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## **Description**

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Performs an WFS getFeature request for layers from a wfs object or specified EMODnet Service. Filtering of layer features can also be handled via ECQL language filters.

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#### Usage

```
emodnet_get_layers(
  wfs = NULL,
  service = NULL,
  service_version = NULL,
  layers,
  crs = NULL,
  cql_filter = NULL,
  simplify = FALSE,
  reduce_layers = deprecated(),
  ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

wfs A WFSClient R6 object with methods for interfacing an OGC Web Feature Ser-

vice. From emodnet\_init\_wfs\_client().

service the EMODnet OGC WFS service name. For available services, see emodnet\_wfs().

service\_version

[Deprecated] the WFS service version. Now always "2.0.0".

layers a character vector of layer names. To get info on layers, including layer\_name

use emodnet\_get\_wfs\_info().

crs integer. EPSG code for the output crs. If NULL (default), layers are returned with

original crs.

cql\_filter character. Features returned can be filtered using valid Extended Common Query

Language (ECQL) filtering statements (https://docs.geoserver.org/stable/en/user/filter/ecql\_reference.html). Should be one of:

 character string or character vector of length 1. Filter will be recycled across all layers requested.

• character vector of length equal to the length of layers. Filter will be matched to layers sequentially. Elements containing NA are ignored

• named character vector. Each filter will be applied to the layer corresponding to the filter name. Filters with names that do not correspond to any layers are ignored. Layers without corresponding filters are returned whole.

simplify whether to reduce output layers to a single sf object. This only works if the column names are the same.

reduce\_layers [Deprecated] use simplify.

additional vendor parameter arguments passed to ows4R::GetFeature(). For example, including count = 1 returns the first available feature. Or outputFormat

= "CSV" (or outputFormat = "JSON") might help downloading bigger datasets.

# Value

If simplify = FALSE (default), a list of sf objects, one element for each layer. Any layers for which download was unsuccessful will be NULL. If simplify = TRUE, all layers are reduced (if possible:

if all column names are the same) to a single sf containing data for all layers. NULL layers are ignored. simplify = TRUE can also be used to return an sf out of a single layer request instead of a list of length 1.

## Big downloads

If a layer is really big (like "abiotic\_observations" of the "biology\_occurrence\_data" service), you might consider a combination of these ideas:

- using outputFormat = "CSV";
- filtering using cql\_filters or bounding boxes (possibly splitting the area of interests into several requests);
- Using EMODnet's download toolbox.

#### **Examples**

```
# Layers as character vector
emodnet_get_layers(
 service = "biology",
 layers = c("mediseh_zostera_m_pnt", "mediseh_posidonia_nodata")
)
# Usage of cql_filter
emodnet_get_layers(
 service = "biology",
 layers = "mediseh_zostera_m_pnt",
 cql_filter = "country = 'Francia'"
# Usage of vendor parameter
emodnet_get_layers(
 service = "biology",
 layers = "mediseh_zostera_m_pnt",
 count = 1
)
# Usage of csv output
data <- emodnet_get_layers(</pre>
   service = "biology_occurrence_data",
   layers = "abiotic_observations",
   outputFormat = "CSV"
str(data[["abiotic_observations"]])
```

emodnet\_get\_layer\_info

Metadata about data available from the different services: data (layers) from a data source (service), metadata on layers from a service, metadata on layers from all services.

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## **Description**

Get WFS available layer information

## Usage

```
emodnet_get_layer_info(wfs, layers)
emodnet_get_wfs_info(wfs = NULL, service = NULL, service_version = NULL)
emodnet_get_all_wfs_info()
```

## **Arguments**

wfs A WFSClient R6 object with methods for interfacing an OGC Web Feature Service. From emodnet\_init\_wfs\_client().

layers a character vector of layer names. To get info on layers, including layer\_name use emodnet\_get\_wfs\_info().

service the EMODnet OGC WFS service name. For available services, see emodnet\_wfs().

[Deprecated] the WFS service version. Now always "2.0.0".

#### **Details**

To minimize the number of requests sent to webservices, these functions use memoise to cache results inside the active R session. To clear the cache, re-start R or run memoise::forget(emodnet\_get\_wfs\_info)/memoise::forget(emodnet\_get\_layer\_info).

#### Value

a tibble containing metadata on each layer available from the service.

#### **Functions**

- emodnet\_get\_layer\_info(): Get metadata for specific layers. Requires a wfs object as input.
- emodnet\_get\_wfs\_info(): Get info on all layers from an EMODnet WFS service.
- emodnet\_get\_all\_wfs\_info(): Get metadata on all layers and all available services from server.

```
emodnet_get_wfs_info(service = "bathymetry")
# Query a wfs object
wfs_bio <- emodnet_init_wfs_client("biology")
emodnet_get_wfs_info(wfs_bio)
# Get info for specific layers from wfs object
layers <- c("mediseh_zostera_m_pnt", "mediseh_posidonia_nodata")
emodnet_get_layer_info(wfs = wfs_bio, layers = layers)</pre>
```

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```
emodnet_init_wfs_client
```

Connect to a data source (service)

# **Description**

Initialise an EMODnet WFS client

# Usage

```
emodnet_init_wfs_client(service, service_version = NULL, logger = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

service the EMODnet OGC WFS service name. For available services, see emodnet\_wfs(). service\_version

[Deprecated] the WFS service version. Now always "2.0.0".

logger the logger. Either NULL (no logging info), "INFO" (log about ows4R requests)

or "DEBUG" (including curl details).

## Value

An ows4R::WFSClient R6 object with methods for interfacing an OGC Web Feature Service.

# See Also

WFSClient in package ows4R.

# **Examples**

```
wfs <- emodnet_init_wfs_client(service = "bathymetry")</pre>
```

emodnet\_wfs

Which data sources (services) are available?

# Description

Available EMODnet Web Feature Services

# Usage

```
emodnet_wfs()
```

## **Format**

```
emodnet_wfs:
emodnet_thematic_lot EMODnet disciplinary themes - bathymetry, biology, chemistry, geology, human activities, physics and seabed habitats
service_name Name of the specific service. Use in emodnet_init_wfs_client.
service_url Web Feature Service (WFS) URL endpoint for accessing the service.
```

#### Value

Tibble of available EMODnet Web Feature Services

## **Examples**

```
emodnet_wfs()
```

```
layer_attributes_get_names
```

Names of variables (attributes) available from a dataset (layer) in a data source (service).

# Description

Names of variables (attributes) available from a dataset (layer) in a data source (service).

# Usage

```
layer_attributes_get_names(
  wfs = NULL,
  service = NULL,
  service_version = NULL,
  layer
)
```

# **Arguments**

wfs A WFSClient R6 object with methods for interfacing an OGC Web Feature Ser-

vice. From emodnet\_init\_wfs\_client().

service the EMODnet OGC WFS service name. For available services, see emodnet\_wfs().

service\_version

[Deprecated] the WFS service version. Now always "2.0.0".

layer character sting of layer name. To get info on layers, including layer\_name use

emodnet\_get\_wfs\_info().

## Value

character vector of layer attribute (variable) names.

## See Also

Attributes metadata: layer\_attribute\_descriptions(), layer\_attribute\_inspect(), layer\_attributes\_summarise layer\_attributes\_tbl()

## **Examples**

```
layer_attributes_get_names(
  service = "biology",
  layer = "mediseh_zostera_m_pnt"
)
```

layer\_attributes\_summarise

Get summaries of layer attributes (variables)

# Description

Get summaries of layer attributes (variables)

## Usage

```
layer_attributes_summarise(
  wfs = NULL,
  service = NULL,
  service_version = NULL,
  layer
)
```

#### Arguments

wfs A WFSClient R6 object with methods for interfacing an OGC Web Feature Service. From emodnet\_init\_wfs\_client().

service the EMODnet OGC WFS service name. For available services, see emodnet\_wfs().

service\_version

[Deprecated] the WFS service version. Now always "2.0.0".

layer character sting of layer name. To get info on layers, including layer\_name use

#### Value

output of summary() on the attributes (variables) in a given layer for a given service.

emodnet\_get\_wfs\_info().

### See Also

```
Attributes metadata: layer_attribute_descriptions(), layer_attribute_inspect(), layer_attributes_get_names layer_attributes_tbl()
```

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## **Examples**

```
layer_attributes_summarise(
  service = "biology",
  layer = "mediseh_zostera_m_pnt"
)
```

layer\_attributes\_tbl Possible values of variables (attributes) in a dataset (layer) from a data source (service).

# Description

Get layer attribute values tibble

## Usage

```
layer_attributes_tbl(wfs = NULL, service = NULL, service_version = NULL, layer)
```

#### **Arguments**

wfs A WFSClient R6 object with methods for interfacing an OGC Web Feature Ser-

vice. From emodnet\_init\_wfs\_client().

service the EMODnet OGC WFS service name. For available services, see emodnet\_wfs().

service\_version

[Deprecated] the WFS service version. Now always "2.0.0".

layer character sting of layer name. To get info on layers, including layer\_name use

emodnet\_get\_wfs\_info().

#### **Details**

Request excluding spatial information can be significantly faster. Can be useful for inspecting attribute values and constructing feature filters for more targeted and faster layer download.

## Value

tibble of layer attribute (variable) values with geometry column removed.

## See Also

```
Attributes metadata: layer_attribute_descriptions(), layer_attribute_inspect(), layer_attributes_get_names layer_attributes_summarise()
```

```
layer_attributes_tbl(service = "biology", layer = "mediseh_zostera_m_pnt")
```

layer\_attribute\_descriptions

Variables available in a dataset (layer) from a data source (service).

# **Description**

Get layer attribute description

## Usage

```
layer_attribute_descriptions(
  wfs = NULL,
  service = NULL,
  service_version = NULL,
  layer
)
```

## **Arguments**

wfs A WFSClient R6 object with methods for interfacing an OGC Web Feature Service. From emodnet\_init\_wfs\_client().

service the EMODnet OGC WFS service name. For available services, see emodnet\_wfs().

service\_version

[Deprecated] the WFS service version. Now always "2.0.0".

layer character sting of layer name. To get info on layers, including layer\_name use emodnet\_get\_wfs\_info().

#### Value

data.frame containing layer attribute descriptions (metadata).

## See Also

```
Attributes metadata: layer_attribute_inspect(), layer_attributes_get_names(), layer_attributes_summarise() layer_attributes_tbl()
```

```
layer_attribute_descriptions(
  service = "biology",
  layer = "mediseh_zostera_m_pnt"
)
```

layer\_attribute\_inspect

layer\_attribute\_inspect

Summary of individual variable (attribute) in a dataset (layer) from a data source (service).

# **Description**

Inspect layer attributes

# Usage

```
layer_attribute_inspect(
  wfs = NULL,
  service = NULL,
  service_version = NULL,
  layer,
  attribute
)
```

# **Arguments**

wfs A WFSClient R6 object with methods for interfacing an OGC Web Feature Service. From emodnet\_init\_wfs\_client().

service the EMODnet OGC WFS service name. For available services, see emodnet\_wfs().

service\_version

[Deprecated] the WFS service version. Now always "2.0.0".

layer character sting of layer name. To get info on layers, including layer\_name use

emodnet\_get\_wfs\_info().

attribute character string, name of layer attribute (variable). Use layer\_attributes\_get\_names()

to get layer attribute names.

## Value

Detailed summary of individual attribute (variable). Particularly useful for inspecting factor or character variable levels or unique values.

### See Also

```
Attributes metadata: layer_attribute_descriptions(), layer_attributes_get_names(), layer_attributes_summar layer_attributes_tbl()
```

```
wfs <- emodnet_init_wfs_client(service = "biology")
layer_attributes_get_names(wfs, layer = "mediseh_zostera_m_pnt")
layer_attribute_inspect(
  wfs, layer = "mediseh_zostera_m_pnt",</pre>
```

should\_run\_example

```
attribute = "country"
)
```

should\_run\_example

Should we run this emodnet.wfs example?

# Description

Determines whether we are in pkgdown or in an interactive session. Do not use it in your own package!

# Usage

```
should_run_example()
```

# Value

A Boolean indicating whether to run the example.

```
should_run_example()
```

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