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The metadata helps interpret CSV by setting the types and variable names.

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base_uri	<i>Retrieve the base URI from configuration</i>
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Description

Retrieve the base URI from configuration

Usage

```
base_uri()
```

Value

returns the value of csvwr_base_uri option, defaulting to example.net

Examples

```
## Not run:
base_uri() # returns default

options(csvwr_base_uri="http://www.w3.org/2013/csvw/tests/")
base_uri()

## End(Not run)
```

coalesce_truth	<i>Coalesce value to truthiness</i>
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Description

Determine whether the input is true, with missing values being interpreted as false.

Usage

```
coalesce_truth(x)
```

Arguments

x logical, NA or NULL

Value

FALSE if x is anything but TRUE

create_metadata	<i>Create tabular metadata from a list of tables</i>
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Description

The table annotations should each be a list with keys for url and tableSchema. You can use derive_table_schema to derive a schema from a data frame.

Usage

```
create_metadata(tables)
```

Arguments

tables a list of csvw:table annotations

Value

a list describing a tabular metadata annotation

Examples

```
d <- data.frame(foo="bar")
table <- list(url="filename.csv", tableSchema=derive_table_schema(d))
create_metadata(tables=list(table))
```

csvwr_example	<i>Get path to csvwr example</i>
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Description

The csvwr package includes some example csvw files in its `inst/extdata` directory. You can use this function to find them.

Usage

```
csvwr_example(path = NULL)
```

Arguments

`path` The filename. If `NULL`, the example files will be listed.

Details

Inspired by [readr::readr_example\(\)](#)

Value

either a file path or a vector of filenames

Examples

```
csvwr_example()  
csvwr_example("computer-scientists.csv")
```

csvw_to_list	<i>Convert a csvw metadata to a list (csv2json)</i>
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Description

Convert a csvw metadata to a list (csv2json)

Usage

```
csvw_to_list(csvw)
```

Arguments

`csvw` a csvw metadata list

Value

a list following the csv2json translation rules

Examples

```
## Not run:
csvw_to_list(read_csvw("example.csv"))

## End(Not run)
```

datatype_to_type	<i>Map csvw datatypes to R types</i>
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Description

Translate **csvw datatypes** to R types. This implementation currently targets `readr::cols` column specifications.

Usage

```
datatype_to_type(datatypes)
```

Arguments

`datatypes` a list of csvw datatypes

Value

a `readr::cols` specification - a list of collectors

Examples

```
## Not run:
cspec <- datatype_to_type(list("double", list(base="date", format="yyyy-MM-dd")))
readr::read_csv(readr::readr_example("challenge.csv"), col_types=cspec)

## End(Not run)
```

default_dialect	<i>CSVW default dialect</i>
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Description

The **CSVW Default Dialect specification** described in **CSV Dialect Description Format**.

Usage

```
default_dialect
```

Format

An object of class list of length 13.

Value

a list specifying a default csv dialect

default_schema	<i>Create a default table schema given a csv file and dialect</i>
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Description

If neither the table nor the group have a tableSchema annotation, then this default schema will be used.

Usage

```
default_schema(filename, dialect = default_dialect)
```

Arguments

filename	a csv file
dialect	specification of the csv's dialect (default: default_dialect)

Value

a table schema

derive_metadata	<i>Derive csvw metadata from a csv file</i>
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Description

Derive csvw metadata from a csv file

Usage

```
derive_metadata(filename)
```

Arguments

filename	a csv file
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Value

a list of csvw metadata

Examples

```
derive_metadata(csvwr_example("computer-scientists.csv"))
```

derive_table_schema *Derive csvw table schema from a data frame*

Description

Derive csvw table schema from a data frame

Usage

```
derive_table_schema(d)
```

Arguments

d a data frame

Value

a list describing a csvw:tableSchema

Examples

```
derive_table_schema(data.frame(a=1,b=2))
```

extract_table *Extract a referenced table from CSVW metadata*

Description

Extract a referenced table from CSVW metadata

Usage

```
extract_table(csvw, reference)
```

Arguments

csvw the metadata
reference a foreign key reference expressed as a list containing either a reference attribute
or a schemaReference attribute

Value

a csvw table

normalise_metadata	<i>Normalise metadata</i>
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Description

The spec defines a **normalisation process**.

Usage

```
normalise_metadata(metadata, location)
```

Arguments

metadata	a csvw metadata list
location	the location of the metadata

Value

metadata with normalised properties

read_csvw	<i>Read CSV on the Web</i>
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Description

If the argument to `filename` is a json metadata document, this will be used to find csv files for each table using the value of `csvw:url`.

Usage

```
read_csvw(filename, metadata = NULL)
```

Arguments

filename	a path for a csv table or a json metadata document
metadata	optional user metadata

Details

If the argument to `filename` is a csv file, and no metadata is provided, an attempt is made to derive metadata.

If the argument to `filename` is a csv file, and the metadata is provided, then the given csv will override the value of `csvw:url`.

The csvw metadata is returned as a list. In each table in the table group, an element named `dataframe` is added which provides the contents of the csv table parsed into a data frame using the table schema.

Value

csvw metadata list, with a dataframe property added to each table

Examples

```
## Not run:
read_csvw("metadata.json")
read_csvw("table.csv", "metadata.json")

## End(Not run)
```

read_csvw_dataframe	<i>Read a data frame from the first table in a csvw</i>
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Description

Wrapper around read_csvw convenient when you're only interested in the data and there's only one table

Usage

```
read_csvw_dataframe(filename, metadata = NULL)
```

Arguments

filename	a path for a csv table or a json metadata document
metadata	optional user metadata

Value

A data frame parsed using the table schema

read_metadata	<i>Read and parse CSVW Metadata</i>
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Description

Reads in a json document as a list, transforming columns specifications into a dataframe.

Usage

```
read_metadata(filename)
```

Arguments

filename	a path for a json metadata document
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Value

csvw metadata list

render_uri_templates *Render URI templates*

Description

Interpolate variable bindings into a URI template.

Usage

```
render_uri_templates(templates, bindings = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

templates	a character vector with URI templates
bindings	a list of variable bindings to be interpolated into templates
...	further bindings specified as named function arguments

Details

This doesn't yet implement the whole of RFC 6570, just enough to make the tests pass

You can bind variables by passing a list to the explicit bindings argument, or variadically with ... by naming arguments according to the variable name you wish to bind.

Value

a character vector with the expanded URI

Examples

```
render_uri_templates("{+url}/resource?query=value", list(url="http://example.net"))  
render_uri_templates("{+url}", url="http://example.net")
```

`transform_datetime_format`*Transform date/time format string from Unicode TR35 to POSIX 1003.1*

Description

As per the [csvw specification for date and time formats](#) we accept format strings using the [date field symbols defined in unicode TR35](#). These are converted to POSIX 1003.1 date format strings for use in `base::strptime()` or `readr::parse_date()/readr::parse_datetime()`.

Usage

```
transform_datetime_format(format_string)
```

Arguments

`format_string` a UAX35 date format string

Value

a POSIX date format string

Examples

```
## Not run:
fmt <- transform_datetime_format("dd.MM.yyyy")
strptime("01.01.2001", format=fmt)

## End(Not run)
```

`type_to_datatype`*Map R types to csvw datatype*

Description

Translate R types to [csvw datatypes](#). Acts as an inverse of `datatype_to_type` but doesn't provide a 1:1 correspondence.

Usage

```
type_to_datatype(types)
```

Arguments

`types` a list of R types

Value

a list of csvw datatypes

validate_csvw	<i>Validate CSVW specification</i>
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Description

Follows the [csvw table validation](#) procedure.

Usage

```
validate_csvw(csvw)
```

Arguments

csvw	a csvw metadata specification (a list)
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Value

a validation report (list)

validate_referential_integrity	<i>Validate the referential integrity of a csvw table group</i>
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Description

Fails if foreign keys aren't found in the referenced tables

Usage

```
validate_referential_integrity(csvw)
```

Arguments

csvw	the metadata annotation
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Value

a list specifying any foreign key violations

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