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combined_dataset Returns the combined formatted OULAD

Description

Combines multiple OULAD .csv files into one tibble that is formatted for data analysis and where each row represents a unique student.

Usage

```
combined_dataset(
  module = c("AAA", "BBB", "CCC", "DDD", "EEE", "FFF", "GGG"),
  presentation = c("2013J", "2014J", "2013B", "2014B", "All"),
  repeat_students = c("remove", "keep"),
  withdrawn_students = c("remove", "keep"),
  demographics = FALSE,
  registration = FALSE,
  VLE = c("omit", "daily", "weekly", "activity", "FSLM", "FSLSM", "OLS", "VARK"),
  VLE_clicks = c("total", "binary", "standardise1", "standardise2", "logarithmic"),
  week_begin = -4,
  week_end = 39,
  assessment = FALSE,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  example_data = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

module	name of the module to be included, either "AAA", "BBB", "CCC", "DDD", "EEE", "FFF" or "GGG".			
presentation	name of the semester of the module to be included, either "2013B", "2014B", "2013J", "2014J", or "All". "B" indicates a February start time whereas "J" indicates an October start time. "All" indicates that all presentations of the module will be included in the returned data.			
repeat_student	S			
	indicator of whether students who had previous attempts at the module should be removed, either "remove" or "keep". When presentation is set to "All", this value is set to "remove".			
withdrawn_students				
	indicator of whether students who had withdrawn from the module should be removed, either "remove" or "keep". Students are removed based on whether they have withdrawn by the "week_end" value.			
demographics	logical. Indicates whether demographic data is included in the outputted data set.			
registration	logical. Indicates whether registration data is included in the outputted data set.			

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VLE	indicates whether VLE data is included in the outputted data set (default is "omit" - VLE data not to be included). If included, the VLE data can be re- turned based on "weekly" VLE interactions, "daily" VLE interactions or in- teractions according to Open University activities ("activity"). The VLE data can also be returned as classified under a specific learning model, either "FSLM", "FSLSM", "OLS", or "VARK".
VLE_clicks	indicates the format that the VLE data should be returned as, either "total" views (default), "binary" views, "standardise1" (standardises each variable individually by using the scale function), "standardise2" (performs global standardisation of the data set), or "logarithmic" values.
week_begin	the first semester week of VLE and assessment data to be included in formatted data. Depending on the module presentation, students started to view activities four weeks prior to the initial module start date. Weeks prior to the initial module start are indicated by a negative integer.
week_end	the last semester week of VLE and assessment data to be included in the for- matted data. Week 39 is the last week material was viewed (and earlier in some module presentations). This parameter is also used to remove withdrawn stu- dents.
assessment	logical. Indicates whether assessment data is included in the outputted data set.
na.rm	logical. Indicates whether NAs should be omitted from the average contin- uous assessment calculations or treated as zeroes (default). This calculation only includes continuous assessment that was due between the period set by "week_begin" and "week_end" inclusive, and only occurs when a specific mod- ule presentation is requested (e.g., 'BBB 2013J').
example_data	logical. Indicates whether to run a subset of the VLE data as an example.

Value

Returns the inputs specified for whether assessment, demographics, registration and VLE variables are to be included, as well as the other inputs. Also, one tibble (object of class tbl_df) is returned, dataset_combined.

dataset_combined tibble

A tibble where each row represents a unique student. Depending on the inputs specified, the tibble includes assessment, demographics, registration and VLE data for each student.

References

Kuzilek, J., Hlosta, M., & Zdrahal, Z. (2017). Open university learning analytics dataset. Scientific Data volume 4, (pp. 1–8). https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2017.171.

See Also

For more information on different inputs and variables in the dataset_combined tibble, see:

- dataset_assessment() for information on the assessment performance data,
- dataset_demographics() for information on the demographics data,

- dataset_registration() for information on the registration data,
- dataset_VLE_time() for information on the VLE daily or weekly data,
- dataset_VLE_activity() for information on the VLE activity data,
- VLE_learning_classification() for information on the VLE activities classified under a learning model, and
- convert_VLE() for information on transforming the data type of the VLE data.

Examples

```
# Uses subset of the VLE data set for example
combined_dataset(module = "AAA", presentation = "2013J",
repeat_students = "remove", withdrawn_students = "remove",
demographics = TRUE, registration = TRUE,
assessment = TRUE, na.rm = FALSE,
VLE = "weekly", VLE_clicks = "total",
example_data = TRUE)
# Slow to run as it loads the full VLE data set
combined_dataset(module = "BBB", presentation = "2013J",
repeat_students = "remove", withdrawn_students = "remove",
demographics = TRUE, registration = FALSE,
assessment = TRUE, na.rm = FALSE,
VLE = "activity", VLE_clicks = "standardise1",
week_begin = -4, week_end = 14, example_data = FALSE)
```

convert_VLE Converts the VLE data format

Description

Converts the data format of the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) data set from total view counts to binary, standardised or logarithmic view count data.

Usage

```
convert_VLE(
   data,
   conversion = c("binary", "standardise1", "standardise2", "logarithmic")
)
```

Arguments

data	VLE data set to be converted. The VLE data set should consist of student_id as the first column followed by total view counts per time period/activity in each of the remaining columns.
conversion	type of conversion to implement, either "binary", "standardise1" (standard- ises each variable individually by using the scale function), "standardise2" (performs global standardisation of the data set), or "logarithmic" (where 1 is added first to the data).

dataset_assessment

Value

Two tibbles are returned: 1) original_data, and 2) converted_data.

original_data tibble

A tibble of the original data inputted into the function.

converted_data tibble

A tibble where all columns, except the first column, have been changed from total view counts to either binary, standardised, globally standardised or logarithmic view count data.

See Also

dataset_VLE_time() or dataset_VLE_activity() for obtaining the VLE data set needed for the
input data.

Examples

```
VLE_data = dataset_VLE_activity(example_data = TRUE)$resource_data
convert_VLE(VLE_data, conversion = "standardise1")
```

```
VLE_data = dataset_VLE_time(example_data = TRUE)$weekly_data
convert_VLE(VLE_data, conversion = "logarithmic")
```

dataset_assessment Returns the formatted assessment data sets

Description

Load, combines and formats the assessment and student assessment data sets from the OULAD for data analysis.

Usage

```
dataset_assessment(
   module = c("All", "AAA", "BBB", "CCC", "DDD", "EEE", "FFF", "GGG"),
   presentation = c("2013B", "2014B", "2013J", "2014J", "All", "Summer", "Winter"),
   repeat_students = c("remove", "keep"),
   week_begin = 1,
   week_end = 39,
   na.rm = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

module	name of the module to be included, either "All", "AAA", "BBB", "CCC", "DDD", "EEE", "FFF" or "GGG".
presentation	name of the semester of the module to be included, either "2013B", "2014B", "2013J", "2014J", "All", "Summer" or "Winter". "B" indicates a February start time whereas "J" indicates an October start time. "All" indicates that all presentations of the module will be included in the returned data. Where possible, "Summer" returns both "2013B" and "2014B", and "Winter" returns both "2013J" and "2014J".
repeat_students	5
	indicator of whether students who had previous attempts at the module should be removed, either "remove" or "keep".
week_begin	the first semester week of the assessment data to be included in formatted data.
week_end	the last semester week of the assessment data to be included in the formatted data. To ensure all continuous assessment is included regardless of the module presentation, set this to 39, the last week of data in the OULAD.
na.rm	logical. Indicates whether NAs should be omitted from the average contin- uous assessment calculations or treated as zeroes (default). This calculation only includes continuous assessment that were due between the period set by "week_begin" and "week_end" inclusive, and only occurs when a specific mod- ule presentation is requested (e.g., 'BBB 2013J').

Value

Returns four tibbles (objects of class tbl_df) based on the OULAD studentAssessment.csv and assessments.csv files and the specified inputs (module, presentation, and repeat_students). The four tibbles are: 1) assessment_data, 2) assessments, 3) assessment_performance, and 4) assessment_reactivity.

assessment_data tibble

A tibble based on the combined OULAD files of studentAssessment.csv and assessments.csv, and the inputs. The tibble consists of (Kuzilek et al., 2017):

- id_student unique student identification number.
- code_module module identification code.
- code_presentation module presentation identification code.
- id_assessment assessment identification number.
- assessment_type type of assessment.
- date information about the final submission date of the assessment calculated as the number of days since the start of the module-presentation.
- weight weight of the assessment in %.
- date_submitted day of the assessment submission by student.
- is_banked logical indicator whether assessment result has been transferred from a previous presentation.
- score student's score for the specific assessment (range 0-100).
- reactivity calculated using the date variable minus date_submitted variable.

assessments tibble

A tibble of seven columns which details for each assessment item for a module presentation, the type of assessment it is, the due date and week of the assessment, and the weight of the assessment. The assessment types are Tutor Marked Assessment (TMA), Computer Marked Assessment (CMA) and Final Exam (Exam). Exams are generally treated separately to other assessments and have weight equal to 100%. The sum of all other assessments is also 100% (Kuzilek et al., 2017).

assessment_performance tibble

A tibble where each row represents a unique student and their scores in the range of 0-100 for different assessment items. When a specific module (not 'All') and presentation (not 'All') or 'Winter' or 'Summer') is selected, the final column states each student's average continuous assessment score based on their continuous assessment scores and the assessments weights. For this calculation, the NAs may be not included or replaced by 0 (default; see na.rm argument). The average assessment score will not be calculated if the only variable outputted is exam score. Not all module presentations have exam scores available. Details of the assessment items can be seen in the assessments tibble.

assessment_reactivity tibble

A tibble where each row represents a unique student and their reactivity for different assessment items. Treuillier and Boyer (2021) define reactivity for the OULAD as the delay between the date the assessment is returned and the deadline (in days). Negative numbers indicate overdue assessments. Details of the assessment items can be seen in the assessments tibble.

References

Treuillier, C., & Boyer, A. (2021). Identification of class-representative learner personas. In LA4SLE 2021 - Learning Analytics for Smart Learning Environments (pp. 38-45). Bolzano, Italy.

Kuzilek, J., Hlosta, M., & Zdrahal, Z. (2017). Open university learning analytics dataset. Scientific Data volume 4, (pp. 1–8). https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2017.171.

See Also

combined_dataset()

Examples

```
dataset_assessment(module = "BBB", presentation = "2013J",
repeat_students = "remove", week_begin = 1, week_end=39, na.rm = FALSE)
```

dataset_demographics Returns the formatted demographic data set

Description

Load and formats the student demographic data set from the OULAD for data analysis.

Usage

```
dataset_demographics(
    module = c("All", "AAA", "BBB", "CCC", "DDD", "EEE", "FFF", "GGG"),
    presentation = c("2013B", "2014B", "2013J", "2014J", "All", "Summer", "Winter"),
    repeat_students = c("remove", "keep")
)
```

Arguments

module	name of the module to be included, either "All", "AAA", "BBB", "CCC", "DDD", "EEE", "FFF" or "GGG".
presentation	name of the semester of the module to be included, either "2013B", "2014B", "2013J", "2014J", "All", "Summer" or "Winter". "B" indicates a February start time whereas "J" indicates an October start time. "All" indicates that all presentations of the module will be included in the returned data. "Summer" returns both "2013B" and "2014B". "Winter" returns both "2013J" and "2014J".
repeat_students	6
	indicator of whether students who had previous attempts at the module should be removed, either "remove" or "keep".

Value

Returns one tibble (object of class tbl_df), called 'studentInfo', based on the OULAD studentInfo.csv file and the specified inputs (module, presentation, and repeat_students).

The tibble consists of 12 columns (Kuzilek et al., 2017):

- code_module module identification code.
- code_presentation module presentation identification code.
- id_student the unique student identification number.
- gender student's gender, either Male or Female.
- region the geographic region where the student lived while taking the module-presentation.
- highest_education the highest student education level on entry to the module presentation.
- imd_band the index of multiple deprivation band of the place where the student lived during the module-presentation.
- age_band a band of student's age.

- num_of_prev_attempts the number of times the student has attempted this module previously.
- studied_credits the total number of credits for the modules the student is currently studying.
- disability indicates whether the student has declared a disability.
- final_result student's final result in the module-presentation.

References

Kuzilek, J., Hlosta, M., & Zdrahal, Z. (2017). Open university learning analytics dataset. Scientific Data volume 4 , (pp. 1–8). https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2017.171.

See Also

combined_dataset()

Examples

```
dataset_demographics(module = "BBB", presentation = "2013J", repeat_students = "remove")
```

dataset_registration Returns the formatted registration data set

Description

Load and formats the student registration data set from the OULAD for data analysis.

Usage

```
dataset_registration(
   module = c("All", "AAA", "BBB", "CCC", "DDD", "EEE", "FFF", "GGG"),
   presentation = c("2013B", "2014B", "2013J", "2014J", "All", "Summer", "Winter"),
   repeat_students = c("remove", "keep")
)
```

Arguments

module	name of the module to be included, either "All", "AAA", "BBB", "CCC", "DDD", "EEE", "FFF" or "GGG".
presentation	name of the semester of the module to be included, either "2013B", "2014B", "2013J", "2014J", "All", "Summer" or "Winter". "B" indicates a February start time whereas "J" indicates an October start time. "All" indicates that all presentations of the module will be included in the returned data. Where possible, "Summer" returns both "2013B" and "2014B", and "Winter" returns both "2013J" and "2014J".
repeat_student	S
	indicator of whether students who had previous attempts at the module should be removed, either "remove" or "keep".

Value

Returns one tibble (object of class tbl_df), called 'studentRegistration', based on the OULAD studentRegistration.csv file and the specified inputs (module, presentation, and repeat_students).

The tibble consists of five columns (Kuzilek et al., 2017):

- id_student the unique student identification number.
- code_module module identification code.
- code_presentation module presentation identification code.
- date_registration the day of student's registration for the module presentation. Modules start on day 0.
- date_unregistration the day of student unregistration from the module presentation. This is NA if the student completed the module presentation.

References

Kuzilek, J., Hlosta, M., & Zdrahal, Z. (2017). Open university learning analytics data set. Scientific Data volume 4, (pp. 1–8). https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2017.171.

See Also

combined_dataset()

Examples

dataset_registration(module = "BBB", presentation = "2013J", repeat_students = "remove")

dataset_VLE_activity Returns the formatted VLE data set based on activity types

Description

Load and formats the student Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) data set from the OULAD for data analysis.

Usage

```
dataset_VLE_activity(
  module = c("AAA", "BBB", "CCC", "DDD", "EEE", "FFF", "GGG"),
  presentation = c("2013B", "2014B", "2013J", "2014J", "All"),
  repeat_students = c("remove", "keep"),
  week_begin = -4,
  week_end = 39,
  example_data = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

module	name of the module to be included, either "AAA", "BBB", "CCC", "DDD", "EEE", "FFF" or "GGG".
presentation	name of the semester of the module to be included, either "2013B", "2014B", "2013J", "2014J", or "All". "B" indicates a February start time whereas "J" indicates an October start time. "All" indicates that all presentations of the module will be included in the returned data.
repeat_student:	S
	indicator of whether students who had previous attempts at the module should be removed, either "remove" or "keep". If presentation is set to "All", this is automatically set to "remove".
week_begin	the first semester week of VLE data to be included in the formatted data. De- pending on the module presentation, students started to view activities up to four weeks prior to the initial module start date. Weeks prior to the initial module start are indicated by a negative integer.
week_end	the last semester week of VLE data to be included in the outputted data. Week 39 is the last week material was viewed (and earlier in some module presentations).
example_data	logical. Indicates whether to run a subset of the data as an example.

Value

Returns two tibbles (objects of class tbl_df) based on the OULAD studentVle.csv and vle.csv files, the specified inputs (module, presentation, and repeat_students), and the range of the weeks included in the tibbles. week_begin and week_end indicates the first and last semester week respectively that is included in the output tibbles. These may be different to the corresponding input parameters. Weeks prior to the initial module start day are indicated by a negative integer. The two tibbles returned are: 1) filtered_data, and 2) resource_data.

filtered_data tibble

A tibble based on the combined oulad files of studentVLE.csv and vle.csv, and the inputs. The tibble consists of (Kuzilek et al., 2017):

- code_module the module identification code.
- code_presentation the presentation identification code.
- id_site the VLE material identification number.
- activity_type the role associated with the module material.
- week_from the week from which the material is planned to be used.
- week_to the week until which the material is planned to be used.
- id_student the unique student identification number.
- date the day of student's interaction with the material (module starts on day 0).
- sum_click the number of times the student interacted with the material for the date.

resource_data tibble

A tibble where each row represents a unique student and each column their number of interactions with different VLE activity types for the weeks and module presentation inputted.

References

Kuzilek, J., Hlosta, M., & Zdrahal, Z. (2017). Open university learning analytics dataset. Scientific Data volume 4, (pp. 1–8). https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2017.171.

See Also

```
convert_VLE(), dataset_VLE_time(), VLE_learning_classification() and combined_dataset()
```

Examples

```
# Uses subset of the VLE data set for example
dataset_VLE_activity(example_data = TRUE)
```

```
# Slow to run as it loads the full VLE data set
dataset_VLE_activity(module = "BBB", presentation = "2013J",
repeat_students = "remove", week_begin = 1, week_end = 13,
example_data=FALSE)
```

dataset_VLE_time Returns the formatted VLE data set for daily and weekly counts

Description

Load and formats the student Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) data set from the OULAD for data analysis.

Usage

```
dataset_VLE_time(
   module = c("AAA", "BBB", "CCC", "DDD", "EEE", "FFF", "GGG"),
   presentation = c("2013B", "2014B", "2013J", "2014J", "All"),
   repeat_students = c("remove", "keep"),
   week_begin = -4,
   week_end = 39,
   example_data = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

module name of the module to be included, either "AAA", "BBB", "CCC", "DDD", "EEE", "FFF" or "GGG".

presentation	name of the semester of the module to be included, either "2013B", "2014B", "2013J", "2014J", or "All". "B" indicates a February start time whereas "J" indicates an October start time. "All" indicates that all presentations of the module will be included in the returned data.
repeat_students	S
	indicator of whether students who had previous attempts at the module should be removed, either "remove" or "keep". If presentation is set to "All", this is automatically set to "remove".
week_begin	the first semester week of VLE data to be included in formatted data. Depending on the module presentation, students started to view activities four weeks prior to the initial module start date. Weeks prior to the initial module start are indicated by a negative integer.
week_end	the last semester week of VLE data to be included in the formatted data. Week 39 is the last week material was viewed (and earlier in some module presentations).
example_data	logical. Indicates whether to run a subset of the data as an example.

Value

Returns three tibbles (objects of class tbl_df) based on the OULAD studentVle.csv file, the specified inputs (module, presentation, and repeat_students), and the range of the weeks included in the tibbles. week_begin and week_end indicates the first and last semester week respectively that is included in the output tibbles. These may be different to the input parameters of week_begin and week_end. Weeks prior to the initial module start day are indicated by a negative integer. The three tibbles returned are: 1) filtered_data, 2) daily_data, and 3) weekly_data.

filtered_data tibble

A tibble based on the students' VLE interactions and the inputs. The tibble consists of (Kuzilek et al., 2017):

- id_student the unique student identification number.
- code_module the module identification code.
- code_presentation the presentation identification code.
- id_site the VLE material identification number.
- date the day of the student's interaction with the material.
- sum_click the number of times the student interacted with the material on a specific day.

daily_data tibble

A tibble where each row represents a unique student, and each column their number of interactions with the VLE for different days of the module. The module starts on day 0. Days prior to the initial start day, are indicated by negative integers.

weekly_data tibble

A tibble where each row represents a unique student, and each column their number of interactions with the VLE for different weeks of the module. Weeks prior to the initial start week (week 1) are indicated by the term 'pre' in the week name.

References

Kuzilek, J., Hlosta, M., & Zdrahal, Z. (2017). Open university learning analytics dataset. Scientific Data volume 4, (pp. 1–8). https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2017.171.

See Also

convert_VLE(), dataset_VLE_activity(), and combined_dataset()

Examples

```
# Uses subset of the VLE data set for example
dataset_VLE_time(example_data = TRUE)
# Slow to run as it loads the full VLE data set
dataset_VLE_time(module = "BBB", presentation = "2013J",
repeat_students = "remove", week_begin = 1, week_end = 13,
```

```
example_data=FALSE)
```

load_github_modified A modified version of the Rfssa load_github_data() function

Description

Loads .RData files directly from a GitHub repository. The original Rfssa function (Haghbin et al., 2022) is based on the Stack Overflow post (Hartman, 2016): https://stackoverflow.com/questions/24846120/importing-data-into-r-rdata-from-github, and loads the .RData to the global environment. This function allows the user to choose the environment which the .RData files are loaded to.

Usage

load_github_modified(github_data_url, env)

Arguments

github_data_url The GitHub url of the .RData data set to be loaded. env Environment where the data is to be loaded into.

Value

Loads the .RData into the local environment.

References

Haghbin, H., Trinka, J., Najibi, S., M., & Maadooliat, M. (2022). Package 'Rfssa'. https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/Rfssa/Rfssa.pdf.

Hartman, R. (2016). Importing data into R (.rData) from Github. https://stackoverflow.com/questions/24846120/importing-data-into-r-rdata-from-github.

path_to_file

Examples

```
env = environment()
load_github_modified("https://github.com/ehoward1/oulad_data/blob/main/vle.RData", env)
```

path_to_file Get file path to the sample_studentVLE.csv file

Description

ouladFormat comes bundled with the sample studentVLE data in its inst/extdata directory (sample_studentVLE.csv). This .csv file is a subset (rows 10,000-14,999) of the original OULAD studentVLE.csv. This function makes it easy to access.

Usage

path_to_file(path = NULL)

Arguments

path

Name of file in quotes with extension. If NULL, the example file will be listed.

Value

No return value, called for side effects.

Source

This function is adapted from readxl::readxl_example().

Examples

```
path_to_file()
read.csv(path_to_file("sample_studentVLE.csv"))
```

VLE_learning_classification

Classify VLE activities

Description

Transform Open University VLE activities to classifications under either the:

- Filder-Selverman Learning Style Model (FSLM) mapped by Balti at al. (2023),
- Felder–Silverman Learning Style Model (FSLSM) (see Felder & Silverman, 1988) mapped by Nazempour and Darabi (2023),
- VARK Learning Style Model (see Fleming and Colleen, 1992) mapped by Balti at al. (2023), or
- Corresponding to the Online Learning Style Characteristics (OLS) mapped by Yan et al. (2021) and drawing on Li and Yin (2017).

Usage

```
VLE_learning_classification(
    activity_data,
    classification = c("FSLM", "FSLSM", "OLS", "VARK")
)
```

Arguments

activity_data VLE activity data set to be converted.

classification classification system to be used to categorise the different VLE activities under.

Value

Returns the classification specified, the mapping for the VLE activities to each category in the specified learning model, and one tibble, VLE_classified_data.

VLE_classified_data

A tibble where each row represents a unique student and their number of interactions with different categories of the specified learning model.

References

Balti, R., Hedhili, A., Chaari, W.L. & Abed, M. (2023). Hybrid analysis of the learner's online behavior based on learning style. Education and Information Technologies. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10639-023-11595-x

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See Also

dataset_VLE_activity() for obtaining the VLE data set needed for input data

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Examples

```
VLE_data = dataset_VLE_activity(example_data = TRUE)$resource_data
VLE_learning_classification(VLE_data, classification = "FSLSM")
```

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