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RcppBDT-package *Bindings for Boost Date_Time*

Description

This package provides R with access to Boost Date_Time functionality by using Rcpp modules. Date, Local time, duration and time zone functionality is covered.

Details

Please consult the Boost documentation for (copious) details on the Date_Time library.

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References

Boost Date_Time: https://www.boost.org/doc/libs/release/doc/html/date_time.html

bdtDd	<i>Rcpp module bdtDd for binding of Boost Date_Time date duration functionality</i>
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Description

The bdtDd module is created using Rcpp modules and wraps a helper class bdtDd around Boost Date_time date duration functionality provided by the Boost class `boost::gregorian::date_duration`.

New instances can be created using an integer for days of duration.

Usage

```
days(...)  
weeks(...)
```

Arguments

... suitable argument, often an integer, denoting one unit of the reference duration component

Details

Please consult the Boost documentation for (copious) details on the Date_Time library. See the Rcpp-modules vignette for details on Rcpp modules.

Method

show signature(x = "Rcpp_bdtDd"): prints a (BDTdd) date duration class object

format signature(x = "Rcpp_bdtDd"): formats a (BDTdd) date duration class object

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References

Boost Date_Time: https://www.boost.org/doc/libs/release/doc/html/date_time.html

bdtDt*Rcpp module bdtDt for binding of Boost Date_Time Date functionality*

Description

The `bdtDt` module is created using Rcpp modules and wraps a helper class `bdtDt` around Boost `Date_time` date functionality provided by the Boost class `boost::gregorian::date`.

New instances can be created using either the default constructor (without arguments) or the constructor using year, month, date arguments.

The `bdt` variable is a default instance of this `bdtDt` reference class. It facilities accessing the member functions via utility function, see for example `getEndOfBizWeek` or `print(bdtDt)` for the available methods.

Details

Please consult the Boost documentation for (copious) details on the `Date_Time` library. See the `Rcpp-modules` vignette for details on Rcpp modules.

Method

show `signature(x = "Rcpp_bdtDt")`: prints a (`bdtDt`) date class object

format `signature(x = "Rcpp_bdtDt")`: formats a (`bdtDt`) date class object

Author(s)

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References

Boost `Date_Time`: https://www.boost.org/doc/libs/release/doc/html/date_time.html

bdtDu*Rcpp module bdtDu for binding of Boost Date_Time duration functionality*

Description

The `bdtDu` module is created using Rcpp modules and wraps a helper class `bdtDu` around Boost `Date_time` duration functionality provided by the Boost class `boost::posix_time::duration`.

New instances can be created using four integer values for hour, minute, seconds and fractional seconds. Fractional seconds ought to be at a nano-second granularity; there may be platforms not permitting this.

Usage

```
hours(...)  
microseconds(...)  
milliseconds(...)  
minutes(...)  
nanoseconds(...)  
seconds(...)
```

Arguments

... suitable argument, often an integer, denoting one unit of the reference duration component

Details

Please consult the Boost documentation for (copious) details on the Date_Time library. See the Rcpp-modules vignette for details on Rcpp modules.

Method

show signature(x = "Rcpp_bdtDu"): prints a (BDTdu) duration class object
format signature(x = "Rcpp_bdtDu"): formats a (BDTdu) duration class object

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References

Boost Date_Time: https://www.boost.org/doc/libs/release/doc/html/date_time.html

bdtPt

Rcpp module bdtPt for binding of Boost Date_Time ptime functionality

Description

The bdtDu module is created using Rcpp modules and wraps a helper class bdtPt around Boost Date_time duration functionality provided by the Boost class boost::posix_time::ptime.

New instances can be created using either a default construction (creating an unset instance) or using seven integer values for year, month, day, hour, minute, seconds and fractional seconds. Fractional seconds ought to be at a nano-second granularity; there may be platforms not permitting this.

Details

Please consult the Boost documentation for (copious) details on the Date_Time library. See the Rcpp-modules vignette for details on Rcpp modules.

Method

show signature(x = "Rcpp_bdtPt"): prints a (bdtPt) ptime class object

format signature(x = "Rcpp_bdtPt"): formats a (bdtPt) ptime class object

Author(s)

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References

Boost Date_Time: https://www.boost.org/doc/libs/release/doc/html/date_time.html

bdtTz	<i>Rcpp module bdtTz for binding of Boost Date_Time timezone functionality</i>
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Description

The bdtTz module is created using Rcpp modules and wraps a helper class bdtTz around Boost Date_time timezone functionality provided mainly by the Boost classes boost::local_time::tz_database and boost::local_time::time_zone_ptr.

On startup, the database object is initialized using a local copy (in csv format) of the timezone data. Instances of the timezone object, represented by an instance of the timezone pointer class, can be created and queried.

New instances can be created using a valid timezone region string (such "Europe/London").

Details

Please consult the Boost documentation for (copious) details on the Date_Time library. See the Rcpp-modules vignette for details on Rcpp modules.

Method

show signature(x = "Rcpp_bdtTz"): prints a (bdtTz) timezone class object

format signature(x = "Rcpp_bdtTz"): formats a (bdtTz) timezone class object

Author(s)

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References

Boost Date_Time: https://www.boost.org/doc/libs/release/doc/html/date_time.html

charToPOSIXct *Parse POSIXct objects from character variables*

Description

This function uses the Boost Date_Time library to parse datetimes from strings. It returns a vector of POSIXct objects. These represent dates and time as (possibly fractional) seconds since the ‘epoch’ of January 1, 1970. A timezone can be set, if none is supplied ‘UTC’ is set.

Usage

```
charToPOSIXct(sv, tz = "UTC")
```

Arguments

sv	A vector of type character with datetime expressions in ISO format to be parsed and converted.
tz	A string with the timezone, defaults to ‘UTC’ if unset

Details

A single standard ISO format ‘YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS’ (with optional trailing fractional seconds) is tried. In the case of parsing failure a NA value is returned. See the function [toPOSIXct](#) for more general input format

Fractional seconds are supported as well. As R itself only supports microseconds, the Boost compile-time option for nano-second resolution has not been enabled.

Value

A vector of ‘POSIXct’ elements.

Author(s)

Dirk Eddelbuettel

Examples

```
times <- c("2004-03-21 12:45:33.123456",  
          "2004-03-21 12:45:34")  
charToPOSIXct(times)
```

`cToPOSIXct`*Parse POSIXct objects from character variables*

Description

This function uses `Rcpp` to parse datetimes from strings. It returns a vector of `POSIXct` objects. These represent dates and time as (possibly fractional) seconds since the ‘epoch’ of January 1, 1970. A timezone can be set, if none is supplied ‘UTC’ is set.

Usage

```
cToPOSIXct(sv, fmt = "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%OS", tz = "UTC")
```

Arguments

<code>sv</code>	A vector of type character with datetime expressions in ISO format to be parsed and converted.
<code>fmt</code>	A format, defaults to the ISO format if unset
<code>tz</code>	A string with the timezone, defaults to ‘UTC’ if unset

Details

The default standard ISO format ‘YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.FFFFFFFF’ is used by default along with the UTC time zone.

This function is for comparison only.

Value

A vector of ‘`POSIXct`’ elements.

Author(s)

Dirk Eddelbuettel

See Also

[Rcpp](#)

Examples

```
times <- c("2004-03-21 12:45:33.123456",  
          "2004-03-21 12:45:34")  
cToPOSIXct(times)
```

RcppBDT Date functions

Date accessor and construction functions from Boost Date_Time

Description

This constants are provided for convenience. In the C++ sources, enumeration types are used for days of the week, months of the year as well as the ordering terms.

Similar package-level constants are provided here as well. This should be considered as experimental and may be withdrawn in a later version of the package.

Usage

```
getEndOfBizWeek(date)
getEndOfMonth(date)
getYear(date)
getMonth(date)
getDay(date)
getDayOfWeek(date)
getDayOfYear(date)
getIMMDate(mon, year)
getNthDayOfWeek(nthday, dow, mon, year)
getLastDayOfWeekInMonth(dow, mon, year)
getFirstDayOfWeekInMonth(dow, mon, year)
getFirstDayOfWeekAfter(dow, date)
getLastDayOfWeekBefore(dow, date)
```

Arguments

date	a Date object
mon	a month, specified either as an integer or one of the constants Jan , Feb , ... defined in this package
year	a four-digit year, specified as an integer
nthday	either an integer between 1 and 5, or one of the constants first , second , ... fifth defined in this package.
dow	either an integer between 0 and 6 denoting a day of the week, or one of the constants Sun , Mon , ... Sat defined in this package.

Details

Details of the Boost functions are provided by the Boost documentation.

Value

All functions return a [Date](#) object.

Author(s)

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References

Boost Date_Time: https://www.boost.org/doc/libs/release/doc/html/date_time.html

RcppBDT-constants *Constants for date functions with Boost Date_Time*

Description

This constants are provided for convenience. In the C++ sources, enumeration types are used for days of the week, months of the year as well as the ordering terms.

Similar package-level constants are provided here as well. This should be considered as experimental and may be withdrawn in a later version of the package.

Details

Sun, Mon, Tue, ..., Sat can be used instead of the values 0 to 6.

Jan, Feb, ..., Dec can be used instead of the values 1 to 12.

first, second, ..., fifth can be used instead of the values 1 to 5.

We use the same values as the Boost source code. In other words, Sunday is 0, Monday is 1 and so on. Months, however, start at 1 for January.

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References

Boost Date_Time: https://www.boost.org/doc/libs/release/doc/html/date_time.html

toPOSIXct *Parse POSIXct objects from input data*

Description

This function uses the Boost Date_Time library to parse datetimes (and dates) from strings, integers or even numeric values (which are cast to strings internal). It returns a vector of POSIXct objects. These represent dates and time as (possibly fractional) seconds since the ‘epoch’ of January 1, 1970. A timezone can be set, if none is supplied ‘UTC’ is set.

Usage

```
toPOSIXct(x, tz = "UTC")
```

Arguments

- x A vector of type character, integer or numeric with date(time) expressions to be parsed and converted.
- tz A string with the timezone, defaults to 'UTC' if unset

Details

A number of fixed formats are tried in succession. These include the standard ISO format 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' as well as different local variants including several forms popular in the United States. Two-digits years and clearly ambiguous formats such as '03/04/05' are ignored. In the case of parsing failure a NA value is returned.

Fractional seconds are supported as well. As R itself only supports microseconds, the Boost compile-time option for nano-second resolution has not been enabled.

Value

A vector of 'POSIXct' elements.

Author(s)

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See Also

The function in the anytime package which is a more finished, variant which is based on the initial work with function, and taken into its own package.

Examples

```
## See the source code (hah!) for a full list of formats
times <- c("2004-03-21 12:45:33.123456",
          "2004/03/21 12:45:33.123456",
          "20040321 124533.123456",
          "21.03.2004 12:45:33.123456",
          "03/21/2004 12:45:33.123456",
          "03-21-2004 12:45:33.123456",
          "2004-03-21",
          "20040321",
          "03/21/2004",
          "03-21-2004",
          "20010101")
toPOSIXct(times)
```

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