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as.sf	<i>Convert a c14_date_list to a sf object</i>
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Description

Most 14C dates have point position information in the coordinates columns **lat** and **lon**. This allows them to be converted to a spatial simple feature collection as provided by the sf package. This simplifies for example mapping of the dates.

Usage

```
as.sf(x, quiet = FALSE)

## Default S3 method:
as.sf(x, quiet = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'c14_date_list'
as.sf(x, quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- x an object of class c14_date_list
- quiet suppress warning about the removal of dates without coordinates

Value

an object of class sf

Examples

```
sf_c14 <- as.sf(example_c14_date_list)

## Not run:
library(mapview)
mapview(sf_c14$geom)

## End(Not run)
```

c14_date_list	c14_date_list
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Description

The **c14_date_list** is the central data structure of the c14bazAAR package. It's a tibble with set of custom methods and variables. Please see the [variable_reference](#) table for a description of the variables. Further available variables are ignored.

If an object is of class data.frame or tibble (tbl & tbl_df), it can be converted to an object of class **c14_date_list**. The only requirement is that it contains the essential columns **c14age** and **c14std**. The as function adds the string "c14_date_list" to the classes vector of the object and applies `order_variables()`, `enforce_types()` and the helper function `clean_latlon()` to it.

Usage

```
as.c14_date_list(x, ...)

is.c14_date_list(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'c14_date_list'
format(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'c14_date_list'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'c14_date_list'
plot(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods

Examples

```
as.c14_date_list(data.frame(c14age = c(2000, 2500), c14std = c(30, 35)))
is.c14_date_list(5) # FALSE
is.c14_date_list(example_c14_date_list) # TRUE

print(example_c14_date_list)
plot(example_c14_date_list)
```

calibrate

*Calibrate all valid dates in a **c14_date_list***

Description

Calibrate all dates in a **c14_date_list** with `Bchron::BchronCalibrate()`. The function provides two different kinds of output variables that are added as new list columns to the input **c14_date_list**: **calprobdistr** and **calrange**. **calrange** is accompanied by **sigma**. See `?Bchron::BchronCalibrate` and `?c14bazAAR:::hdr` for some more information.

calprobdistr: The probability distribution of the individual date for all ages with an individual probability $\geq 1e-06$. For each date there's a data.frame with the columns **calage** and **density**.

calrange: The contiguous ranges which cover the probability interval requested for the individual date. For each date there's a data.frame with the columns **dens** and **from** and **to**.

Usage

```
calibrate(
  x,
  choices = c("calrange"),
  sigma = 2,
  calCurves = rep("intcal20", nrow(x)),
  ...
)

## Default S3 method:
calibrate(
  x,
  choices = c("calrange"),
  sigma = 2,
  calCurves = rep("intcal20", nrow(x)),
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'c14_date_list'
calibrate(
  x,
  choices = c("calrange"),
  sigma = 2,
```

```

    calCurves = rep("intcal20", nrow(x)),
    ...
  )

```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of class <code>c14_date_list</code>
<code>choices</code>	whether the result should include the full calibrated probability dataframe ('calprobdistr') or the sigma range ('calrange'). Both arguments may be given at the same time.
<code>sigma</code>	the desired sigma value (1,2,3) for the calibrated sigma ranges
<code>calCurves</code>	a vector of values containing either <code>intcal20</code> , <code>shcal20</code> , <code>marine20</code> , or <code>normal</code> (older calibration curves are supposed such as <code>intcal13</code>). Should be the same length the number of ages supplied. See BchronCalibrate for more information
<code>...</code>	passed to BchronCalibrate

Value

an object of class `c14_date_list` with the additional columns **calprobdistr** or **calrange** and **sigma**

Examples

```

calibrate(
  example_c14_date_list,
  choices = c("calprobdistr", "calrange"),
  sigma = 1
)

```

<code>country_attribution</code>	<i>Determine the country of all dates in a c14_date_list from their coordinates</i>
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Description

`c14bazaAR::determine_country_by_coordinate()` adds the column **country_coord** with standardized country attribution based on the coordinate information for the dates. Due to the inconsistencies in the **country** column in many c14 source databases it's often necessary to rely on the coordinate position (**lat** & **lon**) for country attribution information. Unfortunately not all source databases store coordinates.

Usage

```
determine_country_by_coordinate(x, suppress_spatial_warnings = TRUE)

## Default S3 method:
determine_country_by_coordinate(x, suppress_spatial_warnings = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'c14_date_list'
determine_country_by_coordinate(x, suppress_spatial_warnings = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x an object of class `c14_date_list`
suppress_spatial_warnings
 suppress some spatial data messages and warnings

Value

an object of class `c14_date_list` with the additional column **country_coord**

Examples

```
library(magrittr)
example_c14_date_list %>%
  determine_country_by_coordinate()
```

db_info_table	<i>Database lookup table</i>
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Description

Lookup table for general source database information.

Format

a data.frame. Columns:

- db: database name
- version: database version
- url_num: url number (some databases are spread over multiple files)
- url: file url where the database can be downloaded

deprecated_functions	<i>Deprecated functions</i>
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Description

Run them anyway to get some information about their replacements or why they were removed.

Usage

```
mark_duplicates(...)

coordinate_precision(...)

finalize_country_name(...)

standardize_country_name(...)

get_emedyd(...)

fix_database_country_name(...)

classify_material(...)

get_context(...)

get_radon(...)

get_radonb(...)
```

Arguments

... ...

duplicates	<i>Remove duplicates in a c14_date_list</i>
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Description

Duplicates are found by comparison of **labnrs**. Only dates with exactly equal **labnrs** are considered duplicates. Duplicate groups are numbered (from 0) and these numbers linked to the individual dates in a internal column **duplicate_group**. If you only want to see this grouping without removing anything use the mark_only flag. c14bazaAR::remove_duplicates() can remove duplicates with three different strategies according to the value of the arguments preferences and supermerge:

1. Option 1: By merging all dates in a **duplicate_group**. All non-equal variables in the duplicate group are turned to NA. This is the default option.

2. Option 2: By selecting individual database entries in a **duplicate_group** according to a trust hierarchy as defined by the parameter preferences. In case of duplicates within one database the first occurrence in the table (top down) is selected. All databases not mentioned in preferences are dropped.
3. Option 3: Like option 2, but in this case the different datasets in a **duplicate_group** are merged column by column to create a superdataset with a maximum of information. The column **sourcedb** is dropped in this case to indicate that multiple databases have been merged. Data citation is a lot more difficult with this option. It can be activated with supermerge.

The option log allows to add a new column **duplicate_remove_log** that documents the variety of values provided by all databases for this duplicated date.

Usage

```
remove_duplicates(
  x,
  preferences = NULL,
  supermerge = FALSE,
  log = TRUE,
  mark_only = FALSE
)

## Default S3 method:
remove_duplicates(
  x,
  preferences = NULL,
  supermerge = FALSE,
  log = TRUE,
  mark_only = FALSE
)

## S3 method for class 'c14_date_list'
remove_duplicates(
  x,
  preferences = NULL,
  supermerge = FALSE,
  log = TRUE,
  mark_only = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

x	an object of class <code>c14_date_list</code>
preferences	character vector with the order of source databases by which the deduping should be executed. If e.g. <code>preferences = c("radon", "calpal")</code> and a certain date appears in radon and euroevol, then only the radon entry remains. Default: <code>NULL</code> . With <code>preferences = NULL</code> all overlapping, conflicting information in individual columns of one duplicated date is removed. See Option 2 and 3.

supermerge	boolean. Should the duplicated datasets be merged on the column level? Default: FALSE. See Option 3.
log	logical. If log = TRUE, an additional column is added that contains a string documentation of all variants of the information for one date from all conflicting databases. Default = TRUE.
mark_only	boolean. Should duplicates not be removed, but only indicated? Default: FALSE.

Value

an object of class `c14_date_list` with the additional columns **duplicate_group** or **duplicate_remove_log**

Examples

```
library(magrittr)

test_data <- tibble::tribble(
  ~sourcedb, ~labnr, ~c14age, ~c14std,
  "A",      "lab-1", 1100,    10,
  "A",      "lab-1", 2100,    20,
  "B",      "lab-1", 3100,    30,
  "A",      "lab-2", NA,      10,
  "B",      "lab-2", 2200,    20,
  "C",      "lab-3", 1300,    10
) %>% as.c14_date_list()

# remove duplicates with option 1:
test_data %>% remove_duplicates()

# remove duplicates with option 2:
test_data %>% remove_duplicates(
  preferences = c("A", "B")
)

# remove duplicates with option 3:
test_data %>% remove_duplicates(
  preferences = c("A", "B"),
  supermerge = TRUE
)
```

enforce_types

*Enforce variable types in a **c14_date_list***

Description

Enforce variable types in a **c14_date_list** and remove everything that doesn't fit (e.g. text in a number field). See the [variable_reference](#) table for a documentation of the variable types. `enforce_types()` is called in `c14bazAAR::as.c14_date_list()`.

Usage

```
enforce_types(x, suppress_na_introduced_warnings = TRUE)

## Default S3 method:
enforce_types(x, suppress_na_introduced_warnings = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'c14_date_list'
enforce_types(x, suppress_na_introduced_warnings = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x an object of class c14_date_list

suppress_na_introduced_warnings

 suppress warnings caused by data removal in type transformation due to wrong database entries (such as text in a number column)

Value

an object of class c14_date_list

Examples

```
# initial situation
ex <- example_c14_date_list
class(ex$c14age)

# modify variable/column type
ex$c14age <- as.character(ex$c14age)
class(ex$c14age)

# fix type with enforce_types()
ex <- enforce_types(ex)
class(ex$c14age)
```

example_c14_date_list *Example c14_date_list*

Description

c14_date_list for tests and example code.

Format

a c14_date_list. See data_raw/variable_definition.csv for an explanation of the variable meaning.

`fuse`*Fuse multiple `c14_date_lists`*

Description

This function combines `c14_date_lists` with `dplyr::bind_rows()`.

This is not a joining operation and it therefore might introduce duplicates. See `c14bazAAR::mark_duplicates()` and `c14bazAAR::remove_duplicates()` for a way to find and remove them.

Usage

```
fuse(...)  
  
## Default S3 method:  
fuse(...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'c14_date_list'  
fuse(...)
```

Arguments

... objects of class `c14_date_list`

Value

an object of class `c14_date_list`

Examples

```
# fuse three identical example c14_date_lists  
fuse(example_c14_date_list, example_c14_date_list, example_c14_date_list)
```

`get_14cpalaeolithic`*Backend functions for data download*

Description

Backend functions to download data. See [?get_c14data](#) for a more simple interface and further information.

Usage

```
get_14cpalaeolithic(db_url = get_db_url("14cpalaeolithic"))  
  
get_14sea(db_url = get_db_url("14sea"))  
  
get_adrac(db_url = get_db_url("adrac"))  
  
get_agrichange(db_url = get_db_url("agrichange"))  
  
get_aida(db_url = get_db_url("aida"))  
  
get_austarch(db_url = get_db_url("austarch"))  
  
get_bda(db_url = get_db_url("bda"))  
  
get_all_dates()  
  
get_calpal(db_url = get_db_url("calpal"))  
  
get_caribbean(db_url = get_db_url("caribbean"))  
  
get_eubar(db_url = get_db_url("eubar"))  
  
get_euroevol(db_url = get_db_url("euroevol"))  
  
get_irdd(db_url = get_db_url("irdd"))  
  
get_jomon(db_url = get_db_url("jomon"))  
  
get_katsianis(db_url = get_db_url("katsianis"))  
  
get_kiteeastafrika(db_url = get_db_url("kiteeastafrika"))  
  
get_medafricarbon(db_url = get_db_url("medafricarbon"))  
  
get_mesorad(db_url = get_db_url("mesorad"))  
  
get_neonet(db_url = get_db_url("neonet"))  
  
get_neonetatl(db_url = get_db_url("neonetatl"))  
  
get_nerd(db_url = get_db_url("nerd"))  
  
get_p3k14c(db_url = get_db_url("p3k14c"))  
  
get_pacea(db_url = get_db_url("pacea"))  
  
get_palmisano(db_url = get_db_url("palmisano"))
```

```

get_rado.nb(db_url = get_db_url("rado.nb"))

get_rxpand(db_url = get_db_url("rxpand"))

get_sard(db_url = get_db_url("sard"))

get_tegiszhol(db_url = get_db_url("tegiszhol"))

get_xronos(db_url = get_db_url("xronos"))

```

Arguments

db_url	Character. URL that points to the c14 archive file. c14bazAAR::get_db_url() fetches the URL from a reference list
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get_c14data	<i>Download radiocarbon source databases and convert them to a c14_date_list</i>
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Description

get_c14data() allows to download source databases and adjust their variables to conform to the definition in the **variable_reference** table. That includes renaming and arranging the variables (with c14bazAAR::order_variables()) as well as type conversion (with c14bazAAR::enforce_types()) – so all the steps undertaken by as.c14_date_list().

All databases require different downloading and data wrangling steps. Therefore there's a custom getter function for each of them (see ?get_all_dates).

get_c14data() is a wrapper to download all dates from multiple databases and c14bazAAR::fuse() the results.

Usage

```
get_c14data(databases = c())
```

Arguments

databases	Character vector. Names of databases to be downloaded. "all" causes the download of all databases. get_c14data() prints a list of the currently available databases
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Examples

```

## Not run:
get_c14data(databases = c("adrac", "palmisano"))
get_all_dates()
## End(Not run)

```

get_db_url	<i>Get information for c14 databases</i>
------------	--

Description

Looks for information for the c14 source databases in [db_info_table](#).

Usage

```
get_db_url(..., db_info_table = c14bazAAR::db_info_table)

get_db_version(..., db_info_table = c14bazAAR::db_info_table)

get_db_version_number(..., db_info_table = c14bazAAR::db_info_table)
```

Arguments

...	names of the databases
db_info_table	db info reference table

order_variables	<i>Order the variables in a c14_date_list</i>
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Description

Arrange variables according to a defined order. This makes sure that a **c14_date_list** always appears with the same outline.

A **c14_date_list** has at least the columns **c14age** and **c14std**. Beyond that there's a selection of additional variables depending on the input from the source databases, as a result of the c14bazAAR functions or added by other data analysis steps. This function arranges the expected variables in a distinct, predefined order. Undefined variables are added at the end.

Usage

```
order_variables(x)

## Default S3 method:
order_variables(x)

## S3 method for class 'c14_date_list'
order_variables(x)
```

Arguments

x	an object of class c14_date_list
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Value

an object of class `c14_date_list`

<code>write_c14</code>	<i>write c14_date_lists to files</i>
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Description

write **c14_date_lists** to files

Usage

```
write_c14(x, format = c("csv"), ...)

## Default S3 method:
write_c14(x, format = c("csv"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'c14_date_list'
write_c14(x, format = c("csv"), ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of class <code>c14_date_list</code>
<code>format</code>	the output format: <code>'csv'</code> (default) or <code>'xlsx'</code> . <code>'csv'</code> calls <code>utils::write.csv()</code> , <code>'xlsx'</code> calls <code>writexl::write_xlsx()</code>
<code>...</code>	passed to the actual writing functions

Examples

```
csv_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".csv")
write_c14(
  example_c14_date_list,
  format = "csv",
  file = csv_file
)

xlsx_file <- tempfile(fileext = ".xlsx")
write_c14(
  example_c14_date_list,
  format = "xlsx",
  path = xlsx_file,
)
```

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