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Description Vendor-neutral helpers to evaluate Excel formulas (including RTD-based add-ins like DTN ProphetX and Bloomberg) from R via COM automation. Supports single-cell results with a pluggable readiness predicate to handle transient ``Wait" tokens from providers.
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Description

Constructs a Bloomberg BDS formula string for bulk fields (returns a spilled table). Use with rb_eval_single to read the result.

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```
bloomberg_bds_formula(security, field, overrides = NULL)
```

Arguments

security Character scalar, e.g., "IBM US Equity" or an index/ticker. field Character scalar bulk field (e.g., "INDX_MEMBERS"). overrides Optional named vector/list of overrides.

Value

A character string like:

```
=BDS("SPX Index","INDX_MEMBERS")
```

Description

Constructs a single-cell Excel formula string for the DTN ProphetX AIHIST RTD function. This can be passed to rb_eval_single() to evaluate historical data directly from Excel via COM automation.

Usage

```
dtn_prophetX_formula(symbol, time_scale, date, field)
```

Arguments

symbol	Character. ProphetX instrument symbol (e.g., "BEANS. 20254.B").
time_scale	Character. Time scale such as "Daily", "Weekly", or "Monthly".
date	Date or string convertible to Date. The Excel serial number is computed relative to 1899-12-30.
field	Character. Field(s) to request, such as "Open", "High", "Low", "Close", or "Description".

get_dtn_county_average

Details

- The returned string is not evaluated in R; it must be written into an Excel cell using rb_eval_single().
- The date argument is converted to an Excel serial (days since 1899-12-30).
- Wrapping with IFERROR(...,0) ensures Excel returns 0 if the RTD call fails.

Value

A character string containing a valid Excel formula of the form:

```
=IFERROR(RTD("prophetx.rtdserver","","AIHIST",symbol,time_scale,"1",date,"",field,"XD"),0)
```

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get_dtn_county_average
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Pull DTN county average cash prices and basis for a commodity

Description

Builds and executes DTN ProphetX queries for one or more counties and returns a tidy table over a weekday-only date range.

Usage

```
get_dtn_county_average(
  commodity,
  start_date = Sys.Date() - 7,
  end_date = Sys.Date(),
  time_scale = "Daily",
  county_price_type = "County Average Spot Cash Price",
  fields = c("Open", "High", "Low", "Close", "Volume", "OpenInt"),
  county_fip = NULL,
  state_abbreviation = NULL
)
```

Arguments

```
Character (length 1 or vector). Substring matched (case-insensitive) against
commodity
                  symbols_county_price$commodity.
start_date, end_date
                  Date. Inclusive range. Defaults to the last 7 days. Weekends are dropped.
                  One of "Daily", "Weekly", "Monthly". Default "Daily".
time_scale
county_price_type
                  Character. One or more of: "County Average Spot Cash Price", "County Average
                  Cash Price", "County Average Spot Basis Price", "County Average Basis".
fields
                  Character vector of ProphetX fields to retrieve.
                  Character/numeric vector of 5-digit county FIPS.
county_fip
state_abbreviation
                  Character vector of state abbreviations (e.g., "IA", "NE").
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Value

A data.table with one row per (symbol, date). Columns include symbol metadata, date, time_scale, and wide OHLCV columns (open, high, low, close, volume, openint).

rb_ensure_addin

Ensure an Excel add-in is loaded (best effort)

Description

Tries to locate and enable an add-in by name pattern (case-insensitive). Useful before evaluating formulas that depend on a vendor add-in.

Usage

```
rb_ensure_addin(x1, pattern)
```

Arguments

xl Excel Application COM handle from rb_start_excel().

pattern Character regex used to match the add-in name (e.g., "ProphetX", "Bloomberg").

Value

Invisibly TRUE (no error if not found).

rb_eval_single

Evaluate one or more single-cell Excel formulas

Description

Writes each formula into successive rows of column A in a new workbook, polls until values are "ready" per a predicate, and returns the results.

Usage

```
rb_eval_single(
  formulas,
  timeout_sec = 120,
  visible = FALSE,
  ready_fn = rb_ready_predicate()
)
```

Arguments

 $formulas \qquad Character\ vector\ of\ Excel\ formulas\ (e.g.,\ "=SUM(1,2)",\ '=RTD("prophetx.rtdserver","","AIHIST",...)$

'=BDP("IBM US Equity","PX_LAST")').

timeout_sec Max seconds to wait. Default 120.

visible Show the Excel window. Default FALSE.

ready_fn A readiness predicate built by rb_ready_predicate(). Default uses c("Wait","Loading...","N/A")

as transient tokens.

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Value

Data frame with columns: row, formula, result, ready.

rb_excel_quote

Quote a value for use in an Excel formula

Description

Escapes embedded quotes and wraps non-numeric values in double quotes.

Usage

```
rb_excel_quote(x)
```

Arguments

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Scalar to embed in an Excel formula.

Value

Character scalar safe to paste into a formula.

rb_kill_excel

Force close all Excel processes (Windows only)

Description

Utility to terminate every running Excel instance on the system. This is useful if RTD sessions or hidden COM objects are left running after errors or crashes. Use with caution: unsaved work in Excel will be lost.

Usage

```
rb_kill_excel(force = TRUE, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

force Logical; if TRUE, forcibly terminates without prompts (default).

verbose Logical; print output from taskkill. Default FALSE.

Value

Invisibly returns the exit status code from taskkill (0 = success).

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rb_ready_predicate

Build a readiness predicate

Description

Returns a function(value) that decides whether a cell is "ready". By default, treats blanks, Excel errors, and vendor "wait" tokens as NOT ready.

Usage

```
rb_ready_predicate(
  wait_tokens = c("Wait", "Loading...", "N/A"),
  treat_errors_as_ready = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

```
wait_tokens Character vector of tokens to be treated as "not ready" (e.g., c("Wait","Loading...")).

Case-insensitive.

treat_errors_as_ready

Logical; if TRUE, Excel errors stop the wait.
```

Value

A function $f(x) \rightarrow TRUE$ if ready, FALSE otherwise.

rb_start_excel

Start an Excel COM session (Windows)

Description

Launch a hidden (by default) Excel Application via COM and configure display alerts and calculation mode (Automatic).

Usage

```
rb_start_excel(visible = FALSE)
```

Arguments

visible

Logical; show the Excel window. Default FALSE.

Value

A COM handle to the Excel Application object.

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 ${\tt symbols_county_price} \quad \textit{Simulator Helper Datasets}$

Description

A combined dataset for symbols_county_price

Usage

data(symbols_county_price)

Format

A data frame with 212 rows and 7 columns covering Inf-Inf.

Source

ARPC using data from prophetX

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