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`.variable_arg_roles`      *Variable-argument roles*

## Description

A Variable-argument role is the intended use of an argument of a indicator function – an argument that refers variables. In general for the table `.variable_arg_roles`, the suffix `_var` means one variable allowed, while `_vars` means more than one. The default sets of arguments for [util\\_correct\\_variable\\_use](#)/[util\\_correct\\_variable\\_use2](#) are defined from the point of usage, e.g. if it could be, that NAs are in the list of variable names, the function should be able to remove certain response variables from the output and not disallow them by setting `allow_na` to FALSE.

## Usage

`.variable_arg_roles`

## Format

An object of class `tbl_df` (inherits from `tbl`, `data.frame`) with 14 rows and 7 columns.

## See Also

[util\\_correct\\_variable\\_use\(\)](#)  
[util\\_correct\\_variable\\_use2\(\)](#)

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acc_distributions	<i>Function to plot histograms added by empirical cumulative distributions for subgroups</i>
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## Description

Function to identify inadmissible measurements according to hard limits (multiple variables)

## Usage

```
acc_distributions(  
  resp_vars = NULL,  
  label_col,  
  group_vars = NULL,  
  study_data,  
  meta_data  
)
```

## Arguments

resp_vars	<a href="#">variable list</a> the names of the measurement variables
label_col	<a href="#">variable attribute</a> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
group_vars	<a href="#">variable list</a> the name of the observer, device or reader variable
study_data	<a href="#">data.frame</a> the data frame that contains the measurements
meta_data	<a href="#">data.frame</a> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data

## Value

A [list](#) with:

- SummaryPlots: [list of ggplots](#) for each response variable in `resp_vars`.

## ALGORITHM OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION:

- Select all variables of type float or integer in the study data
- Remove missing codes from the study data (if defined in the metadata)
- Remove measurements deviating from limits defined in the metadata
- Plot histograms
  - If `group_vars` is specified by the user, distributions within group-wise ecdf are presented.

## See Also

[Online Documentation](#)

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acc_end_digits	<i>Extension of acc_shape_or_scale to examine uniform distributions of end digits</i>
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## Description

This implementation contrasts the empirical distribution of a measurement variables against assumed distributions. The approach is adapted from the idea of rootograms (Tukey (1977)) which is also applicable for count data (Kleiber and Zeileis (2016)).

## Usage

```
acc_end_digits(resp_vars = NULL, study_data, meta_data, label_col = VAR_NAMES)
```

## Arguments

resp_vars	<b>variable</b> the names of the measurement variables, mandatory
study_data	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains the measurements
meta_data	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
label_col	<b>variable attribute</b> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables

## Value

a **list** with:

- **SummaryData**: data frame underlying the plot
- **SummaryPlot**: ggplot2 distribution plot comparing expected with observed distribution

## ALGORITHM OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION:

- This implementation is restricted to data of type float or integer.
- Missing codes are removed from resp\_vars (if defined in the metadata)
- The user must specify the column of the metadata containing probability distribution (currently only: normal, uniform, gamma)
- Parameters of each distribution can be estimated from the data or are specified by the user
- A histogram-like plot contrasts the empirical vs. the technical distribution

## See Also

[Online Documentation](#)

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acc_loess	<i>Smoothes and plots adjusted longitudinal measurements</i>
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## Description

The following R implementation executes calculations for quality indicator Unexpected distribution wrt location (link). Local regression (LOESS) is a versatile statistical method to explore an averaged course of time series measurements (Cleveland, Devlin, and Grosse 1988). In context of epidemiological data, repeated measurements using the same measurement device or by the same examiner can be considered a time series. LOESS allows to explore changes in these measurements over time.

## Usage

```
acc_loess(
  resp_vars,
  group_vars,
  time_vars,
  co_vars = NULL,
  min_obs_in_subgroup,
  label_col = NULL,
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  resolution = 180,
  se_line = list(color = "red", linetype = 2),
  plot_data_time
)
```

## Arguments

resp_vars	<b>variable</b> the name of the continuous measurement variable
group_vars	<b>variable</b> the name of the observer, device or reader variable
time_vars	<b>variable</b> a variable identifying the variable with the time of measurement
co_vars	<b>variable list</b> a vector of covariates, e.g. age and sex for adjustment. Can be <b>NULL</b> (default) for no adjustment.
min_obs_in_subgroup	<b>integer</b> from=0. optional argument if <b>group_vars</b> are used. This argument specifies the minimum number of observations that is required to include a subgroup (level) of the group variable named by <b>group_vars</b> in the analysis. Subgroups with less observations are excluded. The default is 30.
label_col	<b>variable attribute</b> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
study_data	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains the measurements
meta_data	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
resolution	<b>numeric</b> how many timepoints have a standard error estimation
se_line	<b>list</b> standard error estimator line style, as arguments passed to <b>ggplot2::geom_line()</b>
plot_data_time	<b>logical</b> mark times with data values (caution, there may be many marks)

## Details

If `plot_data_time` is not set, it will be selected based on the number of data points per group: If more than 4000 points would be plotted for at least one group, the > 4000 marks will not be plotted.

### Limitations

The application of LOESS usually requires model fitting, i.e. the smoothness of a model is subject to a smoothing parameter (span). Particularly in the presence of interval-based missing data (USR\_181), high variability of measurements combined with a low number of observations in one level of the `group_vars` the fit to the data may be distorted. Since our approach handles data without knowledge of such underlying characteristics, finding the best fit is complicated if computational costs should be minimal. The default of LOESS in R uses a span 0.75 which provides in most cases reasonable fits. The function above increases the fit to the data automatically if the minimum of observations in one level of the `group_vars` is higher than n=30.

## Value

a [list](#) with:

- `SummaryPlotList`: list with two plots:
  - `Loess.fits_facets`: `ggplot2` LOESS plot provides panels for each subject/object. The plot contains LOESS-smoothed curves for each level of the `group_vars`. The red dashed lines represent the confidence interval of a LOESS curve for the whole data.
  - `Loess.fits_combined`: `ggplot2` LOESS plot combines all curves into one panel and is obtained by `myloess$Loess.fits_combined`. Given a low number of levels in the `group_vars` this plot eases comparisons. However, if number increases this plot may be too crowded and unclear.

## See Also

[Online Documentation](#)

`acc_margins`

*Function to estimate marginal means, see [emmeans::emmeans](#)*

## Description

`margins` does calculations for quality indicator Unexpected distribution wrt location (link). Therefore we pursue a combined approach of descriptive and model-based statistics to investigate differences across the levels of an auxiliary variable.

CAT: Unexpected distribution w.r.t. location

Marginal means

Marginal means rests on model based results, i.e. a significantly different marginal mean depends on sample size. Particularly in large studies, small and irrelevant differences may become significant. The contrary holds if sample size is low.

## Usage

```
acc_margins(
  resp_vars = NULL,
  group_vars = NULL,
  co_vars = NULL,
  threshold_type = NULL,
  threshold_value,
  min_obs_in_subgroup,
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  label_col
)
```

## Arguments

<code>resp_vars</code>	<code>variable</code> the name of the continuous measurement variable
<code>group_vars</code>	<code>variable list</code> the name of the observer, device or reader variable
<code>co_vars</code>	<code>variable list</code> a vector of covariables, e.g. age and sex for adjustment
<code>threshold_type</code>	<code>enum</code> empirical   user   none. In case empirical is chosen a multiplier of the scale measure is used, in case of user a value of the mean or probability (binary data) has to be defined see Implementation and use of thresholds. In case of none, no thresholds are displayed and no flagging of unusual group levels is applied.
<code>threshold_value</code>	<code>numeric</code> a multiplier or absolute value see Implementation and use of thresholds
<code>min_obs_in_subgroup</code>	<code>integer</code> from=0. optional argument if a "group_var" is used. This argument specifies the minimum no. of observations that is required to include a subgroup (level) of the "group_var" in the analysis. Subgroups with less observations are excluded. The default is 5.
<code>study_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains the measurements
<code>meta_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
<code>label_col</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables

## Details

### Limitations

Selecting the appropriate distribution is complex. Dozens of continuous, discrete or mixed distributions are conceivable in the context of epidemiological data. Their exact exploration is beyond the scope of this data quality approach. The function above uses the help function `util_dist_selection` which discriminates four cases:

- continuous data
- binary data
- count data with  $\leq 20$  categories
- count data with  $> 20$  categories

Nonetheless, only three different plot types are generated. The fourth case is treated as continuous data. This is in fact a coarsening of the original data but for the purpose of clarity this approach is chosen.

### Value

a list with:

- SummaryTable: data frame underlying the plot
- SummaryData: data frame
- SummaryPlot: ggplot2 margins plot

### See Also

[Online Documentation](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# runs spuriously slow on rhub
load(system.file("extdata/study_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
load(system.file("extdata/meta_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
co_vars <- c("AGE_0")
label_col <- LABEL
rvs <- c("DBP_0")
group_vars <- prep_map_labels(rvs, meta_data = meta_data, from = label_col,
  to = VAR_NAMES)
group_vars <- prep_map_labels(group_vars, meta_data = meta_data,
  to = KEY_OBSERVER)
group_vars <- prep_map_labels(group_vars, meta_data = meta_data)
acc_margins(resp_vars = rvs,
  study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data,
  group_vars = group_vars,
  label_col = label_col,
  co_vars = co_vars)

## End(Not run)
```

acc\_multivariate\_outlier

*Function to calculate and plot Mahalanobis distances*

### Description

A standard tool to detect multivariate outliers is the Mahalanobis distance. This approach is very helpful for the interpretation of the plausibility of a measurement given the value of another. In this approach the Mahalanobis distance is used as a univariate measure itself. We apply the same rules for the identification of outliers as in univariate outliers:

- the classical approach from Tukey:  $1.5 * IQR$  from the 1st ( $Q_{25}$ ) or 3rd ( $Q_{75}$ ) quartile.
- the  $6 * \sigma$  approach, i.e. any measurement of the Mahalanobis distance not in the interval of  $\bar{x} \pm 3 * \sigma$  is considered an outlier.
- the approach from Hubert for skewed distributions which is embedded in the R package **robustbase**
- a completely heuristic approach named  $\sigma$ -gap.

For further details, please see the vignette for univariate outlier.

## Usage

```
acc_multivariate_outlier(
  resp_vars,
  id_vars = NULL,
  label_col,
  n_rules = 4,
  study_data,
  meta_data
)
```

## Arguments

<code>resp_vars</code>	<code>variable list</code> len=1-2. the name of the continuous measurement variable
<code>id_vars</code>	<code>variable</code> optional, an ID variable of the study data. If not specified row numbers are used.
<code>label_col</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
<code>n_rules</code>	<code>numeric</code> from=1 to=4. the no. of rules that must be violated to classify as outlier
<code>study_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains the measurements
<code>meta_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data

## Value

a list with:

- `SummaryTable`: `data.frame` underlying the plot
- `SummaryPlot`: `ggplot2` outlier plot
- `FlaggedStudyData` `data.frame` contains the original data frame with the additional columns `tukey`, `sixsigma`, `hubert`, and `sigmagap`. Every observation is coded 0 if no outlier was detected in the respective column and 1 if an outlier was detected. This can be used to exclude observations with outliers.

## ALGORITHM OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION:

- Implementation is restricted to variables of type float
- Remove missing codes from the study data (if defined in the metadata)
- The covariance matrix is estimated for all `resp_vars`

- The Mahalanobis distance of each observation is calculated  $MD_i^2 = (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu)$
- The four rules mentioned above are applied on this distance for each observation in the study data
- An output data frame is generated that flags each outlier
- A parallel coordinate plot indicates respective outliers

## See Also

[Online Documentation](#)

**acc\_robust\_univariate\_outlier**

*Function to identify univariate outliers by four different approaches*

## Description

A classical but still popular approach to detect univariate outlier is the boxplot method introduced by Tukey 1977. The boxplot is a simple graphical tool to display information about continuous univariate data (e.g., median, lower and upper quartile). Outliers are defined as values deviating more than  $1.5 \times IQR$  from the 1st (Q25) or 3rd (Q75) quartile. The strength of Tukey's method is that it makes no distributional assumptions and thus is also applicable to skewed or non mound-shaped data Marsh and Seo, 2006. Nevertheless, this method tends to identify frequent measurements which are falsely interpreted as true outliers.

A somewhat more conservative approach in terms of symmetric and/or normal distributions is the  $6 * \sigma$  approach, i.e. any measurement not in the interval of  $mean(x) + / - 3 * \sigma$  is considered an outlier.

Both methods mentioned above are not ideally suited to skewed distributions. As many biomarkers such as laboratory measurements represent in skewed distributions the methods above may be insufficient. The approach of Hubert and Vandervieren 2008 adjusts the boxplot for the skewness of the distribution. This approach is implemented in several R packages such as [robustbase::mc](#) which is used in this implementation of [dataquieR](#).

Another completely heuristic approach is also included to identify outliers. The approach is based on the assumption that the distances between measurements of the same underlying distribution should homogeneous. For comprehension of this approach:

- consider an ordered sequence of all measurements.
- between these measurements all distances are calculated.
- the occurrence of larger distances between two neighboring measurements may than indicate a distortion of the data. For the heuristic definition of a large distance  $1 * \sigma$  has been chosen.

## Usage

```
acc_robust_univariate_outlier(
  resp_vars = NULL,
  label_col,
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  exclude_roles,
  n_rules = 4
)
```

## Arguments

<code>resp_vars</code>	<code>variable list</code> the name of the continuous measurement variable
<code>label_col</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
<code>study_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains the measurements
<code>meta_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
<code>exclude_roles</code>	<code>variable roles</code> a character (vector) of variable roles not included
<code>n_rules</code>	<code>integer</code> from=1 to=4. the no. of rules that must be violated to flag a variable as containing outliers. The default is 4, i.e. all.

## Value

a list with:

- SummaryTable: `data.frame` with the columns Variables, Mean, SD, Median, Skewness, Tukey (N), 6-Sigma (N), Hubert (N), Sigma-gap (N), Most likely (N), To low (N), To high (N) Grading
- SummaryPlotList: `ggplot2` univariate outlier plots

## ALGORITHM OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION:

- Select all variables of type float in the study data
- Remove missing codes from the study data (if defined in the metadata)
- Remove measurements deviating from limits defined in the metadata
- Identify outlier according to the approaches of Tukey (Tukey 1977), SixSigma (-Bakar et al. 2006), Hubert (Hubert and Vandervieren 2008), and SigmaGap (heuristic)
- A output data frame is generated which indicates the no. of possible outlier, the direction of deviations (to low, to high) for all methods and a summary score which sums up the deviations of the different rules
- A scatter plot is generated for all examined variables, flagging observations according to the no. of violated rules (step 5).

## See Also

[acc\\_univariate\\_outlier](#)

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<code>acc_shape_or_scale</code>	<i>Function to compare observed versus expected distributions</i>
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## Description

This implementation contrasts the empirical distribution of a measurement variables against assumed distributions. The approach is adapted from the idea of rootograms (Tukey 1977) which is also applicable for count data (Kleiber and Zeileis 2016).

## Usage

```
acc_shape_or_scale(
  resp_vars,
  dist_col,
  guess,
  par1,
  par2,
  end_digits,
  label_col,
  study_data,
  meta_data
)
```

## Arguments

<code>resp_vars</code>	<code>variable</code> the name of the continuous measurement variable
<code>dist_col</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the variable attribute in <code>meta_data</code> that provides the expected distribution of a study variable
<code>guess</code>	<code>logical</code> estimate parameters
<code>par1</code>	<code>numeric</code> first parameter of the distribution if applicable
<code>par2</code>	<code>numeric</code> second parameter of the distribution if applicable
<code>end_digits</code>	<code>logical</code> check for end digits preferences
<code>label_col</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
<code>study_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains the measurements
<code>meta_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data

## Value

a list with:

- `SummaryData`: `data.frame` underlying the plot
- `SummaryPlot`: `ggplot2` probability distribution plot
- `SummaryTable`: `data.frame` with the columns `Variables` and `GRADING`

**ALGORITHM OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION:**

- This implementation is restricted to data of type float or integer.
- Missing codes are removed from resp\_vars (if defined in the metadata)
- The user must specify the column of the metadata containing probability distribution (currently only: normal, uniform, gamma)
- Parameters of each distribution can be estimated from the data or are specified by the user
- A histogram-like plot contrasts the empirical vs. the technical distribution

**See Also**

[Online Documentation](#)

`acc_univariate_outlier`

*Function to identify univariate outliers by four different approaches*

**Description**

A classical but still popular approach to detect univariate outlier is the boxplot method introduced by Tukey 1977. The boxplot is a simple graphical tool to display information about continuous univariate data (e.g., median, lower and upper quartile). Outliers are defined as values deviating more than  $1.5 \times IQR$  from the 1st (Q25) or 3rd (Q75) quartile. The strength of Tukey's method is that it makes no distributional assumptions and thus is also applicable to skewed or non mound-shaped data Marsh and Seo, 2006. Nevertheless, this method tends to identify frequent measurements which are falsely interpreted as true outliers.

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- consider an ordered sequence of all measurements.
- between these measurements all distances are calculated.
- the occurrence of larger distances between two neighboring measurements may than indicate a distortion of the data. For the heuristic definition of a large distance  $1 * \sigma$  has been chosen.

**Usage**

```
acc_univariate_outlier(
  resp_vars = NULL,
  label_col,
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  exclude_roles,
  n_rules = 4
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>resp_vars</code>	<code>variable list</code> the name of the continuous measurement variable
<code>label_col</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
<code>study_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains the measurements
<code>meta_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
<code>exclude_roles</code>	<code>variable roles</code> a character (vector) of variable roles not included
<code>n_rules</code>	<code>integer</code> from=1 to=4. the no. of rules that must be violated to flag a variable as containing outliers. The default is 4, i.e. all.

**Value**

a list with:

- SummaryTable: `data.frame` with the columns Variables, Mean, SD, Median, Skewness, Tukey (N), 6-Sigma (N), Hubert (N), Sigma-gap (N), Most likely (N), To low (N), To high (N) Grading
- SummaryPlotList: `ggplot2` univariate outlier plots

**ALGORITHM OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION:**

- Select all variables of type float in the study data
- Remove missing codes from the study data (if defined in the metadata)
- Remove measurements deviating from limits defined in the metadata
- Identify outlier according to the approaches of Tukey (Tukey 1977), SixSigma (-Bakar et al. 2006), Hubert (Hubert and Vandervieren 2008), and SigmaGap (heuristic)
- A output data frame is generated which indicates the no. of possible outlier, the direction of deviations (to low, to high) for all methods and a summary score which sums up the deviations of the different rules
- A scatter plot is generated for all examined variables, flagging observations according to the no. of violated rules (step 5).

**See Also**

- [acc\\_robust\\_univariate\\_outlier](#)
- [Online Documentation](#)

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<code>acc_varcomp</code>	<i>Estimates variance components</i>
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## Description

Variance based models and intraclass correlations (ICC) are approaches to examine the impact of so-called process variables on the measurements. This implementation is model-based.

**NB:** The term ICC is frequently used to describe the agreement between different observers, examiners or even devices. In respective settings a good agreement is pursued. ICC-values can vary between [-1;1] and an ICC close to 1 is desired (Koo and Li 2016, Müller and Büttner 1994).

However, in multi-level analysis the ICC is interpreted differently. Please see Snijders et al. (Snijders and Bosker 1999). In this context the proportion of variance explained by respective group levels indicate an influence of (at least one) level of the respective group\_vars. An ICC close to 0 is desired.

## Usage

```
acc_varcomp(
  resp_vars = NULL,
  group_vars,
  co_vars = NULL,
  min_obs_in_subgroup = 30,
  min_subgroups = 5,
  label_col = NULL,
  threshold_value = 0.05,
  study_data,
  meta_data
)
```

## Arguments

<code>resp_vars</code>	<b>variable list</b> the names of the continuous measurement variables
<code>group_vars</code>	<b>variable list</b> the names of the resp. observer, device or reader variables
<code>co_vars</code>	<b>variable list</b> a vector of covariables, e.g. age and sex for adjustment
<code>min_obs_in_subgroup</code>	<b>integer</b> from=0. optional argument if a "group_var" is used. This argument specifies the minimum no. of observations that is required to include a subgroup (level) of the "group_var" in the analysis. Subgroups with less observations are excluded. The default is 30.
<code>min_subgroups</code>	<b>integer</b> from=0. optional argument if a "group_var" is used. This argument specifies the minimum no. of subgroups (levels) included "group_var". If the variable defined in "group_var" has less subgroups it is not used for analysis. The default is 5.
<code>label_col</code>	<b>variable attribute</b> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables

```

threshold_value      numeric from=0 to=1. a numerical value ranging from 0-1
study_data          data.frame the data frame that contains the measurements
meta_data            data.frame the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data

```

### Value

a list with:

- SummaryTable: data frame with ICCs per rvs
- ScalarValue\_max\_icc: maximum variance contribution value by group\_vars
- ScalarValue\_argmax\_icc: variable with maximum variance contribution by group\_vars

### ALGORITHM OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION:

- This implementation is yet restricted to data of type float.
- Missing codes are removed from resp\_vars (if defined in the metadata)
- Deviations from limits, as defined in the metadata, are removed
- A linear mixed-effects model is estimated for resp\_vars using co\_vars and group\_vars for adjustment.
- An output data frame is generated for group\_vars indicating the ICC.

### See Also

[Online Documentation](#)

### Examples

```

## Not run:
# runs spuriously slow on rhub
load(system.file("extdata/study_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
load(system.file("extdata/meta_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
co_vars <- c("SEX_0", "AGE_0")
min_obs_in_subgroup <- 30
min_subgroups <- 3
label_col <- LABEL
rvs <- c("DBP_0", "SBP_0")
group_vars <- prep_map_labels(rvs, meta_data = meta_data, from = label_col,
  to = VAR_NAMES)
group_vars <- prep_map_labels(group_vars, meta_data = meta_data,
  to = KEY_OBSERVER)
group_vars <- prep_map_labels(group_vars, meta_data = meta_data)
acc_varcomp(
  resp_vars = rvs, group_vars = group_vars, co_vars = co_vars,
  min_obs_in_subgroup = min_obs_in_subgroup,
  min_subgroups = min_subgroups, label_col = label_col,
  study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data
)

```

```
## End(Not run)
```

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```
as.data.frame.dataquieR_resultset  
Convert a full dataquieR report to a data.frame
```

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## Description

converts a [dataquieR report](#) to a [data.frame](#). Intended for use in pipelines.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dataquieR_resultset'  
as.data.frame(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	<a href="#">dataquieR report</a>
...	not used

## Value

a [data.frame](#) with one row per indicator call, one column implementationform naming the called indicator function, one column per function argument and one additional column containing the results of each call as a list.

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```
as.list.dataquieR_resultset  
Convert a full dataquieR report to a list
```

---

## Description

converts a [dataquieR report](#) to a [list](#). Intended for use in pipelines.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dataquieR_resultset'  
as.list(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	<a href="#">dataquieR report</a>
...	arguments passed to <a href="#">pipeline_recursive_result</a>

## Value

a [list](#) with one element per indicator call. Each element is an encapsulated sub-list as described in [pipeline\\_recursive\\_result](#)

**com\_item\_missingness** *Summarize missingness columnwise (in variable)*

## Description

Item-Missingness (also referred to as item nonresponse (De Leeuw et al. 2003)) describes the missingness of single values, e.g. blanks or empty data cells in a data set. Item-Missingness occurs for example in case a respondent does not provide information for a certain question, a question is overlooked by accident, a programming failure occurs or a provided answer were missed while entering the data.

## Usage

```
com_item_missingness(
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  resp_vars = NULL,
  label_col,
  show_causes = TRUE,
  cause_label_df,
  include_sysmiss = NULL,
  threshold_value,
  suppressWarnings = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

<code>study_data</code>	<a href="#">data.frame</a> the data frame that contains the measurements
<code>meta_data</code>	<a href="#">data.frame</a> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
<code>resp_vars</code>	<a href="#">variable list</a> the name of the measurement variables
<code>label_col</code>	<a href="#">variable attribute</a> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
<code>show_causes</code>	<a href="#">logical</a> if TRUE, then the distribution of missing codes is shown
<code>cause_label_df</code>	<a href="#">data.frame</a> missing code table. If missing codes have labels the respective data frame must be specified here
<code>include_sysmiss</code>	<a href="#">logical</a> Optional, if TRUE system missingness (NAs) is evaluated in the summary plot
<code>threshold_value</code>	<a href="#">numeric</a> from=0 to=100. a numerical value ranging from 0-100
<code>suppressWarnings</code>	<a href="#">logical</a> warn about mixed missing and jump code lists

**Value**

a list with:

- `SummaryTable`: data frame about item missingness per response variable
- `SummaryPlot`: `ggplot2` heatmap plot, if `show_causes` was `TRUE`

**ALGORITHM OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION:**

- Lists of missing codes and, if applicable, jump codes are selected from the metadata
- The no. of system missings (`NA`) in each variable is calculated
- The no. of used missing codes is calculated for each variable
- The no. of used jump codes is calculated for each variable
- Two result dataframes (1: on the level of observations, 2: a summary for each variable) are generated
- *OPTIONAL*: if `show_causes` is selected, one summary plot for all `resp_vars` is provided

**See Also**

[Online Documentation](#)

**com\_segment\_missingness**

*Summarizes missingness for individuals in specific segments*

**Description**

**This implementation can be applied in two use cases::**

1. participation in study segments is not recorded by respective variables, e.g. a participant's refusal to attend a specific examination is not recorded.
2. participation in study segments is recorded by respective variables.

Use case (1) will be common in smaller studies. For the calculation of segment missingness it is assumed that study variables are nested in respective segments. This structure must be specified in the static metadata. The R-function identifies all variables within each segment and returns `TRUE` if all variables within a segment are missing, otherwise `FALSE`.

Use case (2) assumes a more complex structure of study data and meta data. The study data comprise so-called intro-variables (either `TRUE/FALSE` or codes for non-participation). The column `KEY_STUDY_SEGMENT` in the metadata is filled by variable-IDs indicating for each variable the respective intro-variable. This structure has the benefit that subsequent calculation of item missingness obtains correct denominators for the calculation of missingness rates.

## Usage

```
com_segment_missingness(
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  group_vars = NULL,
  strata_vars = NULL,
  label_col,
  threshold_value,
  direction,
  exclude_roles = "process"
)
```

## Arguments

study_data	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains the measurements
meta_data	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
group_vars	<b>variable</b> the name of a variable used for grouping, defaults to <i>NULL</i> for not grouping output
strata_vars	<b>variable</b> the name of a variable used for stratification, defaults to <i>NULL</i> for not grouping output
label_col	<b>variable attribute</b> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
threshold_value	<b>numeric</b> from=0 to=100. a numerical value ranging from 0-100
direction	<b>enum</b> low   high. "high" or "low", i.e. are deviations above/below the threshold critical
exclude_roles	<b>variable roles</b> a character (vector) of variable roles not included

## Details

### Implementation and use of thresholds:

This implementation uses one threshold to discriminate critical from non-critical values. If direction is high than all values below the threshold\_value are normal (displayed in dark blue in the plot and flagged with grading = 0 in the dataframe). All values above the threshold\_value are considered critical. The more they deviate from the threshold the displayed color shifts to dark red. All critical values are highlighted with grading = 1 in the summary data frame. By default, highest values are always shown in dark red irrespective of the absolute deviation.

If direction is low than all values above the threshold\_value are normal (displayed in dark blue, grading = 0).

### Hint:

This function does not support a resp\_vars argument but exclude\_roles to specify variables not relevant for detecting a missing segment.

**Value**

a list with:

- `SummaryData`: data frame about segment missingness
- `SummaryPlot`: `ggplot2` heatmap plot: a heatmap-like graphic that highlights critical values depending on the respective `threshold_value` and direction.

**See Also**

[Online Documentation](#)

`com_unit_missingness`    *Counts all individuals with no measurements at all*

**Description**

This implementation examines a crude version of unit missingness or unit-nonresponse (Kalton and Kasprzyk 1986), i.e. if all measurement variables in the study data are missing for an observation it has unit missingness.

The function can be applied on stratified data. In this case `strata_vars` must be specified.

**Usage**

```
com_unit_missingness(
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  id_vars = NULL,
  strata_vars = NULL,
  label_col
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>study_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains the measurements
<code>meta_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
<code>id_vars</code>	<code>variable list</code> optional, a (vectorized) call of ID-variables that should not be considered in the calculation of unit- missingness
<code>strata_vars</code>	<code>variable</code> optional, a string or integer variable used for stratification
<code>label_col</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables

## Details

This implementation calculates a crude rate of unit-missingness. This type of missingness may have several causes and is an important research outcome. For example, unit-nonresponse may be selective regarding the targeted study population or technical reasons such as record-linkage may cause unit-missingness.

It has to be discriminated from segment and item missingness, since different causes and mechanisms may be the reason for unit-missingness.

### Hint:

This function does not support a `resp_vars` argument but `id_vars`, which have a roughly inverse logic behind: `id_vars` with values do not prevent a row from being considered missing, because an ID is the only hint for a unit that otherwise would not occur in the data at all.

## Value

A list with:

- FlaggedStudyData: `data.frame` with id-only-rows flagged in a column `Unit_missing`
- SummaryData: `data.frame` with numbers and percentages of unit missingness

## See Also

[Online Documentation](#)

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`contradiction_functions`  
*contradiction\_functions*

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## Description

Detect abnormalities help functions

## Usage

`contradiction_functions`

## Format

An object of class `list` of length 11.

**Details**

2 variables:

- A\_not\_equal\_B, if  $A \neq B$
- A\_greater\_equal\_B, if  $A \geq B$
- A\_greater\_than\_B, if  $A > B$
- A\_less\_than\_B, if  $A < B$
- A\_less\_equal\_B, if  $A \leq B$
- A\_present\_not\_B, if  $A \& \text{is.na}(B)$
- A\_present\_and\_B, if  $A \& \text{!(is.na}(B))$
- A\_present\_and\_B\_levels, if  $A \& B \ %in% \{\text{set of levels}\}$
- A\_levels\_and\_B\_gt\_value, if  $A \ %in% \{\text{set of levels}\} \ \& \ B > \text{value}$
- A\_levels\_and\_B\_lt\_value, if  $A \ %in% \{\text{set of levels}\} \ \& \ B < \text{value}$
- A\_levels\_and\_B\_levels, if  $A \ %in% \{\text{set of levels}\} \ \& \ B \ %in% \{\text{set of levels}\}$

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contradiction\_functions\_descriptions  
*description of the contradiction functions*

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**Description**

description of the contradiction functions

**Usage**

contradiction\_functions\_descriptions

**Format**

An object of class list of length 11.

<code>con_contradictions</code>	<i>Checks user-defined contradictions in study data</i>
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## Description

This approach considers a contradiction if impossible combinations of data are observed in one participant. For example, if age of a participant is recorded repeatedly the value of age is (unfortunately) not able to decline. Most cases of contradictions rest on comparison of two variables.

Important to note, each value that is used for comparison may represent a possible characteristic but the combination of these two values is considered to be impossible. The approach does not consider implausible or inadmissible values.

## Usage

```
con_contradictions(
  resp_vars = NULL,
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  label_col,
  threshold_value,
  check_table,
  summarize_categories = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

<code>resp_vars</code>	<b>variable list</b> the name of the measurement variables
<code>study_data</code>	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains the measurements
<code>meta_data</code>	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
<code>label_col</code>	<b>variable attribute</b> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
<code>threshold_value</code>	<b>numeric</b> from=0 to=100. a numerical value ranging from 0-100
<code>check_table</code>	<b>data.frame</b> contradiction rules table. Table defining contradictions. See details for its required structure.
<code>summarize_categories</code>	<b>logical</b> Needs a column 'tag' in the <code>check_table</code> . If set, a summary output is generated for the defined categories plus one plot per category.

## Details

### ALGORITHM OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION::

- Select all variables in the data with defined contradiction rules (static metadata column CONTRADICTIONS)
- Remove missing codes from the study data (if defined in the metadata)
- Remove measurements deviating from limits defined in the metadata

- Assign label to levels of categorical variables (if applicable)
- Apply contradiction checks on predefined sets of variables
- Identification of measurements fulfilling contradiction rules. Therefore two output data frames are generated:
  - on the level of observation to flag each contradictory value combination, and
  - a summary table for each contradiction check.
- A summary plot illustrating the number of contradictions is generated.

## Value

If `summarize_categories` is FALSE: A [list](#) with:

- `FlaggedStudyData`: The first output of the contradiction function is a data frame of similar dimension regarding the number of observations in the study data. In addition, for each applied check on the variables an additional column is added which flags observations with a contradiction given the applied check.
- `SummaryTable`: The second output summarizes this information into one data frame. This output can be used to provide an executive overview on the amount of contradictions. This output is meant for automatic digestion within pipelines.
- `SummaryData`: The third output is the same as `SummaryTable` but for human readers.
- `SummaryPlot`: The fourth output visualizes summarized information of `SummaryData`.

if `summarize_categories` is TRUE, other objects are returned: one per category named by that category (e.g. "Empirical") containing a result for contradictions within that category only. Additionally, in the slot `all_checks` a result as it would have been returned with `summarize_categories` set to FALSE. Finally, a slot `SummaryData` is returned containing sums per Category and an according [ggplot](#) in `SummaryPlot`.

## See Also

[Online Documentation](#)

## Examples

```
load(system.file("extdata", "meta_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
load(system.file("extdata", "study_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
check_table <- read.csv(system.file("extdata",
  "contradiction_checks.csv",
  package = "dataquieR"
),
header = TRUE, sep = "#"
)
check_table[1, "tag"] <- "Logical"
check_table[1, "Label"] <- "Becomes younger"
check_table[2, "tag"] <- "Empirical"
check_table[2, "Label"] <- "sex transformation"
check_table[3, "tag"] <- "Empirical"
check_table[3, "Label"] <- "looses academic degree"
check_table[4, "tag"] <- "Logical"
```

```

check_table[4, "Label"] <- "vegetarian eats meat"
check_table[5, "tag"] <- "Logical"
check_table[5, "Label"] <- "vegan eats meat"
check_table[6, "tag"] <- "Empirical"
check_table[6, "Label"] <- "non-veg* eats meat"
check_table[7, "tag"] <- "Empirical"
check_table[7, "Label"] <- "Non-smoker buys cigarettes"
check_table[8, "tag"] <- "Empirical"
check_table[8, "Label"] <- "Smoker always scrounges"
check_table[9, "tag"] <- "Logical"
check_table[9, "Label"] <- "Cuff didn't fit arm"
check_table[10, "tag"] <- "Empirical"
check_table[10, "Label"] <- "Very mature pregnant woman"
label_col <- "LABEL"
threshold_value <- 1
con_contradictions(
  study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data, label_col = label_col,
  threshold_value = threshold_value, check_table = check_table
)
check_table[1, "tag"] <- "Logical, Age-Related"
check_table[10, "tag"] <- "Empirical, Age-Related"
con_contradictions(
  study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data, label_col = label_col,
  threshold_value = threshold_value, check_table = check_table
)

```

*con\_detection\_limits*    *con\_detection\_limits*

## Description

### APPROACH:

Inadmissible numerical values can be of type integer or float. This implementation requires the definition of intervals in the metadata to examine the admissibility of numerical study data.

This helps identify inadmissible measurements according to hard limits (for multiple variables).

## Usage

```

con_detection_limits(
  resp_vars = NULL,
  label_col,
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  limits = c("DETECTION_LIMITS", "HARD_LIMITS", "SOFT_LIMITS")
)

```

## Arguments

resp_vars	<b>variable list</b> the name of the measurement variables
label_col	<b>variable attribute</b> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
study_data	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains the measurements
meta_data	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
limits	<b>enum</b> HARD_LIMITS   SOFT_LIMITS   DETECTION_LIMITS. what limits from metadata to check for

## Details

### ALGORITHM OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION::

- Remove missing codes from the study data (if defined in the metadata)
- Interpretation of variable specific intervals as supplied in the metadata.
- Identification of measurements outside defined limits. Therefore two output data frames are generated:
  - on the level of observation to flag each deviation, and
  - a summary table for each variable.
- A list of plots is generated for each variable examined for limit deviations. The histogram-like plots indicate respective limits as well as deviations.
- Values exceeding limits are removed in a data frame of modified study data

For `con_detection_limits`, The default for the limits argument differs and is here "DETECTION\_LIMITS"

## Value

a list with:

- FlaggedStudyData **data.frame** related to the study data by a 1:1 relationship, i.e. for each observation is checked whether the value is below or above the limits.
- SummaryTable **data.frame** summarizes limit deviations for each variable.
- SummaryPlotList **list** of **ggplots** The plots for each variable are either a histogram (continuous) or a barplot (discrete).
- ModifiedStudyData **data.frame** If the function identifies limit deviations, the respective values are removed in ModifiedStudyData.

## See Also

- [con\\_limit\\_deviations](#)
- [Online Documentation](#)

## Examples

```
load(system.file("extdata", "study_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
load(system.file("extdata", "meta_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))

# make things a bit more complicated for the function, giving datetimes
# as numeric
```

```

study_data[,
  vapply(study_data, inherits, "POSIXct", FUN.VALUE = logical(1))] <-
lapply(study_data[, vapply(study_data, inherits, "POSIXct",
  FUN.VALUE = logical(1))], as.numeric)

MyValueLimits <- con_limit_deviations(
  resp_vars = NULL,
  label_col = "LABEL",
  study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data,
  limits = "HARD_LIMITS"
)

names(MyValueLimits$SummaryPlotList)

MyValueLimits <- con_limit_deviations(
  resp_vars = c("QUEST_DT_0"),
  label_col = "LABEL",
  study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data,
  limits = "HARD_LIMITS"
)

MyValueLimits$SummaryPlotList$QUEST_DT_0

```

***con\_inadmissible\_categorical****Detects variable levels not specified in metadata***Description**

For each categorical variable, value lists should be defined in the metadata. This implementation will examine, if all observed levels in the study data are valid.

**Usage**

```
con_inadmissible_categorical(
  resp_vars = NULL,
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  label_col,
  threshold = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>resp_vars</code>	<code>variable list</code> the name of the measurement variables
<code>study_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains the measurements

meta_data	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
label_col	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
threshold	<code>numeric</code> from=0 to=100. a numerical value ranging from 0-100. Not yet implemented.

## Details

### ALGORITHM OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION::

- Remove missing codes from the study data (if defined in the metadata)
- Interpretation of variable specific VALUE\_LABELS as supplied in the metadata.
- Identification of measurements not corresponding to the expected categories. Therefore two output data frames are generated:
  - on the level of observation to flag each undefined category, and
  - a summary table for each variable.
- Values not corresponding to defined categories are removed in a data frame of modified study data

## Value

a list with:

- `SummaryTable`: data frame summarizing inadmissible categories with the columns:
  - `Variables`: variable name/label
  - `OBSERVED_CATEGORIES`: the categories observed in the study data
  - `DEFINED_CATEGORIES`: the categories defined in the metadata
  - `NON_MATCHING`: the categories observed but not defined
  - `NON_MATCHING_N`: the number of observations with categories not defined
  - `GRADING`: indicator TRUE/FALSE if inadmissible categorical values were observed
- `ModifiedStudyData`: study data having inadmissible categories removed
- `FlaggedStudyData`: study data having cases with inadmissible categories flagged

## See Also

[Online Documentation](#)

`con_limit_deviations`   *Detects variable values exceeding limits defined in metadata*

## Description

### APPROACH:

Inadmissible numerical values can be of type integer or float. This implementation requires the definition of intervals in the metadata to examine the admissibility of numerical study data.

This helps identify inadmissible measurements according to hard limits (for multiple variables).

## Usage

```
con_limit_deviations(
  resp_vars = NULL,
  label_col,
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  limits = c("HARD_LIMITS", "SOFT_LIMITS", "DETECTION_LIMITS")
)
```

## Arguments

<code>resp_vars</code>	<code>variable list</code> the name of the measurement variables
<code>label_col</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
<code>study_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains the measurements
<code>meta_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
<code>limits</code>	<code>enum</code> HARD_LIMITS   SOFT_LIMITS   DETECTION_LIMITS. what limits from metadata to check for

## Details

### ALGORITHM OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION::

- Remove missing codes from the study data (if defined in the metadata)
- Interpretation of variable specific intervals as supplied in the metadata.
- Identification of measurements outside defined limits. Therefore two output data frames are generated:
  - on the level of observation to flag each deviation, and
  - a summary table for each variable.
- A list of plots is generated for each variable examined for limit deviations. The histogram-like plots indicate respective limits as well as deviations.
- Values exceeding limits are removed in a data frame of modified study data

For `con_detection_limits`, The default for the limits argument differs and is here "DETECTION\_LIMITS"

## Value

a list with:

- FlaggedStudyData `data.frame` related to the study data by a 1:1 relationship, i.e. for each observation is checked whether the value is below or above the limits.
- SummaryTable `data.frame` summarizes limit deviations for each variable.
- SummaryPlotList `list` of `ggplots` The plots for each variable are either a histogram (continuous) or a barplot (discrete).
- ModifiedStudyData `data.frame` If the function identifies limit deviations, the respective values are removed in ModifiedStudyData.

## See Also

- [con\\_detection\\_limits](#)
- [Online Documentation](#)

## Examples

```
load(system.file("extdata", "study_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
load(system.file("extdata", "meta_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))

# make things a bit more complicated for the function, giving datetimes
# as numeric
study_data[,
  vapply(study_data, inherits, "POSIXct", FUN.VALUE = logical(1))] <-
  lapply(study_data[, vapply(study_data, inherits, "POSIXct",
    FUN.VALUE = logical(1))], as.numeric)

MyValueLimits <- con_limit_deviations(
  resp_vars = NULL,
  label_col = "LABEL",
  study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data,
  limits = "HARD_LIMITS"
)

names(MyValueLimits$SummaryPlotList)

MyValueLimits <- con_limit_deviations(
  resp_vars = c("QUEST_DT_0"),
  label_col = "LABEL",
  study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data,
  limits = "HARD_LIMITS"
)

MyValueLimits$SummaryPlotList$QUEST_DT_0
```

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## Description

For a quick start please read [dq\\_report](#) and maybe the vignettes or the package's [website](#).

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`dataquieR_resultset`    *Internal constructor for the internal class [dataquieR\\_resultset](#).*

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## Description

creates an object of the class [dataquieR\\_resultset](#).

## Usage

```
dataquieR_resultset(...)
```

## Arguments

... properties stored in the object

## Details

The class features the following methods:

- [as.data.frame.dataquieR\\_resultset](#)
- [as.list.dataquieR\\_resultset](#)
- [print.dataquieR\\_resultset](#)
- [summary.dataquieR\\_resultset`](#)

## Value

an object of the class [dataquieR\\_resultset](#).

## See Also

[dq\\_report](#)

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`dataquieR_resultset_verify`  
Verify an object of class `dataquieR_resultset`

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## Description

stops on errors

## Usage

```
dataquieR_resultset_verify(list_to_verify)
```

### Arguments

`list_to_verify` object to be checked

### Value

`invisible(TRUE)` – stops on errors.

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DATA\_TYPES

*Data Types*

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### Description

#### **Data Types of Study Data:**

In the metadata, the following entries are allowed for the [variable](#) attribute DATA\_TYPE:

### Usage

`DATA_TYPES`

### Format

An object of class `list` of length 4.

### Details

- `integer` for integer numbers
- `string` for text/string/character data
- `float` for decimal/floating point numbers
- `datetime` for timepoints

#### **Data Types of Function Arguments:**

As function arguments, [dataquieR](#) uses additional type specifications:

- `numeric` is a numerical value (`float` or `integer`), but it is not an allowed DATA\_TYPE in the metadata. However, some functions may accept `float` or `integer` for specific function arguments. This is, where we use the term `numeric`.
- `enum` allows one element out of a set of allowed options similar to [match.arg](#)
- `variable` Function arguments of this type expect a character scalar that specifies one variable using the variable identifier given in the meta data attribute VAR\_NAMES or, if `label_col` is set, given in the meta data attribute given in that argument. Labels can easily be translated using [prep\\_map\\_labels](#)
- `variable list` Function arguments of this type expect a character vector that specifies variables using the variable identifiers given in the meta data attribute VAR\_NAMES or, if `label_col` is set, given in the meta data attribute given in that argument. Labels can easily be translated using [prep\\_map\\_labels](#)

### See Also

[integer](#) [string](#)

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DATA\_TYPES\_OF\_R\_TYPE    *All available data types, mapped from their respective R types*

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**Description**

All available data types, mapped from their respective R types

**Usage**

DATA\_TYPES\_OF\_R\_TYPE

**Format**

An object of class list of length 13.

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dimensions                  *Names of DQ dimensions*

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**Description**

a vector of data quality dimensions. The supported dimensions are Completeness, Consistency and Accuracy.

**Usage**

dimensions

**Format**

An object of class character of length 3.

**Value**

Only a definition, not a function, so no return value

**See Also**

[Data Quality Concept](#)

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DISTRIBUTIONS*All available probability distributions for acc\_shape\_or\_scale*

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**Description**

- uniform For uniform distribution
- normal For Gaussian distribution
- GAMMA For a gamma distribution

**Usage**

DISTRIBUTIONS

**Format**

An object of class list of length 3.

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## dq\_report

*Generate a full DQ report*

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**Description**

Generate a full DQ report

**Usage**

```
dq_report(
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  label_col = NULL,
  ...,
  dimensions = c("Completeness", "Consistency"),
  strata_attribute,
  strata_vars,
  cores = list(mode = "socket", logging = FALSE, load.balancing = TRUE),
  specific_args = list()
)
```

**Arguments**

study_data	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains the measurements
meta_data	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
label_col	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
...	arguments to be passed to all called indicator functions if applicable.

<code>dimensions</code>	<code>dimensions</code> Vector of dimensions to address in the report. Allowed values in the vector are Completeness, Consistency, and Accuracy. The generated report will only cover the listed data quality dimensions. Accuracy is computational expensive, so this dimension is not enabled by default. Completeness should be included, if Consistency is included, and Consistency should be included, if Accuracy is included to avoid misleading detections of e.g. missing codes as outliers, please refer to the data quality concept for more details.
<code>strata_attribute</code>	<code>character</code> variable of a variable attribute coding study segments. Values other than leaving this empty or passing KEY_STUDY_SEGMENT are not yet supported. Stratification is not yet fully supported, please use <a href="#">dq_report_by</a> .
<code>strata_vars</code>	<code>character</code> name of variables to stratify the report on, such as "study_center". Not yet supported, please use <a href="#">dq_report_by</a> .
<code>cores</code>	<code>integer</code> number of cpu cores to use or a named list with arguments for <code>parallelMap::parallelStart</code> or <code>NULL</code> , if parallel has already been started by the caller.
<code>specific_args</code>	<code>list</code> named list of arguments specifically for one of the called functions, the of the list elements correspond to the indicator functions whose calls should be modified. The elements are lists of arguments.

## Details

See [dq\\_report\\_by](#) for a way to generate stratified or splitted reports easily.

## Value

a `dataquieR_resultset`. Can be printed creating a RMarkdown-report.

## See Also

- [as.data.frame.dataquieR\\_resultset](#)
- [as.list.dataquieR\\_resultset](#)
- [print.dataquieR\\_resultset](#)
- [summary.dataquieR\\_resultset](#)
- [dq\\_report\\_by](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run: # really long-running example.
load(system.file("extdata", "study_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
load(system.file("extdata", "meta_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
report <- dq_report(study_data, meta_data, label_col = LABEL) # most easy use
report <- dq_report(study_data, meta_data,
  label_col = LABEL, dimensions =
    c("Completeness", "Consistency", "Accuracy"),
  check_table = read.csv(system.file("extdata",
    "contradiction_checks.csv",
    package = "dataquieR"
  ), header = TRUE, sep = "#"),
```

```

show_causes = TRUE,
cause_label_df = read.csv(
  system.file("extdata", "Missing-Codes-2020.csv", package = "dataquieR"),
  header = TRUE, sep = ";"
)
)
save(report, file = "report.RData") # careful, this contains the study_data
report <- dq_report(study_data, meta_data,
  label_col = LABEL,
  check_table = read.csv(system.file("extdata",
    "contradiction_checks.csv",
    package = "dataquieR"
), header = TRUE, sep = "#"),
  specific_args = list(acc_univariate_outlier = list(resp_vars = "K")),
  resp_vars = "SBP_0"
)
report <- dq_report(study_data, meta_data,
  label_col = LABEL,
  check_table = read.csv(system.file("extdata",
    "contradiction_checks.csv",
    package = "dataquieR"
), header = TRUE, sep = "#"),
  specific_args = list(acc_univariate_outlier = list(resp_vars = "DBP_0")),
  resp_vars = "SBP_0"
)
report <- dq_report(study_data, meta_data,
  label_col = LABEL,
  check_table = read.csv(system.file("extdata",
    "contradiction_checks.csv",
    package = "dataquieR"
), header = TRUE, sep = "#"),
  specific_args = list(acc_univariate_outlier = list(resp_vars = "DBP_0")),
  resp_vars = "SBP_0", cores = NULL
)
## End(Not run)

```

dq\_report\_by

*Generate a stratified full DQ report***Description**

Generate a stratified full DQ report

**Usage**

```
dq_report_by(
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  label_col,
```

```
meta_data_split = KEY_STUDY_SEGMENT,
study_data_split,
...
)
```

## Arguments

study_data	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains the measurements
meta_data	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
label_col	<b>variable attribute</b> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
meta_data_split	<b>variable attribute</b> name of a meta data attribute to split the report in sections of variables, e.g. all blood- pressure. By default, reports are split by <b>KEY_STUDY_SEGMENT</b> if available.
study_data_split	<b>variable</b> Name of a study variable to stratify the report by, e.g. the study centers.
...	passed through to <b>dq_report</b>

## See Also

[dq\\_report](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run: # really long-running example.
load(system.file("extdata", "study_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
load(system.file("extdata", "meta_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
rep <- dq_report_by(study_data, meta_data, label_col =
  LABEL, study_data_split = "CENTER_0")
rep <- dq_report_by(study_data, meta_data,
  label_col = LABEL, study_data_split = "CENTER_0",
  meta_data_split = NULL
)
## End(Not run)
```

### **pipeline\_recursive\_result**

*Function to convert a pipeline result data frame to named encapsulated lists*

## Description

This function converts a data frame to a recursive list structure based on columns selected for grouping

## Usage

```
pipeline_recursive_result(
  call_plan_with_results,
  result_groups = setdiff(colnames(call_plan_with_results), c(NA, "results",
    "resp_vars"))
)
```

## Arguments

call\_plan\_with\_results  
 data.frame result from [pipeline\\_vectorized](#)  
 result\_groups character arguments to group by

## Details

The data frame columns for the arguments of a certain row/computation from the calling plan translate to levels in the encapsulated list hierarchy. The order of the levels can be specified in the result\_groups argument.

## Value

a list with:

- first argument's values in result\_groups, each containing second's argument's values as a similar list recursively

## Examples

```
call_plan_with_results <- structure(list(
  resp_vars =
  c(
    "SBP_0", "DBP_0", "VO2_CAPCAT_0",
    "BSG_0"
  ), group_vars = c(
    "USR_BP_0", "USR_BP_0", "USR_VO2_0",
    "USR_BP_0"
  ), co_vars = list("SEX_0", "SEX_0", "SEX_0", "SEX_0")
),
class = "data.frame", row.names = c(
  NA,
  -4L
)
)
call_plan_with_results[["results"]] <-
  list(NA, 2, "Hello", ggplot2::ggplot())
result_groups <-
  colnames(call_plan_with_results)[2:(ncol(call_plan_with_results) - 1)]
pipeline_recursive_result(call_plan_with_results, result_groups)
pipeline_recursive_result(call_plan_with_results, rev(result_groups))
```

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<code>pipeline_vectorized</code>	<i>Call (nearly) one "Accuracy" function with many parameterizations at once automatically</i>
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## Description

This is a function to automatically call indicator functions of the "Accuracy" dimension in a vectorized manner with a set of parameterizations derived from the metadata.

## Usage

```
pipeline_vectorized(
  fct,
  resp_vars = NULL,
  study_data,
  meta_data,
  label_col,
  ...,
  key_var_names,
  cores = list(mode = "socket", logging = FALSE, load.balancing = TRUE),
  variable_roles = list(resp_vars = list(VARIABLE_ROLES$PRIMARY,
    VARIABLE_ROLES$SECONDARY), group_vars = VARIABLE_ROLES$PROCESS),
  result_groups,
  use_cache = FALSE,
  compute_plan_only = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

<code>fct</code>	<b>function</b> function to call
<code>resp_vars</code>	<b>variable list</b> the name of the measurement variables, if NULL (default), all variables are used.
<code>study_data</code>	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains the measurements
<code>meta_data</code>	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
<code>label_col</code>	<b>variable attribute</b> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
<code>...</code>	additional arguments for the function
<code>key_var_names</code>	<b>character</b> character vector named by arguments to be filled by meta data KEY_- entries as follows: c(group_vars = KEY_OBSERVER) – may be missing, then all possible combinations will be analyzed. Cannot contain resp_vars.
<code>cores</code>	<b>integer</b> number of cpu cores to use or a named list with arguments for <code>parallelMap::parallelStart</code> or NULL, if parallel has already been started by the caller.
<code>variable_roles</code>	<b>list</b> restrict each function argument (referred to by its name matching a name in <code>names(variable_roles)</code> ) to variables of the role given here.

result_groups	<code>character</code> columns to group results to encapsulated lists or NULL receive a data frame with all call arguments and their respective results in a column 'result' – see <a href="#">pipeline_recursive_result</a>
use_cache	<code>logical</code> set to FALSE to omit re-using already distributed study- and metadata on a parallel cluster
compute_plan_only	<code>logical</code> set to TRUE to omit computations and return only the compute plan filled with planned evaluations. used in pipelines.

## Details

The function to call is given as first argument. All arguments of the called functions can be given here, but pipeline\_vectorized can derive technically possible values (most of them) from the metadata, which can be controlled using the arguments `key_var_names` and `variable_roles`. The function returns an encapsulated list by default, but it can also return a `data.frame`. See also [pipeline\\_recursive\\_result](#) for these two options. The argument `use_cache` controls, whether the input data (`study_data` and `meta_data`) should be passed around, if running in parallel or being distributed beforehand to the compute nodes. All calls will be done in parallel, if possible. This can be configured, see argument `cores` below.

If the function is called in a larger framework (such as `dq_report`), then `compute_plan_only` controls, not to actually call functions but return a `data.frame` with parameterizations of "Accuracy" functions only. Also in such a scenario, one may want not to start and stop a cluster with entry and leaving of [pipeline\\_vectorized](#) but use an existing cluster. This can be achieved by setting the `cores` argument NULL.

## Value

- if `result_groups` is set, a list with:
  - first argument's values in `result_groups`, each containing second's argument's values as a similar list recursively;
- if `result_groups` is not set, a data frame with one row per function call, all the arguments of each call in its columns and a column `results` providing the function calls' results.

## Examples

```
## Not run: # really long-running example
load(system.file("extdata/study_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
load(system.file("extdata/meta_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
a <- pipeline_vectorized(
  fct = acc_margins, study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data, label_col = LABEL,
  key_var_names = c(group_vars = KEY_OBSERVER)
)
b <- pipeline_vectorized(
  fct = acc_margins, study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data, label_col = LABEL
)
b_adj <-
  pipeline_vectorized(
```

```

fct = acc_margins, study_data = study_data,
meta_data = meta_data, label_col = LABEL, co_vars = c("SEX_1", "AGE_1")
)
c <- pipeline_vectorized(
  fct = acc_loess, study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data, label_col = LABEL,
  variable_roles = list(
    resp_vars = list(VARIABLE_ROLES$PRIMARY),
    group_vars = VARIABLE_ROLES$PROCESS
  )
)
d <- pipeline_vectorized(
  fct = acc_loess, study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data, label_col = LABEL,
  variable_roles = list(
    resp_vars = list(VARIABLE_ROLES$PRIMARY, VARIABLE_ROLES$SECONDARY),
    group_vars = VARIABLE_ROLES$PROCESS
  )
)
e <- pipeline_vectorized(
  fct = acc_margins, study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data, label_col = LABEL,
  key_var_names = c(group_vars = KEY_OBSERVER), co_vars = "SEX_0"
)
f <- pipeline_vectorized(
  fct = acc_margins, study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data, label_col = LABEL,
  key_var_names = c(group_vars = KEY_OBSERVER), co_vars = "SEX_0",
  result_groups = NULL
)
pipeline_recursive_result(f)
g <- pipeline_vectorized(
  fct = acc_margins, study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data, label_col = LABEL,
  key_var_names = c(group_vars = KEY_OBSERVER), co_vars = "SEX_0",
  result_groups = c("co_vars")
)
g1 <- pipeline_vectorized(
  fct = acc_margins, study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data, label_col = LABEL,
  key_var_names = c(group_vars = KEY_OBSERVER), co_vars = "SEX_0",
  result_groups = c("group_vars")
)
g2 <- pipeline_vectorized(
  fct = acc_margins, study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data, label_col = LABEL,
  key_var_names = c(group_vars = KEY_OBSERVER), co_vars = "SEX_0",
  result_groups = c("group_vars", "co_vars")
)
g3 <- pipeline_vectorized(
  fct = acc_margins, study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data, label_col = LABEL,

```

```

key_var_names = c(group_vars = KEY_OBSERVER), co_vars = "SEX_0",
result_groups = c("co_vars", "group_vars")
)
g4 <- pipeline_vectorized(
  fct = acc_margins, study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data, label_col = LABEL,
  co_vars = "SEX_0", result_groups = c("co_vars")
)
meta_datax <- meta_data
meta_datax[9, "KEY_DEVICE"] <- "v00011"
g5 <- pipeline_vectorized(
  fct = acc_margins, study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_datax, label_col = LABEL,
  co_vars = "SEX_0", result_groups = c("co_vars")
)
g6 <- pipeline_vectorized(
  fct = acc_margins, study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_datax, label_col = LABEL,
  co_vars = "SEX_0", result_groups = c("co_vars", "group_vars")
)
## End(Not run)

```

prep\_add\_to\_meta

*Support function to augment metadata during data quality reporting*

## Description

adds an annotation to static metadata

## Usage

```
prep_add_to_meta(VAR_NAMES, DATA_TYPE, LABEL, VALUE_LABELS, meta_data, ...)
```

## Arguments

VAR_NAMES	<b>character</b> Names of the Variables to add
DATA_TYPE	<b>character</b> Data type for the added variables
LABEL	<b>character</b> Labels for these variables
VALUE_LABELS	<b>character</b> Value labels for the values of the variables as usually pipe separated and assigned with := 1 = male   2 = female
meta_data	<b>data.frame</b> the metadata to extend
...	Further defined variable attributes, see <a href="#">prep_create_meta</a>

## Details

Add metadata e.g. of transformed/new variable This function is not yet considered stable, but we already export it, because it could help. Therefore, we have some inconsistencies in the formals still.

**Value**

a data frame with amended meta data.

*prep\_check\_meta\_names Checks the validity of meta data w.r.t. the provided column names*

**Description**

This function verifies, if a data frame complies to meta data conventions and provides a given richness of meta information as specified by level.

**Usage**

```
prep_check_meta_names(meta_data, level, character.only = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

meta_data	<a href="#">data.frame</a> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
level	<a href="#">enum</a> level of requirement (see also <a href="#">VARATT_REQUIRE_LEVELS</a> )
character.only	<a href="#">logical</a> a logical indicating whether level can be assumed to be character strings.

**Details**

Note, that only the given level is checked despite, levels are somehow hierarchical.

**Value**

a logical with:

- `invisible(TRUE)`. In case of problems with the meta data, a condition is raised (`stop()`).

**Examples**

```
prep_check_meta_names(data.frame(VAR_NAMES = 1, DATA_TYPE = 2,
                                 MISSING_LIST = 3))

prep_check_meta_names(
  data.frame(
    VAR_NAMES = 1, DATA_TYPE = 2, MISSING_LIST = 3,
    LABEL = "LABEL", VALUE_LABELS = "VALUE_LABELS",
    JUMP_LIST = "JUMP_LIST", HARD_LIMITS = "HARD_LIMITS",
    KEY_OBSERVER = "KEY_OBSERVER", KEY_DEVICE = "KEY_DEVICE",
    KEY_DATETIME = "KEY_DATETIME",
    KEY_STUDY_SEGMENT = "KEY_STUDY_SEGMENT"
  ),
  RECOMMENDED
)
```

```

prep_check_meta_names(
  data.frame(
    VAR_NAMES = 1, DATA_TYPE = 2, MISSING_LIST = 3,
    LABEL = "LABEL", VALUE_LABELS = "VALUE_LABELS",
    JUMP_LIST = "JUMP_LIST", HARD_LIMITS = "HARD_LIMITS",
    KEY_OBSERVER = "KEY_OBSERVER", KEY_DEVICE = "KEY_DEVICE",
    KEY_DATETIME = "KEY_DATETIME", KEY_STUDY_SEGMENT =
      "KEY_STUDY_SEGMENT",
    DETECTION_LIMITS = "DETECTION_LIMITS", SOFT_LIMITS = "SOFT_LIMITS",
    CONTRADICTIONS = "CONTRADICTIONS", DISTRIBUTION = "DISTRIBUTION",
    DECIMALS = "DECIMALS", VARIABLE_ROLE = "VARIABLE_ROLE",
    DATA_ENTRY_TYPE = "DATA_ENTRY_TYPE",
    VARIABLE_ORDER = "VARIABLE_ORDER", LONG_LABEL =
      "LONG_LABEL", recode = "recode"
  ),
  OPTIONAL
)

# Next one will fail
try(
  prep_check_meta_names(data.frame(VAR_NAMES = 1, DATA_TYPE = 2,
    MISSING_LIST = 3), TECHNICAL)
)

```

**prep\_clean\_labels***Support function to scan variable labels for applicability***Description**

Adjust labels in meta\_data to be valid variable names in formulas for diverse r functions, such as [glm](#) or [lme4::lmer](#).

**Usage**

```
prep_clean_labels(label_col, meta_data, no_dups = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<b>label_col</b>	<b>character</b> label attribute to adjust or character vector to adjust, depending on meta_data argument is given or missing.
<b>meta_data</b>	<b>data.frame</b> meta data frame: If <b>label_col</b> is a label attribute to adjust, this is the meta data table to process on. If missing, <b>label_col</b> must be a character vector with values to adjust.
<b>no_dups</b>	<b>logical</b> disallow duplicates in input or output vectors of the function, then, <b>prep_clean_labels</b> would call <b>stop()</b> on duplicated labels.

## Details

Currently, labels as given by `label_col` arguments in the most functions are directly used in formula, so that they become natural part of the outputs, but different models expect differently strict syntax for such formulas, especially for valid variable names. `prep_clean_labels` removes all potentially inadmissible characters from variable names (no guarantee, that some exotic model still rejects the names, but minimizing the number of exotic characters). However, variable names are modified, may become unreadable or indistinguishable from other variable names. For the latter case, a `stop` call is possible, controlled by the `no_dups` argument.

A warning is emitted, if modifications were necessary.

## Value

a `data.frame` with:

- if `meta_data` is set, a list with:
  - modified `meta_data[, label_col]` column
- if `meta_data` is not set, adjusted labels that then were directly given in `label_col`

## Examples

```
meta_data1 <- data.frame(
  LABEL =
  c(
    "syst. Blood pressure (mmHg) 1",
    "1st heart frequency in MHz",
    "body surface (\u033A1)"
  )
)
print(meta_data1)
print(prep_clean_labels(meta_data1$LABEL))
meta_data1 <- prep_clean_labels("LABEL", meta_data1)
print(meta_data1)
```

**prep\_create\_meta**      *Support function to create `data.frames` of metadata*

## Description

Create a meta data frame and map names. Generally, this function only creates a `data.frame`, but using this constructor instead of calling `data.frame(..., stringsAsFactors = FALSE)`, it becomes possible, to adapt the metadata `data.frame` in later developments, e.g. if we decide to use classes for the metadata, or if certain standard names of variable attributes change. Also, a validity check is possible to implement here.

## Usage

```
prep_create_meta(..., stringsAsFactors = FALSE, level, character.only = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

...	named column vectors, names will be mapped using <code>WELL_KNOWN_META_VARIABLE_NAMES</code> , if included in <code>WELL_KNOWN_META_VARIABLE_NAMES</code> can also be a data frame, then its column names will be mapped using <code>WELL_KNOWN_META_VARIABLE_NAMES</code>
<code>stringsAsFactors</code>	<code>logical</code> if the argument is a list of vectors, a data frame will be created. In this case, <code>stringsAsFactors</code> controls, whether characters will be auto-converted to Factors, which defaults here always to false independent from the <code>default.stringsAsFactors</code> .
<code>level</code>	<code>enum</code> level of requirement (see also <code>VARATT_REQUIRE_LEVELS</code> ) set to <code>NULL</code> , if not a complete metadata frame is created.
<code>character.only</code>	<code>logical</code> a logical indicating whether level can be assumed to be character strings.

## Details

For now, this calls `data.frame`, but it already renames variable attributes, if they have a different name assigned in `WELL_KNOWN_META_VARIABLE_NAMES`, e.g. `WELL_KNOWN_META_VARIABLE_NAMES$RECODE` maps to recode in lower case.

NB: dataqueR exports all names from `WELL_KNOWN_META_VARIABLE_NAME` as symbols, so `RECODE` also contains "recode".

## Value

a data frame with:

- meta data attribute names mapped and
- meta data checked using `prep_check_meta_names` and do some more verification about conventions, such as check for valid intervals in limits)

## See Also

`WELL_KNOWN_META_VARIABLE_NAMES`

`prep_datatype_from_data`

*Get data types from data*

## Description

Get data types from data

## Usage

```
prep_datatype_from_data(resp_vars = colnames(study_data), study_data)
```

**Arguments**

<code>resp_vars</code>	<code>variable</code> names of the variables to fetch the data type from the data
<code>study_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains the measurements

**Value**

vector of data types

**Examples**

```
dataquieR::prep_datatype_from_data(cars)
```

<code>prep_map_labels</code>	<i>Support function to allocate labels to variables</i>
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**Description**

Map variables to certain attributes, e.g. by default their labels.

**Usage**

```
prep_map_labels(x, meta_data = NULL, to = LABEL, from = VAR_NAMES, ifnotfound)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	<code>character</code> variable names, character vector, see parameter from
<code>meta_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> meta data frame
<code>to</code>	<code>character</code> variable attribute to map to
<code>from</code>	<code>character</code> variable identifier to map from
<code>ifnotfound</code>	<code>list</code> A list of values to be used if the item is not found: it will be coerced to a list if necessary.

**Details**

This function basically calls `colnames(study_data) <- meta_data$LABEL`, ensuring correct merging/joining of study data columns to the corresponding meta data rows, even if the orders differ. If a variable/study\_data-column name is not found in `meta_data[[from]]` (default `from = VAR_NAMES`), either `stop` is called or, if `ifnotfound` has been assigned a value, that value is returned. See `mget`, which is internally used by this function.

The function not only maps to the `LABEL` column, but `to` can be any metadata variable attribute, so the function can also be used, to get, e.g. all `HARD_LIMITS` from the metadata.

**Value**

a character vector with:

- mapped values

## Examples

```
meta_data <- prep_create_meta(
  VAR_NAMES = c("ID", "SEX", "AGE", "DOE"),
  LABEL = c("Pseudo-ID", "Gender", "Age", "Examination Date"),
  DATA_TYPE = c(DATA_TYPES$INTEGER, DATA_TYPES$INTEGER, DATA_TYPES$INTEGER,
                DATA_TYPES$DATETIME),
  MISSING_LIST = ""
)
stopifnot(all(prep_map_labels(c("AGE", "DOE"), meta_data) == c("Age",
  "Examination Date")))
```

`prep_min_obs_level`

*Support function to identify the levels of a process variable with minimum number of observations*

## Description

utility function to subset data based on minimum number of observation per level

## Usage

```
prep_min_obs_level(study_data, group_vars, min_obs_in_subgroup)
```

## Arguments

<code>study_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains the measurements
<code>group_vars</code>	<code>variable list</code> the name grouping variable
<code>min_obs_in_subgroup</code>	<code>integer</code> optional argument if a "group_var" is used. This argument specifies the minimum no. of observations that is required to include a subgroup (level) of the "group_var" in the analysis. Subgroups with less observations are excluded. The default is 30.

## Details

This functions removes observations having less than `min_obs_in_subgroup` distinct values in a group variable, e.g. blood pressure measurements performed by an examiner having less than e.g. 50 measurements done. It displays a warning, if samples/rows are removed and returns the modified study data frame.

## Value

a data frame with:

- a subsample of original data

**prep\_pmap***Support function for a parallel pmap***Description**

parallel version of `purrr::pmap`

**Usage**

```
prep_pmap(.l, .f, ..., cores = 0)
```

**Arguments**

.l	<code>data.frame</code> with one call per line and one function argument per column
.f	<code>function</code> to call with the arguments from .l
...	additional, static arguments for calling .f
cores	number of cpu cores to use or a (named) list with arguments for <code>parallelMap::parallelStart</code> or <code>NULL</code> , if parallel has already been started by the caller. Set to 0 to run without parallelization.

**Value**

`list` of results of the function calls

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**See Also**

`purrr::pmap`

[Stack Overflow post](#)

**prep\_prepare\_dataframes***Prepare and verify study data with metadata***Description**

This function ensures, that a data frame `ds1` with suitable variable names `study_data` and `meta_data` exist as base `data.frames`.

## Usage

```
prep_prepare_dataframes(.study_data, .meta_data, .label_col, .replace_missings)
```

## Arguments

- .study\_data if provided, use this data set as study\_data
- .meta\_data if provided, use this data set as meta\_data
- .label\_col if provided, use this as label\_col
- .replace\_missings replace missing codes, defaults to TRUE

## Details

This function defines `ds1` and modifies `study_data` and `meta_data` in the environment of its caller (see [eval.parent](#)). It also defines or modifies the object `label_col` in the calling environment. Almost all functions exported by `dataquieR` call this function initially, so that aspects common to all functions live here, e.g. testing, if an argument `meta_data` has been given and features really a [data.frame](#). It verifies the existence of required metadata attributes ([VARATT\\_REQUIRE\\_LEVELS](#)). It can also replace missing codes by NAs, and calls [prep\\_study2meta](#) to generate a minimum set of metadata from the study data on the fly (should be amended, so on-the-fly-calling is not recommended for an instructive use of `dataquieR`).

The function also detects `tibbles`, which are then converted to base-R [data.frames](#), which are expected by `dataquieR`.

Different from the other utility function that work in the caller's environment, so it modifies objects in the calling function. It defines a new object `ds1`, it modifies `study_data` and/or `meta_data` and `label_col`.

## Value

`ds1` the study data with mapped column names

## See Also

`acc_margins`

## Examples

```
acc_test1 <- function(resp_variable, aux_variable,
                      time_variable, co_variables,
                      group_vars, study_data, meta_data) {
  prep_prepare_dataframes()
  invisible(ds1)
}
acc_test2 <- function(resp_variable, aux_variable,
                      time_variable, co_variables,
                      group_vars, study_data, meta_data, label_col) {
  ds1 <- prep_prepare_dataframes(study_data, meta_data)
  invisible(ds1)
}
```

```

environment(acc_test1) <- asNamespace("dataquieR")
# perform this inside the package (not needed for functions that have been
# integrated with the package already)

environment(acc_test2) <- asNamespace("dataquieR")
# perform this inside the package (not needed for functions that have been
# integrated with the package already)
acc_test3 <- function(resp_variable, aux_variable, time_variable,
                      co_variables, group_vars, study_data, meta_data,
                      label_col) {
  prep_prepare_dataframes()
  invisible(ds1)
}
acc_test4 <- function(resp_variable, aux_variable, time_variable,
                      co_variables, group_vars, study_data, meta_data,
                      label_col) {
  ds1 <- prep_prepare_dataframes(study_data, meta_data)
  invisible(ds1)
}
environment(acc_test3) <- asNamespace("dataquieR")
# perform this inside the package (not needed for functions that have been
# integrated with the package already)

environment(acc_test4) <- asNamespace("dataquieR")
# perform this inside the package (not needed for functions that have been
# integrated with the package already)
load(system.file("extdata/meta_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
load(system.file("extdata/study_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
try(acc_test1())
try(acc_test2())
acc_test1(study_data = study_data)
try(acc_test1(meta_data = meta_data))
try(acc_test2(study_data = 12, meta_data = meta_data))
print(head(acc_test1(study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data)))
print(head(acc_test2(study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data)))
print(head(acc_test3(study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data)))
print(head(acc_test3(study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data,
                    label_col = LABEL)))
print(head(acc_test4(study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data)))
print(head(acc_test4(study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data,
                    label_col = LABEL)))
try(acc_test2(study_data = NULL, meta_data = meta_data))

```

**prep\_study2meta***Guess a meta data frame from study data.***Description**

Guess a minimum meta data frame from study data. Minimum required variable attributes are:

**Usage**

```
prep_study2meta(
  study_data,
  level = c(VARATT_REQUIRE_LEVELS$REQUIRED, VARATT_REQUIRE_LEVELS$OPTIONAL)
)
```

**Arguments**

study_data	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains the measurements
level	enum level to provide (see also <a href="#">VARATT_REQUIRE_LEVELS</a> )

**Details**

```
dataquieR:::util_get_var_att_names_of_level(VARATT_REQUIRE_LEVELS$REQUIRED)

##      VAR_NAMES      DATA_TYPE    MISSING_LIST
## "VAR_NAMES"     "DATA_TYPE"  "MISSING_LIST"
```

The function also tries to detect missing codes.

**Value**

a meta\_data data frame

`print.dataquieR_result`

*Print a dataquieR result returned by pipeline\_vectorized*

**Description**

Print a `dataquieR` result returned by `pipeline_vectorized`

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

x	list a <code>dataquieR</code> result from <code>pipeline_vectorized</code>
...	passed to print. Additionally, the argument slot may be passed to print only specific sub-results.

**Value**

see `print`

## Examples

```
load(system.file("extdata", "study_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
load(system.file("extdata", "meta_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
result <- pipeline_vectorized(acc_margins, cores = list(mode = "local"),
  resp_vars = "SBP_0", group_vars = "USR_BP_0",
  study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data, label_col = LABEL
)
single_result <- result$`group_vars = USR_BP_0`$`resp_vars = SBP_0`$`SummaryPlot`)
print(single_result, slot = "SummaryPlot")
```

`print.dataquieR_resultset`

*Generate a RMarkdown-based report from a [dataquieR](#) report*

## Description

Generate a RMarkdown-based report from a [dataquieR](#) report

## Usage

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

## Arguments

- x [dataquieR report](#).
- ... additional arguments:
  - template: Report template to use, not yet supported.
  - chunk\_error: display error messages in report
  - chunk\_warning: display warnings in report
  - output\_format: output format to use, see [rmarkdown::render](#) – currently, html based formats are supported by the default template.
  - chunk\_echo: display R code in report
  - chunk\_message: display [message](#) outputs in report

## Value

file name of the generated report

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**pro\_applicability\_matrix**

*Function to check applicability of DQ functions on study data*

---

**Description**

Checks applicability of DQ functions based on study data and metadata characteristics

**Usage**

```
pro_applicability_matrix(  
  study_data,  
  meta_data,  
  split_segments = FALSE,  
  label_col,  
  max_vars_per_plot = 20  
)
```

**Arguments**

study_data	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains the measurements
meta_data	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
split_segments	<b>logical</b> return one matrix per study segment
label_col	<b>variable attribute</b> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
max_vars_per_plot	<b>integer</b> from=0. The maximum number of variables per single plot.

**Details**

This is a preparatory support function that compares study data with associated metadata. A prerequisite of this function is that the no. of columns in the study data complies with the no. of rows in the metadata.

For each existing R-implementation, the function searches for necessary static metadata and returns a heatmap like matrix indicating the applicability of each data quality implementation.

In addition, the data type defined in the metadata is compared with the observed data type in the study data.

**Value**

a list with:

- SummaryTable: data frame about the applicability of each indicator function (each function in a column). its **integer** values can be one of the following four categories: 0. Non-matching datatype + Incomplete metadata, 1. Non-matching datatype + complete metadata, 2. Matching datatype + Incomplete metadata, 3. Matching datatype + complete metadata, 4. Not applicable according to data type

- ApplicabilityPlot: [ggplot2](#) heatmap plot, graphical representation of SummaryTable
- ApplicabilityPlotList: [list](#) of plots per (maybe artificial) segment

## Examples

```
load(system.file("extdata/meta_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"), envir =
  environment())
load(system.file("extdata/study_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"), envir =
  environment())
appmatrix <- pro_applicability_matrix(study_data = study_data,
  meta_data = meta_data,
  label_col = LABEL)
```

SPLIT\_CHAR

*Character used by default as a separator in meta data such as missing codes*

## Description

This 1 character is according to our metadata concept “l”.

## Usage

SPLIT\_CHAR

## Format

An object of class character of length 1.

*summary.dataquieR\_resultset*

*Summarize a [dataquieR](#) report*

## Description

Summarizes a [dataquieR report](#) extracting all GRADING results.

## Usage

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

## Arguments

object	<a href="#">dataquieR report</a> .
...	not used yet.

**Value**

a **data.frame** with one row per variable and one column per GRADING result. Each function providing a GRADING conforming to the standards is represented by a column. GRADING expresses the presence of a problem with 0 = no | 1 = yes

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# runs spuriously slow on rhub
load(system.file("extdata/meta_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"), envir =
  environment())
load(system.file("extdata/study_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"), envir =
  environment())
report <- suppressWarnings(dq_report(
  variables = head(meta_data[[LABEL]], 5),
  study_data, meta_data,
  cores = 1,
  label_col = LABEL, dimensions =
  c( # for sake of speed, omit Accuracy here
    "Consistency"))
))
x <- summary(report)

## End(Not run)
```

util\_app\_cd

*utility function for the applicability of contradiction checks***Description**

Test for applicability of contradiction checks

**Usage**

```
util_app_cd(x, dta)
```

**Arguments**

x	<b>data.frame</b> metadata
dta	<b>logical</b> vector, 1=matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

**Value**

**factor** 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

---

**util\_app\_dc**                  *utility function for the applicability of distribution plots*

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### Description

Test for applicability of distribution plots

### Usage

```
util_app_dc(x, dta)
```

### Arguments

x	<code>data.frame</code> metadata
dta	<code>logical</code> vector, 1=matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

### Value

`factor` 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

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**util\_app\_dl**                  *utility function to test for applicability of detection limits checks*

---

### Description

Test for applicability of detection limits checks

### Usage

```
util_app_dl(x, dta)
```

### Arguments

x	<code>data.frame</code> metadata
dta	<code>logical</code> vector, 1=matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

**Value**

**factor** 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

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util\_app\_ed

*utility function for the applicability of end digits preferences checks*

---

**Description**

Test for applicability of end digits preferences checks

**Usage**

```
util_app_ed(x, dta)
```

**Arguments**

x	<b>data.frame</b> metadata
dta	<b>logical</b> vector, 1=matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

**Value**

**factor** 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

**util\_app\_iac***utility function for the applicability of categorical admissibility***Description**

Test for applicability of categorical admissibility

**Usage**

```
util_app_iac(x, dta)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	<code>data.frame</code> metadata
<code>dta</code>	<code>logical</code> vector, 1=matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

**Value**

`factor` 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

**util\_app\_iav***utility function for the applicability of numeric admissibility***Description**

Test for applicability of numeric admissibility

**Usage**

```
util_app_iav(x, dta)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	<code>data.frame</code> metadata
<code>dta</code>	<code>logical</code> vector, 1=matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

**Value**

**factor** 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

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**util\_app\_im**

*utility function applicability of item missingness*

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**Description**

Test for applicability of item missingness

**Usage**

```
util_app_im(x, dta)
```

**Arguments**

x	<b>data.frame</b> metadata
dta	<b>logical</b> vector, 1=matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

**Value**

**factor** 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

**util\_app\_loess**      *utility function for applicability of LOESS smoothed time course plots*

### Description

Test for applicability of LOESS smoothed time course plots

### Usage

```
util_app_loess(x, dta)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	<code>data.frame</code> metadata
<code>dta</code>	<code>logical</code> vector, 1=matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

### Value

`factor` 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

**util\_app\_mar**      *utility function to test for applicability of marginal means plots*

### Description

Test for applicability of detection limits checks

### Usage

```
util_app_mar(x, dta)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	<code>data.frame</code> metadata
<code>dta</code>	<code>logical</code> vector, 1 = matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

**Value**

**factor** 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

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util\_app\_mol

*utility function applicability of multivariate outlier detection*

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**Description**

Test for applicability of multivariate outlier detection

**Usage**

```
util_app_mol(x, dta)
```

**Arguments**

x	<b>data.frame</b> metadata
dta	<b>logical</b> vector, 1=matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

**Value**

**factor** 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

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**util\_app\_ol***utility function for the applicability of outlier detection*

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**Description**

Test for applicability of univariate outlier detection

**Usage**

```
util_app_ol(x, dta)
```

**Arguments**

x	<b>data.frame</b> metadata
dta	<b>logical</b> vector, 1=matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

**Value**

**factor** 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

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**util\_app\_sm***utility function applicability of segment missingness*

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**Description**

Test for applicability of segment missingness

**Usage**

```
util_app_sm(x, dta)
```

**Arguments**

x	<b>data.frame</b> metadata
dta	<b>logical</b> vector, 1=matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

**Value**

**factor** 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

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util\_app\_sos

*utility function applicability of distribution function's shape or scale check*

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**Description**

Test for applicability of checks for deviation from expected probability distribution shapes/scales

**Usage**

```
util_app_sos(x, dta)
```

**Arguments**

x	<b>data.frame</b> metadata
dta	<b>logical</b> vector, 1=matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

**Value**

**factor** 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

**util\_app\_vc***utility applicability variance components***Description**

Test for applicability of ICC

**Usage**

```
util_app_vc(x, dta)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	<code>data.frame</code> metadata
<code>dta</code>	<code>logical</code> vector, 1=matching data type, 0 = non-matching data type

**Value**

`factor` 0-3 for each variable in metadata

- 0 data type mismatch and not applicable
- 1 data type mismatches but applicable
- 2 data type matches but not applicable
- 3 data type matches and applicable

**util\_assign\_levlabs***utility function to assign labels to levels***Description**

function to assign labels to levels of a variable

**Usage**

```
util_assign_levlabs(
  variable,
  string_of_levlabs,
  splitchar,
  assignchar,
  ordered = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

variable	<code>vector</code> vector with values of a study variable
string_of_levlabs	<code>character</code> len=1. value labels, e.g. 1 = no   2 = yes
splitchar	<code>character</code> len=1. splitting character(s) in <code>string_of_levlabs</code> , usually <code>SPLIT_CHAR</code>
assignchar	<code>character</code> len=1. assignment operator character(s) in <code>string_of_levlabs</code> , usually = or :
ordered	the function converts <code>variable</code> to a <code>factor</code> , by default to an <code>ordered factor</code> assuming LHS of assignments being meaningful numbers, e.g. 1 = low   2 = medium   3 = high. If no special order is given, set <code>ordered</code> to FALSE, e.g. for 1 = male   2 = female or 1 = low   2 = high   3 = medium.

**Value**

a `data.frame` with labels assigned to categorical variables (if available)

**util\_as\_numeric**

*Convert factors to label-corresponding numeric values*

**Description**

Converts a vector factor aware of numeric values not being scrambled.

**Usage**

```
util_as_numeric(v, warn)
```

**Arguments**

v	the vector
warn	if not missing: character with error message stating conversion error

**Value**

the converted vector

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**util\_backtickQuote**      *utility function to set string in backticks*

---

**Description**

Quote a set of variable names with backticks

**Usage**

```
util_backtickQuote(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                  variable names

**Value**

quoted variable names

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**util\_check\_data\_type**      *Support function to verify the data type of a value*

---

**Description**

Function to verify the data type of a value.

**Usage**

```
util_check_data_type(x, type)
```

**Arguments**

x                  the value  
type                expected data type

**Value**

**logical** whether x is of the expected type

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util\_check\_one\_unique\_value  
*Check for one value only*

---

### Description

utility function to identify variables with one value only.

### Usage

```
util_check_one_unique_value(x)
```

### Arguments

x vector with values

### Value

logical(1): TRUE, if – except NA – exactly only one value is observed in x, FALSE otherwise

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util\_compare\_meta\_with\_study  
*Compares study data data types with the ones expected according to the metadata*

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### Description

Utility function to compare data type of study data with those defined in metadata

### Usage

```
util_compare_meta_with_study(sdf, mdf, label_col)
```

### Arguments

sdf the [data.frame](#) of study data  
mdf the [data.frame](#) of associated static meta data  
label\_col [variable attribute](#) the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables

### Value

a binary vector (0, 1) if data type applies

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**util\_correct\_variable\_use**  
*Check referred variables*

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## Description

This function operates in the environment of its caller (using `eval.parent`, similar to **Function like C-Preprocessor-Macros**). Different from the other utility function that work in the caller's environment (`util_prepare_dataframes`), It has no side effects except that the argument of the calling function specified in `arg_name` is normalized (set to its default or a general default if missing, variable names being all white space replaced by NAs). It expects two objects in the caller's environment: `ds1` and `meta_data`. `meta_data` is the meta data frame and `ds1` is produced by a preceding call of `util_prepare_dataframes` using `meta_data` and `study_data`.

## Usage

```
util_correct_variable_use(
  arg_name,
  allow_na,
  allow_more_than_one,
  allow_null,
  allow_all_obs_na,
  allow_any_obs_na,
  need_type,
  role = ""
)

util_correct_variable_use2(
  arg_name,
  allow_na,
  allow_more_than_one,
  allow_null,
  allow_all_obs_na,
  allow_any_obs_na,
  need_type,
  role = arg_name
)
```

## Arguments

<code>arg_name</code>	<code>character</code> Name of a function argument of the caller of <code>util_correct_variable_use</code>
<code>allow_na</code>	<code>logical</code> default = FALSE. allow NAs in the variable names argument given in <code>arg_name</code>
<code>allow_more_than_one</code>	<code>logical</code> default = FALSE. allow more than one variable names in <code>arg_name</code>

allow_null	<code>logical</code> default = FALSE. allow an empty variable name vector in the argument <code>arg_name</code>
allow_all_obs_na	<code>logical</code> default = TRUE. check observations for not being all NA
allow_any_obs_na	<code>logical</code> default = TRUE. check observations for being complete without any NA
need_type	<code>character</code> if not NA, variables must be of data type <code>need_type</code> according to the meta data, can be a pipe ( ) separated list of allowed data types. Use ! to exclude a type. See <a href="#">DATA_TYPES</a> for the predefined variable types of the dataquieR concept.
role	<code>character</code> variable-argument role. Set different defaults for all <code>allow</code> -arguments and <code>need_type</code> of this <code>util_correct_variable_use..</code> . If given, it defines the intended use of the verified argument. For typical arguments and typical use cases, roles are predefined in <a href="#">.variable_arg_roles</a> . The role's defaults can be overwritten by the arguments. If <code>role</code> is "" (default), the standards are <code>allow_na</code> = FALSE, <code>allow_more_than_one</code> = FALSE, <code>allow_null</code> = FALSE, <code>allow_all_obs_na</code> = TRUE, <code>allow_any_obs_na</code> = TRUE, and <code>need_type</code> = NA. Use <code>util_correct_variable_use2</code> for using the <code>arg_name</code> as default for <code>role</code> . See <a href="#">.variable_arg_roles</a> for currently available variable-argument roles.

## Details

`util_correct_variable_use` and `util_correct_variable_use2` differ only in the default of the argument `role`.

`util_correct_variable_use` and `util_correct_variable_use2` put strong effort on producing compressible error messages to the caller's caller (who is typically an end user of a dataquieR function).

The function ensures, that a specified argument of its caller that refers variable names (one or more as character vector) matches some expectations.

This function accesses the caller's environment!

## See Also

[.variable\\_arg\\_roles](#)

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<code>util_count_codes</code>	<i>count realizations of missing codes of any class</i>
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## Description

count total numbers of any sort of missing codes (MISSING or JUMP)

## Usage

`util_count_codes(sdf, mdf, variables, list, name, warn = TRUE)`

**Arguments**

<code>sdf</code>	study data
<code>mdf</code>	meta data
<code>variables</code>	variables
<code>list</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> JUMP_LIST or MISSING_LIST: Count which categories.
<code>name</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
<code>warn</code>	<code>logical</code> emit warnings on non-numeric missing codes

**Value**

a vector with the total number of missings of the class referred by `list` per `variables`.

**util\_count\_code\_classes**

*count distinct realizations of missing codes of a specific class*

**Description**

count numbers of distinct codes of class missings or of class jump jumps

**Usage**

```
util_count_code_classes(sdf, mdf, variables, name, list, warn = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>sdf</code>	study data
<code>mdf</code>	meta data
<code>variables</code>	variables
<code>name</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
<code>list</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> JUMP_LIST or MISSING_LIST: Count which categories.
<code>warn</code>	<code>logical</code> emit warnings on non-numeric missing codes

**Value**

a vector with the number of distinct realized missing codes of the missing class referred by `list` per `variables`.

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util_count_NA	<i>Support function to count number of NAs</i>
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### Description

Counts the number of NAs in x.

### Usage

```
util_count_NA(x)
```

### Arguments

x	object to count NAs in
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### Value

number of NAs

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util_dichotomize	<i>utility function to dichotomize variables</i>
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### Description

use the meta data attribute RECODE (=“recode”) to dichotomize the data

### Usage

```
util_dichotomize(study_data, meta_data, label_col = VAR_NAMES)
```

### Arguments

study_data	Study data including jump/missing codes as specified in the code conventions
meta_data	Meta data as specified in the code conventions
label_col	<b>variable attribute</b> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables

`util_dist_selection`     *Utility function distribution-selection*

### Description

This function differentiates the type of measurement variables.

### Usage

```
util_dist_selection(measurements, meta_data)
```

### Arguments

<code>measurements</code>	study data
<code>meta_data</code>	meta data, not yet used

### Value

data frame with one column for each variable in study data giving `IsInteger`, `IsMultCat` and `IsNCategory`

`IsInteger` contains a guess, if the variable contains integer values or is a factor

`IsMultCat` contains a guess, if the variable has more than two categories, if it is categorical or ordinal

`NCategory` contains the number of distinct values detected for the variable

`util_empty`                    *Test, if values of x are empty, i.e. NA or whitespace characters*

### Description

Test, if values of x are empty, i.e. NA or whitespace characters

### Usage

```
util_empty(x)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	the vector to test
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### Value

a logical vector, same length as x; TRUE, if resp. element in x is "empty"

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util\_ensure\_suggested *Support function to stop, if an optional package is not installed*

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## Description

This function stops, if a package is not installed but needed for using an optional feature of dataquieR.

## Usage

```
util_ensure_suggested(pkg, goal)
```

## Arguments

pkg	needed package
goal	feature description for error message.

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util\_error *Produce an error message with a useful short stack trace. Then it stops the execution.*

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## Description

Produce an error message with a useful short stack trace. Then it stops the execution.

## Usage

```
util_error(m, ...)
```

## Arguments

m	error message or a <a href="#">simpleError</a>
...	arguments for <a href="#">sprintf</a> on m, if m is a character

## Value

nothing, its purpose is to stop.

**util\_find\_external\_functions\_in\_stacktrace**  
*Find externally called function in the stack trace*

### Description

intended use: error messages for the user

### Usage

```
util_find_external_functions_in_stacktrace(
  sfs = rev(sys.frames()),
  cls = rev(sys.calls())
)
```

### Arguments

sfs	reverse <code>sys.frames</code> to search in
cls	reverse <code>sys.calls</code> to search in

### Value

vector of `logicals` stating for each index, if it had been called externally

**util\_find\_first\_externally\_called\_functions\_in\_stacktrace**  
*Find first externally called function in the stack trace*

### Description

intended use: error messages for the user

### Usage

```
util_find_first_externally_called_functions_in_stacktrace(
  sfs = rev(sys.frames()),
  cls = rev(sys.calls())
)
```

### Arguments

sfs	reverse <code>sys.frames</code> to search in
cls	reverse <code>sys.calls</code> to search in

### Value

reverse `sys.frames` index of first non-dataquieR function in this stack

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**util\_fix\_rstudio\_bugs** *RStudio crashes on parallel calls in some versions on Darwin based operating systems with R 4*

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**Description**

RStudio crashes on parallel calls in some versions on Darwin based operating systems with R 4

**Usage**

```
util_fix_rstudio_bugs()
```

**Value**

invisible null

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**util\_get\_code\_list** *Fetch a missing code list from the metadata*

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**Description**

get missing codes from metadata (e.g. [MISSING\\_LIST](#) or [JUMP\\_LIST](#))

**Usage**

```
util_get_code_list(
  x,
  code_name,
  split_char = SPLIT_CHAR,
  mdf,
  label_col = VAR_NAMES,
  warning_if_no_list = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	<code>variable</code> the name of the variable to retrieve code lists for. only one variable at a time is supported, <i>not</i> vectorized!!
<code>code_name</code>	<code>variable attribute JUMP_LIST or MISSING_LIST</code> : Which codes to retrieve.
<code>split_char</code>	<code>character</code> len = 1. Character(s) used to separate different codes in the metadata, usually  , as in 99999 99998 99997.
<code>mdf</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
<code>label_col</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
<code>warning_if_no_list</code>	<code>logical</code> len = 1. If TRUE, a warning is displayed, if not missing codes are available for a variable.

**Value**

**numeric** vector of missing codes.

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**util\_get\_var\_att\_names\_of\_level**

*Get variable attributes of a certain provision level*

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**Description**

This function returns all variable attribute names of a certain meta data provision level or of more than one level.

**Usage**

```
util_get_var_att_names_of_level(level)
```

**Arguments**

level	level(s) of requirement
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**Value**

all matching variable attribute names

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**util\_heatmap\_1th**

*Utility Function Heatmap with 1 Threshold*

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**Description**

Function to create heatmap-like plot given one threshold – works for percentages for now.

**Usage**

```
util_heatmap_1th(
  df,
  cat_vars,
  values,
  threshold,
  right_intv,
  invert,
  cols,
  strata
)
```

**Arguments**

df	<code>data.frame</code> with data to display as a heatmap.
cat_vars	<code>variable list</code> len=1-2. Variables to group by. Up to 2 group levels supported.
values	<code>variable</code> the name of the percentage variable
threshold	<code>numeric</code> lowest acceptable value
right_intv	<code>logical</code> len=1. If FALSE (default), intervals used to define color ranges in the heatmap are closed on the left side, if TRUE on the right side, respectively.
invert	<code>logical</code> len=1. If TRUE, high values are better, warning colors are used for low values. FALSE works vice versa.
cols	deprecated, ignored.
strata	<code>variable</code> optional, the name of a variable used for stratification

**Value**

a `list` with:

- `SummaryPlot`: `ggplot` object with the heatmap

util\_hubert

*utility function for the outliers rule of Huber et al.*

**Description**

function to calculate outliers according to the rule of Huber et al. This function requires the package `robustbase`

**Usage**

```
util_hubert(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	<code>numeric</code> data to check for outliers
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**Value**

binary vector

`util_interpret_limits` *Utility function to interpret mathematical interval notation*

### Description

Utility function to split limit definitions into interpretable elements

### Usage

```
util_interpret_limits(mdata)
```

### Arguments

mdata	<a href="#">data.frame</a> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
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### Value

augments metadata by interpretable limit columns

`util_is_integer` *Check for integer values*

### Description

This function checks if a variable is integer.

### Usage

```
util_is_integer(x, tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.5)
```

### Arguments

x	the object to test
tol	precision of the detection. Values deviating more than tol from their closest integer value will not be deemed integer.

### Value

TRUE or FALSE

### See Also

[is.integer](#)

Copied from the documentation of [is.integer](#)

[is.integer](#) detects, if the storage mode of an R-object is integer. Usually, users want to know, if the values are integer. As suggested by [is.integer](#)'s documentation, [is.wholenumber](#) does so.

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**util\_looks\_like\_missing**

*Check for repetitive values using the digits 8 or 9 only*

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**Description**

Values not being finite (see `is.finite`) are also reported as missing codes.

**Usage**

```
util_looks_like_missing(x, n_rules = 3)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	<code>numeric</code> vector to test
<code>n_rules</code>	<code>numeric</code> Only outlying values can be missing codes; at least <code>n_rules</code> rules in <code>acc_univariate_outlier</code> match

**Value**

`logical` indicates for each value in `x`, if it looks like a missing code

**See Also**

[acc\\_univariate\\_outlier](#)

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**util\_make\_function**

*Make a function capturing errors and other conditions for parallelization*

---

**Description**

Make a function capturing errors and other conditions for parallelization

**Usage**

```
util_make_function(fct)
```

**Arguments**

<code>fct</code>	<code>function</code> to prepare
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**Value**

decorated `function`

**util\_map\_all***Maps label column meta data on study data variable names***Description**

Maps a certain label column from the meta data to the study data frame.

**Usage**

```
util_map_all(label_col = VAR_NAMES, study_data, meta_data)
```

**Arguments**

- |                         |                                                                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>label_col</code>  | the variable of the metadata that contains the variable names of the study data |
| <code>study_data</code> | the name of the data frame that contains the measurements                       |
| <code>meta_data</code>  | the name of the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data      |

**Value**

`list` with slot `df` with a study data frame with mapped column names

**util\_map\_labels***Support function to allocate labels to variables***Description**

Map variables to certain attributes, e.g. by default their labels.

**Usage**

```
util_map_labels(x, meta_data = NULL, to = LABEL, from = VAR_NAMES, ifnotfound)
```

**Arguments**

- |                         |                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>          | <code>character</code> variable names, character vector, see parameter <code>from</code>                           |
| <code>meta_data</code>  | <code>data.frame</code> meta data frame                                                                            |
| <code>to</code>         | <code>character</code> variable attribute to map to                                                                |
| <code>from</code>       | <code>character</code> variable identifier to map from                                                             |
| <code>ifnotfound</code> | <code>list</code> A list of values to be used if the item is not found: it will be coerced to a list if necessary. |

## Details

This function basically calls `colnames(study_data) <- meta_data$LABEL`, ensuring correct merging/joining of study data columns to the corresponding meta data rows, even if the orders differ. If a variable/study\_data-column name is not found in `meta_data[[from]]` (default `from = VAR_NAMES`), either `stop` is called or, if `ifnotfound` has been assigned a value, that value is returned. See `mget`, which is internally used by this function.

The function not only maps to the `LABEL` column, but to can be any metadata variable attribute, so the function can also be used, to get, e.g. all `HARD_LIMITS` from the metadata.

## Value

a character vector with:

- mapped values

## Examples

```
meta_data <- prep_create_meta(
  VAR_NAMES = c("ID", "SEX", "AGE", "DOE"),
  LABEL = c("Pseudo-ID", "Gender", "Age", "Examination Date"),
  DATA_TYPE = c(DATA_TYPES$INTEGER, DATA_TYPES$INTEGER, DATA_TYPES$INTEGER,
                DATA_TYPES$DATETIME),
  MISSING_LIST = ""
)
stopifnot(all(prep_map_labels(c("AGE", "DOE"), meta_data) == c("Age",
  "Examination Date")))
```

`util_no_value_labels`   *Select really numeric variables*

## Description

Reduce `resp_vars` to those, which are either `float` or `integer` without `VALUE_LABELS`, i.e. likely `numeric` but not a `factor`

## Usage

```
util_no_value_labels(resp_vars, meta_data, label_col, warn = TRUE, stop = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

<code>resp_vars</code>	<code>variable list</code> len=1-2. the name of the continuous measurement variable
<code>meta_data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
<code>label_col</code>	<code>variable attribute</code> the name of the column in the metadata with labels of variables
<code>warn</code>	<code>logical</code> warn about removed variable names
<code>stop</code>	<code>logical</code> stop on no matching <code>resp_var</code>

**Value**

**character** vector of matching resp\_vars.

**util\_observations\_in\_subgroups**

*Utility function observations in subgroups*

**Description**

This function uses `!is.na` to count the number of non-missing observations in subgroups of the data (list) and in a set of user defined response variables. In some applications it is required that the number of observations per e.g. factor level is higher than a user-defined minimum number.

**Usage**

```
util_observations_in_subgroups(x, rvs)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	data frame
<code>rvs</code>	variable names

**Value**

matrix of flags

**util\_only\_NAs**

*identify NA-only variables*

**Description**

This utility function identifies variables with NAs values only.

**Usage**

```
util_only_NAs(x)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	the variable to check a vector
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**Value**

flagged binary vector

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**util\_parse\_assignments**

*Utility function to parse assignments*

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**Description**

This function parses labels & level assignments in the format 1 = male | 2 = female. The function also handles m = male | f = female, but this would not match the metadata concept. The split-character can be given, if not the default from **SPLIT\_CHAR** is to be used, but this would also violate the metadata concept.

**Usage**

```
util_parse_assignments(text, split_char = SPLIT_CHAR)
```

**Arguments**

text	Text to be parsed
split_char	Character separating assignments

**Value**

the parsed assignments as a named list

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**util\_par\_pmap**

*Utility function parallel version of purrr::pmap*

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**Description**

Parallel version of `purrr::pmap`.

**Usage**

```
util_par_pmap(  
  .l,  
  .f,  
  ...,  
  cores = list(mode = "socket", logging = FALSE, load.balancing = TRUE),  
  use_cache = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

.l	<code>data.frame</code> with one call per line and one function argument per column
.f	<code>function</code> to call with the arguments from .l
...	additional, static arguments for calling .f
cores	number of cpu cores to use or a (named) list with arguments for <code>parallelMap::parallelStart</code> or NULL, if parallel has already been started by the caller.
use_cache	<code>logical</code> set to FALSE to omit re-using already distributed study- and metadata on a parallel cluster

**Value**

`list` of results of the function calls

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**See Also**

`purrr::pmap`

[Stack Overflow post](#)

`util_prepare_dataframes`

*util\_prepare\_dataframes*

**Description**

This function ensures, that a data frame `ds1` with suitable variable names `study_data` and `meta_data` exist as base `data.frames`.

**Usage**

```
util_prepare_dataframes(.study_data, .meta_data, .label_col, .replace_missings)
```

**Arguments**

.study_data	if provided, use this data set as <code>study_data</code>
.meta_data	if provided, use this data set as <code>meta_data</code>
.label_col	if provided, use this as <code>label_col</code>
.replace_missings	replace missing codes, defaults to TRUE

## Details

This function defines `ds1` and modifies `study_data` and `meta_data` in the environment of its caller (see [eval.parent](#)). It also defines or modifies the object `label_col` in the calling environment. Almost all functions exported by `dataquieR` call this function initially, so that aspects common to all functions live here, e.g. testing, if an argument `meta_data` has been given and features really a `data.frame`. It verifies the existence of required metadata attributes ([VARATT\\_REQUIRE\\_LEVELS](#)). It can also replace missing codes by NAs, and calls [prep\\_study2meta](#) to generate a minimum set of metadata from the study data on the fly (should be amended, so on-the-fly-calling is not recommended for an instructive use of `dataquieR`).

The function also detects `tibbles`, which are then converted to base-R `data.frames`, which are expected by `dataquieR`.

Different from the other utility function that work in the caller's environment, so it modifies objects in the calling function. It defines a new object `ds1`, it modifies `study_data` and/or `meta_data` and `label_col`.

## Value

`ds1` the study data with mapped column names

## See Also

`acc_margins`

## Examples

```
acc_test1 <- function(resp_variable, aux_variable,
                      time_variable, co_variables,
                      group_vars, study_data, meta_data) {
  prep_prepare_dataframes()
  invisible(ds1)
}
acc_test2 <- function(resp_variable, aux_variable,
                      time_variable, co_variables,
                      group_vars, study_data, meta_data, label_col) {
  ds1 <- prep_prepare_dataframes(study_data, meta_data)
  invisible(ds1)
}
environment(acc_test1) <- asNamespace("dataquieR")
# perform this inside the package (not needed for functions that have been
# integrated with the package already)

environment(acc_test2) <- asNamespace("dataquieR")
# perform this inside the package (not needed for functions that have been
# integrated with the package already)
acc_test3 <- function(resp_variable, aux_variable, time_variable,
                      co_variables, group_vars, study_data, meta_data,
                      label_col) {
  prep_prepare_dataframes()
  invisible(ds1)
}
```

```

acc_test4 <- function(resp_variable, aux_variable, time_variable,
                      co_variables, group_vars, study_data, meta_data,
                      label_col) {
  ds1 <- prep_prepare_dataframes(study_data, meta_data)
  invisible(ds1)
}
environment(acc_test3) <- asNamespace("dataquieR")
# perform this inside the package (not needed for functions that have been
# integrated with the package already)

environment(acc_test4) <- asNamespace("dataquieR")
# perform this inside the package (not needed for functions that have been
# integrated with the package already)
load(system.file("extdata/meta_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
load(system.file("extdata/study_data.RData", package = "dataquieR"))
try(acc_test1())
try(acc_test2())
acc_test1(study_data = study_data)
try(acc_test1(meta_data = meta_data))
try(acc_test2(study_data = 12, meta_data = meta_data))
print(head(acc_test1(study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data)))
print(head(acc_test2(study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data)))
print(head(acc_test3(study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data)))
print(head(acc_test3(study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data,
                    label_col = LABEL)))
print(head(acc_test4(study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data)))
print(head(acc_test4(study_data = study_data, meta_data = meta_data,
                    label_col = LABEL)))
try(acc_test2(study_data = NULL, meta_data = meta_data))

```

**util\_replace\_codes\_by\_NA***Utility function to replace missing codes by NAs***Description**

Substitute all missing codes in a [data.frame](#) by NA.

**Usage**

```
util_replace_codes_by_NA(study_data, meta_data, split_char = SPLIT_CHAR)
```

**Arguments**

<code>study_data</code>	Study data including jump/missing codes as specified in the code conventions
<code>meta_data</code>	Metadata as specified in the code conventions
<code>split_char</code>	Character separating missing codes
	Codes are expected to be numeric.

---

util\_set\_dQuoteString *Utility function to put strings in quotes*

---

### Description

This function generates usual double-quotes for each element of the character vector

### Usage

```
util_set_dQuoteString(string)
```

### Arguments

string            Character vector

### Value

quoted string

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util\_set\_sQuoteString *Utility function single quote string*

---

### Description

This function generates usual single-quotes for each element of the character vector.

### Usage

```
util_set_sQuoteString(string)
```

### Arguments

string            Character vector

### Value

quoted string

---

**util\_sigmagap***Utility function outliers according to the rule of Huber et al.*

---

**Description**

This function calculates outliers according to the rule of Huber et al. This function requires the package `robustbase`.

**Usage**

```
util_sigmagap(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    **numeric** data to check for outliers

**Value**

binary vector

---

**util\_sixsigma***Utility function for six sigma deviations rule*

---

**Description**

This function calculates outliers according to the rule of six sigma deviations.

**Usage**

```
util_sixsigma(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    **numeric** data to check for outliers

**Value**

binary vector

---

util_tukey	<i>Utility function Tukey outlier rule</i>
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---

## Description

This function calculates outliers according to the rule of Tukey.

## Usage

```
util_tukey(x)
```

## Arguments

x	<b>numeric</b> data to check for outliers
---	-------------------------------------------

## Value

binary vector

---

util_validate_known_meta	<i>Utility function verifying syntax of known metadata columns</i>
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---

## Description

This function goes through metadata columns, dataquieR supports and verifies for these, that they follow its metadata conventions.

## Usage

```
util_validate_known_meta(meta_data)
```

## Arguments

meta_data	<b>data.frame</b> the data frame that contains metadata attributes of study data
-----------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------

## Value

invisible(NULL)

`util_warning`*Produce a warning message with a useful short stack trace.***Description**

Produce a warning message with a useful short stack trace.

**Usage**

```
util_warning(m, ..., immediate. = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- |                         |                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>m</code>          | warning message or a <a href="#">simpleWarning</a>                                                                                                      |
| <code>...</code>        | arguments for <a href="#">sprintf</a> on <code>m</code> , if <code>m</code> is a character                                                              |
| <code>immediate.</code> | logical, indicating if the call should be output immediately, even if <code>getOption("warn") &lt;= 0</code> . See also <a href="#">base::warning</a> . |

**Value**

`invisible(NULL)`.

`util_warn_unordered`*Warn about a problem in varname, if x has no natural order***Description**

Also warns, if R does not have a comparison operator for `x`.

**Usage**

```
util_warn_unordered(x, varname)
```

**Arguments**

- |                      |                                                                     |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>       | <a href="#">vector</a> of data                                      |
| <code>varname</code> | <a href="#">character</a> len=1. Variable name for warning messages |

**Value**

`invisible(NULL)`

---

VARATT\_REQUIRE\_LEVELS *Requirement levels of certain metadata columns*

---

### Description

These levels are cumulatively used by the function [prep\\_create\\_meta](#) and related in the argument level therein.

### Usage

VARATT\_REQUIRE\_LEVELS

### Format

An object of class list of length 5.

### Details

currently available:

- 'COMPATIBILITY' = "compatibility"
- 'REQUIRED' = "required"
- 'RECOMMENDED' = "recommended"
- 'OPTIONAL' = "optional"
- 'TECHNICAL' = "technical"

---

VARIABLE\_ROLES                  *Variable roles can be one of the following:*

---

### Description

- intro a variable holding consent-data
- primary a primary outcome variable
- secondary a secondary outcome variable
- process a variable describing the measurement process

### Usage

VARIABLE\_ROLES

### Format

An object of class list of length 4.

---

**WELL\_KNOWN\_META\_VARIABLE\_NAMES**

*Well-known metadata column names, names of metadata columns*

---

**Description**

names of the variable attributes in the meta data frame holding the names of the respective observers, devices, lower limits for plausible values, upper limits for plausible values, lower limits for allowed values, upper limits for allowed values, the variable name (column name, e.g. v0020349) used in the study data, the variable name used for processing (readable name, e.g. RR\_DIAST\_1) and in parameters of the QA-Functions, the variable label, variable long label, variable short label, variable data type (see also [DATA\\_TYPES](#)), re-code for definition of lists of event categories, missing lists and jump lists as CSV strings.

**Usage**

`WELL_KNOWN_META_VARIABLE_NAMES`

**Format**

An object of class `list` of length 31.

**Details**

all entries of this list will be mapped to the package's exported NAMESPACE environment directly, i.e. they are available directly by their names too:

- [VAR\\_NAMES](#)
- [LABEL](#)
- [DATA\\_TYPE](#)
- [VALUE\\_LABELS](#)
- [MISSING\\_LIST](#)
- [JUMP\\_LIST](#)
- [HARD\\_LIMITS](#)
- [DETECTION\\_LIMITS](#)
- [SOFT\\_LIMITS](#)
- [CONTRADICTIONS](#)
- [DISTRIBUTION](#)
- [DECIMALS](#)
- [DATA\\_ENTRY\\_TYPE](#)
- [KEY\\_OBSERVER](#)
- [KEY\\_DEVICE](#)
- [KEY\\_DATETIME](#)

- KEY\_STUDY\_SEGMENT
- VARIABLE\_ROLE
- VARIABLE\_ORDER
- LONG\_LABEL
- SOFT\_LIMIT\_LOW
- SOFT\_LIMIT\_UP
- HARD\_LIMIT\_LOW
- HARD\_LIMIT\_UP
- DETECTION\_LIMIT\_LOW
- DETECTION\_LIMIT\_UP
- INCL\_SOFT\_LIMIT\_LOW
- INCL\_SOFT\_LIMIT\_UP
- INCL\_HARD\_LIMIT\_LOW
- INCL\_HARD\_LIMIT\_UP
- RECODE

### Examples

```
print(VAR_NAMES)
```

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