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`as_bids_tabular` *Class definitions and utilities for 'BIDS' tabular*

Description

Official specification link: https://bids-specification.readthedocs.io/en/stable/common-principles.html#tabular-files. Function `save_tabular` is the high-level generic function that by default calls low-level function `save_bids_tabular_default` by default.

Usage

```
as_bids_tabular(x, ...)

save_bids_tabular(x, path, meta = TRUE, ...)

BIDSTabularColumnDescriptor(..., .list = list())

BIDSTabularMetaSidecar(columns = list())

BIDSTabular(content, meta = NULL)

save_bids_tabular_default(
  x,
  path,
  meta = TRUE,
  compact_meta = TRUE,
  milliseconds = TRUE,
  utc = TRUE,
  ...
)

new_bids_tabular_class(
  table_name,
  parent = BIDSTabular,
  content_setter = NULL,
  meta_preset = NULL,
  prepare_save = NULL,
  lower_case_column_names = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

x	R object that can be converted (e.g. list, table), or a path to a tabular file.
..., .list	for BIDSTabularColumnDescriptor, this is a list of key-value properties; for as_bids_tabular, this is passed to BIDSTabularMetaSidecar
path	path to save the file; the file is always saved as tabular-separated value ('TSV') format
meta	instance of BIDSTabularMetaSidecar, a class containing a list of descriptors for each column (see argument columns)
columns	a named list, where each key correspond to a table column name, and each item is a named list of descriptors, or a BIDSTabularColumnDescriptor instance
content	a data frame or table with column names non-blanks and possibly all in snake-cases (see specification); bidsr does not check on the column names for compatibility concerns. However users should respect the specification and use the recommended conventions
compact_meta	logical, whether the meta side-car ('JSON' file) should use compact format; default is true

milliseconds, utc
: used to convert nanotime to 'BIDS' time-stamp format; default is to keep the milliseconds and use 'UTC' timezone.

table_name
: name of the table, used to generate a new class; the class name will be BIDSTabular_<table_name>

parent
: parent class of the new class; default is BIDSTabular

content_setter
: a setter function to set the content; see bids_property

meta_preset
: a preset function to set the meta; see BIDSTabularMetaSidecar

prepare_save
: a function to prepare the content before saving; should take the BIDSTabular object as the first argument, and return the content to be saved

lower_case_column_names
: if TRUE, the column names will be converted to lower case; default is TRUE

Value

A component in BIDSTabular.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
# convert a data table into BIDS tabular
table <- data.frame(
  a = c(1, 2, 3, NA, NA, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10),
  b = sample(c('a', 'b'), size = 10, replace = TRUE)
)

# basic
as_bids_tabular(table)

# add descriptors
tabular <- as_bids_tabular(
  table,
  a = list(LongName = "An integer"),
  b = list("Levels" = list('a' = "Abnormal", 'b' = "Bipolar"))
)
tabular


# query data
is.data.frame(tabular$content)
tabular$content$a

# query meta
tabular$meta$columns$a

# save to tsv
```

```
tsv <- tempfile(fileext = ".tsv")
paths <- save_bids_tabular(tabular, tsv)
print(paths)

# use base R to read
read.table(tsv, header = TRUE, na.strings = "n/a")

# get sidecar
cat(readLines(paths$sidecar_path), sep = "\n")

unlink(tsv)
unlink(paths$sidecar_path)
```

`BIDSClassBase` *Low-level abstract class for* `bidsr`

Description

Low-level abstract class definition; see `new_bids_class` to create new class definitions. All `bidsr` classes inherit this abstract class, to provide consistent behavior.

Usage

```
BIDSClassBase()
```

Value

Do not call this `S7` class directly, see `new_bids_class` on how to use it properly

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

`BIDSDatasetGeneratedBy`

Class definition for 'BIDS' meta-data '`GeneratedBy`*'*

Description

See definition at https://bids-specification.readthedocs.io/en/stable/glossary.html#objects.metadata.GeneratedBy

Usage

```
BIDSDatasetGeneratedBy(
  Name = character(0),
  Version = character(0),
  Description = character(0),
  CodeURL = character(0),
  Container = list()
)
```

Arguments

`Name`	(character, required) name of the pipeline or process that generated the outputs.
`Version`	(character, optional) version of the pipeline
`Description`	(character, optional) plain-text description of the pipeline or process that generated the outputs.
`CodeURL`	(character, optional) 'URL' where the code used to generate the data may be found.
`Container`	(character, optional) Used to specify the location and relevant attributes of software container image used to produce the data. Valid keys in this object include type, tag 'URL' with string values. Package `'bidsr'` does not check what's inside of this entry.

Value

Instantiated object of class `BIDSDatasetGeneratedBy`

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
x <- BIDSDatasetGeneratedBy(
  Name = "RAVE Team",
  Version = "0.0.1",
  Container = list(
    Type = "docker",
    Tag = "rave-ieeg/rave-pipelines:0.0.1"
  )
)

x

x$Version <- "0.0.2"

# convert to basic list
as.list(x)

# get JSON string
```

```
format(x)
```

BIDSEntity *Class definitions of 'BIDS' entity*

Description

A 'BIDS' entity is an attribute that can be associated with a file, contributing to the identification of that file as a component of its file-name in the form of a hyphen-separated key-value pair. The specification can be found at https://bids-specification.readthedocs.io/en/stable/common-principles.html#entities.

Usage

```
BIDSEntity_label_required(
  key = character(0),
  value = character(0),
  index_format = "%d"
)

BIDSEntity_label_optional(
  key = character(0),
  value = character(0),
  index_format = "%d"
)

BIDSEntity_label_prohibited(
  key = character(0),
  value = character(0),
  index_format = "%d"
)

BIDSEntity_index_required(
  key = character(0),
  value = integer(0),
  index_format = "%d"
)

BIDSEntity_index_optional(
  key = character(0),
  value = integer(0),
  index_format = "%d"
)

BIDSEntity_index_prohibited(
  key = character(0),
```

```
  value = integer(0),
  index_format = "%d"
)

BIDSEntity_any_required(
  key = character(0),
  value = character(0),
  index_format = "%d"
)

BIDSEntity_any_optional(
  key = character(0),
  value = character(0),
  index_format = "%d"
)

BIDSEntity_any_prohibited(
  key = character(0),
  value = character(0),
  index_format = "%d"
)
```

Arguments

key	(string, required) A short string, typically a compression of the entity name, which uniquely identifies the entity when part of a file-name.
value	A string (label) or a non-negative integer (index); the requisite form of the value that gets specified alongside the key whenever the entity appears in a file-name. For each entity, the value is of one of two possible types:
index_format	for index entities, how to format index values (e.g. padding zeros) when formatted as string; default is without padding

Index: A non-negative integer, potentially zero-padded for consistent width.

Label: An alphanumeric string. Note that labels must not collide when casing is ignored (`bidsr` does not validate this).

Value

A 'BIDS' entity object.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
entity_int <- BIDSEntity_index_optional(key = "run", value = "001")
entity_int$value <- integer()
```

```
print(entity_int) # nothing will be printed out

# subject entity
entity_subject <- BIDSEntity_any_required(key = "sub", value = "HUP225")

print(entity_subject)

# index
entity_subject$value <- 1

print(entity_subject)

# format index
entity_subject$index_format <- "%03d"
print(entity_subject)


# trying to set invalid values will result in errors
try({
  BIDSEntity_index_required(key = "run")
})


entity_int <- BIDSEntity_index_required(key = "run", value = "001")

# trying to unset require entity
try({
  entity_int$value <- integer()
})

# trying to set invalid entity
try({
  entity_int$value <- "asdad"
})

# trying to set prohibited entiry
try({
  BIDSEntity_index_prohibited("invalid", 123)
})
```

BIDSMap *Low-level nested map to store key-value data with inherited structure*

Description

Low-level nested map to store key-value data with inherited structure

Usage

```
BIDSMap(parent = NULL, search_depth = BIDS_MAP_MAX_DEPTH())
```

Arguments

parent	NULL if the map is at the top level, or another map to inherit
search_depth	integer maximum search depths; default is 29; set options 'bidsr.map.search_depth' or environment variable 'BIDS_MAP_MAX_DEPTH' to change the default depth

Value

A 'BIDSMap' object.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
root_map <- BIDSMap()
root_map$key1 <- 1
root_map$key2 <- 2
names(root_map)

child_map <- BIDSMap(parent = root_map)
child_map$key3 <- 3
names(child_map)
child_map$key1
child_map$key2

# mask key2
child_map$key2 <- "a"
child_map

root_map$key2
child_map$key2

# nested maps
grand_child <- BIDSMap(parent = child_map)

# value comes from child map
grand_child$key2

# remove key2 from child map
child_map@impl$remove("key2")

# key2 is from root map now
grand_child$key2
```

BIDSTabularScans *'BIDS' scans table class*

Description

A tabular containing a list of scans and their metadata. The class is a child class of BIDSTabular, hence see the methods there. The original specification is at https://bids-specification.readthedocs.io/en/stable/modality-agnostic-files.html#scans-file.

Usage

```
BIDSTabularScans(content, meta = NULL)
```

Arguments

content, meta	see BIDSTabular

Value

A BIDSTabularScans instance inheriting BIDSTabular.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
# basic
tabular <- BIDSTabularScans(
  data.frame(
    filename = c(
      "func/sub-control01_task-nback_bold.nii.gz",
      "func/sub-control01_task-motor_bold.nii.gz",
      "meg/sub-control01_task-rest_split-01_meg.nii.gz"
    ),
    acq_time = c(
      "1877-06-15T13:45:30",
      "1877-06-15T13:55:33",
      "1877-06-15T12:15:27"
    )
  )
)

# No ending Z, time is interpreted as local time
# tabular uses UTC time
tabular


# convert existing tabular
```

```
tabular <- BIDSTabular(
  data.frame(
    filename = "func/sub-control01_task-nback_bold.nii.gz",
    acq_time = "1877-06-15T13:45:30"
  )
)
tabular <- as_bids_tabular(tabular, cls = BIDSTabularScans)
tabular

# save to tsv
tsv <- file.path(tempdir(), "scans.tsv")
paths <- save_bids_tabular(tabular, tsv)

print(paths)


# use base R to read
read.table(tsv, header = TRUE, na.strings = "n/a")

# get sidecar
cat(readLines(paths$sidecar_path), sep = "\n")


# clean up
unlink(tsv)
unlink(paths$sidecar_path)
```

`BIDSTabularSessions` *'BIDS' sessions table class*

Description

A tabular containing a list of sessions and their metadata. The class is a child class of `BIDSTabular`, hence see the methods there. The original specification is at https://bids-specification.readthedocs.io/en/stable/modality-agnostic-files.html#sessions-file.

Usage

```
BIDSTabularSessions(content, meta = NULL)
```

Arguments

`content`, `meta`	see `BIDSTabular`

Value

A `BIDSTabularSessions` instance inheriting `BIDSTabular`.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
# basic
tabular <- BIDSTabularSessions(data.frame(
  session_id = c("ses-predrug", "ses-postdrug", "ses-followup"),
  acq_time = c(
    "2009-06-15T13:45:30",
    "2009-06-16T13:45:30",
    "2009-06-17T13:45:30"
  ),
  systolic_blood_pressure = c(120, 100, 110)
))
tabular


# convert existing tabular
tabular <- BIDSTabular(
  data.frame(
    acq_time = "2009-06-15T13:45:30",
    session_id = "ses-predrug",
    systolic_blood_pressure = 120
  )
)
tabular <- as_bids_tabular(tabular, cls = BIDSTabularSessions)
tabular


# save to tsv
tsv <- file.path(tempdir(), "sessions.tsv")
paths <- save_bids_tabular(tabular, tsv)

print(paths)


# use base R to read
read.table(tsv, header = TRUE, na.strings = "n/a")

# get sidecar
cat(readLines(paths$sidecar_path), sep = "\n")


# clean up
unlink(tsv)
unlink(paths$sidecar_path)
```

BIDSURI *'BIDS' uniform resource indicator ('URI') class definition*

Description

'BIDS' uniform resource indicator ('URI') class definition

Usage

```
BIDSURI(uri)
```

Arguments

uri	'URI' string or another 'BIDS-URI' object

Value

A BIDSURI instance.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
# basic properties
uri <- BIDSURI("bids::sub-01/fmap/sub-01_dir-AP_epi.nii.gz")
uri
uri$relative_path
uri$dataset_name

# set the entire uri
uri$format <- "bids:deriv1:sub-02/anat/sub-02_T1w.nii.gz"
uri

# resolve BIDS URI (partial support)


# resolving a BIDS URI requires dataset_description.json
dataset_description <- get_bids_dataset_description(
  parent_directory = "/path/to/BIDS/folder",
  Name = "A dummy experiments",
  BIDSVersion = "1.6.0",

  DatasetLinks = list(
    "deriv1" = "derivatives/derivative1",
    "phantoms" = "file:///data/phantoms"
  )
)
```

```
uri <- BIDSURI("bids::sub-01/fmap/sub-01_dir-AP_epi.nii.gz")
resolved <- resolve_bids_path(uri, dataset_description)

# resolved absolute path
print(resolved)

# `raw_resolution` is relative to the parent directory where
# `dataset_description.json` is stored
attr(resolved, "raw_resolution")

uri <- BIDSURI("bids:deriv1:sub-02/anat/sub-02_T1w.nii.gz")
resolved <- resolve_bids_path(uri, dataset_description)

print(resolved)

attr(resolved, "raw_resolution")
```

`bids_project` *'BIDS' project class*

Description

'BIDS' project class

Usage

```
BIDSProject(
  path,
  raw_data_relpath = ".",
  source_data_relpath = "sourcedata",
  derivative_data_relpath = "derivatives",
  strict = TRUE
)

bids_project(
  path,
  raw_data_relpath = ".",
  source_data_relpath = "sourcedata",
  derivative_data_relpath = "derivatives",
  strict = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

`path`	absolute path to the 'BIDS' project directory;
`raw_data_relpath`	raw data-set path, relative (to the `path`);

source_data_relpath
: source data-set path, relative (to the path);

derivative_data_relpath
: derivative data-set path, relative (to the path);

strict
: whether path needs to exist; default is TRUE

Value

A 'BIDS' project instance.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
# Run `download_bids_examples()` first
examples <- download_bids_examples(test = TRUE)
if(!isFALSE(examples)) {

  project_path <- file.path(examples, "ieeg_epilepsy_ecog")

  project <- BIDSProject(
    path = project_path,
    raw_data_relpath = ".",
    derivative_data_relpath = "derivatives"
  )

  project

}
```

---

bids_property *'S7' property for 'BIDS' classes*

Description

Used in property to generate properties with constraints in class generators such as new_bids_class.

Usage

```
bids_property(
  name,
  class = S7::class_any,
  getter = NULL,
```

```
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  final = FALSE,
  ...
)

bids_property_optional(
  name,
  class = S7::class_any,
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  max_len = 1L,
  ...
)

bids_property_required(
  name,
  class = S7::class_any,
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  len = 1L,
  ...
)

bids_property_prohibited(
  name,
  class = S7::class_any,
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  ...
)

bids_property_recommended(
  name,
  class = S7::class_any,
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  ...,
  max_len = 1L
```

```
)

bids_property_deprecated(
  name,
  class = S7::class_any,
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  ...,
  max_len = 1L
)

bids_property_character(
  name,
  type = c("optional", "recommended", "required", "deprecated", "prohibited"),
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  ...,
  class = S7::class_character
)

bids_property_collapsed_character(
  name,
  type = c("optional", "recommended", "required", "deprecated", "prohibited"),
  collapse = " ",
  ...,
  class = S7::class_character
)

bids_property_choice(
  name,
  choices,
  type = c("optional", "recommended", "required", "deprecated", "prohibited"),
  ...,
  class = S7::class_character
)

bids_property_numeric(
  name,
  type = c("optional", "recommended", "required", "deprecated", "prohibited"),
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  ...,
```

```
  class = S7::class_numeric
)

bids_property_integerish(
  name,
  type = c("optional", "recommended", "required", "deprecated", "prohibited"),
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  ...,
  class = S7::class_numeric
)

bids_property_list(
  name,
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  ...,
  class = S7::class_list
)

bids_property_named_list(
  name,
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = list(),
  ...,
  class = S7::class_list
)

bids_property_unnamed_list(
  name,
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  ...,
  class = S7::class_list
)

bids_property_entity_list(
  name,
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
```

```
  validator = NULL,
  default = list(),
  ...,
  class = S7::class_list,
  identifier = NULL,
  schema_key = NA,
  bids_version = current_bids_version()
)

bids_property_tabular_column_descriptor_list(
  name,
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = list(),
  ...,
  class = S7::class_list
)

bids_property_data_frame(
  name,
  getter = NULL,
  setter = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  ...,
  class = S7::class_data.frame
)

bids_property_tabular_content(
  name = "content",
  setter = NULL,
  ...,
  name_meta = "meta",
  lower_case_column_names = FALSE
)

bids_property_tabular_meta(
  name = "meta",
  setter = NULL,
  preset = NULL,
  ...,
  name_content = "content"
)
```

Arguments

name	required, string, name of the property

class	'S7' class
getter, setter, validator, default	see new_property
final	whether the property is final once initialized; default is false; this is for properties that should not be altered
...	passed to other methods
max_len	for type='optional', maximum vector length of the property; default is 1
len	for type='required', vector length of the property; default is 1
type	type of the property, can be 'required', 'optional', or 'prohibited'
collapse	for collapsed property, passed to paste
choices	for properties that can only be chosen from given choices; a character strings of candidate choices.
identifier	"data_type/suffix" combination to get entity rules
schema_key	'BIDS' schema key if explicit entity rules is needed
bids_version	'BIDS' version to query the entity rules
name_meta	for tabular content, the name of the meta property; default is "meta"
lower_case_column_names	for tabular content, whether to convert column names to lower case; default is FALSE
preset	a list of preset meta data; default is NULL
name_content	for tabular meta, the name of the content property; default is "content"

Value

All functions call new_property internally.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
MyClass <- new_bids_class(
  name = "MyClass",
  properties = list(
    str = bids_property_character(
      name = "str",
      type = "required",
      validator = function(value) {
        if (length(value) == 1 &&
            !isTRUE(is.na(value)) && nzchar(value)) {
          return()
        }
        return(sprintf("Invalid `str`: %s", paste(sQuote(value), collapse = ", ")))
      }
```

```
    )
  ),
  methods = list(
    # read-only methods
    format = function(self, ...) {
      sprintf("MyClass@str -> %s", self$str)
    }
  )
)

instance <- MyClass(str = "aha")
instance

instance$str <- "111"
instance


# what if you enter illegal values

try({
  MyClass(str = "")
})

try({
  MyClass(str = NA_character_)
})

try({
  MyClass(str = 1)
})
```

`bids_subject` *'BIDS' subject class*

Description

'BIDS' subject class

Usage

```
BIDSSubject(project, subject_code, ..., strict = "raw")

bids_subject(project, subject_code, ..., strict = "raw")
```

Arguments

project	'BIDS' project instance, see BIDSProject, or a path to the 'BIDS' project
subject_code	character, subject code with or without the leading 'sub-'. The subject code, after trimming the leading entity key, should not contain any additional dash ('-')
...	passed to the constructor of BIDSProject, when project is a character string
strict	whether to check if the subject folders exist, can be logical or characters; when strict is character strings, choices can be 'raw' (checking raw-data directory) and/or 'source' (for source-data directory); strict=TRUE is equivalent to checking both; default is 'raw'. There is no checks on derivatives.

Value

A 'BIDS' subject instance.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
# Run `download_bids_examples()` first
examples <- download_bids_examples(test = TRUE)
if(!isFALSE(examples)) {

  project_path <- file.path(examples, "ieeg_epilepsy_ecog")

  project <- BIDSProject(
    path = project_path,
    raw_data_relpath = ".",
    derivative_data_relpath = "derivatives"
  )


  subject <- BIDSSubject(project = project, subject_code = "ecog01",
                         strict = FALSE)

  storage_root <- resolve_bids_path(subject, storage = "raw")

  query_bids(subject, "ieeg")

}
```

download_bids_examples

Download 'BIDS' example data-sets

Description

See https://github.com/bids-standard/bids-examples for the full repository.

Usage

```
download_bids_examples(test = FALSE)
```

Arguments

test	logical; default is FALSE, which downloads the example repository if the files are missing; an alternative choice is TRUE, which will return FALSE if the files are missing

Value

A local path to the example repository exists or when test=FALSE; or simply FALSE if the repository is missing and test=TRUE.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
download_bids_examples(test = TRUE)
```

get_bids_dataset_description

Class definition of 'BIDS' data-set description

Description

See https://bids-specification.readthedocs.io/en/stable/modality-agnostic-files.html#dataset_descriptionjson for specification.

Usage

```
get_bids_dataset_description(x, parent_directory, ...)

BIDSDatasetDescription(
  Name = character(0),
  BIDSVersion = character(0),
  DatasetLinks = list(),
  HEDVersion = character(0),
  DatasetType = character(0),
  License = character(0),
  Authors = character(0),
  GeneratedBy = list(),
  SourceDatasets = list(),
  Acknowledgements = character(0),
  HowToAcknowledge = character(0),
  Funding = character(0),
  EthicsApprovals = character(0),
  ReferencesAndLinks = character(0),
  DatasetDOI = character(0),
  parent_directory = character(0)
)
```

Arguments

x	R object to be interpreted as 'BIDS' data description; default support list, path to the 'json' file, 'json' string, etc.
parent_directory	parent directory where the file 'dataset_description.json' is stored. This input is ignored if x is the path to 'dataset_description.json', otherwise is a must.
...	passed to methods
Name	(required, string) Name of the data-set.
BIDSVersion	(required, string) The version of the BIDS standard that was used.
DatasetLinks	(required if 'BIDS-URI' is used) Used to map a given data-set name from a 'BIDS-URI' of the form bids:<dataset-name>:path/within/dataset to a local or remote location.
HEDVersion	(recommended strings) The version of the 'HED' schema used to validate 'HED' tags for study. May include a single schema or a base schema and one or more library schema.
DatasetType	(recommended string) Must be one of "raw" or "derivative"; package bidsr automatically assigns "raw" is not given.
License	(recommended string) The license for the data-set
Authors	(recommended strings) Vector of individuals who contributed to the creation/curation of the data-set
GeneratedBy	(recommended) will be converted to BIDSDatasetGeneratedBy

`SourceDatasets` Used to specify the locations and relevant attributes of all source data-sets. Valid keys in each object include `"URL"`, `"DOI"`, and `"Version"` with string values; Package `bidsr` does not check the names

`Acknowledgements`
(optional string) Text acknowledging contributions of individuals or institutions beyond those listed in Authors or Funding.

`HowToAcknowledge`
(optional string) Text containing instructions on how researchers using this dataset should acknowledge the original authors. This field can also be used to define a publication that should be cited in publications that use the dataset.

`Funding` (optional strings) List of sources of funding (grant numbers).

`EthicsApprovals`
(optional strings) List of ethics committee approvals of the research protocols and/or protocol identifiers.

`ReferencesAndLinks`
(optional strings) List of references to publications that contain information on the data-set. A reference may be textual or a URI.

`DatasetDOI` (optional string) The Digital Object Identifier of the data-set (not the corresponding paper). `'DOIs'` should be expressed as a valid 'URI'

Value

A `S7` description object that contains all the fields describing the data set; see 'Examples' for usages.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
# ---- Manually enter entries -----------------------------------------
dataset_description <- BIDSDatasetDescription(
  # a parent directory is mandatory as it defines what data
  # dataset_description.json applies to

  parent_directory = "/path/to/BIDS/folder",

  Name = "A dummy experiments",
  BIDSVersion = "1.6.0",
  License = "CC0",
  Authors = c("Zhengjia Wang"),
  Acknowledgements = c(
    "Package `bidsr` is a 3rd-party BIDS reader developed by",
    "a RAVE (https://rave.wiki) team member with procrastination."
  ),
  HowToAcknowledge = c(
    "Please cite this paper:",
    "https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroimage.2020.117341"
  ),
```

```
  Funding = c(
    "NIH R01MH133717",
    "NIH U01NS113339",
    "NIH 1R24MH117529"
  ),
  ReferencesAndLinks = c(
    "https://rave.wiki"
  ),
  DatasetDOI = "https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroimage.2020.117341",
  HEDVersion = "8.0.0",
  GeneratedBy = list(
    list(
      Name = "Dipterix",
      Version = "0.0.1",
      Container = list(
        Type = "r-package",
        Tag = "dipterix/bidsr:0.0.1"
      )
    )
  )
)

# access the information
dataset_description$License

dataset_description$GeneratedBy[[1]]$Container

# ---- Read from file -------------------------------------------

# Run `download_bids_examples()` first
examples <- download_bids_examples(test = TRUE)
if(!isFALSE(examples)) {
  example_descr <- file.path(
    examples, "ieeg_epilepsy_ecog", "dataset_description.json")

  x <- get_bids_dataset_description(example_descr)
  x

  # ---- Formatting -----------------------------------------------
  # convert to R list (use recursive to expand field `GeneratedBy`)
  as.list(x, recursive = TRUE)

  # JSON string
  format(x)
}
```

---

get_bids_entity *Get 'BIDS' entity values from file*

Description

Get 'BIDS' entity values from file

Usage

```
get_bids_entity(x, key, value_only = TRUE, ifnotfound = NULL)

get_bids_entity_rules(x)
```

Arguments

x	'BIDS' file path or parsed object; see 'Examples'
key	entity key
value_only	whether to return the value only; default is true; set to FALSE to return the entity object
ifnotfound	default value to return is the entity is missing

Value

'BIDS' entity value or object, depending on value_only

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
# Quick usage
get_bids_entity("ieeg/sub-YAB_ses-01_task-AV_ieeg.mat", "sub")

get_bids_entity_rules("ieeg/sub-YAB_ses-01_task-AV_channels.tsv")

# Full usage
parsed <- parse_path_bids_entity(
    path = "ieeg/sub-YAB_ses-01_task-AV_channels.tsv")

parsed$get_bids_entity("sub")
parsed$get_bids_entity_rules()

parsed$description
parsed$entities
```

get_bids_participants *'BIDS' participant table class*

Description

A tabular containing a list of participants and their demographics. The class is a child class of BIDSTabular, hence see the methods there. The original specification is at https://bids-specification.readthedocs.io/en/stable/modality-agnostic-files.html#participants-file.

Usage

```
get_bids_participants(x, ...)

BIDSTabularParticipants(content, meta = NULL)
```

Arguments

x	R object such as file path, project instances, etc.
...	passed to other methods or ignored
content, meta	see BIDSTabular

Value

A BIDSTabularParticipants instance inheriting BIDSTabular.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
# basic
tabular <- BIDSTabularParticipants(
  data.frame(
    participant_id = "sub-001"
  )
)
tabular


# Run `download_bids_examples()` first
examples <- download_bids_examples(test = TRUE)
if(!isFALSE(examples)) {

  file <- file.path(examples, "ieeg_epilepsy_ecog", "participants.tsv")
```

```
  # read tabular as BIDSTabularParticipants
  as_bids_tabular(file, cls = BIDSTabularParticipants)

  # convert existing tabular
  tabular <- BIDSTabular(
    data.frame(
      participant_id = "sub-001"
    )
  )
  tabular <- as_bids_tabular(tabular, cls = BIDSTabularParticipants)

  # save to tsv
  tsv <- file.path(tempdir(), "participants.tsv")
  paths <- save_bids_tabular(tabular, tsv)
  print(paths)

  # use base R to read
  read.table(tsv, header = TRUE, na.strings = "n/a")

  # get sidecar
  cat(readLines(paths$sidecar_path), sep = "\n")

  unlink(tsv)
  unlink(paths$sidecar_path)
}
```

`get_bids_phenotype_data` *'BIDS' phenotype and assessment table class*

Description

A tabular containing a list of phenotype & assessment, with their metadata. The class is a child class of BIDSTabular, hence see the methods there. The original specification is at https://bids-specification.readthedocs.io/en/stable/modality-agnostic-files.html#phenotypic-and-assessment-

Usage

```
get_bids_phenotype_data(x, ...)

BIDSTabularPhenotype(content, meta = NULL)
```

Arguments

x	R object such as file path, project instances, etc.
...	passed to other methods or ignored
content, meta	see BIDSTabular

Value

A BIDSTabularPhenotype instance inheriting BIDSTabular.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
BIDSTabularPhenotype(
  meta = list(
    MeasurementToolMetadata = list(
      Description = "Adult ADHD Clinical Diagnostic Scale V1.2",
      TermURL = "https://www.cognitiveatlas.org/task/id/trm_5586ff878155d"
    ),
    adhd_b = list(
      Description = "B. CHILDHOOD ONSET OF ADHD (PRIOR TO AGE 7)",
      Levels = list(
        "1" = "YES",
        "2" = "NO"
      )
    ),
    adhd_c_dx = list(
      Description = "As child met A, B, C, D, E and F diagnostic criteria",
      Levels = list(
        "1" = "YES",
        "2" = "NO"
      )
    )
  ),
  content = data.frame(
    MeasurementToolMetadata = c(2, 3, 4),
    adhd_b = c(1, 2, 1),
    adhd_c_dx = c(2, 1, 2)
  )
)
```

---

get_bids_samples *'BIDS' samples table class*

Description

A tabular containing a list of samples and their metadata. The class is a child class of BIDSTabular, hence see the methods there. The original specification is at https://bids-specification.readthedocs.io/en/stable/modality-agnostic-files.html#samples-file.

Usage

```
get_bids_samples(x, ...)

BIDSTabularSamples(content, meta = NULL)
```

Arguments

x	R object such as file path, project instances, etc.
...	passed to other methods or ignored
content, meta	see BIDSTabular

Value

A BIDSTabularSamples instance inheriting BIDSTabular.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
# basic
tabular <- BIDSTabularSamples(
  data.frame(
    sample_id = "sample-001",
    participant_id = "sub-001",
    sample_type = "cell line"
  )
)
tabular


# convert existing tabular
tabular <- BIDSTabular(
  data.frame(
    sample_id = "sample-001",
    participant_id = "sub-001",
    sample_type = "cell line"
  )
)
tabular <- as_bids_tabular(tabular, cls = BIDSTabularSamples)


# save to tsv
tsv <- file.path(tempdir(), "samples.tsv")
paths <- save_bids_tabular(tabular, tsv)
print(paths)

# use base R to read
read.table(tsv, header = TRUE, na.strings = "n/a")
```

```
# get sidecar
cat(readLines(paths$sidecar_path), sep = "\n")

# clean up
unlink(tsv)
unlink(paths$sidecar_path)
```

`new_bids_class` *Create new* `bidsr` *class definition*

Description

By default, all generated classes inherit `BIDSClassBase`, which provides `S3` generics

Usage

```
new_bids_class(
  name,
  parent = BIDSClassBase,
  abstract = FALSE,
  hidden_names = NULL,
  properties = NULL,
  methods = NULL,
  validator = NULL,
  constructor = NULL
)
```

Arguments

`name`	string, required, name of the class
`parent`	parent class definition, needs to be a `'S7'` class
`abstract`	whether the class is abstract (`TRUE`) or not (`FALSE`)
`hidden_names`	vector of string, names of properties and/or methods whose presence should be hidden from the users; this will affect `` `$` `` operator, or `names` function. The hidden properties or methods cannot be queried via these two ways. However, properties can still be accessible via `` `@` `` operator
`properties`	a named list where the names are the property names that can be queried via `` `$` `` or `` `@` `` operators
`methods`	read-only methods for the class, such as `format` and `print`; if a method is a function, then the arguments should start with `self` (instance method) or `cls` (class method). In most of the cases, changes made to the object will not be carrier out once the the method function exits. For changes to the properties, use `setter` functions in each property.

validator	validate function; see new_class
constructor	function to custom the constructor; see parameter 'constructor' at new_class for details. Basically A custom constructor should call S7::new_object() to create the 'S7' object. The first argument should be an instance of the parent class (if used). The subsequent arguments are used to set the properties.

Value

A S7 object inheriting the 'bidsr::BIDSClassBase' class.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
# ---- Basic usage -------------------------------------------

Range <- new_bids_class(
  "Range",
  properties = list(
    start = bids_property_numeric("start", "required"),
    end = bids_property_numeric("end", "optional")
  ),
  validator = function(self) {
    if(length(self@end) && self@end < self@start) {
      "@end must be great than or equal to @start"
    }
  }
)


r <- Range(start = 10)
r
# get and set properties with @ or $
r$start
r$end <- 40
r$end

try(Range(start = c(10, 15), end = 20))
try(Range(start = 15, end = 10))



# ---- hide properties and attributes ------------------------
MyClass <- new_bids_class(
  name = "MyClass",
  properties = list(
    str = bids_property_character(
      name = "str", type = "required"),
    hidden_prop = bids_property_character("hidden_prop")
  ),
```

```
  methods = list(
    # read-only methods
    format = function(self, ...) {
      sprintf("MyClass@str -> %s", self$str)
    },
    hidden_method = function(self) {
      "Nononononono"
    }
  ),
  hidden_names = c("hidden_method", "hidden_prop")
)

x <- MyClass(str = "a")
x

# hidden names will not be displayed
names(x)
as.list(x)

# however, then can still be queried
x$hidden_prop
x$hidden_method()
```

`new_bids_entity_file_class` *Class generator for 'BIDS' file class with entities*

Description

Low-level function to generate file name definitions with entity constraints; use `parse_path_bids_entity` instead. The specification is at https://bids-specification.readthedocs.io/en/stable/common-principles.html#filenames.

Usage

```
new_bids_entity_file_class(
  name,
  data_type,
  suffix,
  schema_key = NA,
  bids_version = current_bids_version()
)
```

Arguments

name	class name
data_type	'BIDS' file data type
suffix	file suffix
schema_key	schema key if explicit entity rules are required
bids_version	'BIDS' version to query the entity rules

Value

A class definition with proper entity constraints according to data_type-suffix combinations, or a specific schema_key. The function rarely needs to be called directly unless the schema key is missing from the specification.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
# see full table at BIDS specification
# en/stable/appendices/entity-table.html#behavioral-data
#
# generate class definition for "Behavioral Data"
# Entity: Subject Session Task Acquisition Run Recording
# Format:
#   sub-<label> ses-<label> task-<label>
#   acq-<label> run-<index> recording-<label>
# suffix: events
# requirement: REQUIRED OPTIONAL REQUIRED OPTIONAL OPTIONAL
#


# ---- Basic usage ----------------------------------------
behavior_event_file_def <- new_bids_entity_file_class(
  name = "BIDSEntityFile_beh_events",
  data_type = "beh",
  suffix = "events"
)

file1 <- behavior_event_file_def(
  parent_directory = "sub-001/beh",
  sub = "001", task = "test", .extension = "tsv")

print(file1)

file.path("root/to/path", file1)

# How the entities are parsed?
file1$description
```

```
# get entity values
file1$get_bids_entity("task")

# parent directory
file1$parent_directory

file1$entities$run$value

# set entity values
file1$entities$run <- 2
file1$entities$run$index_format <- "%03d"

file1$entities$blahblah <- "haha"

file1

# Relaxed entity rules generated from schema
# `rules.files.raw.task.events` and
# `rules.files.deriv.preprocessed_data.task_events_common`
get_bids_entity_rules(file1)

# ---- Using BIDS schema key for specific version ------------------------
bids_version <- "1.10.1"
behavior_event_file_def <- new_bids_entity_file_class(
  name = "BIDSEntityFile_beh_events",
  data_type = "beh",
  suffix = "events",
  schema_key = "rules.files.raw.task.events",
  bids_version = bids_version
)

file2 <- behavior_event_file_def(
  parent_directory = "sub-001/beh",
  sub = "001", task = "test", .extension = "tsv")

file2$description

# `desc` is no longer listed in the rules here
get_bids_entity_rules(file2)
```

`parse_path_bids_entity` *Parse 'BIDS' entities from file path*

Description

Parse 'BIDS' entities from file path

Usage

```
parse_path_bids_entity(
  path,
  auto_cache = TRUE,
  schema_key = NA,
  bids_version = current_bids_version()
)
```

Arguments

path	path to the entity file, recommended to input the absolute path or relative path from the 'BIDS' root directory
auto_cache	whether to automatically cache the class definition to speed to next time; default is true
schema_key	'BIDS' schema key if explicit entity rules is needed
bids_version	'BIDS' version to query the entity rules

Value

A `'BIDSEntityFile'` instance.

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
path <- "anat/sub-01_chunk-001_t1w.nii.gz"

# --- parse ------------------------------------------------
parsed_filename <- parse_path_bids_entity(path)
parsed_filename

parsed_filename$get_bids_entity("sub")

# alternatively
parsed_filename$entities$sub$value

# data type is `anat` imaging
parsed_filename$data_type

# data is T1-weighted
parsed_filename$suffix

# --- usage ------------------------------------------------
# use it as character
file.path("/path/to/bids/dir/sub-01", parsed_filename)

# modify
```

```
parsed_filename$entities$task <- "special"

# new file path: anat/sub-01_task-special_chunk-001_T1w.nii.gz
parsed_filename

# ---- schema -----------------------------------------------
# get BIDS entity rules
parsed_filename$get_bids_entity("task")

# get entity rules
parsed_filename$get_bids_entity_rules()
```

`query_bids` *Query 'BIDS'*

Description

Query 'BIDS' project and analyze the files

Usage

```
query_bids(x, search_params, env = parent.frame(), ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	'BIDS' objects such as subject
`search_params`	searching parameters, leave it blank to see help documentations
`env`	where to resolve selectors
`...`	passed to down-stream methods

Value

A data table of query results

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

`resolve_bids_path` *Resolve path of a 'BIDS' object*

Description

Resolve path of a 'BIDS' object

Usage

```
resolve_bids_path(x, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	'BIDS' object such as project or subject
`...`	passed to generic methods

Value

A character of the resolved path

Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

Examples

```
# ---- BIDS project ------------------------------------------------


# This example needs extra demo files
# Run `download_bids_examples()` first
examples <- download_bids_examples(test = TRUE)

if(!isFALSE(examples)) {

  project_path <- file.path(examples, "ieeg_epilepsy_ecog")

  project <- BIDSProject(
    path = project_path,
    raw_data_relpath = ".",
    derivative_data_relpath = "derivatives"
  )

  # project root
  resolve_bids_path(project, storage = "root")

  # raw-data directory
  resolve_bids_path(project, storage = "raw")
```

```
  # source-data directory
  resolve_bids_path(project, storage = "source")

  # derivatives directory
  resolve_bids_path(project, storage = "derivative")

  # get relative directory to project root
  resolve_bids_path(project, storage = "derivative",
                    relative_to_project = TRUE)

}

# ---- BIDS subject -------------------------------------------------


# This example needs extra demo files
# Run `download_bids_examples()` first
examples <- download_bids_examples(test = TRUE)

if(!isFALSE(examples)) {

  project_path <- file.path(examples, "ieeg_epilepsy_ecog")

  subject <- BIDSSubject(project = project_path,
                         subject_code = "ecog01")

  # raw-data directory
  resolve_bids_path(subject, storage = "raw")

  # source-data directory
  resolve_bids_path(subject, storage = "source")

  # derivatives directory to freesurfer
  resolve_bids_path(subject, storage = "derivative",
                    prefix = "freesurfer")

  # get relative directory to project root
  resolve_bids_path(subject, storage = "raw",
                    relative_to_project = TRUE)

}

# ---- BIDS URI -----------------------------------------------------

# create a BIDS URI
uri <- BIDSURI("bids::sub-01/fmap/sub-01_dir-AP_epi.nii.gz")

# resolving a BIDS URI requires dataset_description.json
data_description <- get_bids_dataset_description(
  parent_directory = "/path/to/BIDS/folder",
  Name = "A dummy experiments",
  BIDSVersion = "1.6.0",
```

```
  DatasetLinks = list(
    "deriv1" = "derivatives/derivative1",
    "phantoms" = "file:///data/phantoms"
  )
)

resolve_bids_path(uri, data_description)
```

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