

# Package ‘anyflights’

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### Description

This function generates a list of dataframes similar to those found in the `nycflights13` data package for any US airports and time frames. Please note that, even with a strong internet connection, this function may take several minutes to download relevant data.

### Usage

```
anyflights(station, year, month = 1:12, dir = NULL)
```

### Arguments

station	A character vector giving the origin US airports of interest (as the FAA LID airport code).
year	A numeric giving the year of interest. This argument is currently not vectorized, as dataset sizes for single years are significantly large. Information for the most recent year is usually available by February or March in the following year.
month	A numeric giving the month(s) of interest.
dir	An optional character string giving the directory to save datasets in. By default, datasets will not be saved to file.

### Details

The `anyflights()` function is a wrapper around the following functions:

- [get\\_airlines](#): Grab data to translate between two letter carrier codes and names
- [get\\_airports](#): Grab data on airport names and locations
- [get\\_flights](#): Grab data on all flights that departed given US airports in a given year and month
- [get\\_planes](#): Grab construction information about each plane
- [get\\_weather](#): Grab hourly meteorological data for a given airport in a given year and month

### Value

A list of dataframes (and, optionally, a directory of datasets) similar to those found in the `nycflights13` data package.

**See Also**

[get\\_flights](#) for flight data, [get\\_weather](#) for weather data, [get\\_airlines](#) for airlines data, [get\\_airports](#) for airports data, or [get\\_planes](#) for planes data.

Use the [as\\_flights\\_package](#) function to convert the output of this function to a data-only package.

**Examples**

```
# grab data on all flights departing from
# Portland International Airport in June 2019 and
# other useful metadata without saving to file
## Not run: anyflights("PDX", 2018, 6)

# ...or, grab that same data and opt to save the
# file as well! (tempdir() can usually be specified
# as a character string giving the path to a folder)
## Not run: anyflights("PDX", 2018, 6, tempdir())
```

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anyflights\_description

*anyflights: 'nycflights13'-Like Data for Specified Years and Airports*

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**Description**

The anyflights package supplies a set of functions to generate nycflights13-like datasets and data packages for specified years and airports.

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**See Also**

Useful links:

- <http://github.com/simonpcouch/anyflights>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/simonpcouch/anyflights/issues>

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as_flights_package	<i>Generate a Data Package from 'anyflights' Data</i>
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### Description

Generate a data-only package, including documentation, from data outputted by the 'anyflights()' function. Please do not submit the outputted package to CRAN or similar repositories as original packages.

### Usage

```
as_flights_package(data, name)
```

### Arguments

data	A named list of dataframes outputted by <a href="#">anyflights</a> .
name	The desired name of the resulting package as a character string. The package will check that the supplied package name is valid using the regular expression <code>.standard_regexps()\$valid_package_name</code> , and save the output in a directory by the same name.

### Value

A directory containing a data-only package built around the supplied data.

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get_airlines	<i>Query nycflights13-Like Airlines Data</i>
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### Description

This function generates a dataframe similar to the [airlines](#) dataset from nycflights13 for any US airports and time frame. Please note that, even with a strong internet connection, this function may take several minutes to download relevant data.

### Usage

```
get_airlines(dir = NULL, flights_data = NULL)
```

### Arguments

dir	An optional character string giving the directory to save datasets in. By default, datasets will not be saved to file.
flights_data	Optional—either a filepath as a character string or a dataframe outputted by <a href="#">get_flights</a> that will be used to subset the output to only include relevant carriers/planes. If not supplied, all carriers/planes will be returned.

**Value**

A data frame with <2k rows and 2 variables:

**carrier** Two letter abbreviation

**name** Full name

**Source**

[http://www.transtats.bts.gov/DL\\_SelectFields.asp?Table\\_ID=236](http://www.transtats.bts.gov/DL_SelectFields.asp?Table_ID=236)

**See Also**

[get\\_flights](#) for flight data, [get\\_weather](#) for weather data, [get\\_airports](#) for airports data, [get\\_planes](#) for planes data, or [anyflights](#) for a wrapper function.

Use the [as\\_flights\\_package](#) function to convert this dataset to a data-only package.

**Examples**

```
# run with defaults
## Not run: get_airlines()

# if you'd like to only return the airline
# abbreviations only for airlines that appear in
# \code{flights}, query your flights dataset first,
# and then supply it as a flights_data argument
## Not run: get_airlines(flights_data = get_flights("PDX", 2018, 6))
```

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get\_airports

*Query nycflights13-Like Airports Data*

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**Description**

This function generates a dataframe similar to the [airports](#) dataset from nycflights13 for any US airports and time frame. Please note that, even with a strong internet connection, this function may take several minutes to download relevant data.

**Usage**

```
get_airports(dir = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

**dir** An optional character string giving the directory to save datasets in. By default, datasets will not be saved to file.

**Value**

A data frame with ~1350 rows and 8 variables:

**faa** FAA airport code

**name** Usual name of the airport

**lat, lon** Location of airport

**alt** Altitude, in feet

**tz** Timezone offset from GMT/UTC

**dst** Daylight savings time zone. A = Standard US DST: starts on the second Sunday of March, ends on the first Sunday of November. U = unknown. N = no dst.

**tzone** IANA time zone, as determined by GeoNames webservice

**Source**

<http://openflights.org/data.html>

**See Also**

[get\\_flights](#) for flight data, [get\\_weather](#) for weather data, [get\\_airlines](#) for airlines data, [get\\_planes](#) for planes data, or [anyflights](#) for a wrapper function.

Use the [as\\_flights\\_package](#) function to convert this dataset to a data-only package.

**Examples**

```
# grab airports data
## Not run: get_airports()
```

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get\_flights

*Query nycflights13-Like Flights Data*

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**Description**

This function generates a dataframe similar to the [flights](#) dataset from nycflights13 for any US airport and time frame. Please note that, even with a strong internet connection, this function may take several minutes to download relevant data.

**Usage**

```
get_flights(station, year, month = 1:12, dir = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

station	A character vector giving the origin US airports of interest (as the FAA LID airport code).
year	A numeric giving the year of interest. This argument is currently not vectorized, as dataset sizes for single years are significantly large. Information for the most recent year is usually available by February or March in the following year.
month	A numeric giving the month(s) of interest.
dir	An optional character string giving the directory to save datasets in. By default, datasets will not be saved to file.

**Value**

A data frame with ~1k-500k rows and 19 variables:

year, month, day Date of departure

dep\_time, arr\_time Actual departure and arrival times, UTC.

sched\_dep\_time, sched\_arr\_time Scheduled departure and arrival times, UTC.

dep\_delay, arr\_delay Departure and arrival delays, in minutes. Negative times represent early departures/arrivals.

hour, minute Time of scheduled departure broken into hour and minutes.

carrier Two letter carrier abbreviation. See [get\\_airlines](#) to get full name

tailnum Plane tail number

flight Flight number

origin, dest Origin and destination. See [get\\_airports](#) for additional metadata.

air\_time Amount of time spent in the air, in minutes

distance Distance between airports, in miles

time\_hour Scheduled date and hour of the flight as a POSIXct date. Along with origin, can be used to join flights data to weather data.

**Source**

RITA, Bureau of transportation statistics, <http://www.transtats.bts.gov>

**See Also**

[get\\_weather](#) for weather data, [get\\_airlines](#) for airlines data, [get\\_airports](#) for airports data, [get\\_planes](#) for planes data, or [anyflights](#) for a wrapper function.

Use the [as\\_flights\\_package](#) function to convert this dataset to a data-only package.

## Examples

```
# flights out of Portland International in June 2018
## Not run: get_flights("PDX", 2018, 6)

# ...or the original nycflights13 flights dataset
## Not run: get_flights(c("JFK", "LGA", "EWR"), 2013)

# use the dir argument to indicate the folder to
# save the data in \code{dir} as "flights.rda"
## Not run: get_flights("PDX", 2018, 6, dir = tempdir())
```

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get\_planes

*Query nycflights13-Like Planes Data*

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## Description

This function generates a dataframe similar to the [planes](#) dataset from nycflights13 for any US airports and time frame. Please note that, even with a strong internet connection, this function may take several minutes to download relevant data.

## Usage

```
get_planes(year, dir = NULL, flights_data = NULL)
```

## Arguments

year	A numeric giving the year of interest. This argument is currently not vectorized, as dataset sizes for single years are significantly large. Information for the most recent year is usually available by February or March in the following year.
dir	An optional character string giving the directory to save datasets in. By default, datasets will not be saved to file.
flights_data	Optional—either a filepath as a character string or a dataframe outputted by <a href="#">get_flights</a> that will be used to subset the output to only include relevant carriers/planes. If not supplied, all carriers/planes will be returned.

## Value

A data frame with ~3500 rows and 9 variables:

**tailnum** Tail number  
**year** Year manufactured  
**type** Type of plane  
**manufacturer, model** Manufacturer and model  
**engines, seats** Number of engines and seats  
**speed** Average cruising speed in mph  
**engine** Type of engine



## Source

FAA Aircraft registry, [http://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/aircraft\\_certification/aircraft\\_registry/releasable\\_aircraft\\_download/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/aircraft_certification/aircraft_registry/releasable_aircraft_download/)

## See Also

[get\\_flights](#) for flight data, [get\\_weather](#) for weather data, [get\\_airlines](#) for airlines data, [get\\_airports](#) for airports data, or [anyflights](#) for a wrapper function.

Use the [as\\_flights\\_package](#) function to convert this dataset to a data-only package.

## Examples

```
# grab airplanes data for 2018
## Not run: get_planes(2018)

# if you'd like to only return the planes that appear
# in \code{flights}, query your flights dataset first,
# and then supply it as a \code{flights_data} argument
## Not run: get_planes(2018,
                      flights_data = get_flights("PDX", 2018, 6))
## End(Not run)
```

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get\_weather

*Query nycflights13-Like Weather Data*

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## Description

This function generates a dataframe similar to the [weather](#) dataset from `nycflights13` for any US airports and time frame. Please note that, even with a strong internet connection, this function may take several minutes to download relevant data.

## Usage

```
get_weather(station, year, month = 1:12, dir = NULL)
```

## Arguments

station	A character vector giving the origin US airports of interest (as the FAA LID airport code).
year	A numeric giving the year of interest. This argument is currently not vectorized, as dataset sizes for single years are significantly large. Information for the most recent year is usually available by February or March in the following year.
month	A numeric giving the month(s) of interest.
dir	An optional character string giving the directory to save datasets in. By default, datasets will not be saved to file.

**Value**

A data frame with ~1k-25k rows and 15 variables:

origin Weather station. Named origin to facilitate merging with flights data

year, month, day, hour Time of recording, UTC

temp, dewp Temperature and dewpoint in F

humid Relative humidity

wind\_dir, wind\_speed, wind\_gust Wind direction (in degrees), speed and gust speed (in mph)

precip Precipitation, in inches

pressure Sea level pressure in millibars

visib Visibility in miles

time\_hour Date and hour of the recording as a POSIXct date, UTC

**Source**

ASOS download from Iowa Environmental Mesonet, <https://mesonet.agron.iastate.edu/request/download.phtml>

**See Also**

[get\\_flights](#) for flight data, [get\\_airlines](#) for airlines data, [get\\_airports](#) for airports data, [get\\_planes](#) for planes data, or [anyflights](#) for a wrapper function.

Use the [as\\_flights\\_package](#) function to convert this dataset to a data-only package.

**Examples**

```
# query weather at Portland International in June 2018
## Not run: get_weather("PDX", 2018, 6)

# ...or the original nycflights13 weather dataset
## Not run: get_weather(c("JFK", "LGA", "EWR"), 2013)

# use the dir argument to indicate the folder to
# save the data in as "weather.rda"
## Not run: get_weather("PDX", 2018, 6, dir = tempdir())
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