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Open Data

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| eia | <i>eia: EIA API wrapper</i> |
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Description

This package provides API access to data from the US **Energy Information Administration** (EIA).

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See Also

- Useful links:
- <https://docs.ropensci.org/eia/>
  - <https://github.com/ropensci/eia>
  - Report bugs at <https://github.com/ropensci/eia/issues>

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| eia_clear_cache | <i>Clear API results cache</i> |
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**Description**

Reset the results of API calls that are currently cached in memory.

**Usage**

```
eia_clear_cache()

eia_clear_dir()

eia_clear_metadata()

eia_clear_data()

eia_clear_facets()
```

**Details**

`eia_clear_cache()` clears the entire cache. The other functions clear the cache associated with specific endpoints.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
key <- Sys.getenv("EIA_KEY") # your stored API key
system.time(eia_dir(key))
system.time(eia_dir(key))
eia_clear_cache()
system.time(eia_dir(key))

## End(Not run)
```

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| eia_data | <i>EIA data</i> |
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**Description**

Obtain data from the EIA.

**Usage**

```
eia_data(
  dir,
  data = NULL,
  facets = NULL,
  freq = NULL,
  start = NULL,
  end = NULL,
  sort = NULL,
  length = NULL,
  offset = NULL,
  tidy = TRUE,
  check_metadata = FALSE,
  cache = TRUE,
  key = eia_get_key()
)
```

**Arguments**

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>dir</code>            | character, directory path.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>data</code>           | character or NULL, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• note: if NULL, <code>eia_data()</code> will only return column headings; must input a character value as provided by <code>eia_metadata()</code> for data to be returned.</li> <li>• see details.</li> </ul> |
| <code>facets</code>         | character list or NULL, see details.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>freq</code>           | character or NULL, see details.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>start, end</code>     | character or NULL, see details.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>sort</code>           | named list of two. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cols</code>: list column names on which to sort.</li> <li>• <code>order</code>: "asc" or "desc" for ascending or descending, respectively.</li> </ul>                                                  |
| <code>length</code>         | numeric or NULL, number of rows to return.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>offset</code>         | numeric or NULL, number of rows to skip before return.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>tidy</code>           | logical or NULL, return a tidier result. See details.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>check_metadata</code> | logical, if TRUE checks input values against metadata endpoint.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>cache</code>          | logical, cache result for duration of R session using memoization. See details.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>key</code>            | API key: character if set explicitly; not needed if key is set globally. See <code>eia_set_key()</code> .                                                                                                                                                                |

**Details**

By default, `data`, `facets`, and `freq` are set to NULL. To obtain valid input values for each of these arguments, use the specific ID labels as provided by `eia_metadata()`.

The use of `start` and `end` require some input to `freq`. By default (`check_metadata = FALSE`), the resulting data will match the temporal resolution provided to `freq`, however, `check_metadata =`

TRUE applies further restrictions such that the format of values provided to start/end must match that of freq. Furthermore, regardless of the input format provided to start/end, the resulting data will always match the specification of freq. And lastly, regardless of chosen format, end must be strictly greater than start to return data.

By default, additional processing is done to return a list containing tibble data frames. Set tidy = FALSE to return only the initial list result of jsonlite::fromJSON. Set tidy = NA to return the original JSON as a character string.

Set to cache = FALSE to force a new API call for updated data. Using FALSE always makes a new API call and returns the result from the server. TRUE uses memoization on a per R session basis, caching the result of the function call in memory for the duration of the R session. You can reset the entire cache by calling eia\_clear\_cache().

## Value

data frame

## Examples

```
## Not run:
eia_data(
  dir = "electricity/retail-sales",
  data = "price",
  facets = list(sectorid = c("COM", "RES"), stateid = "OH")
)

## End(Not run)
```

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eia\_dir

*EIA directory*

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## Description

Obtain EIA directory listing.

## Usage

```
eia_dir(dir = NULL, tidy = TRUE, cache = TRUE, key = eia_get_key())
```

## Arguments

|       |                                                                                             |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| dir   | character, directory path, if NULL then the API root directory.                             |
| tidy  | logical, return a tidier result. See details.                                               |
| cache | logical, cache result for duration of R session using memoization. See details.             |
| key   | API key: character if set explicitly; not needed if key is set globally. See eia_set_key(). |

## Details

By default, additional processing is done to return a list containing tibble data frames. Set `tidy = FALSE` to return only the initial list result of `jsonlite::fromJSON()`. Set `tidy = NA` to return the original JSON as a character string.

Set to `cache = FALSE` to force a new API call for updated data. Using `FALSE` always makes a new API call and returns the result from the server. `TRUE` uses memoization on a per R session basis, caching the result of the function call in memory for the duration of the R session. You can reset the entire cache by calling `eia_clear_cache()`.

## Value

data frame, list, or character; see details.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# use eia_set_key() to store API key
eia_dir()
eia_dir("electricity")
eia_dir("electricity/rto")

## End(Not run)
```

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eia\_facets

*EIA facets*

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## Description

Obtain facets for a given set of EIA data.

## Usage

```
eia_facets(dir, facet, tidy = TRUE, cache = TRUE, key = eia_get_key())
```

## Arguments

|                    |                                                                                                           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>dir</code>   | character, directory path.                                                                                |
| <code>facet</code> | character                                                                                                 |
| <code>tidy</code>  | logical, return a tidier result. See details.                                                             |
| <code>cache</code> | logical, cache result for duration of R session using memoization. See details.                           |
| <code>key</code>   | API key: character if set explicitly; not needed if key is set globally. See <code>eia_set_key()</code> . |

## Details

By default, additional processing is done to return a list containing tibble data frames. Set `tidy = FALSE` to return only the initial list result of `jsonlite::fromJSON()`. Set `tidy = NA` to return the original JSON as a character string.

Set to `cache = FALSE` to force a new API call for updated data. Using `FALSE` always makes a new API call and returns the result from the server. `TRUE` uses memoization on a per R session basis, caching the result of the function call in memory for the duration of the R session. You can reset the entire cache by calling `eia_clear_cache()`.

## Value

data frame, list, or character; see details.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
eia_facets("electricity/retail-sales", facet = "sectorid")

## End(Not run)
```

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eia\_key

*Set and get API key*

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## Description

Set and get API key

## Usage

```
eia_set_key(key, store = c("env", "options", "sysenv"))
```

```
eia_get_key(store = c("env", "options", "sysenv"))
```

## Arguments

|                    |                                                     |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <code>key</code>   | character, API key.                                 |
| <code>store</code> | character, method for storing API key. See details. |

## Details

Setter and getter helpers allow you to store your EIA API key in one of three ways. Their use is optional. You can always pass the API key string to the `key` argument of any package function that requires it, but you do not have to.

By default the `key` argument for these functions is `key = eia_get_key()`. If your key has been stored in a manner that can be retrieved, then you can call all the package API functions without having to provide the `key` argument repeatedly.

**Value**

`eia_get_key()` returns the key string or NULL with a warning. `eia_set_key()` returns a success message or an error.

**Key storage methods**

If you have already set your key globally somewhere using `eia_set_key()`, `eia_get_key()` will retrieve it. You can add the `EIA_KEY = "yourkey"` key-value pair to `options()` or as a system environment variable yourself and `eia_get_key()` will pick it up as long as you use the name `EIA_KEY`. For convenience you can do this in your R session with `eia_set_key()`. It gives you three options for how to store the key. The default is to use the `eia` package environment that is created when the package is loaded.

**Precedence**

Choose one method when setting a key. When getting the key, the three locations are checked in the order: package environment, `options()`, then the system environment. To override the order, specify the method explicitly and the check will only occur there. This also makes it possible to override a system level key by working with one stored in the package environment or `options()`.

**Persistence**

Note that none of these three storage methods, including "sysenv" are persistent; the stored key is lost when the R session is terminated. A key that is stored outside of R as a system environment variable is retrievable with `eia_get_key()`, just like those set in an R session with `eia_set_key()` and `store = "sysenv"`. However, if you truly want the key to persist as an environment variable when R terminates, you must manually add it somewhere like `.Renvirom`; `Sys.setenv` in R cannot achieve this.

**Examples**

```
eia_set_key("fake")
eia_get_key()
# eia_get_key("options") # `NULL` with warning if not set where specified
```

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eia\_metadata

*EIA metadata*


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**Description**

Obtain EIA data metadata

**Usage**

```
eia_metadata(dir, tidy = TRUE, cache = TRUE, key = eia_get_key())
```

**Arguments**

|                    |                                                                                                           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>dir</code>   | character, directory path.                                                                                |
| <code>tidy</code>  | logical, return a tidier result. See details.                                                             |
| <code>cache</code> | logical, cache result for duration of R session using memoization. See details.                           |
| <code>key</code>   | API key: character if set explicitly; not needed if key is set globally. See <code>eia_set_key()</code> . |

**Details**

By default, additional processing is done to return a list containing tibble data frames. Set `tidy = FALSE` to return only the initial list result of `jsonlite::fromJSON()`. Set `tidy = NA` to return the original JSON as a character string.

Set to `cache = FALSE` to force a new API call for updated data. Using `FALSE` always makes a new API call and returns the result from the server. `TRUE` uses memoization on a per R session basis, caching the result of the function call in memory for the duration of the R session. You can reset the entire cache by calling `eia_clear_cache()`.

**Value**

named list or character; see details.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
eia_dir("electricity/retail-sales")
eia_metadata("electricity/retail-sales")

## End(Not run)
```

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eiadate

*EIA date parsing*


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**Description**

Helper functions for manipulating and converting between regular year-month-day date strings and EIA date string notation.

**Usage**

```
eiadate_to_date(x)

date_to_eiadate(x, date_format = c("A", "Q", "M", "W", "D", "H"))

eiadate_to_date_seq(start, end, weekly = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|                          |                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>           | character, EIA date string; character or date object for regular dates. See details.                                           |
| <code>date_format</code> | EIA date format: "A", "Q", "M", "W", "D", "H". These stand for annual, quarterly, monthly, weekly, daily, hourly. See details. |
| <code>start</code>       | start EIA date or date.                                                                                                        |
| <code>end</code>         | end EIA date or date.                                                                                                          |
| <code>weekly</code>      | logical. See details.                                                                                                          |

**Details**

There is no reason to mix EIA date formats in this context. Functions that take EIA date strings expect a consistent format. Also, EIA date formats are parsed automatically from the dates themselves. However, daily and weekly use the same format. To avoid ambiguity in `eia_date_seq()`, daily is assumed; set `weekly = TRUE` to treat as weekly.

When providing a real date or date string, such as to `date_to_eiadate()`, dates should be in YYYY-MM-DD format, or at least any format that can be parsed by `lubridate::ymd` or `lubridate::ymd_hms` for dates and hourly date times, respectively.

"LH" is not a supported date format. Use "H". The API does not translate the date and time when using "LH" anyhow; it simply appends the date string with the number of hours time difference.

**Examples**

```
eiadate_to_date(c("2018-03", "2018-04"))

date_to_eiadate("2018-05-14", "A")
date_to_eiadate("2018-05-14", "Q")
date_to_eiadate("2018-05-14", "M")

(x <- eiadate_to_date_seq("2018-Q1", "2018-Q4"))
date_to_eiadate(x, "Q")
date_to_eiadate(x, "M")

(x <- eiadate_to_date("2019-01-02T16Z"))
date_to_eiadate(x, "H")
(x <- eiadate_to_date_seq("2019-01-02T16Z", "2019-01-02T19Z"))
date_to_eiadate(x, "H")
```

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