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add_end_user

Add a CEDARS End User

Description

Adds an end user. Password must be at least 8 characters in length.

```
add_end_user(
   uri_fun,
   user,
   password,
   host,
   port,
   database,
   end_user,
   end_user_password
```

Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.
password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.
end_user CEDARS end user name.

end_user_password

CEDARS end user password.

Examples

```
## Not run:
add_end_user(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT', end_user = 'Mike',
end_user_password = 'user_pw_5678')
## End(Not run)
```

automatic_NLP_processor

Process NLP Annotations on the Current Patient Cohort

Description

Accepts a list of patient ID's or alternatively can perform NLP annotations on all available patients in the database.

```
automatic_NLP_processor(
  patient_vect = NA,
  text_format = "latin1",
  nlp_engine = "udpipe",
  URL,
  uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard,
  user,
  password,
  host,
  port,
  database,
  max_n_grams_length = 7,
  negex_depth = 6,
  select_cores = NA
)
```

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Arguments

patient_vect Vector of patient ID's. Default is NA, in which case all available patient records

will undergo NLP annotation.

text_format Text format for NLP engine.

nlp_engine Which NLP engine should be used? UDPipe is the only one supported for now.

URL UDPipe model URL.

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

max_n_grams_length

Maximum length of tokens for matching with UMLS concept unique identifiers (CUI's). Shorter values will result in faster processing. If 0 is chosen, UMLS

CUI tags will not be provided.

negex_depth Maximum distance between negation item and token to negate. Shorter dis-

tances will result in decreased sensitivity but increased specificity for negation.

select_cores How many CPU cores should be used for parallel processing? Max allowed is

total number of cores minus one. If 1 is entered, parallel processing will not be

used.

Examples

```
## Not run:
```

```
automatic_NLP_processor(patient_vect = NA, text_format = 'latin1', nlp_engine = 'udpipe',
URL = 'models/english-ewt-ud-2.4-190531.udpipe', uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John',
password = 'db_password_1234', host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT',
max_n_grams_length = 7, negex_depth = 6, select_cores = NA)
```

End(Not run)

create_project

Create a New CEDARS Project

Description

Creates a new MongoDB database and collections needed for a CEDARS annotation project. The MongoDB account used must have sufficient privileges.

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Usage

```
create_project(
  uri_fun,
  user,
  password,
  host,
  port,
  database,
  project_name,
  investigator_name
)
```

Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

project_name Research or QA project name.

investigator_name

Investigator name.

Examples

```
## Not run:
create_project(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT', project_name = 'Test project',
investigator_name = 'Dr Smith')
## End(Not run)
```

delete_end_user

Delete a CEDARS End USer

Description

Deletes one end user and associated password.

```
delete_end_user(uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database, end_user)
```

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Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name. end_user CEDARS end user name.

Examples

```
## Not run:
delete_end_user(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT', end_user = 'Mike')
## End(Not run)
```

download_events

Download Event Data

Description

Downloads patient event data. Typically done after all records have been annotated and the project is complete.

Usage

```
download_events(uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database)
```

Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

```
## Not run:
download_events(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA)
## End(Not run)
```

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end_users

Download End User List

Description

Downloads list of CEDARS end users along with their passwords.

Usage

```
end_users(uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database)
```

Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

Examples

```
## Not run:
end_users(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT')
## End(Not run)
```

get_wrapper

Wrap the get_data() Function

Description

Obtain one sentence and related info from MongoDB. Uses DB credentials pre-loaded in the main environment. For use with Shiny or REST GET (latter yet to be implemented).

```
get_wrapper(
  database,
  end_user,
  end_user_password,
  html = TRUE,
  position,
  patient_id = NA,
  ldap = FALSE
)
```

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Arguments

end_user_password

database MongoDB database.
end_user CEDARS end user name..

CEDARS end user password.

html Should output keywords/concepts be highlighted with HTML markup? Default

is TRUE.

position Sentence position within the sequence of selected sentences for a given patient.

patient_id Used if a specific patient record is requested, instead of a search for next record

to annotate

Is LDAP authentication being used? If so, password will not be checked and

access will be granted automatically.

Value

A list with patient-specific information and a dataframe with selected sentences along with sentence-specific data.

Examples

```
## Not run:
get_wrapper(database = 'TEST_PROJECT', end_user = 'John', end_user_password = 'db_password_1234',
html = TRUE, position = NA)
## End(Not run)
```

initialize_annotations

Initialize Annotations Deletes all NLP annotations and patientspecific information, including clinical event dates.New, empty 'AN-NOTATIONS' and 'PATIENTS' collections are created. Dictionaries and original patient notes are preserved.

Description

Initialize Annotations Deletes all NLP annotations and patient-specific information, including clinical event dates. New, empty 'ANNOTATIONS' and 'PATIENTS' collections are created. Dictionaries and original patient notes are preserved.

Usage

```
initialize_annotations(uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database)
```

Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.
password MongoDB user password.

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host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

Examples

```
## Not run:
initialize_annotations(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT')
## End(Not run)
```

initialize_notes

Initialize EHR Notes

Description

Deletes all patient notes from the database.

Usage

```
initialize_notes(uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database)
```

Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

```
## Not run:
initialize_notes(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT')
## End(Not run)
```

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initialize_patients Initialize Patient List

Description

All patient-specific information is deleted, including clinical event dates. Original notes and NLP annotations are preserved.

Usage

```
initialize_patients(uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database)
```

Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

MongoDB user name. user MongoDB user password. password host MongoDB host server. port

MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

Examples

```
## Not run:
initialize_patients(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT')
## End(Not run)
```

initialize_users

Initialize End User List

Description

Deletes all CEDARS end user credentials information.

Usage

```
initialize_users(uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database)
```

Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name. password MongoDB user password. host MongoDB host server. port MongoDB port.

MongoDB database name. database

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Examples

```
## Not run:
initialize_users(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT')
## End(Not run)
```

mongo_uri_standard

Prepare MongoDB URI string

Description

Formats the MongoDB URI string for use by package mongolite. In this case the 'standard' URI format is used. If a different format is to be used, the end user will have to write their own formatting function.

Usage

```
mongo_uri_standard(user, password, host, port = NA)
```

Arguments

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

Value

URI string.

Examples

```
## Not run:
mongo_uri_standard(user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234', host = 'server1234', port = NA)
## End(Not run)
```

mrconso_upload

Upload UMLS Dictionary

Description

Prepares and uploads UMLS MRCONSO.RRF file. This file is not included in the CEDARS package and can be obtained on the NIH web site at https://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/index.html.

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Usage

```
mrconso_upload(
  path,
  language = "ENG",
  subsets,
  max\_grams = 7,
  uri_fun,
  user,
  password,
  host,
  port,
  database
)
```

Arguments

path

language Language of biomedical lexicon, default is English (ENG). subsets Character vector of lexicon subsets to retain. UMLS is quite large so most applications can use only a few lexicon subsets. Maximum length of token in grams. Tokens above the thresold length will not max_grams be retained. Empirically, a value of 7 suffices for most applications. uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB credentials. user MongoDB user name. password MongoDB user password.

Path to file MRCONSO.RRF.

MongoDB host server. host port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

Examples

```
## Not run:
\label{local_mrconso_upload} $$ mrconso\_upload(path = 'dictionaries/MRCONSO.RRF', language = 'ENG', subsets = c('SNOMEDCT_US', 'MTHICD9', 'ICD9CM', 'ICD10CM', 'DSM-5', 'MSH', 'RXNORM', 'NCI'), $$ max_grams = 7, $$ max_grams = 
 user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234', host = 'server1234', port = NA,
 database = 'TEST_PROJECT')
 ## End(Not run)
```

mrrel_upload

Upload UMLS Relationships

Description

Prepares and uploads UMLS MRREL.RRF file. This file is not included in the CEDARS package and can be obtained on the NIH web site at https://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/index.html. It is very large and not currently used by CEDARS.

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Usage

```
mrrel_upload(path, uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database)
```

Arguments

path Path to file MRREL.RRF.

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

Examples

```
## Not run:
mrrel_upload(path = 'dictionaries/MRREL.RRF', uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John',
password = 'db_password_1234', host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT')
## End(Not run)
```

negex

Negex data Apache License 2.0

Description

Negex data Apache License 2.0

Usage

data(negex)

Format

An object of class 'data.frame'.

Source

Google Code Archive

References

Chapman et al. (2013) Stud Health Technol Inform 192:677-681 (PubMed)

Examples

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Description

Prepares and uploads NegEx negation lexicon. It is not absolutely required for CEDARS to function but in practice will improve search accuracy for most applications.

Usage

```
negex_upload(udmodel_path, uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database)
```

Arguments

 udmodel_path
 Path to NLP model file.

 uri_fun
 Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB credentials.

 user
 MongoDB user name.

 password
 MongoDB user password.

 host
 MongoDB host server.

 port
 MongoDB database name.

Examples

```
## Not run:
negex_upload(udmodel_path = 'models/english-ewt-ud-2.4-190531.udpipe',
uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234', host = 'server1234',
port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT')
## End(Not run)
```

Description

post_wrapper

Posts results of human reviewer annotation to MongoDB. Uses DB credentials pre-loaded in the main environment. For use with Shiny or REST POST (latter yet to be implemented).

Wrap the post_data() Function

```
post_wrapper(
  database,
  end_user,
  end_user_password,
  position,
  event_date,
  pt_comments,
  ldap = FALSE
)
```

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Arguments

database MongoDB database.

end_user CEDARS end user name.

end_user_password

CEDARS end user password.

position Sentence position within the sequence of selected sentences for a given patient.

event_date Date of clinical event as determined by human reviewer.

pt_comments Patient-specific comments from the reviewer.

Is LDAP authentication being used? If so, password will not be checked and

access will be granted automatically.

Examples

```
## Not run:
post_wrapper(database = 'TEST_PROJECT', end_user = 'John', end_user_password = 'db_password_1234',
position = NA, event_date = NA, pt_comments = 'This is a comment')
## End(Not run)
```

pre_search

Execute Search on a Set of Records

Description

Batches a keyword/CUI search for a cohort of patients. Useful to speed up the process by end users, since search results will be pre-populated. Locks each record before proceeding with search on existing NLP annotations. Patient records with no matching sentences or a known event date at or before the earliest matching sentence will be marked as reviewed. The latter assumes the query orders to skip sentences after events.

Usage

```
pre_search(patient_vect = NA, uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database)
```

Arguments

patient_vect Vector of patient ID's. Default is NA, in which case all unlocked records will be

searched.

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
pre_search(patient_vect = NA, uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John',
password = 'db_password_1234', host = 'server1234', database = 'TEST_PROJECT')
## End(Not run)
```

save_credentials

Save MongoDB Credentials

Description

Saves MongoDB credentials as 'db_credentials.Rdata' and Shiny app file as 'app.R'. Those two files should be copied to the Shiny Server app directory. Needed only if using Shiny Server; credentials are entered in the command line for local app use.

Usage

```
save_credentials(
 user,
 password,
 host,
 port,
 database,
 LDAP,
  destination_path = getwd()
)
```

Arguments

MongoDB user name. user MongoDB user password. password MongoDB server host. host MongoDB port. port database MongoDB database name.

LDAP is LDAP being used? In this case, CEDARS will not prompt for user ID/password

and a check will NOT be made on the users table. Access will be granted, relying on LDAP authentication. Annotations will be stamped with LDAP user

name.

destination_path

Folder where the files should be saved. Default is working directory.

```
save_credentials(user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234', host = 'server1234',
database = 'myDB', LDAP = FALSE, destination_path = getwd())
## End(Not run)
```

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save_query Save Search Query

Description

Saves the search query. The query consists of keywords/UMLS concept unique identifiers (CUI's), boolean elements and other operators ('AND', 'OR', '!', '(', or ')').

Usage

```
save_query(
   uri_fun,
   user,
   password,
   host,
   port,
   database,
   search_query,
   use_negation,
   hide_duplicates,
   skip_after_event
)
```

Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

search_query Medical corpus query containg keywords/CUI's, boolean elements and other

operators ('AND', 'OR', '!', '(', or ')').

use_negation Should negated items be ignored in the keyword/concept search?

hide_duplicates

Should duplicated sentences be removed for search results?

skip_after_event

Should sentences occurring after recorded clinical event be skipped?

```
## Not run:
save_query(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT', search_query = 'thrombosis AND venous',
use_negation = TRUE, hide_duplicates = TRUE, skip_after_event = TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

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Save Document Tags

Description

Save name of EHR document metadata tags. Individual notes or parts of notes can be labelled with up to 10 tags, typically the patient's name at the time, the type of note, the note section, the author, etc. Tags are not mandatory.

Usage

```
save_tags(uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database, tag_vect)
```

Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

tag_vect Character vector of 10 tag names.

Examples

```
## Not run:
save_tags(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT',
tag_vect = c('note_type', 'note_section', 'author', 'patient_name', NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA))
## End(Not run)
```

simulated_patients

Simulated patient data GPL-3 license

Description

Simulated patient data GPL-3 license

Usage

```
data(simulated_patients)
```

Format

An object of class 'data.frame'.

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Examples

```
data(simulated_patients)
```

start_local

Start CEDARS Locally

Description

Starts CEDARS locally from RStudio. This is a functional approach and is easier to implement than a full-fledged Shiny Server. Multiple users can access the same CEDARS project on the MongoDB server using separate local R sessions, however in that case MongoDB credentials would have to be shared to all. The best option for multi-user implementations is to use Shiny Server.

Usage

```
start_local(user, password, host, port, database)
```

Arguments

user DB user name.

password DB password.

host Host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

Examples

```
## Not run:
start_local(user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234', host = 'server1234', port = NA,
database = 'myDB')
## End(Not run)
```

terminate_project

Terminate CEDARS Project

Description

Everything is removed, including dictionaries. MongoDB account used must have sufficient privileges.

```
terminate_project(uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database)
```

Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

Examples

```
## Not run:
terminate_project(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT')
## End(Not run)
```

terminate_project_new Terminate CEDARS Project - short version

Description

Everything is removed, including dictionaries. MongoDB account used must have sufficient privileges.

Usage

```
terminate_project_new(uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database)
```

Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

MongoDB port

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

```
## Not run:
terminate_project(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT')
## End(Not run)
```

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unlock_user	Unlock User-Specific Records Removes any pending lock(s) for a specific user. Normally there should not be more than one record locked per user at any given time, but if there were more than one, i.e. DB corruption, all locks would be lifted at once.

Description

Unlock User-Specific Records Removes any pending lock(s) for a specific user. Normally there should not be more than one record locked per user at any given time, but if there were more than one, i.e. DB corruption, all locks would be lifted at once.

Usage

```
unlock_user(uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database, end_user)
```

Arguments

uri_fun	Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB credentials.
user	MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.
host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

end_user CEDARS end user.

Examples

```
## Not run:
unlock_user(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port= NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT', end_user = 'Mike')
## End(Not run)
```

upload_events

Upload Event Data

Description

Uploads event dates for patients already in the patient list. Useful when some events have already been documented before running CEDARS, for example as a second-line method to catch events missed with a different approach. Only event dates for existing records are altered, missing patient records are not added!

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Usage

```
upload_events(
   uri_fun,
   user,
   password,
   host,
   port,
   database,
   patient_ids,
   event_dates
)
```

Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.

password MongoDB user password.

host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

patient_ids Vector of patient ID's.

event_dates Vector of clinical event dates.

Examples

```
## Not run:
upload_events(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT', patient_ids = ids, event_dates = events)
## End(Not run)
```

upload_notes

Upload Notes to Database

Description

Allows user to populate notes in database from dataframe; could be easily inserted into wrapper batch function to serially download from other DB etc. Notes dataframe must contain: 'patient_id', 'text_id' (a unique identifier for each text segment), along with 'text', 'text_date', 'doc_id' (designates unique EHR document) and ideally 'text_sequence' which indicates order of text section within document. 'doc_section_name' along 'text_tag_1' to 'text_tag_10' are optional. 'text_date' must be in format '%Y-%m-%d'!

```
upload_notes(uri_fun, user, password, host, port, database, notes)
```

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Arguments

uri_fun Uniform resource identifier (URI) string generating function for MongoDB cre-

dentials.

user MongoDB user name.
password MongoDB user password.
host MongoDB host server.

port MongoDB port.

database MongoDB database name.

notes Dataframe of EHR documents with metadata. The documents can consist of full

notes or note subsections.

```
## Not run:
upload_notes(uri_fun = mongo_uri_standard, user = 'John', password = 'db_password_1234',
host = 'server1234', port = NA, database = 'TEST_PROJECT', notes = simulated_patients)
## End(Not run)
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