

Package ‘ACEsearch’

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Description

'ACE' (Advanced Cohort Engine) is a powerful tool that allows constructing cohorts of patients extremely quickly and efficiently. This package is designed to interface directly with an instance of 'ACE' search engine and facilitates API queries and data dumps. Prerequisite is a good knowledge of the temporal language to be able to efficiently construct a query. More information available at <<https://shahlab.stanford.edu/start>>.

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ACEsearch.connect	<i>Connects to ACE instance</i>
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Description

Attempts to connect to ACE instance using URL:PORT

Usage

```
ACEsearch.connect(url)
```

Arguments

url	url address of a running ACE instance, usually containing port information
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Value

data frame containing connection information used for all other accessory functions

Examples

```
ACEsearch.connect("http://localhost:8080")
```

ACEsearch.contains	<i>Returns whether patient with the specified patient_id exists</i>
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Description

Returns the statistics information

Usage

```
ACEsearch.contains(connection, patient_id)
```

Arguments

connection	connection object returned from connect(url) function
patient_id	numerical id of the patient

Value

TRUE or FALSE

Examples

```
ACEsearch.contains(ACEsearch.connect('http://localhost:8080'), 123)
```

ACEsearch.csv	<i>Queries ACE with a CSV() command and imports the contents of the csv into a data frame</i>
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Description

Queries ACE with a CSV() command and imports the contents of the csv into a data frame

Usage

```
ACEsearch.csv(connection, query, file_name = NULL)
```

Arguments

connection	connection object returned from connect(url) function
query	ACE CSV query
file_name	if specified, stores the csv into the file_name, otherwise the temporary file used to download the data will be deleted after the data.frame is generated

Value

data frame containing CSV file

Examples

```
ACEsearch.csv(ACEsearch.connect('http://localhost:8080'), 'CSV(ICD9=250.50, CPT, LABS, ICD9)')
ACEsearch.csv(ACEsearch.connect('http://localhost:8080'), 'CSV(ICD9=250.50, CPT, LABS, ICD9)',
              '/output.csv')
```

ACEsearch.dump	<i>Dumps patient from ACE to a file on disk</i>
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Description

Dumps patient from ACE to a file on disk

Usage

```
ACEsearch.dump(connection, patient_id, path, selection_query = NULL,
               contains_start = FALSE, contains_end = FALSE)
```

Arguments

connection	connection object returned from connect(url) function
patient_id	numerical id of the patient
path	path where to store the generated files
selection_query	returns only the part of patient's data that intersects with the result of the selection_query
contains_start	the dumped time interval's start has to be intersecting the selection_query
contains_end	the dumped time interval's end has to be intersecting the selection_query

Value

data frame containing patient IDs and time intervals (optional)

Examples

```
ACEsearch.dump(ACEsearch.connect('http://localhost:8080'), 123, '/path/to/dump/files/')
ACEsearch.dump(ACEsearch.connect('http://localhost:8080'), 123, '/path/', 'ICD9=250.50', TRUE, TRUE)
```

ACEsearch.query	<i>Queries ACE and returns a list of patient IDs</i>
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Description

Queries ACE and returns a list of patient IDs

Usage

```
ACEsearch.query(connection, query, output_time = FALSE)
```

Arguments

connection	connection object returned from connect(url) function
query	ACE query
output_time	equivalent to wrapping the query in OUTPUT() command. Together with patient IDs outputs each time interval in patient's timeline when the query was evaluated as true

Value

data frame containing patient IDs and time intervals (optional)

Examples

```
ACEsearch.query(ACEsearch.connect('http://localhost:8080'), 'ICD9=250.50')  
ACEsearch.query(ACEsearch.connect('http://localhost:8080'), 'ICD9=250.50', TRUE)
```

ACEsearch.status	Returns the status of the ACE search engine
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Description

Returns the status of the ACE search engine

Usage

```
ACEsearch.status(connection)
```

Arguments

connection	connection object returned from connect(url) function
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Value

data frame containing patient IDs and time intervals (optional)

Examples

```
ACEsearch.status(ACEsearch.connect('http://localhost:8080'))
```

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