

# Package: wikitaxa (via r-universe)

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### Description

Taxonomic Information from Wikipedia

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### Description

data.frame of 295 rows, with 3 columns:

- language - language
- language\_local - language in local name
- wiki - langugae code for the wiki

### Details

From [https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Wikipedias](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/List_of_Wikipedias)

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wt_data	<i>Wikidata taxonomy data</i>
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## Description

Wikidata taxonomy data

## Usage

```
wt_data(x, property = NULL, ...)
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```
wt_data_id(x, language = "en", limit = 10, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	(character) a taxonomic name
property	(character) a property id, e.g., P486
...	curl options passed on to <code>httr::GET()</code>
language	(character) two letter language code
limit	(integer) records to return. Default: 10

## Details

Note that `wt_data` can take a while to run since when fetching claims it has to do so one at a time for each claim

You can search things other than taxonomic names with `wt_data` if you like

## Value

`wt_data` searches Wikidata, and returns a list with elements:

- labels - data.frame with columns: language, value
- descriptions - data.frame with columns: language, value
- aliases - data.frame with columns: language, value
- sitelinks - data.frame with columns: site, title
- claims - data.frame with columns: claims, property\_value, property\_description, value (comma separated values in string)

`wt_data_id` gets the Wikidata ID for the searched term, and returns the ID as character

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# search by taxon name
# wt_data("Mimulus alsinoides")

# choose which properties to return
wt_data(x="Mimulus foliatus", property = c("P846", "P815"))

# get a taxonomic identifier
wt_data_id("Mimulus foliatus")
# the id can be passed directly to wt_data()
# wt_data(wt_data_id("Mimulus foliatus"))

## End(Not run)
```

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wt\_wikicommons

*WikiCommons*


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**Description**

WikiCommons

**Usage**

```
wt_wikicommons(name, utf8 = TRUE, ...)

wt_wikicommons_parse(
  page,
  types = c("langlinks", "iwlinks", "externallinks", "common_names", "classification"),
  tidy = FALSE
)

wt_wikicommons_search(query, limit = 10, offset = 0, utf8 = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

name	(character) Wiki name - as a page title, must be length 1
utf8	(logical) If TRUE, encodes most (but not all) non-ASCII characters as UTF-8 instead of replacing them with hexadecimal escape sequences. Default: TRUE
...	curl options, passed on to <code>httr::GET()</code>
page	( <code>httr::response()</code> ) Result of <code>wt_wiki_page()</code>
types	(character) List of properties to parse
tidy	(logical). tidy output to data.frame's if possible. Default: FALSE
query	(character) query terms
limit	(integer) number of results to return. Default: 10
offset	(integer) record to start at. Default: 0

## Value

wt\_wikicommons returns a list, with slots:

- langlinks - language page links
- externallinks - external links
- common\_names - a data.frame with name and language columns
- classification - a data.frame with rank and name columns

wt\_wikicommons\_parse returns a list

wt\_wikicommons\_search returns a list with slots for continue and query, where query holds the results, with query\$search slot with the search results

## References

<https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/API:Search> for help on search

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# high level
wt_wikicommons(name = "Malus domestica")
wt_wikicommons(name = "Pinus contorta")
wt_wikicommons(name = "Ursus americanus")
wt_wikicommons(name = "Balaenoptera musculus")

wt_wikicommons(name = "Category:Poeae")
wt_wikicommons(name = "Category:Pinaceae")

# low level
pg <- wt_wiki_page("https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Malus_domestica")
wt_wikicommons_parse(pg)

# search wikicommons
# FIXME: utf=FALSE for now until curl::curl_escape fix
# https://github.com/jeroen/curl/issues/228
wt_wikicommons_search(query = "Pinus", utf8 = FALSE)

## use search results to dig into pages
res <- wt_wikicommons_search(query = "Pinus", utf8 = FALSE)
lapply(res$query$search$title[1:3], wt_wikicommons)

## End(Not run)
```

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wt_wikipedia	<i>Wikipedia</i>
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## Description

Wikipedia

## Usage

```
wt_wikipedia(name, wiki = "en", utf8 = TRUE, ...)

wt_wikipedia_parse(
  page,
  types = c("langlinks", "iwiki", "externallinks", "common_names", "classification"),
  tidy = FALSE
)

wt_wikipedia_search(
  query,
  wiki = "en",
  limit = 10,
  offset = 0,
  utf8 = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

name	(character) Wiki name - as a page title, must be length 1
wiki	(character) wiki language. default: en. See <a href="#">wikipedias</a> for language codes.
utf8	(logical) If TRUE, encodes most (but not all) non-ASCII characters as UTF-8 instead of replacing them with hexadecimal escape sequences. Default: TRUE
...	curl options, passed on to <a href="#">httr::GET()</a>
page	( <a href="#">httr::response()</a> ) Result of <a href="#">wt_wiki_page()</a>
types	(character) List of properties to parse
tidy	(logical). tidy output to data.frame's if possible. Default: FALSE
query	(character) query terms
limit	(integer) number of results to return. Default: 10
offset	(integer) record to start at. Default: 0

## Value

wt\_wikipedia returns a list, with slots:

- langlinks - language page links
- externallinks - external links
- common\_names - a data.frame with name and language columns
- classification - a data.frame with rank and name columns
- synonyms - a character vector with taxonomic names

wt\_wikipedia\_parse returns a list with same slots determined by the types parameter

wt\_wikipedia\_search returns a list with slots for continue and query, where query holds the results, with query\$search slot with the search results

## References

<https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/API:Search> for help on search

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# high level
wt_wikipedia(name = "Malus domestica")
wt_wikipedia(name = "Malus domestica", wiki = "fr")
wt_wikipedia(name = "Malus domestica", wiki = "da")

# low level
pg <- wt_wiki_page("https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malus_domestica")
wt_wikipedia_parse(pg)
wt_wikipedia_parse(pg, tidy = TRUE)

# search wikipedia
# FIXME: utf=FALSE for now until curl::curl_escape fix
# https://github.com/jeroen/curl/issues/228
wt_wikipedia_search(query = "Pinus", utf8=FALSE)
wt_wikipedia_search(query = "Pinus", wiki = "fr", utf8=FALSE)
wt_wikipedia_search(query = "Pinus", wiki = "br", utf8=FALSE)

## curl options
# wt_wikipedia_search(query = "Pinus", verbose = TRUE, utf8=FALSE)

## use search results to dig into pages
res <- wt_wikipedia_search(query = "Pinus", utf8=FALSE)
lapply(res$query$search$title[1:3], wt_wikipedia)

## End(Not run)
```

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wt_wikispecies	<i>WikiSpecies</i>
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## Description

WikiSpecies

## Usage

```
wt_wikispecies(name, utf8 = TRUE, ...)

wt_wikispecies_parse(
  page,
  types = c("langlinks", "iwlinks", "externallinks", "common_names", "classification"),
  tidy = FALSE
)

wt_wikispecies_search(query, limit = 10, offset = 0, utf8 = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

name	(character) Wiki name - as a page title, must be length 1
utf8	(logical) If TRUE, encodes most (but not all) non-ASCII characters as UTF-8 instead of replacing them with hexadecimal escape sequences. Default: TRUE
...	curl options, passed on to <a href="#">httr::GET()</a>
page	( <a href="#">httr::response()</a> ) Result of <a href="#">wt_wiki_page()</a>
types	(character) List of properties to parse
tidy	(logical). tidy output to data.frame's if possible. Default: FALSE
query	(character) query terms
limit	(integer) number of results to return. Default: 10
offset	(integer) record to start at. Default: 0

## Value

wt\_wikispecies returns a list, with slots:

- langlinks - language page links
- externallinks - external links
- common\_names - a data.frame with name and language columns
- classification - a data.frame with rank and name columns

wt\_wikispecies\_parse returns a list

wt\_wikispecies\_search returns a list with slots for continue and query, where query holds the results, with query\$search slot with the search results

## References

<https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/API:Search> for help on search

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# high level
wt_wikispecies(name = "Malus domestica")
wt_wikispecies(name = "Pinus contorta")
wt_wikispecies(name = "Ursus americanus")
wt_wikispecies(name = "Balaenoptera musculus")

# low level
pg <- wt_wiki_page("https://species.wikimedia.org/wiki/Abelmoschus")
wt_wikispecies_parse(pg)

# search wikispecies
# FIXME: utf=FALSE for now until curl::curl_escape fix
# https://github.com/jeroen/curl/issues/228
wt_wikispecies_search(query = "pine tree", utf8=FALSE)

## use search results to dig into pages
res <- wt_wikispecies_search(query = "pine tree", utf8=FALSE)
lapply(res$query$search$title[1:3], wt_wikispecies)

## End(Not run)
```

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wt\_wiki\_page

*Get MediaWiki Page from API*

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## Description

Supports both static page urls and their equivalent API calls.

## Usage

```
wt_wiki_page(url, ...)
```

## Arguments

url (character) MediaWiki page url.  
... Arguments passed to `wt_wiki_url_build()` if url is a static page url.

## Details

If the URL given is for a human readable html page, we convert it to equivalent API call - if URL is already an API call, we just use that.

**Value**

an `HttpResponse` response object from **crul**

**See Also**

Other MediaWiki functions: [wt\\_wiki\\_page\\_parse\(\)](#), [wt\\_wiki\\_url\\_build\(\)](#), [wt\\_wiki\\_url\\_parse\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
wt_wiki_page("https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malus_domestica")

## End(Not run)
```

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wt_wiki_page_parse	<i>Parse MediaWiki Page</i>
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**Description**

Parses common properties from the result of a MediaWiki API page call.

**Usage**

```
wt_wiki_page_parse(
  page,
  types = c("langlinks", "iwlinks", "externallinks"),
  tidy = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

page	( <a href="#">crul::HttpResponse</a> ) Result of <a href="#">wt_wiki_page()</a>
types	(character) List of properties to parse.
tidy	(logical). tidy output to <code>data.frames</code> when possible. Default: FALSE

**Details**

Available properties currently not parsed: title, displaytitle, pageid, revid, redirects, text, categories, links, templates, images, sections, properties, ...

**Value**

a list

**See Also**

Other MediaWiki functions: [wt\\_wiki\\_page\(\)](#), [wt\\_wiki\\_url\\_build\(\)](#), [wt\\_wiki\\_url\\_parse\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
pg <- wt_wiki_page("https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malus_domestica")
wt_wiki_page_parse(pg)

## End(Not run)
```

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wt\_wiki\_url\_build      *Build MediaWiki Page URL*

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**Description**

Builds a MediaWiki page url from its component parts (wiki name, wiki type, and page title). Supports both static page urls and their equivalent API calls.

**Usage**

```
wt_wiki_url_build(
  wiki,
  type = NULL,
  page = NULL,
  api = FALSE,
  action = "parse",
  redirects = TRUE,
  format = "json",
  utf8 = TRUE,
  prop = c("text", "langlinks", "categories", "links", "templates", "images",
    "externallinks", "sections", "revid", "displaytitle", "iwlinks", "properties")
)
```

**Arguments**

wiki	(character   list) Either the wiki name or a list with \$wiki, \$type, and \$page (the output of <code>wt_wiki_url_parse()</code> ).
type	(character) Wiki type.
page	(character) Wiki page title.
api	(boolean) Whether to return an API call or a static page url (default). If FALSE, all following (API-only) arguments are ignored.
action	(character) See <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/w/api.php">https://en.wikipedia.org/w/api.php</a> for supported actions. This function currently only supports "parse".
redirects	(boolean) If the requested page is set to a redirect, resolve it.
format	(character) See <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/w/api.php">https://en.wikipedia.org/w/api.php</a> for supported output formats.
utf8	(boolean) If TRUE, encodes most (but not all) non-ASCII characters as UTF-8 instead of replacing them with hexadecimal escape sequences.

prop (character) Properties to retrieve, either as a character vector or pipe-delimited string. See <https://en.wikipedia.org/w/api.php?action=help&modules=parse> for supported properties.

### Value

a URL (character)

### See Also

Other MediaWiki functions: [wt\\_wiki\\_page\\_parse\(\)](#), [wt\\_wiki\\_page\(\)](#), [wt\\_wiki\\_url\\_parse\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
wt_wiki_url_build(wiki = "en", type = "wikipedia", page = "Malus domestica")
wt_wiki_url_build(
  wt_wiki_url_parse("https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malus_domestica"))
wt_wiki_url_build("en", "wikipedia", "Malus domestica", api = TRUE)
```

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wt\_wiki\_url\_parse      *Parse MediaWiki Page URL*

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### Description

Parse a MediaWiki page url into its component parts (wiki name, wiki type, and page title). Supports both static page urls and their equivalent API calls.

### Usage

```
wt_wiki_url_parse(url)
```

### Arguments

url (character) MediaWiki page url.

### Value

a list with elements:

- wiki - wiki language
- type - wikipedia type
- page - page name

### See Also

Other MediaWiki functions: [wt\\_wiki\\_page\\_parse\(\)](#), [wt\\_wiki\\_page\(\)](#), [wt\\_wiki\\_url\\_build\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
wt_wiki_url_parse(url="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malus_domestica")  
wt_wiki_url_parse("https://en.wikipedia.org/w/api.php?page=Malus_domestica")
```

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