# rdwd: R interface to German Weather Service data



Berry Boessenkool, e-Rum Milano, June 2020

github.com/brry/rdwd bookdown.org/brry/rdwd

berry-b@gmx.de

Presentation template generated with berryFunctions::createPres



# The DWD has a ton of data freely available





# The DWD has a ton of data freely available

but it's tedious to handle manually





## The DWD has a ton of data freely available

but it's tedious to handle manually

>300'000 datasets - too much for manual inspection





# 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



# 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)



# 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





#### Main features of rdwd

▶ find, select, download + read data from the German weather service DWD





observational data intro rdwd features gridded data conclusion

- ▶ find, select, download + read data from the German weather service DWD
- vectorized, progress bars, no re-downloads



- ▶ find, select, download + read data from the German weather service DWD
- vectorized, progress bars, no re-downloads
- index of files + meta data



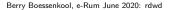
- ▶ find, select, download + read data from the German weather service DWD
- vectorized, progress bars, no re-downloads
- index of files + meta data
- reads both data types:



- ▶ 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)



- ▶ 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, ...



- ▶ 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



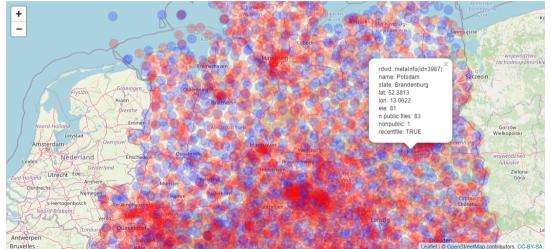
Usage example for observational data - station selection





# Usage example for observational data - station selection

interactive map of available stations



Usage example for observational data - data selection





# 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				<				





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



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

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

```
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
```



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

```
link
```

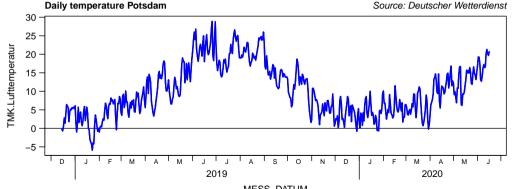
```
## ftp://opendata.dwd.de/climate_environment/CDC/observations_germany/
## climate/dailv/kl/recent/tageswerte_KL_03987_akt.zip
```

```
colnames(clim)
```

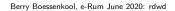
```
[1] "STATIONS ID"
                              "MESS DATUM"
                                                       "ON 3"
 [4] "FX.Windspitze"
                              "FM.Windgeschwindigkeit" "QN_4"
 [7] "RSK.Niederschlagshoehe" "RSKF.Niederschlagsform" "SDK.Sonnenscheindauer"
[10] "SHK TAG.Schneehoehe"
                              "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





# Usage example for gridded data

links <- indexFTP("hourly/radolan/recent/bin", base=gridbase, overwrite=TRUE)

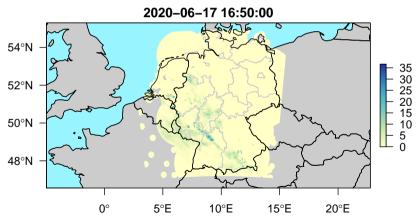
# Usage example for gridded data

```
links <- indexFTP("hourly/radolan/recent/bin", base=gridbase, overwrite=TRUE)
rad <- dataDWD(links[4047], base=gridbase, joinbf=TRUE, read=TRUE)</pre>
```



# 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>
```



select, download + read data time series from meteorological stations raster data from radar + interpolation

bookdown.org/brry/rdwd



```
link <- selectDWD("Potsdam", res="daily", var="kl", per="recent")
clim <- dataDWD(link, varnames=TRUE)

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