

Package ‘GHCNr’

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Title Download Weather Station Data from GHCN

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Description The goal of 'GHCNr' is to provide a fast and friendly interface with the Global Historical Climatology Network daily (GHCNd) database, which contains daily summaries of weather station data worldwide (<<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/products/land-based-station/global-historical-climatology-network-daily>>). GHCNd is accessed through the web API <<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/services/data/v1>>. 'GHCNr' main functionalities consist of downloading data from GHCNd, filter it, and to aggregate it at monthly and annual scales.

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.add_variables	<i>Add Columns to Handle Summarize</i>
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Description

Add Columns to Handle Summarize

Usage

.add_variables(x)

Arguments

x Object of class ghcndaily. See [daily\(\)](#) for details.

Value

Table with number of days in the months.

.check_flags *Check Flags Columns*

Description

Check Flags Columns

Usage

.check_flags(x)

Arguments

x Object of class ghcndaily. See [daily\(\)](#) for details.

Value

NULL, called for side effects

.daily_request *Request Daily Summaries*

Description

Request Daily Summaries

Usage

.daily_request(url)

Arguments

url Character, URL of the request.

Value

Body of the JSON request.

.daily_url *Create Request URL for Daily Summaries*

Description

Create Request URL for Daily Summaries

Usage

```
.daily_url(station_id, start_date, end_date, variables)
```

Arguments

<code>station_id</code>	Character, station id(s).
<code>start_date</code>	Character, start date.
<code>end_date</code>	Character, end date.
<code>variables</code>	Character, vector of the variables to include.

Details

station_id can be a vector with multiple stations. Dates should be given in YYYY-mm-dd format.

Value

Character string with the API URL.

.drop_flags *Drop Flags Columns*

Description

Drop Flags Columns

Usage

```
.drop_flags(x)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	Object of class <code>ghcn_daily</code> . See daily() for details.
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Value

The original objects without flags column.

.extract_flag *Extract GHCNd Flags*

Description

Extract GHCNd Flags

Usage

.extract_flag(x)

Arguments

x Character, vector of the flag as returned by the GHCNd API call.

Details

<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/products/land-based-station/global-historical-climatology-network-daily>

Value

Character of the flag.

.flags *GHCNd Flags*

Description

GHCNd Flags

Usage

.flags(strict)

Arguments

strict Logical, if to include all flags (TRUE) or not (FALSE).

Details

[doi:10.1175/2010JAMC2375.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/2010JAMC2375.1)

Value

Table with flags.

.inventory_url	<i>The GHCNd Inventory URL</i>
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Description

The GHCNd Inventory URL

Usage

.inventory_url()

Value

The URL of the GHCNd inventory.

.max	<i>Calculate Maximum</i>
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Description

Calculate Maximum

Usage

.max(x)

Arguments

x	Numeric vector
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Value

Numeric.

.mean

Calculate Mean

Description

Calculate Mean

Usage

.mean(x)

Arguments

x Numeric vector

Value

Numeric.

.min

Calculate Minimum

Description

Calculate Minimum

Usage

.min(x)

Arguments

x Numeric vector

Value

Numeric.

`.missing_variables` *Check Which Variables Are Absent*

Description

Check Which Variables Are Absent

Usage

```
.missing_variables(x)
```

Arguments

`x` Object of class `ghcn_daily`.

Value

Character vector

`.s3_annual` *Annual Class Constructor*

Description

Annual Class Constructor

Usage

```
.s3_annual(data = tibble::tibble())
```

Arguments

`data` A data frame or tibble to be used as the underlying data.

Details

Creates a new object of class `ghcn_annual`.

Value

An object of class `ghcn_annual`.

.s3_daily *Daily Class Constructor*

Description

Daily Class Constructor

Usage

```
.s3_daily(data = tibble::tibble())
```

Arguments

data A data frame or tibble to be used as the underlying data.

Details

Creates a new object of class ghc_n_daily.

Value

An object of class ghc_n_daily.

.s3_monthly *Monthly Class Constructor*

Description

Monthly Class Constructor

Usage

```
.s3_monthly(data = tibble::tibble())
```

Arguments

data A data frame or tibble to be used as the underlying data.

Details

Creates a new object of class ghc_n_monthly.

Value

An object of class ghc_n_monthly.

<code>.sum</code>	<i>Calculate Sum</i>
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Description

Calculate Sum

Usage

```
.sum(x)
```

Arguments

x Numeric vector

Value

Numeric.

<code>annual</code>	<i>Calculate Annual Summaries</i>
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Description

Calculate Annual Summaries

Usage

```
annual(x)
```

Arguments

x Object of class `ghcn_daily`. See [daily\(\)](#) for details.

Value

A tibble with the annual timeseries at the stations.

Examples

```
annual(CA003076680)
```

annual_coverage	<i>Calculate Annual Coverage</i>
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Description

Calculate Annual Coverage

Usage

```
annual_coverage(x)
```

Arguments

x Object of class ghcndaily. See [daily\(\)](#) for details.

Details

Calculates the annual coverage of one station.

Value

A table with annual coverage.

Examples

```
cleaned <- remove_flagged(CA003076680)
cover <- annual_coverage(cleaned)
cover
```

as_daily	<i>Cast Table to Daily</i>
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Description

Cast Table to Daily

Usage

```
as_daily(data)
```

Arguments

data A data frame or tibble to be used as the underlying data.

Value

An object of class daily.

Examples

```
## Not run:
df <- read.csv(...)
df <- as_daily(df)

## End(Not run)
```

CA003076680

Maximum Temperature for Station CA003076680

Description

Maximum Temperature for Station CA003076680

Usage

```
CA003076680
```

Format

CA003076680:
A 'ghcn-daily' object, i.e. table 7,574 x 8:
date Date of measurement
station Station name, i.e. 'CA003076680'
tmax Maximum temperature
tmin Minimum temperature
prcp Total precipitation
*_flag Flags for the measurements

Source

<https://www.countrycallingcodes.com/iso-country-codes/europe-codes.php>

country_codes

Countries ISO Codes

Description

Countries ISO Codes

Usage

```
country_codes
```

Format

europe_codes:
 A table 253 x 2:
name Country name
iso3 3 letter ISO country code

coverage	<i>Calculate Coverage of Daily Summaries</i>
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Description

Calculate Coverage of Daily Summaries

Usage

```
coverage(x, graph = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x Object of class ghcndaily. See [daily\(\)](#) for details.
 graph Logical, if to show a graph of annual coverage.

Details

This function calculates the temporal coverage of stations. It returns a table with:

- `monthly_coverage` The proportion of the days with records in the month
- `annual_coverage` The proportion of the days with records in the year
- `annual_coverage` The proportion of the years with records in the reference period

Important: that `'annual_coverage = 1'` does not mean that all years have `'annual_coverage = 1'`, but rather that all years have at least one record.

Value

A table with coverage.

Examples

```

cleaned <- remove_flagged(CA003076680)
cover <- coverage(cleaned)
cover[cover$month == 1, ]

```

daily *Download Daily Summaries*

Description

Download Daily Summaries

Usage

```
daily(station_id, start_date, end_date, variables = c("tmax", "tmin", "prcp"))
```

Arguments

station_id	Character, station id(s).
start_date	Character, start date.
end_date	Character, end date.
variables	Character, vector of the variables to include.

Details

station_id can be a vector with multiple stations. Dates should be given in YYYY-mm-dd format. Available *variables* can be found at <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/ghcn/daily/readme.txt>.

Value

A tibble with the daily timeseries at the stations.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
CA003076680 <- daily("CA003076680", "1990-01-01", "2024-12-31")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

download_inventory *Download GHCNd Inventory File*

Description

Download GHCNd Inventory File

Usage

```
download_inventory(filename)
```

Arguments

filename Character of the filename of the inventory, if already downloaded.

Details

Download the inventory from <"https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/ghcn/daily/ghcnd-inventory.txt">.

Value

Character, the location of the file where the inventory has been saved.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
download_inventory(...)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

filter_stations *Spatial Filtering of Stations*

Description

Spatial Filtering of Stations

Usage

```
filter_stations(stations, roi)
```

Arguments

stations the table with station data. See [stations\(\)](#).
roi the geometry of the region of interest. See [get_country\(\)](#).

Value

Table with filtered stations.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
inventory <- stations()  
roi <- get_country("ITA")  
s <- filter_stations(inventory, roi)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

get_countries	<i>Download multiple countries' shapefiles from geoBoundaries</i>
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Description

Download multiple countries' shapefiles from geoBoundaries

Usage

```
get_countries(countries_code, simplified = TRUE)
```

Arguments

countries_code Vector of three letter ISO code.
simplified Logical.

Details

<https://github.com/wmgeolab/geoBoundaries>.

Value

A shapefile.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
eu <- get_countries(country_code$iso3, simplified = TRUE)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

get_country	<i>Download country shapefile from geoBoundaries</i>
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Description

Download country shapefile from geoBoundaries

Usage

```
get_country(country_code, simplified = TRUE)
```

Arguments

country_code Three letter ISO code.
simplified Logical.

Details

<https://github.com/wmgeolab/geoBoundaries>.

Value

A shapefile.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
italy <- get_country("ITA")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

monthly	<i>Calculate Monthly Summaries</i>
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Description

Calculate Monthly Summaries

Usage

```
monthly(x)
```

Arguments

`x` Object of class `ghcn_daily`. See [daily\(\)](#) for details.

Details

`x` is the table returned from `daily()` or `remove_flagged()` or any subset of them.

Value

A tibble with the monthly timeseries at the stations.

Examples

```
monthly(CA003076680)
```

monthly_coverage	<i>Calculate Monthly Coverage</i>
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Description

Calculate Monthly Coverage

Usage

```
monthly_coverage(x)
```

Arguments

x Object of class ghcndaily. See [daily\(\)](#) for details.

Details

Calculates the monthly coverage of one station.

Value

A table with monthly coverages.

Examples

```
cleaned <- remove_flagged(CA003076680)
cover <- monthly_coverage(cleaned)
cover[cover$year == 2020, ]
```

period_coverage	<i>Calculate Period Coverage</i>
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Description

Calculate Period Coverage

Usage

```
period_coverage(x)
```

Arguments

x Object of class ghcndaily. See [daily\(\)](#) for details.

Details

Calculates the period coverage of one station.

Value

A table with coverage across the period.

Examples

```
cleaned <- remove_flagged(CA003076680)
cover <- period_coverage(cleaned)
cover
```

`plot.ghcn_annual` *Plot GHCN Timeseries*

Description

Plot GHCN Timeseries

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ghcn_annual'
plot(x, variable, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x` Object of class `ghcn_daily`. See [daily\(\)](#) for details.
- `variable` Name of the variable to plot.
- `...` additional arguments to be passed to `plot()`.

Value

NULL, called for side effects.

Examples

```
plot(annual(CA003076680), "tmax")
```

plot.ghcn_daily *Plot GHCN Timeseries*

Description

Plot GHCN Timeseries

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ghcn_daily'  
plot(x, variable, ...)
```

Arguments

x Object of class ghcn_daily. See [daily\(\)](#) for details.
variable Name of the variable to plot.
... additional arguments to be passed to plot().

Value

NULL, called for side effects.

Examples

```
plot(CA003076680, "tmax")
```

plot.ghcn_monthly *Plot GHCN Timeseries*

Description

Plot GHCN Timeseries

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ghcn_monthly'  
plot(x, variable, ...)
```

Arguments

x Object of class ghcn_daily. See [daily\(\)](#) for details.
variable Name of the variable to plot.
... additional arguments to be passed to plot().

Value

NULL, called for side effects.

Examples

```
plot(monthly(CA003076680), "tmax")
```

<code>remove_flagged</code>	<i>Remove Flagged Recrods</i>
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Description

Remove Flagged Recrods

Usage

```
remove_flagged(x, strict = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`x` Object of class `ghcn_daily`. See [daily\(\)](#) for details.

`strict` Logical, if to remove also looser flags.

Details

dates should be given in YYYY-mm-dd format.

Value

`x` without flagged records.

Examples

```
remove_flagged(CA003076680)
```

stations	<i>Get GHCNd Inventory</i>
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Description

Get GHCNd Inventory

Usage

```
stations(filename, variables = c("tmin", "tmax", "prcp"))
```

Arguments

filename	Character of the filename of the inventory, if already downloaded.
variables	Character, vector of the variables to include.

Details

If *filename* is not provided, this will download the inventory from <"https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/ghcn/daily/ghcnd-inventory.txt">. In alternative, you can download the inventory yourself and load it (see examples).

Value

The table with the GHCNd stations.

Examples

```
## Not run:
dest <- tempfile()
download_inventory(dest)
s <- stations(dest)

## End(Not run)
```

stations_elevation	<i>Elevation of the GHCNd Stations</i>
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Description

Elevation of the GHCNd Stations

Usage

```
stations_elevation
```

Format

europa_codes:

A table 128,024 x 2:

station Station name

elevation Elevation in meters

Source

<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/ghcn/daily/ghcnd-stations.csv>

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