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as.data.frame *Coerce to a Data Frame*

Description

Coerce to a [data.frame](#), if possible.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'HALSearch'
as.data.frame(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class <code>HALSearch</code> (typically returned by hal_search()).
...	Currently not used.

Value

A [data.frame](#).

Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

Examples

```
## Not run:
## Simple search
topic <- list("archéologie", "Celtes", "France") # Combined with AND
## Get the first ten results
hal_query(topic) |>
  hal_search(limit = 10) |>
```

```

as.data.frame()
## Get all results
hal_query(topic) |>
  hal_search(limit = 30, cursor = TRUE) |>
  as.data.frame()

## Get a list of archaeological journals
topic <- c("archéologie", "archaeology", "archäologie") # Combined with OR
hal_query(topic) |>
  hal_select("title_s", "issn_s") |>
  hal_filter("") %TO% "*" %IN% "issn_s") |>
  hal_sort("title_s") |>
  hal_search(path = "ref", instance = "journal") |>
  as.data.frame()

## Get a list of archaeological laboratories
## (only joint laboratories of the CNRS and a French university)
topic <- list("archéologie" %IN% "text", "UMR" %IN% "code_t")
hal_query(topic) |>
  hal_select("name_s", "acronym_s", "code_s") |>
  hal_filter("VALID" %IN% "valid_s") |>
  hal_sort("acronym_s", decreasing = TRUE) |>
  hal_search(path = "ref", instance = "structure", limit = 15) |>
  as.data.frame()

## End(Not run)

```

hal_count

*Count***Description**

Count

Usage

```

hal_count(query, ...)
## S3 method for class 'HALQuery'
hal_count(query, path = "search", instance = NULL, ...)

```

Arguments

- | | |
|----------|--|
| query | An object of class <code>HALQuery</code> (typically returned by hal_query()). |
| ... | Currently not used. |
| path | A <code>character</code> string giving the API name (defaults to "search"). |
| instance | A <code>character</code> string giving the HAL portal name. |

Value

An [integer](#) (the number of results).

Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

See Also

Other search tools: [hal_download\(\)](#), [hal_search\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
## Simple search
topic <- list("archéologie", "Celtes", "France") # Combined with AND
## Get the first ten results
hal_query(topic) |>
  hal_search(limit = 10) |>
  as.data.frame()
## Get all results
hal_query(topic) |>
  hal_search(limit = 30, cursor = TRUE) |>
  as.data.frame()

## Get a list of archaeological journals
topic <- c("archéologie", "archaeology", "archäologie") # Combined with OR
hal_query(topic) |>
  hal_select("title_s", "issn_s") |>
  hal_filter("") %TO% "*" %IN% "issn_s") |>
  hal_sort("title_s") |>
  hal_search(path = "ref", instance = "journal") |>
  as.data.frame()

## Get a list of archaeological laboratories
## (only joint laboratories of the CNRS and a French university)
topic <- list("archéologie" %IN% "text", "UMR" %IN% "code_t")
hal_query(topic) |>
  hal_select("name_s", "acronym_s", "code_s") |>
  hal_filter("VALID" %IN% "valid_s") |>
  hal_sort("acronym_s", decreasing = TRUE) |>
  hal_search(path = "ref", instance = "structure", limit = 15) |>
  as.data.frame()

## End(Not run)
```

hal_download *Download Documents*

Description

Download Documents

Usage

```
hal_download(query, ...)

## S3 method for class 'HALQuery'
hal_download(
  query,
  destination,
  limit = 30,
  start = 0,
  progress = getOption("odyssey.progress"),
  verbose = getOption("odyssey.verbose"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

query	An object of class <code>HALQuery</code> (typically returned by hal_query()).
...	Currently not used.
destination	A <code>character</code> string giving the directory path where the downloaded files are to be saved.
limit	An <code>integer</code> giving the maximum number of results. According to HAL policy, it cannot exceed 10000.
start	An <code>integer</code> specifying an absolute offset in the complete sorted list of matches to be used as the beginning of the current page. Only used if <code>cursor</code> is FALSE.
progress	A <code>logical</code> scalar: should a progress bar for the request be printed?
verbose	A <code>logical</code> scalar: should extra information be reported?

Value

Invisibly returns `destination`.

Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

See Also

Other search tools: [hal_count\(\)](#), [hal_search\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
## Download the 10 most recent archaeological publication
## (if any files)
hal_query("archéologie") |>
  hal_filter("ART" %IN% "docType_s") |>
  hal_sort("producedDate_tdate", decreasing = TRUE) |>
  hal_download(destination = tempdir(), limit = 10)

## End(Not run)
```

hal_facet

Facet Search

Description

Facet Search

Usage

```
hal_facet(query, ...)

## S3 method for class 'HALQuery'
hal_facet(
  query,
  field = NULL,
  limit = 5,
  sort = c("count", "index"),
  prefix = NULL,
  contains = NULL,
  pivot = NULL,
  range = NULL,
  ignore_case = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

query	An object of class <code>HALQuery</code> (typically returned by hal_query()).
...	Currently not used.
field	A <code>character</code> string specifying the field to group by.
limit	An <code>integer</code> giving the maximum number of results per group.
sort	A <code>character</code> string specifying the field to be used to sort the results.
prefix	A <code>character</code> string.
contains	A <code>character</code> string.

pivot	A <code>character</code> string.
range	A <code>list</code> containing the following components: "range", "start", "end", "gap".
ignore_case	A <code>logical</code> scalar: should character case be ignored?

Value

An object of class `HALQuery`.

Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

See Also

Other query tools: `hal_filter()`, `hal_group()`, `hal_query()`, `hal_select()`, `hal_sort()`, `operators`

Examples

```
## Not run:  
## Get the number of archaeological document by journal  
hal_query("archéologie") |>  
  hal_facet(field = "journalTitle_s", sort = "count", decreasing = TRUE) |>  
  hal_search() |>  
  as.data.frame()  
  
## Get the number of documents per year  
hal_query("archéologie") |>  
  hal_facet(  
    sort = "count",  
    range = list(  
      field = "producedDateY_i",  
      start = 2000,  
      end = 2020,  
      gap = 1  
    )  
  ) |>  
  hal_search() |>  
  as.data.frame()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

hal_filter

Filter Results

Description

Filter Results

Usage

```
hal_filter(query, ...)

## S3 method for class 'HALQuery'
hal_filter(query, value, field = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>query</code>	An object of class <code>HALQuery</code> (typically returned by hal_query()).
<code>...</code>	Currently not used.
<code>value</code>	A <code>character</code> string specifying the value to be used to filter the results.
<code>field</code>	A <code>character</code> string specifying the field to filter along.

Value

An object of class `HALQuery`.

Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

See Also

Other query tools: [hal_facet\(\)](#), [hal_group\(\)](#), [hal_query\(\)](#), [hal_select\(\)](#), [hal_sort\(\)](#), [operators](#)

Examples

```
## Simple filter
hal_query() |> hal_filter("file", "submitType_s")

## Advanced filter
hal_query() |> hal_filter("THESE" %OR% "HDR", "docType_s")

## Multiple filters
hal_query() |>
  hal_filter("NOW-1MONTHS/DAY" %TO% "NOW/HOUR", "submittedDate_tdate") |>
  hal_filter("-notice", "submitType_s")

## Range filters
hal_query() |> hal_filter(2000 %TO% 2013, "submittedDateY_i")

hal_query() |> hal_filter("Aa" %TO% "Ab", "city_s")
```

hal_group

Group Results

Description

Group Results

Usage

```
hal_group(query, ...)

## S3 method for class 'HALQuery'
hal_group(query, field, limit = 20, sort = "score", decreasing = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

query	An object of class <code>HALQuery</code> (typically returned by hal_query()).
...	Currently not used.
field	A <code>character</code> string specifying the field to group by.
limit	An <code>integer</code> giving the maximum number of results per group.
sort	A <code>character</code> string specifying the field to be used to sort the results.
decreasing	A <code>logical</code> scalar: should the sort be increasing or decreasing?

Value

An object of class `HALQuery`.

Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

See Also

Other query tools: `hal_facet()`, `hal_filter()`, `hal_query()`, `hal_select()`, `hal_sort()`, `operators`

Examples

```
## Not run:
## Get the most recent archaeological publication (in French) by journal
hal_query("archéologie") |>
  hal_filter("ART" %IN% "docType_s") |>
  hal_select("producedDate_tdate", "docid") |>
  hal_sort("producedDate_tdate", decreasing = TRUE) |>
  hal_group(
    field = "journalTitle_s",
    sort = "producedDate_tdate",
```

```

    decreasing = TRUE
) |>
hal_search() |>
as.data.frame()

## End(Not run)

```

hal_query*Build Query***Description**

Initialize a query to the HAL API.

Usage

```
hal_query(value = "*", field = "text", ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| <code>value</code> | A vector giving the topics to be searched for (see details). |
| <code>field</code> | A character string specifying the field to search within. |
| <code>...</code> | Currently not used. |

Value

A [list](#) of class `HALQuery` containing at least the following components:

- `q` (default to "text:*").
- `f1` default to "docid,label_s").
- `wt` (default to "json").

Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

See Also

Other query tools: [hal_facet\(\)](#), [hal_filter\(\)](#), [hal_group\(\)](#), [hal_select\(\)](#), [hal_sort\(\)](#), [operators](#)

Examples

```
## Search for 'asie' in the 'text' field
hal_query("asie")

## Search for 'japon' and 'france' in the 'title_t' field
term <- list("japon", "france")
hal_query(term, field = "title_t")

## Search for 'Journal', and 'Histoire' or 'History' in the 'title_t' field
term <- list("Journal", c("Histoire", "History"))
hal_query(term, field = "title_t")
```

hal_search

Search

Description

Search

Usage

```
hal_search(query, ...)

## S3 method for class 'HALQuery'
hal_search(
  query,
  path = "search",
  instance = NULL,
  limit = 30,
  start = 0,
  cursor = FALSE,
  max_requests = Inf,
  on_error = "stop",
  progress = getOption("odyssey.progress"),
  verbose = getOption("odyssey.verbose"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

query	An object of class <code>HALQuery</code> (typically returned by hal_query()).
...	Currently not used.
path	A <code>character</code> string giving the API name (defaults to "search").
instance	A <code>character</code> string giving the HAL portal name.
limit	An <code>integer</code> giving the maximum number of results. According to HAL policy, it cannot exceed 10000.

<code>start</code>	An <code>integer</code> specifying an absolute offset in the complete sorted list of matches to be used as the beginning of the current page. Only used if <code>cursor</code> is FALSE.
<code>cursor</code>	A <code>logical</code> scalar: should a cursor be used for the pagination of results? If TRUE, the <code>sort</code> parameter of the query will set to "docid asc".
<code>max_requests</code>	An <code>integer</code> specifying the maximum number of requests to perform. Use Inf to perform all requests. Only used if <code>cursor</code> is TRUE.
<code>on_error</code>	A <code>character</code> string specifying what should happen if a request fails (see <code>httr2::req_perform_iterati</code>) Only used if <code>cursor</code> is TRUE.
<code>progress</code>	A <code>logical</code> scalar: should a progress bar for the request be printed?
<code>verbose</code>	A <code>logical</code> scalar: should extra information be reported?

Value

A `list` of class `HALSearch`.

Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

References

- [Apache Solr documentation.](#)
- [HAL search documentation.](#)
- [HAL reference frame documentation.](#)

See Also

Other search tools: `hal_count()`, `hal_download()`

Examples

```
## Not run:
## Simple search
topic <- list("archéologie", "Celtes", "France") # Combined with AND
## Get the first ten results
hal_query(topic) |>
  hal_search(limit = 10) |>
  as.data.frame()
## Get all results
hal_query(topic) |>
  hal_search(limit = 30, cursor = TRUE) |>
  as.data.frame()

## Get a list of archaeological journals
topic <- c("archéologie", "archaeology", "archäologie") # Combined with OR
hal_query(topic) |>
  hal_select("title_s", "issn_s") |>
  hal_filter("") %TO% "*" %IN% "issn_s") |>
  hal_sort("title_s") |>
```

```
hal_search(path = "ref", instance = "journal") |>
  as.data.frame()

## Get a list of archaeological laboratories
## (only joint laboratories of the CNRS and a French university)
topic <- list("archéologie" %IN% "text", "UMR" %IN% "code_t")
hal_query(topic) |>
  hal_select("name_s", "acronym_s", "code_s") |>
  hal_filter("VALID" %IN% "valid_s") |>
  hal_sort("acronym_s", decreasing = TRUE) |>
  hal_search(path = "ref", instance = "structure", limit = 15) |>
  as.data.frame()

## End(Not run)
```

hal_select*Select Fields*

Description

Select Fields

Usage

```
hal_select(query, ...)

## S3 method for class 'HALQuery'
hal_select(query, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-------|---|
| query | An object of class <code>HALQuery</code> (typically returned by hal_query()). |
| ... | One or more <code>character</code> string separated by commas giving the fields to be returned. |

Value

An object of class `HALQuery`.

Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

See Also

Other query tools: [hal_facet\(\)](#), [hal_filter\(\)](#), [hal_group\(\)](#), [hal_query\(\)](#), [hal_sort\(\)](#), [operators](#)

Examples

```
## Select fields
hal_query() |> hal_select("label_s")

(q <- hal_query() |> hal_select("halId_s", "uri_s"))

## Update query
hal_select(q, "docType_s")
```

hal_sort

Sort Results

Description

Sort Results

Usage

```
hal_sort(query, field, decreasing = FALSE, ...)
hal_sort(query, field, decreasing = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

query	An object of class <code>HALQuery</code> (typically returned by hal_query()).
field	A <code>character</code> string specifying the field to be used to sort the results.
decreasing	A <code>logical</code> scalar: should the sort be increasing or decreasing?
...	Currently not used.

Value

An object of class `HALQuery`.

Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

See Also

Other query tools: `hal_facet()`, `hal_filter()`, `hal_group()`, `hal_query()`, `hal_select()`, [operators](#)

Examples

```
## Select fields
(q <- hal_query() |> hal_sort("docid"))

## Update query
hal_sort(q, "producedDate_tdate", decreasing = TRUE)
```

operators*Operators*

Description

Operators

Usage

```
x %OR% y  
x %AND% y  
x %NOT% y  
x %BY% y  
x %IN% y  
x %TO% y
```

Arguments

x, y A (list of) **character** vector.

Value

A **character** string.

Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

See Also

Other query tools: **hal_facet()**, **hal_filter()**, **hal_group()**, **hal_query()**, **hal_select()**, **hal_sort()**

Examples

```
## Infix operators are composed left to right  
c("aluminium", "fer") %BY% 3 %IN% "title_t"  
  
## We need parenthesis  
("ecology" %IN% "title_t") %AND% ("cell" %IN% "text")  
  
## A vector allows to combine all the terms with OR  
c("Histoire", "History") %IN% "title_t"
```

```
## A list allows to combine terms with AND  
list("Paris", "France", "history") %NOT% list("Texas", "history")
```

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