

Arguments

search_terms  Commodity names or commodity codes, as a char or numeric vector.
return_code   Logical, if set to FALSE, the function will return a set of commodity descriptions along with commodity codes (as a single string for each match found), if set to TRUE it will return only the commodity codes. Default value is FALSE.
commodity_classification
type          The type of returned trade data. Possible values: 'goods' for trade in goods, 'services' for trade in services. Default: 'goods'.
return_char   Logical, if set to FALSE, the function will return the matches as a named list, if set to TRUE it will return them as a character vector. Default value is FALSE.
verbose       Logical, if set to TRUE, a warning message will print to console if any of the elements of input "search_terms" returned no matches (message will indicate which elements returned no data). Default is TRUE.
ignore.case   Logical, to be passed along to arg ignore.case within grepl. Default value is TRUE.
update        If TRUE, downloads possibly updated reference tables from the UN. Default: FALSE.
...           additional args to be passed along to grepl.
Details

This function uses regular expressions (regex) to find matches within the commodity DB. This means it will treat as a match any commodity description that contains the input search term. For more on using regex within R, see https://stat.ethz.ch/R-manual/R-devel/library/base/html/regex.html

Value

A list or character vector of commodity descriptions and/or commodity codes that are matches with the elements of "search_terms".

See Also

grepl

Examples

```r
comtradr::ct_commodity_lookup("wine")
```

Description

This function is deprecated. You can use `country_codes` to return a dataset with all possible country codes, but in general the specification of iso 3 codes makes a look-up unnecessary. [Superseded]

Usage

country_lookup(...)

Arguments

... 

Used to catch all possible arguments that users have supplied to this function.

Value

depreciation error

Examples

```r
# no examples because only legacy function
```
Description

This function queries the UN Comtrade API to retrieve international trade data. It allows for detailed specification of the query, including the type of data (goods or services), frequency (annual or monthly), commodity classification, flow direction, and more. By providing everything for certain parameters, you can query all possible values. The function is opinionated in that it already verifies certain parameters for you and is more than a pure wrapper around the API.

Usage

c\_get\_bulk(
    type = "goods",
    frequency = "A",
    commodity\_classification = "HS",
    reporter = "all\_countries",
    start\_date = NULL,
    end\_date = NULL,
    tidy\_cols = TRUE,
    verbose = FALSE,
    primary\_token = get\_primary\_comtrade\_key()
    update = FALSE,
    requests\_per\_second = 10/60,
    cache = FALSE,
    download\_bulk\_files = TRUE
)

Arguments

type The type of returned trade data. Possible values: 'goods' for trade in goods, 'services' for trade in services. Default: 'goods'.
frequency The frequency of returned trade data. Possible values: 'A' for annual data, 'M' for monthly data. Default: 'A'.
commodity\_classification The trade classification scheme. Possible values for goods: c('HS', 'H0', 'H1', 'H2', 'H3', 'H4', 'H5', 'S1', 'S2', 'S3', 'S4', 'S5', 'B4', 'B5'); for services: c('EB02', 'EB10', 'EB10S', 'EB'). Default: 'HS'.
reporter Reporter ISO3 code(s), everything or all\_countries. See \texttt{comtradr::country\_codes} or \texttt{comtradr::ct\_get\_ref\_table('reporter')} for possible values. all\_countries returns all countries without aggregates everything returns all possible parameters. Default: 'all\_countries'.
start\_date The start date of the query. Format: yyyy for yearly, yyyy-mm for monthly.
end\_date The end date of the query. Format: yyyy for yearly, yyyy-mm for monthly. Max: 12 years after start date for annual data, one year for monthly data.
ct_get_data

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>tidy_cols</th>
<th>If TRUE, returns tidy column names. If FALSE, returns raw column names. Default: TRUE.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>verbose</td>
<td>If TRUE, sends status updates to the console. If FALSE, runs functions quietly. Default: FALSE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>primary_token</td>
<td>Your primary UN Comtrade API token. Default: stored token from comtradr::set_primary_comtrade_key</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>update</td>
<td>If TRUE, downloads possibly updated reference tables from the UN. Default: FALSE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>requests_per_second</td>
<td>Rate of requests per second executed, usually specified as a fraction, e.g. 10/60 for 10 requests per minute, see req_throttle() for details.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cache</td>
<td>A logical value to determine, whether requests should be cached or not. If set to True, tools::R_user_dir(which = 'cache') is used to determine the location of the cache. Use the .Renviron file to set the R_USER_CACHE_DIR in order to change this location. Default: False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>download_bulk_files</td>
<td>If TRUE downloads all files that are returned from the Comtrade API as a list for the specified parameters. This can result in large writing and reading operations from your file system.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Details

The UN Comtrade database provides a repository of official international trade statistics and relevant analytical tables. It contains annual trade statistics starting from 1988 and monthly trade statistics since 2000 for goods data.

Parameters that accept everything will query all possible values. For example, setting commodity_code = 'everything' will retrieve data for all commodity codes. This can be useful for broad queries but may result in large datasets.

Value

A data.frame with trade data or, if process = FALSE, a httr2 response object.

Description

This function queries the UN Comtrade API to retrieve international trade data. It allows for detailed specification of the query, including the type of data (goods or services), frequency (annual or monthly), commodity classification, flow direction, and more. By providing everything for certain parameters, you can query all possible values. The function is opinionated in that it already verifies certain parameters for you and is more than a pure wrapper around the API.
ct_get_data

ct_get_data(
  type = "goods",
  frequency = "A",
  commodity_classification = "HS",
  commodity_code = "TOTAL",
  flow_direction = c("Import", "Export", "Re-export", "Re-import"),
  reporter = "all_countries",
  partner = "World",
  start_date = NULL,
  end_date = NULL,
  process = TRUE,
  tidy_cols = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  primary_token = get_primary_comtrade_key(),
  mode_of_transport = "TOTAL modes of transport",
  partner_2 = "World",
  customs_code = "C00",
  update = FALSE,
  requests_per_second = 10/60,
  extra_params = NULL,
  cache = FALSE
)

Arguments

- **type**: The type of returned trade data. Possible values: 'goods' for trade in goods, 'services' for trade in services. Default: 'goods'.
- **frequency**: The frequency of returned trade data. Possible values: 'A' for annual data, 'M' for monthly data. Default: 'A'.
- **commodity_classification**: The trade classification scheme. Possible values for goods: c('HS', 'S1', 'S2', 'S3', 'S4', 'SS', 'B4', 'B5'), for services: c('EB02', 'EB10', 'EB10S', 'EB'). Default: 'HS'.
- **commodity_code**: The commodity code(s) or everything for all possible codes. See comtradr::ct_get_ref_table('HS') for possible values. Default: 'TOTAL' (sum of all commodities).
- **flow_direction**: The direction of trade flows or everything. Possible values can be found in ct_get_ref_table('flow_direction'). These are implemented case-insensitive, 'import' and 'Import' are equivalent. Default: c('import', 'export', 're-export', 're-import').
- **reporter**: Reporter ISO3 code(s), everything or all_countries. See comtradr::country_codes or comtradr::ct_get_ref_table('reporter') for possible values. all_countries returns all countries without aggregates everything returns all possible parameters. Default: 'all_countries'.
- **partner**: Partner ISO3 code(s), everything or all_countries. See comtradr::country_codes for possible values. all_countries returns all countries without aggregates everything returns all possible parameters, incl. aggregates like World. Default: 'World' (all partners as an aggregate).
start_date  The start date of the query. Format: yyyy for yearly, yyyy-mm for monthly.

end_date The end date of the query. Format: yyyy for yearly, yyyy-mm for monthly. Max: 12 years after start date for annual data, one year for monthly data.

process If TRUE, returns a data.frame with results. If FALSE, returns the raw httr2 request. Default: TRUE.

tidy_cols If TRUE, returns tidy column names. If FALSE, returns raw column names. Default: TRUE.

verbose If TRUE, sends status updates to the console. If FALSE, runs functions quietly. Default: FALSE.

primary_token Your primary UN Comtrade API token. Default: stored token from comtradr::set_primary_comtrade_key.

mode_of_transport Text code of mode of transport or everything for all possible parameters. See ct_get_ref_table(dataset_id = 'mode_of_transport') for possible values. Default: 'TOTAL modes of transport' (TOTAL).

partner_2 Partner 2 ISO3 code(s), everything or all_countries. See comtradr::country_codes for possible values. all_countries returns all countries without aggregates everything returns all possible parameters, incl. aggregates like World. Default: 'World' (all partners as an aggregate).

customs_code Customs Code ID or everything for all possible parameters. See ct_get_ref_table(dataset_id = 'customs_code') for possible values. Default: 'C00' (TOTAL).

update If TRUE, downloads possibly updated reference tables from the UN. Default: FALSE.

requests_per_second Rate of requests per second executed, usually specified as a fraction, e.g. 10/60 for 10 requests per minute, see req_throttle() for details.

extra_params Additional parameters to the API, passed as query parameters without checking. Please provide a named list to this parameter. Default: NULL.

cache A logical value to determine, whether requests should be cached or not. If set to True, tools::R_user_dir(which = 'cache') is used to determine the location of the cache. Use the .Renviron file to set the R_USER_CACHE_DIR in order to change this location. Default: False.

Details
The UN Comtrade database provides a repository of official international trade statistics and relevant analytical tables. It contains annual trade statistics starting from 1988 and monthly trade statistics since 2000 for goods data.

Parameters that accept everything will query all possible values. For example, setting commodity_code = 'everything' will retrieve data for all commodity codes. This can be useful for broad queries but may result in large datasets.

Value
A data.frame with trade data or, if process = F, a httr2 response object.
ct_get_ref_table

Get reference table from package data

Description

The first time, the function will read from disk, the second time from the environment. In the case of a necessary update the new data will be saved to the environment for the current session. You can use this table to look at the reference tables and if necessary extract respective classification codes by hand. In general we would recommend the function ct_commodity_lookup for this purpose. It uses the present function in the backend.
ct_get_ref_table

Usage

ct_get_ref_table(dataset_id, update = FALSE, verbose = FALSE)

Arguments

dataset_id: The dataset ID, which is either partner, reporter or a valid classification scheme.
update: If TRUE, downloads possibly updated reference tables from the UN. Default: FALSE.
verbose: If TRUE, sends status updates to the console. If FALSE, runs functions quietly. Default: FALSE.

Details

The function allows you to query most possible input parameters that are listed by the Comtrade API. The following dataset_ids are permitted:

- Datasets that contain codes for the commodity_code argument. The name is the same as you would provide under commodity_classification.
  - 'HS' This is probably the most common classification for goods.
  - 'B4'
  - 'B5'
  - 'EB02'
  - 'EB10'
  - 'EB10S'
  - 'EB'
  - 'S1'
  - 'S2'
  - 'S3'
  - 'S4'
  - 'SS'
- 'reporter'
- 'partner'
- 'mode_of_transport'
- 'customs_code'
- 'flow_direction'

Value

a tidy dataset with a reference table
Examples

```r
## get HS commodity table
cr_get_ref_table("HS")

## get reporter table
cr_get_ref_table("reporter")
```

**ct_get_remaining_hourly_queries**

```r
ct_get_remaining_hourly_queries
```

**Description**

This function is deprecated. There is no more reset time, as the upper limit of 250 calls per day is enforced daily. [Superseded]

**Usage**

```r
cr_get_remaining_hourly_queries(...)
```

**Arguments**

`...`

Used to catch all possible arguments that users have supplied to this function.

**Value**

depreciation error

**Examples**

```r
# no examples because only legacy function
```

**ct_get_reset_time**

```r
cr_get_reset_time
cr_get_reset_time
```

**Description**

This function is deprecated. There is no more reset time, as the upper limit of 250 calls per day is enforced daily. [Superseded]

**Usage**

```r
cr_get_reset_time(...)
```
ct_migrate_cache

Arguments

... Used to catch all possible arguments that users have supplied to this function.

Value
depreciation error

Examples

# no examples because only legacy function

custom_migrate_cache    Migrate cache to new location

Description

Comtradr versions previous to version 1.0.1 have used a cache location that was not CRAN compliant. You can migrate any remaining files to the new cache location using this function. It will delete the old cache.

Usage

ct_migrate_cache()

Value

Nothing

Examples

ct_migrate_cache()
Description

A data.frame with a matched list of tidy and untidy column names for the results.

Usage

ct_pretty_cols

Format

country_codes A dataframe with 47 rows and twi columns:

to  tidy columns
from original column names

Description

This function is deprecated. Please use set_primary_comtrade_key() instead. [Superseded]

Usage

cp_register_token(...)

Arguments

... Used to catch all possible arguments that users have supplied to this function.

Value

depreciation error

Examples

# no examples because only legacy function
ct_search

Description
This function is deprecated. Please use `ct_get_data()` instead. [Superseded]

Usage
`ct_search(...)`

Arguments
  ...  Used to catch all possible arguments that users have supplied to this function.

Value
depreciation error

Examples

  # no examples because only legacy function

ct_update_databases

Description
This function is deprecated. Please use `update` parameter in the main `ct_get_data` function instead. [Superseded]

Usage
`ct_update_databases(...)`

Arguments
  ...  Used to catch all possible arguments that users have supplied to this function.

Value
depreciation error
ct_use_pretty_cols(...)

Arguments

... Used to catch all possible arguments that users have supplied to this function.

Value
depreciation error

Examples

# no examples because only legacy function

description

This function is deprecated. Please use the process argument in the main function instead. [Superseded]

Usage
get_primary_comtrade_key()

Value

Gets your primary comtrade key from the environment var COMTRADE_PRIMARY
Examples

```r
## get API key
get_primary_comtrade_key()
```

**Description**

If you would like your Comtrade API key to persist in between sessions, use `usethis::edit_r_environ()` to add the env variable COMTRADE_PRIMARY to your environment file.

**Usage**

```r
set_primary_comtrade_key(key = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- `key`  
  Provide your primary comtrade key

**Value**

Saves your comtrade primary key in the environment.

**Examples**

```r
## set API key
set_primary_comtrade_key("xxxxxc678ca4dbxxxxxxxx8285r3")
```
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