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# Description

as\_country\_code converts a vector of standardized country names or codes to country codes

# Usage

```
as_country_code(x, from, to = "iso2c", factor = is.factor(x))
```

# Arguments

X	A character, factor, or numeric vector of country names or codes
from	Format from which to convert. See Details for more options.
to	Code format to which to convert. Defaults to "iso2c"; see codes for more options.
factor	If TRUE, returns factor instead of character vector.

# **Details**

as\_country\_code takes a character, factor, or numeric vector of country names or codes to translate into the specified code format. The default for to is "iso2c", the ISO 3166-1 Alpha-2 character codes, but many alternatives are available.

Several non-unique codes are available as well, including "continent", "is\_independent", ISO 4217 currency codes, etc. Backwards conversion will not work for such cases.

See codes for all options, or run DT::datatable(codes) for a searchable widget.

#### Value

A vector of country codes. Warns if new NA values are added.

#### See Also

For converting to country names, use as\_country\_name(), which offers control of short and variant forms. For parsing non-standardized country names to codes, use parse\_country().

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# **Examples**

as\_country\_name

Convert standardized country codes to country names

# Description

as\_country\_name converts a vector of standardized country codes to country names.

# Usage

```
as_country_name(
    x,
    to = "en",
    from = "iso2c",
    short = TRUE,
    variant = FALSE,
    factor = is.factor(x)
)
```

# **Arguments**

x	A character, factor, or numeric vector of country codes or names
to	Language code of country names desired. Defaults to "en"; see codes for more options.
from	Code format from which to convert. Defaults to "iso2c"; see codes for more options.
short	Whether to use short alternative name when available. Can be length 1 or the same length as $\mathbf{x}$ .
variant	Whether to use variant alternative name when available. Can be length 1 or the same length as $\mathbf{x}$ .
factor	If TRUE, returns factor instead of character vector. If not supplied, defaults to $is.factor(x)$

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#### **Details**

as\_country\_name takes a character, factor, or numeric vector of country codes (or names in another standardized format) and converts them to country names in the specified format. If you are trying to standardize an existing set of names, see parse\_country().

The default "en" is from Unicode Common Locale Data Repository (CLDR), which aspires to use the most customary name e.g. "Switzerland" instead of official ones, which are frequently awkward for common usage, e.g. "Swiss Confederation". CLDR also supplies names in a huge variety of languages, allowing for easy translation. Short and variant alternates are available for some countries; if not, the function will fall back to the standard form. See LICENSE file for terms of use.

Other name sets are available from

- the UN Statistics Division(UNSD), which maintains standardized names in English, Chinese, Russian, French, Spanish, and Arabic, here named as "en\_un" etc.
- the ISO, "en\_iso" and "fr\_iso", and
- the CIA World Factbook:
  - "en\_cia", which include many longer official forms and shorter practical forms,
  - "en\_cia\_local", which includes transliterations, and
  - "en\_cia\_abbreviation", which includes commonly-used abbreviations.

See codes for all options, or run DT::datatable(codes) for a searchable widget.

#### Value

A character or factor vector of country names. Warns if new NA values are added.

## See Also

For converting standardized names to codes, use as\_country\_code(). For standardizing names to codes, use parse\_country().

```
# Usable names for tough-to-standardize places
as_country_name(c("US", "TW", "MM", "XK", "KR"))

# If passed a factor, will return a releveled one
as_country_name(factor(c("US", "NF", "CD", "SJ")), short = FALSE, variant = TRUE)

# Speaks a lot of languages, knows a lot of codes
as_country_name(c("SAH", "PCN", "OMA", "JPN"), from = "fifa", to = "cy")  # to Welsh
```

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codes

Country code and name details and documentation

#### Description

A codebook data.frame of codes and details for country code and name conversions available. Contains Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) language tags (e.g. "en-nz" for New Zealand English) for Unicode Common Locale Data Repository (CLDR) names, similar approximations for institutional names (e.g. "en-iso"), and short names (e.g. "iso2c") for country codes.

## Usage

codes

#### **Format**

A data frame of 427 rows and 9 variables.

Variables:

column The column name in the internal passport:::countries data.frame. Valid for use in from and to parameters.

code column with hyphens for underscores, which is a valid IANA language tag for Unicode CLDR country names. Valid for use in from and to parameters.

name Full name or code name for non-CLDR options.

notes Things to note, including deprecations, oddities, etc.

language Full language name parsed from code.

region Full country or region name parsed from code.

script Full language script name parsed from code.

variant Full variant parsed from code. Also used for organization-standardized names.

extension Further specification of name type.

# **Details**

All functions can accept codes separated with underscores \_, hyphens -, or periods ...

```
# A searchable widget to find a code or name
if (requireNamespace("DT", quietly = TRUE)) {
    DT::datatable(codes)
}
```

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## **Description**

country\_format is a constructor function that returns a function to format country codes as country names suitable for passing to ggplot2's scale functions' label parameters.

# Usage

```
country_format(
  from = "iso2c",
  to = "en",
  short = TRUE,
  variant = FALSE,
  factor
)
```

# **Arguments**

from	Code format from which to convert. Defaults to "iso2c"; see codes for more options.
to	Language code of country names desired. Defaults to "en"; see codes for more options.
short	Whether to use short alternative name when available. Can be length 1 or the same length as $x$ .
variant	Whether to use variant alternative name when available. Can be length 1 or the same length as x.
factor	If TRUE, returns factor instead of character vector. If not supplied, defaults to $is.factor(x)$

#### **Details**

A frequent reason to convert country codes back to country names is to make data visualizations more readable. While both a code and name could be stored in a data frame, the computation and extra storage required can be avoided by transforming codes to names directly within the visualization via a formatter function. as\_country\_name() could be used without parentheses to format ISO 2-character codes as English names, but format\_country allows greater flexibility, returning a formatter function with the specified parameters set.

#### Value

A function that accepts a vector of country codes and returns them as country names.

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#### See Also

For controlling the order of a discrete scale, pass the results of order\_countries() to limits.

#### **Examples**

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NATO Member Defense Expenditures

#### Description

A sample dataset of NATO/OTAN member defense expenditures.

#### Usage

nato

#### **Format**

A data frame of 232 rows and 14 variables.

Variables:

country\_stanag Country code in NATO STANAG format

year Year, from 2012 to 2019. 2018-2019 numbers may be estimates.

Defense expenditure (USD, current prices) Defense expenditures in US dollars, using current prices and exchange rates.

Defense expenditure (USD, 2015 prices) Defense expenditures in US dollars, using 2015 prices and exchange rates.

Defense expenditure (% real GDP) Defense expenditure as a percentage of real gross domestic product. Based on 2015 prices.

Defense expenditure annual real change (% GDP) Annual change in defense expenditure as a percentage of real gross domestic product. Based on 2015 prices.

Real GDP (2015 prices) Real gross domestic product in 2015 US dollars and at 2015 exchange rates.

GDP per capita (USD) Gross domestic product per capita in 2015 US dollars and at 2015 exchange rates.

Defense expenditure per capita (USD) Defense expenditure per capita in 2015 US dollars.

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Military personnel Number of military personnel

Equipment expenditure (%) Percent of defense expenditure spent on equipment. Includes major equipment expenditure and R&D devoted to major equipment.

Personnel expenditure (%) Percentage of defense expenditure spent on personnel. Includes both military and civilian expenditure and pensions.

Infrastructure expenditure (%) Percentage of defense expenditure spent on infrastructure. Includes NATO common infrastructure and national military construction.

Other expenditure (%) Percentage of defense expenditure spent on other categories besides equipment, personnel, and infrastructure. Includes operations and maintenance expenditure, other R&D expenditure, and other expenditure not otherwise captured.

#### Source

```
https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_167080.htm
```

### **Examples**

```
as_country_name(nato$country_stanag, from = 'stanag')
```

order\_countries

Order a vector of countries

# **Description**

order\_countries reorders a vector of countries, returning a result useful for passing to ggplot2's scale functions' limits parameters.

# Usage

```
order_countries(
    x,
    by,
    ...,
    from = "iso2c",
    short = TRUE,
    variant = FALSE,
    factor = is.factor(x)
)
```

## Arguments

x A character, factor, or numeric vector of country codes or names

by Either a length-one country code from codes or a vector the same length as x by which to order x

Parameters passed on to order(), including addition vectors by which to sort, decreasing, and na.last.

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from	Code format from which to convert. Defaults to "iso2c"; see codes for more options.
short	Whether to use short alternative name when available. Can be length 1 or the same length as $\boldsymbol{x}$ .
variant	Whether to use variant alternative name when available. Can be length 1 or the same length as x.
factor	If TRUE, returns factor instead of character vector. If not supplied, defaults to $is.factor(x)$

# **Details**

order\_countries orders a vector of countries by

- itself converted to a country code or name if by is a code from codes to which to convert
- a sortable vector if by is a vector of the same length as x
- x itself if neither is supplied.

#### Value

The original vector of countries, ordered according to the parameters passed. Note that factors are not releveled, but are reordered. To relevel, pass the results to levels<-()

# See Also

To change labels of a discrete scale, pass the results of country\_format() to the labels parameter.

```
countries <- c("FR", "CP", "UZ", "BH", "BR")</pre>
order_countries(countries)
order_countries(countries, "ja")
order_countries(countries, rnorm(5))
order_countries(countries, grepl("F", countries), 1:5, decreasing = TRUE)
if (require(ggplot2, quietly = TRUE)) {
   df_countries <- data.frame(country = countries,</pre>
                               y = exp(1:5)
   ggplot(df_countries, aes(country, y)) +
        geom_col() +
        scale_x_discrete(
            limits = order_countries(df_countries$country,
                                      df_countries$y)[df_countries$y > 5],
            labels = country_format(to = "en-cia-local")
       )
}
```

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parse\_country

Parse country names to standardized form

#### **Description**

parse\_country parses irregular country names to the ISO 3166-1 Alpha-2 code or other standardized code or name format.

#### Usage

```
parse_country(
   x,
   to = "iso2c",
   how = c("regex", "google"),
   language = c("en", "de"),
   factor = is.factor(x)
)
```

#### **Arguments**

x	A character or factor vector of country names to standardize
to	Format to which to convert. Defaults to "iso2c"; see codes for more options.
how	How to parse; defaults to "regex". "google"" uses the Google Maps geocoding API. See "Details" for more information.
language	If how = "regex", the language from which to parse country names. Currently accepts "en" (default) and "de". Ignored if how = "google".
factor	If TRUE, returns factor instead of character vector. If not supplied, defaults to $is.factor(x)$

#### **Details**

parse\_country tries to parse a character or factor vector of country names to a standardized form: by default, ISO 3166-1 Alpha-2 codes.

When how = "regex" (default), parse\_country uses regular expressions to match irregular forms.

If regular expressions are insufficient, how = "google" will use the Google Maps geocoding API instead, which permits a much broader range of input formats and languages. The API allows 2500 calls per day, and should thus be called judiciously. parse\_country will make one call per unique input. For more calls, see options that allow passing an API key like ggmap::geocode() with output = "all" or googleway::google\_geocode().

Note that due to their flexibility, the APIs may fail unpredictably, e.g. parse\_country("foo", how = "google") returns "CH" whereas how = "regex" fails with a graceful NA and warning.

#### Value

A character vector or factor of ISO 2-character country codes or other specified codes or names. Warns of any parsing failure.

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```
parse_country(c("United States", "USA", "U.S.", "us", "United States of America"))

## Not run:

# Unicode support for parsing accented or non-Latin scripts
parse_country(c("\u65e5\u672c", "Japon", "\u0698\u0627\u067e\u0646"), how = "google")

#> [1] "JP" "JP" "JP"

# Parse distinct place names via geocoding APIs
parse_country(c("1600 Pennsylvania Ave, DC", "Eiffel Tower"), how = "google")

#> [1] "US" "FR"

## End(Not run)
```

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