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EBV NetCDF properties-class
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EBV NetCDF Properties class (S4)

Description

EBV NetCDF Properties class (S4)

Value

S4 class containing the EBV NetCDF Properties

Slots

general Named list. Elements: title, description, ebv_class, ebv_name, ebv_subgroups, creator

spatial Named list. Elements: srs, epsg, resolution, extent, dimensions

temporal Named list. Elements: units, t_delta, timesteps, timesteps_natural

metric Named list. Elements: standard_name, description

scenario Named list. Elements: standard_name, description

entity Named list. Elements: standard_name, description, unit, type, fillvalue, value_range

Note

If the properties class holds e.g. no scenario information this is indicated with an element called status in the list.

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Description

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Details

This package contains three main usecases: accessing the data and visualising the data from the portal and creating your own data in the EBV NetCDF standard. All function have a corresponding naming pattern: ebv_data_ for data reading, ebv_plot_ for visualisation and ebv_netcdf_ for creating a NetCDF.

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ebv_add_data   *Add data to a self-created EBV NetCDF*

Description

Add data to the self-created EBV NetCDF from GeoTiffs.

Usage

```
ebv_add_data(
  filepath_nc,
  filepath_tif,
  datacubepath,
  timestep = 1,
  band = 1,
  ignore_RAM = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

filepath_nc	Character. Path to the self-created NetCDF file.
filepath_tif	Character. Path to the GeoTiff file containing the data.
datacubepath	Character. Path to the datacube (use `ebv_datacubepaths()`).
timestep	Integer. Default: 1. Define to which timestep or timesteps the data should be added. If several timesteps are given they have to be in a continuous order. Meaning c(4,5,6) is right but c(2,5,6) is wrong.
band	Integer. Default: 1. Define which band(s) to read from GeoTiff. Can be several. Don't have to be in order as the timesteps definition requires.
ignore_RAM	Logical. Default: FALSE. Checks if there is enough space in your memory to read the data. Can be switched off (set to TRUE).
verbose	Logical. Default: FALSE. Turn on all warnings by setting it to TRUE.

Value

Adds data to the EBV NetCDF. Check your results using ebv_read() and/or ebv_analyse().

Note

If the data exceeds your memory the RAM check will throw an error. No block-processing or other method implemented so far. Move to a machine with more capacities for the moment if needed.

Examples

```
file <- system.file(file.path("extdata","cSAR_new.nc"), package="ebvnetcdf")
tif <- system.file(file.path("extdata","cSAR_write_ts234.tif"), package="ebvnetcdf")
# datacubes <- ebv_datacubepaths(file)
ts <- c(2:4)
band <- c(1:3)
#ebv_add_data(file, tif, datacubepaths[1,1], ts, band)
```

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ebv_analyse   *Get a simple explorative analysis of an EBV NetCDF datacube*

Description

Get basic measurements of the data, including min, max, mean, sd, n, #NAs, q25, q50, q75 (no mean for categorical data).

Usage

```
ebv_analyse(
  filepath,
  datacubepath,
  subset = NULL,
  timestep = 1,
  at = TRUE,
  epsg = 4326,
  numerical = TRUE,
  na_rm = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

filepath	Character. Path to the NetCDF file.
datacubepath	Character. Path to the datacube (use ebv_datacubepaths()).
subset	Optional if you want measurements on a smaller subset. Possible via the path to a shapefile (character) or the indication of a bounding box (vector of four numeric values) defining the subset. Else the whole area is analysed.
timestep	Integer. Choose one or several timesteps (vector).
at	Logical. Optional. Default: TRUE. Only relevant if the subset is indicated by a shapefile. See ebv_read_shp().

epsg	Numeric. Optional. Only relevant if the subset is indicated by a bounding box and the coordinate reference system differs from WGS84. See [ebv_read_bb()]().
numerical	Logical. Default: TRUE. Change to FALSE if the data covered by the NetCDF contains categorical data.
na_rm	Logical. Default: TRUE. NA values are removed in the analysis. Change to FALSE to include NAs.
verbose	Logical. Default: FALSE. Turn on all warnings by setting it to TRUE.

Value

Returns a named list containing the measurements.

See Also

[ebv_read_bb()]() and [ebv_read_shp()]() for the usage of subsets.

Examples

```
file <- system.file(file.path("extdata","cSAR_idiv_v1.nc"), package="ebvnetcdf")
datacubes <- ebv_datacubepaths(file)
data_global_year <- ebv_analyse(file, datacubes[1,1], timestep=c(1:12))
data_germany_1900 <- ebv_analyse(file, datacubes[1,1], c(5,15,47,55), timestep=1)
```

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ebv_attribute	*Write a new attribute value to an EBV NetCDF*

Description

Write a new attribute value to an EBV NetCDF. Not all attributes can be changed. Some are always created automatically, e.g. the attributes belonging to the crs, time and var_entity datasets. In this case you have to re-create the NetCDF file.

Usage

```
ebv_attribute(
  filepath,
  attribute_name,
  value,
  levelpath = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

filepath	Character. Path to the NetCDF file.
attribute_name	Character. Name of the attribute that should be changed.
value	New value that should be assigned to the attribute.
levelpath	Character. Default: NULL. Indicates the location of the attribute. The default means that the attribute is located at a global level. If the attribute is located at the datacubelevel just add the datacubepath. For the metric level the value may be 'metric01' or 'scenario01/metric01'. This path depends on whether the NetCDF hierarchy has scenarios or not.
verbose	Logical. Default: FALSE. Turn on all warnings by setting it to TRUE.

Value

Adds the new value to the attribute. Check your results using ebv_properties().

Note

You can change the ebv_class and the ebv_name. In this case you need to change the ebv_class first. Don't forget to change the ebv_name accordingly!

Examples

```
file <- system.file(file.path("extdata","cSAR_new.nc"), package="ebvnetcdf")
attribute1 <- 'standard_name'
value1 <- 'mammals'
level1 <- 'metric01'
#ebv_attribute(file, attribute1, value1, level1)
attribute2 <- '_FillValue'
value2 <- -999
level2 <- 'metric01/entity01'
#ebv_attribute(file, attribute2, value2, level2)
attribute3 <- 'creator'
value3 <- 'Jane Doe'
#ebv_attribute(file, attribute3, value3)
```

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ebv_create   *Create an EBV NetCDF*

Description

Create the core structure of the EBV NetCDF based on the json from the Geobon Portal API. Data and attributes will be added afterwards. Use ebv_add_data() to add the missing attributes.

Usage

```
ebv_create(
  jsonpath,
  outputpath,
  entities_no = 0,
  epsg = 4326,
  extent = c(-180, 180, -90, 90),
  fillvalue = NULL,
  prec = "double",
  overwrite = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

jsonpath	Character. Path to the json file downloaded from the Geobon Portal API.
outputpath	Character. Set path where the NetCDF file should be created.
entities_no	Integer. Default: 0. Indicates how many entities there are per metric.
epsg	Integer. Default: 4326 (WGS84). Defines the coordinate reference system via the corresponding epsg code.

extent	Numeric. Default: c(-180,180,-90,90). Defines the extent of the data: c(xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax).
fillvalue	Numeric. Value of the missing data in the array. Not mandatory but should be defined!
prec	Character. Default: 'double'. Precision of the data set. Valid options: 'short' 'integer' 'float' 'double' 'char' 'byte'.
overwrite	Logical. Default: FALSE. Set to TRUE to overwrite the outputfile defined by 'outputpath'.
verbose	Logical. Default: FALSE. Turn on all warnings by setting it to TRUE.

Value

Creates the NetCDF file at the 'outputpath' location.

Note

To check out the results take a look at your NetCDF file with Panoply provided by the NASA.

Examples

```
json <- system.file(file.path("extdata","1.json"), package="ebvnetcdf")
out <- file.path(system.file(package='ebvnetcdf'),"extdata","sCAR_new.nc")
#ebv_create(json, out, 3, fillvalue=-3.4E38)
```

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ebv_datacubepaths   *Get datacubepaths of EBV NetCDF*

Description

Get the paths to the datacubes of the EBV NetCDF to access the data.

Usage

```
ebv_datacubepaths(filepath, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

filepath	Character. Path to the NetCDF file.
verbose	Logical. Default: FALSE. Turn on all warnings by setting it to TRUE.

Value

Dataframe containing the paths to access the datacubes and descriptions of scenario, metric and entity if existing.

Examples

```
file <- system.file(file.path("extdata","cSAR_idiv_v1.nc"), package="ebvnetcdf")
datacubes <- ebv_datacubepaths(file)
```

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ebv_indicator   *Plot the average over time of one datacube of an EBV NetCDF*

Description

Plot the average (y-axis) of one datacube of a EBV NetCDF over time (x-axis). If the datacube has only one timestep a single mean value is returned.

Usage

```
ebv_indicator(filepath, datacubepath, color = "dodgerblue4", verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

filepath	Character. Path to the NetCDF file.
datacubepath	Character. Path to the datacube (use ebv_datacubepaths()).
color	Character. Default: dodgerblue4. Change to any color known by R grDevices::colors()
verbose	Logical. Default: FALSE. Turn on all warnings by setting it to TRUE.

Value

Plots a line plot and returns a vector of the average. If the data encompasses only one timestep a single mean is returned.

Examples

```
file <- system.file(file.path("extdata","cSAR_idiv_v1.nc"), package="ebvnetcdf")
datacubes <- ebv_datacubepaths(file)
ebv_indicator(file, datacubes[1,1])
```

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ebv_map   *Map plot of an EBV NetCDF*

Description

Map plot of the data of one timestep in one datacube of an EBV NetCDF. This functions sometimes writes temporary files on your disk. Speficy a directory for these setting via options('ebv_temp'='/path/to/temp/directory')

Usage

```
ebv_map(
  filepath,
  datacubepath,
  timestep = 1,
  countries = TRUE,
  col_rev = TRUE,
  classes = 5,
  ignore_RAM = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

`filepath`	Character. Path to the NetCDF file.
`datacubepath`	Character. Path to the datacube (use [ebv_datacubepaths()](#)).
`timestep`	Integer. Choose one timestep.
`countries`	Logical. Default: TRUE. Simple country outlines will be plotted on top of the raster data. Disable by setting this option to FALSE.
`col_rev`	Logical. Default: TRUE. Set to FALSE if you want the color ramp to be the other way around.
`classes`	Integer. Default: 5. Define the amount of classes (quantiles) for the symbology. Currently restricted to maximum 15 classes.
`ignore_RAM`	Logical. Default: FALSE. Checks if there is enough space in your memory to read the data. Can be switched off (set to TRUE).
`verbose`	Logical. Default: FALSE. Turn on all warnings by setting it to TRUE.

Value

Plots a map.

Note

Uses the country outlines data from the [maptools package](#).

Examples

```
file <- system.file(file.path("extdata","cSAR_idiv_v1.nc"), package="ebvnetcdf")
datacubes <- ebv_datacubepaths(file)
ebv_map(file, datacubes[1,1], timestep=9, classes=7)
```

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ebv_properties	*Read properties of EBV NetCDF*

Description

Structured access to all attributes of the NetCDF file.

Usage

```
ebv_properties(filepath, datacubepath = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`filepath`	Character. Path to the NetCDF file.
`datacubepath`	Character. Optional. Path to the datacube (use [ebv_datacubepaths()](#)).
`verbose`	Logical. Default: FALSE. Turn on all warnings by setting it to TRUE.

Value

S4 class containing information about file or file and datacube depending on input.

Examples

```
file <- system.file(file.path("extdata","cSAR_idiv_v1.nc"), package="ebvnetcdf")
datacubes <- ebv_datacubepaths(file)
prop_file <- ebv_properties(file)
prop_dc <- ebv_properties(file, datacubes[1,1])
```

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ebv_read   *Read datasube from an EBV NetCDF*

Description

Read one or more layers from one datacube of the NetCDF file. Decide between in-memory array, in-memory raster or an array-like object (DelayedMatrix) pointing to the on-disk NetCDF file. Latter is useful for data that exceeds your memory.

Usage

```
ebv_read(
  filepath,
  datacubepath,
  timestep,
  delayed = TRUE,
  sparse = FALSE,
  raster = FALSE,
  ignore_RAM = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

filepath	Character. Path to the NetCDF file.
datacubepath	Character. Path to the datacube (use [ebv_datacubepaths()](#)).
timestep	Integer. Choose one or several timesteps (vector).
delayed	Logical. Default: TRUE. Returns data as DelayedMatrix object. More timesteps are not returned as a 3D array but as a list of the DelayedMatrix (one matrix per band).
sparse	Logical. Default: FALSE. Set to TRUE if the data contains a lot empty raster cells. Only relevant for DelayedMatrix. No further implementation by now.
raster	Logical. Default: FALSE. Set to TRUE and 'delayed' to FALSE to get a raster. If both arguments are set to FALSE the function returns an array.
ignore_RAM	Logical. Default: FALSE. Checks if there is enough space in your memory to read the data. Can be switched off (set to TRUE).
verbose	Logical. Default: FALSE. Turn on all warnings by setting it to TRUE.

Value

Array, Raster or DelayedMatrix object containing the data of the corresponding datacube and timestep(s).

Note

For working with the DelayedMatrix take a look at `DelayedArray::DelayedArray()` and the DelayedArray-utils.

Examples

```
file <- system.file(file.path("extdata","cSAR_idiv_v1.nc"), package="ebvnetcdf")
datacubes <- ebv_datacubepaths(file)
#cSAR.delayedarray <- ebv_read(file, datacubes[1,1], c(1,6), delayed=T, sparse=T)
#cSAR.raster <- ebv_read(file, datacubes[1,1], 1, delayed = F, raster = T)
#cSAR.array <- ebv_read(file, datacubes[1,1], c(1,1,3), delayed = F, raster = F)
```

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ebv_read_bb   *Read subset (bounding box) of one datacube of an EBV NetCDF*

Description

Read a subset of one or more layers from one datacube of the NetCDF file. Subset definition by a bounding box.

Usage

```
ebv_read_bb(
  filepath,
  datacubepath,
  bb,
  outputpath = NULL,
  timestep = 1,
  epsg = 4326,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  ignore_RAM = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

filepath	Character. Path to the NetCDF file.
datacubepath	Character. Path to the datacube (use `ebv_datacubepaths()`).
bb	Integer Vector. Definition of subsset by bounding box: c(xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax).
outputpath	Character. Default: NULL, returns the data as a raster object in memory. Optional: set path to write subset as GeoTiff on disk.
timestep	Integer. Choose one or several timesteps.
epsg	Integer. Default: 4326 (WGS84). Change accordingly if your bounding box coordinates are based on a different coordinate reference system.
overwrite	Logical. Default: FALSE. Set to TRUE to overwrite the outputfile defined by 'outputpath'.
ignore_RAM	Logical. Default: FALSE. Checks if there is enough space in your memory to read the data. Can be switched off (set to TRUE).
verbose	Logical. Default: FALSE. Turn on all warnings by setting it to TRUE.

Value

Returns a raster object if no outputpath is given. Otherwise the subset is written onto the disk and the ouputpath is returned.

Note

In case the epsg of the Bounding Box and the NetCDF differ, the data is returned based on the epsg of the NetCDF Dataset.

See Also

ebv_read_shp() for subsetting via shapefile.

Examples

```
file <- system.file(file.path("extdata","cSAR_idiv_v1.nc"), package="ebvnetcdf")
datacubes <- ebv_datacubepaths(file)
out <- file.path(system.file(package='ebvnetcdf'),"extdata","subset_bb.tif")
bb_wgs84 <- c(5,15,47,55)
bb_utm32 <- c(271985, 941837, 5232640, 6101151)
#cSAR.germany <- ebv_read_bb(file, datacubes[1], bb_wgs84, timestep = c(1,4,12))
#path <- ebv_read_bb(file, datacubes[1], bb_wgs84, out, timestep = c(2,3))
#path <- ebv_read_bb(file, datacubes[1], bb_utm32, out, timestep=1, epsg=32632, overwrite=T)
```

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ebv_read_shp   *Read subset (shapefile) of one datacube of an EBV NetCDF*

Description

Read a subset of one or more layers from one datacube of the NetCDF file. Subset definition by a shapefile. This functions writes temporary files on your disk. Specify a directory for these setting via options('ebv_temp'='/path/to/temp/directory').

Usage

```
ebv_read_shp(
  filepath,
  datacubepath,
  shp,
  outputpath = NULL,
  timestep = 1,
  at = TRUE,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  ignore_RAM = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

filepath	Character. Path to the NetCDF file.
datacubepath	Character. Path to the datacube (use [ebv_datacubepaths()](#)).
shp	Character. Path to the shapefile defining the subset.
outputpath	Character. Default: NULL, returns the data as a raster object in memory. Optional: set path to write subset as GeoTiff on disk.
timestep	Integer. Choose one or several timesteps (vector).
at	Logical. Default: TRUE, all pixels touched by the polygon(s) will be updated. Set to FALSE to only include pixels that are on the line render path or have center points inside the polygon(s).
overwrite	Logical. Default: FALSE. Set to TRUE to overwrite the outputfile defined by 'outputpath'.
ignore_RAM	Logical. Default: FALSE. Checks if there is enough space in your memory to read the data. Can be switched off (set to TRUE).
verbose	Logical. Default: FALSE. Turn on all warnings by setting it to TRUE.

Value

Returns a raster object if no outputpath is given. Otherwise the subset is written onto the disk and the ouputpath is returned.

See Also

[ebv_read_bb()](#) for subsetting via bounding box.

Examples

```
#define temp directory
options('ebv_temp'=system.file("extdata/", package="ebvnetcdf"))
file <- system.file(file.path("extdata","cSAR_idiv_v1.nc"), package="ebvnetcdf")
datacubes <- ebv_datacubepaths(file)
shp <- system.file(file.path("extdata","subset_germany.shp"), package="ebvnetcdf")
#cSAR.germany <- ebv_read_bb(file, datacubes[1], shp)
```

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ebv_resample   *Change the resolution of the data of an EBV NetCDF*

Description

Change the resolution of one datacube of a EBV NetCDF based on another EBV NetCDF or a given resolution. This functions writes temporary files on your disk. Specify a directory for these setting via options('ebv_temp'='/path/to/temp/directory').

Usage

```
ebv_resample(
  filepath_src,
  datacubepath_src,
  resolution,
  outputpath,
  timestep = 1,
  method = "average",
  return_raster = FALSE,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  ignore_RAM = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

filepath_src	Character. Path to the NetCDF file whose resolution should be changed.
datacubepath_src	
	Character. Path to the datacube (use `ebv_datacubepaths()`) whose resolution should be changed..
resolution	Either the path to an EBV NetCDF file that determines the resolution (character) or the resolution defined directly (numeric). The vector defining the resolution directly must contain three elements: the x-resolution, the y-resolution and the corresponding epsg.
outputpath	Character. Set path to write data as GeoTiff on disk.
timestep	Integer. Choose one or several timesteps (vector).
method	Character. Default: Average. Define resampling method. Choose from: "near","bilinear","cubic","cub and "q3". For detailed information see: gdalwarp.
return_raster	Logical. Default: FALSE. Set to TRUE to directly get the corresponding raster object.
overwrite	Logical. Default: FALSE. Set to TRUE to overwrite the outputfile defined by 'outputpath'.
ignore_RAM	Logical. Default: FALSE. Checks if there is enough space in your memory to read the data. Can be switched off (set to TRUE).
verbose	Logical. Default: FALSE. Turn on all warnings by setting it to TRUE.

Value

Default: returns the outputpath of the GeoTiff with the new resolution. Optional: return the raster object with the new resolution.

Examples

```
#define temp directory
options('ebv_temp'=system.file("extdata/", package="ebvnetcdf"))
file <- system.file(file.path("extdata","cSAR_idiv_v1.nc"), package="ebvnetcdf")
datacubes <- ebv_datacubepaths(file)
res1 <- system.file(file.path("extdata","rodinini_001.nc"), package="ebvnetcdf")
res2 <- c(1,1,4326)
out <- file.path(system.file(package='ebvnetcdf'),"extdata","changeRes.tif")
#ebv_resample(file, datacubes[1,1], res1,  out, c(1,6))
#d <- ebv_resample(file, datacubes[1,1], res2, NULL, 3, method='max', return_raster=TRUE)
```

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ebv_write   *Write the extracted data on your disk as a GeoTiff*

Description

After you extracted data from the EBV NetCDF and worked with it this function gives you the
possibility to write it to disk as a GeoTiff. This functions writes temporary files on your disk.
Specify a directory for these setting via options('ebv_temp'='/path/to/temp/directory').

Usage

```
ebv_write(
  data,
  filepath,
  datacubepath,
  outputpath,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

data	Your data object. May be raster, array, DelayedMatrix or list of DelayedMatrix (see return values of [ebv_read()](#))
filepath	Character. Path to the NetCDF file you read the data from. Used for the detection of properties as spatial extent and epsg.
datacubepath	Character. Path to the datacube you got the data from. Used for the detection of properties as data type and nodata value.
outputpath	Character. Set the path where you want to write the data to disk as a GeoTiff.
overwrite	Locigal. Default: FALSE. Set to TRUE to overwrite the outputfile defined by 'outputpath'.
verbose	Logical. Default: FALSE. Turn on all warnings by setting it to TRUE.

Value

Returns the outputpath.

Note

Not yet implemented for subsets of the data (only whole spatial coverage of the corresponding EBV
NetCDF).

Examples

```
#define temp directory
options('ebv_temp'=system.file("extdata/", package="ebvnetcdf"))
file <- system.file(file.path("extdata","cSAR_idiv_v1.nc"), package="ebvnetcdf")
datacubes <- ebv_datacubepaths(file)
data <- ebv_read(file, datacubes[1,1], 1)
# WORK WITH YOUR DATA
out <- system.file(file.path("extdata","write_data.tif"), package="ebvnetcdf")
#ebv_write(data, file, datacubes[1,1], out)
```

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wrld_simpl   *Simple outlines of world countries*

Description

Simple outlines of world countries

Usage

```
wrld_simpl
```

Format

A Spatial Polygons Data Frame with 246 elements

Source

Data imported from the maptools package: data(wrld_simpl, package='maptools')

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