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browse_dataset	<i>Open a dataset's page in your web browser</i>
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Description

Looks up the record by DOI and opens its url with `utils::browseURL()`, so you can go from a search result straight to the dataset itself without copying a link.

Usage

```
browse_dataset(doi)
```

Arguments

doi The dataset's DOI (see `dataset_info()`).

Value

Invisibly, the URL that was opened.

Examples

```
browse_dataset("doi:10.7910/DVN/PRYYZ5")
```

dataset_info	<i>Look up a single record by DOI</i>
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Description

Look up a single record by DOI

Usage

```
dataset_info(doi)
```

Arguments

doi	The dataset's DOI, e.g. "doi:10.7910/DVN/PRYYZ5" (as returned in the doi column of any search result).
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Value

A one-row `tibble::tibble()`, or a zero-row tibble if no record matches (see `search_replications()` for the column definitions).

Examples

```
dataset_info("doi:10.7910/DVN/PRYYZ5")
```

download_dataset	<i>Download a dataset's files</i>
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Description

Downloads a replication package's files to a local directory, without leaving R. Requires the **dataverse** package (`install.packages("dataverse")`); this is a thin convenience wrapper around it, scoped to this index's data and DOI format.

Usage

```
download_dataset(doi, dest = tempfile("psreplicate_"), files = NULL)
```

Arguments

doi	The dataset's DOI (see the doi column of any search result).
dest	Directory to download into. Created if it doesn't exist. Defaults to a new temporary directory.
files	Optional character vector of filenames to download (see <code>list_dataset_files()</code>); by default, every file in the dataset.

Value

Invisibly, a character vector of the local file paths written. A file that fails to download (e.g. access-restricted) is skipped with a warning rather than aborting the rest of the download.

Examples

```
hit <- search_by_title("Rebel Victory and Authoritarian")
download_dataset(hit$doi[1])
```

list_dataset_files	<i>List the files in a dataset</i>
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Description

Previews what's available before downloading anything with `download_dataset()`. Requires the **dataverse** package (`install.packages("dataverse")`), which does the actual work of talking to Harvard Dataverse's file API.

Usage

```
list_dataset_files(doi)
```

Arguments

doi	The dataset's DOI (see the doi column of any search result).
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Value

A `tibble::tibble()` with columns filename, filesize (bytes), and content_type.

Examples

```
hit <- search_by_title("Rebel Victory and Authoritarian")
list_dataset_files(hit$doi[1])
```

list_data_types	<i>List data-type tags used in the index</i>
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Description

The valid values to pass to `search_by_data_type()` or `search_replications()`'s `data_type` argument aren't documented anywhere else - this lists exactly what's actually in the data, most common first.

Usage

```
list_data_types()
```

Value

A `tibble::tibble()` with columns `data_type` and `n_records`.

Examples

```
list_data_types()
```

list_functions	<i>List every function this package exports</i>
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Description

A quick reference, since the API is spread across several small, single-purpose functions rather than one do-everything call. Equivalent information is available via `library(help = "psreplicate")`, but this is meant to be more skimmable.

Usage

```
list_functions()
```

Value

A `tibble::tibble()` with columns `function_name` and `description`, in the order you'd typically reach for them.

Examples

```
list_functions()
```

list_journals	<i>List journals covered by the index</i>
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Description

List journals covered by the index

Usage

```
list_journals()
```

Value

A `tibble::tibble()` with one row per journal currently represented in the index: `journal_short`, `journal_name`, and `n_records` (the number of indexed replication packages).

Examples

```
list_journals()
```

list_methods	<i>List method tags used in the index</i>
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Description

The valid values to pass to `search_by_method()` or `search_replications()`'s `method` argument aren't documented anywhere else - this lists exactly what's actually in the data, most common first.

Usage

```
list_methods()
```

Value

A `tibble::tibble()` with columns `method` and `n_records`.

Examples

```
list_methods()
```

load_dataset_file	<i>Load one file from a dataset directly into R</i>
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Description

Unlike `download_dataset()`, this never writes anything to disk. Tabular files (`.tab/.dta/.csv/etc.` that Dataverse has ingested) come back as a tibble; `.rds` files are deserialized directly with `readRDS()` as whatever R object they contain; other plain-text files (scripts, READMEs) come back as a character vector of lines; anything else (PDFs, images, other binaries) comes back as a raw vector, since there's no sensible in-memory representation otherwise. Requires the **dataverse** package (`install.packages("dataverse")`).

Usage

```
load_dataset_file(doi, filename)
```

Arguments

doi	The dataset's DOI (see the doi column of any search result).
filename	The file to load, exactly as it appears in <code>list_dataset_files()</code> .

Value

A `tibble::tibble()` for tabular files, whatever R object was saved for `.rds` files, a character vector for plain-text files, or a raw vector otherwise.

Examples

```
hit <- search_by_title("Rebel Victory and Authoritarian")
load_dataset_file(hit$doi[1], "area.tab")
```

refresh_index	<i>Download or refresh the local copy of the replication index</i>
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Description

Downloads the current Political Science Replication Index and stores it in a per-session-independent, per-user cache directory (see `tools::R_user_dir()`), so subsequent calls to `search_replications()` and `list_journals()` don't need network access. The cache is refreshed automatically once it is more than a day old; call this directly to force an update sooner.

Usage

```
refresh_index(force = FALSE)
```

Arguments

force Logical; re-download even if a cached copy less than a day old already exists. Default FALSE.

Value

Invisibly, the path to the cached index file.

Examples

```
refresh_index()
```

search_by_abstract	<i>Search by abstract only</i>
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Description

Matches only the dataset's abstract/description text (the `description` column), not title or authors.

Usage

```
search_by_abstract(query)
```

Arguments

query Search term, matched case-insensitively as a substring.

Value

A `tibble::tibble()` of matching records (see `search_replications()` for the column definitions).

Examples

```
search_by_abstract("difference-in-differences")
```

search_by_author	<i>Search by author name</i>
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Description

Matches only the authors column (each a "Last, First; Last, First" string), not title or abstract.

Usage

```
search_by_author(query)
```

Arguments

query	Search term, matched case-insensitively as a substring.
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Value

A `tibble::tibble()` of matching records (see [search_replications\(\)](#) for the column definitions).

Examples

```
search_by_author("Wantchekon")
```

search_by_data_type	<i>Get all records tagged with a given data type</i>
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Description

Get all records tagged with a given data type

Usage

```
search_by_data_type(data_type)
```

Arguments

data_type	Character vector of data-type tags; a record matches if it has at least one of the given tags.
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Value

A `tibble::tibble()` of matching records (see [search_replications\(\)](#) for the column definitions).

Examples

```
search_by_data_type("Elections / Voting")
```

search_by_journal	<i>Get all records from a journal</i>
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Description

Get all records from a journal

Usage

```
search_by_journal(journal)
```

Arguments

journal	Character vector of journal short codes (see list_journals()), e.g. "AJPS" or c("AJPS", "APSR").
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Value

A `tibble::tibble()` of matching records (see [search_replications\(\)](#) for the column definitions).

Examples

```
search_by_journal("AJPS")
search_by_journal(c("AJPS", "APSR"))
```

search_by_method	<i>Get all records tagged with a given method</i>
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Description

Get all records tagged with a given method

Usage

```
search_by_method(method)
```

Arguments

method	Character vector of method tags; a record matches if it has at least one of the given tags.
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Value

A `tibble::tibble()` of matching records (see `search_replications()` for the column definitions).

Examples

```
search_by_method("Survey Experiment")
```

search_by_title	<i>Search by title only</i>
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Description

Unlike `search_replications()`'s query argument, which matches across title, abstract, and authors together, this matches only the title.

Usage

```
search_by_title(query)
```

Arguments

query	Search term, matched case-insensitively as a substring.
-------	---

Value

A `tibble::tibble()` of matching records (see `search_replications()` for the column definitions).

Examples

```
search_by_title("regression discontinuity")
```

search_by_year	<i>Get all records published in given year(s)</i>
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Description

Get all records published in given year(s)

Usage

```
search_by_year(year)
```

Arguments

year	Integer vector of publication years, e.g. 2020 or 2015:2020.
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Value

A `tibble::tibble()` of matching records (see `search_replications()` for the column definitions).

Examples

```
search_by_year(2020:2024)
```

search_replications	<i>Search the Political Science Replication Index</i>
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Description

Search the Political Science Replication Index

Usage

```
search_replications(
  query = NULL,
  journal = NULL,
  method = NULL,
  data_type = NULL,
  year = NULL
)
```

Arguments

query	Optional free-text search term, matched case-insensitively against each record's title, description, and author names.
journal	Optional character vector of journal short codes (see list_journals()) to filter to.
method	Optional character vector of method tags to filter to; a record matches if it has at least one of the given tags.
data_type	Optional character vector of data-type tags; same matching rule as method.
year	Optional integer vector of publication years (e.g. 2015:2020) to filter to.

Value

A `tibble::tibble()` of matching records, with one row per replication package and columns `journal_short`, `title`, `doi`, `url`, `authors` (a single "Last, First; Last, First" string), `year`, `description`, `method_tags`, `data_type_tags`.

Examples

```
search_replications(query = "regression discontinuity", journal = "AJPS")
search_replications(method = "Survey Experiment", year = 2020:2024)
```

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