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|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| calculate_index | <i>Calculate an OxCGRT index or indices</i> |
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Description

Calculate an OxCGRT index or indices

Usage

```
calculate_index(df, codes, tolerance)

calculate_gov_response(df)

calculate_containment_health(df)

calculate_stringency(df)

calculate_economic_support(df)

calculate_indices(df)
```

Arguments

|           |                                                                                                           |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| df        | A data.frame produced by a call to <code>calculate_subindices()</code> .                                  |
| codes     | A vector of policy type codes to use for the index calculation.                                           |
| tolerance | An integer specifying the number of missing values above which index will not be calculated and reported. |

**Value**

A numeric value for mean subindex scores of specified policy types. For `calculate_indices()`, a tibble calculated OxCGRt indices

**Author(s)**

**Ernest Guevarra** based on calculation methods by *Hale, Thomas, Noam Angrist, Emily Cameron-Blake, Laura Hallas, Beatriz Kira, Saptarshi Majumdar, Anna Petherick, Toby Phillips, Helen Tatlow, Samuel Webster (2020). Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker, Blavatnik School of Government.*

**Examples**

```
## Get policy actions data for Afghanistan on 1 September 2020
x <- get_data(json = get_json_actions(ccode = "AFG",
                                     from = NULL,
                                     to = "2020-09-01"))

## Calculate OxCGRt subindices
y <- calculate_subindices(df = x$policyActions)

## Calculate OxCGRt index
calculate_index(df = y,
               codes = c(paste("C", 1:8, sep = ""),
                         paste("E", 1:2, sep = ""),
                         paste("H", 1:3, sep = ""), "H6"),
               tolerance = 1)

## Calculate OxCGRt government response index
calculate_gov_response(df = y)

## Calculate OxCGRt containment and health index
calculate_containment_health(df = y)

## Calculate OxCGRt stringency index
calculate_stringency(df = y)

## Calculate OxCGRt economic support index
calculate_economic_support(df = y)

## Calculate all OxCGRt indices
calculate_indices(df = y)
```

**Description**

Calculate OxCGRT sub-index score for a single indicator

Calculate OxCGRT sub-index scores for all indicators

**Usage**

```
calculate_subindex(indicator_code, value, flag_value)
```

```
calculate_subindices(
  df,
  indicator_code = "policy_type_code",
  value = "policyvalue_actual",
  flag_value = "flagged",
  add = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| indicator_code | A character value specifying the name of the variable in df containing the policy type codes. By default, this is set to policy_type_code which is the variable name used by the <b>OxCGRT API</b> .                                    |
| value          | A character value specifying the name of the column in df containing the values in ordinal scale assigned to each policy type. By default, this is set to policyvalue_actual which is the variable name used by the <b>OxCGRT API</b> . |
| flag_value     | A character value specifying the name of the column in df containing the flag values for each policy type. By default, this is set to flagged which is the variable name used by the <b>OxCGRT API</b> .                                |
| df             | A data.frame containing per indicator values required for calculating sub-index scores. This data.frame will be structured similarly as the policy actions data.frame produced by a call to <a href="#">get_data_actions()</a> .        |
| add            | Logical. Should sub-indices for each indicator be added to df? Default is TRUE.                                                                                                                                                         |

**Value**

A numeric value between 0 to 100.

If add is TRUE (default), returns a tibble composed of the input data.frame x with an added column named score for the calculated sub-indices. If add is FALSE, returns a tibble of 4 columns with the first column for the policy codes named policy\_type\_codes, the second column for the policy values named policy\_value, the third column for the flag values named flag\_value and the fourth column named score for the calculated sub-indices.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```

calculate_subindex(indicator_code = indicatorData$indicator[1],
                  value = indicatorData$value[1],
                  flag_value = indicatorData$flag_value[1])

x <- get_data(json = get_json_actions(ccode = "AFG",
                                     from = NULL,
                                     to = "2020-09-01"))

calculate_subindices(df = x$policyActions)

```

codebook

*Codebook for the Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker***Description**

Codebook for the Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker

**Usage**

```
codebook
```

**Format**

A tibble with 47 rows and 6 columns:

| Variable     | Description                     |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| ID           | Policy indicator identifier     |
| Name         | Name of policy indicator        |
| Description  | Description of policy indicator |
| Measurement  | Measurement of policy indicator |
| Coding       | Coding of measurement           |
| Policy Group | Name of group policy indicator  |

**Source**

<https://github.com/OxCGRT/covid-policy-tracker/blob/master/documentation/codebook.md>

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|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| get_data | <i>Get policy actions and stringency data from JSON</i> |
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**Description**

Get policy actions and stringency data from JSON

**Usage**

```
get_data(json)
```

**Arguments**

json                    A JSON string, URL or file created using `get_json_time()` or `get_json_actions()`.

**Value**

A tibble of time series stringency index data if json is a time **series endpoint** or a named list of two tibbles (the first tibble is named policyActions and the second tibble is named stringencyData) if json is a **policy actions endpoint**.

**Examples**

```
## Get time series JSON endpoint
x <- get_json_time(from = "2020-10-29", to = "2020-10-31")

## Get time series stringency index data
get_data(x)

## Get policy actions JSON endpoint
x <- get_json_actions(ccode = "AFG", from = NULL, to = "2020-07-16")

## Get data on policy actions and stringency index
get_data(x)
```

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|                 |                                          |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------|
| get_data_action | <i>Get policy actions data from JSON</i> |
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**Description**

Get policy actions data from JSON

**Usage**

```
get_data_action(json)

get_data_actions(json)
```

**Arguments**

json                    A JSON string, URL or file created using `get_json_actions()` or a vector of JSON strings or URLs.

**Value**

A tibble of policy actions with their respective policy values for specified country/countries and specified date/dates.

**Examples**

```
## Get relevant JSON for Afghanistan on 01 January 2022
x <- get_json_actions(ccode = "AFG", from = NULL, to = "2022-01-01")

## Get data on policy actions
get_data_action(x)

## Get relevant JSON for Afghanistan and Philippines for whole month of
## October
x <- get_json_actions(ccode = c("AFG", "PH"),
                      from = "2020-10-29",
                      to = "2020-10-30")

## Get data on policy actions
get_data_actions(x)
```

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|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| get_data_time | <i>Get time series stringency index data from JSON</i> |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Get time series stringency index data from JSON

**Usage**

```
get_data_time(json)
```

**Arguments**

json                    A JSON string, URL or file created using `get_json_time()`

**Value**

A tibble of time series stringency index data

## Examples

```
x <- get_json_time(from = "2020-07-18", to = "2020-07-20")

get_data_time(x)
```

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get\_data\_v1

*Get legacy data version 1*


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## Description

Get legacy data version 1

## Usage

```
get_data_v1(
  type = c("complete", "timeseries"),
  pcode = c("s1", "s2", "s3", "s4", "s5", "s6", "s7", "s11", "s12", "s13"),
  notes = TRUE,
  directory = NULL,
  tidy = FALSE
)

get_data_v1_complete(notes = TRUE, directory = NULL)

get_data_v1_timeseries(
  pcode = c("s1", "s2", "s3", "s4", "s5", "s6", "s7", "s11", "s12", "s13"),
  directory = NULL,
  tidy = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| type      | A character value for type of dataset to retrieve. Either <i>"complete"</i> for the full dataset or <i>"timeseries"</i> for the disaggregated policy indicators datasets. Default is <i>"complete"</i> .                                                                                                                                   |
| pcode     | A character value for policy indicator code to retrieve if type is <i>"timeseries"</i> . Ignored if type is <i>"complete"</i> . Can be one of <i>"s1"</i> , <i>"s2"</i> , <i>"s3"</i> , <i>"s4"</i> , <i>"s5"</i> , <i>"s6"</i> , <i>"s7"</i> , <i>"s8"</i> , <i>"s9"</i> , <i>"s10"</i> , <i>"s11"</i> , <i>"s12"</i> , or <i>"s13"</i> . |
| notes     | Logical. Should <i>"complete"</i> dataset be retrieved with notes or not. Default is TRUE. Ignored if type is <i>"timeseries"</i> .                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| directory | If NULL (default), required dataset is read into current environment. If specified, required dataset is downloaded into this directory with the filename given by the OxCGRT.                                                                                                                                                              |
| tidy      | Logical. Should <i>"timeseries"</i> dataset be converted to tidy format? Default is FALSE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Value**

If directory is NULL, a tibble (or a list of two tibbles) of the specified dataset. Otherwise, a file path/s to the downloaded file/s.

**Examples**

```
get_data_v1_complete()
get_data_v1_timeseries()
get_data_v1()
```

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|               |                                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| get_json_time | <i>Get JSON for OxCGRT data</i> |
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**Description**

Get JSON for OxCGRT data

**Usage**

```
get_json_time(from = "2020-01-02", to = Sys.Date())

get_json_actions(ccode, from = "2020-01-02", to = Sys.Date())
```

**Arguments**

|       |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| from  | Start date for stringency index data to be collected. This can go as far back as <b>2020-01-02</b> (Default). Format YYYY-MM-DD. Accepts either character string or date class.               |
| to    | End date for stringency index data to be collected. This defaults to current date. Format YYYY-MM-DD. Accepts either character string or date class.                                          |
| ccode | <b>ISO 3166-1 alpha-2</b> country code, <b>alpha-3</b> country code, or full <b>country name</b> string or vector of strings (mix of alpha-2 code or alpha-3 code or country names is valid). |

**Value**

A character object for specified JSON time series endpoint, or a character string or a character vector for specified JSON policy actions endpoint or endpoints.

**Author(s)**

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## Examples

```
## Get JSON for Afghanistan at 7 days previous to current date
get_json_actions(ccode = "AFG",
                 from = NULL,
                 to = as.character(Sys.Date() - 7))

## Get JSON for Afghanistan and Philippines from 1 October to 31 October 2020
get_json_actions(ccode = c("Afghanistan", "PH"),
                 from = "2020-10-01", to = "2020-10-31")

## Get JSON time series endpoint for all data available from OxCGRt
get_json_time()
```

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|               |                                                          |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| indicatorData | <i>Example indicator data for sub-index calculations</i> |
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## Description

Example indicator data for sub-index calculations

## Usage

```
indicatorData
```

## Format

A tibble with 16 rows and 6 columns

| Variable   | Description                                                  |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| indicator  | Policy indicator code                                        |
| value      | Policy indicator value                                       |
| flag_value | Policy indicator flag value                                  |
| max_value  | Maximum value for policy indicator                           |
| flag       | Does the policy indicator have a flag value? 1 = Yes; 0 = No |
| score      | Policy indicator score from 0 - 100                          |

## Source

[https://github.com/OxCGRt/covid-policy-tracker/blob/master/documentation/index\\_methodology.md](https://github.com/OxCGRt/covid-policy-tracker/blob/master/documentation/index_methodology.md)

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| oxcgrt_data_files | <i>Table of OxCGRT dataset files available from OxCGRT GitHub data repositories</i> |
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**Description**

Table of OxCGRT dataset files available from OxCGRT GitHub data repositories

**Usage**

oxcgrt\_data\_files

**Format**

A tibble with 90 rows and 6 columns

| Variable | Description                                                            |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| version  | OxCGRT dataset version. Either <b>v1</b> , <b>v2</b> , or <b>final</b> |
| filename | Filename of dataset file                                               |
| path     | Path of dataset file                                                   |
| url      | GitHub URL to dataset file                                             |
| url_raw  | GitHub raw URL to dataset file                                         |
| sha      | SHA-1 hash value for dataset file                                      |

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