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Description Reads data collected from wearable acceleratometers as used in sleep and physical activity research. Currently supports file formats: binary data from 'GENEActiv' <https://activinsights.com/>, .bin-format from GENEA devices (not for sale), and .cwa-format from 'Axivity' <https://axivity.com>. Further, it has functions for reading text files with epoch level aggregates from 'Actical', 'Fitbit', 'Actiwatch', 'ActiGraph', and 'PhilipsHealthBand'. Primarily designed to complement R package GGIR <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=GGIR>.

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Contents

`GGIRread-package` *A package to read data files from wearable accelerometers*

Description

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

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

Description

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

Usage

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

Arguments

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

Details

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

Value

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

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mergeFitbitData *Merge Fitbit json files into one data.frame*

Description

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

Usage

```
mergeFitbitData(filenames = NULL,
                  desiredtz = "", configtz = NULL)
```

Arguments

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

Value

Merged data from the two or more files.

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

Description

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

Usage

```
mergePHBdata(filenames = NULL,
                  timeformat = "%m/%d/%Y %H:%M:%S",
                  desiredtz = "", configtz = NULL,
                  timeformatName = "timeformat")
```

Arguments

filenames	Character vector, specifying the two filenames to be merged. Assumption is that there is one file starting with "Datalist_" and one starting with "Sleep_Wake_".
timeformat	Character, timestemp format.
desiredtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was worn. Timezone names are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
configtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was configured. Leave NULL if equal to desiredtz. Timezones name are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
timeformatName	Character, name of timeformat variable to print in error message when timeformat is incorrect, of use to GGIR where argument names can differ.

Value

Merged data from the two files.

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readActicalCount *Read Actical Count data files (csv)*

Description

Reads Actical Count data file.

Usage

```
readActicalCount(filename = NULL,
                           timeformat = "%m/%d/%Y %H:%M:%S",
                           desiredtz = "", configtz = NULL,
                           timeformatName = "timeformat")
```

Arguments

filename	filename (required)
timeformat	Character, timestemp format.
desiredtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was worn. Timezone names are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
configtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was configured. Leave NULL if equal to desiredtz. Timezones name are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
timeformatName	Character, name of timeformat variable to print in error message when timeformat is incorrect, of use to GGIR where argument names can differ.

Value

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

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readActiGraphCount *Read ActiGraph Count data files (csv)*

Description

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

Usage

```
readActiGraphCount(filename = NULL,
                           timeformat = "%m/%d/%Y %H:%M:%S",
                           desiredtz = "", configtz = NULL,
                           timeformatName = "timeformat")
```

Arguments

filename	filename (required)
timeformat	Character, timestemp format.
desiredtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was worn. Timezone names are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
configtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was configured. Leave NULL if equal to desiredtz. Timezones name are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
timeformatName	Character, name of timeformat variable to print in error message when timeformat is incorrect, of use to GGIR where argument names can differ.

Value

data	Matrix with one or multiple columns
epochSize	epoch size in seconds of data
startTime	POSIXlt format timestamp on which recording starts
deviceSerialNumber	Device serial number if it could be extracted from the file header

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readActiwatchCount *Read Actiwatch Count data files (csv)*

Description

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

Usage

```
readActiwatchCount(filename = NULL,
                           timeformat = "%m/%d/%Y %H:%M:%S",
                           desiredtz = "", configtz = NULL,
                           timeformatName = "timeformat")
```

Arguments

filename	filename (required)
timeformat	Character, timestemp format.
desiredtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was worn. Timezone names are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
configtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was configured. Leave NULL if equal to desiredtz. Timezones name are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
timeformatName	Character, name of timeformat variable to print in error message when timeformat is incorrect, of use to GGIR where argument names can differ.

Value

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

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

Description

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

Usage

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

Arguments

`filename`	filename (required) is name of cwa file to read
`start`	non-negative integer which is a cwa file block number.
`end`	non-negative integer which is a cwa file block number. End must be not be less than start. If end is less or equal to start, then there is no data read.
`progressBar`	Is trigger to switch on/off the text progress bar. If progressBar is TRUE then the function displays the progress bar but it works slightly slower
`desiredtz`	Desired timezone, a character with timezone database name.
`configtz`	Timezone in which the accelerometer was configured. Only use this argument if the timezone of configuration and timezone in which recording took place are different.
`interpolationType`	Integer to indicate type of interpolation to be used, 1=linear, 2=nearest neighbour.
`loadbattery`	Boolean to indicate whether battery voltage should be loaded
`header`	Header to be reused if it was extracted earlier
`frequency_tol`	Numeric value representing the tolerance for frequency bias expressed as a fraction of the expected sampling frequency. For example, 0.10 indicates that we accept the sampling frequency configured at 100 Hertz to vary between 90 and 110 Hertz. If this condition is not met the data will be imputed with a constant value and the start and end time will be logged in the QClog output object. Regardless of the setting the function will always log instances when frequency differs by more than 5%, but if this is less than frequency_tol the block will not be imputed.
`maxAllowedCorruptBlocks`	Max number of consecutive blocks with a failed checksum that we'll tolerate.

Value

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

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Examples

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

`readFitbit` *Read Fitbit data files (json)*

Description

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

Usage

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

Arguments

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

Value

Data.frame with data converted to time series

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

Description

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

Usage

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

Arguments

filename	filename (required)
start	start point for reading data, this can either be a timestamp in POSIXct format "year-month-day hr:min:sec" or a page number (optional)
end	end point for reading data, this can either be a timestamp in POSIXct format "year-month-day hr:min:sec" or a page number (optional)

Details

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

Value

rawxyz	matrix with raw x, y, and, z acceleration values
header	file header
timestamps1	timestamps for rawxyz in seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00
timestamps2	timestamps for rawxyz in day time format
batt.voltage	matrix with battery voltage and corresponding timestamps

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Examples

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

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

Description

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

Usage

```
readGENEActiv(filename, start = 0L, end = 0L, progress_bar = FALSE,
              desiredtz = "", configtz = NULL)
```

Arguments

filename	filename (required)
start	start page for reading data
end	end page for reading data
progress_bar	Boolean
desiredtz	Character, timezone database name of the timezone where the accelerometer was worn.
configtz	Character, timezone database name of the timezone where the accelerometer was configured. Leave NULL if equal to timezone where experiment took place.

Details

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

GENEActiv light measurements are calibrated according to the device model. For GENEActiv 1.1, the existing light calibration is applied. For GENEActiv 1.2 and above, an additional correction is applied to account for the light sensor's non-linear scaling with graded resolution. This provides greater accuracy at low light levels while supporting a higher range. This correction was provided by ActivInsights Ltd, the manufacturer of GENEActiv devices.

Value

header:

serial_number	Device serial number as extracted from file header
firmware	Firmware version
tzone	Time zone as extracted from file header
ReadOK	see GENEActivReader
SampleRate	matrix with battery voltage and corresponding timestamps
ReadErrors	matrix with battery voltage and corresponding timestamps
numBlocksTotal	matrix with battery voltage and corresponding timestamps
StartTime	Start time as extracted from file header

data.out:

time	Unix time in seconds with decimal places for miliseconds
x	see GENEActivReader
y	see GENEActivReader
z	see GENEActivReader
light	Ligth values express in lux units
temperature	Temperature in Celsius

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Examples

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

`readParmayMatrix` *Read and Process Binary Data from Matrix Devices*

Description

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

Usage

```
readParmayMatrix(filename, output = c("all", "sf", "dynrange")[1],
                 start = 1, end = NULL,
                 desiredtz = "", configtz = NULL, interpolationType = 1,
                 read_acc = TRUE, read_gyro = FALSE,
                 read_temp = TRUE, read_heart = FALSE)
```

Arguments

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

Details

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

Header Information:

- Remarks: Bytes 1-512.
- Header string: Bytes 513-516. If not "MDTC", the file is considered corrupt.
- Total packets: Bytes 517-520.
- Accelerometer dynamic range: Bytes 521-522.
- Gyroscope range: Bytes 523-524.

Packet Structure:

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

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

Value

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

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

  `time` Timestamps of the recordings.

  `acc_x`, `acc_y`, `acc_z` Resampled accelerometer data.

  `gyro_x`, `gyro_y`, `gyro_z` Resampled gyroscope data.

  `bodySurface_temp`, `ambient_temp` Resampled temperature data.

  `hr_raw`, `hr` Resampled heart rate data.

  `remarks` Remarks extracted from the file header.
- `header`: A list with the following elements:

  `sf` Sampling frequency of the accelerometer data.

  `acc_dynrange` Dynamic range of the accelerometer.

  `starttime` Start time of the first packet in POSIXct format.

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

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

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

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References

For more details on Matrix devices', see: https://www.matrixwearable.net/ For additional details on Matrix BIN files structure, please contact manufacturer: https://www.matrixwearable.net/#!/contact

See Also

`resample` for resampling sensor data.

Examples

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

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

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

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

## End(Not run)
```

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readPHBCount *Read PHB Count data files (xlsx)*

Description

Reads Philips Health Band (PHB) Count data file.

Usage

```
readPHBCount(filename = NULL,
             timeformat = "%m/%d/%Y %H:%M:%S",
             desiredtz = "", configtz = NULL,
             timeformatName = "timeformat")
```

Arguments

filename	filename (required)
timeformat	Character, timestemp format.
desiredtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was worn. Timezone names are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
configtz	Character, timezone name where the accelerometer was configured. Leave NULL if equal to desiredtz. Timezones name are expected to be the timezone database names, e.g. Europe/London. See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones
timeformatName	Character, name of timeformat variable to print in error message when timeformat is incorrect, of use to GGIR where argument names can differ.

Value

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

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

Description

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

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

Usage

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

Arguments

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

Details

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

Value

rawxyz	matrix with raw x, y, and, z acceleration values
header	file header
timestamps	local timestamps for rawxyz

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resample *Resample timeseries*

Description

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

Usage

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

Arguments

raw	stop-by-3 matrix with raw values of x, y and z.
rawTime	vector with stop elements of raw time.
time	array with required time points.
stop	Number of rows in raw
type	integer to indicate type of interpolation, 1=linear, 2=nearest neighbour

Examples

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

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