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`browseNHANES` *Open a browser to NHANES.*

Description

The browser may be directed to a specific year, survey, or table.

Usage

```
browseNHANES(year = NULL, data_group = NULL, nh_table = NULL)
```

Arguments

`year`	The year in yyyy format where 1999 <= yyyy.
`data_group`	The type of survey (DEMOGRAPHICS, DIETARY, EXAMINATION, LABORATORY, QUESTIONNAIRE). Abbreviated terms may also be used: (DEMO, DIET, EXAM, LAB, Q).
`nh_table`	The name of an NHANES table.

Details

browseNHANES will open a web browser to the specified NHANES site.

Value

No return value

Examples

```
browseNHANES()                    # Defaults to the main data sets page
browseNHANES(2005)                # The main page for the specified survey year
browseNHANES(2009, 'EXAM')        # Page for the specified year and survey group
browseNHANES(nh_table = 'VIX_D')  # Page for a specific table
browseNHANES(nh_table = 'DXA')    # DXA main page
```

nhanes *Download an NHANES table and return as a data frame.*

Description

Use to download NHANES data tables that are in SAS format.

Usage

```
nhanes(nh_table)
```

Arguments

nh_table	The name of the specific table to retrieve.

Details

Downloads a table from the NHANES website as is, i.e. in its entirety with no modification or cleansing. NHANES tables are stored in SAS '.XPT' format but are imported as a data frame. Function nhanes cannot be used to import limited access data.

Value

The table is returned as a data frame.

Examples

```
nhanes('BPX_E')
nhanes('FOLATE_F')
```

nhanesAttr *Returns the attributes of an NHANES data table.*

Description

Returns attributes such as number of rows, columns, and memory size, but does not return the table itself.

Usage

```
nhanesAttr(nh_table)
```

Arguments

nh_table	The name of the specific table to retrieve

Details

nhanesAttr allows one to check the size and other charactersistics of a data table before importing into R. To retrieve these characteristics, the specified table is downloaded, characteristics are determined, then the table is deleted.

Value

The following attributes are returned as a list
nrow = number of rows
ncol = number of columns
names = name of each column
unique = true if all SEQN values are unique
na = number of 'NA' cells in the table
size = total size of table in bytes
types = data types of each column

Examples

```
nhanesAttr('BPX_E')
nhanesAttr('FOLATE_F')
```

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nhanesCodebook *Display codebook for selected variable.*

Description

Returns full NHANES codebook including Variable Name, SAS Label, English Text, Target, and Value distribution.

Usage

```
nhanesCodebook(nh_table, colname, dxa = FALSE)
```

Arguments

nh_table	The name of the NHANES table that contains the desired variable.
colname	The name of the table column (variable).
dxa	If TRUE then the 2005-2006 DXA codebook will be used (default=FALSE).

Details

Each NHANES variable has a codebook that provides a basic description as well as the distribution or range of values. This function returns the full codebook information for the selected variable.

Value

The codebook is returned as a list object. Returns NULL upon error.

Examples

```
nhanesCodebook('AUX_D', 'AUQ020D')
nhanesCodebook('BPX_J', 'BPACSZ')
```

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nhanesDXA *Import Dual Energy X-ray Absorptiometry (DXA) data.*

Description

DXA data were acquired from 1999-2006.

Usage

```
nhanesDXA(year, suppl = FALSE, destfile = NULL)
```

Arguments

year	The year of the data to import, where 1999<=year<=2006.
suppl	If TRUE then retrieve the supplemental data (default=FALSE).
destfile	The name of a destination file. If NULL then the data are imported into the R environment but no file is created.

Details

Provide destfile in order to write the data to file. If destfile is not provided then the data will be imported into the R environment.

Value

By default the table is returned as a data frame. When downloading to file, the return argument is the integer code from download.file where 0 means success and non-zero indicates failure to download.

Examples

```
dxa_b <- nhanesDXA(2001)
dxa_c_s <- nhanesDXA(2003, suppl=TRUE)
nhanesDXA(1999, destfile="dxx.xpt")
```

nhanesSearch *Perform a search over the comprehensive NHANES variable list.*

Description

The descriptions in the master variable list will be filtered by the provided search terms to retrieve a list of relevant variables. The search can be restricted to specific survey years by specifying ystart and/or ystop.

Usage

```
nhanesSearch(
  search_terms = NULL,
  exclude_terms = NULL,
  data_group = NULL,
  ignore.case = FALSE,
  ystart = NULL,
  ystop = NULL,
  includerdc = FALSE,
  nchar = 128,
  namesonly = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

search_terms	List of terms or keywords.
exclude_terms	List of exclusive terms or keywords.
data_group	Which data groups (e.g. DIET, EXAM, LAB) to search. Default is to search all groups.
ignore.case	Ignore case if TRUE. (Default=FALSE).
ystart	Four digit year of first survey included in search, where ystart >= 1999.
ystop	Four digit year of final survey included in search, where ystop >= ystart.
includerdc	If TRUE then RDC only tables are included in list (default=FALSE).
nchar	Truncates the variable description to a max length of nchar.
namesonly	If TRUE then only the table names are returned (default=FALSE).

Details

nhanesSearch is useful to obtain a comprehensive list of relevant tables. Search terms will be matched against the variable descriptions in the NHANES Comprehensive Variable Lists. Matching variables must have at least one of the search_terms and not have any exclude_terms. The search may be restricted to specific surveys using ystart and ystop. If no arguments are given, then nhanesSearch returns the complete variable list.

Value

Returns a data frame that describes variables that matched the search terms. If namesonly=TRUE, then a character vector of table names that contain matched variables is returned.

Examples

```
nhanesSearch("bladder", ystart=2001, ystop=2008, nchar=50)
nhanesSearch("urin", exclude_terms="During", ystart=2009)
nhanesSearch(c("urine", "urinary"), ignore.case=TRUE, ystop=2006, namesonly=TRUE)
```

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nhanesSearchTableNames

Search for matching table names

Description

Returns a list of table names that match a specified pattern.

Usage

```
nhanesSearchTableNames(
  pattern = NULL,
  ystart = NULL,
  ystop = NULL,
  includerdc = FALSE,
  nchar = 128,
  details = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

pattern	Pattern of table names to match
ystart	Four digit year of first survey included in search, where ystart >= 1999.
ystop	Four digit year of final survey included in search, where ystop >= ystart.
includerdc	If TRUE then RDC only tables are included (default=FALSE).
nchar	Truncates the variable description to a max length of nchar.
details	If TRUE then complete table information from the comprehensive data list is returned (default=FALSE).

Details

Searches the Doc File field in the NHANES Comprehensive Data List (see https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes/search/DataPag for tables that match a given name pattern. Only a single pattern may be entered.

Value

Returns a character vector of table names that match the given pattern. If details=TRUE, then a data frame of table attributes is returned. NULL is returned when an HTML read error is encountered.

Examples

```
nhanesSearchTableNames('BMX')
nhanesSearchTableNames('HPVS', includerdc=TRUE, details=TRUE)
```

`nhanesSearchVarName` *Search for tables that contain a specified variable.*

Description

Returns a list of table names that contain the variable

Usage

```
nhanesSearchVarName(
  varname = NULL,
  ystart = NULL,
  ystop = NULL,
  includerdc = FALSE,
  nchar = 128,
  namesonly = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

`varname`	Name of variable to match.
`ystart`	Four digit year of first survey included in search, where ystart >= 1999.
`ystop`	Four digit year of final survey included in search, where ystop >= ystart.
`includerdc`	If TRUE then RDC only tables are included in list (default=FALSE).
`nchar`	Truncates the variable description to a max length of nchar.
`namesonly`	If TRUE then only the table names are returned (default=TRUE).

Details

The NHANES Comprehensive Variable List is scanned to find all data tables that contain the given variable name. Only a single variable name may be entered, and only exact matches will be found.

Value

By default, a character vector of table names that include the specified variable is returned. If namesonly=FALSE, then a data frame of table attributes is returned.

Examples

```
nhanesSearchVarName('BMXLEG')
nhanesSearchVarName('BMXHEAD', ystart=2003)
```

`nhanesTables` *Returns a list of table names for the specified survey group.*

Description

Enables quick display of all available tables in the survey group.

Usage

```
nhanesTables(
  data_group,
  year,
  nchar = 128,
  details = FALSE,
  namesonly = FALSE,
  includerdc = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

`data_group`	The type of survey (DEMOGRAPHICS, DIETARY, EXAMINATION, LABORATORY, QUESTIONNAIRE). Abbreviated terms may also be used: (DEMO, DIET, EXAM, LAB, Q).
`year`	The year in yyyy format where 1999 <= yyyy.
`nchar`	Truncates the table description to a max length of nchar.
`details`	If TRUE then a more detailed description of the tables is returned (default=FALSE).
`namesonly`	If TRUE then only the table names are returned (default=FALSE).
`includerdc`	If TRUE then RDC only tables are included in list (default=FALSE).

Details

Function nhanesTables retrieves a list of tables and a description of their contents from the NHANES website. This provides a convenient way to browse the available tables. NULL is returned when an HTML read error is encountered.

Value

Returns a data frame that contains table attributes. If namesonly=TRUE, then a character vector of table names is returned.

Examples

```
nhanesTables('EXAM', 2007)
nhanesTables('LAB', 2009, details=TRUE, includerdc=TRUE)
nhanesTables('Q', 2005, namesonly=TRUE)
nhanesTables('DIET', 'P')
nhanesTables('EXAM', 'Y')
```

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nhanesTableVars *Displays a list of variables in the specified NHANES table.*

Description

Enables quick display of table variables and their definitions.

Usage

```
nhanesTableVars(
  data_group,
  nh_table,
  details = FALSE,
  nchar = 128,
  namesonly = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

data_group	The type of survey (DEMOGRAPHICS, DIETARY, EXAMINATION, LABORATORY, QUESTIONNAIRE). Abbreviated terms may also be used: (DEMO, DIET, EXAM, LAB, Q).
nh_table	The name of the specific table to retrieve.
details	If TRUE then all columns in the variable description are returned (default=FALSE).
nchar	The number of characters in the Variable Description to print. Default length is 128, which is set to enhance readability cause variable descriptions can be very long.
namesonly	If TRUE then only the variable names are returned (default=FALSE).

Details

NHANES tables may contain more than 100 variables. Function nhanesTableVars provides a concise display of variables for a specified table, which helps to ascertain quickly if the table is of interest. NULL is returned when an HTML read error is encountered.

Value

Returns a data frame that describes variable attributes for the specified table. If namesonly=TRUE, then a character vector of the variable names is returned.

Examples

```
nhanesTableVars('LAB', 'CBC_E')
nhanesTableVars('EXAM', 'OHX_E', details=TRUE, nchar=50)
nhanesTableVars('DEMO', 'DEMO_F', namesonly = TRUE)
```

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nhanesTranslate *Display code translation information.*

Description

Returns code translations for categorical variables, which appear in most NHANES tables.

Usage

```
nhanesTranslate(
  nh_table,
  colnames = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  nchar = 32,
  mincategories = 2,
  details = FALSE,
  dxa = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

nh_table	The name of the NHANES table to retrieve.
colnames	The names of the columns to translate.
data	If a data frame is passed, then code translation will be applied directly to the data frame. In that case the return argument is the code-translated data frame.
nchar	Applies only when data is defined. Code translations can be very long. Truncate the length by setting nchar (default = 32).
mincategories	The minimum number of categories needed for code translations to be applied to the data (default=2).
details	If TRUE then all available table translation information is displayed (default=FALSE).
dxa	If TRUE then the 2005-2006 DXA translation table will be used (default=FALSE).

Details

Most NHANES data tables have encoded values. E.g. 1 = 'Male', 2 = 'Female'. Thus it is often helpful to view the code translations and perhaps insert the translated values in a data frame. Only a single table may be specified, but multiple variables within that table can be selected. Code translations are retrieved for each variable.

Value

The code translation table (or translated data frame when data is defined). Returns NULL upon error.

Examples

```
nhanesTranslate('DEMO_B', c('DMDBORN','DMDCITZN'))
nhanesTranslate('BPX_F', 'BPACSZ', details=TRUE)
nhanesTranslate('BPX_F', 'BPACSZ', data=nhanes('BPX_F'))
```

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