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# rdwd: R interface to German Weather Service data



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# The DWD has a ton of data freely available

but it's tedious to handle manually

- >300'000 datasets too much for manual inspection
- ▶ FTP server somewhat difficult to search
- various file formats (time series + gridded data)

R saves the day

Index von ftp://ftp-cdc.dwd.de/climate\_environment /CDC/observations\_germany/climate/daily/soil\_temperature /historical/

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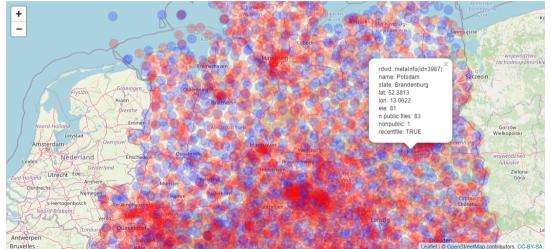
#### Main features of rdwd

- ▶ find, select, download + read data from the German weather service DWD
- vectorized, progress bars, no re-downloads
- ▶ index of files + meta data
- reads both data types:
  - ▶ observational time series from 6k meteorological recording stations (2.5k active)
    - -> rain, temperature, wind, sunshine, pressure, cloudiness, humidity, snow, ...
  - gridded raster data from radar + interpolation



## Usage example for observational data - station selection

interactive map of available stations



# Usage example for observational data - data selection

#### overview of available datasets

res=	1_minute	10_minutes	hourly	subdaily	daily	monthly	annual	multi_annual
	per	per	per	per	per	per	per	per
air_temperature		<<	<	<				
cloudiness			<	<				
cloud_type			<					
dew_point			<					
extreme_temperature		<<						
extreme_wind		<<						
kl					<	<	<	
moisture				<				

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# Usage example for observational data - code

```
library("rdwd")
link <- selectDWD("Potsdam", res="daily", var="kl", per="recent")</pre>
clim <- dataDWD(link, read=TRUE, varnames=TRUE)</pre>
```

```
link
```

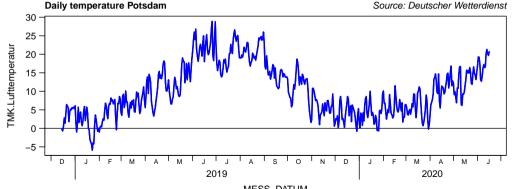
```
## ftp://opendata.dwd.de/climate_environment/CDC/observations_germany/
## climate/dailv/kl/recent/tageswerte_KL_03987_akt.zip
```

```
colnames(clim)
```

```
[1] "STATIONS ID"
                              "MESS DATUM"
                                                       "01 3"
 [4] "FX.Windspitze"
                              "FM.Windgeschwindigkeit" "QN_4"
 [7] "RSK.Niederschlagshoehe" "RSKF.Niederschlagsform" "SDK.Sonnenscheindauer"
[10] "SHK TAG.Schneehoehe"
                              "NM.Bedeckungsgrad"
                                                       "VPM.Dampfdruck"
[13] "PM.Luftdruck"
                              "TMK.Lufttemperatur" "UPM.Relative_Feuchte"
[16] "TXK.Lufttemperatur_Max" "TNK.Lufttemperatur_Min" "TGK.Lufttemperatur_5cm"
[19] "eor"
```

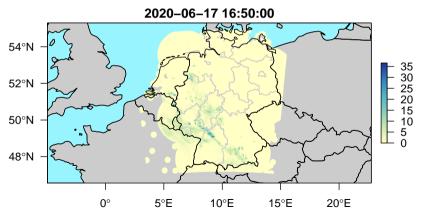
## Usage example for observational data - further processing

```
plot(clim[,c(2,14)], type="l", xaxt="n", las=1, col="blue", lwd=2)
berryFunctions::monthAxis() ; abline(h=0)
```



## Usage example for gridded data

```
links <- indexFTP("hourly/radolan/recent/bin", base=gridbase, overwrite=TRUE)
rad <- dataDWD(links[4047], base=gridbase, joinbf=TRUE, read=TRUE)
plotRadar(rad$dat, main=rad$meta$date, mar=c(2.5, 3.5, 1.5, 5))</pre>
```



weather data / example with real data / analyze climate change in Germany:

#### rdwd to select, download + read data

- time series from meteorological stations
- raster data from radar + interpolation

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```
link <- selectDWD("Potsdam", res="daily", var="kl", per="recent")</pre>
clim <- dataDWD(link, varnames=TRUE)</pre>
links <- indexFTP("hourly/radolan/recent/bin", base=gridbase)</pre>
rad <- dataDWD(links[4047], base=gridbase, joinbf=TRUE)
plotRadar(rad$dat, main=rad$meta$date)
```

