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clean_ilstat_cache *Clean ilostat Cache*

Description

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

Usage

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

Arguments

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cache_update	a logical whether to delete only out of date cache files.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

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References

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

Examples

```
## Not run:
clean_iloostat_cache()

## End(Not run)
```

distribution_iloostat *Switch iloostat to distribution*

Description

Get distribution for iloostat number of persons only.

Usage

```
distribution_iloostat(
  x,
  var,
  .keep = FALSE,
  quiet = getOption("iloostat_quiet", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

x	dataset to transform into distribution.
var	String variable name use for the distribution default "no", could be "sex", "classif1", "classif2".
.keep	if true return only new column call distribution default FALSE,
quiet	a logical, if TRUE , don't return message from processing, FALSE (default). Can be set also with options(iloostat_quiet = TRUE).

Details

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

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

Value

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

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References

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

Examples

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

## End(Not run)
```

get_iloostat

Read iloostat Data

Description

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

Usage

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

```

    quiet = getOption("ilstat_quiet", TRUE)
  )

```

Arguments

id	A code name for the dataset of interest. See get_ilstat_toc or details for how to get code.
segment	A character, way to get datasets by: "indicator" (default) or "ref_area". Can be set also with <code>options(ilstat_segment = "ref_area")</code> ,
type	a character, type of variables, "code" (default), "label" or "both". Can be set also with <code>options(ilstat_type = "both")</code> ,
lang	a character, code for language. Available are "en" (default), "fr" and "es". Can be set also with <code>options(ilstat_lang = "fr")</code> ,
time_format	a string giving a type of the conversion of the time column from the ilstat format. "raw" (default) does not do conversion and return time as character (ie. "2017", "2017Q1", "2017M01"). A "date" converted to a Date with a first date of the period. A "date_last" converted to a Date with a last date of the period and "num" converted to a numeric. Can be set also with <code>options(ilstat_time_format = "date")</code> ,
filters	a list; "none" (default) to get a whole dataset or a named list of filters to get just part of the table. Names of list objects are ilstat variable codes and values are vectors of observation codes. filters detect on variables, so could be partial, ie. <code>list(sex = "T")</code> is enough but equivalent to <code>list(sex = "SEX_T")</code> . Additional options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>timefrom</code>: starting year of the return dataset, • <code>timeto</code>: ending year of the return dataset.
best_source	a character; "yes" (default) to get secondary source if exist "all", "no" for secondary only.
fixed	a logical, if TRUE (default), filters arguments pattern is a string to be matched as is, Change to FALSE if more complex regex matching is needed.
cache	a logical whether to do caching. Default is TRUE. Affects only queries from the ilstat bulk download facility. Can be set also with <code>options(ilstat_cache = FALSE)</code> ,
cache_update	a logical whether to update cache. Check cache update with last.update attribute store on the cache file name and the one from the table of contents. Can be set also with <code>options(ilstat_cache_update = FALSE)</code> . Default is TRUE,
cache_dir	a path to a cache directory. The directory has to exist. The NULL (default) uses and creates 'ilstat' directory in the temporary directory from tempdir . The directory can also be set with <code>option ilstat_cache_dir</code> ,
cache_format	a character, format to store on the cache "rds" (default), but also "csv", "dta", "sav", "sas7bdat". useful for getting ilstat dataset directly on the cache_dir without R. Can be set also with <code>options(ilstat_cache_format = "dta")</code> ,
back	a logical; if TRUE (default) return a data frame, otherwise only write to cache,

cmd	a character, R expression use for manipulate internal data frame dat object applied to each datasets retrieved If use, cache is set to FALSE. see examples. This argument uses non-standard evaluation and should be used with care.
quiet	a logical, if TRUE , don't return message from processing, FALSE (default). Can be set also with options(ilstat_quiet = TRUE),

Value

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

others

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

The bulk download facility is the fastest method to download whole datasets.

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

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

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

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References

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

See Also

[get_ilstat_toc](#), [label_ilstat](#)

Examples

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

dir.create(file.path(tempdir(), "r_cache"))
dat <- get_ilstat("UNE_TUNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A",
                 cache_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "r_cache"))
head(dat)
```

```

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

options(ilstat_update = TRUE)
dat <- get_ilstat("UNE_TUNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A")
head(dat)
options(ilstat_update = FALSE)
options(ilstat_cache_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "r_cache"))
dat <- get_ilstat("UNE_TUNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A")

clean_ilstat_cache()

##### get multiple datasets
dat <- get_ilstat(c("CPI ACPI_COI_RT_M", "CPI ACPI_COI_RT_Q"), cache = FALSE)
head(dat)
toc <- get_ilstat_toc(search = "CPI_")
head(toc)
dat <- get_ilstat(toc, cache = FALSE) #id as a tibble

##### get datasets with filters
dat <- get_ilstat(id = c("UNE_TUNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A", "EMP_TEMP_SEX_AGE_NB_A"),
  filters = list( ref_area = "FRA",
    classif1 = "_YGE15",
    time = "2016",
    sex = c("T", "SEX_F")), quiet = TRUE)
head(dat)
clean_ilstat_cache()

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

dat <- get_ilstat("UNE_TUNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A",
  cache_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "r_cache"), cache_format = "csv")
dat <- get_ilstat("UNE_TUNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A",
  cache_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "r_cache"), cache_format = "dta")

##### advanced manipulation

dat <- get_ilstat("UNE_TUNE_SEX_AGE_NB_A", cmd = "dat %>% count(ref_area)", quiet = TRUE)
label_ilstat(dat, code = "ref_area")

clean_ilstat_cache()

## End(Not run)

```

get_ilstat_dic

Read ilostat Dictionary

Description

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

Usage

```
get_ilstat_dic(  
  dic,  
  lang = getOption("ilstat_lang", "en"),  
  cache_dir = getOption("ilstat_cache_dir", NULL),  
  quiet = getOption("ilstat_quiet", TRUE)  
)
```

Arguments

dic	A character, dictionary for the variable to be downloaded,
lang	a character, code for language. Available are "en" (default), "fr" and "es". Can be set also with options(ilstat_lang = 'fr'),
cache_dir	a path to a cache directory. The directory has to exist. The NULL (default) uses and creates 'ilstat' directory in the temporary directory from <code>tempdir</code> . The directory can also be set with option <code>ilstat_cache_dir</code> ,
quiet	a logical, if FALSE , return message from processing, TRUE (default). Can be set also with options(ilstat_quiet = TRUE),

Details

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

Value

tibble with two columns: code names and full names.

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References

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

See Also

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

Examples

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

get_iloostat_toc *Read iloostat Table of Contents / workflow*

Description

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

Usage

```
get_iloostat_toc(
  segment = getOption("iloostat_segment", "indicator"),
  lang = getOption("iloostat_lang", "en"),
  search = getOption("iloostat_search", "none"),
  filters = getOption("iloostat_filter", "none"),
  fixed = getOption("iloostat_fixed", TRUE),
  cache_dir = getOption("iloostat_cache_dir", NULL),
  cache_update = getOption("iloostat_cache_update", TRUE),
  quiet = getOption("iloostat_quiet", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

segment	A character, way to get datasets by: "indicator" (default) or "ref_area", Can be set also with options(iloostat_segment = "ref_area"),
lang	a character, code for language. Available are "en" (default), "fr" and "es". Can be set also with options(iloostat_lang = "fr"),
search	a character vector, "none" (default), datasets with this pattern in the description will be returned, characters vector will be use as AND, Character with " " as OR, see example, options(iloostat_time_format = "date"),
filters	a list; "none" (default) to get a whole toc or a named list of filters to get just part of the table. Names of list objects are iloostat toc variable codes and values are vectors of observation codes. filters detect on variables.
fixed	a logical, if TRUE (default), pattern is a string to be matched as is, Change to FALSE if more complex regex matching is needed.
cache_dir	a path to a cache directory. The directory has to exist. The NULL (default) uses and creates 'iloostat' directory in the temporary directory from <code>tempdir</code> . The directory can also be set with option iloostat_cache_dir,
cache_update	a logical whether to update cache. Check cache update with last.update attribute store on the cache file name and the one from the table of contents. Can be set also with options(iloostat_cache_update = FALSE). Default is TRUE,
quiet	a logical, if FALSE , return message from processing, TRUE (default). Can be set also with options(iloostat_quiet = TRUE),

Details

The toc in English by indicator is downloaded from iloostat API https://rplumber.ilo.org/___docs___/#get-/metadata/toc/indicator/. The values in column "id" should be used to download a selected dataset.

The toc in English by ref_area is downloaded from iloostat API https://rplumber.ilo.org/___docs___/#get-/metadata/toc/ref_area/. The values in column "id" should be used to download a selected dataset.

Value

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

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

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References

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

See Also

[get_iloostat](#).

Examples

```
## Not run:
## default segment by indicator, default lang English
toc <- get_iloostat_toc()
head(toc)
toc <- get_iloostat_toc(segment = "ref_area", lang = "fr")
head(toc)
##
## search on toc
```

```

toc <- get_ilstat_toc(search = "education")
head(toc)
toc <- get_ilstat_toc(lang = "fr", search = "age")
head(toc)
toc <- get_ilstat_toc(segment = "ref_area", lang = "fr", search = "Albanie")
toc
toc <- get_ilstat_toc(segment = "ref_area", lang = "es", search = "Trimestral")
head(toc)
##
## search multi on toc
toc <- get_ilstat_toc(segment = "ref_area", lang = "fr",
                     search = "Albanie|France", fixed = FALSE)

head(toc)
toc <- get_ilstat_toc(search = "youth|adult", fixed = FALSE)
head(toc)
##

## End(Not run)

```

label_ilstat

Switch ilostat codes and labels

Description

Gets definitions/labels for ilostat codes from ilostat dictionaries.

Usage

```

label_ilstat(
  x,
  dic = NULL,
  code = NULL,
  lang = getOption("ilostat_lang", "en")
)

```

Arguments

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

Details

A character or a factor vector of codes returns a corresponding vector of definitions. `label_iloostat` labels also data_frames from `get_iloostat`. For vectors a dictionary "time" and "values" columns are returned as they were, so you can supply data_frame from `get_iloostat` and get data_frame with definitions instead of codes.

Value

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

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References

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

Examples

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

# add just ref_area label
require(tidyverse)

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

clean_iloostat_cache()

## End(Not run)
```

runapp_iloostat

Play with ILOSTAT data apps

Description

Open various data exploration and analysis applications hosted by the ILO.

Usage

```
runapp_iloostat(name = "dataexplorer")
```

Arguments

name	<p>‘chr’ The name of the application to open.</p> <p>Available applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "dataexplorer": Quickly find, filter, pivot, and download ILOSTAT data.• "microquery": Explore data availability and create custom queries from the ILO Harmonized Microdata Collection. Users can select variables, filters, and indicators to generate tailored datasets.• "regionalaggregate": Generate custom regional estimates by defining or selecting country groupings. The app automatically aggregates country-level modelled data for selected indicators.
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References

See citation("Rilostat")

See Also

Additional documentation for microdata:

- [Quick guide on microdata processing](#)
- [Adjustment procedure for ISCO- and ISIC-based estimates](#)
- [Methodology for ad hoc global and regional estimates](#)
- [Citations](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
runapp_iloostat(name = "dataexplorer")  
  
# You can also run other apps like:  
runapp_iloostat(name = "microquery")  
runapp_iloostat(name = "regionalaggregate")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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