

Package ‘REDCapSync’

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Description Wraps dozens of 'REDCap' API endpoints into a standardized R6 object. Research Electronic Data Capture ('REDCap') is a survey and database web application software maintained by Vanderbilt University. It has a robust application programming interface (API) utilized by several R packages. 'REDCapSync' uses 'redcapAPI' and 'REDCapR' behind-the-scenes to retrieve all metadata, data, and log details for a project. To minimize unnecessary server calls, the interim 'REDCap' log is analyzed and used to only update necessary records. Furthermore, the user can define custom datasets that save to a directory. Those datasets continue to refresh when projects are synced. Having a secure, standardized, API-efficient, project-agnostic R object for 'REDCap' projects, streamlines downstream use in scripts, functions, and shiny applications.

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cache_clear	<i>Clear your cached projects</i>
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Description

Finds the location of the cache established by [hoard](#) and deletes stored project information (not data)! If you provide `project_names`, it will remove only those projects from the cache. If you want to truly delete the project files, you must do so at the project directory you set up.

Usage

```
cache_clear(project_names = NULL)
```

Arguments

`project_names` character vector of project `project_names` previously setup. If NULL, will get all from `get_projects()`

Details

The cache only stores information like `project_name`, `token_name`, directory location, and other details from `setup_project()`. The default location of the cache location is defined by using `R_USER_CACHE_DIR` if set. Otherwise, it follows platform conventions via [hoardr](#), saving a file "R/REDCapSync/projects.rds". No direct project data is stored in the cache. Notably, tokens and data are not stored here. The key variables stored in the cache are...

- `project_name` - unique identifier for REDCapSync package
- `redcap_uri` - server location

- token_name - where to find token environment with [Sys.getenv\(\)](#)
- dir_path - where to saved project and associated files locally
- project_id - obtained from API call and "locks-in" the connection
- redcap_version - obtained from API call and affects links
- last_sync and sync_frequency - informs REDCap sync of when to update
- other variables from project info and some internal package mechanics

Value

Message of outcome and invisible NULL.

See Also

`vignette("Cache", package = "REDCapSync")` [setup_project](#) for initializing projects

Examples

```
## Not run:
cache_clear("OLD_PROJECT")
cache_clear() # every project

## End(Not run)
```

config

Configuration

Description

[Experimental] Internal configuration helpers used to retrieve package configuration values from options or environment variables.

Configuration is resolved in the following order:

1. `getOption("redcapsync.config.option.name")`
2. `Sys.getenv("REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_OPTION_NAME")` # skipped for functions
3. Default if unable to find and validate from above.

Usage

```
config
```

Details

The config function is operational but only some methods presently affect internal code. Most users will not ever need to modify default config. This is included to improve future versions of the package.

- Working configs: `allow.test.names`, `cache.dir`, `keyring`, `keyring.service`, `openxlsx.header.style`, `openxlsx.body.style`.
- Partial coverage: `offline`.
- Placeholder: `verbose`, `show.api.messages`

allow.test.names:

Logical for `setup_project()` allowing `project_name` starting with `TEST_`. Default is `FALSE`. This is provided for developers and testing environments.

```
# check current value package is using...
config$allow.test.names()
# set with options (which will be prioritized over envvar)
getOption("redcapsync.config.allow.test.names") # get
options(redcapsync.config.allow.test.names = FALSE) # set

# set with envvar (which will be prioritized when options not defined)
Sys.getenv("REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_ALLOW_TEST_NAMES") # get
Sys.setenv(REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_ALLOW_TEST_NAMES = FALSE) # or set in .Renviron
```

show.api.messages:

Logical for showing display API messages from REDCapR and redcapAPI. Default is `FALSE`.

```
# check current value package is using...
config$show.api.messages()
# set with options (which will be prioritized over envvar)
getOption("redcapsync.config.show.api.messages") # get
options(redcapsync.config.show.api.messages = FALSE) # set

# set with envvar (which will be prioritized when options not defined)
Sys.getenv("REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_SHOW_API_MESSAGES") # get
Sys.setenv(REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_SHOW_API_MESSAGES = FALSE) # or set in .Renviron
```

verbose:

Logical for showing display API messages from REDCapR and redcapAPI. Default is `FALSE`.

```
# check current value package is using...
config$verbose()
# set with options (which will be prioritized over envvar)
getOption("redcapsync.config.verbose") # get
options(redcapsync.config.verbose = FALSE) # set

# set with envvar (which will be prioritized when options not defined)
Sys.getenv("REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_VERBOSE") # get
Sys.setenv(REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_VERBOSE = FALSE) # or set in .Renviron
```

offline:

Logical for offline, which if TRUE will block any API calls. Default is FALSE.

```
# check current value package is using...
config$offline()
# set with options (which will be prioritized over envvar)
getOption("redcapsync.config.offline") # get
options(redcapsync.config.offline = FALSE) # set

# set with envvar (which will be prioritized when options not defined)
Sys.getenv("REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_OFFLINE") # get
Sys.setenv(REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_OFFLINE = FALSE) # or set in .Renviron
```

cache.dir:

Character file path overriding the default cache directory. Default follow system standards via rappdir, hoardr, or R_USER_CACHE_DIR

```
# check current value package is using...
config$cache.dir()
# set with options (which will be prioritized over envvar)
getOption("redcapsync.config.cache.dir") # get
options(redcapsync.config.cache.dir = "file/path/to/keep/cache") # set

# set with envvar (which will be prioritized when options not defined)
Sys.getenv("REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_CACHE_DIR") # get
Sys.setenv(REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_CACHE_DIR = "file/path/to/keep/cache") # set
```

keyring:

Character keyring name (parameter from [keyring](#) package). Default is NULL, which is at the system level. For locking use a keyring like "REDCapSync"

```
# check current value package is using...
config$keyring()
# set with options (which will be prioritized over envvar)
getOption("redcapsync.config.keyring") # get
options(redcapsync.config.keyring = "REDCapSync") # set

# set with envvar (which will be prioritized when options not defined)
Sys.getenv("REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_KEYRING") # get
Sys.setenv(REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_KEYRING = "REDCapSync") # set in session
```

keyring.service:

Character keyring service name (parameter from [keyring](#) package). Default is "R-REDCapSync".

```
# check current value package is using...
config$keyring.service()
# set with options (which will be prioritized over envvar)
getOption("redcapsync.config.keyring.service") # get
options(redcapsync.config.keyring.service = "REDCapSync") # set
```

```
# set with envvar (which will be prioritized when options not defined)
Sys.getenv("REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_KEYRING_SERVICE") # get
Sys.setenv(REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_KEYRING_SERVICE = "REDCapSync") # set in session
```

openxlsx.header.style:

Excel sheet header using `openxlsx::createStyle()`

```
# set with options (which will be prioritized over envvar)
getOption("redcapsync.config.openxlsx.header.style") # get
new_style <- openxlsx::createStyle(fontSize = 12L)
options(redcapsync.config.openxlsx.header.style = new_style)
# does not look up envvar due to it's function type
```

openxlsx.body.style:

Excel sheet body using `openxlsx::createStyle()`

```
# set with options (which will be prioritized over envvar)
getOption("redcapsync.config.openxlsx.body.style") # get
new_style <- openxlsx::createStyle(fontSize = 12L)
options(redcapsync.config.openxlsx.body.style = new_style)
# does not look up envvar due to it's function type
```

Value

list of functions that returns config values

Option Names (searched first)

```
option_list <- list(
  redcapsync.config.allow.test.names = NULL,
  redcapsync.config.show.api.messages = NULL,
  redcapsync.config.verbose = NULL,
  redcapsync.config.offline = NULL,
  redcapsync.config.cache.dir = NULL,
  redcapsync.config.keyring = NULL,
  redcapsync.config.keyring.service = NULL,
  redcapsync.config.openxlsx.header.style = NULL,
  redcapsync.config.openxlsx.body.style = NULL
)
```

Environment Variable Names (searched second)

```
envvar_list <- list(
  REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_ALLOW_TEST_NAMES = NA,
  REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_SHOW_API_MESSAGES = NA,
  REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_VERBOSE = NA,
  REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_OFFLINE = NA,
  R_USER_CACHE_DIR = NA, # affects your entire cache for any package
  REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_CACHE_DIR = NA, # affects only REDCapSync Cache
  REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_KEYRING = NA,
```

```

    REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_KEYRING_SERVICE = NA
  )

```

See Also

`vignette("Projects", package = "REDCapSync")` [setup_project](#) for initializing projects

Examples

```

# disable with environment variable
Sys.setenv(REDCAPSYNC_CONFIG_OFFLINE = FALSE)

config$offline()

# change to offline
options(redcapsync.config.offline = TRUE)

config$offline()

```

dataset	<i>REDCapSync Dataset Object</i>
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Description

[Experimental] R6 object representing a standardized dataset generated from a [REDCapSync](#) project. Use this object to inspect transformed REDCap data, export datasets, and assign prepared analysis tables into the calling environment.

Details

A `REDCapSyncDataset` can be created ad-hoc from a project with `dataset <- project$generate_dataset()`. For reusability, you can also define with `project$add_dataset()` and then load with `dataset <- project$load_dataset()`.

You can add variables manually if you want them to be passed to Excel. But `add_field` is a feature in development.

Typical workflow:

```

setup project from test object
project <- setup_project(
  project_name = "TEST_CLASSIC",
  dir_path = tempdir()
)
# Create and save a filtered dataset
project$add_dataset(
  dataset_name = "analysis_set",
  filter_field = "var_yesno",
  filter_choices = "Yes",

```

```

    field_names = c("ecog_at_diagnosis", "stage_at_diagnosis")
  )
  # generate dataset for R environment
  dataset <- project$load_dataset("analysis_set")
  # optional send to global environment
  dataset$to_envir(globalenv()) # keep in mind potential name conflicts
  # Optional modify (final save depends on what is in the dataset object)
  dataset$data$merged$stage_2 <- dataset$data$merged$stage_at_diagnosis == "II"
  # save to directory
  dataset$save() # can specify `dir_other`, by default saves to output folder

```

This object is designed for users who want a stable dataset output from REDCap without modifying the underlying project. This is also used behind-the-scenes in the RosyREDCap shiny app.

Key features:

- Stores a project-specific dataset definition and resulting data
- Keeps metadata, record details, user information, and comments in sync
- Saves datasets in Excel or CSV formats with optional hyperlinks
- Exports dataset components to a user-specified environment

Value

An R6 REDCapSyncDataset object containing dataset output, metadata, records, user information, and optional REDCap log data.

Public fields

data list of data where names are forms
 metadata list of metadata
 records data.frame of records with timestamps
 users data.frame of users with timestamps
 log data.frame of log
 comments data.frame of comments

Active bindings

project_details Read-only list of dataset details from [setup_project\(\)](#).
 dataset_details Read-only list of dataset details
 redcap Read-only list of dataset details from [project](#)
 links Read-only list of dataset details from [project](#)

Methods

Public methods:

- [REDCapSyncDataset\\$new\(\)](#)
- [REDCapSyncDataset\\$print\(\)](#)

- [REDCapSyncDataset\\$save\(\)](#)
- [REDCapSyncDataset\\$to_envir\(\)](#)

`REDCapSyncDataset$new()`: The end user will not see `dataset$new()`. This is handled internally. Users should construct objects using [REDCapSyncProject](#).

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncDataset$new(
  project,
  dataset_name,
  transformation_type = "default",
  merge_form_name = "merged",
  filter_field = NULL,
  filter_choices = NULL,
  filter_list = NULL,
  filter_strict = TRUE,
  field_names = NULL,
  form_names = NULL,
  exclude_identifiers = FALSE,
  exclude_free_text = FALSE,
  date_handling = "none",
  labelled = TRUE,
  clean = TRUE,
  drop_blanks = FALSE,
  drop_missing_codes = FALSE,
  drop_others = NULL,
  include_metadata = TRUE,
  include_users = TRUE,
  include_records = TRUE,
  include_log = FALSE,
  annotate_from_log = TRUE,
  include_comments = FALSE
)
```

Arguments:

`project` Project object from [setup_project\(\)](#) or [load_project\(\)](#).

`dataset_name` Character. Name of the dataset to generate or load. If the dataset already exists in the project, the existing definition is reused.

`transformation_type` Character. Data transformation strategy: "default" (preferred merged output), "none" (raw data structure), or "merge_non_repeating" (merge only non-repeating forms). Default is "default".

`merge_form_name` Character. Name used for merged non-repeating records. Default is "merged".

`filter_field` Character. Field used for filtering the dataset.

`filter_choices` Vector. Allowed values for `filter_field`.

`filter_list` List. Named list mapping field names to allowed values. Use instead of `filter_field/filter_choices` for more complex filters.

`filter_strict` Logical. If TRUE, filters are applied to every form. If FALSE, filters apply only to the record identifier. Default is TRUE.

field_names Character vector. Variables to include in the dataset. Default is NULL (all fields).
 form_names Character vector. Forms to include in the dataset. Default is NULL (all forms).
 exclude_identifiers Logical. Remove identifier fields. Default is TRUE.
 exclude_free_text Logical. Remove free text fields. Default is FALSE.
 date_handling Character. Date handling method: "none", "exclude_dates", "random_shift_by_record",
 "random_shift_by_project", "zero_by_record", or "zero_by_project". Default is "none".
 labelled Logical. Convert values to labelled vectors if TRUE. Default is TRUE.
 clean Logical. Clean the dataset by standardizing missing values and blanks. Default is TRUE.
 drop_blanks Logical. Drop records with blank fields. Default is FALSE.
 drop_missing_codes Logical. Convert REDCap missing codes to NA. Default is FALSE.
 drop_others Character vector of additional values to remove.
 include_metadata Logical. Include field metadata in the dataset. Default is TRUE.
 include_users Logical. Include user information in the dataset. Default is TRUE.
 include_records Logical. Include record-level details. Default is TRUE.
 include_log Logical. Include REDCap activity log details. Default is FALSE.
 annotate_from_log Logical. Annotate metadata and records using the change log. Default is
 TRUE.
 include_comments Logical. Include REDCap comments. Default is FALSE.

REDCapSyncDataset\$print(): Print some key dataset information

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncDataset$print()
```

REDCapSyncDataset\$save(): Return flat list

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncDataset$save(
  with_links = TRUE,
  separate = FALSE,
  use_csv = FALSE,
  dir_other = NULL,
  file_name = NULL
)
```

Arguments:

with_links Logical. Include hyperlinks in Excel exports. Default is TRUE.

separate Logical. Save each form as a separate file instead of a multi-sheet workbook. Default
 is FALSE.

use_csv Logical. Write CSV files instead of Excel. Default is FALSE.

dir_other Character. Directory where the dataset file should be saved. Defaults to the project's
 output folder.

file_name Character. Base file name for saved datasets. Defaults to <project_name>_<dataset_name>.

REDCapSyncDataset\$to_envir(): export dataset to envir of your choosing. Keep in mind
 potential name conflicts

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncDataset$to_envir(envir = NULL)
```

Arguments:

envir Environment to assign exported dataset objects. Default is NULL.

See Also

[project](#) for using the project objects `vignette("Datasets", package = "REDCapSync")` `vignette("RosyREDCap", package = "REDCapSync")`

Examples

```
project <- load_project("TEST_CLASSIC")

dataset <- project$generate_dataset(
  dataset_name = "stage_2_patients",
  filter_field = "stage_at_diagnosis",
  filter_choices = "II",
  field_names = c("ecog_at_diagnosis", "stage_at_diagnosis")
)

dataset$save(dir_other = tempdir())
```

project	<i>REDCapSync Project Object</i>
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Description

R6 project object for managing REDCap data access and synchronization. The project object is your main interface to REDCap data through the [REDCapSync](#) package. It stores your REDCap configuration, data, metadata, and provides methods to sync, transform, and export your data.

Details**Workflow:**

Initialize a project with `setup_project()`:

```
project <- setup_project(
  project_name = "FIRST_PROJECT",
  redcap_uri = "https://redcap.yourinstitution.edu/api/",
  dir_path = "~/redcap_projects"
)
```

Synchronize REDCap data into your project object using the REDCap API and log-based change detection:

```
project$sync()
```

Load previously saved REDCap project object using cache:

```
project <- load_project("FIRST_PROJECT")
projects$names() # should see "FIRST_PROJECT"
```

Access REDCap data, metadata, and users via read-only fields:

```

project$data          # Named list of REDCap forms/instruments
project$metadata     # REDCap field definitions, forms, and choices
project$redcap$users # REDCap user information
project$redcap$log   # REDCap log information

```

```

# you can bypass read-only if needed
users <- project$redcap$users

```

Transform and export your data into clean, analysis-ready datasets to be used in R and/or Excel:

```

project$add_dataset("analysis_data", ...) # adds to project for re-use
project$save_datasets() # can save to Excel but is also part of future syncs

```

Upload corrected or new data back to REDCap:

```

project$upload(updated_data)

```

Design Features:

The project object uses **log-based sync**: Since REDCap maintains a detailed change log, `project$sync()` only retrieves and updates records that have changed since the last sync. This dramatically reduces API calls and improves performance for large projects.

All methods use **method chaining**: Methods invisibly return the project object (self), allowing fluent code:

```

dataset <- load_project("TEST_CLASSIC")$sync()$load_dataset("REDCapSync")

```

Read-Only Fields:

- `project$project_name`: Project identifier (set with `setup_project`)
- `project$dir_path`: Persistent storage directory (set with `setup_project`)
- `project$data`: Named list of synchronized REDCap forms
- `project$metadata`: REDCap field metadata (forms, fields, choices)
- `project$redcap`: REDCap project info, users, and activity log
- `project$.internal`: Internal project object (for advanced use)

TEST Projects:

All TEST projects start with "TEST_" and by default the average user cannot create a project that starts with "TEST_". They are produced from actual server REDCap projects but never contained real data and were scrubbed of any "real" user/log data. They are subject to change in future versions as the package matures. Keep in mind there are many combinations of REDCap structures to account for.

TEST projects are meant to be used for demonstration and testing purposes. In general, try to use actual REDCap project(s) to explore the package.

This is how to load a project with or without specifying a directory.

```

# return the list of available test projects
REDCapSync::projects$test_names()

```

```

project <- load_project("TEST_CLASSIC")

```

```
YOUR_DIRECTORY <- getwd()
project <- setup_project("TEST_CLASSIC", dir_path = YOUR_DIRECTORY)
# now can test object functions (does not use API)
project$sync() # will also save datasets
```

The currently available TEST projects are as follows:

- TEST_CLASSIC: Classic project (nothing repeats). Has every data type. Contains data for survival analysis testing. Contains comments.
- TEST_REPEATING: Non-longitudinal project with repeating instruments.
- TEST_LONGITUDINAL: Longitudinal project (with events).
- TEST_MULTIAARM: Multi-arm and longitudinal project.
- TEST_EDGE: Edge-case project. Meant to test things that may be uncommon but should be accounted for as package matures.
- TEST_DATA: Placeholder project meant to contain more rich test dataset.
- TEST_CANCER: Placeholder project meant to contain more rich test dataset.
- TEST_REDCAPR_SIMPLE: Borrowed with permission from [REDCapR](#).
- TEST_REDCAPR_LONGITUDINAL: Borrowed with permission from [REDCapR](#).
- TEST_REDCAPR_CLIN_TRIAL: Borrowed with permission from [REDCapR](#).

Value

An R6 REDCapSyncProject class generator for internal use. Users interact with instances created by [setup_project](#) or [load_project](#).

Active bindings

`project_name` Read-only character string of `project_name` as assigned with [setup_project](#).

`dir_path` Read-only directory path assigned with [setup_project](#).

`data` Read-only named list where each name is an instrument name. See public methods for [REDCapSyncProject](#).

`metadata` Read-only named list with REDCap metadata. See public methods for [REDCapSyncProject](#).

`redcap` Read-only named list with REDCap information including users and log.

`.internal` Read-only internal project object for custom workflows

Methods

Public methods:

- [REDCapSyncProject\\$new\(\)](#)
- [REDCapSyncProject\\$print\(\)](#)
- [REDCapSyncProject\\$sync\(\)](#)
- [REDCapSyncProject\\$add_dataset\(\)](#)
- [REDCapSyncProject\\$load_dataset\(\)](#)
- [REDCapSyncProject\\$remove_datasets\(\)](#)
- [REDCapSyncProject\\$generate_dataset\(\)](#)

- REDCapSyncProject\$save_datasets()
- REDCapSyncProject\$save_dataset()
- REDCapSyncProject\$save()
- REDCapSyncProject\$set_keyring_token()
- REDCapSyncProject\$test_token()
- REDCapSyncProject\$url_launch()
- REDCapSyncProject\$url_record_launch()
- REDCapSyncProject\$upload()

REDCapSyncProject\$new(): Active binding are read-only

The end user will not see project\$new(). This is handled internally. Users should construct objects using [setup_project\(\)](#). The remain methods will be accessible to any user.

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$new(project)
```

Arguments:

project a list object meant to be stored internally within R6

REDCapSyncProject\$print(): Print some key project information

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$print()
```

REDCapSyncProject\$sync(): Updates the REDCap data for (project object) by checking REDCap log for changes. Sync is performed according to the sync_frequency set in [setup_project\(\)](#) by default. Use hard_check to force a check, or hard_reset to force a complete refresh. As a default, this object will be saved to your directory when necessary.

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$sync(
  save_datasets = TRUE,
  save_to_dir = TRUE,
  hard_check = FALSE,
  hard_reset = FALSE
)
```

Arguments:

save_datasets Logical. Save dataset outputs during sync. Default is TRUE.

save_to_dir Logical. Save updated project object to directory. Default is TRUE.

hard_check Logical. Force REDCap API check regardless of sync_frequency. Default is FALSE.

hard_reset Logical. Overwrite existing dataset files. Default is FALSE.

REDCapSyncProject\$add_dataset(): Add a new dataset entry

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$add_dataset(
  dataset_name,
  transformation_type = "default",
```

```

merge_form_name = "merged",
filter_field = NULL,
filter_choices = NULL,
filter_list = NULL,
filter_strict = TRUE,
field_names = NULL,
form_names = NULL,
exclude_identifiers = FALSE,
exclude_free_text = FALSE,
date_handling = "none",
labelled = TRUE,
clean = TRUE,
drop_blanks = FALSE,
drop_missing_codes = FALSE,
drop_others = NULL,
include_metadata = TRUE,
include_records = TRUE,
include_users = TRUE,
include_log = FALSE,
annotate_from_log = TRUE,
include_comments = TRUE,
with_links = TRUE,
separate = FALSE,
use_csv = FALSE,
dir_other = NULL,
file_name = NULL,
hard_reset = FALSE
)

```

Arguments:

`dataset_name` Character. Name of the dataset configuration to create, load, or reference.

`transformation_type` Character. How to transform data: "default" (merge non-repeating then add to repeating), "none" (no transformation), or "merge_non_repeating" (merge non-repeating only). Default is "default".

`merge_form_name` Character. Name for the merged non-repeating form. Default is "merged".

`filter_field` Character. Field name to filter dataset on.

`filter_choices` Vector. Allowed values for `filter_field`.

`filter_list` List. Named list where names are field names and values are allowed value sets. Alternative to `filter_field/filter_choices`.

`filter_strict` Logical. If TRUE, filter all forms. If FALSE, apply filter only to records (ID column). Default is TRUE.

`field_names` Character vector. Fields to include. Default NULL includes all fields.

`form_names` Character vector. Forms to include. Default NULL includes all forms.

`exclude_identifiers` Logical. Exclude identifier fields. Default is TRUE.

`exclude_free_text` Logical. Exclude free-text fields (for deidentification). Default is FALSE.

`date_handling` Character. Date handling strategy: "none", "exclude_dates", "random_shift_by_record", "random_shift_by_project", "zero_by_record", or "zero_by_project". Default is "none".

labelled Logical. Convert to labelled data if TRUE. Default is TRUE.

clean Logical. Clean data (standardize missing values). Default is TRUE.

drop_blanks Logical. Drop records with blank fields. Default is TRUE.

drop_missing_codes Logical. Convert REDCap missing codes to NA. Default is FALSE.

drop_others Character vector of additional values to drop.

include_metadata Logical. Include field metadata in dataset. Default is TRUE.

include_records Logical. Include record-level information. Default is TRUE.

include_users Logical. Include user information. Default is TRUE.

include_log Logical. Include REDCap activity log. Default is FALSE.

annotate_from_log Logical. Annotate data using the REDCap log. Default is TRUE.

include_comments Logical. Include field comments. Default is TRUE.

with_links Logical. Include hyperlinks in Excel exports. Default is FALSE.

separate Logical. Separate each form into distinct files (vs. multi-tab Excel). Default is FALSE.

use_csv Logical. Use CSV format instead of Excel. Default is FALSE.

dir_other Character. Output directory (default is project's output folder).

file_name Character. Dataset file name (default is <project_name>_<dataset_name>).

hard_reset Logical. Overwrite existing dataset files. Default is FALSE.

REDCapSyncProject\$load_dataset(): Load dataset if previously defined with add_dataset.

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$load_dataset(dataset_name, envir = NULL)
```

Arguments:

dataset_name Character. Name of the dataset configuration to create, load, or reference.

envir Environment to assign dataset objects. Default is NULL.

REDCapSyncProject\$remove_datasets(): Clear all or specified datasets from the project object.

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$remove_datasets(dataset_names = NULL)
```

Arguments:

dataset_names Character vector. Dataset names to remove/operate on. Default is NULL.

REDCapSyncProject\$generate_dataset(): Generate [dataset](#) object. This is usually handled internally for some default behavior but is provided here for ad-hoc custom datasets.

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$generate_dataset(
  dataset_name,
  envir = NULL,
  transformation_type = "default",
  merge_form_name = "merged",
  filter_field = NULL,
  filter_choices = NULL,
  filter_list = NULL,
```

```

filter_strict = TRUE,
field_names = NULL,
form_names = NULL,
exclude_identifiers = FALSE,
exclude_free_text = FALSE,
date_handling = "none",
labelled = TRUE,
clean = TRUE,
drop_blanks = FALSE,
drop_missing_codes = FALSE,
drop_others = NULL,
include_metadata = TRUE,
include_records = TRUE,
include_users = TRUE,
include_log = FALSE,
annotate_from_log = TRUE,
include_comments = FALSE
)

```

Arguments:

`dataset_name` Character. Name of the dataset configuration to create, load, or reference.

`envir` Environment to assign dataset objects. Default is `NULL`.

`transformation_type` Character. How to transform data: "default" (merge non-repeating then add to repeating), "none" (no transformation), or "merge_non_repeating" (merge non-repeating only). Default is "default".

`merge_form_name` Character. Name for the merged non-repeating form. Default is "merged".

`filter_field` Character. Field name to filter dataset on.

`filter_choices` Vector. Allowed values for `filter_field`.

`filter_list` List. Named list where names are field names and values are allowed value sets. Alternative to `filter_field/filter_choices`.

`filter_strict` Logical. If `TRUE`, filter all forms. If `FALSE`, apply filter only to records (ID column). Default is `TRUE`.

`field_names` Character vector. Fields to include. Default `NULL` includes all fields.

`form_names` Character vector. Forms to include. Default `NULL` includes all forms.

`exclude_identifiers` Logical. Exclude identifier fields. Default is `TRUE`.

`exclude_free_text` Logical. Exclude free-text fields (for deidentification). Default is `FALSE`.

`date_handling` Character. Date handling strategy: "none", "exclude_dates", "random_shift_by_record", "random_shift_by_project", "zero_by_record", or "zero_by_project". Default is "none".

`labelled` Logical. Convert to labelled data if `TRUE`. Default is `TRUE`.

`clean` Logical. Clean data (standardize missing values). Default is `TRUE`.

`drop_blanks` Logical. Drop records with blank fields. Default is `TRUE`.

`drop_missing_codes` Logical. Convert REDCap missing codes to NA. Default is `FALSE`.

`drop_others` Character vector of additional values to drop.

`include_metadata` Logical. Include field metadata in dataset. Default is `TRUE`.

`include_records` Logical. Include record-level information. Default is `TRUE`.

`include_users` Logical. Include user information. Default is `TRUE`.

include_log Logical. Include REDCap activity log. Default is FALSE.
 annotate_from_log Logical. Annotate data using the REDCap log. Default is TRUE.
 include_comments Logical. Include field comments. Default is TRUE.

REDCapSyncProject\$save_datasets(): saves datasets to Excel via setting provided to add_dataset.

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$save_datasets(hard_reset = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

hard_reset Logical. Overwrite existing dataset files. Default is FALSE.

REDCapSyncProject\$save_dataset(): saves dataset to Excel via setting provided to add_dataset.

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$save_dataset(dataset_name)
```

Arguments:

dataset_name Character. Name of the dataset configuration to create, load, or reference.

REDCapSyncProject\$save(): Save project object to directory chosen with [setup_project](#).

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$save()
```

REDCapSyncProject\$set_keyring_token(): Set keyring token. See vignette and config for detail.

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$set_keyring_token()
```

REDCapSyncProject\$test_token(): test connection via communication with API.

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$test_token(keyring_if_error = TRUE)
```

Arguments:

keyring_if_error Logical. Launch pop-up for keyring if token is not valid or fails to call REDCap. Max 3 attempts. Default is TRUE.

REDCapSyncProject\$url_launch(): opens links in browser.

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$url_launch(link_type = "home", open_browser = TRUE)
```

Arguments:

link_type Character. REDCap link type: "base", "home", "record_home", "records_dashboard", "api", "api_playground", "codebook", "user_rights", "setup", "logging", "designer", "dictionary", "data_quality", or "identifiers".

open_browser Logical. Open link in browser. Default is TRUE.

REDCapSyncProject\$url_record_launch(): opens record links in browser.

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$url_record_launch(
  record = NULL,
  page = NULL,
  instance = NULL,
  open_browser = TRUE
)
```

Arguments:

record Character. Record ID.
 page Character. REDCap form/instrument name.
 instance Character. Repeating instance number.
 open_browser Logical. Open link in browser. Default is TRUE.

REDCapSyncProject\$upload(): This will only overwrite and new data. It will not directly delete any data. Because this is a function that can mess up your data, use it very carefully. Remember all changes are saved in the REDCap log if there's an issue. Missing rows and columns are allowed!

Usage:

```
REDCapSyncProject$upload(to_be_uploaded)
```

Arguments:

to_be_uploaded Data frame in raw coded format ready to upload to REDCap.

See Also

vignette("REDCapSync", package = "REDCapSync") [projects](#) for shortcuts of cached setup projects
 vignette("Tokens", package = "REDCapSync") [setup_project](#) for initializing projects [dataset](#) for using the dataset objects vignette("Datasets", package = "REDCapSync") vignette("Uploads", package = "REDCapSync")

Examples

```
# Load a test project
projects$test_names() # available test projects
project <- setup_project("TEST_CLASSIC", dir_path = tempdir())

# Sync data from REDCap
project$sync()

# Access data and metadata
head(project$data$text)
project$metadata$fields[1:5, ]

forms <- project$metadata$forms # unchanged metadata
fields <- project$metadata$fields # unchanged metadata
choices <- project$metadata$choices # unchanged metadata

users <- project$redcap$users # unchanged users
log <- project$redcap$log # unchanged log

project$test_token()
```

```
dataset <- project$load_dataset("REDCapSync")
```

projects *Manage REDCapSync projects*

Description

projects is the central interface for managing REDCap projects in **REDCapSync**. It provides a convenient, persistent registry of projects that can be accessed across R sessions.

Each time a project is set up or synced, basic metadata is stored locally so that projects can be reloaded and updated without reconfiguration.

Usage

```
projects
```

Format

A named list of functions for managing REDCapSync projects.

Details

projects is implemented as a singleton list object and serves as a single entry point to the REDCap-Sync workflow. All project-level operations—such as setup, loading, syncing, and removal—are accessed through this object.

A key advantage of this design is support for **method chaining**, even without loading the namespace. Because many project methods return project objects, you can write concise, readable workflows that operate in sequence:

```
# load, sync, and generate dataset to global
REDCapSync::projects$load("TEST_CLASSIC")$
  sync()$
  generate_dataset(envir = globalenv(),
                  filter_field = "var_branching",
                  filter_choices = "Yes")
```

Methods

print() Display a summary of all registered projects.

- Shows total number of projects
- Lists project names
- Indicates how many are due for sync

Returns the project data frame invisibly.

- any() Check whether any projects are registered.
Returns a logical scalar.
- n() Return the number of registered projects.
Returns an integer.
- names() Return the names of registered projects.
Returns a character vector.
- test_names() Return the names of test projects.
Returns a character vector.
- df() Retrieve the project registry as a data frame.
Returns a data frame containing stored project metadata.
- load(project_name) Load a project by name. This is a wrapper for [load_project](#).

Arguments

- project_name: Character. Name of the project.

Returns a REDCapSyncProject object.

See Also

`vignette("REDCapSync", package = "REDCapSync")` `vignette("Cache", package = "REDCapSync")`
`vignette("RosyREDCap", package = "REDCapSync")` [setup_project](#) for initializing projects [project](#)
for using the project objects

Examples

```
project_df <- projects$df()
projects$print()
projects$any()
projects$n()
projects$names()
project <- projects$load("TEST_CLASSIC")
```

setup_project

Setup or Load REDCapSync Project

Description

Setup or load a REDCapSync [project](#) object. Prepares a new REDCapSync project by recording the REDCap URI, token name, sync settings, and optional data selection preferences.

Usage

```

setup_project(
  project_name,
  dir_path,
  redcap_uri,
  token_name = paste0("REDCAPSYNC_", project_name),
  sync_frequency = "daily",
  labelled = TRUE,
  get_type = "identified",
  records = NA,
  fields = NA,
  forms = NA,
  events = NA,
  filter_logic = NA,
  id_position = 1L,
  get_users = TRUE,
  get_data = TRUE,
  batch_size_download = 1000L,
  batch_size_upload = 500L,
  get_entire_log = FALSE,
  log_days = 10L,
  log_drop_details = FALSE,
  log_drop_exports = FALSE,
  get_files = FALSE,
  get_file_repository = FALSE,
  original_file_names = FALSE,
  add_default_datasets = TRUE,
  timezone = Sys.timezone(),
  hard_reset = FALSE
)

load_project(project_name)

```

Arguments

project_name	Character scalar. Unique uppercase project name with no spaces or symbols.
dir_path	Optional character scalar. Directory where REDCap project files are stored. If omitted, the project is only available in the current R session and cannot be persisted to disk.
redcap_uri	Character scalar. Base URL of the REDCap API endpoint.
token_name	Optional character scalar. Environment variable name used to store the REDCap token. Defaults to REDCAPSYNC_<project_name>.
sync_frequency	Character scalar. Allowed values are "always", "hourly", "daily", "weekly", "monthly", "once", and "never". This setting controls how often future syncs are considered due.
labelled	Logical scalar. If TRUE, data will be preserved as labelled values. Default is TRUE.

get_type	Character scalar. REDCap API export type. One of "identified", "deidentified", "deidentified_strict", or "deidentified_super_strict". Default is "identified".
records	Optional character vector of record IDs to request.
fields	Optional character vector of field names to request.
forms	Optional character vector of form names to request.
events	Optional character vector of event names to request.
filter_logic	Optional character scalar. REDCap filter logic used to limit returned records or record-events.
id_position	Integer scalar of the variable that uniquely identifies the subject (typically record_id). This defaults to the first variable in the data dictionary.
get_users	Logical scalar. If TRUE, the project will be configured to retrieve REDCap users during sync.
get_data	Logical scalar. If TRUE, the project will be configured to retrieve REDCap data during sync.
batch_size_download	Integer scalar. Number of records to request per download batch. Default is 1000.
batch_size_upload	Integer scalar. Number of records to process per upload batch. Default is 500.
get_entire_log	Logical scalar. If TRUE, REDCap activity logs are retrieved in full. Default is FALSE.
log_days	Integer scalar. Number of days of log history to consider when a new project is being set up or a hard reset occurs. Default is 10.
log_drop_details	Logical scalar. If TRUE, the log details are excluded.
log_drop_exports	Logical scalar. If TRUE, the log export events are excluded.
get_files	Logical scalar. If TRUE, file attachments are configured to be retrieved from REDCap. Default is FALSE.
get_file_repository	Logical scalar. If TRUE, the file repository is configured to be retrieved from REDCap. Default is FALSE.
original_file_names	Logical scalar. If TRUE, retrieved files keep their original names. Default is FALSE.
add_default_datasets	Logical scalar. If TRUE, dataset templates are added to a new project. Default is TRUE.
timezone	Optional character scalar. Time zone used for REDCap data timestamps. Defaults to Sys.timezone().
hard_reset	Logical scalar. If TRUE, any existing project with the same project_name is ignored and a fresh project object is initialized. Default is FALSE.

Details

Unless `hard_reset = TRUE`, it will first attempt to load an existing project from cache or the supplied `dir_path` before creating a new project object. If settings differ from the loaded project, they will be used or it will trigger a hard reset with a warning. `setup_project()` itself does not perform a full REDCap sync. It configures the project so that subsequent sync actions may retrieve data, users, files, and logs according to the project settings.

Value

R6 project object with [REDCapSyncProject](#) class.

See Also

`vignette("REDCapSync", package = "REDCapSync")` `vignette("Tokens", package = "REDCapSync")`
[projects](#) for shortcuts of cached setup projects [project](#) for using the project objects `vignette("Cache", package = "REDCapSync")`

Examples

```
# Initialize the project object with the REDCap API token and URL
save_folder <- tempdir() # replace with real folder
project <- setup_project(
  project_name = "FIRST_PROJECT",
  dir_path = save_folder,
  redcap_uri = "https://redcap.yourinstitution.edu/api/"
)

# object can be named whatever you choose to assign
# TEST projects can be loaded in addition to real projects
project_test <- load_project("TEST_CLASSIC")
```

sync

Synchronize REDCap Data

Description

Syncs with REDCap via project object that user defined with [setup_project](#)

Usage

```
sync(
  project_names = NULL,
  save_datasets = TRUE,
  hard_check = FALSE,
  hard_reset = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

project_names	character vector of project project_names previously setup. If NULL, will get all from get_projects()
save_datasets	Logical (TRUE/FALSE). If TRUE, saves datasets to directory.
hard_check	Will check REDCap even if not due (see sync_frequency parameter from setup_project())
hard_reset	Logical that forces a fresh update if TRUE. Default is FALSE.

Details

Syncs all projects by default but can be used to hands-free sync one or defined set projects. This is not intended to return project object. User should use load_project("project_name"). However, by default will invisibly return the last project in the set of project_names.

Value

Invisibly returns last project object (R6 [REDCapSyncProject](#) class)

See Also

`vignette("REDCapSync", package = "REDCapSync")` `vignette("Cache", package = "REDCapSync")`
[setup_project](#) for initializing projects [project](#) for using the project objects

Examples

```
## Not run:  
# if you setup 3 projects "ONE", "TWO", "THREE" using [setup_project()]...  
sync() # will check all three projects for updates if due for sync  
sync("TWO") # will only check and sync project TWO  
project <- sync("TWO") # can also be used for invisible return ...  
sync(c("ONE","THREE")) # will only check and sync projects ONE and THREE  
project <- sync(c("ONE","THREE")) # invisible return of THREE ...  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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