

# Package ‘BISdata’

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**Title** Download Data from the Bank for International Settlements (BIS)

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**Description** Functions for downloading data from the Bank for International Settlements (BIS; <<https://www.bis.org/>>) in Basel. Supported are only full datasets in (typically) CSV format. The package is lightweight and without dependencies; suggested packages are used only if data is to be transformed into particular data structures, for instance into 'zoo' objects. Downloaded data can optionally be cached, to avoid repeated downloads of the same files.

**Suggests** zoo

**License** GPL-3

**URL** <https://enricoschumann.net/R/packages/BISdata/> ,  
<https://git.sr.ht/~enricoschumann/BISdata> ,  
<https://github.com/enricoschumann/BISdata>

**LazyLoad** yes

**ByteCompile** yes

**NeedsCompilation** no

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BISdata

*Download Data from the Bank for International Settlements (BIS)***Description**

Download datasets from the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and convert to data frames.

**Usage**

```
fetch_dataset(dest.dir, dataset,
             bis.url = "https://data.bis.org/static/bulk/",
             exdir = tempdir(),
             return.class = NULL,
             frequency = NULL,
             ...,
             header = TRUE,
             sep = ",",
             stringsAsFactors = FALSE,
             check.names = FALSE,
             na.strings = "",
             quote = "\"",
             fill = TRUE)
```

```
datasets(url = "https://data.bis.org/bulkdownload", ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>dest.dir</code>	file path: where to store the files?
<code>dataset</code>	the name of the file
<code>bis.url</code>	the base URL
<code>url</code>	the URL from which to fetch information about the datasets
<code>exdir</code>	file path: where to unzip?
<code>return.class</code>	NULL or character: currently, only <code>zoo</code> is supported
<code>frequency</code>	string, or nothing (NULL)
<code>...</code>	passed on to <a href="#">read.table</a>
<code>header, sep, stringsAsFactors, check.names, na.strings, quote, fill</code>	passed on to <a href="#">read.table</a>

**Details**

Supported are full datasets (typically) in CSV format. Downloaded data may optionally be cached, to avoid repeated downloads of the same files.

If the download fails with an error, then both functions will return NULL. For `fetch_dataset`, if the download failed with a warning from [download.file](#), then the function will evaluate to the return value of [download.file](#).

**Value**

typically a `data.frame`.

`bis_datasets` returns a `data.frame` with three columns:

<code>filename</code>	the dataset filename
<code>description</code>	a brief description of the dataset
<code>updated</code>	if available, the date when the dataset was last updated

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**Examples**

```
## (Internet connection required)
datasets()
bis.data <- fetch_dataset(dest.dir = tempdir(),
                          "WS_CBPOL_csv_col.zip")
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