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add_resource	<i>Add a Data Resource</i>
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Description

Adds a Tabular **Data Resource** to a Data Package. The resource will be a **Tabular Data Resource**. The resource name can only contain lowercase alphanumeric characters plus `.`, `-` and `_`.

Usage

```
add_resource(package, resource_name, data, schema = NULL, delim = ",")
```

Arguments

package	List describing a Data Package, created with read_package() or create_package() .
resource_name	Name of the Data Resource.
data	Data to attach, either a data frame or path(s) to CSV file(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data frame: attached to the resource as data and written to a CSV file when using write_package(). • One or more paths to CSV file(s) as a character (vector): added to the resource as path. The last file will be read with <code>readr::read_delim()</code> to create or compare with schema and to set format, mediatype and encoding. The other files are ignored, but are expected to have the same structure and properties.
schema	Either a list, or path or URL to a JSON file describing a Table Schema for the data. If not provided, one will be created using create_schema() .
delim	Single character used to separate the fields in the CSV file(s), e.g. <code>\t</code> for tab delimited file. Will be set as <code>delimiter</code> in the resource CSV dialect , so read functions know how to read the file(s).

Value

Provided package with one additional resource.

See Also

Other edit functions: [get_schema\(\)](#), [remove_resource\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Load the example Data Package
package <- example_package

# List resources
resources(package)

# Create a data frame
df <- data.frame(
  multimedia_id = c(
    "aed5fa71-3ed4-4284-a6ba-3550d1a4de8d",
    "da81a501-8236-4cbd-aa95-4bc4b10a05df"
  ),
  x = c(718, 748),
  y = c(860, 900)
)

# Add resource "positions" to the Data Package, from the data frame
package <- add_resource(package, "positions", data = df)

# Add resource "positions_2" to the Data Package, with user-defined schema
my_schema <- create_schema(df)
package <- add_resource(package, "positions_2", data = df, schema = my_schema)

# Add resource "observations_2" to the Data Package, from CSV file paths
path_1 <- system.file("extdata", "observations_1.csv", package = "frictionless")
path_2 <- system.file("extdata", "observations_2.csv", package = "frictionless")
package <- add_resource(package, "observations_2", data = c(path_1, path_2))

# List resources ("positions", "positions_2", "observations_2" added)
resources(package)
```

create_package

Create an empty Data Package

Description

Initiates a list describing a **Data Package**. This empty Data Package can be extended with metadata and resources (see [add_resource\(\)](#)). Added resources will make the Data Package meet **Tabular Data Package** requirements, so profile is set to tabular-data-package.

Usage

```
create_package()
```

Value

List describing a Data Package.

See Also

Other create functions: [create_schema\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Create a Data Package
package <- create_package()
str(package)
```

create_schema	<i>Create a Table Schema for a data frame</i>
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Description

Creates a **Table Schema** for a data frame, listing all column names and types as field names and (converted) types.

Usage

```
create_schema(data)
```

Arguments

data A data frame.

Value

List describing a Table Schema.

Table schema properties

The Table Schema will be created from the data frame columns:

- name: contains the column name.
- title: not set.
- description: not set.
- type: contains the converted column type (see further).
- format: not set and can thus be considered default. This is also the case for dates, times and datetimes, since `readr::write_csv()` used by `write_package()` will format those to ISO8601 which is considered the default. Datetimes in local or non-UTC timezones will be converted to UTC before writing.
- constraints: not set, except for factors (see further).

- missingValues: not set. `write_package()` will use the default "" for missing values.
- primaryKey: not set.
- foreignKeys: not set.

Field types:

The column type will determine the field type, as follows:

- character as `string`.
- Date as `date`.
- difftime as `number`.
- factor as `string` with factor levels as enum.
- `hms:hms()` as `time`.
- integer as `integer`.
- logical as `boolean`.
- numeric as `number`.
- POSIXct/POSIXlt as `datetime`.
- Any other type as `any`.

See Also

Other create functions: `create_package()`

Examples

```
# Create a data frame
df <- data.frame(
  id = c(as.integer(1), as.integer(2)),
  timestamp = c(
    as.POSIXct("2020-03-01 12:00:00", tz = "EET"),
    as.POSIXct("2020-03-01 18:45:00", tz = "EET")
  ),
  life_stage = factor(c("adult", "adult"), levels = c("adult", "juvenile"))
)

# Create a Table Schema from the data frame
schema <- create_schema(df)
str(schema)
```

example_package

Example Data Package

Description

Example Tabular **Data Package** with dummy camera trap data organized in 3 Data Resources:

- deployments: data stored in `deployments.csv`.
- observations: data stored in `observations_1.csv` and `observations_2.csv`, but referenced as URLs.
- media: data stored in `data` property.

Usage

```
example_package
```

Format

An object of class list of length 9.

Source

<https://github.com/frictionlessdata/frictionless-r/tree/main/inst/extdata>

Examples

```
## Not run:
# example_package.rda was created with the code below.
# Note that it must be created using a URL, otherwise all Data Resource paths
# will point to local paths that won't work for other users.
# One can load locally using:
# read_package(
#   system.file("extdata", "datapackage.json", package = "frictionless")
# )
example_package <- read_package(file.path(
  "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/frictionlessdata/frictionless-r",
  "main/inst/extdata/datapackage.json"
))
save(example_package, file = "data/example_package.rda")

## End(Not run)
```

get_schema

Get the Table Schema of a Data Resource

Description

Returns the **Table Schema** of a Data Resource (in a Data Package), i.e. the content of its schema property, describing the resource's fields, data types, relationships, and missing values. The resource must be a **Tabular Data Resource**.

Usage

```
get_schema(package, resource_name)
```

Arguments

package List describing a Data Package, created with `read_package()` or `create_package()`.
resource_name Name of the Data Resource.

Value

List describing a Table Schema.

See Also

Other edit functions: [add_resource\(\)](#), [remove_resource\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Load the example Data Package
package <- example_package

# Get the Table Schema for the resource "observations"
schema <- get_schema(package, "observations")
str(schema)
```

read_package	<i>Read a Data Package descriptor file (datapackage.json)</i>
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Description

Reads information from a datapackage.json file, i.e. the **descriptor** file that describes the Data Package metadata and its Data Resources.

Usage

```
read_package(file = "datapackage.json")
```

Arguments

file Path or URL to a datapackage.json file.

Value

List describing a Data Package. The function will add a custom property directory with the directory the descriptor was read from. It is used as a base path to access resources.

See Also

Other read functions: [read_resource\(\)](#), [resources\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Read a datapackage.json file
package <- read_package(
  system.file("extdata", "datapackage.json", package = "frictionless")
)

# Access the Data Package properties
package$name
package$created

# List resources
resources(package)
```

read_resource	<i>Read data from a Data Resource into a tibble data frame</i>
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Description

Reads data from a **Data Resource** (in a Data Package) into a tibble (a Tidyverse data frame). The resource must be a **Tabular Data Resource**. The function uses `readr::read_delim()` to read CSV files, passing the resource properties path, CSV dialect, column names, data types, etc. Column names are taken from the provided Table Schema (schema), not from the header in the CSV file(s).

Usage

```
read_resource(package, resource_name)
```

Arguments

`package` List describing a Data Package, created with `read_package()` or `create_package()`.
`resource_name` Name of the Data Resource.

Value

`dplyr::tibble()` data frame with the Data Resource's tabular data.

Resource properties

The **Data Resource properties** are handled as follows:

Path:

`path` is required. It can be a local path or URL, which must resolve. Absolute path (/) and relative parent path (../) are forbidden to avoid security vulnerabilities.

When multiple paths are provided (`"path": ["myfile1.csv", "myfile2.csv"]`) then data are merged into a single data frame, in the order in which the paths are listed.

Data:

If path is not present, the function will attempt to read data from the data property. schema **will be ignored**.

Name:

name is **required**. It is used to find the resource with name = resource_name.

Profile:

profile is **required** to have the value tabular-data-resource.

File encoding:

encoding (e.g. windows-1252) is **required** if the resource file(s) is not encoded as UTF-8. The returned data frame will always be UTF-8.

CSV Dialect:

dialect properties are **required** if the resource file(s) deviate from the default CSV settings (see below). It can either be a JSON object or a path or URL referencing a JSON object. Only deviating properties need to be specified, e.g. a tab delimited file without a header row needs:

```
"dialect": {"delimiter": "\t", "header": "false"}
```

These are the CSV dialect properties. Some are ignored by the function:

- delimiter: default ,.
- lineTerminator: ignored, line terminator characters LF and CRLF are interpreted automatically by `readr::read_delim()`, while CR (used by Classic Mac OS, final release 2001) is not supported.
- doubleQuote: default true.
- quoteChar: default ".
- escapeChar: anything but \ is ignored and it will set doubleQuote to false as these fields are mutually exclusive. You can thus not escape with \ " and "" in the same file.
- nullSequence: ignored, use missingValues.
- skipInitialSpace: default false.
- header: default true.
- commentChar: not set by default.
- caseSensitiveHeader: ignored, header is not used for column names, see Schema.
- csvddfVersion: ignored.

File compression:

Resource file(s) with path ending in .gz, .bz2, .xz, or .zip are automatically decompressed using default `readr::read_delim()` functionality. Only .gz files can be read directly from URL paths. Only the extension in path can be used to indicate compression type, the compression property is **ignored**.

Ignored resource properties:

- title
- description
- format
- mediatype
- bytes
- hash
- sources
- licenses

Table schema properties

schema is required and must follow the [Table Schema](#) specification. It can either be a JSON object or a path or URL referencing a JSON object.

- Field names are used as column headers.
- Field types are use as column types (see further).
- `missingValues` are used to interpret as NA, with "" as default.

Field types:

Field type is used to set the column type, as follows:

- `string` as character; or factor when enum is present. format is ignored.
- `number` as double; or factor when enum is present. Use `bareNumber: false` to ignore whitespace and non-numeric characters. `decimalChar` (. by default) and `groupChar` (undefined by default) can be defined, but the most occurring value will be used as a global value for all number fields of that resource.
- `integer` as double (not integer, to avoid issues with big numbers); or factor when enum is present. Use `bareNumber: false` to ignore whitespace and non-numeric characters.
- `boolean` as logical. Non-default `trueValues/falseValues` are not supported.
- `object` as character.
- `array` as character.
- `date` as date. Supports format, with values default (ISO date), any (guess ymd) and [Python/C strptime](#) patterns, such as `%a, %d %B %Y` for Sat, 23 November 2013. `%x` is `%m/%d/%y. %j, %U, %w` and `%W` are not supported.
- `time` as `hms:hms()`. Supports format, with values default (ISO time), any (guess hms) and [Python/C strptime](#) patterns, such as `%I%pM:%S.%f%z` for 8AM30:00.300+0200.
- `datetime` as `POSIXct`. Supports format, with values default (ISO datetime), any (ISO datetime) and the same patterns as for date and time. `%c` is not supported.
- `year` as date, with 01 for month and day.
- `yearmonth` as date, with 01 for day.
- `duration` as character. Can be parsed afterwards with `lubridate::duration()`.
- `geopoint` as character.
- `geojson` as character.
- `any` as character.
- Any other value is not allowed.
- Type is guessed when not provided.

See Also

Other read functions: [read_package\(\)](#), [resources\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Read a datapackage.json file
package <- read_package(
  system.file("extdata", "datapackage.json", package = "frictionless")
)
```

```

# List resources
resources(package)

# Read data from the resource "observations"
read_resource(package, "observations")

# The above tibble is merged from 2 files listed in the resource path
package$resources[[2]]$path

# The column names and types are derived from the resource schema
purrr::map_chr(package$resources[[2]]$schema$fields, "name")
purrr::map_chr(package$resources[[2]]$schema$fields, "type")

```

remove_resource	<i>Remove a Data Resource</i>
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Description

Removes a **Data Resource** from a Data Package, i.e. it removes one of the described resources.

Usage

```
remove_resource(package, resource_name)
```

Arguments

package	List describing a Data Package, created with read_package() or create_package() .
resource_name	Name of the Data Resource.

Value

Provided package with one fewer resource.

See Also

Other edit functions: [add_resource\(\)](#), [get_schema\(\)](#)

Examples

```

# Load the example Data Package
package <- example_package

# List resources
resources(package)

# Remove the resource "observations"
package <- remove_resource(package, "observations")

# List resources ("observations" removed)
resources(package)

```

resources

List Data Resources

Description

Lists the names of the Data Resources included in a Data Package.

Usage

```
resources(package)
```

Arguments

package List describing a Data Package.

Value

Character vector with the Data Resource names.

See Also

Other read functions: [read_package\(\)](#), [read_resource\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Load the example Data Package
package <- example_package

# List resources
resources(package)
```

write_package

Write a Data Package to disk

Description

Writes a Data Package and its related Data Resources to disk as a `datapackage.json` and CSV files. Already existing CSV files of the same name will not be overwritten. The function can also be used to download a Data Package in its entirety. The Data Resources are handled as follows:

- Resource path has at least one local path (e.g. `deployments.csv`): CSV files are copied or downloaded to `directory` and `path` points to new location of file(s).
- Resource path has only URL(s): resource stays as is.
- Resource has inline data originally: resource stays as is.
- Resource has inline data as result of adding data with `add_resource()`: data are written to a CSV file using `readr::write_csv()`, `path` points to location of file, `data` property is removed. Use `compress = TRUE` to gzip those CSV files.

Usage

```
write_package(package, directory = ".", compress = FALSE)
```

Arguments

package	List describing a Data Package, created with <code>read_package()</code> or <code>create_package()</code> .
directory	Path to local directory to write files to.
compress	If TRUE, data of added resources will be gzip compressed before being written to disk (e.g. <code>deployments.csv.gz</code>).

Value

package as written to file (invisibly).

Examples

```
# Load the example Data Package from disk
package <- read_package(
  system.file("extdata", "datapackage.json", package = "frictionless")
)

# List resources
resources(package)

# Write the (unchanged) Data Package to disk
write_package(package, directory = "my_directory")

# Check files
list.files("my_directory")

# No files written for the "observations" resource, since those are all URLs.
# No files written for the "media" resource, since it has inline data.

# Clean up (don't do this if you want to keep your files)
unlink("my_directory", recursive = TRUE)
```

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