

# Package ‘mlr3oml’

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## Description

Provides an interface to 'OpenML.org' to list and download machine learning data and tasks. Data and tasks can be automatically converted to 'mlr3' tasks. For a more sophisticated interface which also allows uploading experiments, see the 'OpenML' package.

## mlr3 Integration

This package adds the `mlr3::Task "oml"` and the `mlr3::Resampling "oml"` to `mlr3::mlr_tasks` and `mlr3::mlr_resamplings`, respectively. For the former you may pass either a `data_id` or a `task_id`, the latter requires a `task_id`.

## Options

- `mlr3oml.cache`: Enables or disables caching globally. If set to `FALSE`, caching is disabled. If set to `TRUE`, cache directory as reported by `R_user_dir()` is used. Alternatively, you can specify a path on the local file system here. Default is `FALSE`.
- `mlr3oml.api_key`: API key to use. All operations supported by this package work without an API key, but you might get rate limited without an API key. If not set, defaults to the value of the environment variable `OPENMLAPIKEY`.
- `mlr3oml.arff_parser`: ARFF parser to use, defaults to the internal one relies on `data.table::fread()`. Can also be set to `"RWeka"` for the parser in **RWeka** or `"farff"` for the reader implemented in **farff**.

## Logging

The **lgr** package is used for logging. To change the threshold, use `lgr::get_logger("mlr3oml")$set_threshold()`.

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://mlr3oml.mlr-org.com>
- <https://github.com/mlr-org/mlr3oml>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/mlr-org/mlr3oml>

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list\_oml\_data\_sets      *List Data Sets from OpenML*

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### Description

This function allows to find data sets on <https://openml.org/d> using some simple filter criteria.

Note that only a subset of filters is exposed here. For a more feature-complete package, see **OpenML**.

### Usage

```
list_oml_data_sets(  
  data_id = NULL,  
  number_instances = NULL,  
  number_features = NULL,  
  number_classes = NULL,  
  number_missing_values = NULL,  
  tag = NULL,  
  limit = 5000L,  
  ...  
)
```

### Arguments

data_id	(integer())	Vector of data ids to restrict to.
number_instances	(integer())	Filter for number of instances.
number_features	(integer())	Filter for number of features.
number_classes	(integer())	Filter for number of labels of the target (only classification tasks).
number_missing_values	(integer())	Filter for number of missing values.
tag	(character())	Filter for specific tag. You can provide multiple tags as character vector.
limit	(integer())	Limit the results to limit records. Default is 5000.
...	(any)	Additional filters as named arguments.

**Details**

Filter values can be provided as single atomic values (typically integer or character). Provide a numeric vector of length 2 ( $c(l, u)$ ) to find matches in the range  $[l, u]$ .

**Value**

(`data.table()`) of results, or a Null `data.table` if no data set matches the criteria.

**References**

Casalicchio G, Bossek J, Lang M, Kirchhoff D, Kerschke P, Hofner B, Seibold H, Vanschoren J, Bischl B (2017). “OpenML: An R Package to Connect to the Machine Learning Platform OpenML.” *Computational Statistics*, 1–15. doi: [10.1007/s0018001707422](https://doi.org/10.1007/s0018001707422).

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**Examples**

```
list_oml_data_sets(number_instances = 150, number_features = c(1, 10))
```

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list_oml_tasks	<i>List Tasks from OpenML</i>
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**Description**

This function allows to find tasks on <https://openml.org/t> using some simple filter criteria.

Note that only a subset of filters is exposed here. For a more feature-complete package, see **OpenML**.

**Usage**

```
list_oml_tasks(
  task_id = NULL,
  number_instances = NULL,
  number_features = NULL,
  number_classes = NULL,
  number_missing_values = NULL,
  tag = NULL,
  limit = 5000L,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

task_id	(integer()) Vector of task ids to restrict to.
number_instances	(integer()) Filter for number of instances.
number_features	(integer()) Filter for number of features.
number_classes	(integer()) Filter for number of labels of the target (only classification tasks).
number_missing_values	(integer()) Filter for number of missing values.
tag	(character()) Filter for specific tag. You can provide multiple tags as character vector.
limit	(integer()) Limit the results to limit records. Default is 5000.
...	(any) Additional filters as named arguments.

**Details**

Filter values can be provided as single atomic values (typically integer or character). Provide a numeric vector of length 2 ( $c(l, u)$ ) to find matches in the range  $[l, u]$ .

**Value**

(data.table()) of results, or a Null data.table if no task matches the criteria.

**References**

Casalicchio G, Bossek J, Lang M, Kirchhoff D, Kerschke P, Hofner B, Seibold H, Vanschoren J, Bischl B (2017). “OpenML: An R Package to Connect to the Machine Learning Platform OpenML.” *Computational Statistics*, 1–15. doi: [10.1007/s0018001707422](https://doi.org/10.1007/s0018001707422).

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**Examples**

```
list_oml_tasks(number_instances = 150, number_features = c(1, 10))
```

## Description

This is the class for data sets served on <https://openml.org/d>.

## mlr3 Integration

A `mlr3::Task` is returned by the method `$task`. Alternatively, you can convert this object to a `mlr3::DataBackend` using `mlr3::as_data_backend()`.

## ARFF Files

This package comes with an own reader for ARFF files, based on `data.table::fread()`. For sparse ARFF files and if the **RWeka** package is installed, the reader automatically falls back to the implementation in (`RWeka::read.arff()`).

## Public fields

`id` (`integer(1)`)  
OpenML data id.

`cache_dir` (`logical(1)|character(1)`)  
Stores the location of the cache for objects retrieved from <https://openml.org>. If set to `FALSE`, caching is disabled.  
The package **qs** is required for caching.

## Active bindings

`name` (`character(1)`)  
Name of the data set, as extracted from the data set description.

`desc` (`list()`)  
Data set description (meta information), downloaded and converted from the JSON API response.

`qualities` (`data.table()`)  
Data set qualities (performance values), downloaded from the JSON API response and converted to a `data.table::data.table()` with columns "name" and "value".

`features` (`data.table()`)  
Information about data set features (including target), downloaded from the JSON API response and converted to a `data.table::data.table()` with columns:

- "index" (`integer()`): Column position.
- "name" (`character()`): Name of the feature.
- "data\_type" (`factor()`): Type of the feature: "nominal" or "numeric".
- "nominal\_value" (`list()`): Levels of the feature, or NULL for numeric features.
- "is\_target" (`logical()`): TRUE for target column, FALSE otherwise.

- "is\_ignore" (logical()): TRUE if this feature should be ignored. Ignored features are removed automatically from the data set.
- "is\_row\_identifier" (logical()): TRUE if the column encodes a row identifier. Row identifiers are removed automatically from the data set.
- "number\_of\_missing\_values" (integer()): Number of missing values in the column.

data (data.table())

Data as `data.table::data.table()`. Columns marked as row identifiers or marked with the ignore flag are automatically removed.

target\_names (character())

Name of the default target, as extracted from the OpenML data set description.

feature\_names (character())

Name of the features, as extracted from the OpenML data set description.

nrow (integer())

Number of observations, as extracted from the OpenML data set qualities.

ncol (integer())

Number of features (including targets), as extracted from the table of data set features. This excludes row identifiers and ignored columns.

tags (character())

Returns all tags of the data set.

## Methods

### Public methods:

- `OMLData$new()`
- `OMLData$print()`
- `OMLData$quality()`
- `OMLData$task()`
- `OMLData$clone()`

**Method** `new()`: Creates a new object of class `OMLData`.

*Usage:*

```
OMLData$new(id, cache = getOption("mlr3oml.cache", FALSE))
```

*Arguments:*

id (integer(1))

OpenML data id.

cache (logical(1) | character(1))

See field `cache` for an explanation of possible values. Defaults to value of option `"mlr3oml.cache"`, or `FALSE` if not set.

**Method** `print()`: Prints the object. For a more detailed printer, convert to a `mlr3::Task` via `$task()`.

*Usage:*

```
OMLData$print()
```

**Method** `quality()`: Returns the value of a single OpenML data set quality.

*Usage:*

```
OMLData$quality(name)
```

*Arguments:*

```
name (character(1))
  Name of the quality to extract.
```

**Method** `task()`: Creates a `mlr3::Task` using the provided target column, defaulting to the default target attribute of the task description. Note that if the target column is incorrectly encoded, e.g. as numeric 0/1 for classification, this will result in a task of the wrong type.

*Usage:*

```
OMLData$task(target_names = NULL)
```

*Arguments:*

```
target_names (character())
  Name(s) of the target columns, or NULL for the default columns.
```

**Method** `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

```
OMLData$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

```
deep Whether to make a deep clone.
```

**References**

Vanschoren J, van Rijn JN, Bischl B, Torgo L (2014). “OpenML.” *ACM SIGKDD Explorations Newsletter*, **15**(2), 49–60. doi: [10.1145/2641190.2641198](https://doi.org/10.1145/2641190.2641198).

**Examples**

```
odata = OMLData$new(id = 9)

print(odata)
print(odata$target_names)
print(odata$feature_names)
print(odata$tags)
print(odata$task())

# get a task via tsk():
if (requireNamespace("mlr3")) {
  mlr3::tsk("oml", data_id = 9)
}
```



## Description

This is the class for tasks served on <https://openml.org/t>.

## mlr3 Integration

A `mlr3::Task` is returned by the method `$task`. Alternatively, you can convert this object to a `mlr3::DataBackend` using `mlr3::as_data_backend()`.

## Public fields

`id` (`integer(1)`)

OpenML task id.

`cache_dir` (`logical(1) | character(1)`)

Stores the location of the cache for objects retrieved from <https://openml.org>. If set to `FALSE`, caching is disabled.

The package `qs` is required for caching.

## Active bindings

`name` (`character(1)`)

Name of the task, as extracted from the task description.

`desc` (`list()`)

Task description (meta information), downloaded and converted from the JSON API response.

`data_id` (`integer()`)

Data id, extracted from the task description.

`data` (`OMLData`)

Access to the underlying OpenML data set via a `OMLData` object.

`nrow` (`integer()`)

Number of rows, as extracted from the `OMLData` object.

`ncol` (`integer()`)

Number of columns, as extracted from the `OMLData` object.

`target_names` (`character()`)

Name of the targets, as extracted from the OpenML task description.

`feature_names` (`character()`)

Name of the features, as extracted from the `OMLData` object.

`task` (`mlr3::Task`)

Creates a `mlr3::Task` using the target attribute of the task description.

`resampling` (`mlr3::Resampling`)

Creates a `ResamplingCustom` using the target attribute of the task description.

`tags` (`character()`)

Returns all tags of the task.

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [OMLTask\\$new\(\)](#)
- [OMLTask\\$print\(\)](#)
- [OMLTask\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Creates a new object of class `OMLTask`.

*Usage:*

```
OMLTask$new(id, cache = getOption("mlr3oml.cache", FALSE))
```

*Arguments:*

`id` (`integer(1)`)

OpenML task id.

`cache` (`logical(1)` | `character(1)`)

See field `cache` for an explanation of possible values. Defaults to value of option `"mlr3oml.cache"`, or `FALSE` if not set.

**Method** `print()`: Prints the object. For a more detailed printer, convert to a [mlr3::Task](#) via `$task`.

*Usage:*

```
OMLTask$print()
```

**Method** `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

```
OMLTask$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

## References

Vanschoren J, van Rijn JN, Bischl B, Torgo L (2014). "OpenML." *ACM SIGKDD Explorations Newsletter*, **15**(2), 49–60. doi: [10.1145/2641190.2641198](https://doi.org/10.1145/2641190.2641198).

## Examples

```
otask = OMLTask$new(id = 59)

print(otask)
print(otask$target_names)
print(otask$feature_names)
print(otask$tags)
print(otask$task)

# get a task via tsk():
if (requireNamespace("mlr3")) {
  mlr3::tsk("oml", task_id = 59)
}
```

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read_arff	<i>Read ARFF file</i>
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**Description**

Parses a file located at path and returns a `data.table()`.

**Usage**

```
read_arff(path)
```

**Arguments**

path	(character(1)) Path or URI of the ARFF file, passed to <code>file()</code> .
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**Value**

(`data.table()`).

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