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Description Bit-level reading and writing are necessary when dealing with many file formats e.g. compressed data and binary files. Currently, R connections are manipulated at the byte level. This package wraps existing connections and raw vectors so that it is possible to read bits, bit sequences, unaligned bytes and low-bit representations of integers.

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assert_bs	<i>Test if an object is a bitstream object and fail if it is not</i>
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Description

Test if an object is a bitstream object and fail if it is not

Usage

```
assert_bs(x)
```

Arguments

x	object to test
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Value

None

Examples

```
raw_vec <- as.raw(1:3)
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
assert_bs(bs)
bs_close(bs)
```

bits_to_raw *Convert between logical vector of bits and raw vector*

Description

Convert between logical vector of bits and raw vector

Usage

```
bits_to_raw(bits, msb_first = TRUE)
```

```
raw_to_bits(x, msb_first = TRUE)
```

Arguments

bits	Logical vector of bit values. Length must be a multiple of 8
msb_first	MSB first? Default: TRUE
x	Byte values. Integer vectors will be truncated to 8 bits before output. Numeric vectors will be rounded to integers and then truncated to 8 bits. Raw vectors preferred.

Value

Logical vector of bit values or a raw vector.

Examples

```
bits <- raw_to_bits(c(0, 4, 21))
bits
bits_to_raw(bits) |> as.integer()
```

bits_to_uint *Convert between bits and unsigned integers*

Description

Convert between bits and unsigned integers

Usage

```
bits_to_uint(bits, nbits = NULL)
```

```
uint_to_bits(x, nbits)
```

Arguments

bits	logical vector of bit values in MSB first order
nbits	number of bits per integer. If NULL, then bits is assumed to represent a single integer value. If not NULL, then the number of values in bits must be a multiple of nbits
x	vector of unsigned integers

Value

logical vector of bit values of vector of unsigned integers

Examples

```
bits <- uint_to_bits(c(1, 2, 3), nbits = 3)
bits
bits_to_uint(bits, nbits = 3)
```

bs_advance	<i>Advance bitstream</i>
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Description

Advance bitstream

Usage

```
bs_advance(bs, n)
```

Arguments

bs	Bistream connection object created with bs_open()
n	number of bits to advance

Value

Bitstream connection returned invisibly

Examples

```
raw_vec <- as.raw(1:3)
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_is_aligned(bs)
bs_advance(bs, 4)
bs_is_aligned(bs)
bs_read_bit(bs, 8)
bs_is_aligned(bs)
bs_close(bs)
```

bs_align	<i>Align the bitstream to the given number of bits - relative to start of bitstream</i>
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Description

Align the bitstream to the given number of bits - relative to start of bitstream

Usage

```
bs_align(bs, nbits = 8L, value = FALSE)
```

Arguments

bs	Bistream connection object created with <code>bs_open()</code>
nbits	number of bits of alignment w.r.t start of bitstream. Default: 8
value	bit fill value. Either TRUE or FALSE. Default FALSE

Value

Bitstream connection returned invisibly

Examples

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_bit(bs, c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))
bs_is_aligned(bs, 8)
bs_align(bs, nbits = 8)
bs_is_aligned(bs, 8)
output <- bs_close(bs)
output
```

bs_flush	<i>Flush bits in the buffer</i>
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Description

This is called internally to flush bitstream buffers to the underlying R connection.

Usage

```
bs_flush(bs)
```

Arguments

bs	Bistream connection object created with <code>bs_open()</code>
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Value

Bitstream connection returned invisibly

Examples

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_bit(bs, c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))
bs_align(bs, nbits = 8)
bs_flush(bs)
output <- bs_close(bs)
output
```

bs_is_aligned	<i>Is the current bit connection aligned at the given number of bits for reading/writing?</i>
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Description

Is the current bit connection aligned at the given number of bits for reading/writing?

Usage

```
bs_is_aligned(bs, nbits = 8)
```

Arguments

bs	Bistream connection object created with bs_open()
nbits	number of bits of alignment w.r.t start of bitstream. Default: 8

Value

logical. TRUE if stream location is currently aligned to the specified number of bits, otherwise FALSE

Examples

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_bit(bs, c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))
bs_is_aligned(bs, 8)
bs_align(bs, nbits = 8)
bs_is_aligned(bs, 8)
output <- bs_close(bs)
output
```

bs_open	<i>Open/close a bitstream</i>
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Description

Open/close a bitstream

Usage

```
bs_open(con, mode, msb_first = TRUE, flush_threshold = 1024 * 8)
```

```
bs_close(bs, verbosity = 0)
```

Arguments

con	A vector of raw values or an R connection (e.g. <code>file()</code> , <code>url()</code> , etc)
mode	Bitstream mode set to read or write? One of 'r', 'w', 'rb', 'wb'.
msb_first	Should the output mode be Most Significant Bit first? Default: TRUE
flush_threshold	Threshold number of bits at which the buffered data will be automatically written to the connection. Default: 8192 bits (1024 bytes). Note: Use <code>bs_flush()</code> to write out the buffer at any time. All bits are automatically written out when <code>bs_close()</code> is called.
bs	Bistream connection object created with <code>bs_open()</code>
verbosity	Verbosity level. Default: 0

Value

`bs_open()` returns a `bitstream` connection object. When the connection is a raw vector and mode = 'w', `bs_close()` returns the final state of the raw vector; in all other cases `bs_close()` does not return a value.

Examples

```
raw_vec <- as.raw(1:3)
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
assert_bs(bs)
bs_close(bs)
```

bs_peek	<i>Peek at bits from a bitstream i.e. examine bits without advancing bitstream</i>
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Description

Peek at bits from a bitstream i.e. examine bits without advancing bitstream

Usage

```
bs_peek(bs, n)
```

Arguments

bs	Bistream connection object created with bs_open()
n	number of bits to peek.

Value

logical vector of bit values

Examples

```
raw_vec <- as.raw(1:3)
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_peek(bs, 4)
stopifnot(bs_is_aligned(bs))
bs_close(bs)
```

bs_read_bit	<i>Read bits from a bitstream</i>
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Description

Read bits from a bitstream

Usage

```
bs_read_bit(bs, n)
```

Arguments

bs	Bistream connection object created with bs_open()
n	number of bits to read

Value

logical vector of bit values

Examples

```
raw_vec <- as.raw(1:3)
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_read_bit(bs, 4)
bs_is_aligned(bs)
bs_close(bs)
```

bs_write_bit *Write unaligned bits to a bitstream*

Description

Write unaligned bits to a bitstream

Usage

```
bs_write_bit(bs, x)
```

Arguments

- `bs` Bistream connection object created with `bs_open()`
- `x` Logical vector of bit values

Value

Bitstream connection returned invisibly

Examples

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_bit(bs, c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))
bs_align(bs, nbits = 8)
bs_flush(bs)
output <- bs_close(bs)
output
```

bs_write_byte	<i>Read/Write unaligned bytes with a bitstream</i>
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Description

Read/Write unaligned bytes with a bitstream

Usage

```
bs_write_byte(bs, x)
```

```
bs_read_byte(bs, n)
```

Arguments

bs	Bistream connection object created with <code>bs_open()</code>
x	vector of bytes to write. Integer vectors will be truncated to 8 bits before output. Numeric vectors will be rounded to integers and then truncated to 8 bits.
n	number of bytes to read

Value

Reading returns a logical vector of bit values. When writing, the bs bitstream connection is returned invisibly

Examples

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_bit(bs, c(TRUE, FALSE))
bs_write_byte(bs, c(1, 2, 3))
bs_align(bs)
raw_vec <- bs_close(bs)
```

```
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_read_bit(bs, 2)
bs_read_byte(bs, 3)
bs_close(bs)
```

`bs_write_sint_exp_golomb`*Read/Write Exponential-Golomb encoded signed integers*

Description

Read/Write Exponential-Golomb encoded signed integers

Usage

```
bs_write_sint_exp_golomb(bs, x)
```

```
bs_read_sint_exp_golomb(bs, n = 1L)
```

Arguments

<code>bs</code>	Bistream connection object created with <code>bs_open()</code>
<code>x</code>	integer vector to write
<code>n</code>	number of encoded integers to read

Value

Reading returns a vector of integers. Writing returns the bitstream invisibly.

Examples

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_sint_exp_golomb(bs, c(0, 4, -21))
raw_vec <- bs_close(bs)
raw_vec
```

```
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_read_sint_exp_golomb(bs, 3)
bs_close(bs)
```

`bs_write_uint`*Read/Write unsigned integers*

Description

Read/Write unsigned integers

Usage

```
bs_write_uint(bs, x, nbits)

bs_read_uint(bs, nbits, n = 1L)
```

Arguments

bs	Bistream connection object created with bs_open()
x	integer vector to write
nbits	the number of bits used for each integer
n	number of integers to read

Value

Reading returns a vector of non-negative integers. Writing returns the bitstream invisibly.

Examples

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_uint(bs, c(0, 4, 21), nbits = 5)
bs_align(bs, 8)
raw_vec <- bs_close(bs)
raw_vec

bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_read_uint(bs, n = 3, nbits = 5)
bs_close(bs)
```

```
bs_write_uint_exp_golomb
```

Read/Write Exponential-Golomb encoded non-negative integers

Description

Read/Write Exponential-Golomb encoded non-negative integers

Usage

```
bs_write_uint_exp_golomb(bs, x)

bs_read_uint_exp_golomb(bs, n = 1L)
```

Arguments

bs	Bistream connection object created with bs_open()
x	integer vector to write
n	number of encoded integers to read

Value

Reading returns a vector of non-negative integers. Writing returns the bitstream invisibly.

Examples

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_uint_exp_golomb(bs, c(0, 4, 21))
bs_align(bs, 8)
raw_vec <- bs_close(bs)
raw_vec
```

```
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_read_uint_exp_golomb(bs, 3)
bs_close(bs)
```

is_bs

Test if an object is a bitstream object

Description

Test if an object is a bitstream object

Usage

```
is_bs(x)
```

Arguments

x object to test

Value

logical. TRUE if object is a bitstream object

Examples

```
# Negative case
is_bs(NULL)

# Positive case
raw_vec <- as.raw(1:3)
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
is_bs(bs)
bs_close(bs)
```

pad_bits	<i>Pad a logical vector to the given size</i>
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Description

Pad a logical vector to the given size

Usage

```
pad_bits(bits, nbits = 8L, side = "left", value = FALSE)
```

Arguments

bits	logical vector
nbits	Pad width to a multiple of this number of bits
side	'left' or 'right'. Only the lowercase version of the first letter is used to determine the side. all of these are valid options: 'L', 'R', 'left', 'Right'
value	The value to use for padding. single logical value. Default: FALSE

Value

Logical vector with the specified padding

Examples

```
pad_bits(c(TRUE, TRUE), nbits = 8, side = 'left')
pad_bits(c(TRUE, TRUE), nbits = 8, side = 'R')
```

sint_to_exp_golomb_bits	<i>Convert between signed integers and Exponential-Golomb bit sequences</i>
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Description

Convert between signed integers and Exponential-Golomb bit sequences

Usage

```
sint_to_exp_golomb_bits(x)

exp_golomb_bits_to_sint(bits, n = 1)
```

Arguments

x	integer vector with all values ≥ 0
bits	logical vector of bit values
n	number of values to decode. Default: 1. Set to 'Inf' to decode all bits. Will raise an error if there are extra bits at the end that are unused.

Value

logical vector of bit values, or vector of signed integers

Examples

```
bits <- sint_to_exp_golomb_bits(c(0, 4, -21))
bits
exp_golomb_bits_to_sint(bits, n = 3)
```

```
uint_to_exp_golomb_bits
```

Convert between non-negative integers and Exponential Golomb bit sequences

Description

Convert between non-negative integers and Exponential Golomb bit sequences

Usage

```
uint_to_exp_golomb_bits(x)

exp_golomb_bits_to_uint(bits, n = 1)
```

Arguments

x	integer vector with all values ≥ 0
bits	logical vector of bit values
n	number of values to decode. Default: 1. Set to 'Inf' to decode all bits. Will raise an error if there are extra bits at the end that are not properly encoded integers

Value

logical vector of bit values, or vector of non-negative integers

Examples

```
bits <- uint_to_exp_golomb_bits(c(0, 4, 21))
bits
exp_golomb_bits_to_uint(bits, n = 3)
```

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