

Package ‘ucimlrepo’

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Title Explore UCI ML Repository Datasets

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Description Find and import datasets from the University of California Irvine Machine Learning (UCI ML) Repository into R. Supports working with data from UCI ML repository inside of R scripts, notebooks, and 'Quarto'/RMarkdown' documents. Access the UCI ML repository directly at <https://archive.ics.uci.edu/>.

URL <https://r-pkg.thecoatlessprofessor.com/ucimlrepo/>,
<https://github.com/coatless-rpkg/ucimlrepo>,
<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/>

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fetch_ucirepo	<i>Fetch UCI ML Repository Dataset</i>
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Description

Loads a dataset from the UCI ML Repository, including the dataframes and metadata information.

Usage

```
fetch_ucirepo(name, id)
```

Arguments

name	Character. Dataset name, or substring of name.
id	Integer. Dataset ID for UCI ML Repository.

Details

Only provide name or id, not both.

Value

A list containing dataset metadata, dataframes, and variable info in its properties.

- **data**: Contains dataset matrices as pandas dataframes
 - **ids**: Dataframe of ID columns
 - **features**: Dataframe of feature columns
 - **targets**: Dataframe of target columns
 - **original**: Dataframe consisting of all IDs, features, and targets
 - **headers**: List of all variable names/headers
- **metadata**: Contains metadata information about the dataset.
 - **uci_id**: Unique dataset identifier for UCI repository
 - **name**: Name of dataset on UCI repository
 - **repository_url**: Link to dataset webpage on the UCI repository
 - **data_url**: Link to raw data file
 - **abstract**: Short description of dataset
 - **area**: Subject area e.g. life science, business
 - **tasks**: Associated machine learning tasks e.g. classification, regression
 - **characteristics**: Dataset types e.g. multivariate, sequential

- **num_instances**: Number of rows or samples
- **num_features**: Number of feature columns
- **feature_types**: Data types of features
- **target_col**: Name of target column(s)
- **index_col**: Name of index column(s)
- **has_missing_values**: Whether the dataset contains missing values
- **missing_values_symbol**: Indicates what symbol represents the missing entries (if the dataset has missing values)
- **year_of_dataset_creation**: Year that data set was created
- **dataset_doi**: DOI registered for dataset that links to UCI repo dataset page
- **creators**: List of dataset creator names
- **intro_paper**: Information about dataset's published introductory paper
- **external_url**: URL to external dataset page. This field will only exist for linked datasets i.e. not hosted by UCI
- **additional_info**: Descriptive free text about dataset
 - * **summary**: General summary
 - * **purpose**: For what purpose was the dataset created?
 - * **funded_by**: Who funded the creation of the dataset?
 - * **instances_represent**: What do the instances in this dataset represent?
 - * **recommended_data_splits**: Are there recommended data splits?
 - * **sensitive_data**: Does the dataset contain data that might be considered sensitive in any way?
 - * **preprocessing_description**: Was there any data preprocessing performed?
 - * **variable_info**: Additional free text description for variables
 - * **citation**: Citation Requests/Acknowledgements
- **variables**: Contains variable details presented in a tabular/dataframe format
 - **name**: Variable name
 - **role**: Whether the variable is an ID, feature, or target
 - **type**: Data type e.g. categorical, integer, continuous
 - **demographic**: Indicates whether the variable represents demographic data
 - **description**: Short description of variable
 - **units**: Variable units for non-categorical data
 - **missing_values**: Whether there are missing values in the variable's column

Examples

```
# Access Data by Name
iris_dl <- fetch_ucirepo(name = "iris")

# Access original data
iris_uci <- iris_dl$data$original

# Access features and targets
iris_features <- iris_dl$data$features
iris_targets <- iris_dl$data$targets
```

```
# Access Data by ID
iris_dl <- fetch_ucirepo(id = 53)
```

```
list_available_datasets
```

List Available Datasets from UCI ML Repository

Description

Prints a list of datasets that can be imported via the `fetch_ucirepo` function.

Usage

```
list_available_datasets(filter, search, area)
```

Arguments

<code>filter</code>	Character. Optional query to filter available datasets based on a label.
<code>search</code>	Character. Optional query to search for available datasets by name.
<code>area</code>	Character. Optional query to filter available datasets based on subject area.

Value

A data frame containing the list of available datasets with columns of:

- **id**: Integer ID for the data set.
- **name**: Name of Dataset
- **url**: Download location of the data set

In the event the search fails, the data frame returned will be empty.

Examples

```
list_available_datasets(search = "iris")
list_available_datasets(area = "social science")
list_available_datasets(filter = "python") # Required for now...
```

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