

# Package ‘ipanema’

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**Title** Read Data from 'LimeSurvey'

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**Description** Read data from 'LimeSurvey'

(<<https://www.limesurvey.org/>>)

in a comfortable way.

Heavily inspired by 'limer'

(<<https://github.com/clouhydr/limer/>>),

which lacked a few comfort features for me.

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**base64\_to\_df**                    *base64\_to\_df*

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### Description

Convert a base64 representation of a CSV table into a ‘data.frame‘ object.

### Usage

```
base64_to_df(x)
```

### Arguments

**x**                    The base64-encoded CSV string

### Value

A ‘data.frame‘ object containing the data from ‘x‘.

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**connect\_to\_limesurvey**    *connect\_to\_limesurvey*

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### Description

Connect to ‘LimeSurvey‘ instance via the RPC and a direct MySQL connection. Store the RPC session key in ‘options('limesurvey\_session\_key')‘. Store the MySQL connection object in ‘options('limesurvey\_mysql\_connection')‘. Store the RPC URL in ‘options('limesurvey\_api\_url')‘.

### Usage

```
connect_to_limesurvey(
  api_url,
  limesurvey_username,
  limesurvey_password,
  mysql_host,
  mysql_port,
  mysql_dbname,
  mysql_table_prefix,
  mysql_username,
  mysql_password
)
```

## Arguments

api_url	URL to the ‘LimeSurvey‘ RPC, e.g. ’ <code>http://localhost/index.php/admin/remotecontrol</code> ‘
limesurvey_username	Username for the ‘LimeSurvey‘ API
limesurvey_password	Password for the ‘LimeSurvey‘ API
mysql_host	Hostname of the MySQL server used by ‘LimeSurvey‘
mysql_port	Port on which the MySQL server listens for connections
mysql_dbname	Name of the database on the MySQL server which is used by ‘LimeSurvey‘
mysql_table_prefix	Prefix for all table names, e.g. “lime_”
mysql_username	Username for the MySQL server
mysql_password	Password for the MySQL server

## Value

No return value, called for side effects

## Examples

```
# This example assumes a locally hosted `LimeSurvey` instance using a locally
# hosted MySQL server
## Not run:
connect_to_limesurvey(
  api_url = 'https://localhost/index.php/admin/remotecontrol',
  limesurvey_username = 'admin',
  limesurvey_password = '1234admin',
  mysql_host = '127.0.0.1',
  mysql_port = 3306,
  mysql_dbname = 'limesurvey',
  mysql_table_prefix = '',
  mysql_username = 'lime',
  mysql_password = '1234lime'
)
## End(Not run)
```

*fix\_column\_data\_types fix\_column\_data\_types*

## Description

Freshly exported data has all item-data columns as type “character”. This function converts these columns to ideal types (e.g. integer). Currently simply converts all multiple-choice columns to integer. Future task: Add conversion to other data types as needed.

**Usage**

```
fix_column_data_types(df_in)
```

**Arguments**

`df_in` The ‘`data.frame`‘ object to fix.

**Value**

A ‘`data.frame`‘ object containing the data from ‘`df_in`‘ but with fixed column data types.

<code>get_answer_options</code>	<i>get_answer_options</i>
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**Description**

Get the answer options to a question with pre-defined answer options (e.g. a multiple choice question).

**Usage**

```
get_answer_options(question_code)
```

**Arguments**

`question_code` Code by which to identify the question. Follows a dot-based naming scheme: <group title>.<subquestion title>.

**Value**

‘`data.frame`‘ object with the columns ‘`code`‘ and ‘`answer`‘ in which each row represents one answer option where ‘`code`‘ is the encoded value (as found in datasets exported by ‘`get_survey_data()`‘ and ‘`answer`‘ is the answer option text as seen by survey users).

**Examples**

```
# This example assumes a locally hosted `LimeSurvey` instance using a locally
# hosted MySQL server.
# On this `LimeSurvey` instance, there is a survey with the ID 123456.
# In this survey, a multiple-choice question identified by the code "bdi.01"
# is used.
# For this question, this example retrieves the possible answer options.
## Not run:
connect_to_limesurvey(
  api_url = 'https://localhost/index.php/admin/remotecontrol',
  limesurvey_username = 'admin',
  limesurvey_password = '1234admin',
  mysql_host = '127.0.0.1',
  mysql_port = 3306,
```

```
mysql_dbname = 'limesurvey',
mysql_table_prefix = '',
mysql_username = 'lime',
mysql_password = '1234lime'
)

answer_options <- get_answer_options("bdi.01")

## End(Not run)
```

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get_question_text      get_question_text
```

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## Description

Get the question text (e.g. "How have you been feeling?") to a question in the dataset.

## Usage

```
get_question_text(question_code)
```

## Arguments

question\_code Code by which to identify the question. Follows a dot-based naming scheme:  
<group title>.<subquestion title>.

## Value

'character' object containing the question text

## Examples

```
# This example assumes a locally hosted `LimeSurvey` instance using a locally
# hosted MySQL server.
# On this `LimeSurvey` instance, there is a survey with the ID 123456.
# In this survey, a multiple-choice question identified by the code "bdi.01"
# is used.
# For this question, this example retrieves the question text which was shown
# to the user when answering the questionnaire.
## Not run:
connect_to_limesurvey(
  api_url = 'https://localhost/index.php/admin/remotecontrol',
  limesurvey_username = 'admin',
  limesurvey_password = '1234admin',
  mysql_host = '127.0.0.1',
  mysql_port = 3306,
  mysql_dbname = 'limesurvey',
  mysql_table_prefix = '',
  mysql_username = 'lime',
```

```

    mysql_password = '1234lime'
  )

q_text <- get_question_text("bdi.01")

## End(Not run)

```

**get\_sql\_varname**      *get\_sql\_varname*

## Description

Get the internal SQL field name (e.g. "697929X4X21") to a question from a specific survey in the dataset.

## Usage

```
get_sql_varname(question_code, survey_id)
```

## Arguments

question_code	Code by which to identify the question. Follows a dot-based naming scheme: <group title>.<subquestion title>.
survey_id	Survey-ID of the survey from which to select the question.

## Value

'character' object containing the field name

## Examples

```

# This example assumes a locally hosted `LimeSurvey` instance using a locally
# hosted MySQL server.
# On this `LimeSurvey` instance, there is a survey with the ID 123456.
# In this survey, a multiple-choice question identified by the code "bdi.01"
# is used.
# For this question, this example retrieves name of the SQL table field in
# which `LimeSurvey` internally stores the responses to this question.
## Not run:
connect_to_limesurvey(
  api_url = 'https://localhost/index.php/admin/remotecontrol',
  limesurvey_username = 'admin',
  limesurvey_password = '1234admin',
  mysql_host = '127.0.0.1',
  mysql_port = 3306,
  mysql_dbname = 'limesurvey',
  mysql_table_prefix = '',
  mysql_username = 'lime',

```

```

    mysql_password = '1234lime'
  )

q_varname <- get_sql_varname("bdi.01", 123456)

## End(Not run)

```

get\_survey\_data      *get\_survey\_data*

## Description

Get collected data from a specific survey on the connected ‘LimeSurvey’ instance. Includes complete and incomplete cases! Returns ‘NULL’ if no data has been collected in this survey.

## Usage

```
get_survey_data(survey_id, completion_status = "all")
```

## Arguments

survey_id	ID of the survey from which the collected data shall be extracted. 6-digit integer.
completion_status	 ‘complete’ = Return only complete cases; ‘incomplete’ = Return only incomplete cases; ‘all’ = Return both.

## Value

A ‘data.frame’ object containing the survey data. Column names follow a dot-based naming scheme: <group title>. <subquestion title>. ‘NULL’ if no data has been collected.

## Examples

```

# This example assumes a locally hosted `LimeSurvey` instance using a locally
# hosted MySQL server.
# On this `LimeSurvey` instance, there is a survey with the ID 123456.
## Not run:
connect_to_limesurvey(
  api_url = 'https://localhost/index.php/admin/remotecontrol',
  limesurvey_username = 'admin',
  limesurvey_password = '1234admin',
  mysql_host = '127.0.0.1',
  mysql_port = 3306,
  mysql_dbname = 'limesurvey',
  mysql_table_prefix = '',
  mysql_username = 'lime',
  mysql_password = '1234lime'
)

```

```
df_data <- get_survey_data(123456)

## End(Not run)
```

<i>get_survey_id</i>	<i>get_survey_id</i>
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## Description

Get numerical LimeSurvey ID of the survey with the given title.

## Usage

```
get_survey_id(survey_title)
```

## Arguments

`survey_title` Title of the survey. String.

## Value

An integer Survey ID which can be used as a parameter in ‘`get_survey_data()`‘

## Examples

```
# This example assumes a locally hosted `LimeSurvey` instance using a locally
# hosted MySQL server.
# On this `LimeSurvey` instance, there is a survey with the title 'mysurvey'.
## Not run:
connect_to_limesurvey(
  api_url = 'https://localhost/index.php/admin/remotecontrol',
  limesurvey_username = 'admin',
  limesurvey_password = '1234admin',
  mysql_host = '127.0.0.1',
  mysql_port = 3306,
  mysql_dbname = 'limesurvey',
  mysql_table_prefix = '',
  mysql_username = 'lime',
  mysql_password = '1234lime'
)

survey_id <- get_survey_id('mysurvey')
df_data <- get_survey_data(survey_id)

## End(Not run)
```

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*limesurvey\_api\_call*    *limesurvey\_api\_call*

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**Description**

Perform a call to the ‘LimeSurvey’ RPC API.

**Usage**

```
limesurvey_api_call(method, params = list(), ...)
```

**Arguments**

method	Name of the API method to call. A complete list of methods can be found here: <a href="https://api.limesurvey.org/classes/remotecontrol_handle.html">https://api.limesurvey.org/classes/remotecontrol_handle.html</a>
params	Parameters to pass to the API
...	Additional parameters passed from above

**Value**

A list containing the de-serialized response.

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*wipe\_survey\_data*    *wipe\_survey\_data*

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**Description**

Delete all data collected by this survey.

**Usage**

```
wipe_survey_data(survey_id)
```

**Arguments**

survey_id	ID of the survey from which the collected data shall be deleted. 6-digit integer.
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**Value**

Nothing. Function is called for side effects on SQL table.

**Examples**

```
# This example assumes a locally hosted `LimeSurvey` instance using a locally
# hosted MySQL server.
# On this `LimeSurvey` instance, there is a survey with the ID 123456.
## Not run:
connect_to_limesurvey(
  api_url = 'https://localhost/index.php/admin/remotecontrol',
  limesurvey_username = 'admin',
  limesurvey_password = '1234admin',
  mysql_host = '127.0.0.1',
  mysql_port = 3306,
  mysql_dbname = 'limesurvey',
  mysql_table_prefix = '',
  mysql_username = 'lime',
  mysql_password = '1234lime'
)
wipe_survey_data(123456)

## End(Not run)
```

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