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| dc_get_classes | <i>Get All Available Classes from Data Commons</i> |
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### Description

A convenience wrapper around `dc_get_node()` to retrieve all available entity classes in Data Commons. This is equivalent to calling `dc_get_node()` with `nodes = "Class"` and `expression = "<-typeOf"`.

### Usage

```
dc_get_classes(
  api_key = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_API_KEY"),
  base_url = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_BASE_URL", unset =
    "https://api.datacommons.org/v2/"),
  return_type = "json"
)
```

### Arguments

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <code>api_key</code>     | Your Data Commons API key. If not provided, will use the environment variable <code>DATACOMMONS_API_KEY</code> .                             |
| <code>base_url</code>    | The base URL of the Data Commons API. Defaults to the public endpoint. For custom deployments, it must end with <code>/core/api/v2/</code> . |
| <code>return_type</code> | Return format: either <code>"list"</code> (parsed R object) or <code>"json"</code> (JSON string).  |

### Value

A list (if `return_type = "list"`) or JSON string (if `return_type = "json"`) containing all available entity classes.

## Examples

```
# Get all entity classes
all_classes <- dc_get_classes(return_type = "json")
```

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```
dc_get_dcid_by_coordinates
```

*Resolve DCIDs from Latitude and Longitude via Data Commons*

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## Description

Resolves geographic coordinates (provided as latitude and longitude) to Data Commons DCIDs using the geoCoordinate property.

## Usage

```
dc_get_dcid_by_coordinates(  
  latitude,  
  longitude,  
  api_key = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_API_KEY"),  
  base_url = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_BASE_URL", unset =  
    "https://api.datacommons.org/v2/"),  
  return_type = "json"  
)
```

## Arguments

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| latitude    | A numeric vector of latitude values.  |
| longitude   | A numeric vector of longitude values.   |
| api_key     | Your Data Commons API key. If not provided, uses the environment variable DATACOMMONS_API_KEY.                              |
| base_url    | The base URL of the Data Commons API. Defaults to the public endpoint. For custom deployments, must end with /core/api/v2/. |
| return_type | Return format: either "list" (parsed R object) or "json" (JSON string).   |

## Value

A list or JSON string, depending on return\_type.

## Examples

```
# Get the DCID for a coordinate
dc_get_dcid_by_coordinates(37.42, -122.08)

# Batch query for multiple coordinates
dc_get_dcid_by_coordinates(c(34.05, 40.71), c(-118.25, -74.01))
```

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dc\_get\_dcids\_by\_name *Resolve DCIDs from Place Names via Data Commons*

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### Description

Resolves a node (e.g., a place name) to its Data Commons DCID using the description property. Optionally filters results by entity type.

### Usage

```
dc_get_dcids_by_name(
  names,
  entity_type = NULL,
  api_key = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_API_KEY"),
  base_url = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_BASE_URL", unset =
    "https://api.datacommons.org/v2/"),
  return_type = "json"
)
```

### Arguments

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| names       | A vector of names or descriptions of the entities to look up.   |
| entity_type | Optional string to filter results by typeOf, such as "State" or "City". If NULL, no filter is applied.                      |
| api_key     | Your Data Commons API key. If not provided, uses the environment variable DATACOMMONS_API_KEY.                              |
| base_url    | The base URL of the Data Commons API. Defaults to the public endpoint. For custom deployments, must end with /core/api/v2/. |
| return_type | Return format: either "list" (parsed R object) or "json" (JSON string).   |

### Value

A list or JSON string, depending on return\_type.

### Examples

```
# Get the DCID of "Georgia" (ambiguous without type)
dc_get_dcids_by_name(names = "Georgia")

# Get the DCID of "Georgia" as a state
dc_get_dcids_by_name(names = "Georgia", entity_type = "State")

# Get the DCID of "New York City" as a city
dc_get_dcids_by_name(names = "New York City", entity_type = "City")

# Query multiple cities
dc_get_dcids_by_name(
```

```
names = c("Mountain View, CA", "New York City"),
entity_type = "City"
)
```

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`dc_get_dcids_by_wikidata_id`

*Resolve DCIDs from Wikidata IDs via Data Commons*

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## Description

Resolves Wikidata identifiers (e.g., "Q30" for the United States) to Data Commons DCIDs using the `wikidataId` property.

## Usage

```
dc_get_dcids_by_wikidata_id(
  wikidata_ids,
  api_key = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_API_KEY"),
  base_url = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_BASE_URL", unset =
    "https://api.datacommons.org/v2/"),
  return_type = "json"
)
```

## Arguments

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <code>wikidata_ids</code> | The Wikidata IDs of the entities to look up.  |
| <code>api_key</code>      | Your Data Commons API key. If not provided, uses the environment variable <code>DATACOMMONS_API_KEY</code> .                              |
| <code>base_url</code>     | The base URL of the Data Commons API. Defaults to the public endpoint. For custom deployments, must end with <code>/core/api/v2/</code> . |
| <code>return_type</code>  | Return format: either "list" (parsed R object) or "json" (JSON string).   |

## Value

A list or JSON string, depending on `return_type`.

## Examples

```
# Get the DCID for the United States (Wikidata ID "Q30")
dc_get_dcids_by_wikidata_id("Q30")

# Batch query for multiple Wikidata IDs
dc_get_dcids_by_wikidata_id(c("Q30", "Q60"))
```

dc\_get\_node

*Retrieve Node Properties from Data Commons***Description**

Queries the Data Commons API for specified property relationships of given nodes.

**Usage**

```
dc_get_node(
  nodes,
  expression,
  api_key = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_API_KEY"),
  base_url = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_BASE_URL", unset =
    "https://api.datacommons.org/v2/"),
  return_type = "json"
)
```

**Arguments**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| nodes       | A character vector of terms to resolve.   |
| expression  | A relation expression string (e.g., <-* , ->name, or ->[name, latitude]).   |
| api_key     | Your Data Commons API key. If not provided, uses the environment variable DATACOMMONS_API_KEY.                              |
| base_url    | The base URL of the Data Commons API. Defaults to the public endpoint. For custom deployments, must end with /core/api/v2/. |
| return_type | Return format: either "list" (parsed R object) or "json" (JSON string).   |

**Value**

A list or JSON string, depending on return\_type.

**Examples**

```
# Get all property labels for a given node
dc_get_node(nodes = "country/USA", expression = "<-")

# Get one property value for a given node
dc_get_node(nodes = "dc/031w9rhpendw5", expression = "->name")

# Get multiple property values for multiple nodes
dc_get_node(
  nodes = c("geoId/06085", "geoId/06087"),
  expression = "->[name, latitude, longitude]"
)

# Get all property values for a node
```

```

dc_get_node(nodes = "PowerPlant", expression = "<-*")

# Get a list of all existing statistical variables
dc_get_node(nodes = "StatisticalVariable", expression = "<-typeOf")

# Get a list of all existing entity types
dc_get_node(nodes = "Class", expression = "<-typeOf")

```

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dc\_get\_observations     *Retrieve Observations from Data Commons*

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## Description

Retrieve Observations from Data Commons

## Usage

```

dc_get_observations(
  date,
  variable_dcids = NULL,
  entity_dcids = NULL,
  entity_expression = NULL,
  parent_entity = NULL,
  entity_type = NULL,
  select = c("date", "entity", "value", "variable"),
  filter_domains = NULL,
  filter_facet_ids = NULL,
  api_key = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_API_KEY"),
  base_url = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_BASE_URL", unset =
    "https://api.datacommons.org/v2/"),
  return_type = "json"
)

```

## Arguments

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| date              | A date string, "latest", or "all" to return observations for all dates.  |
| variable_dcids    | Optional. Vector of statistical variable DCIDs.  |
| entity_dcids      | Optional. Vector of entity DCIDs (e.g., places). One of entity_dcids, entity_expression, or the combination of parent_entity and entity_type is required.                        |
| entity_expression | Optional. A relation expression string (used in place of entity_dcids). One of entity_dcids, entity_expression, or the combination of parent_entity and entity_type is required. |
| parent_entity     | Optional. A parent entity DCID to be used in combination with entity_type to construct an entity expression.   |

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| entity_type      | Optional. A child entity type (e.g., "County") to be used with parent_entity to construct an entity expression.                             |
| select           | Required. Character vector of fields to select. Must include "entity" and "variable". Defaults to c("date", "entity", "value", "variable"). |
| filter_domains   | Optional. Vector of domain names to filter facets.  |
| filter_facet_ids | Optional. Vector of facet IDs to filter observations.   |
| api_key          | Your Data Commons API key. If not provided, uses the environment variable DATACOMMONS_API_KEY.  |
| base_url         | The base URL of the Data Commons API. Defaults to the public endpoint. For custom deployments, must end with /core/api/v2/.                 |
| return_type      | Either "list" (parsed R object), "json" (JSON string), or "data.frame".   |

### Value

A list (if return\_type = "list"), JSON string (if return\_type = "json"), or data frame (if return\_type = "data.frame")

### Examples

```
# Look up the statistical variables available for a given entity (place)
dc_get_observations(
  date = "latest",
  entity_dcids = c("country/TGO", "country/USA"),
  select = c("entity", "variable")
)

# Look up whether a given entity (place) has data for a given variable
dc_get_observations(
  date = "latest",
  variable_dcids = c("Count_Person_Male", "Count_Person_Female"),
  entity_dcids = c("country/MEX", "country/CAN", "country/MYS"),
  select = c("entity", "variable")
)

# Look up whether a given entity (place) has data for a given variable and
# show the sources
dc_get_observations(
  date = "latest",
  variable_dcids = c("Count_Person_Male", "Count_Person_Female"),
  entity_dcids = c("country/MEX", "country/CAN", "country/MYS"),
  select = c("entity", "variable", "facet")
)

# Get the latest observations for a single entity by DCID
dc_get_observations(
  date = "latest",
  variable_dcids = c("Count_Person"),
  entity_dcids = c("country/CAN")
)
```

```
# Get the observations at a particular date for given entities by DCID
dc_get_observations(
  date = 2015,
  variable_dcids = c("Count_Person"),
  entity_dcids = c("country/CAN", "geoId/06")
)

# Get all observations for selected entities by DCID
dc_get_observations(
  date = 2015,
  variable_dcids = "Count_Person",
  entity_dcids = c(
    "cCount_Person_EducationalAttainmentDoctorateDegree",
    "geoId/55",
    "geoId/55"
  )
)

# Get the latest observations for entities specified by expression
dc_get_observations(
  date = "latest",
  variable_dcids = "Count_Person",
  entity_expression = "geoId/06<-containedInPlace+{typeOf:County}"
)

# Get the latest observations for a single entity, filtering by provenance
dc_get_observations(
  date = "latest",
  variable_dcids = "Count_Person",
  entity_dcids = "country/USA",
  filter_domains = "www.census.gov"
)

# Get the latest observations for a single entity, filtering for specific
# dataset
dc_get_observations(
  date = "latest",
  variable_dcids = "Count_Person",
  entity_dcids = "country/BRA",
  filter_facet_ids = "3981252704"
)

# Get observations for all states of a country as a data frame
dc_get_observations(
  variable_dcids = "Count_Person",
  date = 2021,
  parent_entity = "country/USA",
  entity_type = "State",
  return_type = "data.frame"
)
```

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`dc_get_property_values`*Get Property Values for Data Commons Nodes*

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## Description

A convenience wrapper around `dc_get_node()` to retrieve all property values for the specified nodes. This is equivalent to calling `dc_get_node()` with `expression = "<-"`.

## Usage

```
dc_get_property_values(  
  nodes,  
  properties = "name",  
  api_key = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_API_KEY"),  
  base_url = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_BASE_URL", unset =  
    "https://api.datacommons.org/v2/"),  
  return_type = "json"  
)
```

## Arguments

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <code>nodes</code>       | A character vector of terms to resolve.   |
| <code>properties</code>  | A character vector of properties (e.g. "name", "latitude", "all")   |
| <code>api_key</code>     | Your Data Commons API key. If not provided, uses the environment variable <code>DATACOMMONS_API_KEY</code> .                              |
| <code>base_url</code>    | The base URL of the Data Commons API. Defaults to the public endpoint. For custom deployments, must end with <code>/core/api/v2/</code> . |
| <code>return_type</code> | Return format: either "list" (parsed R object) or "json" (JSON string).   |

## Value

A list containing the requested property values for each node. The structure depends on the properties requested and follows the same format as `dc_get_node()`.

## Examples

```
# Get the name property (default)  
dc_get_property_values(nodes = "country/USA")  
  
# Get a specific property  
dc_get_property_values(nodes = "country/USA", properties = "latitude")  
  
# Get multiple specific properties  
dc_get_property_values(  
  nodes = c("geoId/06085", "geoId/06087"),  
  properties = c("name", "latitude", "longitude")
```

```

)

# Get all properties
dc_get_property_values(nodes = "PowerPlant", properties = "all")

```

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dc\_get\_resolve      *Resolve Nodes from Data Commons*

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## Description

Resolve Nodes from Data Commons

## Usage

```

dc_get_resolve(
  nodes,
  expression,
  api_key = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_API_KEY"),
  base_url = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_BASE_URL", unset =
    "https://api.datacommons.org/v2/"),
  return_type = "json"
)

```

## Arguments

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| nodes       | A character vector of terms to resolve.   |
| expression  | A string defining the property expression (e.g., "<-description->dcid").  |
| api_key     | Your Data Commons API key. If not provided, uses the environment variable DATACOMMONS_API_KEY.                              |
| base_url    | The base URL of the Data Commons API. Defaults to the public endpoint. For custom deployments, must end with /core/api/v2/. |
| return_type | Return format: either "list" (parsed R object) or "json" (JSON string).   |

## Value

A list or JSON string, depending on return\_type.

## Examples

```

# Find the DCID of a place by another known ID
dc_get_resolve(
  nodes = "Q30",
  expression = "<-wikidataId->dcid"
)

# Find the DCID of a place by coordinates

```

```

dc_get_resolve(
  nodes = "37.42#-122.08",
  expression = "<-geoCoordinate->dcid"
)

# Find the DCID of a place by name
dc_get_resolve(
  nodes = "Georgia",
  expression = "<-description->dcid"
)

# Find the DCID of a place by name, with a type filter
dc_get_resolve(
  nodes = "Georgia",
  expression = "<-description{typeOf:State}->dcid"
)

# Find the DCID of multiple places by name, with a type filter
dc_get_resolve(
  nodes = "Mountain View, CA", "New York City",
  expression = "<-description{typeOf:City}->dcid"
)

```

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dc\_get\_statistical\_variables

*Get Available Statistical Variables from Data Commons*

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## Description

A convenience wrapper around `dc_get_node()` to retrieve all available statistical variables in Data Commons. This is equivalent to calling `dc_get_node()` with `nodes = "StatisticalVariable"` and `expression = "<-typeOf"`.

## Usage

```

dc_get_statistical_variables(
  api_key = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_API_KEY"),
  base_url = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_BASE_URL", unset =
    "https://api.datacommons.org/v2/"),
  return_type = "json"
)

```

## Arguments

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <code>api_key</code>     | Your Data Commons API key. If not provided, will use the environment variable <code>DATACOMMONS_API_KEY</code> .                             |
| <code>base_url</code>    | The base URL of the Data Commons API. Defaults to the public endpoint. For custom deployments, it must end with <code>/core/api/v2/</code> . |
| <code>return_type</code> | Return format: either <code>"list"</code> (parsed R object) or <code>"json"</code> (JSON string).  |

**Value**

A list (if return\_type = "list") or JSON string (if return\_type = "json") containing all available statistical variables.

**Examples**

```
# Get all statistical variables
statistical_vars <- dc_get_statistical_variables()
```

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|----------------|---|
| dc_has_api_key | <i>Check if a Data Commons API key is available</i> |
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**Description**

Checks whether the DATACOMMONS\_API\_KEY environment variable has been set. Useful for examples, tests, or conditional execution of functions requiring authentication.

**Usage**

```
dc_has_api_key()
```

**Value**

A logical value: TRUE if an API key is set, FALSE otherwise.

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| dc_post_sparql | <i>Execute a SPARQL Query via POST to the Data Commons API</i> |
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**Description**

Sends a SPARQL query to the Data Commons SPARQL endpoint using a POST request.

**Usage**

```
dc_post_sparql(  
  query,  
  api_key = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_API_KEY"),  
  base_url = Sys.getenv("DATACOMMONS_BASE_URL", unset =  
    "https://api.datacommons.org/v2/"),  
  return_type = "json"  
)
```

**Arguments**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| query       | A character string containing a valid SPARQL query.   |
| api_key     | Your Data Commons API key. If not provided, uses the environment variable DATACOMMONS_API_KEY.                              |
| base_url    | The base URL of the Data Commons API. Defaults to the public endpoint. For custom deployments, must end with /core/api/v2/. |
| return_type | Return format: either "list" (parsed R object) or "json" (JSON string).   |

**Value**

A list or JSON string, depending on return\_type.

**Examples**

```
# Get a list of all cities with a particular property
query <- c(
  paste0(
    "SELECT DISTINCT ?subject ",
    "WHERE {?subject unDataLabel ?object . ?subject typeOf City} LIMIT 10"
  )
)
dc_post_sparql(query)

# Get a list of biological specimens
query <- c(
  paste0(
    "SELECT DISTINCT ?name ",
    "WHERE {?biologicalSpecimen typeOf BiologicalSpecimen . ",
    "?biologicalSpecimen name ?name} ",
    "ORDER BY DESC(?name)",
    "LIMIT 10"
  )
)
dc_post_sparql(query)
```

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|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| dc_set_api_key | <i>Set the Data Commons API key</i> |
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**Description**

Stores the provided API key in the DATACOMMONS\_API\_KEY environment variable, which is used for authentication in API calls.

**Usage**

```
dc_set_api_key(api_key)
```

**Arguments**

api\_key            A string containing a valid Data Commons API key.

**Value**

Invisibly returns NULL. Called for its side effect of setting an environment variable.

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dc\_set\_base\_url            *Set the Data Commons base URL*

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**Description**

Stores the provided base URL in the DATACOMMONS\_BASE\_URL environment variable. Useful for pointing to alternative or testing endpoints.

**Usage**

dc\_set\_base\_url(base\_url)

**Arguments**

base\_url            A string containing the base URL for the Data Commons API.

**Value**

Invisibly returns NULL. Called for its side effect of setting an environment variable.

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