Package 'readstata13'

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`as.caldays` *Convert Stata business calendar dates in readable dates.*

Description

Convert Stata business calendar dates in readable dates.

Usage

```
as.caldays(buisdays, cal, format = "%Y-%m-%d")
```

Arguments

`buisdays`	numeric Vector of business dates
`cal`	data.frame Conversion table for business calendar dates
`format`	character String with date format as in `as.Date`

Value

Returns a vector of readable dates.

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Examples

```
# read business calendar and data
sp500 <- stbcal(system.file("extdata/sp500.stbcal", package="readstata13"))
dat <- read.dta13(system.file("extdata/statacar.dta", package="readstata13"))

# convert dates and check
dat$ldatescal2 <- as.caldays(dat$ldate, sp500)
all(dat$ldatescal2==dat$ldatescal)
```

`get.label` *Get Stata Label Table for a Label Set*

Description

Retrieve the value labels for a specific Stata label set.

Usage

```
get.label(dat, label.name)
```

Arguments

`dat`	*data.frame.* Data.frame created by `read.dta13`.
`label.name`	*character.* Name of the Stata label set

Details

This function returns the table of factor levels which represent a Stata label set. The name of a label set for a variable can be obtained by `get.label.name`.

Value

Returns a named vector of code numbers

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Examples

```
dat <- read.dta13(system.file("extdata/statacar.dta", package="readstata13"))
labname <- get.label.name(dat,"type")
get.label(dat, labname)
```

get.label.name *Get Names of Stata Label Set*

Description

Retrieves the Stata label set in the dataset for all or an vector of variable names.

Usage

```
get.label.name(dat, var.name = NULL, lang = NA)
```

Arguments

dat	*data.frame.* Data.frame created by `read.dta13`.
var.name	*character vector.* Variable names. If `NULL`, get names of all label sets.
lang	*character.* Label language. Default language defined by `get.lang` is used if NA

Details

Stata stores factor labels in variable independent labels sets. This function retrieves the name of the label set for a variable.

Value

Returns an named vector of variable labels

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get.lang *Show Default Label Language*

Description

Displays informations about the defined label languages.

Usage

```
get.lang(dat, print = T)
```

Arguments

dat	*data.frame.* Data.frame created by `read.dta13`.
print	*logical.* If `TRUE`, print available languages and default language.

Details

Stata allows to define multiple label sets in different languages. This functions reports the available languages and the selected default language.

Value

Returns a list with two components:

languages: Vector of label languages used in the dataset

default: Name of the actual default label language, otherwise NA

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get.origin.codes *Get Origin Code Numbers for Factors*

Description

Recreates the code numbers of a factor as stored in the Stata dataset.

Usage

```
get.origin.codes(x, label.table)
```

Arguments

x	*factor.* Factor to obtain code for
label.table	*table.* Table with factor levels obtained by get.label.

Details

While converting numeric variables into factors, the original code numbers are lost. This function reconstructs the codes from the attribute label.table.

Value

Returns an integer with original codes

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Examples

```
dat <- read.dta13(system.file("extdata/statacar.dta", package="readstata13"))
labname <- get.label.name(dat,"type")
labtab <- get.label(dat, labname)

# comparsion
get.origin.codes(dat$type, labtab)
as.integer(dat$type)
```

`read.dta13` *Read Stata Binary Files*

Description

`read.dta13` reads a Stata dta-file and imports the data into a data.frame.

Usage

```
read.dta13(file, convert.factors = TRUE, generate.factors = FALSE,
  encoding = "UTF-8", fromEncoding = NULL, convert.underscore = FALSE,
  missing.type = FALSE, convert.dates = TRUE, replace.strl = TRUE,
  add.rownames = FALSE, nonint.factors = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`file`	*character.* Path to the dta file you want to import.
`convert.factors`	*logical.* If `TRUE`, factors from Stata value labels are created.
`generate.factors`	*logical.* If `TRUE` and convert.factors is TRUE, missing factor labels are created from integers.
`encoding`	*character.* Strings can be converted from Windows-1252 or UTF-8 to system encoding. Options are "latin1" or "UTF-8" to specify target encoding explicitly. Stata 14 files are UTF-8 encoded and may contain strings which can't be displayed in the current locale. Set encoding=NULL to stop reencoding.
`fromEncoding`	*character.* We expect strings to be encoded as "CP1252" for Stata Versions 13 and older. For dta files saved with Stata 14 or newer "UTF-8" is used. In some situation the used encoding can differ for Stata 14 files and must be manually set.
`convert.underscore`	*logical.* If `TRUE`, "_" in variable names will be changed to "."
`missing.type`	*logical.* Stata knows 27 different missing types: ., .a, .b, ..., .z. If `TRUE`, attribute `missing` will be created.
`convert.dates`	*logical.* If `TRUE`, Stata dates are converted.
`replace.strl`	*logical.* If `TRUE`, replace the reference to a strL string in the data.frame with the actual value. The strl attribute will be removed from the data.frame (see details).

`add.rownames` *logical.* If `TRUE`, the first column will be used as rownames. Variable will be dropped afterwards.

`nonint.factors` *logical.* If `TRUE`, factors labels will be assigned to variables of type float and double.

Details

If the filename is a url, the file will be downloaded as a temporary file and read afterwards.

Stata files are encoded in ansinew. Depending on your system's default encoding certain characters may appear wrong. Using a correct encoding may fix these.

Variable names stored in the dta-file will be used in the resulting data.frame. Stata types char, byte, and int will become integer; float and double will become numerics. R only knows a single missing type, while Stata knows 27, so all Stata missings will become NA in R. If you need to keep track of Statas original missing types, you may use `missing.type=TRUE`.

Stata dates are converted to R's Date class the same way foreign handles dates.

Stata 13 introduced a new character type called strL. strLs are able to store strings up to 2 billion characters. While R is able to store strings of this size in a character vector, the printed representation of such vectors looks rather cluttered, so it's possible to save only a reference in the data.frame with option `replace.strl=FALSE`.

In R, you may use rownames to store characters (see for instance `data(swiss)`). In Stata, this is not possible and rownames have to be stored as a variable. If you want to use rownames, set add.rownames to TRUE. Then the first variable of the dta-file will hold the rownames of the resulting data.frame.

Reading dta-files of older and newer versions than 13 was introduced with version 0.8.

Value

The function returns a data.frame with attributes. The attributes include

datalabel: Dataset label

time.stamp: Timestamp of file creation

formats: Stata display formats. May be used with `sprintf`

types: Stata data type (see Stata Corp 2014)

val.labels: For each variable the name of the associated value labels in "label"

var.labels: Variable labels

version: dta file format version

label.table: List of value labels.

strl: Character vector with long strings for the new strl string variable type. The name of every element is the identifier.

expansion.fields: list providing variable name, characteristic name and the contents of Stata characteristic field.

missing: List of numeric vectors with Stata missing type for each variable.

Note

read.dta13 uses GPL 2 licensed code by Thomas Lumley and R-core members from foreign::read.dta().

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References

Stata Corp (2014): Description of .dta file format http://www.stata.com/help.cgi?dta

See Also

read.dta in package foreign and memisc for dta files from Stata versions < 13 and read_dta in package haven for Stata version >= 13.

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readstata13 *Import Stata Data Files*

Description

Function to read the Stata file format into a data.frame.

Note

If you catch a bug, please do not sue us, we do not have any money.

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See Also

read.dta and memisc for dta files from Stata Versions < 13

save.dta13 *Write Stata Binary Files*

Description

save.dta13 writes a Stata dta-file bytewise and saves the data into a dta-file.

Usage

```
save.dta13(data, file, data.label = NULL, time.stamp = TRUE,
  convert.factors = TRUE, convert.dates = TRUE, tz = "GMT",
  add.rownames = FALSE, compress = FALSE, version = 117,
  convert.underscore = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	*data.frame.* A data.frame Object.
file	*character.* Path to the dta file you want to export.
data.label	*character.* Name of the dta-file.
time.stamp	*logical.* If TRUE, add a time.stamp to the dta-file.
convert.factors	*logical.* If TRUE, factors will be converted to Stata variables with labels. Stata expects strings to be encoded as Windows-1252, so all levels will be recoded. Character which can not be mapped in Windows-1252 will be saved as hexcode.
convert.dates	*logical.* If TRUE, dates will be converted to Stata date time format. Code from foreign::write.dta
tz	*character.* The name of the timezone convert.dates will use.
add.rownames	*logical.* If TRUE, a new variable rownames will be added to the dta-file.
compress	*logical.* If TRUE, the resulting dta-file will use all of Statas numeric-vartypes.
version	*numeric.* Stata format for the resulting dta-file either the internal Stata dta-format (e.g. 117 for Stata 13) or versions 6 - 14.
convert.underscore	*logical.* If TRUE, in variable names dots will be converted to underscores.

Value

The function writes a dta-file to disk. The following features of the dta file format are supported:

datalabel: Dataset label

time.stamp: Timestamp of file creation

formats: Stata display formats. May be used with sprintf

type: Stata data type (see Stata Corp 2014)

var.labels: Variable labels

version: dta file format version

strl: List of character vectors for the new strL string variable type. The first element is the identifier and the second element the string.

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References

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See Also

read.dta in package foreign and memisc for dta files from Stata versions < 13 and read_dta in package haven for Stata version >= 13.

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saveToExport *Check if numeric vector can be expressed as interger vector*

Description

Compression can reduce numeric vectors as integers if the vector does only contain integer type data.

Usage

```
saveToExport(x)
```

Arguments

x	vector of data frame

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set.label *Assign Stata Labels to a Variable*

Description

Assign value labels from a Stata label set to a variable.

Usage

```
set.label(dat, var.name, lang = NA)
```

Arguments

dat	*data.frame.* Data.frame created by read.dta13.
var.name	*character.* Name of the variable in the data.frame
lang	*character.* Label language. Default language defined by get.lang is used if NA

Value

Returns a labeled factor

Examples

```
dat <- read.dta13(system.file("extdata/statacar.dta", package="readstata13"), convert.factors=FALSE)

# compare vectors
set.label(dat, "type")
dat$type

# German label
set.label(dat, "type", "de")
```

`set.lang` *Assign Stata Language Labels*

Description

Changes default label language for a dataset.

Usage

```
set.lang(dat, lang = NA, generate.factors = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`dat`	*data.frame.* Data.frame created by `read.dta13`.
`lang`	*character.* Label language. Default language defined by `get.lang` is used if NA
`generate.factors`	*logical.* If `TRUE`, missing factor levels are generated.

Value

Returns a data.frame with value labels in language "lang".

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Examples

```
dat <- read.dta13(system.file("extdata/statacar.dta", package="readstata13"))
get.lang(dat)
varlabel(dat)

# set German label
datDE <- set.lang(dat, "de")
get.lang(datDE)
varlabel(datDE)
```

`stbcal` *Parse Stata business calendar files*

Description

Create conversion table for business calendar dates.

Usage

```
stbcal(stbcalfile)
```

Arguments

`stbcalfile`	*stbcal-file* Stata buisness calendar file created by Stata.

Details

Stata 12 introduced business calender format. Business dates are integer numbers in a certain range of days, weeks, months or years. In this range some days are omitted (e.g. weekends or holidays). If a business calendar was created, a stbcal file matching this calendar was created. This file is required to read the business calendar. This parser reads the stbcal- file and returns a data.frame with dates matching business calendar dates.

A dta-file containing Stata business dates imported with read.stata13() shows in formats which stdcal file is required (e.g. " sp500.stbcal).

Stata allows adding a short description called purpose. This is added as an attribute of the resulting data.frame.

Value

Returns a data.frame with two cols:

range: The date matching the buisnesdate. Date format.

buisdays: The Stata business calendar day. Integer format.

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Examples

```
sp500 <- stbcal(system.file("extdata/sp500.stbcal", package="readstata13"))
```

`varlabel` *Get and assign Stata Variable Labels*

Description

Retrieve or set variable labels for a dataset.

Usage

```
varlabel(dat, var.name = NULL, lang = NA)

varlabel(dat) <- value
```

Arguments

`dat`	*data.frame.* Data.frame created by `read.dta13`.
`var.name`	*character vector.* Variable names. If NULL, get label for all variables.
`lang`	*character.* Label language. Default language defined by `get.lang` is used if NA
`value`	*character vector.* Vector of variable names.

Value

Returns an named vector of variable labels

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