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DESCRIPTION

changes brings up the NEWS file of the package.

USAGE

changes(pkg = "rdnb")

ARGUMENTS

pkg

Set to the default "rdnb". Other packages make no sense.

EXAMPLES

## Not run:
changes()

## End(Not run)

dnb_advanced  

Search the DNB catalogue - advanced search

DESCRIPTION

dnb_search exposes a search in the DNB catalogue, expressed in the DNB query language.

USAGE

dnb_advanced(query, limit = 10, clean = TRUE, print = FALSE)

ARGUMENTS

query

the search query, expressed in the DNB query language; single string value.

limit

number and (optional) starting point of results returned; single integer value (number of results), vector of two integer values (number of results and first result, >=1) or "all" for a complete list of results.

clean

if TRUE (the default), the results are cleaned (see below for details).

print

if TRUE the search results are printed (default is FALSE).
Details

Cleaning of results

To harmonise the results, some clutter is deleted and abbreviations frequently used in the dnb catalogue are replaced by full words. Here is a list of all replacements:

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Value

A data.frame of results with metadata.

Examples

## Not run:
# german books titled with 'cat' (male or female),
# excluding titles containing dogs, since the year 2001
cats <- dnb_advanced("(tit=katze OR tit=kater NOT tit=hund) AND jhr>2000 AND mat=books AND spr=ger")

## End(Not run)
dnb_search

Search the DNB catalogue - simple search

Description

dnb_search exposes a search in the DNB catalogue.

Usage

```r
dnb_search(
    title, 
    author, 
    year, 
    publisher, 
    keyword, 
    type, 
    language, 
    limit = 10, 
    clean = TRUE, 
    print = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

- **title**: the title (including subtitle, short title, volume title, etc.); optional single string value or vector of strings.
- **author**: the author(s); optional single string value or vector of strings.
- **year**: the year of publishing; optional single integer value or vector of integers.
- **publisher**: the publisher (publisher name and/or location); optional single string value or vector of strings.
- **keyword**: one or a set of keywords describing the work (subjects, persons, locations, organisations, etc.); optional single string value or vector of strings.
- **type**: the type of publication (optional), one or a vector of articles, manuscript, biographicaldoc, letters, bequest, collections, books, brailles, maps, discs, dissertations, online, films, microfiches, multimedia, music, scores, serials, persons, subjects, corporations, works, events, geographics.
- **limit**: number and (optional) starting point of results returned; single integer value (number of results), vector of two integer values (number of results and first result, >=1) or "all" for a complete list of results.
- **clean**: if TRUE (the default), the results are cleaned (see dnb_advanced for details).
- **print**: if TRUE the search results are printed (default is FALSE).
**dnb_search**

Details
to do

Value
A list of results with metadata.

Examples

```r
## Not run:
# title search
single.title <- dnb_search(title="katze")
multi.title <- dnb_search(title=c("katze", "kater", "+maus", "-hund"))

# author search
single.author <- dnb_search(author="kern")
author.or.author <- dnb_search(author=c("kern", "locke"))
author.and.author <- dnb_search(author=c("kern", "+locke"))
author.not.author <- dnb_search(author=c("kern", "-locke"))

# publication year
single.year <- dnb_search(title="katze", year=2015)
sequence.of.years <- dnb_search(title="katze", year=2010:2015)
set.of.years <- dnb_search(title="katze", year=c(2010:2013, 2015))

# publisher search
single.publisher <- dnb_search(title="katze", publisher="kiepenheuer")
set.of.publishers <- dnb_search(title="katze", publisher=c("kiepenheuer", "piper"))

# keyword search
single.keyword <- dnb_search(author="kern")
keyword.or.keyword <- dnb_search(keyword=c("katze", "hund"))
keyword.and.keyword <- dnb_search(keyword=c("katze", "+hund"))
keyword.not.keyword <- dnb_search(keyword=c("katze", "-hund"))

# type search
single.type <- dnb_search(title="katze", type="books")
set.of.types <- dnb_search(title="katze", type=c("books", "articles", "online"))

# language search
single.language <- dnb_search(title="cat", language="eng")
set.of.languages <- dnb_search(title=c("cat", "katze"), language=c("eng", "ger"))

# change limit of results
first.result <- dnb_search(title="katze", limit=1)
5.results.starting.with.the.21st <- dnb_search(title="katze", limit=c(5, 21))
all.results <- dnb_search(title="katze", limit="all")
```

## End(Not run)
**n_rec**

*Number of records*

**Description**

*n_rec* returns the number of items in a list of records returned by a DNB-search.

**Usage**

```
n_rec(dnb_obj)
```

**Arguments**

- `dnb_obj` the DNB-search object returned by `dnb_search` or `dnb_advanced`.

**Value**

Number of records found.

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
dnb.srch <- dnb_search(title="katze")
n_rec(dnb.srch)
## End(Not run)
```

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**print_query**

*Print search query*

**Description**

`print_query` prints out the query used for a DNB-search request.

**Usage**

```
print_query(dnb_obj)
```

**Arguments**

- `dnb_obj` the DNB-search object returned by `dnb_search` or `dnb_advanced`.

**Value**

Query string.
## Examples

```r
## Not run:
dnb.srch <- dnb_search(title="katze")
print_query(dnb.srch)
## End(Not run)
```

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**rdnb**

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### Details

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### References

About the DNB: [https://www.dnb.de/EN/ueber-uns/ueberUns_node.html](https://www.dnb.de/EN/ueber-uns/ueberUns_node.html); about the interface: [https://www.dnb.de/EN/Professionell/MetadataDienste/Datenbezug/SRU/sru_node.html](https://www.dnb.de/EN/Professionell/MetadataDienste/Datenbezug/SRU/sru_node.html)
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