

# Package ‘bidsr’

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as\_bids\_tabular      *Class definitions and utilities for 'BIDS' tabular*

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## 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 <a href="#">nanotime</a> 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 <a href="#">bids_property</a>
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)
```

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BIDSClassBase

*Low-level abstract class for bidsr*

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### 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

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BIDSDatasetGeneratedBy

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

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### 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)
```

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BIDSEntity

*Class definitions of 'BIDS' entity*

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### 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 <b>Index:</b> A non-negative integer, potentially zero-padded for consistent width. <b>Label:</b> 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 entity
try({
  BIDSEntity_index_prohibited("invalid", 123)
})
```

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BIDSMap

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

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### **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)
```

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BIDSTabularSessions    *'BIDS' sessions table class*

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## 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)
```

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BIDSURI

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

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### **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")

```

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bids_project	<i>'BIDS' project class</i>
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## 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

}

```

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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,
```



class	'S7' class getter, setter, validator, default see <a href="#">new_property</a>
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 <a href="#">paste</a>
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 <a href="#">BIDSProject</a> , 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 <a href="#">BIDSProject</a> , 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](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 <a href="#">BIDSDataSetGeneratedBy</a>

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)
}

```

**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 <a href="#">BIDSTabular</a>

## 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 <a href="#">BIDSTabular</a>

**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 <code>`\$`</code> operator, or <code>names</code> function. The hidden properties or methods cannot be queried via these two ways. However, properties can still be accessible via <code>`@`</code> operator
properties	a named list where the names are the property names that can be queried via <code>`\$`</code> or <code>`@`</code> operators
methods	read-only methods for the class, such as <code>format</code> and <code>print</code> ; if a method is a function, then the arguments should start with <code>self</code> (instance method) or <code>cls</code> (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 <a href="#">new_class</a>
constructor	function to custom the constructor; see parameter 'constructor' at <a href="#">new_class</a> for details. Basically A custom constructor should call <code>S7::new_object()</code> 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) {
    "Nonononono"
  }
),
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, ...)
```

### Arguments

x                    'BIDS' objects such as subject  
search\_params    searching parameters, leave it blank to see help documentations  
...                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_relpth = ".",  
    derivative_data_relpth = "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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