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Imports utils

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Details

A light R wrapper around the elex command
elexr provides an R interface for the elex package (http://github.com/newsdev/elex/) to load election results from the Associated Press Elections API.

Rather than reinventing the wheel, this package simply runs elex in a shell and loads the CSV output into a data frame. Because of this, you’ll need Python and to install elex by following the instructions at http://elex.readthedocs.org/en/latest/install.html.

You’ll also need an API key for the API Elections API. You’ll need to set the AP_API_KEY environment variable in your R session to be able to retrieve results.

Examples

```r
library(elexr)
# Set your actual AP Elections API Key here. The string below is an example
# only and won't work.
Sys.setenv(AP_API_KEY = "AZA0A0A0z0A0z0Az0Az0Az0AzAzZaZAZ")
tryCatch({
  ia_results <- results("02-01-2016")
},
  error = function(err) {
    print(err)
  })
```

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Usage

```r
results(election_date)
```

Arguments

- `election_date`: Election date as a string in MM-DD-YYYY format.
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