

# Package ‘gdldata’

September 20, 2023

**Title** 'Global Data Lab' R API

**Version** 0.1

**Description** Retrieve datasets from the 'Global Data Lab' website <<https://globaldatalab.org>> directly into R data frames. Functions are provided to reference available options (indicators, levels, countries, regions) as well.

**Depends** R (>= 3.4)

**Imports** httr2, methods

**Suggests** magrittr

**URL** <https://docs.globaldatalab.org/gdldata/>,  
<https://github.com/GlobalDataLab/R-data-api>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/GlobalDataLab/R-data-api/issues>

**License** MIT + file LICENSE

**Encoding** UTF-8

**RoxygenNote** 7.2.3

**NeedsCompilation** no

**Author** Global Data Lab [cph],  
Aaron van Geffen [aut, cre]

**Maintainer** Aaron van Geffen <aaron.vangeffen@ru.nl>

**Repository** CRAN

**Date/Publication** 2023-09-20 18:40:05 UTC

## R topics documented:

GDLSession-class . . . . .	2
gdl_countries . . . . .	2
gdl_indicators . . . . .	3
gdl_levels . . . . .	4
gdl_regions . . . . .	4
gdl_request . . . . .	5
gdl_session . . . . .	6

set_countries . . . . .	6
set_countries_all . . . . .	7
set_country . . . . .	8
set_dataset . . . . .	8
set_extrapolation_years_linear . . . . .	9
set_extrapolation_years_nearest . . . . .	10
set_indicator . . . . .	10
set_indicators . . . . .	11
set_interpolation . . . . .	12
set_levels . . . . .	12
set_year . . . . .	13
show.GDLSession . . . . .	14

<b>Index</b>	<b>15</b>
--------------	-----------

---



---

GDLSession-class	<i>GDLSession class</i>
------------------	-------------------------

---

## Description

`GDLSession` class

---

<code>gdl_countries</code>	<i>Get country list</i>
----------------------------	-------------------------

---

## Description

Returns a list of countries available in the current dataset.

## Usage

```
gdl_countries(session)
```

## Arguments

<code>session</code>	A valid GDL session object to interface with.
----------------------	---

## Value

A data frame containing a list of countries for the dataset.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
# Request list of countries  
countries <- gdl_countries(session)  
head(countries, n=10)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

gdl\_indicators

*Get indicator list*

---

## Description

Returns the list of indicators available in the current dataset.

## Usage

```
gdl_indicators(session)
```

## Arguments

session A valid GDL session object to interface with.

## Value

A data frame containing a list of indicators for the dataset.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
# Request list of available indicators  
indicators <- gdl_indicators(session)  
head(indicators, n=10)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

`gdl_levels`                    *Get level list*

### Description

Returns a list of data levels available in the current dataset.

### Usage

```
gdl_levels(session)
```

### Arguments

`session`                    A valid GDL session object to interface with.

### Value

A data frame containing a list of levels for the dataset.

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
# Request list of available levels  
levels <- gdl_levels(session)  
head(levels, n=10)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

`gdl_regions`                    *Get region list*

### Description

Returns a list of regions available for a particular country.

### Usage

```
gdl_regions(session, country)
```

### Arguments

`session`                    A valid GDL session object to interface with.  
`country`                    An ISO3 country code.

**Value**

A data frame containing a list of regions for the country.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
# Request list of regions for India  
regions <- gdl_regions(session, 'IND')  
head(regions, n=10)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

gdl\_request

*Data request function*

---

**Description**

Data request function

**Usage**

```
gdl_request(session)
```

**Arguments**

session        A valid GDL session object to interface with.

**Value**

A data frame containing the data returned from the GDL API.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
# Customize parameters  
session <- set_indicator(session, 'iwi')  
session <- set_country(session, 'IND')  
# Finally, request the data from GDL  
iwi_india <- gdl_request(session)  
iwi_india[1:5, 3:8]  
# (showing only the five rows and columns for illustrative purposes)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

**gdl\_session**                   *GDL session constructor*

### Description

Returns a new GDL session object

### Usage

```
gdl_session(token)
```

### Arguments

token	A valid GDL API token, obtainable from GlobalDataLab.org
-------	--

### Value

A GDL session object for the token with default indicators set.

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
  
## End(Not run)
```

**set\_countries**                   *Set countries to retrieve data for*

### Description

The countries to retrieve GDL indicator data for.

### Usage

```
set_countries(session, countries)
```

### Arguments

session	A valid GDL session object to interface with.
countries	A vector of ISO3 country codes.

### Value

An amended GDL session object.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
# Customize parameters  
session <- set_dataset(session, 'shdi')  
session <- set_countries(session, c('BEL', 'LUX', 'NLD'))  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

**set\_countries\_all**      *Set session to retrieve data for all available countries*

---

## Description

Switch the session to retrieve data for all available countries, rather than a specific set of countries.

## Usage

```
set_countries_all(session)
```

## Arguments

**session**      A valid GDL session object to interface with.

## Value

An amended GDL session object.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
session <- set_countries_all(session)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

`set_country`      *Set country to retrieve data for*

### Description

The country to retrieve GDL indicator data for.

### Usage

```
set_country(session, country)
```

### Arguments

<code>session</code>	A valid GDL session object to interface with.
<code>country</code>	An ISO3 country code.

### Value

An amended GDL session object.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))
session <- set_country(session, 'IND')

## End(Not run)
```

`set_dataset`      *Set session to retrieve data from a particular dataset*

### Description

Switch the session to retrieve data from the dataset specified.

### Usage

```
set_dataset(session, dataset)
```

### Arguments

<code>session</code>	A valid GDL session object to interface with.
<code>dataset</code>	Dataset identifier (string)

**Value**

An amended GDL session object.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
session <- set_dataset(session, 'shdi')  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

**set\_extrapolation\_years\_linear**

*Set the number of years to extrapolate linearly.*

---

**Description**

Sets the number of years to linearly extrapolate at dataset edges. Turns extrapolation on if it isn't already. Overrides the number of nearest years if set.

**Usage**

```
set_extrapolation_years_linear(session, years)
```

**Arguments**

session	A valid GDL session object to interface with.
years	Number of years to extrapolate (integer)

**Value**

An amended GDL session object.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
session <- set_extrapolation_years_linear(session, 3)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

**set\_extrapolation\_years\_nearest***Set the number of years to fill out using nearest available data***Description**

Sets the number of years to fill out using nearest available data at dataset edges, as a means of extrapolation. Turns extrapolation on if it isn't already. Overrides the number of years to linearly extrapolate if set.

**Usage**

```
set_extrapolation_years_nearest(session, years)
```

**Arguments**

session	A valid GDL session object to interface with.
years	Number of years to copy (integer)

**Value**

An amended GDL session object.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))
session <- set_extrapolation_years_nearest(session, 3)

## End(Not run)
```

**set\_indicator***Set the indicator to retrieve***Description**

Sets the indicator to retrieve from the dataset.

**Usage**

```
set_indicator(session, indicator)
```

**Arguments**

session	A valid GDL session object to interface with.
indicator	Indicator to retrieve (string)

**Value**

An amended GDL session object.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
session <- set_indicator(session, 'awi')  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

set_indicators	<i>Set the indicators to retrieve</i>
----------------	---------------------------------------

---

**Description**

Sets the indicators to retrieve from the dataset.

**Usage**

```
set_indicators(session, indicators)
```

**Arguments**

session	A valid GDL session object to interface with.
indicators	Vector of indicators to retrieve (string)

**Value**

An amended GDL session object.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
session <- set_indicators(session, c('fridge', 'cellphone', 'tv'))  
  
## End(Not run)
```

`set_interpolation`      *Set interpolation state*

### Description

Turns interpolation on (T) or off (F).

### Usage

```
set_interpolation(session, state)
```

### Arguments

<code>session</code>	A valid GDL session object to interface with.
<code>state</code>	Whether or not to use interpolation (boolean)

### Value

An amended GDL session object.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))
session <- set_interpolation(session, TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

`set_levels`      *Set data levels to retrieve data for*

### Description

Specify which data levels to retrieve data for. A list of levels may be obtained through `gdl_levels`.

### Usage

```
set_levels(session, levels)
```

### Arguments

<code>session</code>	A valid GDL session object to interface with.
<code>levels</code>	Vector of level identifiers (integers)

**Value**

An amended GDL session object.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
session <- set_levels(session, c(1,4))  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

set\_year

*Set year to retrieve data for*

---

**Description**

Specify which year to retrieve data for. Only used when retrieving multiple indicators at once.

**Usage**

```
set_year(session, year)
```

**Arguments**

session	A valid GDL session object to interface with.
year	Year to retrieve data for (integer)

**Value**

An amended GDL session object.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Create a session using your API token (provided by environment here)  
session <- gdl_session(Sys.getenv('GDL_API_TOKEN'))  
session <- set_year(session, 2021)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

`show.GDLSession`      *GDLSession show function*

---

### Description

This is a user-friendly show function for the GDLSession class, hiding internals from simple print statements.

### Usage

`show.GDLSession`

### Format

An object of class `character` of length 1.

# Index

## \* datasets

show.GDLSession, [14](#)

gdl\_countries, [2](#)

gdl\_indicators, [3](#)

gdl\_levels, [4](#)

gdl\_regions, [4](#)

gdl\_request, [5](#)

gdl\_session, [6](#)

GDLSession (GDLSession-class), [2](#)

GDLSession-class, [2](#)

set\_countries, [6](#)

set\_countries\_all, [7](#)

set\_country, [8](#)

set\_dataset, [8](#)

set\_extrapolation\_years\_linear, [9](#)

set\_extrapolation\_years\_nearest, [10](#)

set\_indicator, [10](#)

set\_indicators, [11](#)

set\_interpolation, [12](#)

set\_levels, [12](#)

set\_year, [13](#)

show.GDLSession, [14](#)