Package 'gtfsio'

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`assert_gtfs` *GTFS object validator*

Description

Asserts that a GTFS object is valid. Valid objects are those in which:

- Every element is named.
- Every element inherits from `data.frames`.

The exception to the second rule are objects that contain an element named `"."`. In such case, this element is actually composed by a named list of elements who inherit from `data.frames`.

Usage

```
assert_gtfs(x)
```

Arguments

x	A GTFS object.

Value

The same GTFS object passed to `x`.

See Also

Other constructors: `new_gtfs()`

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")

gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)
gtfs <- assert_gtfs(gtfs)
```

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check_field_class *Check the classes of fields in a GTFS object element*

Description

Checks the classes of fields, represented by columns, inside a GTFS object element.

Usage

```
check_field_class(x, file, fields, classes)

assert_field_class(x, file, fields, classes)
```

Arguments

`x`	A GTFS object.
`file`	A string. The element, that represents a GTFS text file, whose fields' classes should be checked.
`fields`	A character vector. The fields to have their classes checked.
`classes`	A character vector, with the same length of `fields`. The classes that each field must inherit from.

Value

`check_field_class` returns `TRUE` if the check is successful, and `FALSE` otherwise.
`assert_field_class` returns `x` invisibly if the check is successful, and throws an error otherwise.

See Also

Other checking functions: `check_field_exists()`, `check_file_exists()`

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)

check_field_class(
  gtfs,
  "calendar",
  fields = c("monday", "tuesday"),
  classes = rep("integer", 2)
)

check_field_class(
  gtfs,
  "calendar",
  fields = c("monday", "tuesday"),
  classes = c("integer", "character")
)
```

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check_field_exists *Check the existence of fields in a GTFS object element*

Description

Checks the existence of fields, represented by columns, inside a GTFS object element.

Usage

```
check_field_exists(x, file, fields)

assert_field_exists(x, file, fields)
```

Arguments

x	A GTFS object.
file	A string. The element, that represents a GTFS text file, where fields should be searched.
fields	A character vector. The fields to check the existence of.

Value

`check_field_exists` returns `TRUE` if the check is successful, and `FALSE` otherwise.
`assert_field_exists` returns `x` invisibly if the check is successful, and throws an error otherwise.

See Also

Other checking functions: `check_field_class()`, `check_file_exists()`

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)

check_field_exists(gtfs, "calendar", c("monday", "tuesday"))

check_field_exists(gtfs, "calendar", c("monday", "oi"))
```

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check_file_exists *Check the existence of text files in a GTFS object*

Description

Checks the existence of elements inside a GTFS object that represent specific GTFS text files.

Usage

```
check_file_exists(x, files)

assert_file_exists(x, files)
```

Arguments

x	A GTFS object.
files	A character vector. The files to check the existence of.

Value

`check_file_exists` returns `TRUE` if the check is successful, and `FALSE` otherwise.
`assert_file_exists` returns `x` invisibly if the check is successful, and throws an error otherwise.

See Also

Other checking functions: `check_field_class()`, `check_field_exists()`

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)

check_file_exists(gtfs, c("calendar", "agency"))

check_file_exists(gtfs, c("calendar", "oi"))
```

export_gtfs *Export GTFS objects*

Description

Writes GTFS objects to disk as GTFS transit feeds. The object must be formatted according to the standards for reading and writing GTFS transit feeds, as specified in gtfs_reference (i.e. data types are not checked). If present, does not write auxiliary tables held in a sub-list named ".".

Usage

```
export_gtfs(
  gtfs,
  path,
  files = NULL,
  standard_only = FALSE,
  compression_level = 9,
  as_dir = FALSE,
  overwrite = TRUE,
  quiet = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

gtfs	A GTFS object.
path	A string. Where the resulting .zip file must be written to.
files	A character vector. The name of the elements to be written to the feed.
standard_only	A logical. Whether only standard files and fields should be written (defaults to TRUE, which drops extra files and fields).
compression_level	A numeric, between 1 and 9. The higher the value, the best the compression, which demands more processing time. Defaults to 9 (best compression).
as_dir	A logical. Whether the feed should be exported as a directory, instead of a .zip file. Defaults to FALSE.
overwrite	A logical. Whether to overwrite an existing .zip file (defaults to TRUE).
quiet	A logical. Whether to hide log messages and progress bars (defaults to TRUE).

Value

Invisibly returns the same GTFS object passed to gtfs.

See Also

gtfs_reference

Other io functions: import_gtfs()

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")

gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)

tmpf <- tempfile(pattern = "gtfs", fileext = ".zip")

export_gtfs(gtfs, tmpf)
zip::zip_list(tmpf)$filename

export_gtfs(gtfs, tmpf, files = c("shapes", "trips"))
zip::zip_list(tmpf)$filename
```

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get_gtfs_standards *Generate GTFS standards (deprecated)*

Description

This function is **deprecated** and no longer used in `import_gtfs()` or `export_gtfs()`. The dataset gtfs_reference now contains the standard specifications.

Usage

```
get_gtfs_standards()
```

Value

A named list, in which each element represents the R equivalent of each GTFS table standard (based on the specifications of 2022-05-09).

See Also

gtfs_reference

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gtfs_reference *GTFS reference*

Description

The data from the official GTFS specification document parsed to a list. Revision date: `2026-04-27`.

Usage

```
gtfs_reference
```

Format

A list with data for every GTFS file. Each named list element (also a list) has specifications for one GTFS file in the following structure:

- `File_Name`: file name including file extension (txt or geojson)
- `File_Presence`: Presence condition applied to the file
- `file`: file name without file extension
- `file_ext`: file extension
- `fields`: data.frame with parsed field specification (columns: `Field_Name`, `Type`, `Presence`, `Description`, `gtfsio_type`)
- `primary_key`: primary key as vector
- `field_types`: named vector on how GTFS types (values) should be read in gtfsio (names). Values are the same as in `fields`.

Details

GTFS Types are converted to R types in gtfsio according to the following list:

- Array = `geojson_array`
- Color = `character`
- Currency amount = `numeric`
- Currency code = `character`
- Date = `integer`
- Email = `character`
- Enum = `character, integer`
- Float = `numeric`
- ID = `character`
- Integer = `integer`
- Language code = `character`
- Latitude = `numeric`
- Local time = `character`
- Longitude = `numeric`
- Non-negative float = `numeric`
- Non-negative integer = `integer`
- Non-null integer = `integer`
- Non-zero integer = `integer`
- Object = `geojson_object`
- Phone number = `character`
- Positive float = `numeric`
- Positive integer = `integer`

- String = character
- Text = character
- Text or URL or Email or Phone number = character
- Time = character
- Timezone = character
- URL = character
- Unique ID = character

Source

https://github.com/google/transit/blob/master/gtfs/spec/en/reference.md

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`import_gtfs` *Import GTFS transit feeds*

Description

Imports GTFS transit feeds from either a local `.zip` file or an URL. Columns are parsed according to the standards for reading and writing GTFS feeds specified in `gtfs_reference`.

Usage

```
import_gtfs(
  path,
  files = NULL,
  fields = NULL,
  extra_spec = NULL,
  skip = NULL,
  quiet = TRUE,
  encoding = "unknown"
)
```

Arguments

`path`	A string. The path to a GTFS `.zip` file.
`files`	A character vector. The text files to be read from the GTFS, without the `.txt` extension. If `NULL` (the default), all existing text files are read.
`fields`	A named list. The fields to be read from each text file, in the format `list(file1 = c("field1", "field2"))`. If `NULL` (the default), all fields from the files specified in `files` are read. If a file is specified in `files` but not in `fields`, all fields from that file will be read (i.e. you may specify in `fields` only files whose fields you want to subset).

extra_spec	A named list. Custom specification used when reading undocumented fields, in the format `list(file1 = c(field1 = "type1", field2 = "type2"))`. If `NULL` (the default), all undocumented fields are read as character. Similarly, if an undocumented field is not specified in `extra_spec`, it is read as character (i.e. you may specify in `extra_spec` only the fields that you want to read as a different type). Only supports the `character`, `integer` and `numeric` types.
skip	A character vector. Text files that should not be read from the GTFS, without the `.txt` extension. If `NULL` (the default), no files are skipped. Cannot be used if `files` is set.
quiet	A logical. Whether to hide log messages and progress bars (defaults to `TRUE`).
encoding	A string. Passed to `fread`, defaults to `"unknown"`. Other possible options are `"UTF-8"` and `"Latin-1"`. Please note that this is not used to re-encode the input, but to enable handling encoded strings in their native encoding.

Value

A GTFS object: a named list of data frames, each one corresponding to a distinct text file from the given GTFS feed.

See Also

`gtfs_reference`

Other io functions: `export_gtfs()`

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")

# read all files and columns
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)
names(gtfs)
names(gtfs$trips)

# read all columns from selected files
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path, files = c("trips", "stops"))
names(gtfs)
names(gtfs$trips)

# read specific columns from selected files
gtfs <- import_gtfs(
  gtfs_path,
  files = c("trips", "stops"),
  fields = list(
    trips = c("route_id", "trip_id"),
    stops = c("stop_id", "stop_lat", "stop_lon")
  )
)
```

new_gtfs *GTFS object constructor*

Description

Creates a GTFS object. Mostly useful for package authors who may want to either create `gtfs` objects in their packages or create subclasses of the main `gtfs` class. The usage of this function assumes some knowledge on `gtfs` objects, thus inputs are not extensively checked. See `assert_gtfs` for more thorough checks.

Usage

```
new_gtfs(x, subclass = character(), ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	A GTFS-like object (either a GTFS object or a named list). Each element must represent a distinct GTFS text file.
`subclass`	A character vector. Subclasses to be assigned to the `gtfs` object.
`...`	Name-value pairs. Additional attributes.

Value

A GTFS object: a named list of data frames, each one corresponding to a distinct GTFS text file, with `gtfs` and `list` classes.

See Also

Other constructors: `assert_gtfs()`

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")

tmpdir <- tempfile(pattern = "new_gtfs_example")
zip::unzip(gtfs_path, exdir = tmpdir)

agency <- data.table::fread(file.path(tmpdir, "agency.txt"))
stops <- data.table::fread(file.path(tmpdir, "stops.txt"))
routes <- data.table::fread(file.path(tmpdir, "routes.txt"))
trips <- data.table::fread(file.path(tmpdir, "trips.txt"))
stop_times <- data.table::fread(file.path(tmpdir, "stop_times.txt"))
calendar <- data.table::fread(file.path(tmpdir, "calendar.txt"))

txt_files <- list(
  agency = agency,
  stops = stops,
  routes = routes,
```

```
  trips = trips,
  stop_times = stop_times,
  calendar = calendar
)

gtfs <- new_gtfs(txt_files)

class(gtfs)
names(gtfs)
```

`print.gtfs` *Print a GTFS object*

Description

Prints a GTFS object suppressing the `class` attribute.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gtfs'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	A GTFS object.
`...`	Optional arguments ultimately passed to `format`.

Value

The GTFS object that was printed, invisibly.

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)

# subset 'gtfs' for a smaller output
gtfs <- gtfs[c("routes", "trips")]

print(gtfs)
```

summary.gtfs *Print summary of a GTFS object*

Description

Print summary of a GTFS object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gtfs'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A GTFS object.
...	Ignored.

Value

Vector with the number of entries for each gtfs table.

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)

summary(gtfs)
```

[.gtfs *Subset a GTFS object*

Description

Subsetting a GTFS object using [preserves the object class.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gtfs'
x[value]
```

Arguments

x	A GTFS object.
value	Either a numeric or a character vector. Designates the elements to be returned.

Value

A GTFS object.

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")

gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)
names(gtfs)
class(gtfs)

small_gtfs <- gtfs[1:5]
names(small_gtfs)
class(small_gtfs)

small_gtfs <- gtfs[c("shapes", "trips")]
names(small_gtfs)
class(small_gtfs)
```

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