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      tiv' < https://activinsights.com/>, .bin-format from GENEA de-
      vices (not for sale), and .cwa-format from 'Axivity' <a href="https://axivity.com">https://axivity.com</a>. Fur-
      ther, it has functions for reading text files with epoch level aggregates from 'Actical', 'Fitbit', 'Ac-
      tiwatch', 'ActiGraph', and 'PhilipsHealthBand'. Primarily designed to complement R pack-
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Description

This package offers a collection of functions to read data files from wearable accelerometers. Some functions were migrated from R package GGIR to make GGIR more modular and to reduce it's complexity, while other functions such as readGENEActiv (R) and GENEActivReader (C++) are newly written.

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- Dan Jackson helped improve function readAxivity

GENEActivReader Function (C++) to read binary files as produced by the GENEActiv accelerometer

Description

Function to read binary files as produced by the GENEActiv accelerometer by ActivInsights Ltd https://activinsights.com/

Usage

```
GENEActivReader(filename, start = 0L, end = 0L, progress_bar = FALSE)
```

Arguments

filename filename (required)
start start page for reading data
end end page for reading data
progress_bar Boolean

Details

If only start page is defined then all data is read beyond start until the end of the file is reached

Value

Numeric vector with time in miliseconds since start page Numeric vector with x-axis acceleration in gravitational units Numeric vector with y-axis acceleration in gravitational units Numeric vector with z-axis acceleration in gravitational units temperature matrix with battery voltage and corresponding timestamps Numeric vector with lux values in Volts	info	List with ReadOK (good=0 or error=1), ReadErrors (Count of pages with read errors), SampleRate (Hertz), numBlocksTotal
y Numeric vector with y-axis acceleration in gravitational units z Numeric vector with z-axis acceleration in gravitational units temperature matrix with battery voltage and corresponding timestamps	time	Numeric vector with time in miliseconds since start page
z Numeric vector with z-axis acceleration in gravitational units temperature matrix with battery voltage and corresponding timestamps	Х	Numeric vector with x-axis acceleration in gravitational units
temperature matrix with battery voltage and corresponding timestamps	у	Numeric vector with y-axis acceleration in gravitational units
	z	Numeric vector with z-axis acceleration in gravitational units
lux Numeric vector with lux values in Volts	temperature	matrix with battery voltage and corresponding timestamps
	lux	Numeric vector with lux values in Volts

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mergeFitbitData	Merge Fitbit json files into one data.frame

Description

Read and merge Fitbit json files into one data.frame, and give warning if time series do not intersect.

Usage

Arguments

filenames	Character vector, specifying the filenames (at least two) to be merged.
desiredtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was worn. Timezone names are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
configtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was configured. Leave NULL

if equal to desiredtz. Timezones name are expected to be the timezone database

names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones

Value

Merged data from the two or more files.

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mergePHBdata	Merge Philips Health Band xlsx file pairs into one csv file	
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Description

Read, merge, and save Philips Health Band xlsx file pairs to csv. If the pair is incomplete the function will still convert the available xlsx file to csv.

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Arguments

filenames Character vector, specifying the two filenames to be merged. Assumption is that

there is one file starting with "Datalist_" and one starting with "Sleep_Wake_".

timeformat Character, timestemp format.

desiredtz Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was worn. Timezone names

are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones

configtz Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was configured. Leave NULL

if equal to desiredtz. Timezones name are expected to be the timezone database

names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones

timeformatName Character, name of timeformat variable to print in error message when timefor-

mat is incorrect, of use to GGIR where argument names can differ.

Value

Merged data from the two files.

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readActicalCount Read Actical Count data files (csv)

Description

Reads Actical Count data file.

Usage

Arguments

filename (required)

timeformat Character, timestemp format.

desiredtz Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was worn. Timezone names

are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones

configtz Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was configured. Leave NULL

if equal to desiredtz. Timezones name are expected to be the timezone database

names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones

timeformatName Character, name of timeformat variable to print in error message when timefor-

mat is incorrect, of use to GGIR where argument names can differ.

Value

data Matrix with one or multiple columns

epochSize epoch size in seconds of data

startTime POSIXIt format timestamp on which recording starts

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readActiGraphCount Read ActiGraph Count data files (csv)

Description

Reads ActiGraph Count data file. Currently a variety of csv format are facilitated.

Usage

Arguments

filename (required)

timeformat Character, timestemp format.

desiredtz Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was worn. Timezone names

are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones

configtz Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was configured. Leave NULL

if equal to desiredtz. Timezones name are expected to be the timezone database

names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones

timeformatName Character, name of timeformat variable to print in error message when timefor-

mat is incorrect, of use to GGIR where argument names can differ.

Value

data Matrix with one or multiple columns

epochSize epoch size in seconds of data

startTime POSIXIt format timestamp on which recording starts

deviceSerialNumber

Device serial number if it could be extracted from the file header

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unt data files (csv)

Description

Reads Actiwatch Count data file. Currently a variety of csv format are facilitated.

Usage

filename (required)

Arguments

filename

timeformat	Character, timestemp format.
desiredtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was worn. Timezone names are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
configtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was configured. Leave NULL if equal to desiredtz. Timezones name are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
timeformatName	Character, name of timeformat variable to print in error message when timefor-

mat is incorrect, of use to GGIR where argument names can differ.

Value

data	Matrix with one or multiple columns
epochSize	epoch size in seconds of data
startTime	POSIXIt format timestamp on which recording starts

Author(s)

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readAxivity	Function to read .cwa-format files as produced by the accelerometer named 'Axivity'

Description

For reading .cwa-format data with the Axivity AX3 and AX6 sensors.

Usage

```
readAxivity(filename, start = 0, end = 0, progressBar = FALSE,
  desiredtz = "", configtz = c(), interpolationType=1, loadbattery = FALSE,
  header = NULL, frequency_tol = 0.1, maxAllowedCorruptBlocks = 20)
```

Arguments

fil	ename	filename	(required)	is name	of cwa	file to read
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start non-negative integer which is a cwa file block number.

end non-negative integer which is a cwa file block number. End must be not be less

than start. If end is less or equal to start, then there is no data read.

progressBar Is trigger to switch on/off the text progress bar. If progressBar is TRUE then the

function displays the progress bar but it works slightly slower

desiredtz Desired timezone, a character with timezone database name.

configtz Timezone in which the accelerometer was configured. Only use this argument

if the timezone of configuration and timezone in which recording took place are

different.

interpolationType

Integer to indicate type of interpolation to be used, 1=linear, 2=nearest neigh-

bour.

loadbattery Boolean to indicate whether battery voltage should be loaded

header Header to be reused if it was extracted earlier

frequency_tol Numeric value representing the tolerance for frequency bias expressed as a frac-

tion of the expected sampling frequency. For example, 0.10 indicates that we accept the sampling frequency configured at 100 Hertz to vary between 90 and 110 Hertz. If this condition is not met the data will be imputed with a constant value and the start and end time will be logged in the QClog output object. Regardless of the setting the function will always log instances when frequency differs by more than 5%, but if this is less than frequency_tol the block will not

be imputed.

maxAllowedCorruptBlocks

Max number of consecutive blocks with a failed checksum that we'll tolerate.

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Value

• data dataframe with data from start inclusive till end exclusive. If start == end then data section of final structure is empty.

- timestamp in numeric format
- gx gyroscope x-axis (only available in AX6)
- gy gyroscope y-axis (only available in AX6)
- gz gyroscope z-axis (only available in AX6)
- x accelerometer x-axis
- y accelerometer y-axis
- z accelerometer z-axis
- temperature in Celsius (only recorded once per block)
- battery one value per block (only recorded once per block)
- light in LUX on (only recorded once per block)
- header file header. list of header information:
 - uniqueSerialCode is unque serial code of used device
 - frequency is measurement frequency. All data will be resampled for this frequency
 - start is timestamp in numeric form. To get text representation it is enough to use as.POSIXct(start, origin = "1970-01-01", tz=desiredtz)
 - device is "Axivity"
 - firmware Version
 - blocks is number of datablocks with 80 or 120 raw observations in each.
- QClog dataframe with log of integrity checks on each block including:
 - checksum_pass Boolean to indicate whether checksum was zero.
 - blockID_previous ID for previous block
 - blockID_current ID for current block
 - start_previous numeric start time of previous block
 - start_current numeric start time of current block
 - blockLengthSeconds length of previous block
 - frequency_blockheader frequency derived from block header
 - frequency observed frequency as observed
 - imputed Boolean to indicate whether this block was inputed

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Examples

```
cwafile = system.file("testfiles/ax3_testfile.cwa", package = "GGIRread")[1]
AX3 = readAxivity(filename = cwafile, desiredtz = "Europe/Berlin", start = 1, end = 2)
```

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	readFitbit	Read Fitbit data files (json)	
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Description

Reads Fitbit data file (json) with sleep, steps or calories. Steps and calories are converted to 30 second resolution to match resolution of sleep data.

Usage

```
readFitbit(filename = NULL, desiredtz = "", configtz = NULL)
```

Arguments

filename	Character, filename (required) of json file
desiredtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was worn. Timezone names are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
configtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was configured. Leave NULL if equal to desiredtz. Timezones name are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones

Value

Data.frame with data converted to time series

Author(s)

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readGenea	Function to read binary files as produced by the accelerometer named 'Genea', not to be confused with the 'GENEActiv' (see package GEN-EAread for this)

Description

For reading the binary data as collected with a Genea accelerometer (Unilever Discover, UK). For reading GENEActive binary data, see package GENEAread.

```
readGenea(filename, start = 0, end = 0)
```

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Arguments

filename	filename	(required)
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start start point for reading data, this can either be a timestamp in POSIXct format

"year-month-day hr:min:sec" or a page number (optional)

end end point for reading data, this can either be a timestamp in POSIXct format

"year-month-day hr:min:sec" or a page number (optional)

Details

If only start is defined then readGenea will read all data beyond start until the end of the file is reached

Value

rawxyz matrix with raw x, y, and, z acceleration values

header file header

timestamps for rawxyz in seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00

timestamps for rawxyz in day time format

batt.voltage matrix with battery voltage and corresponding timestamps

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Examples

```
geneafile = system.file("testfiles/genea_testfile.bin", package = "GGIRread")[1]
GENEA = readGenea(filename = geneafile, start = 0, end = 2)
```

readGENEActiv Function (R) to read binary files as produced by the GENEActiv accelerometer

Description

R function wrapper around GENEActivReader to read binary files as produced by the GENEActiv accelerometer by ActivInsights Ltd https://activinsights.com/

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Arguments

filename (required)

start start page for reading data end end page for reading data

progress_bar Boolean

desiredtz Character, timezone database name of the timezone where the accelerometer

was worn.

configtz Character, timezone database name of the timezone where the accelerometer

was configured. Leave NULL if equal to timezone where experiment took place.

Details

If only start page is defined then all data is read beyond start until the end of the file is reached

Value

header:

serial_number Device serial number as extracted from file header

firmware Firmware version

tzone Time zone as extracted from file header

ReadOK see GENEActivReader

SampleRate matrix with battery voltage and corresponding timestamps
ReadErrors matrix with battery voltage and corresponding timestamps
numBlocksTotal matrix with battery voltage and corresponding timestamps

StartTime Start time as extracted from file header

data.out:

time Unix time in seconds with decimal places for miliseconds

x see GENEActivReader
 y see GENEActivReader
 z see GENEActivReader

light Light values express in lux units

temperature Temperature in Celsius

Author(s)

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Examples

```
binfile = system.file("testfiles/GENEActiv_testfile.bin", package = "GGIRread")[1]
rdata = readGENEActiv(filename = binfile, start = 1, end = 1, desiredtz = "Europe/London")
```

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readParmayMatrix	Read and Process Binary Data from Matrix Devices
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Description

Reads a binary file generated by Parmay Tech Matrix devices, processes its header and packet data, validates data integrity using CRC32 checksums, and outputs structured sensor data and quality check information.

Usage

Arguments

filename	Character. Path to the binary file to be read.	
output	Character. Specifies the type of output. Options include:	
	"all" Returns the full processed data.	
	"sf" Returns the sampling frequency of the accelerometer data.	
	"dynrange" Returns the dynamic range of the accelerometer.	
start	Integer. The index of the starting packet to process. Default is 1.	
end	Integer. The index of the ending packet to process. Default is NULL, which means all packets are processed.	
desiredtz	Character. Time zone for the returned timestamps. Default is an empty string, which uses the system's default time zone.	
configtz	Character. Time zone specified in the file's configuration. Default is NULL, which means that it uses desiredtz.	
interpolationType		
	Integer. Specifies the type of interpolation (see resample) to use when resampling data: 1 for Linear interpolation, 2 for Nearest-neighbor interpolation.	
read_acc	Logical. Indicates whether accelerometer data should be read.	
read_gyro	Logical. Indicates whether gyroscope data should be read.	
read_temp	Logical. Indicates whether temperature data should be read.	
read_heart	Logical. Indicates whether heart rate data should be read.	

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Details

Matrix devices store binary data in packets, with varying lengths depending on the number of sensor recordings in each packet. The function processes the file's header to extract metadata such as the total number of packets and sensor ranges, validates data integrity using CRC32 checksums, and interpolates data to a consistent sampling frequency.

Header Information:

• Remarks: Bytes 1-512.

• Total packets: Bytes 513-516.

• Header string: Bytes 517-520. If not "MDTC", the file is considered corrupt.

• Accelerometer dynamic range: Bytes 521-522.

• Gyroscope range: Bytes 523-524.

Packet Structure:

Each packet contains accelerometer, gyroscope, temperature, and heart rate data.

- 8-byte package header.
- 4-byte CRC32 indicator.
- 4-byte start timestamp.
- 4-byte end timestamp.
- 4-byte number of accelerometer recordings in packet.
- 4-byte number of gyroscope recordings in packet.
- 4-byte number of temperature recordings in packet.
- 4-byte number of heart rate recordings in packet.
- Sensor data for accelerometer, gyroscope, temperature, and heart rate.

Value

A list containing the following elements (when output = "all"):

- QClog: A data frame with quality control information, including checksum validation and data gaps.
- output: A data frame with resampled sensor data, including:

time Timestamps of the recordings.

acc_x, acc_y, acc_z Resampled accelerometer data.

gyro_x, gyro_y, gyro_z Resampled gyroscope data.

bodySurface_temp, ambient_temp Resampled temperature data.

hr_raw, hr Resampled heart rate data.

remarks Remarks extracted from the file header.

• header: A list with the following elements:

sf Sampling frequency of the accelerometer data.

acc_dynrange Dynamic range of the accelerometer.

starttime Start time of the first packet in POSIXct format.

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• lastchunk: Logical, indicating if the processed data includes the last packet in the file.

```
If output = "sf", the function returns only the sampling frequency.

If output = "dynrange", it returns the dynamic range of the accelerometer.
```

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References

For more details on Matrix devices', see: https://www.parmaytech.com/devices/en-matrix For additional details on Matrix bin/BIN files structure, please contact manufacturer: https://www.parmaytech.com/contact

See Also

resample for resampling sensor data.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example usage:
binfile = system.file("testfiles/mtx_12.5Hz_acc.BIN", package = "GGIRread")
# Read full data and process all packets
result <- readParmayMatrix(binfile)

# Get sampling frequency only
sf <- readParmayMatrix(binfile, output = "sf")

# Get accelerometer dynamic range
dynrange <- readParmayMatrix(binfile, output = "dynrange")

# Process a subset of packets
result_subset <- readParmayMatrix(binfile, start = 10, end = 20)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

 ${\tt readPHBCount}$

Read PHB Count data files (xlsx)

Description

Reads Philips Health Band (PHB) Count data file.

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Usage

Arguments

filename (required)

timeformat Character, timestemp format.

desiredtz Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was worn. Timezone names

are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones

configtz Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was configured. Leave NULL

if equal to desiredtz. Timezones name are expected to be the timezone database

names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones

timeformatName Character, name of timeformat variable to print in error message when timefor-

mat is incorrect, of use to GGIR where argument names can differ.

Value

Data.frame with time series, exact column names can vary between xlsx files.

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readWav	Deprecated function to read .wav files as can be stored with OMGUI software by Axivity Ltd

Description

Originally designed to read the wav accelerometer data format as stored with the OMGUI software by Axivity Ltd and documented here.

This function has been deprecated as wav files are hardly used, their formatting is not consistent causing ongoing challenges, and the wav format is not well facilitated for AX6 recordings.

```
readWav(filename, start = 1, end = 100,units="minutes")
```

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Arguments

filename	filename (required)
start	start point for reading data, see also units
end	end point for reading data, see also units
units	units used for defining start and end

Details

If only start is defined then g.binread will read all data beyond start until the end of the file is reached

Value

rawxyz matrix with raw x, y, and, z acceleration values

header file header

timestamps local timestamps for rawxyz

Author(s)

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resample	Resample timeseries	

Description

Resample single- or multi-variate time series using linear or nearest neighbour interpolation

Usage

```
resample(raw, rawTime, time, stop, type = 1)
```

Arguments

raw stop-by-3 matrix with raw values of x, y and z.

rawTime vector with stop elements of raw time.

time array with required time points.

stop Number of rows in raw

type integer to indicate type of interpolation, 1=linear, 2=nearest neighbour

Examples

```
raw = cbind(1:10, 1:10, 1:10)
rawTime = seq(0.1, 1, by = 0.1)
time = seq(0.15001, 1.05001, by = 0.1)
stop = 10
dat_lin = resample(raw, rawTime, time, stop, type = 1)
```

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