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cricsheet_codes	<i>Codes used for competitions on Cricsheet</i>
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Description

A dataset containing the names and codes used by [cricsheet](#), as at 24 March 2025.

Usage

cricsheet_codes

Format

A data frame with 44 rows and 2 variables.

Source

<https://cricsheet.org/downloads/#experimental>

fetch_cricinfo *Fetch Data from Cricinfo*

Description

Fetch data from ESPNcricinfo and return a tibble. All arguments are case-insensitive and partially matched.

Usage

```
fetch_cricinfo(  
  matchtype = c("test", "odi", "t20"),  
  sex = c("men", "women"),  
  activity = c("batting", "bowling", "fielding"),  
  type = c("career", "innings"),  
  country = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

matchtype	Character indicating test (default), odi, or t20.
sex	Character indicating men (default) or women.
activity	Character indicating batting (default), bowling or fielding.
type	Character indicating innings-by-innings or career (default) data
country	Character indicating country. The default is to fetch data for all countries.

Value

A tibble object, similar to a `data.frame`.

Author(s)

Rob J Hyndman, Timothy Hyndman, Charles Gray

Examples

```
## Not run:  
auswt20 <- fetch_cricinfo("T20", "Women", country = "Aust")  
IndiaODIBowling <- fetch_cricinfo("ODI", "men", "bowling", country = "india")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

fetch_cricsheet	<i>Fetch ball-by-ball, match and player data from Cricsheet and return a tibble.</i>
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Description

Download csv data from Cricsheet <https://cricsheet.org/downloads/>. Data must be specified by three factors: (a) type of data: bbb (ball-by-ball), match or player. (b) gender; (c) competition specified as a Cricsheet code. See [cricsheet_codes](#) for the competitions and codes available.

Usage

```
fetch_cricsheet(  
  type = c("bbb", "match", "player"),  
  gender = c("female", "male"),  
  competition = "tests"  
)
```

Arguments

type	Character string giving type of data: ball-by-ball, match info or player info.
gender	Character string giving player gender: female or male.
competition	Character string giving code corresponding to competition. See cricsheet_codes for the competitions and codes available.

Value

A tibble object, similar to a `data.frame`.

Author(s)

Jacquie Tran, Hassan Rafique and Rob J Hyndman

Examples

```
## Not run:  
wbb1_bbb <- fetch_cricsheet(competition = "wbb1", type = "bbb")  
wbb1_match <- fetch_cricsheet(competition = "wbb1", type = "match")  
wbb1_player <- fetch_cricsheet(competition = "wbb1", type = "player")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

fetch_player_data	<i>Fetch Player Data</i>
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Description

Fetch individual player data from all matches played. The function will scrape the data from ESPN-Cricinfo and return a tibble with one line per innings for all games a player has played. To identify a player, use their Cricinfo player ID. The simplest way to find this is to look up their Cricinfo Profile page. The number at the end of the URL is the ID. For example, Meg Lanning's profile page is <http://www.espncricinfo.com/australia/content/player/329336.html>, so her ID is 329336.

Usage

```
fetch_player_data(  
  playerid,  
  matchtype = c("test", "odi", "t20"),  
  activity = c("batting", "bowling", "fielding")  
)
```

Arguments

playerid	The player ID as given in the Cricinfo profile. Integer or character.
matchtype	Which type of cricket matches do you want? Tests, ODIs or T20s? Not case-sensitive.
activity	Which type of activities do you want? Batting, Bowling or Fielding? Not case-sensitive.

Value

A tibble containing data on the selected player, with one row for every innings of every match in which they have played.

Author(s)

Rob J Hyndman and Sayani Gupta

See Also

[find_player_id\(\)](#) to find a player ID by searching on their name, and [fetch_player_meta\(\)](#) to download meta data for players.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Download data on some players  
EllysePerry <- fetch_player_data(275487, "T20", "batting")  
RahulDravid <- fetch_player_data(28114, "ODI", "fielding")  
LasithMalinga <- fetch_player_data(49758, "Test", "bowling")
```

```
# Create a plot for Ellyse Perry's T20 scores
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
EllysePerry |>
  filter(!is.na(Runs)) |>
  ggplot(aes(x = Start_Date, y = Runs, col = Dismissal, na.rm = TRUE)) +
  geom_point() +
  ggtitle("Ellyse Perry's T20 Scores")

## End(Not run)
```

fetch_player_meta	<i>Fetch Player Meta Data</i>
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Description

Fetch player meta data from ESPNCricinfo and return a tibble with one line per player. To identify the players, use their Cricinfo player IDs. The simplest way to find this is to look up their Cricinfo Profile page. The number at the end of the URL is the ID. For example, Meg Lanning's profile page is <https://www.espncricinfo.com/cricketers/meg-lanning-329336>, so her ID is 329336.

Usage

```
fetch_player_meta(playerid)
```

Arguments

`playerid` A vector of player IDs as given in Cricinfo profiles. Integer or character.

Value

A tibble containing meta data on the selected players, with one row for each player.

Author(s)

Hassan Rafique and Rob J Hyndman

See Also

It is usually simpler to just use the saved data set [player_meta](#) which contains the meta data for all players on ESPNCricinfo as at 24 March 2025. To find a player ID, use [find_player_id\(\)](#). Use [fetch_player_data\(\)](#) to download playing statistics for a player.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Download meta data on Meg Lanning and Ellyse Perry  
aus_women <- fetch_player_meta(c(329336, 275487))  
  
## End(Not run)
```

find_player_id	<i>Find a player id from cricinfo.com</i>
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Description

Find a player id from cricinfo.com

Usage

```
find_player_id(searchstring)
```

Arguments

searchstring Part of a player name(s) to search for. Can be a character vector.

Value

A table of matching players, their ids, and teams they played for.

Author(s)

Rob J Hyndman

See Also

[fetch_player_data\(\)](#) to download playing statistics for a player, and [fetch_player_meta\(\)](#) to download meta data on players.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
(perry <- find_player_id("Perry"))  
EllysePerry <- fetch_player_data(perry[2, "ID"], "test")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

player_meta	<i>Meta data on players listed at ESPNCricinfo</i>
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Description

A dataset containing the names and other attributes of players who appear on both [cricsheet](#) and [ESPNCricinfo](#), as at 24 March 2025.

Usage

```
player_meta
```

Format

A data frame with 16101 rows and 11 variables.

Source

<https://www.espncriinfo.com>

update_player_meta	<i>Update player_meta</i>
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Description

The [player_meta](#) data set contains the names and other attributes of players who appear on both [cricsheet](#) and [ESPNCricinfo](#) as at 24 March 2025. This function returns an updated version of the data set based on information currently available online.

Usage

```
update_player_meta(start_again = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`start_again` If TRUE, downloads all data from ESPNCricinfo without using `player_meta` as a starting point. This can take a long time.

Value

A tibble containing meta data on cricket players.

Author(s)

Hassan Rafique and Rob J Hyndman

See Also

[player_meta](#), [fetch_player_meta\(\)](#).

Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Update data to current  
new_player_meta <- update_player_meta()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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