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wb

Download Data from the World Bank API

### Description

This function downloads the requested information using the World Bank API

### Usage

```
wb(
  country = "all",
  indicator,
  startdate,
  enddate,
 mrv,
 return_wide = FALSE,
  gapfill,
  freq,
  cache,
  lang = c("en", "es", "fr", "ar", "zh"),
  removeNA = TRUE,
 POSIXct = FALSE,
  include_dec = FALSE,
  include_unit = FALSE,
  include_obsStatus = FALSE,
  include_lastUpdated = FALSE
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

country Character vector of country or region codes. Default value is special code

of all. Other permissible values are codes in the following fields from the wb\_cachelist country data frame. iso3c, iso2c, regionID, adminID, and incomeID. Additional special values include aggregates, which returns only aggregates, and countries\_only, which returns all countries without aggre-

gates.

indicator Character vector of indicator codes. These codes correspond to the indicator ID

column from the indicator data frame of wbcache or wb\_cachelist, or the re-

sult of wbindicators

startdate Numeric or character. If numeric it must be in %Y form (i.e. four digit year).

For data at the subannual granularity the API supports a format as follows: for monthly data, "2016M01" and for quarterly data, "2016Q1". This also accepts a special value of "YTD", useful for more frequently updated subannual indica-

tors.

enddate Numeric or character. If numeric it must be in %Y form (i.e. four digit year).

For data at the subannual granularity the API supports a format as follows: for

monthly data, "2016M01" and for quarterly data, "2016Q1".

mrv Numeric. The number of Most Recent Values to return. A replacement of

startdate and enddate, this number represents the number of observations you which to return starting from the most recent date of collection. Useful in

conjuction with freq

return\_wide Logical. If TRUE data is returned in a wide format instead of long, with a

column named for each indicatorID. To necessitate this transformation, the indicator column, that provides the human readable description is dropped. This field is available through from the indicator data frame of wbcache or

wb\_cachelist, or the result of wbindicators. Default is FALSE

gapfill Logical. Works with mrv. If TRUE fills values, if not available, by back tracking

to the next available period (max number of periods back tracked will be limited

by mrv number)

freq Character String. For fetching quarterly ("Q"), monthly("M") or yearly ("Y")

values. Currently works along with mrv. Useful for querying high frequency

data.

cache List of data frames returned from wbcache. If omitted, wb\_cachelist is used

lang Language in which to return the results. If lang is unspecified, english is the

default.

removeNA if TRUE, remove any blank or NA observations that are returned. if FALSE, no

blank or NA values are removed from the return.

POSIXct if TRUE, additional columns date\_ct and granularity are added. date\_ct con-

verts the default date into a POSIXct. granularity denotes the time resolution that the date represents. Useful for subannual data and mixing subannual with

annual data. If FALSE, these fields are not added.

include\_dec if TRUE, the column decimal is not removed from the return. if FALSE, this

column is removed

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include\_unit if TRUE, the column unit is not removed from the return. if FALSE, this column is removed

include\_obsStatus

if TRUE, the column obsStatus is not removed from the return. if FALSE, this column is removed

include\_lastUpdated

if TRUE, the column lastUpdated is not removed from the return. if FALSE, this column is removed. If TRUE and POSIXct = TRUE then column will be of class Date

#### Value

Data frame with all available requested data.

#### Note

Not all data returns have support for languages other than english. If the specific return does not support your requested language by default it will return NA. For an enumeration of supported languages by data source please see wbdatacatalog. The options for lang are:

en: Englishes: Spanishfr: French

ar: Arabic zh: Mandarin

The POSIXct parameter requries the use of lubridate (>= 1.5.0). All dates are rounded down to the floor. For example a value for the year 2016 would have a POSIXct date of 2016-01-01. If this package is not available and the POSIXct parameter is set to TRUE, the parameter is ignored and a warning is produced.

The include\_dec, include\_unit, and include\_obsStatus are defaulted to FALSE because as of writing, all returns have a value of 0, NA, and NA, respectively. These columns might be used in the future by the API, therefore the option to include the column is available.

The include\_lastUpdated is defaulted to FALSE as well to limit the

If there is no data available that matches the request parameters, an empty data frame is returned along with a warning. This design is for easy aggregation of multiple calls.

### **Examples**

```
# GDP at market prices (current US$) for all available countries and regions
wb(indicator = "NY.GDP.MKTP.CD", startdate = 2000, enddate = 2016)

# GDP and Population in long format for the most recent 20 observations
wb(indicator = c("SP.POP.TOTL","NY.GDP.MKTP.CD"), mrv = 20)

# GDP and Population in wide format for the most recent 20 observations
wb(indicator = c("SP.POP.TOTL","NY.GDP.MKTP.CD"), mrv = 20, return_wide = TRUE)
```

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```
# query using regionID or incomeID
# High Income Countries and Sub-Saharan Africa (all income levels)
wb(country = c("HIC", "SSF"), indicator = "NY.GDP.MKTP.CD", startdate = 1985, enddate = 1985)
# if you do not know when the latest time an indicator is avaiable mrv can help
wb(country = c("IN"), indicator = 'EG.ELC.ACCS.ZS', mrv = 1)
# increase the mrv value to increase the number of maximum number of returns
wb(country = c("IN"), indicator = 'EG.ELC.ACCS.ZS', mrv = 35)
# GDP at market prices (current US$) for only available countries
wb(country = "countries_only", indicator = "NY.GDP.MKTP.CD", startdate = 2000, enddate = 2016)
# GDP at market prices (current US$) for only available aggregate regions
wb(country = "aggregates", indicator = "NY.GDP.MKTP.CD", startdate = 2000, enddate = 2016)
# if you want to "fill-in" the values in between actual observations use gapfill = TRUE
# this highlights a very important difference.
# all other parameters are the same as above, except gapfill = TRUE
# and the results are very different
wb(country = c("IN"), indicator = 'EG.ELC.ACCS.ZS', mrv = 35, gapfill = TRUE)
# if you want the most recent values within a certain time frame
wb(country = c("US"), indicator = 'SI.DST.04TH.20', startdate = 1970, enddate = 2000, mrv = 2)
# without the freq parameter the deafult temporal granularity search is yearly
# should return the 12 most recent years of data
wb(country = c("CHN", "IND"), indicator = "DPANUSSPF", mrv = 12)
# if another frequency is available for that indicator it can be accessed using the freq parameter
# should return the 12 most recent months of data
wb(country = c("CHN", "IND"), indicator = "DPANUSSPF", mrv = 12, freq = "M")
```

wbcache

Download an updated list of country, indicator, and source information

### **Description**

Download an updated list of information regarding countries, indicators, sources, data catalog, indicator topics, lending types, and income levels from the World Bank API

#### Usage

```
wbcache(lang = c("en", "es", "fr", "ar", "zh"))
```

#### **Arguments**

lang

Language in which to return the results. If lang is unspecified, english is the default.

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#### Value

A list containing the following items:

- countries: A data frame. The result of calling wbcountries
- indicators: A data frame. The result of calling wbindicators
- sources: A data frame. The result of calling wbsources
- datacatalog: A data frame. The result of calling wbdatacatalog
- topics: A data frame. The result of calling wbtopics
- income: A data frame. The result of calling wbincome
- lending: A data frame. The result of calling wblending

#### Note

Not all data returns have support for languages other than english. If the specific return does not support your requested language by default it will return NA. For an enumeration of supported languages by data source please see wbdatacatalog. The options for lang are:

- en: English
- es: Spanish
- fr: French
- ar: Arabic
- zh: Mandarin

List item datacatalog will always return in english, as the API does not support any other languages for that information.

Saving this return and using it has the cache parameter in wb and wbsearch replaces the default cached version wb\_cachelist that comes with the package itself

wbcountries

Download updated country and region information from World Bank API

### Description

Download updated information on available countries and regions from the World Bank API

### Usage

```
wbcountries(lang = c("en", "es", "fr", "ar", "zh"))
```

#### **Arguments**

lang

Language in which to return the results. If lang is unspecified, english is the default.

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### Value

A data frame of available countries and regions with related information

#### Note

Not all data returns have support for languages other than english. If the specific return does not support your requested language by default it will return NA. For an enumeration of supported languages by data source please see wbdatacatalog. The options for lang are:

• en: English

• es: Spanish

• fr: French

• ar: Arabic

• zh: Mandarin

wbdatacatalog

Download an updated list of the World Bank data catalog

### **Description**

Download an updated list of the World Bank data catalog from the World Bank API

### Usage

wbdatacatalog()

#### Value

A data frame of the World Bank data catalog with related information

### Note

This function does not support any languages other than english due to the lack of support from the World Bank API

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wbincome

Download updated income type information from World Bank API

### **Description**

Download updated information on available income types from the World Bank API

### Usage

```
wbincome(lang = c("en", "es", "fr", "ar", "zh"))
```

### **Arguments**

lang

Language in which to return the results. If lang is unspecified, english is the default.

#### Value

A data frame of available income types with related information

#### Note

Not all data returns have support for languages other than english. If the specific return does not support your requested language by default it will return NA. For an enumeration of supported languages by data source please see wbdatacatalog. The options for lang are:

• en: English

• es: Spanish

• fr: French

• ar: Arabic

• zh: Mandarin

wbindicators

Download updated indicator information from World Bank API

### **Description**

Download updated information on available indicators from the World Bank API

### Usage

```
wbindicators(lang = c("en", "es", "fr", "ar", "zh"))
```

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### **Arguments**

lang

Language in which to return the results. If lang is unspecified, english is the default.

### Value

A data frame of available indicators with related information

#### Note

Not all data returns have support for languages other than english. If the specific return does not support your requested language by default it will return NA. For an enumeration of supported languages by data source please see wbdatacatalog. The options for lang are:

• en: English

• es: Spanish

• fr: French

• ar: Arabic

• zh: Mandarin

wblending

Download updated lending type information from World Bank API

### Description

Download updated information on available lending types from the World Bank API

### Usage

```
wblending(lang = c("en", "es", "fr", "ar", "zh"))
```

### **Arguments**

lang

Language in which to return the results. If lang is unspecified, english is the default.

### Value

A data frame of available lending types with related information

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### Note

Not all data returns have support for languages other than english. If the specific return does not support your requested language by default it will return NA. For an enumeration of supported languages by data source please see wbdatacatalog. The options for lang are:

en: Englishes: Spanishfr: Frenchar: Arabiczh: Mandarin

wbsearch

Search indicator information available through the World Bank API

### **Description**

This function allows finds indicators that match a search term and returns a data frame of matching results

### Usage

```
wbsearch(
  pattern = "poverty",
  fields = c("indicator", "indicatorDesc"),
  extra = FALSE,
  cache
)
```

### **Arguments**

pattern	Character string or regular expression to be matched
fields	Character vector of column names through which to search
extra	if FALSE, only the indicator ID and short name are returned, if TRUE, all columns of the cache parameter's indicator data frame are returned $$
cache	List of data frames returned from wbcache. If omitted, wb_cachelist_dep is used

### Value

Data frame with indicators that match the search pattern.

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### **Examples**

```
wbsearch(pattern = "education")
wbsearch(pattern = "Food and Agriculture Organization", fields = "sourceOrg")
# with regular expression operators
# 'poverty' OR 'unemployment' OR 'employment'
wbsearch(pattern = "poverty|unemployment|employment")
```

wbsources

Download updated data source information from World Bank API

### **Description**

Download updated information on available data sources from the World Bank API

#### **Usage**

```
wbsources(lang = c("en", "es", "fr", "ar", "zh"))
```

### **Arguments**

lang

Language in which to return the results. If lang is unspecified, english is the default.

### Value

A data frame of available data scources with related information

#### Note

Not all data returns have support for languages other than english. If the specific return does not support your requested language by default it will return NA. For an enumeration of supported languages by data source please see wbdatacatalog. The options for lang are:

- en: English
- es: Spanish
- fr: French
- ar: Arabic
- zh: Mandarin

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wbstats	wbstats: An R package for searching and downloading data from the World Bank API.

### **Description**

The wbstats package provides structured access to data available from the World Bank API including; support for mutliple languages, access to annual, quarterly, and monthly data.

wbtopics

Download updated indicator topic information from World Bank API

### Description

Download updated information on available indicator topics from the World Bank API

### Usage

```
wbtopics(lang = c("en", "es", "fr", "ar", "zh"))
```

### **Arguments**

lang

Language in which to return the results. If lang is unspecified, english is the default.

### Value

A data frame of available indicator topics with related information

### Note

Not all data returns have support for languages other than english. If the specific return does not support your requested language by default it will return NA. For an enumeration of supported languages by data source please see wbdatacatalog. The options for lang are:

• en: English

• es: Spanish

• fr: French

• ar: Arabic

• zh: Mandarin

wb\_cache

wb_cache	Download an updated list of country, indicator, and source information

### **Description**

Download an updated list of information regarding countries, indicators, sources, regions, indicator topics, lending types, income levels, and supported languages from the World Bank API

### Usage

```
wb_cache(lang)
```

#### **Arguments**

lang

Language in which to return the results. If lang is unspecified, english is the default. For supported languages see wb\_languages(). Possible values of lang are in the iso2 column. A note of warning, not all data returns have support for languages other than english. If the specific return does not support your requested language by default it will return NA.

#### Value

A list containing the following items:

- countries: The result of calling wb\_countries()
- indicators: The result of calling wb\_indicators()
- sources: The result of calling wb\_sources()
- topics: The result of calling wb\_topics()
- regions: The result of calling wb\_regions()
- income\_levels: The result of calling wb\_income\_levels()
- lending\_types: The result of calling wb\_lending\_types()
- languages: The result of calling wb\_languages()

#### Note

Not all data returns have support for languages other than english. If the specific return does not support your requested language by default it will return NA. For an enumeration of supported languages by data source please see wb\_languages()

Saving this return and using it has the cache parameter in wb\_data() and wb\_search() replaces the default cached version wb\_cachelist that comes with the package itself

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### **Examples**

```
# the default is english. To specify another language use argument lang
# spanish
es_cache <- wb_cache(lang = "es")

# korean
ko_cache <- wb_cache(lang = "ko")

# possible values of lang are in the iso2 column in the languages data frame
example_iso2 <- wb_languages()$iso2[1]
wb_cache(lang = example_iso2)</pre>
```

wb\_cachelist

Cached information from the World Bank API

### **Description**

This data is a cached result of the wb\_cache function. By default functions wb\_data and wb\_search use this data for the cache parameter.

### Usage

wb\_cachelist

### **Format**

An object of class list of length 8.

wb\_cachelist\_dep

Cached information from the World Bank API

### Description

This data is a cached result of the wbcache function. By default functions wb and wbsearch use this data for the cache parameter.

### Usage

```
wb_cachelist_dep
```

wb\_data

#### **Format**

A list containing 7 data frames:

- countries: A data frame. The result of calling wbcountries
- indicators: A data frame. The result of calling wbindicators
- sources: A data frame. The result of calling wbsources
- datacatalog: A data frame. The result of calling wbdatacatalog
- topics: A data frame. The result of calling wbtopics
- income: A data frame. The result of calling wbincome
- lending: A data frame. The result of calling wblending

wb\_data

Download Data from the World Bank API

### **Description**

This function downloads the requested information using the World Bank API

### Usage

```
wb_data(
   indicator,
   country = "countries_only",
   start_date,
   end_date,
   return_wide = TRUE,
   mrv,
   mrnev,
   cache,
   freq,
   gapfill = FALSE,
   date_as_class_date = FALSE,
   lang
)
```

### **Arguments**

indicator

Character vector of indicator codes. These codes correspond to the indicator\_id column from the indicators tibble of wb\_cache(), wb\_cachelist, or the result of running wb\_indicators() directly

country

Character vector of country, region, or special value codes for the locations you want to return data for. Permissible values can be found in the countries tibble in wb\_cachelist or by running wb\_countries() directly. Specifically, values listed in the following fields iso3c, iso2c, country, region, admin\_region, income\_level and all of the region\_\*, admin\_region\_\*, income\_level\_\*, columns. As well as the following special values

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- "countries\_only" (Default)
- "regions\_only"
- "admin\_regions\_only"
- "income\_levels\_only"
- "aggregates\_only"
- "all"

start\_date

Numeric or character. If numeric it must be in %Y form (i.e. four digit year). For data at the subannual granularity the API supports a format as follows: for monthly data, "2016M01" and for quarterly data, "2016Q1". This also accepts a special value of "YTD", useful for more frequently updated subannual indicators.

end\_date

Numeric or character. If numeric it must be in %Y form (i.e. four digit year). For data at the subannual granularity the API supports a format as follows: for monthly data, "2016M01" and for quarterly data, "2016Q1".

return\_wide

Logical. If TRUE data is returned in a wide format instead of long, with a column named for each indicator\_id or if the indicator argument is a named vector, the names() given to the indicator will be the column names. To necessitate this transformation, the indicator column that provides the human readable description is dropped, but provided as a column label. Default is TRUE

mrv

Numeric. The number of Most Recent Values to return. A replacement of start\_date and end\_date, this number represents the number of observations you which to return starting from the most recent date of collection. This may include missing values. Useful in conjuction with freq

mrnev

Numeric. The number of Most Recent Non Empty Values to return. A replacement of start\_date and end\_date, similar in behavior as mrv but excludes locations with missing values. Useful in conjuction with freq

cache

List of tibbles returned from wb\_cache(). If omitted, wb\_cachelist is used

freq

Character String. For fetching quarterly ("Q"), monthly("M") or yearly ("Y") values. Useful for querying high frequency data.

gapfill

Logical. If TRUE fills in missing values by carrying forward the last available value until the next available period (max number of periods back tracked will be limited by mrv number). Default is FALSE

date\_as\_class\_date

Logical. If TRUE the date field is returned as class Date, useful when working with non-annual data or data at mixed resolutions. Default is FALSE available value until the next available period (max number of periods back tracked will be limited by mrv number). Default is FALSE

lang

Language in which to return the results. If lang is unspecified, english is the default. For supported languages see wb\_languages(). Possible values of lang are in the iso2 column. A note of warning, not all data returns have support for languages other than english. If the specific return does not support your requested language by default it will return NA.

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#### **Details**

#### obs\_status column:

Indicates the observation status for location, indicator and date combination. For example "F" in the response indicates that the observation status for that data point is "forecast".

#### Value

a tibble of all available requested data.

### **Examples**

```
# gdp for all countries for all available dates
df_gdp <- wb_data("NY.GDP.MKTP.CD")</pre>
# Brazilian gdp for all available dates
df_brazil <- wb_data("NY.GDP.MKTP.CD", country = "br")</pre>
# Brazilian gdp for 2006
df_brazil_1 <- wb_data("NY.GDP.MKTP.CD", country = "brazil",</pre>
                        start_date = 2006)
# Brazilian gdp for 2006-2010
df_brazil_2 <- wb_data("NY.GDP.MKTP.CD", country = "BRA",</pre>
                        start_date = 2006, end_date = 2010)
# Population, GDP, Unemployment Rate, Birth Rate (per 1000 people)
my_indicators <- c("SP.POP.TOTL",</pre>
                    "NY.GDP.MKTP.CD",
                    "SL.UEM.TOTL.ZS",
                    "SP.DYN.CBRT.IN")
df <- wb_data(my_indicators)</pre>
# you pass multiple country ids of different types
# Albania (iso2c), Georgia (iso3c), and Mongolia
my_countries <- c("AL", "Geo", "mongolia")</pre>
df <- wb_data(my_indicators, country = my_countries,</pre>
              start_date = 2005, end_date = 2007)
# same data as above, but in long format
df_long <- wb_data(my_indicators, country = my_countries,</pre>
                   start_date = 2005, end_date = 2007,
                   return_wide = FALSE)
# regional population totals
# regions correspond to the region column in wb_cachelist$countries
df_region <- wb_data("SP.POP.TOTL", country = "regions_only",</pre>
                      start_date = 2010, end_date = 2014)
```

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```
# a specific region
df_world <- wb_data("SP.POP.TOTL", country = "world",</pre>
                    start_date = 2010, end_date = 2014)
# if the indicator is part of a named vector the name will be the column name
my_indicators <- c("pop" = "SP.POP.TOTL",</pre>
                    "gdp" = "NY.GDP.MKTP.CD",
                    "unemployment_rate" = "SL.UEM.TOTL.ZS",
                    "birth_rate" = "SP.DYN.CBRT.IN")
df_names <- wb_data(my_indicators, country = "world",</pre>
                     start_date = 2010, end_date = 2014)
# custom names are ignored if returning in long format
df_names_long <- wb_data(my_indicators, country = "world",</pre>
                          start_date = 2010, end_date = 2014,
                          return_wide = FALSE)
# same as above but in Bulgarian
# note that not all indicators have translations for all languages
df_names_long_bg <- wb_data(my_indicators, country = "world",</pre>
                             start_date = 2010, end_date = 2014,
                             return_wide = FALSE, lang = "bg")
```

wb\_end\_point\_info

World Bank Information End Points

### **Description**

These functions are simple wrappers around the various useful API end points that are helpful for finding avaiable data and filtering the data you are interested in when using wb\_data()

### Usage

```
wb_countries(lang)
wb_topics(lang)
wb_sources(lang)
wb_regions(lang)
wb_income_levels(lang)
```

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```
wb_lending_types(lang)
wb_languages()
```

### **Arguments**

lang

Language in which to return the results. If lang is unspecified, english is the default. For supported languages see wb\_languages(). Possible values of lang are in the iso2 column. A note of warning, not all data returns have support for languages other than english. If the specific return does not support your requested language by default it will return NA.

#### Value

A tibble of information about the end point

### See Also

wb\_cache()

wb\_indicators

Download Avialable Indicators from the World Bank

### **Description**

This function returns a tibble of indicator IDs and related information that are available for download from the World Bank API

### Usage

```
wb_indicators(lang, include_archive = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

lang

Language in which to return the results. If lang is unspecified, english is the default. For supported languages see wb\_languages(). Possible values of lang are in the iso2 column. A note of warning, not all data returns have support for languages other than english. If the specific return does not support your requested language by default it will return NA.

include\_archive

logical. If TRUE indicators that have been archived by the World Bank will be included in the return. Data for these additional indicators are not available through the standard API and querying them using wb\_data() will not return data. Default is FALSE.

wb\_search

### **Examples**

```
# can get a new list of available indicators by downloading new cache
fresh_cache <- wb_cache()
fresh_indicators <- fresh_cache$indicators

# or by running the wb_indicators() function directly
fresh_indicators <- wb_indicators()

# fresh indicators but in spanish
# a note of warning, please see the lang parameter description
fresco_indicators <- wb_indicators("es")

# include archived indicators
# see include_archive parameter description
indicators_with_achrive <- wb_indicators(include_archive = TRUE)</pre>
```

wb\_search

Search indicator information available through the World Bank API

### **Description**

This function allows finds indicators that match a search term and returns a data frame of matching results

### Usage

```
wb_search(
  pattern,
  fields = c("indicator_id", "indicator", "indicator_desc"),
  extra = FALSE,
  cache,
  ignore.case = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

### **Arguments**

pattern	Character string or regular expression to be matched
fields	Character vector of column names through which to search
extra	if FALSE, only the indicator ID and short name are returned, if TRUE, all columns of the cache parameter's indicators data frame are returned. Default is FALSE
cache	List of data frames returned from wb_cache(). If omitted, wb_cachelist is used
ignore.case	if FALSE, the pattern matching is case sensitive and if TRUE, case is ignored during matching. Default is TRUE
	Any additional grep() agruments you which to pass

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### Value

a tibble with indicators that match the search pattern.

### **Examples**

```
wb_search(pattern = "education")
wb_search(pattern = "Food and Agriculture Organization", fields = "source_org")
# with regular expression operators
# 'poverty' OR 'unemployment' OR 'employment'
wb_search(pattern = "poverty|unemployment|employment")
# pass any other grep argument along as well
# everything without 'education'
wb_search(pattern = "education", invert = TRUE)
# contains "gdp" AND "trade"
wb_search("^(?=.*gdp)(?=.*trade).*", perl = TRUE)
# contains "gdp" and NOT "trade"
wb_search("^(?=.*gdp)(?!.*trade).*", perl = TRUE)
```

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