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Description

Function that returns both data and dictionary with the name of the checkboxes transformed by the name of their options.

Usage

```r
checkbox_names(data, dic, labels, checkbox_labels = c("No", "Yes"))
```

Arguments

- `data` : Dataset containing the REDCap data.
- `dic` : Dataset containing the REDCap dictionary.
- `labels` : Named character vector with the name of the variables in the data and the REDCap label in its name.
- `checkbox_labels` : Character vector with the names that will have the two options of every checkbox variable. Default is c("No", "Yes").
**check_queries**

*Check modifications between two dataset of queries*

**Description**

This function compares a former dataset of queries with a new one and allows you to check which of the old queries were resolved, which are yet to be resolved and which of them are new.

**Usage**

```r
check_queries(old, new)
```

**Arguments**

- `old`  
  Old version of the dataset of queries.

- `new`  
  New version of the dataset of queries. This object will be used to determine the status of each query.

**Value**

A list containing a data frame with a merge of all queries plus a column indicating which queries were resolved or are new comparing to the old queries dataset and the total of queries per category of the added column.

**Examples**

```r
data_old <- rd_query(variables = "copd",
                   expression = "%in%NA",
                   event = "initial_visit_arm_1",
                   dic = covican$dictionary,
                   data = covican$data)
data_new <- rbind(data_old$queries[1:5,], c("100-20", rep("abc",8)))
# Control of queries
check <- check_queries(old = data_old$queries,
                        new = data_new)
```

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**covican**

*Subset of COVICAN’s database*

**Description**

A random sample of the COVICAN study. An international, multicentre cohort study of cancer patients with COVID-19 to describe the epidemiology, risk factors, and clinical outcomes of co-infections and superinfections in onco-hematological patients with COVID-19.
Usage

data(covican)

Format

A data frame with 342 rows and 56 columns

- **record_id**: Identifier of each record. This information does not match the real data.
- **redcap_event_name**: Auto-generated name of the events
- **redcap_data_access_group**: Auto-generated name of each center. This information does not match the real data.
- **inc_1**: Inclusion criteria of 'Patients older than 18 years' (0 = No ; 1 = Yes)
- **inc_2**: Inclusion criteria of 'Cancer patients' (0 = No ; 1 = Yes)
- **inc_3**: Inclusion criteria of 'Diagnosed of COVID-19' (0 = No ; 1 = Yes)
- **exc_1**: Exclusion criteria of 'Solid tumour remission >1 year' (0 = No ; 1 = Yes)
- **screening_fail_crit**: Indicator of non-compliance with inclusion and exclusion criteria (0 = compliance ; 1 = non-compliance)
- **d_birth**: Date of birth (y-m-d). This date does not correspond to the original.
- **d_ingreso**: Date of first visit (y-m-d). This date does not correspond to the original.
- **age**: Age in years
- **dm**: Indicator of diabetes (0 = No ; 1 = Yes)
- **type_dm**: Type of diabetes (1 = No complications ; 2 = End-organ diabetes-related disease)
- **copd**: Indicator of chronic pulmonary disease (0 = No ; 1 = Yes)
- **fio2_aportado**: Fraction of inspired oxygen in percentage
- **analitica_disponible**: Indicator of blood test available (0 = No ; 1 = Yes)
- **potassium**: Potassium in mmol/L
- **resp_freq**: Respiratory rate in bpm
- **hemato_neo**: Indicator of leukemia or lymphoma (0 = No ; 1 = Yes)
- **leukemia**: Indicator of acute leukemia (0 = No ; 1 = Yes)
- **type_underlying_disease[... ]**: Checkbox with the type of underlying disease (0 = Haematological cancer ; 1 = Solid tumour)
- **underlying_disease_hemato[... ]**: Checkbox with the type of underlying disease (1 = Acute myeloid leukemia ; 2 = Myelodysplastic syndrome ; 3 = Chronic myeloid leukemia ; 4 = Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia ; 5 = Hodgkin lymphoma ; 6 = Non Hodgkin lymphoma ; 7 = Multiple myeloma ; 8 = Myelofibrosis ; 9 = Aplastic anaemia ; 10 = Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia ; 11 = Amyloidosis ; 12 = Other)
- **urine_culture**: Indicator of urine culture: (0 = Not done ; 1 = Done)

Note

It is a list containing two dataframes: the first one with the data and the other one with the dictionary ('codebook') of this project in REDCap.
References


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dades_events

Creation of a data frame with variables of all the forms of a specified event

Description

Function that given the data, the dictionary and the mapping between forms and events it creates a dataset with the variables of all the forms that are in this event. It can be chosen to return only the data from the specified event.

Usage

dades_events(data, dic, event, which = NULL)

Arguments

data Preprocessed data.
dic Preprocessed dictionary.
event Downloaded instrument-event mapping from REDCap.
which Specify an event if only data for the desired event is wanted.

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dades_forms

Creation of a data frame with variables of a specified form

Description

Function that given the data, the dictionary and the mapping between forms and events it creates a dataset with the variables that are in this form for all events. It can be chosen to return only the data from the specified form.

Usage

dades_forms(data, dic, event, which = NULL, wide = FALSE)
Arguments

data Preprocessed data.
dic Preprocessed dictionary.
event Downloaded instrument-event mapping from REDCap.
which Specify a form if only data for the desired form is wanted.
wide If the dataset needs to be in a wide format or not (long).

dic_checkboxes Change the names of checkboxes variables in the REDCap dictionary

Description

Auxiliary function to checkbox_names. Adds to the dictionary all variables that correspond to all the options of checkbox (with the name as it is in the data) and remove the original general checkbox variable.

Usage

dic_checkboxes(var_check, dic, labels, checkbox_labels = c("No", "Yes"))

Arguments

var_check Character vector containing the names of those variables that are checkboxes.
dic Dataset containing the REDCap dictionary.
labels Named character vector with the name of the variables in the data and the REDCap label in its name.
checkbox_labels Character vector with the names that will have the two options of every checkbox variable. Default is c("No", "Yes").

rd_event Identification of missing event/s

Description

By default, if a record identifier has no information of a designated event, REDCap will not download it. This function allows you to point out which record identifiers do not have information of a determined event.
**rd_event**

**Usage**

```r
rd_event(
  event,
  filter = NA,
  query_name = NA,
  dic,
  data,
  addTo = NA,
  report_title = NA,
  report_zeros = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

- `event`: Vector with the REDCap’s events names to be analyzed.
- `filter`: A filter to apply to the dataset. This argument can be used to identify the missing events on a subgroup of the dataset.
- `query_name`: Description of the query. It can be defined as the same one for all events or you can define one for each event. By default, the function will define the description as ‘The event [event] is missing’ for each event’.
- `dic`: R object corresponding to the dictionary of the dataset.
- `data`: R object corresponding to the dataset.
- `addTo`: Data frame corresponding to a prior report of queries to which you can add the new data frame of queries. By default, the function will always generate a new data frame without taking into account former reports.
- `report_title`: Character string with the report’s title.
- `report_zeros`: Logical. If ‘TRUE’, it returns a report including events with zero queries.

**Value**

A dataframe with 9 columns meant to help the user identify each missing event and a table with the total of queries per variable.

**Examples**

```r
eexample <- rd_event(event = "follow_up_visit_da_arm_1",
                     dic = covican$dictionary,
                     data = covican$data)
eexample
```
rd_insert_na  
*Insert missing using a filter*

**Description**

Function that allows you to manually input a missing to some variables (`vars`) when some filters (`filter`) are satisfied. Useful for checkboxes without a gatekeeper question in the branching logic. Advert that the variables present in the filter have to be in the same event as the variables we want to convert.

**Usage**

```
rd_insert_na(data, filter, vars)
```

**Arguments**

- `data`  
  Database containing data from REDCap.
- `filter`  
  Character vector containing the logic to be directly evaluated.
- `vars`  
  Character vector containing the names of those variables to transform. When the previous evaluated logic is ‘TRUE’ the variables in the same event will be transformed to missing. So, remember that the variables in the filter have to be in the same event as the other variables.

**Value**

transformed data with the specified variables converted.

**Examples**

```r
data <- rd_transform(data = covican$data,  
dic = covican$dictionary)$data
rd_insert_na(data = data,  
filter = rep("age < 65", 2),  
vars = grep("type_underlying_disease", names(data), value = TRUE))
```

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**rd_query**  
*Identification of queries*

**Description**

This function allows you to identify queries using a determined expression. It can be used to identify missing values, values outside the lower or upper limit of a variable and even identify missing values of variables that present a branching logic through the use of the filter argument.
**Usage**

```
rd_query(
  variables = NA,
  expression = NA,
  negate = FALSE,
  variables_names = NA,
  query_name = NA,
  instrument = NA,
  event = NA,
  dic,
  data,
  filter = NA,
  addTo = NA,
  report_title = NA,
  report_zeros = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

- **variables**: Vector with variables names from the database that will be checked. If this argument alongside with the argument 'expression' are unspecified, this function will look for abnormal values using the minimum and maximum of each variable in the dataset (information contained in the dictionary).
- **expression**: Expression that will be applied to the chosen variables, for example, "<170". If this argument is unspecified, this function will look for abnormal values using the minimum and maximum of each variable in the dataset (information contained in the dictionary).
- **negate**: Logical value indicating whether or not to negate the defined expression. Defaults to 'FALSE'.
- **variables_names**: Vector with the description of each variable. By default, the function will automatically pick the description of each variable from the dictionary of the dataset.
- **query_name**: Description of the query. It can be defined as the same one for all variables or you can define one for each variable. By default, the function will define the description as 'The value is [value] and it should not be [expression]' for each one of the variables.
- **instrument**: REDCap’s instrument to which the variables belong. It can be defined as the same one for all variables or you can define one for each variable. By default, the function will automatically pick the corresponding instrument of each variable from the dictionary of the dataset.
- **event**: REDCap’s event name to be analyzed. If your REDCap project has events, you should use this argument in order to name the event to which the defined variables belong.
- **dic**: R object corresponding to the dictionary of the dataset.
- **data**: R object corresponding to the dataset.
filter  A filter to apply to the dataset. This argument can be used to, for example, apply the branching logic of a determined variable.

addTo  Data frame corresponding to a prior report of queries to which you can add the new data frame of queries. By default, the function will always generate a new data frame without taking into account former reports.

report_title  Character string with the report’s title.

report_zeros  Logical. If ‘TRUE’, it returns a report including variables with zero queries.

Value
A list with a data frame with 9 columns meant to help the user identify each query and a table with the total of queries per variable.

Examples
# Missings
example <- rd_query(variables = c("copd", "age"),
expression = c("%in%NA", "%in%NA"),
event = "initial_visit_arm_1",
dic = covican$dictionary,
data = covican$data)

example

# Expression
example <- rd_query(variables="age",
expression=">20",
event="initial_visit_arm_1",
dic=covican$dictionary,
data=covican$data)

example

# Using a filter
example <- rd_query(variables = "potassium",
expression = "%in%NA",
event = "initial_visit_arm_1",
dic = covican$dictionary,
data = covican$data,
filter = "analitica_disponible=="'1'"")

example

rd_rlogic  REDCap logic into R logic

Description
This function allows you to transcribe REDCap logic to R logic. WARNING: If the REDCap logic has smart-variables this function will not be able to transform it.
**Usage**

```
rd_rlogic(logic, data)
```

**Arguments**

- *logic* String containing a logic in REDCap format.
- *data* R object corresponding to the dataset.

**Value**

String containing the logic in R format.

**Examples**

```
rd_rlogic(logic = "if([exc_1]=1 or [inc_1]=0 or [inc_2]=0 or [inc_3]=0,1,0)",
data = covican$data)
```

**rd_transform**  
*Transformation of the raw data*

**Description**

Function that transforms the raw data from REDCap read by the function ‘redcap_data’. It returns the transformed data and dictionary along with the summary of the results of each step.

**Usage**

```
rd_transform(
  data,
  dic,
  event_path = NULL,
  checkbox_labels = c("No", "Yes"),
  exclude_to_factor = NULL,
  keep_labels = FALSE,
  delete_vars = "_complete",
  final_format = "raw",
  which_event = NULL,
  which_form = NULL,
  wide = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

- *data* Database containing data from REDCap.
- *dic* Database containing the dictionary read from REDCap.
- *event_path* Character string with the path name of the instrument mapping (can be downloaded in the ‘Designate Instruments for My Events’ section of REDCap).
checkbox_labels  
Character vector with the names that will have the two options of every checkbox variable. Default is ‘c(’No’, ’Yes’).  

exclude_to_factor  
Character vector with the names of the variables that do not have to be transformed to factors.  

keep_labels  
Logical indicating if the labels have to be kept or not.  

delete_vars  
Character vector specifying the pattern that will contain variables to exclude. By default, variables ending up with ‘_complete’ will be removed.  

final_format  
Character string indicating the final arrangement format of the data that the function will return. Choose one of ‘raw’, ‘by_event’ or ‘by_form’. ‘raw’ (default) will return the transformed data with the original structure. ‘by_event’ will return the transformed data as a nested data frame by event. ‘by_form’ will return the transformed data as a nested data frame by form.  

which_event  
Character string indicating if only one event has to be returned if the final format selected is ‘by_event’.  

which_form  
Character string indicating if only one form has to be returned if the final format selected is ‘by_form’.  

wide  
Logical indicating if the data split by form (if selected) has to be in a wide format or in a long one.  

Value  
List with the transformed dataset, dictionary and the results  

Examples  

```r  
rd_transform(data = covican$data,  
dic = covican$dictionary)  

# For customization of checkbox labels  
rd_transform(data = covican$data,  
dic = covican$dictionary,  
checkbox_labels = c("Not present",  "Present"))  
```

recalculate  
Recalculate REDCap calculated fields  

Description  
Function that recalculates every calculated field if the logic can be transcribed to R. Recall that calculated fields with smart-variables in the logic or variables in other events cannot be transcribed.  
The function will return the dataset and dictionary with the added recalculated variables (the name of the calculated field + ‘_recalc’) along with a table that shows the summary of the results.
**Usage**

```r
teach:recalculate(data, dic)
```

**Arguments**

- `data`: Dataset containing the REDCap data.
- `dic`: Dataset containing the REDCap dictionary.

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**Description**

The REDCapDM package provides three main functions that allow us to read a dataset downloaded from REDCap, identify a variety of queries, check over time which of the old queries were resolved and even do a pre-processing of the data. This package was built and tested with databases created using REDCap v12.4.17.

**Details**

REDCapDM functions:

- `redcap_data`: used to read data exported from REDCap or through an API connection.
- `rd_expression`: identification of queries.
- `rd_event`: identification of missing events in a determined observation.
- `check_queries`: used to check current queries with an old report to see which of them are corrected, uncorrected or if there are new queries.
- `rd_transform`: pre-processing of the dataset.
- `rd_rlogic`: transcribes redcap logic to R logic.
- `rd_insert_na`: manually put a missing value in specified variables using a filter.

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**Description**

This function allows you to read datasets from REDCap through exported data or API.

The REDCap API is an interface that allows communication with REDCap and server without going through the interactive REDCap interface.

If you will give further use to the package, we advise you to use the argument `dic_path` to read your dictionary, since all other functions need it in order to run properly.
Usage

redcap_data(data_path = NA, dic_path = NA, uri = NA, token = NA)

Arguments

data_path Character string with the pathname of the R file to read the dataset from.
dic_path Character string with the pathname of the dictionary.
uri The URI (uniform resource identifier) of the REDCap project.
token Character vector with the code of the token.

Value

List with the dataset and the dictionary of the corresponding REDCap project.

Note

To read exported data you have to first use REDCap’s ‘Export Data’ function and select the format ‘R Statistical Software’, then it will generate one CSV file with all observations and an R file with the necessary code to complete each variable information.

\[
\text{to\_factor} \quad \text{Convert variables to factors}
\]

Description

Function that converts every variable except those specified to factor.

Usage

to_factor(data, exclude = NULL)

Arguments

data Dataset containing the REDCap data.
exclude Character vector containing the names of those variables that will not be converted to factors. If ‘NULL’, all variables will be converted.
**transform_checkboxes**

Transformation of checkboxes in case of depending on a gatekeeping question

**Description**
Inspects all the checkboxes of the study and looks if there is a question door linked to them (a branching logic evaluating another variable). If there is one, when this variable is missing it directly inputs a missing to the checkbox. If a gatekeeper question variable cannot be found or the logic in the branching logic cannot be transcribed because of the presence of some smart variables, the variable is added in the list of the reviewable ones that will be printed.

The function will return the dataset with the transformed checkboxes along with a table that shows a summary of the results.

**Usage**
`transform_checkboxes(data, dic, checkbox_labels = c("No", "Yes"))`

**Arguments**
- **data**
  Dataset containing the REDCap data.
- **dic**
  Dataset containing the REDCap dictionary.
- **checkbox_labels**
  Character vector with the names that will have the two options of every checkbox variable. Default is `c(‘No’, ‘Yes’)`.

**transform_name**
Auxiliary function to `checkbox_names`

**Description**
Auxiliary function to `checkbox_names`. It changes the name of the checkbox variable to the name of the option it corresponds

**Usage**
`transform_name(var_check, name, labels)`

**Arguments**
- **var_check**
  a character vector containing the names of those variables that are checkboxes
- **name**
  a character element with the original name of the checkbox variable that has to be changed
- **labels**
  a named character vector with the name of the variables in the data and the REDCap label in its name
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