Package 'climate'

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OGIMET (<http://ogimet.com/index.phtml.en>),
University of Wyoming -
atmospheric vertical profiling data (<http://weather.uwyo.edu/upperair>),
Polish Institute of Meterology and Water Management -
National Research Institute (<https://dane.imgw.pl>),
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This package also allows for adding geographical coordinates for each observation.

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`co2_demo` *Examplary CO2 dataset from Mauna Loa Observatory (NOAA dataset)*

Description

The object contains pre-downloaded CO2 dataset from Mauna Loa observatory The snapshot was taken 2020/05/05.

Usage

```
co2_demo
```

Format

An object of class `data.frame` with 745 rows and 7 columns.

Examples

```
data(co2_demo)
head(co2_demo)
```

hydro_imgw *Hydrological data from IMGW*

Description

Downloading hourly, daily, and monthly hydrological data from the measurement stations available in the dane.imgw.pl collection

Usage

```
hydro_imgw(
  interval,
  year,
  coords = FALSE,
  value = "H",
  station = NULL,
  col_names = "short",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

interval	temporal resolution of the data ("daily" , "monthly", or "semiannual_and_annual")
year	vector of years (e.g., 1966:2000)
coords	add coordinates of the stations (logical value TRUE or FALSE)
value	type of data (can be: state - "H" (default), flow - "Q", or temperature - "T")
station	vector of hydrological stations dane.imgw.pl; can be given as station name with CAPITAL LETTERS (character) It accepts either names (characters in CAPITAL LETTERS) or stations' IDs (numeric)
col_names	three types of column names possible: "short" - default, values with shorten names, "full" - full English description, "polish" - original names in the dataset
...	other parameters that may be passed to the 'shortening' function that shortens column names

Value

A data.frame with columns describing the hydrological parameters (e.g. flow, water level) where each row represent a measurement, depending on the interval, at a given hour, month or year. If coords = TRUE additional two columns with geografic coordinates are added.

Examples

```
x <- hydro_imgw("monthly", year = 1999)
head(x)
```

`hydro_imgw_annual` *Semi-annual and annual hydrological data*

Description

Downloading hydrological data for the semi-annual and annual period available in the dane.imgw.pl collection

Usage

```
hydro_imgw_annual(
  year,
  coords = FALSE,
  value = "H",
  station = NULL,
  col_names = "short",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`year`	vector of years (e.g., 1966:2000)
`coords`	add coordinates of the stations (logical value TRUE or FALSE)
`value`	type of data (can be: state - "H" (default), flow - "Q", or temperature - "T")
`station`	name or ID of hydrological station(s). It accepts names (characters in CAPITAL LETTERS) or stations' IDs (numeric)
`col_names`	three types of column names possible: "short" - default, values with shorten names, "full" - full English description, "polish" - original names in the dataset
`...`	other parameters that may be passed to the 'shortening' function that shortens column names

Examples

```
yearly = hydro_imgw_annual(year = 2000, value = "H", station = "ANNOPOL")
head(yearly)
```

hydro_imgw_daily *Daily hydrological data*

Description

Downloading daily hydrological data from the dane.imgw.pl collection

Usage

```
hydro_imgw_daily(
  year,
  coords = FALSE,
  station = NULL,
  col_names = "short",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

year	vector of years (e.g., 1966:2000)
coords	add coordinates of the stations (logical value TRUE or FALSE)
station	name or ID of hydrological station(s). It accepts names (characters in CAPITAL LETTERS) or stations' IDs (numeric)
col_names	three types of column names possible: "short" - default, values with shorten names, "full" - full English description, "polish" - original names in the dataset
...	other parameters that may be passed to the 'shortening' function that shortens column names

Examples

```
daily = hydro_imgw_daily(year = 2000)
head(daily)
```

hydro_imgw_monthly *Monthly hydrological data*

Description

Downloading monthly hydrological data from the dane.imgw.pl collection

Usage

```
hydro_imgw_monthly(
  year,
  coords = FALSE,
  station = NULL,
  col_names = "short",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

year	vector of years (e.g., 1966:2000)
coords	add coordinates of the stations (logical value TRUE or FALSE)
station	name or ID of hydrological station(s). It accepts names (characters in CAPITAL LETTERS) or stations' IDs (numeric)
col_names	three types of column names possible: "short" - default, values with shorten names, "full" - full English description, "polish" - original names in the dataset
...	other parameters that may be passed to the 'shortening' function that shortens column names

Examples

```
monthly <- hydro_imgw_monthly(year = 2000)
head(monthly)
```

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imgw_hydro_abbrev *Definitions of hydrological parameters used for shortening column names from the dane.imgw.pl collection*

Description

The object contains 3 columns that are currently used for improving readability of the downloaded dataset: fullname, abbr_eng, and fullname_eng

Usage

```
imgw_hydro_abbrev
```

Format

The data contains a data.frame with ca. 20 elements described in three ways:

- fullname original column names as downloaded from the repository
- abbr_eng shorten column names with abbreviations derived from the most popular scheme used for meteorological parameters
- fullname_eng detailed description of downloaded meteorological variables

The object is created mostly to be used altogether with the hydro_shortening_imgw() function

Examples

```
data(imgw_hydro_abbrev)
head(imgw_hydro_abbrev)
```

---

imgw_hydro_stations *Location of the hydrological stations from the dane.imgw.pl collection*

Description

The object contains weather stations coordinates, ID numbers, and elevations

Usage

```
imgw_hydro_stations
```

Format

The data contains a data.frame with 1304 obs. of 3 variables:

- id Station ID
- X Longitude
- Y Latitude

The object is in the geographic coordinates using WGS84 (EPSG:4326).

Examples

```
data(imgw_hydro_stations)
head(imgw_hydro_stations)
```

imgw_meteo_abbrev — *Definitions of meteorological parameters used for shortening column names for the meteorological data from the dane.imgw.pl collection*

Description

The object contains 3 columns that are currently used for improving readability of the downloaded dataset: fullname, abbr_eng, and fullname_eng

Usage

```
imgw_meteo_abbrev
```

Format

The data contains a data.frame with ca. 250 elements described in three ways:

- fullname original column names as downloaded from the repository
- abbr_eng shorten column names with abbreviations derived from the most popular scheme used for meteorological parameters
- fullname_eng detailed description of downloaded meteorological variables

The object is created mostly to be used altogether with the meteo_shortening_imgw function

Examples

```
data(imgw_meteo_abbrev)
head(imgw_meteo_abbrev)
```

imgw_meteo_stations — *Location of the meteorological stations from the dane.imgw.pl collection*

Description

The object contains weather stations coordinates, ID numbers, and elevations

Usage

```
imgw_meteo_stations
```

Format

The data contains a data.frame with 1998 obs. of 3 variables:

- id Station ID
- X Longitude
- Y Latitude

The object is in the geographic coordinates using WGS84 (EPSG:4326).

Examples

```
data(imgw_meteo_stations)
head(imgw_meteo_stations)
```

`meteo_imgw` *Meteorological data from IMGW*

Description

Downloading hourly, daily, and monthly meteorological data from the SYNOP / CLIMATE / PRECIP stations available in the dane.imgw.pl collection

Usage

```
meteo_imgw(
  interval,
  rank = "synop",
  year,
  status = FALSE,
  coords = FALSE,
  station = NULL,
  col_names = "short",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`interval`	temporal resolution of the data ("hourly", "daily", "monthly")
`rank`	rank of the stations: "synop" (default), "climate" or "precip"
`year`	vector of years (e.g., 1966:2000)
`status`	leave the columns with measurement and observation statuses (default status = FALSE - i.e. the status columns are deleted)
`coords`	add coordinates of the station (logical value TRUE or FALSE)
`station`	vector of hydrological stations dane.imgw.pl can be name of station CAPITAL LETTERS(character) It accepts names (characters in CAPITAL LETTERS) or stations' IDs (numeric)

col_names	three types of column names possible: "short" - default, values with shorten names, "full" - full English description, "polish" - original names in the dataset
...	other parameters that may be passed to the 'shortening' function that shortens column names

Value

A data.frame with columns describing the meteorological parameters (e.g. temperature, wind speed, precipitation) where each row represent a measurement, depending on the interval, at a given hour, month or year. If coords = TRUE additional two columns with geografic coordinates are added.

Examples

```
x <- meteo_imgw("monthly", year = 2018, coords = TRUE)
head(x)
```

---

meteo_imgw_daily *Daily IMGW meteorological data*

Description

Downloading daily (meteorological) data from the SYNOP / CLIMATE / PRECIP stations available in the dane.imgw.pl collection

Usage

```
meteo_imgw_daily(
  rank = "synop",
  year,
  status = FALSE,
  coords = FALSE,
  station = NULL,
  col_names = "short",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

rank	rank of the stations: "synop" (default), "climate", or "precip"
year	vector of years (e.g., 1966:2000)
status	leave the columns with measurement and observation statuses (default status = FALSE - i.e. the status columns are deleted)
coords	add coordinates of the station (logical value TRUE or FALSE)
station	name of meteorological station(s). It accepts names (characters in CAPITAL LETTERS); stations' IDs (numeric) are no longer valid

col_names	three types of column names possible: "short" - default, values with shorten names, "full" - full English description, "polish" - original names in the dataset
...	other parameters that may be passed to the 'shortening' function that shortens column names

Examples

```
daily <- meteo_imgw_daily(rank = "climate", year = 2000)
head(daily)
```

---

meteo_imgw_hourly *Hourly IMGW meteorological data*

Description

Downloading hourly (meteorological) data from the SYNOP / CLIMATE / PRECIP stations available in the dane.imgw.pl collection

Usage

```
meteo_imgw_hourly(
  rank = "synop",
  year,
  status = FALSE,
  coords = FALSE,
  station = NULL,
  col_names = "short",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

rank	rank of the stations: "synop" (default), "climate", or "precip"
year	vector of years (e.g., 1966:2000)
status	leave the columns with measurement and observation statuses (default status = FALSE - i.e. the status columns are deleted)
coords	add coordinates of the station (logical value TRUE or FALSE)
station	name or ID of meteorological station(s). It accepts names (characters in CAPITAL LETTERS) or stations' IDs (numeric)
col_names	three types of column names possible: "short" - default, values with shorten names, "full" - full English description, "polish" - original names in the dataset
...	other parameters that may be passed to the 'shortening' function that shortens column names

Examples

```
hourly <- meteo_imgw_hourly(rank = "climate", year = 1984)
head(hourly)
```

`meteo_imgw_monthly` *Monthly IMGW meteorological data*

Description

Downloading monthly (meteorological) data from the SYNOP / CLIMATE / PRECIP stations available in the dane.imgw.pl collection

Usage

```
meteo_imgw_monthly(
  rank = "synop",
  year,
  status = FALSE,
  coords = FALSE,
  station = NULL,
  col_names = "short",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`rank`	rank of the stations: "synop" (default), "climate", or "precip"
`year`	vector of years (e.g., 1966:2000)
`status`	leave the columns with measurement and observation statuses (default status = FALSE - i.e. the status columns are deleted)
`coords`	add coordinates of the station (logical value TRUE or FALSE)
`station`	name or ID of meteorological station(s). It accepts names (characters in CAPITAL LETTERS) or stations' IDs (numeric)
`col_names`	three types of column names possible: "short" - default, values with shorten names, "full" - full English description, "polish" - original names in the dataset
`...`	other parameters that may be passed to the 'shortening' function that shortens column names

Examples

```
monthly <- meteo_imgw_monthly(rank = "climate", year = 1969)
head(monthly)

# a descriptive (long) column names:
monthly2 <- meteo_imgw_monthly(rank = "synop", year = 2018,
       col_names = "full")
head(monthly2)

# please note that station names may change over time
# and thus 2 names are required in some cases:
df = meteo_imgw_monthly(rank = 'synop', year = 1991:2000,
        coords = TRUE, station = c("POZNAŃ","POZNAŃ-ŁAWICA"))
```

`meteo_noaa_co2` *CO2 Mauna Loa (NOAA) dataset*

Description

Carbon Dioxide (CO2) monthly measurements from Mauna Loa observatory. The source file is available at: ftp://aftp.cmdl.noaa.gov/products/trends/co2/co2_mm_mlo.txt with all further details.

Usage

```
meteo_noaa_co2()
```

Details

Data from March 1958 through April 1974 have been obtained by C. David Keeling of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) and were obtained from the Scripps website (scrippsco2.ucsd.edu).

The "average" column contains the monthly mean CO2 mole fraction determined from daily averages. The mole fraction of CO2, expressed as parts per million (ppm) is the number of molecules of CO2 in every one million molecules of dried air (water vapor removed). If there are missing days concentrated either early or late in the month, the monthly mean is corrected to the middle of the month using the average seasonal cycle. Missing months are denoted by -99.99. The "interpolated" column includes average values from the preceding column and interpolated values where data are missing. Interpolated values are computed in two steps. First, we compute for each month the average seasonal cycle in a 7-year window around each monthly value. In this way the seasonal cycle is allowed to change slowly over time. We then determine the "trend" value for each month by removing the seasonal cycle; this result is shown in the "trend" column. Trend values are linearly interpolated for missing months. The interpolated monthly mean is then the sum of the average seasonal cycle value and the trend value for the missing month. NOTE: In general, the data presented for the last year are subject to change, depending on recalibration of the reference gas mixtures used, and other quality control procedures. Occasionally, earlier years may also be changed for the same reasons. Usually these changes are minor. CO2 expressed as a mole fraction in dry air, micromol/mol, abbreviated as ppm

Examples

```
#co2 <- meteo_noaa_co2()
#head(co2)
#plot(co2$yy_d, co2$co2_avg, type='l')
```

`meteo_noaa_hourly` *Hourly NOAA Integrated Surface Hourly (ISH) meteorological data*

Description

Downloading hourly (meteorological) data from the SYNOP stations available in the NOAA ISD collection. Some stations in the dataset are dated back even up to 1900. By default only records that follow FM-12 (SYNOP) convention are processed. Further details available at: https://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/noaa/re

Usage

```
meteo_noaa_hourly(station = NULL, year, fm12 = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`station`	ID of meteorological station(s) (characters). Find your station's ID at: https://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/d history.txt
`year`	vector of years (e.g., 1966:2000)
`fm12`	use only FM-12 (SYNOP) records (TRUE by default)

Examples

```
noaa = meteo_noaa_hourly(station = "123300-99999",
                         year = 2019) # poznan, poland
head(noaa)
```

`meteo_ogimet` *Scrapping meteorological (Synop) data from the Ogimet webpage*

Description

Downloading hourly or daily (meteorological) data from the Synop stations available at https://www.ogimet.com/

Usage

```
meteo_ogimet(interval, date, coords = FALSE, station, precip_split = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`interval`	'daily' or 'hourly' dataset to retrieve - given as character
`date`	start and finish date (e.g., date = c("2018-05-01", "2018-07-01")) - character or Date class object
`coords`	add geographical coordinates of the station (logical value TRUE or FALSE)
`station`	WMO ID of meteorological station(s). Character or numeric vector
`precip_split`	whether to split precipitation fields into 6/12/24h numeric fields (logical value TRUE (default) or FALSE); valid only for hourly time step

Value

A data.frame of measured values with columns describing the meteorological parameters (e.g. air temperature, wind speed, cloudines). Depending on the interval, at a given hour or day. Different parameters are returned for daily and hourly datasets.

1. station_ID - WMO station identifier
2. Lon - longitude
3. Lat - latitude
4. Date - date (and time) of observations
5. TC - air temperature at 2 metres above ground level. Values given in Celsius degrees
6. TdC - dew point temperature at 2 metres above ground level. Values given in Celsius degrees
7. TmaxC - maximum air temperature at 2 metres above ground level. Values given in Celsius degrees
8. TminC - minimum air temperature at 2 metres above ground level. Values given in Celsius degrees
9. ddd - wind direction
10. ffkmh - wind speed in km/h
11. Gustkmh - wind gust in km/h
12. P0hpa - air pressure at elevation of the station in hPa
13. PseahPa - sea level pressure in hPa

14. PTnd - pressure tendency in hPa
15. Nt - total cloud cover
16. Nh - cloud cover by high-level cloud fraction
17. HKm - height of cloud base
18. InsoD1 - insolation in hours
19. Viskm - visibility in kilometres
20. Snowcm - depth of snow cover in centimetres
21. pr6 - precicipitation totals in 6 hours
22. pr12 - precicipitation totals in 12 hours
23. pr24 - precicipitation totals in 24 hours
24. TemperatureCAvg - average air temperature at 2 metres above ground level. Values given in Celsius degrees
25. TemperatureCMax - maximum air temperature at 2 metres above ground level. Values given in Celsius degrees
26. TemperatureCMin - minimum air temperature at 2 metres above ground level. Values given in Celsius degrees
27. TdAvgC - average dew point temperature at 2 metres above ground level. Values given in Celsius degrees
28. HrAvg - average relative humidity. Values given in %
29. WindkmhDir - wind direction
30. WindkmhInt - wind speed in km/h
31. WindkmhGust - wind gust in km/h
32. PresslevHp - Sea level pressure in hPa
33. Precmm - precipitation totals in mm
34. TotClOct - total cloudiness in octants
35. lowClOct - cloudiness by low level clouds in octants
36. SunD1h - sunshine duration in hours
37. PreselevHp - atmospheric pressure measured at altitude of station in hPa
38. SnowDepcm - depth of snow cover in centimetres

Examples

```
# downloading data for Poznan-Lawica
# poznan = meteo_ogimet(interval = "daily",
#                       date = c(Sys.Date()-30, Sys.Date()),
#                       station = 12330,
#                       coords = TRUE)
# head(poznan)
```

`nearest_stations_imgw` *List of nearby meteorological or hydrological IMGW-PIB stations in Poland*

Description

Returns a data frame of meteorological or hydrological stations with their coordinates in particular year. The returned object is valid only for a given year and type of stations (e.g. "synop", "climate" or "precip"). If `add_map = TRUE` additional map of downloaded data is added.

Usage

```
nearest_stations_imgw(
  type = "meteo",
  rank = "synop",
  year = 2018,
  add_map = TRUE,
  point = NULL,
  no_of_stations = 50,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`type`	data name;"meteo" (default), "hydro"
`rank`	rank of the stations: "synop" (default), "climate", or "precip"; Only valid if type = "meteo
`year`	select year for serching nearest station
`add_map`	logical - whether to draw a map for a returned data frame (requires maps/mapdata packages)
`point`	a vector of two coordinates (longitude, latitude) for a point we want to find nearest stations to (e.g. c(15, 53)); If not provided calculated as a mean longitude and latitude for the entire dataset
`no_of_stations`	how many nearest stations will be returned from the given geographical coordinates. 50 used by default
`...`	extra arguments to be provided to the `graphics::plot()` function (only if add_map = TRUE)

Value

A data.frame with a list of nearest stations. Each row represents metadata for station which collected measurements in a given year. Particular columns contain stations metadata (e.g. station ID, geographical coordinates, official name, distance from a given coordinates).

Examples

```
nearest_stations_imgw(type = "hydro",
rank="synop",
year=2018,
point = c(17, 52),
add_map = TRUE,
no_of_stations = 4)
```

`nearest_stations_nooa` *List of nearby SYNOP stations for a defined geographical location*

Description

Returns a data frame of meteorological stations with their coordinates and distance from a given location based on the noaa website. The returned list is valid only for a given day.

Usage

```
nearest_stations_nooa(
  country,
  date = Sys.Date(),
  add_map = TRUE,
  point = NULL,
  no_of_stations = 10,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`country`	country name; use CAPITAL LETTERS (e.g., "SRI LANKA"), if not used function will found selected number of nearest stations without country classification
`date`	optionally, a day when measurements were done in all available locations; current Sys.Date used by default
`add_map`	logical - whether to draw a map for a returned data frame (requires maps/mapdata packages)
`point`	a vector of two coordinates (longitude, latitude) for a point we want to find nearest stations to (e.g. c(80, 6))
`no_of_stations`	how many nearest stations will be returned from the given geographical coordinates
`...`	extra arguments to be provided to the `graphics::plot()` function (only if add_map = TRUE)

Value

A data.frame with number of nearest station according to given point columns describing stations parameters (e.g. ID station, distance from point,geografic coordinates) where each row represent a measurement, each station which has a measurements on selected date. If `add_map = TRUE` additional map of downloaded data is added.

Examples

```
nearest_stations_nooa(country = "SRI LANKA",
point = c(80, 6),
add_map = TRUE,
no_of_stations = 10)
```

`nearest_stations_ogimet`

List of nearby synop stations for a defined geographical location

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Description

Returns a data frame of meteorological stations with their coordinates and distance from a given location based on the ogimet webpage. The returned list is valid only for a given day.

Usage

```
nearest_stations_ogimet(
  country = "United+Kingdom",
  date = Sys.Date(),
  add_map = FALSE,
  point = c(2, 50),
  no_of_stations = 10,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`country`	country name; for more than two words they need to be seperated with a plus character (e.g., "United+Kingdom")
`date`	optionally, a day when measurements were done in all available locations; current Sys.Date used by default
`add_map`	logical - whether to draw a map for a returned data frame (requires maps/mapdata packages)
`point`	a vector of two coordinates (longitude, latitude) for a point we want to find nearest stations to (e.g. c(0, 0))

no_of_stations	how many nearest stations will be returned from the given geographical coordinates
...	extra arguments to be provided to the graphics::plot() function (only if add_map = TRUE)

Value

A data.frame with number of nearest station according to given point columns describing stations parameters (e.g. ID station, distance from point,geografic coordinates) where each row represent a measurement, each station which has a measurements on selected date. If add_map = TRUE additional map of downloaded data is added.

Examples

```
nearest_stations_ogimet(country = "United+Kingdom",
                        point = c(-2, 50),
                        add_map = TRUE,
                        no_of_stations = 60,
                        main = "Meteo stations in UK")
```

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profile_demo *Examplary sounding profile from University of Wyoming collection*

Description

The object contains pre-downloaded atmospheric (sounding) profile for Łeba, PL rawinsonde station. The measurement was taken 2000/03/23 at 00 UTC.

Usage

```
profile_demo
```

Format

The data contains list of two data.frames as derived from sounding_wyoming()

Examples

```
data(profile_demo)
head(profile_demo)
```

`sounding_wyoming` *Sounding data*

Description

Downloading the mea (i.e., measurements of the vertical profile of atmosphere) sounding data

Usage

```
sounding_wyoming(wmo_id, yy, mm, dd, hh)
```

Arguments

`wmo_id`	international WMO station code (World Meteorological Organization ID); For Polish stations: Łeba - 12120, Legionowo - 12374, Wrocław- 12425
`yy`	year - single number
`mm`	month - single number denoting month
`dd`	day - single number denoting day
`hh`	hour - single number denoting initial hour of sounding; for most stations this measurement is done twice a day (i.e. at 12 and 00 UTC), sporadically 4 times a day

Value

Returns two lists with values described at: weather.uwyo.edu ; The first list contains:

1. PRES - Pressure (hPa)
2. HGHT - Height (metres)
3. TEMP - Temperature (C)
4. DWPT - Dew point (C)
5. RELH - Relative humidity (%)
6. MIXR - Mixing ratio (g/kg)
7. DRCT - Wind direction (deg)
8. SKNT - Wind speed (knots)
9. THTA = (K)
10. THTE = (K)
11. THTV = (K)

The second list contains metadata and calculated thermodynamic / atmospheric instability indices

A list of 2 data.frames where first data frame represents parameters of upper parts o with columns describing the meteorogical parameters (e.g. temperature, air pressure) where each row represent a measurement, depending on the height. Secound data.frame present a description of the conditions under which the sounding was carried out.

Source

http://weather.uwyo.edu/upperair/sounding.html

Examples

```
# generate the date to download randomly:

  profile = sounding_wyoming(wmo_id = 12120,
                             yy = sample(2000:2019,1),
                             mm = sample(1:12,1),
                             dd = sample(1:20,1),
                             hh = 0)
  head(profile)
  plot(profile[[1]]$HGHT, profile[[1]]$PRES, type = 'l')
```

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stations_ogimet *Scrapping a list of meteorological (Synop) stations for a defined country from the Ogimet webpage*

Description

Returns a list of meteorological stations with their coordinates from the Ogimet webpage. The returned list is valid only for a given day

Usage

```
stations_ogimet(country = "United+Kingdom", date = Sys.Date(), add_map = FALSE)
```

Arguments

country	country name; for more than two words they need to be seperated with a plus character (e.g. "United+Kingdom")
date	a day when measurements were done in all available locations
add_map	logical - whether to draw a map with downloaded metadata (requires maps/mapdata packages)

Value

A data.frame with columns describing the synoptic stations in selected countries where each row represent a statation. If add_map = TRUE additional map of downloaded data is added.

Examples

```
stations_ogimet(country = "Australia", add_map = TRUE)
```

`test_url` *Download file in a graceful way*

Description

Function for downloading & testing url/internet connection according to CRAN policy Example solution strongly based on https://community.rstudio.com/t/internet-resources-should-fail-gracefully/49199/12 as suggested by kvasilopoulos

Usage

```
test_url(link, output, quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`link`	character vector with URL to check
`output`	character vector for output file name
`quiet`	logical vector (TRUE or FALSE) to be passed to curl_download function. FALSE by default

Examples

```
link = "https://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/noaa/2019/123300-99999-2019.gz"
output = basename(link)
test_url(link = link, output = output)
```

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