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get_study | *Get all the trees associated with a particular study*

Description

Returns the trees associated with a given study

Usage

```
get_study(study_id = NULL, object_format = c("phylo", "nexml"), file_format,
    file, ...)
```

Arguments

study_id	the study ID for the study of interest (character)
object_format	the class of the object the query should return (either phylo or nexml). Ignored if file_format is specified.
file_format	the format of the file to be generated (newick, nexus, nexml or json).
file	the file name where the output of the function will be saved.
...	additional arguments to customize the API request (see [rotl](#) package documentation).

Details

If file_format is missing, the function returns an object of the class phylo from the [ape](#) package (default), or an object of the class nexml from the RNeXML package.

Otherwise file_format can be either newick, nexus, nexml or json, and the function will generate a file of the selected format. In this case, a file name needs to be provided using the argument file. If a file with the same name already exists, it will be silently overwritten.

Value

if file_format is missing, an object of class phylo or nexml, otherwise a logical indicating whether the file was successfully created.

See Also

[get_study_meta](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
that_one_study <- get_study(study_id="pg_719", object_format="phylo")
if (require(RNeXML)) { ## if RNeXML is installed get the object directly
   nexml_study <- get_study(study_id="pg_719", object_format="nexml")
} else { ## otherwise write it to a file
   get_study(study_id="pg_719", file_format="nexml", file=tempfile(fileext=".nexml"))
}

## End(Not run)
```

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get_study_subtree *Study Subtree*

Description

Retrieve subtree from a specific tree in the Open Tree of Life data store

Usage

```
get_study_subtree(study_id, tree_id, subtree_id, object_format = c("phylo"),
  tip_label = c("original_label", "ott_id", "ott_taxon_name"), file_format,
  file, deduplicate = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

`study_id`	the study identifier (character)
`tree_id`	the tree identifier (character)
`subtree_id,`	either a node id that specifies a subtree or "ingroup" which returns the ingroup for this subtree.
`object_format`	the class of the object returned by the function (default, and currently only possibility phylo from the [ape](#) package)
`tip_label`	the format of the tip labels. "`original_label`" (default) returns the original labels as provided in the study, "`ott_id`" labels are replaced by their ott IDs, "`ott_taxon_name`" labels are replaced by their Open Tree Taxonomy taxon name.
`file_format`	character, the file format to use to save the results of the query (possible values, 'newick' or 'nexus').
`file`	character, the path and file name where the output should be written.
`deduplicate`	logical (default TRUE). If the tree returned by the study contains duplicated taxon names, should they be made unique? It is normally illegal for NEXUS/Newick tree strings to contain duplicated tip names. This is a workaround to circumvent this requirement. If TRUE, duplicated tip labels will be appended _1, _2, etc.
`...`	additional arguments to customize the API request (see [rotl](#) package documentation).

Examples

```
## Not run:
small_tr <- get_study_subtree(study_id="pg_1144", tree_id="tree5800", subtree_id="node991044")
ingroup  <- get_study_subtree(study_id="pg_1144", tree_id="tree5800", subtree_id="ingroup")
nexus_file <- tempfile(fileext=".nex")
get_study_subtree(study_id="pg_1144", tree_id="tree5800", subtree_id="ingroup", file=nexus_file,
                  file_format="nexus")

## End(Not run)
```

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get_study_tree	*Study Tree*

Description

Returns a specific tree from within a study

Usage

```
get_study_tree(study_id = NULL, tree_id = NULL,
  object_format = c("phylo"), tip_label = c("original_label", "ott_id",
  "ott_taxon_name"), file_format, file, deduplicate = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

study_id	the identifier of a study (character)
tree_id	the identifier of a tree within the study
object_format	the class of the object to be returned (default and currently only possible value phylo from the [ape](#) package).
tip_label	the format of the tip labels. "original_label" (default) returns the original labels as provided in the study, "ott_id" labels are replaced by their ott IDs, "ott_taxon_name" labels are replaced by their Open Tree Taxonomy taxon name.
file_format	the format of the file to be generated (newick default, nexus, or json).
file	the file name where the output of the function will be saved.
deduplicate	logical (default TRUE). If the tree returned by the study contains duplicated taxon names, should they be made unique? It is normally illegal for NEXUS/Newick tree strings to contain duplicated tip names. This is a workaround to circumvent this requirement. If TRUE, duplicated tip labels will be appended _1, _2, etc.
...	additional arguments to customize the API request (see [rotl](#) package documentation).

Value

if file_format is missing, an object of class phylo, otherwise a logical indicating whether the file was successfully created.

Examples

```
## Not run:
 tree <- get_study_tree(study_id="pg_1144", tree_id="tree2324")

 ## comparison of the first few tip labels depending on the options used
 head(get_study_tree(study_id="pg_1144", tree_id="tree2324", tip_label="original_label")$tip.label)
 head(get_study_tree(study_id="pg_1144", tree_id="tree2324", tip_label="ott_id")$tip.label)
 head(get_study_tree(study_id="pg_1144", tree_id="tree2324", tip_label="ott_taxon_name")$tip.label)

## End(Not run)
```

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get_tree_ids   *Study Metadata*

Description

Retrieve metadata about a study in the Open Tree of Life datastore.

Usage

```
get_tree_ids(sm)

get_publication(sm)

candidate_for_synth(sm)

get_study_year(sm)

## S3 method for class 'study_meta'
get_tree_ids(sm)

## S3 method for class 'study_meta'
get_publication(sm)

## S3 method for class 'study_meta'
candidate_for_synth(sm)

## S3 method for class 'study_meta'
get_study_year(sm)

get_study_meta(study_id, ...)
```

Arguments

sm	an object created by `get_study_meta`
study_id	the study identifier (character)
...	additional arguments to customize the API request (see [rotl](#) package documentation).

Details

`get_study_meta` returns a long list of attributes for the studies that are contributing to the synthetic tree. To help with the extraction of relevant information from this list, several helper functions exists:

- get_tree_ids The identifiers of the trees associated with the study
- get_publication The citation information of the publication for the study. The DOI (or URL) for the study is available as an attribute to the returned object (i.e., `attr(object, "DOI")`).

- candidate_for_synth The identifier of the tree(s) from the study used in the synthetic tree. This is a subset of the result of `get_tree_ids`.
  get_study_year The year of publication of the study.

Value

named-list containing the metadata associated with the study requested

Examples

```
## Not run:
req <- get_study_meta("pg_719")
get_tree_ids(req)
candidate_for_synth(req)
get_publication(req)
get_study_year(req)

## End(Not run)
```

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inspect.match_names	*Inspect and Update alternative matches for a name returned by* *tnrs_match_names*

Description

Taxonomic names may have different meanings in different taxonomic contexts, as the same genus name can be applied to animals and plants for instance. Additionally, the meaning of a taxonomic name may have change throughout its history, and may have referred to a different taxon in the past. In such cases, a given names might have multiple matches in the Open Tree Taxonomy. These functions allow users to inspect (and update) alternative meaning of a given name and its current taxonomic status according to the Open Tree Taxonomy.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'match_names'
inspect(response, row_number, taxon_name, ott_id, ...)

inspect(response, ...)

## S3 method for class 'match_names'
update(object, row_number, taxon_name, ott_id,
  new_row_number, new_ott_id, ...)
```

Arguments

response	an object generated by the [tnrs_match_names](#) function
row_number	the row number corresponding to the name to inspect
taxon_name	the taxon name corresponding to the name to inspect

`ott_id`	the ott id corresponding to the name to inspect
`...`	currently ignored
`object`	an object created by [`tnrs_match_names`](#)
`new_row_number`	the row number in the output of [`inspect`](#) to replace the taxa specified by `row_number`, `taxon_name`, or `ott_id`.
`new_ott_id`	the ott id of the taxon to replace the taxa specified by `row_number`, `taxon_name`, or `ott_id`.

Details

To inspect alternative taxonomic meanings of a given name, you need to provide the object resulting from a call to the tnrs_match_names function, as well as one of either the row number corresponding to the name in this object, the name itself (as used in the original query), or the ott_id listed for this name.

To update one of the name, you also need to provide the row number in which the name to be replaced appear or its ott id.

Value

a data frame

See Also

[`tnrs_match_names`](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
 matched_names <- tnrs_match_names(c("holothuria", "diadema", "boletus"))
 inspect(matched_names, taxon_name="diadema")
 new_matched_names <- update(matched_names, taxon_name="diadema",
                             new_ott_id = 631176)
 new_matched_names

## End(Not run)
```

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is_in_tree   *Check that OTT ids occur in the Synthetic Tree*

Description

Some valid taxonomic names do not occur in the Synthetic Tree. This convenience function allows you to check whether a given Open Tree Taxonomy identifier (OTT id) is in the tree. A taxonomic name may not occur in the synthetic tree because (1) it is an extinct or invalid taxon, or (2) it is part of a group that is not monophyletic in the tree.

Usage

```
is_in_tree(ott_ids, ...)
```

Arguments

ott_ids	a vector of Open Tree Taxonomy identifiers
...	additional arguments to customize the API request (see rotl package documentation).

Value

A named logical vector. TRUE indicates that the OTT id is in the synthetic tree, and FALSE that it is not.

Examples

```
## Not run:
  plant_families <- c("Asteraceae", "Solanaceae", "Poaceae", "Amaranthaceae",
                      "Zamiaceae", "Araceae", "Juncaceae")
  matched_names <- tnrs_match_names(plant_families)
  ## This fails because some ott ids are not in the tree
  ## plant_tree <- tol_induced_subtree(ott_id(matched_names))
  ## So let's check which ones are actually in the tree first:
  in_tree <- is_in_tree(ott_id(matched_names))
  ## This now works:
  plant_tree <- tol_induced_subtree(ott_id(matched_names)[in_tree])

## End(Not run)
```

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list_trees	*List trees ids in objects returned by* studies_find_studies *and* studies_find_trees.

Description

list_trees returns all trees associated with a particular study when used on an object returned by studies_find_studies, but only the trees that match the search criteria when used on objects returned by studies_find_trees.

Usage

```
list_trees(matched_studies, ...)

## S3 method for class 'matched_studies'
list_trees(matched_studies, study_id, ...)
```

Arguments

matched_studies

        an object created by `studies_find_trees` or `studies_find_studies`.

`...`   Currently unused

study_id   a `study_id` listed in the object returned by `studies_find_trees`

Value

`list_trees` returns a list of the tree_ids for each study that match the requested criteria. If a `study_id` is provided, then only the trees for this study are returned as a vector.

See Also

[studies_find_studies](#) and [studies_find_trees](#). The help for these functions have examples demonstrating the use of `list_trees`.

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ott_id.match_names	ott_id *and* flags *for taxonomic names matched by* `tnrs_match_names`

Description

`rotl` provides a collection of functions that allows users to extract relevant information from an object generated by [tnrs_match_names](#) function.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'match_names'
ott_id(tax, row_number, taxon_name, ott_id, ...)

## S3 method for class 'match_names'
flags(tax, row_number, taxon_name, ott_id, ...)

flags(tax, ...)
```

Arguments

tax   an object returned by [tnrs_match_names](#)

row_number   the row number corresponding to the name for which to list the synonyms

taxon_name   the taxon name corresponding to the name for which to list the synonyms

ott_id   the ott id corresponding to the name for which to list the synonyms

`...`   currently ignored

Details

These methods optionally accept one of the arguments `row_number`, `taxon_name` or `ott_id` to retrieve the corresponding information for one of the matches in the object returned by the `tnrs_match_names` function.

If these arguments are not provided, these methods can return information for the matches currently listed in the object returned by `tnrs_match_names`.

Value

A list of the ott ids or flags for the taxonomic names matched with `tnrs_match_names`, for either one or all the names.

Examples

```
## Not run:
  rsp <- tnrs_match_names(c("Diadema", "Tyrannosaurus"))
  rsp$ott_id    # ott id for match currently in use
  ott_id(rsp)   # similar as above but elements are named

  ## flags() is useful for instance to determine if a taxon is extinct
  flags(rsp, taxon_name="Tyrannosaurus")

## End(Not run)
```

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rotl   *An Interface to the Open Tree of Life API*

Description

The Open Tree of Life is an NSF funded project that is generating an online, comprehensive phylogenetic tree for 1.8 million species. `rotl` provides an interface that allows you to query and retrive the parts of the tree of life that is of interest to you.

Details

`rotl` provides function to most of the end points the API provides. The documentation of the API is available at: https://github.com/OpenTreeOfLife/opentree/wiki/Open-Tree-of-Life-APIs

Customizing API calls

All functions that use API end points can take 2 arguments to customize the API call and are passed as ... arguments.

- `otl_v` This argument controls which version of the API your call is using. The default value for this argument is a call to the non-exported function `otl_version()` which returns the current version of the Open Tree of Life APIs (v2).

- dev_url This argument controls whether to use the development version of the API. By default, dev_url is set to FALSE, using dev_url = TRUE in your function calls will use the development version.

For example, to use the development version of the API, you could use: tnrs_match_names("anas", dev_url=TRUE)

Additional arguments can also be passed to the GET and POST methods.

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source_list	*List of studies used in the Tree of Life*

Description

Retrieve the detailed information for the list of studies used in the Tree of Life.

Usage

```
source_list(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_summary'
source_list(tax, ...)
```

Arguments

tax	a list containing a source_id_map slot.
...	additional arguments (currently unused)

Details

This function takes the object resulting from tol_about(study_list = TRUE), tol_mrca(), tol_node_info(), and returns a data frame listing the tree_id, study_id and git_sha for the studies currently included in the Tree of Life.

Value

a data frame

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strip_ott_ids *Strip OTT ids from tip labels*

Description

Strip OTT ids from tip labels

Usage

```
strip_ott_ids(tip_labels, remove_underscores = FALSE)
```

Arguments

tip_labels   a character vector containing tip labels (most likely the tip.label element from
                a tree returned by [tol_induced_subtree](#)

remove_underscores

                logical (defaults to FALSE). If set to TRUE underscores in tip labels are con-
                verted to spaces

Value

A character vector containing the contents of tip_labels with any OTT ids removed.

Examples

```
## Not run:
genera <- c("Perdix", "Dendroica", "Cinclus", "Selasphorus", "Struthio")
tr <- tol_induced_subtree(ott_ids=c(292466, 267845, 666104, 102710))
tr$tip.label %in% genera
tr$tip.label <- strip_ott_ids(tr$tip.label)
tr$tip.label %in% genera
## End(Not run)
```

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studies_find_studies *Find a Study*

Description

Return the identifiers of studies that match given properties

Usage

```
studies_find_studies(property = NULL, value = NULL, verbose = FALSE,
  exact = FALSE, detailed = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

`property`	The property to be searched on (character)
`value`	The property value to be searched on (character)
`verbose`	Should the output include all metadata (logical default FALSE)
`exact`	Should exact matching be used? (logical, default FALSE)
`detailed`	If TRUE (default), the function will return a data frame that summarizes information about the study (see 'Value'). Otherwise, it only returns the study identifiers.
`...`	additional arguments to customize the API request (see [rotl](#) package documentation).

Value

If `detailed=TRUE`, the function returns a data frame listing the study id (`study_ids`), the number of trees associated with this study (`n_trees`), the tree ids (at most 5) associated with the studies (`tree_ids`), the tree id that is a candidate for the synthetic tree if any (`candidate`), the year of publication of the study (`study_year`), the title of the publication for the study (`title`), and the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) for the study (`study_doi`).

If `detailed=FALSE`, the function returns a data frame with a single column containing the study identifiers.

See Also

[studies_properties](#) which lists properties against which the studies can be searched. [list_trees](#) that returns a list for all tree ids associated with a study.

Examples

```
## Not run:
## To match a study for which the identifier is already known
one_study <- studies_find_studies(property="ot:studyId", value="pg_719")
list_trees(one_study)

## To find studies pertaining to Mammals
mammals <- studies_find_studies(property="ot:focalCladeOTTTaxonName",
                                value="mammalia")
## To extract the tree identifiers for each of the studies
list_trees(mammals)
## ... or for a given study
list_trees(mammals, "ot_308")

## Just the identifiers without other information about the studies
mammals <- studies_find_studies(property="ot:focalCladeOTTTaxonName",
                                value="mammalia", detailed=FALSE)


## End(Not run)
```

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studies_find_trees *Find Trees*

Description

Return a list of studies for which trees match a given set of properties

Usage

```
studies_find_trees(property = NULL, value = NULL, verbose = FALSE,
  exact = FALSE, detailed = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

property   The property to be searched on (character)

value   The property-value to be searched on (character)

verbose   Should the output include all metadata? (logical, default FALSE)

exact   Should exact matching be used for the value? (logical, default FALSE)

detailed   Should a detailed report be provided? If TRUE (default), the output will include
                  metadata about the study that include trees matching the property. Otherwise,
                  only information about the trees will be provided.

...   additional arguments to customize the API request (see [rotl](#) package documen-
                  tation).

Details

The list of possible values to be used as values for the argument property can be found using the
function [studies_properties](#).

Value

A data frame that summarizes the trees found (and their associated studies) for the requested criteria.
If a study has more than 5 trees, the tree_ids of the first ones will be shown, followed by ... to
indicate that more are present.

If detailed=FALSE, the data frame will include the study ids of the study (study_ids), the number
of trees in this study that match the search criteria (n_matched_trees), the tree ids that match the
search criteria (match_tree_ids).

If detailed=TRUE, in addition of the fields listed above, the data frame will also contain the total
number of trees associated with the study (n_trees), all the tree ids associated with the study
(tree_ids), the tree id that is a potential candidate for inclusion in the synthetic tree (if any)
(candidate), the year the study was published (study_year), the title of the study (title), the
DOI for the study (study_doi).

See Also

studies_properties which lists properties the studies can be searched on. list_trees for listing the trees that match the query.

Examples

```
## Not run:
res <- studies_find_trees(property="ot:ottTaxonName", value="Drosophilia",
                          detailed=FALSE)
## summary of the trees and associated studies that match this criterion
res
## With metadata about the studies (default)
res <- studies_find_trees(property="ot:ottTaxonName", value="Drosophilia",
                          detailed=TRUE)
## The list of trees for each study that match the search criteria
list_trees(res)
## the trees for a given study
list_trees(res, study_id = "pg_2769")

## End(Not run)
```

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studies_properties　　*Properties of the Studies*

Description

Return the list of study properties that can be used to search studies and trees used in the synthetic tree.

Usage

```
studies_properties(...)
```

Arguments

... 　　　additional arguments to customize the API request (see rotl package documentation).

Details

The list returned has 2 elements tree_properties and studies_properties. Each of these elements lists additional arguments to customize the API request properties that can be used to search for trees and studies that are contributing to the synthetic tree. The definitions of these properties are available from https://github.com/OpenTreeOfLife/phylesystem-api/wiki/NexSON

Value

A list of the study properties that can be used to find studies and trees that are contributing to the synthetic tree.

See Also

[studies_find_trees](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
 all_the_properties <- studies_properties()
 unlist(all_the_properties$tree_properties)

## End(Not run)
```

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study_external_IDs   *Get external identifiers for data associated with an Open Tree study*

Description

Data associated with studies contributing to the Open Tree synthesis may be available from other databases. In particular, trees and alignments may be available from treebase and DNA sequences and bibliographic information associated with a given study may be available from the NCBI. This function retrieves that information for a given study.

Usage

```
study_external_IDs(study_id)
```

Arguments

study_id   An open tree study ID

Value

A study_external_data object (which inherits from a list) which contains some of the following.

doi, character, the DOI for the paper describing this study

external_data_url, character, a URL to an external data repository (e.g. a treebase entry) if one exists.

pubmed_id character, the unique ID for this study in the NCBI's pubmed database

popset_ids character, vector of IDs for the NCBI's popset database

nucleotide_ids character, vector of IDs for the NCBI's nucleotide database

See Also

studies_find_studies (used to discover study IDs)

Examples

```
## Not run:
flies <- studies_find_studies(property="ot:focalCladeOTTTaxonName", value="Drosophilidae")
study_external_IDs(flies[2,]$study_ids)

## End(Not run)
```

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synonyms.match_names   *List the synonyms for a given name*

Description

When querying the Taxonomic Name Resolution Services for a particular taxonomic name, the API
returns as possible matches all names that include the queried name as a possible synonym. This
function allows you to explore other synonyms for an accepted name, and allows you to determine
why the name you queried is returning an accepted synonym.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'match_names'
synonyms(tax, row_number, taxon_name, ott_id, ...)
```

Arguments

tax	a data frame generated by the tnrs_match_names function
row_number	the row number corresponding to the name for which to list the synonyms
taxon_name	the taxon name corresponding to the name for which to list the synonyms
ott_id	the ott id corresponding to the name for which to list the synonyms
...	currently ignored

Details

To list synonyms for a given taxonomic name, you need to provide the object resulting from a call
to the tnrs_match_names function, as well as one of either the row number corresponding to the
name in this object, the name itself (as used in the original query), or the ott_id listed for this name.
Otherwise, the synonyms for all the currently matched names are returned.

Value

a list whose elements are all synomym names (as vectors of character) for the taxonomic names that
match the query (the names of the elements of the list).

Examples

```
## Not run:
    echino <- tnrs_match_names(c("Diadema", "Acanthaster", "Fromia"))
    ## These 3 calls are identical
    synonyms(echino, taxon_name="Acanthaster")
    synonyms(echino, row_number=2)
    synonyms(echino, ott_id=337928)

## End(Not run)
```

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taxonomy_about   *Information about the Open Tree Taxonomy*

Description

Summary information about the Open Tree Taxaonomy (OTT)

Usage

```
taxonomy_about(...)
```

Arguments

...   additional arguments to customize the API request (see rotl package documen-
                    tation).

Details

Return metadata and information about the taxonomy itself. Currently, the available metadata is
fairly sparse, but includes (at least) the version, and the location from which the complete taxonomy
source files can be downloaded.

Value

A list with the following properties:

- weburl String. The release page for this version of the taxonomy.
- author String. The author string.
- name String. The name of the taxonomy.
- source String. The full identifying information for this version of the taxonomy.
- version String. The version number of the taxonomy.

Examples

```
## Not run:
taxonomy_about()

## End(Not run)
```

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taxonomy_mrca   *Taxonomic MRCA*

Description

Taxonomic Least Inclusive Common Ancestor (MRCA)

Usage

```
taxonomy_mrca(ott_ids = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_mrca'
tax_rank(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_mrca'
tax_name(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_mrca'
ott_id(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_mrca'
unique_name(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_mrca'
tax_sources(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_mrca'
flags(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_mrca'
is_suppressed(tax, ...)
```

Arguments

ott_ids	a vector of ott ids for the taxa whose MRCA is to be found (numeric).
...	additional arguments to customize the API request (see rotl package documentation).
tax	an object generated by the taxonomy_mrca function

Details

Given a set of OTT ids, get the taxon that is the most recent common ancestor (the MRCA) of all the identified taxa.

Value

- `taxonomy_mrca` returns a list about the taxonomic information relating to the MRCA for the ott_ids provided.
- `tax_rank` returns a character vector of the taxonomic rank for the MRCA.
- `tax_name` returns a character vector the Open Tree Taxonomy name for the MRCA.
- `ott_id` returns a numeric vector of the ott id for the MRCA.

Examples

```
## Not run:
req <- taxonomy_mrca(ott_ids=c(515698,590452,643717))
tax_rank(req)
tax_name(req)
ott_id(req)

## End(Not run)
```

---

taxonomy_subtree   *Taxonomy subtree*

Description

Given an ott id, return the inclusive taxonomic subtree descended from the specified taxon.

Usage

```
taxonomy_subtree(ott_id = NULL, output_format = c("taxa", "newick", "phylo",
  "raw"), label_format = NULL, file, ...)
```

Arguments

`ott_id`	The ott id of the taxon of interest.
`output_format`	the format of the object to be returned. See the 'Return' section.
`label_format`	Character. Defines the label type; one of "name", "id", or "name_and_id" (the default).
`file`	the file name where to save the output of the function. Ignored unless `output_format` is set to "phylo".
`...`	additional arguments to customize the API request (see [rotl](#) package documentation).

Details

If the output of this function is exported to a file, the only possible value for the `output_format` argument is "newick". If the file provided already exists, it will be silently overwritten.

Value

If the `file` argument is missing:

- "`taxa`" a list of the taxa names (species) in slot `tip_label`, and higher-level taxanomy (e.g., families, genera) in slot `edge_label`, descending from the taxa corresponding to the `ott_id` provided.
- "`newick`" a character vector containing the newick formatted string corresponding to the tax-onomic subtree for the `ott_id` provided.
- "`phylo`" an object of the class `phylo` from the [ape](#) package.
- "`raw`" the direct output from the API, i.e., a list with an element named 'newick' that contains the subtree as a newick formatted string.

If a `file` argument is provided (and `output_format` is set to "`phylo`"), a logical indicating whether the file was successfully created.

Examples

```
## Not run:
req <- taxonomy_subtree(ott_id=515698)
plot(taxonomy_subtree(ott_id=515698, output_format="phylo"))

## End(Not run)
```

---

taxonomy_taxon_info   *Taxon information*

Description

Information about taxa.

Usage

```
taxonomy_taxon_info(ott_ids, include_children = FALSE,
  include_lineage = FALSE, include_terminal_descendants = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_info'
tax_rank(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_info'
tax_name(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_info'
unique_name(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_info'
synonyms(tax, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'taxon_info'
ott_id(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_info'
tax_sources(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_info'
is_suppressed(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_info'
flags(tax, ...)
```

Arguments

ott_ids   the ott ids of the taxon of interest (numeric or character containing only num-
                   bers)

include_children

                   whether to include information about all the children of this taxon. Default
                   FALSE.

include_lineage

                   whether to include information about all the higher level taxa that include the
                   ott_ids. Default FALSE.

include_terminal_descendants

                   whether to include the list of terminal ott_ids contained in the ott_ids pro-
                   vided.

...   additional arguments to customize the API request (see [rotl](#) package documen-
                   tation).

tax   an object generated by the taxonomy_taxon_info function

Details

Given a vector of ott ids, taxonomy_taxon_info returns information about the specified taxa.

The functions tax_rank, tax_name, and synonyms can extract this information from an object
created by the taxonomy_taxon_info().

Value

taxonomy_taxon_info returns a list detailing information about the taxa. tax_rank and tax_name
return a vector. synonyms returns a list whose elements are the synonyms for each of the ott_id
requested.

See Also

[tnrs_match_names](#) to obtain ott_id from a taxonomic name.

Examples

```
## Not run:
req <- taxonomy_taxon_info(ott_id=515698)
tax_rank(req)
tax_name(req)
synonyms(req)

## End(Not run)
```

---

taxon_external_IDs   *Get external identifiers for data associated with an Open Tree taxon*

Description

The Open Tree taxonomy is a synthesis of multiple reference taxonomies. This function retrieves
identifiers to external taxonomic records that have contributed the rank, position and definition of a
given Open Tree taxon.

Usage

```
taxon_external_IDs(taxon_id)
```

Arguments

taxon_id   An open tree study ID

Value

a data.frame in which each row represents a unique record in an external databse. The column
"source" provides and abbreviated name for the database, and "id" the unique ID for the record.

See Also

tnrs_matchnames, which can be used to search for taxa by name.

taxonomy_taxon, for more information about a given taxon.

Examples

```
## Not run:
   gibbon_IDs <- taxon_external_IDs(712902)

## End(Not run)
```

---

tax_lineage   *Lineage of a taxon*

Description

Extract the lineage information (higher taxonomy) from an object returned by [taxonomy_taxon_info](#).

Usage

```
tax_lineage(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'taxon_info'
tax_lineage(tax, ...)
```

Arguments

tax   an object created by [taxonomy_taxon_info](#) using the argument include_lineage=TRUE.

...   additional arguments (currently unused).

Details

The object passed to this function must have been created using the argument include_lineage=TRUE.

Value

A list with one slot per taxon that contains a data frame with 3 columns: the taxonomy rank, the name, and unique name for all taxa included in the lineage of the taxon up to the root of the tree.

---

tax_rank   *Methods for Taxonomy*

Description

Methods for dealing with objects containing taxonomic information (Taxonomy, TNRS endpoints)

Usage

```
tax_rank(tax, ...)

ott_id(tax, ...)

synonyms(tax, ...)

tax_sources(tax, ...)
```

```
is_suppressed(tax, ...)

unique_name(tax, ...)

tax_name(tax, ...)
```

Arguments

tax   an object returned by `taxonomy_taxon_info`, `taxonomy_mrca`, or `tnrs_match_names`

...   additional arguments (see `tnrs_match_names`)

Details

This is the page for the generic methods. See the help pages for `taxonomy_taxon_info`, `taxonomy_mrca`, and `tnrs_match_names` for more information.

---

tnrs_contexts   *TNRS contexts*

Description

This function returns a list of pre-defined taxonomic contexts (i.e. clades) which can be used to limit the scope of tnrs queries.

Usage

```
tnrs_contexts(...)
```

Arguments

...   additional arguments to customize the API request (see `rotl` package documentation).

Details

Taxonomic contexts are available to limit the scope of TNRS searches. These contexts correspond to uncontested higher taxa such as 'Animals' or 'Land plants'. This service returns a list containing all available taxonomic context names, which may be used as input (via the context_name argument in other functions) to limit the search scope of other services including `tnrs_match_names`.

Value

Returns invisibly a list for each major clades (e.g., animals, microbes, plants, fungi, life) whose elements contains the possible contexts.

---

tnrs_infer_context   *Infer the taxonomic context from a list of names*

Description

Return a taxonomic context given a list of taxonomic names

Usage

```
tnrs_infer_context(names = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

names   Vector of taxon names.

...   additional arguments to customize the API request (see [rotl](#) package documen-
                 tation).

Details

Find the least inclusive taxonomic context that includes all the unambiguous names in the input
set. Unambiguous names are names with exact matches to non-homonym taxa. Ambiguous names
(those without exact matches to non-homonym taxa) are indicated in results.

Value

A list including the context name, the context ott id and possibly the names in the query that have
an ambiguous taxonomic meaning in the query.

Examples

```
## Not run:
res <- tnrs_infer_context(names=c("Stellula calliope", "Struthio camelus"))

## End(Not run)
```

---

tnrs_match_names   *Match names to the Open Tree Taxonomy*

Description

Match taxonomic names to the Open Tree Taxonomy.

Usage

```
tnrs_match_names(names = NULL, context_name = NULL,
  do_approximate_matching = TRUE, ids = NULL, include_suppressed = FALSE,
  ...)
```

Arguments

`names`	taxon names to be queried. Currently limited to 10,000 names for exact matches and 2,500 names for approximate matches (character vector)
`context_name`	name of the taxonomic context to be searched (length-one character vector). Must match (case sensitive) one of the values returned by `tnrs_contexts`.
`do_approximate_matching`	A logical indicating whether or not to perform approximate string (a.k.a. "fuzzy") matching. Using `FALSE` will greatly improve speed. Default, however, is `TRUE`.
`ids`	A vector of ids to use for identifying names. These will be assigned to each name in the names array. If ids is provided, then ids and names must be identical in length.
`include_suppressed`	Ordinarily, some quasi-taxa, such as incertae sedis buckets and other non-OTUs, are suppressed from TNRS results. If this parameter is true, these quasi-taxa are allowed as possible TNRS results.
`...`	additional arguments to customize the API request (see `rotl` package documentation).

Details

Accepts one or more taxonomic names and returns information about potential matches for these names to known taxa in the Open Tree Taxononmy.

This service uses taxonomic contexts to disambiguate homonyms and misspelled names; a context may be specified using the `context_name` argument. If no context is specified, then the context will be inferred (i.e., the shallowest taxonomic context that contains all unambiguous names in the input). Taxonomic contexts are uncontested higher taxa that have been selected to allow limits to be applied to the scope of TNRS searches (e.g. 'match names only within flowering plants'). Once a context has been identified (either user-specified or inferred), all taxon name matches will performed only against taxa within that context. For a list of available taxonomic contexts, see `tnrs_contexts`.

A name is considered unambiguous if it is not a synonym and has only one exact match to any taxon name in the entire taxonomy.

Several functions listed in the 'See also' section can be used to inspect and manipulate the object generated by this function.

Value

A data frame summarizing the results of the query. The original query output is appended as an attribute to the returned object (and can be obtained using `attr(object,   "original_response")`).

See Also

`inspect.match_names`, `update.match_names`, `synonyms.match_names`.

Examples

```
## Not run:
 deuterostomes <- tnrs_match_names(names=c("echinodermata", "xenacoelomorpha",
                                         "chordata", "hemichordata"))

## End(Not run)
```

---

tol_about   *Information about the Tree of Life*

Description

Basic information about the Open Tree of Life (the synthetic tree)

Usage

```
tol_about(include_source_list = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_summary'
tax_rank(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_summary'
tax_sources(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_summary'
unique_name(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_summary'
tax_name(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_summary'
ott_id(tax, ...)
```

Arguments

include_source_list
        Logical (default = FALSE). Return an ordered list of source trees.

...   additional arguments to customize the API call (see [rotl](#) for more information).

tax   an object created with a call to tol_about.

Details

Summary information about the current draft tree of life, including information about the list of trees and the taxonomy used to build it. The object returned by tol_about can be passed to the taxonomy methods (tax_name(), tax_rank(), tax_sources(), ott_id), to extract relevant taxonomic information for the root of the synthetic tree.

Value

An invisible list of synthetic tree summary statistics:

- date_created String. The creation date of the tree.

- num_source_studies Integer. The number of studies (publications)used as sources.

- num_source_trees The number of trees used as sources (may be >1 tree per study).

- taxonomy_version The Open Tree Taxonomy version used as a source.

- filtered_flags List. Taxa with these taxonomy flags were not used in construction of the tree.

- root List. Describes the root node:

  - node_id String. The canonical identifier of the node.
  - num_tips Numeric. The number of descendent tips.
  - taxon A list of taxonomic properties:
    * ott_id Numeric. The OpenTree Taxonomy ID (ott_id).
    * name String. The taxonomic name of the queried node.
    * unique_name String. The string that uniquely identifies the taxon in OTT.
    * rank String. The taxonomic rank of the taxon in OTT.
    * tax_sources List. A list of identifiers for taxonomic sources, such as other taxonomies, that define taxa judged equivalent to this taxon.

- source_list List. Present only if include_source_list is TRUE. The sourceid ordering is the precedence order for synthesis, with relationships from earlier trees in the list having priority over those from later trees in the list. See source_id_map below for study details.

- source_id_map Named list of lists. Present only if include_source_list is TRUE. Names correspond to the 'sourceids' used in source_list above. Source trees will have the following properties:

  - git_sha String. The git SHA identifying a particular source version.
  - tree_id String. The tree id associated with the study id used.
  - study_id String. The study identifier. Will typically include a prefix ("pg_" or "ot_").

- synth_id The unique string for this version of the tree.

See Also

source_list to explore the list of studies used in the synthetic tree (see example).

Examples

```
## Not run:
res <- tol_about()
tax_sources(res)
ott_id(res)
studies <- source_list(tol_about(include_source_list=TRUE))
## End(Not run)
```

tol_induced_subtree   *Subtree from the Open Tree of Life*

Description

Return the induced subtree on the synthetic tree that relates a list of nodes.

Usage

```
tol_induced_subtree(ott_ids = NULL, node_ids = NULL, label_format = NULL,
  file, ...)
```

Arguments

ott_ids	Numeric vector. OTT ids indicating nodes to be used as tips in the induced tree.
node_ids	Character vector. Node ids indicating nodes to be used as tips in the induced tree.
label_format	Character. Defines the label type; one of "name", "id", or "name_and_id" (the default).
file	If specified, the function will write the subtree to a file in newick format.
...	additional arguments to customize the API call (see [rotl](#) for more information).

Details

Return a tree with tips corresponding to the nodes identified in the input set that is consistent with the topology of the current synthetic tree. This tree is equivalent to the minimal subtree induced on the draft tree by the set of identified nodes.

Value

If no value is specified to the file argument (default), a phyogenetic tree of class phylo.

Otherwise, the function returns invisibly a logical indicating whether the file was successfully created.

Examples

```
## Not run:
res <- tol_induced_subtree(ott_ids=c(292466, 267845, 666104, 316878, 102710))
tree_file <- tempfile(fileext=".tre")
tol_induced_subtree(ott_ids=c(292466, 267845, 666104, 316878, 102710),
                    file=tree_file)
## End(Not run)
```

---

tol_lineage	*Node info*

Description

Get summary information about a node in the synthetic tree

Usage

```
tol_lineage(tax, ...)

tol_node_info(ott_id = NULL, node_id = NULL, include_lineage = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_node'
tax_rank(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_node'
tax_sources(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_node'
unique_name(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_node'
tax_name(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_node'
ott_id(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_node'
source_list(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_node'
tax_lineage(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_node'
tol_lineage(tax, ...)
```

Arguments

tax	an object returned by tol_node_info.
...	additional arguments to customize the API call (see ?rotl for more information)
ott_id	Numeric. The OpenTree taxonomic identifier.
node_id	Character. The OpenTree node identifier.
include_lineage	
	Logical (default = FALSE). Whether to return the lineage of the node from the synthetic tree.

Details

Returns summary information about a node in the graph. The node of interest may be specified using either a node id or an taxon id, but not both. If the specified node or OTT id is not in the graph, an error will be returned.

If the argument include_lineage=TRUE is used, you can use `tax_lineage()` or `tol_lineage` to return the taxonomic information or the node information for all the ancestors to this node, down to the root of the tree.

Value

`tol_node_info` returns an invisible list of summary information about the queried node:

- node_id String. The canonical identifier of the node.
- num_tips Numeric. The number of descendent tips.
- taxon A list of taxonomic properties. Only returned if the queried node is a taxon. Each source has:
    - ott_id Numeric. The OpenTree Taxonomy ID (ottID).
    - name String. The taxonomic name of the queried node.
    - unique_name String. The string that uniquely identifies the taxon in OTT.
    - rank String. The taxonomic rank of the taxon in OTT.
    - tax_sources List. A list of identifiers for taxonomic sources, such as other taxonomies, that define taxa judged equivalent to this taxon.

  The following properties list support/conflict for the node across synthesis source trees. All properties involve sourceid keys and nodeid values (see `source_id_map` below).

- partial_path_of List. The edge below this synthetic tree node is compatible with the edge below each of these input tree nodes (one per tree). Each returned element is reported as sourceid:nodeid.
- supported_by List. Input tree nodes (one per tree) that support this synthetic tree node. Each returned element is reported as sourceid:nodeid.
- terminal List. Input tree nodes (one per tree) that are equivalent to this synthetic tree node (via an exact mapping, or the input tree terminal may be the only terminal descended from this synthetic tree node. Each returned element is reported as sourceid:nodeid.
- conflicts_with Named list of lists. Names correspond to sourceid keys. Each list contains input tree node ids (one or more per tree) that conflict with this synthetic node.
- source_id_map Named list of lists. Names correspond to the sourceid keys used in the 4 properties above. Source trees will have the following properties:
    - git_sha The git SHA identifying a particular source version.
    - tree_id The tree id associated with the study id used.
    - study_id The study identifier. Will typically include a prefix ("pg_" or "ot_").

  The only sourceid that does not correspond to a source tree is the taxonomy, which will have the name "ott"+'taxonomy_version', and the value is the ott_id of the taxon in that taxonomy version. "Taxonomy" will only ever appear in `supported_by`.

`tol_lineage` and `tax_lineage` return data frames. `tol_lineage` indicate for each ancestor its node identifier, the number of tips descending from that node, and whether it corresponds to a taxonomic level.

Examples

```
## Not run:
birds <- tol_node_info(ott_id=81461, include_lineage=TRUE)
source_list(birds)
tax_rank(birds)
ott_id(birds)
tax_lineage(birds)
tol_lineage(birds)
## End(Not run)
```

---

tol_mrca   *MRCA of taxa from the synthetic tree*

Description

Most Recent Common Ancestor for a set of nodes

Usage

```
tol_mrca(ott_ids = NULL, node_ids = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_mrca'
tax_sources(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_mrca'
unique_name(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_mrca'
tax_name(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_mrca'
tax_rank(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_mrca'
ott_id(tax, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tol_mrca'
source_list(tax, ...)
```

Arguments

ott_ids	Numeric vector. The ott ids for which the MRCA is desired.
node_ids	Character vector. The node ids for which the MRCA is desired.
...	additional arguments to customize the API call (see [rotl](#) for more information).
tax	an object returned by tol_mrca().

Details

Get the MRCA of a set of nodes on the current synthetic tree. Accepts any combination of node ids and ott ids as input. Returns information about the most recent common ancestor (MRCA) node as well as the most recent taxonomic ancestor (MRTA) node (the closest taxonomic node to the MRCA node in the synthetic tree; the MRCA and MRTA may be the same node). If they are the same, the taxonomic information will be in the `mrca` slot, otherwise they will be in the `nearest_taxon` slot of the list. If any of the specified nodes is not in the synthetic tree an error will be returned.

Taxonomic methods (`tax_sources()`, `ott_id()`, `unique_name()`, ...) are availble on the objects returned by `tol_mrca()`. If the MRCA node is MRTA, the name of the object returned by these methods will start with 'ott', otherwise it will start with 'mrca'.

Value

An invisible list of the MRCA node properties:

- mrca List of node properties.
    - node_id String. The canonical identifier of the node.
    - num_tips Numeric. The number of descendent tips.
    - taxon A list of taxonomic properties. Only returned if the queried node is a taxon. (If the node is not a taxon, a `nearest_taxon` list is returned (see below)).
        * ott_id Numeric. The OpenTree Taxonomy ID (ottID).
        * name String. The taxonomic name of the queried node.
        * unique_name String. The string that uniquely identifies the taxon in OTT.
        * rank String. The taxonomic rank of the taxon in OTT.
        * tax_sources List. A list of identifiers for taxonomic sources, such as other taxonomies, that define taxa judged equivalent to this taxon.

    The following properties list support/conflict for the node across synthesis source trees. All properties involve sourceid keys and nodeid values (see `source_id_map` below) Not all properties are are present for every node.
    - partial_path_of List. The edge below this synthetic tree node is compatible with the edge below each of these input tree nodes (one per tree). Each returned element is reported as sourceid:nodeid.
    - supported_by List. Input tree nodes (one per tree) that support this synthetic tree node. Each returned element is reported as sourceid:nodeid.
    - terminal List. Input tree nodes (one per tree) that are equivalent to this synthetic tree node (via an exact mapping, or the input tree terminal may be the only terminal descended from this synthetic tree node. Each returned element is reported as sourceid:nodeid.
    - conflicts_with Named list of lists. Names correspond to sourceid keys. Each list contains input tree node ids (one or more per tree) that conflict with this synthetic node.
- nearest_taxon A list of taxonomic properties of the nearest rootward taxon node to the MRCA node. Only returned if the MRCA node is a not taxon (otherwise the `taxon` list above is returned).
    - ott_id Numeric. The OpenTree Taxonomy ID (ottID).
    - name String. The taxonomic name of the queried node.
    - unique_name String. The string that uniquely identifies the taxon in OTT.

– rank String. The taxonomic rank of the taxon in OTT.

– tax_sources List. A list of identifiers for taxonomic sources, such as other taxonomies, that define taxa judged equivalent to this taxon.

• source_id_map Named list of lists. Names correspond to the sourceid keys used in the support/conflict properties of the mrca list above. Source trees will have the following properties:

– git_sha The git SHA identifying a particular source version.

– tree_id The tree id associated with the study id used.

– study_id The study identifier. Will typically include a prefix ("pg_" or "ot_").

The only sourceid that does not correspond to a source tree is the taxonomy, which will have the name "ott"+‘taxonomy_version‘, and the value is the ott_id of the taxon in that taxonomy version. "Taxonomy" will only ever appear in supported_by.

Examples

```
## Not run:
birds_mrca <- tol_mrca(ott_ids=c(412129, 536234))
ott_id(birds_mrca)
tax_sources(birds_mrca)
## End(Not run)
```

---

tol_subtree   *Extract a subtree from the synthetic tree*

Description

Extract a subtree from the synthetic tree from an Open Tree node id.

Usage

```
tol_subtree(ott_id = NULL, node_id = NULL, label_format = NULL, file, ...)
```

Arguments

ott_id	Numeric. The ott id of the node in the tree that should serve as the root of the tree returned.
node_id	Character. The node id of the node in the tree that should serve as the root of the tree returned.
label_format	Character. Defines the label type; one of "name", "id", or "name_and_id" (the default).
file	If specified, the function will write the subtree to a file in newick format.
...	additional arguments to customize the API call (see [rotl](#) for more information).

Details

Given a node, return the subtree of the synthetic tree descended from that node. The start node may be specified using either a node id or an ott id, but not both. If the specified node is not in the synthetic tree an error will be returned. There is a size limit of 25000 tips for this method.

Value

If no value is specified to the `file` argument (default), a phyogenetic tree of class `phylo`. Otherwise, the function returns invisibly a logical indicating whether the file was successfully created.

Examples

```
## Not run:
res <- tol_subtree(ott_id=241841)
## End(Not run)
```

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