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<<https://brickset.com/article/52664/api-version-3-documentation>> for
getting data about LEGO sets. Data sets that can be used for teaching
and learning without the need of a 'Brickset' account and API key are
also included. Includes all LEGO since through the end of 2025.

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URL <https://github.com/jbryer/brickset>,
<https://jbryer.github.io/brickset/>

BugReports <https://github.com/jbryer/brickset/issues>

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brickset	<i>R package to interface with the Brickset API for getting data about LEGO.</i>
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Description

R package to interface with the Brickset API for getting data about LEGO.

Details

You can request an API key on the Brickset website here: <https://brickset.com/tools/webservices/requestkey/>

The API key can be passed as function parameter or may be set globally using:

```
options(brickset_key = YOUR_API_KEY)
```

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/jbryer/brickset>
- <https://jbryer.github.io/brickset/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/jbryer/brickset/issues>

checkKey	<i>Check the Brickset API key.</i>
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Description

You can request an API key on the Brickset website here: <https://brickset.com/tools/webservices/requestkey/>

Usage

```
checkKey(key = getOption("brickset_key"))
```

Arguments

key	the Brickset API key
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Details

The API key can be passed as function parameter or may be set globally using:

```
options(brickset_key = YOUR_API_KEY)
```

Brickset API documentation is available here: <https://brickset.com/article/52664/api-version-3-documentation>

Value

TRUE if the API key is valid.

Examples

```
## Not run:
options(brickset_key = 'BRICKSET_KEY',
        brickset_username = 'BRICKSET_USERNAME',
        brickset_password = 'BRICKSET_PASSWORD')
checkKey() # Will return TRUE if the credentials are correct

## End(Not run)
```

checkUserHash	<i>Check the Brickset API key.</i>
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Description

You can request an API key on the Brickset website here: <https://brickset.com/tools/webservices/requestkey/>

Usage

```
checkUserHash(key = getOption("brickset_key"), userHash)
```

Arguments

key the API key
 userHash the user hash returned from [login](#).

Details

Brickset API documentation is available here: <https://brickset.com/article/52664/api-version-3-documentation/>

Value

TRUE if the API key is fine.

download_reviews	<i>Downloads a pre-built reviews data frame.</i>
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Description

This function will return a data frame with all the reviews as of last package build. Since this data frame is larger than what is allowed in CRAN packages, the data files are saved as releases on Github. The [piggyback::pb_upload\(\)](#) function is used to upload the data frame.

Usage

```
download_reviews(dest = tempdir(), ...)
```

Arguments

dest directory to download the reviews.rda file to.
 ... other parameters passed to [piggyback::pb_download\(\)](#).

Details

To see what versions are available use the [piggyback::pb_list\(repo = 'jbryer/brickset'\)](#) function call. By default the latest version will be returned. For reproducibility you can use the tag parameter to return a specific version of the data frame.

Value

a data frame with all the reviews as of the tag date.

getInstructions	<i>Download list of instructions for given set.</i>
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Description

Brickset API documentation is available here: <https://brickset.com/article/52664/api-version-3-documentation/>

Usage

```
getInstructions(setID, setNumber, key = getOption("brickset_key"), ...)
```

Arguments

setID	the ID of the set (see <code>data(legosets)</code>)
setNumber	the set number from on the LEGO box
key	the Brickset API key.
...	other parameters passed to getUserHash including the Brickset username and password if they are not available from <code>getOption('brickset_username')</code> and <code>getOption('brickset_password')</code> .

Value

a `data.frame` with the instructions.

getKeyUsageStats	<i>Get information about frequency of API usage for the given API key.</i>
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Description

Provides information about how frequently the API key has been used.

Usage

```
getKeyUsageStats(key = getOption("brickset_key"))
```

Arguments

key	the API key
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Value

a `data.frame` with the number of times the key has been used.

dateStamp The date

count The number of times the key was used for the given date

Examples

```
## Not run:
options(brickset_key = 'BRICKSET_KEY',
        brickset_username = 'BRICKSET_USERNAME',
        brickset_password = 'BRICKSET_PASSWORD')
getKeyUsageStats()

## End(Not run)
```

getReviews	<i>Downloads reviews for a LEGO set.</i>
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Description

Downloads reviews for a LEGO set.

Usage

```
getReviews(setID, key = getOption("brickset_key"), ...)
```

Arguments

setID	the ID of the set (see data(legosets))
key	the Brickset API key.
...	other parameters passed to getUserHash including the Brickset username and password if they are not available from getOption('brickset_username') and getOption('brickset_password').

Value

a data.frame with the reviews.

author Author of the review

datePosted Date of the review

title Title of the review

review The text of the review

HTML TRUE if the review contains HTML

overall overall rating by the reviewer

parts rating for the parts

buildingExperience rating for the building experience

playability rating for the playability

valueForMoney rating for the value for money

Examples

```
## Not run:
options(brickset_key = 'BRICKSET_KEY',
        brickset_username = 'BRICKSET_USERNAME',
        brickset_password = 'BRICKSET_PASSWORD')
getReviews('31728') # Will return TRUE if the credentials are correct

## End(Not run)
```

getSets

Downloads LEGO data from Brickset.

Description

Brickset API documentation is available here: <https://brickset.com/article/52664/api-version-3-documentation/>

Usage

```
getSets(year, key = getOption("brickset_key"), ...)
```

Arguments

year	the year of data to download.
key	the Brickset key.
...	other parameters passed to getUserHash including the Brickset username and password if they are not available from <code>getOption('brickset_username')</code> and <code>getOption('brickset_password')</code> .

Value

a data.frame with all sets from the given year.

setID integer; 21546 unique values
number character; 20037 unique values
numberVariant integer; 25 unique values
name character; 18081 unique values
year integer; 56 unique values
theme character; 171 unique values
themeGroup character; 17 unique values
subtheme character; 1055 unique values
category character; 7 unique values
released logical; 2 unique values
pieces integer; 1621 unique values
minifigs integer; 35 unique values

bricksetURL character; 21546 unique values
rating numeric; 29 unique values
reviewCount integer; 64 unique values
packagingType character; 19 unique values
availability character; 12 unique values
agerange_min integer; 19 unique values
thumbnailURL character; 20514 unique values
imageURL character; 20514 unique values
US_retailPrice numeric; 194 unique values
US_dateFirstAvailable Date; 1213 unique values
US_dateLastAvailable Date; 2487 unique values
UK_retailPrice numeric; 228 unique values
UK_dateFirstAvailable Date; 1132 unique values
UK_dateLastAvailable Date; 2393 unique values
CA_retailPrice numeric; 204 unique values
CA_dateFirstAvailable Date; 962 unique values
CA_dateLastAvailable Date; 2165 unique values
DE_retailPrice numeric; 183 unique values
DE_dateFirstAvailable Date; 724 unique values
DE_dateLastAvailable Date; 1590 unique values
height numeric; 292 unique values
width numeric; 349 unique values
depth numeric; 318 unique values
weight numeric; 1296 unique values

getSubthemes	<i>Returns a table of sub-themes for a given theme with number of sets and years active.</i>
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Description

Brickset API documentation is available here: <https://brickset.com/article/52664/api-version-3-documentation/>

Usage

```
getSubthemes(theme, key = getOption("brickset_key"), ...)
```

Arguments

theme	the theme.
key	the Brickset API key.
...	other parameters passed to getUserHash including the Brickset username and password if they are not available from <code>getOption('brickset_username')</code> and <code>getOption('brickset_password')</code> .

Value

a data.frame with the subthemes.

getThemes	<i>Returns a table of themes with number of sets and years active.</i>
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Description

Brickset API documentation is available here: <https://brickset.com/article/52664/api-version-3-documentation/>

Usage

```
getThemes(key = getOption("brickset_key"), ...)
```

Arguments

key	the Brickset API key.
...	other parameters passed to getUserHash including the Brickset username and password if they are not available from <code>getOption('brickset_username')</code> and <code>getOption('brickset_password')</code> .

Value

a data.frame with the themes.

Examples

```
## Not run:
options(brickset_key = 'BRICKSET_KEY',
        brickset_username = 'BRICKSET_UERNAME',
        brickset_password = 'BRICKSET_PASSWORD')
getThemes()

## End(Not run)
```

`getUserHash`*Returns the user hash from Brickset.*

Description

Many of the Brickset API calls require a user to login. This function wraps the [login](#) function to managing the user hash returned from login across multiple API calls. It will also ensure that the hash is still valid and if it expired a new hash will be requested.

Usage

```
getUserHash(  
  username = getOption("brickset_username"),  
  password = getOption("brickset_password"),  
  key = getOption("brickset_key")  
)
```

Arguments

<code>username</code>	the Brickset username.
<code>password</code>	the Brickset password.
<code>key</code>	the Brickset API key.

Details

Brickset API documentation is available here: <https://brickset.com/article/52664/api-version-3-documentation/>

Value

the user hash for the current API session.

`getYears`*Get a list of years for a given theme, with the total number of sets in each.*

Description

Get a list of years for a given theme, with the total number of sets in each.

Usage

```
getYears(theme, key = getOption("brickset_key"), ...)
```

Arguments

theme	the theme
key	the Brickset API key.
...	other parameters passed to getUserHash including the Brickset username and password if they are not available from <code>getOption('brickset_username')</code> and <code>getOption('brickset_password')</code> .

Value

a data.frame with the years of a given theme.

theme Name of the theme

year Year

setCount Number of sets released in the given year and theme

Examples

```
## Not run:
options(brickset_key = 'BRICKSET_KEY',
        brickset_username = 'BRICKSET_USERNAME',
        brickset_password = 'BRICKSET_PASSWORD')
getYears('Architecture')

## End(Not run)
```

legosets

Lego sets from 1970 through 2024.

Description

This dataset was built using the [getSets](#) function. For working with the LEGO sets data frame this pre-built data is preferred as it will minimize the API requests. Note that the only disadvantage is that the rating and reviewCount may be out-of-date and inaccurate. The remaining variables are relatively static.

Format

A data.frame.

setID integer; 21546 unique values

number character; 20037 unique values

numberVariant integer; 25 unique values

name character; 18081 unique values

year integer; 56 unique values

theme character; 171 unique values

themeGroup character; 17 unique values
subtheme character; 1055 unique values
category character; 7 unique values
released logical; 2 unique values
pieces integer; 1621 unique values
minifigs integer; 35 unique values
bricksetURL character; 21546 unique values
rating numeric; 29 unique values
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thumbnailURL character; 20514 unique values
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UK_dateLastAvailable Date; 2393 unique values
CA_retailPrice numeric; 204 unique values
CA_dateFirstAvailable Date; 962 unique values
CA_dateLastAvailable Date; 2165 unique values
DE_retailPrice numeric; 183 unique values
DE_dateFirstAvailable Date; 724 unique values
DE_dateLastAvailable Date; 1590 unique values
height numeric; 292 unique values
width numeric; 349 unique values
depth numeric; 318 unique values
weight numeric; 1296 unique values

Source

<https://brickset.com>

`login`*Login to the Brickset API.*

Description

Brickset API documentation is available here: <https://brickset.com/article/52664/api-version-3-documentation/>

Usage

```
login(  
  username = getOption("brickset_username"),  
  password = getOption("brickset_password"),  
  key = getOption("brickset_key")  
)
```

Arguments

<code>username</code>	the Brickset username.
<code>password</code>	the Brickset password.
<code>key</code>	the Brickset API key.

Value

the user hash used for other API calls.

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