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Description Allows to work with 'Table Schema' (<https://specs.frictionlessdata.io/table-schema/>). 'Table Schema' is well suited for use cases around handling and validating tabular data in text formats such as 'csv', but its utility extends well beyond this core usage, towards a range of applications where data benefits from a portable schema format. The 'tableschema.r' package can load and validate any table schema descriptor, allow the creation and modification of descriptors, expose methods for reading and streaming data that conforms to a 'Table Schema' via the 'Tabular Data Resource' abstraction.

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Description

Table class for working with data and schema

Introduction

Table Schema is a simple language- and implementation-agnostic way to declare a schema for tabular data. Table Schema is well suited for use cases around handling and validating tabular data in text formats such as CSV, but its utility extends well beyond this core usage, towards a range of applications where data benefits from a portable schema format.

Concepts

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Tabular data

Tabular data consists of a set of rows. Each row has a set of fields (columns). We usually expect that each row has the same set of fields and thus we can talk about the fields for the table as a whole.

In case of tables in spreadsheets or CSV files we often interpret the first row as a header row, giving the names of the fields. By contrast, in other situations, e.g. tables in SQL databases, the field names are explicitly designated.

Physical and logical representation

In order to talk about the representation and processing of tabular data from text-based sources, it is useful to introduce the concepts of the *physical* and the *logical* representation of data.

The *physical representation* of data refers to the representation of data as text on disk, for example, in a CSV or JSON file. This representation may have some type information (JSON, where the primitive types that JSON supports can be used) or not (CSV, where all data is represented in string form).

The *logical representation* of data refers to the "ideal" representation of the data in terms of primitive types, data structures, and relations, all as defined by the specification. We could say that the specification is about the logical representation of data, as well as about ways in which to handle conversion of a physical representation to a logical one.

In this document, we'll explicitly refer to either the *physical* or *logical* representation in places where it prevents ambiguity for those engaging with the specification, especially implementors.

For example, `constraints` should be tested on the logical representation of data, whereas a property like `missingValues` applies to the physical representation of the data.

Descriptor

A Table Schema is represented by a descriptor. The descriptor `MUST` be a JSON `object` (JSON is defined in RFC 4627).

It `MUST` contain a property `fields`. `fields` `MUST` be an array/list where each entry in the array/list is a field descriptor (as defined below). The order of elements in `fields` array/list `MUST` be the order of fields in the CSV file. The number of elements in `fields` array/list `SHOULD` be exactly the same as the number of fields in the CSV file.

The descriptor `MAY` have the additional properties set out below and `MAY` contain any number of other properties (not defined in this specification).

Field Descriptors

See `Field` Class

Types and Formats

See `Types` Class

Constraints

See `Constraints` Class

Other Properties

In additional to field descriptors, there are the following "table level" properties.

Missing Values

Many datasets arrive with missing data values, either because a value was not collected or it never existed. Missing values may be indicated simply by the value being empty in other cases a special value may have been used e.g. -, NaN, 0, -9999 etc.

`missingValues` dictates which string values should be treated as null values. This conversion to null is done before any other attempted type-specific string conversion. The default value `list("")` means that empty strings will be converted to null before any other processing takes place. Providing the empty list means that no conversion to null will be done, on any value.

`missingValues` `MUST` be a list where each entry is a string.

Why strings: `missingValues` are strings rather than being the data type of the particular field. This allows for comparison prior to casting and for fields to have missing value which are not of their type, for example a `number` field to have missing values indicated by -.

Examples:

- missingValues = list("")
- missingValues = list("-")
- missingValues = list("NaN", "-")

Primary Key

A primary key is a field or set of fields that uniquely identifies each row in the table.

The `primaryKey` entry in the schema `object` is optional. If present it specifies the primary key for this table.

The `primaryKey`, if present, `MUST` be:

- Either: an array of strings with each string corresponding to one of the field `name` values in the `fields` array (denoting that the primary key is made up of those fields). It is acceptable to have an array with a single value (indicating just one field in the primary key). Strictly, order of values in the array does not matter. However, it is RECOMMENDED that one follow the order the fields in the `fields` has as client applications may utitlize the order of the primary key list (e.g. in concatenating values together).
- Or: a single string corresponding to one of the field `name` values in the `fields` array/list (indicating that this field is the primary key). Note that this version corresponds to the array form with a single value (and can be seen as simply a more convenient way of specifying a single field primary key).

Foreign Keys

A foreign key is a reference where values in a field (or fields) on the table ('resource' in data package terminology) described by this Table Schema connect to values a field (or fields) on this or a separate table (resource). They are directly modelled on the concept of foreign keys in SQL.

The `foreignKeys` property, if present, `MUST` be a list Each entry in the array must be a `foreignKey`. A `foreignKey` `MUST` be a object and `MUST` have the following properties:

- `fields` - `fields` is a string or array specifying the field or fields on this resource that form the source part of the foreign key. The structure of the string or array is as per `primaryKey` above.
- `reference` - `reference` `MUST` be a object. The object
  - `MUST` have a property `resource` which is the name of the resource within the current data package (i.e. the data package within which this Table Schema is located). For self-referencing foreign keys, i.e. references between fields in this Table Schema, the value of `resource` `MUST` be `""` (i.e. the empty string).
  - `MUST` have a property `fields` which is a string if the outer `fields` is a string, else an array of the same length as the outer `fields`, describing the field (or fields) references on the destination resource. The structure of the string or array is as per `primaryKey` above.

Comment: Foreign Keys create links between one Table Schema and another Table Schema, and implicitly between the data tables described by those Table Schemas. If the foreign key is referring to another Table Schema how is that other Table Schema discovered? The answer is that a Table Schema will usually be embedded inside some larger descriptor for a dataset, in particular as the schema for a resource in the resources array of a hrefhttp://frictionlessdata.io/specs/data-package/Data Package. It is the use of Table Schema in this way that permits a meaningful use of a non-empty `resource` property on the foreign key.

Details

Jsolite package is internally used to convert json data to list objects. The input parameters of functions could be json strings, files or lists and the outputs are in list format to easily further process your data in R environment and exported as desired. More details about handling json you can see jsonlite documentation or vignettes here.

Future package is also used to load and create Table and Schema classes asynchronously. To retrieve the actual result of the loaded Table or Schema you have to use `value` function to the variable you stored the loaded Table/Schema. More details about future package and sequential and parallel processing you can find here.

Examples section of each function show how to use `jsonlite` and `future` packages with `tableschema.r`.

Term array refers to json arrays which if converted in R will be `list objects`.

Language

The key words `MUST`, `MUST NOT`, `REQUIRED`, `SHALL`, `SHALL NOT`, `SHOULD`, `SHOULD NOT`, `RECOMMENDED`, `MAY`, and `OPTIONAL` in this package documents are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119.

See Also

Table Schema Specifications

Constraints *Constraints class*

Description

R6 class with constraints.

The constraints property on Table Schema Fields can be used by consumers to list constraints for validating field values. For example, validating the data in a Tabular Data Resource against its Table Schema; or as a means to validate data being collected or updated via a data entry interface.

All constraints MUST be tested against the logical representation of data, and the physical representation of constraint values MAY be primitive types as possible in JSON, or represented as strings that are castable with the type and format rules of the field.

Format

R6Class object.

Value

Object of R6Class .

Fields

constraints see Section See Also

See Also

Constraints specifications, constraints.checkEnum, constraints.checkMaximum, constraints.checkMaxLength, constraints.checkMinimum, constraints.checkMinLength, constraints.checkPattern, constraints.checkRequi constraints.checkUnique

constraints.checkEnum *Check Enum*

Description

Check if the value is exactly match a constraint.

Usage

```
constraints.checkEnum(constraint, value)
```

Arguments

constraint	numeric list,matrix or vector with the constraint values
value	numeric value to meet the constraint

Value

TRUE if value meets the constraint

See Also

Constraints specifications

Examples

```
constraints.checkEnum(constraint = list(1, 2), value = 1)

constraints.checkEnum(constraint = list(1, 2), value = 3)
```

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constraints.checkMaximum

Check if maximum constraint is met

Description

Specifies a maximum value for a field. This is different to `maxLength` which checks the number of items in the value. A maximum value constraint checks whether a field value is equal to or less than the specified value. The range checking depends on the type of the field. E.g. an integer field may have a maximum value of 100. If a maximum value constraint is specified then the field descriptor `MUST` contain a type key.

Usage

```
constraints.checkMaximum(constraint, value)
```

Arguments

`constraint`	numeric constraint value
`value`	numeric value to meet the constraint

Value

TRUE if value is equal to or less than the constraint

See Also

Constraints specifications

Examples

```
constraints.checkMaximum(constraint = list(2), value = 1)

constraints.checkMaximum(constraint = 2, value = 3)
```

`constraints.checkMaxLength` *Check if maximum character length constraint is met*

Description

Specify the maximum length of a character

Usage

```
constraints.checkMaxLength(constraint, value)
```

Arguments

`constraint`	numeric constraint, maximum character length
`value`	character to meet the constraint

Value

TRUE if character length is equal to or less than the constraint

See Also

Constraints specifications

Examples

```
constraints.checkMaxLength(constraint = list(2), value = "hi")

constraints.checkMaxLength(constraint = 2, value = "hello")
```

constraints.checkMinimum

Check if minimum constraint is met

Description

Specifies a minimum value for a field. This is different to `minLength` which checks the number of items in the value. A minimum value constraint checks whether a field value is greater than or equal to the specified value. The range checking depends on the type of the field. E.g. an integer field may have a minimum value of 100. If a minimum value constraint is specified then the field descriptor `MUST` contain a type key.

Usage

```
constraints.checkMinimum(constraint, value)
```

Arguments

`constraint`	numeric constraint value
`value`	numeric value to meet the constraint

Value

TRUE if value is equal to or greater than the constraint

See Also

Constraints specifications

Examples

```
constraints.checkMinimum(constraint = list(2), value = 1)

constraints.checkMinimum(constraint = 2, value = 3)
```

constraints.checkMinLength

Check if minimum character length constraint is met

Description

Specify the minimum length of a character

Usage

```
constraints.checkMinLength(constraint, value)
```

Arguments

constraint	numeric constraint, minimum character length
value	character to meet the constraint

Value

TRUE if character length is equal to or greater than the constraint

See Also

Constraints specifications

Examples

```
constraints.checkMinLength(constraint = list(3), value = "hi")

constraints.checkMinLength(constraint = 2, value = "hello")
```

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constraints.checkPattern

Pattern matching

Description

Search for pattern matches (value) within a character vector (constraint). A regular expression is used to test field values. If the regular expression matches then the value is valid. The values of this field MUST conform to the standard XML Schema regular expression syntax.

Usage

```
constraints.checkPattern(constraint, value)
```

Arguments

constraint	character vector where matches are sought
value	character string to be matched

Value

TRUE if the pattern constraint is met

See Also

Constraints specifications

Examples

```
constraints.checkPattern(constraint = '^test$', value = 'test')

constraints.checkPattern(constraint = '^test$', value = 'TEST')
```

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constraints.checkRequired

Check if a field is required

Description

Indicates whether this field is allowed to be NULL. If required is TRUE, then NULL is disallowed. See the section on missingValues for how, in the physical representation of the data, strings can represent NULL values.

Usage

```
constraints.checkRequired(constraint, value)
```

Arguments

constraint	set TRUE to check required values
value	value to check

Value

TRUE if field is required

See Also

Constraints specifications

Examples

```
constraints.checkRequired(constraint = FALSE, value = 1)

constraints.checkRequired(constraint = TRUE, value = 0)

constraints.checkRequired(constraint = TRUE, value = NULL)

constraints.checkRequired(constraint = TRUE, value = "undefined")
```

constraints.checkUnique *Check if a field is unique*

Description

If TRUE, then all values for that field MUST be unique within the data file in which it is found.

Usage

```
constraints.checkUnique(constraint, value)
```

Arguments

constraint	set TRUE to check unique values
value	value to check

Value

TRUE if field is unique

See Also

Constraints specifications

Examples

```
constraints.checkUnique(constraint = FALSE, value = "any")

constraints.checkUnique(constraint = TRUE, value = "any")
```

DEFAULT_DECIMAL_CHAR *default decimal char*

Description

default decimal char

Usage

```
DEFAULT_DECIMAL_CHAR
```

Format

An object of class character of length 1.

DEFAULT_GROUP_CHAR *default group char*

Description

default group char

Usage

```
DEFAULT_GROUP_CHAR
```

Format

An object of class `character` of length 1.

durations *Durations*

Description

Help function to use with `types.castDuration`

Usage

```
durations(years = 0, months = 0, days = 0, hours = 0, minutes = 0, seconds = 0)
```

Arguments

`years`	years
`months`	months
`days`	days
`hours`	hours
`minutes`	minutes
`seconds`	seconds

See Also

`types.castDuration`

FALSE_VALUES *default false values*

Description

default false values

Usage

```
FALSE_VALUES
```

Format

An object of class `character` of length 4.

Field *Field class*

Description

Class represents field in the schema.

Data values can be cast to native R types. Casting a value will check the value is of the expected type, is in the correct format, and complies with any constraints imposed by a schema.

Usage

```
# Field$new(descriptor, missingValues = list(""))
```

Arguments

`descriptor`	Schema field descriptor
`missingValues`	A list with vector strings representing missing values
`base_path`	see description
`strict`	see description
`value`	see description
`constraints`	see description
`...`	see description

Format

`R6Class` object.

Details

A field descriptor MUST be a JSON object that describes a single field. The descriptor provides additional human-readable documentation for a field, as well as additional information that may be used to validate the field or create a user interface for data entry.

The field descriptor object MAY contain any number of other properties. Some specific properties are defined below. Of these, only the name property is REQUIRED.

name The field descriptor MUST contain a name property. This property SHOULD correspond to the name of field/column in the data file (if it has a name). As such it SHOULD be unique (though it is possible, but very bad practice, for the data file to have multiple columns with the same name). name SHOULD NOT be considered case sensitive in determining uniqueness. However, since it should correspond to the name of the field in the data file it may be important to preserve case.

title A human readable label or title for the field.

description A description for this field e.g. "The recipient of the funds".

Value

Object of R6Class .

Methods

Field$new(descriptor, missingValues = list("")) Constructor to instantiate Field class.

- descriptor Schema field descriptor.
- missingValues A list with vector strings representing missing values.
- TableSchemaError Raises any error occured in the process.
- Field Returns Field class instance.

cast_value(value, constraints=TRUE) Cast given value according to the field type and format.

- value Value to cast against field
- constraints Gets constraints configuration: it could be set to true to disable constraint checks, or it could be a List of constraints to check
- errors$TableSchemaError Raises any error occured in the process
- any Returns cast value

testValue(value, constraints=TRUE) Test if value is compliant to the field.

- value Value to cast against field
- constraints Constraints configuration
- Boolean Returns if value is compliant to the field

Properties

name Returns field name

type Returns field type

format Returns field format

required Returns TRUE if field is required

constraints Returns list with field constraints

descriptor Returns field descriptor

Language

The key words MUST, MUST NOT, REQUIRED, SHALL, SHALL NOT, SHOULD, SHOULD NOT, RECOMMENDED, MAY, and OPTIONAL in this package documents are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119.

See Also

Field Descriptors Specifications

Examples

```
DESCRIPTOR = list(name = "height", type = "number")

field <- Field$new(descriptor = DESCRIPTOR)

# get correct instance
field$name
field$format
field$type

# return true on test
field$testValue(1)

# cast value
field$cast_value(1)

# expand descriptor by defaults
field <- Field$new(descriptor = list(name = "name"))

field$descriptor


# parse descriptor with "enum" constraint
field <- Field$new(descriptor = list(name = "status", type = "string",
                   constraints = list(enum = list('active', 'inactive'))))

field$testValue('active')
field$testValue('inactive')
field$testValue('activia')
field$cast_value('active')


# parse descriptor with "minimum" constraint'
field <- Field$new(descriptor = list(name = "length", type = "integer",
                   constraints = list(minimum = 100)))

field$testValue(200)
field$testValue(50)


# parse descriptor with "maximum" constraint'
field <- Field$new(descriptor = list(name = "length", type = "integer",
                   constraints = list(maximum = 100)))
```

```
field$testValue(50)
field$testValue(200)
```

`helpers.expandFieldDescriptor`
Expand Field Descriptor

Description

Helper function to expand field descriptor

Usage

```
helpers.expandFieldDescriptor(descriptor)
```

Arguments

`descriptor`	descriptor

`helpers.expandSchemaDescriptor`
Expand Schema Descriptor

Description

Helper function to expand schema descriptor

Usage

```
helpers.expandSchemaDescriptor(descriptor)
```

Arguments

`descriptor`	descriptor

`helpers.from.json.to.list` *Convert json to list*

Description

Convert json to list

Usage

```
helpers.from.json.to.list(lst)
```

Arguments

`lst`	list

`helpers.from.list.to.json` *Convert list to json*

Description

Convert list to json

Usage

```
helpers.from.list.to.json(json)
```

Arguments

`json`	json string

`helpers.retrieveDescriptor` *Retrieve Descriptor*

Description

Helper function to retrieve descriptor

Usage

```
helpers.retrieveDescriptor(descriptor)
```

Arguments

`descriptor`	descriptor

`infer` *Infer source schema*

Description

Given data source and headers infer will return a Table Schema based on the data values.

Usage

```
infer(source, options = list())
```

Arguments

`source`	data source, one of: • string with the local CSV file (path) • string with the remote CSV file (url) • list of lists representing the rows • readable stream with CSV file contents • function returning readable stream with CSV file contents
`options`	any `Table.load` options

Value

Schema descriptor

Examples

```
# list of lists data source
source = list(
             list("id"= 1,
                  "age"= 39,
                  "name"= "Paul"),
             list("id"= 2,
                  "age"= 23,
                  "name"= "Jimmy"),
             list("id"= 3,
                  "age"= 36,
                  "name"= "Jane"),
             list("id"= 4,
                  "age"= 28,
                  "name"= "Judy"))

infer(source, options=list(headers=list("id","age","name")))$fields
```

is.binary *Is binary*

Description

Is binary

Usage

```
is.binary(x)
```

Arguments

x	input value to check

Value

TRUE if binary

is.email *Is email*

Description

Is email

Usage

```
is.email(x)
```

Arguments

x	email string

Value

TRUE if x is email

is.uri *Is uri*

Description

Is uri

Usage

```
is.uri(uri)
```

Arguments

uri	uri input

Value

TRUE if uri string

is.uuid *Is uuid*

Description

Is uuid

Usage

```
is.uuid(x)
```

Arguments

x	character

Value

TRUE if uuid

is.valid *Is valid*

Description

Validate a descriptor over a schema

Usage

```
is.valid(descriptor, schema = NULL)
```

Arguments

descriptor	descriptor, one of: • string with the local CSV file (path) • string with the remote CSV file (url) • list object
schema	Contents of the json schema, or a filename containing a schema

Value

TRUE if valid

is_empty *Is empty*

Description

Is empty list

Usage

```
is_empty(x)
```

Arguments

x	list object

is_integer *Is integer*

Description

Is integer

Usage

```
is_integer(x)
```

Arguments

x	number

is_object *Is object*

Description

Is object

Usage

```
is_object(x)
```

Arguments

x	list, array, json string

Profile *Profile class*

Description

Class to represent JSON Schema profile from Profiles Registry.

Usage

```
# Profile.load(profile)
```

Arguments

profile	string profile name in registry or URL to JSON Schema

Format

R6Class object.

Value

Object of R6Class .

Methods

`Profile$new(descriptor = descriptor)` Use `Profile.load` to instantiate `Profile` class.

`validate(descriptor)` Validate a tabular data package descriptor against the `Profile`.

- `descriptor` Retrieved and dereferenced tabular data package descriptor.
- `(Object)` Returns `TRUE` if descriptor is valid or `FALSE` with error message.

Properties

`name` Returns profile name if available.

`jsonschema` Returns profile JSON Schema contents.

See Also

Profile Specifications

`Profile.load` *Instantiate* `Profile` *class*

Description

Constuctor to instantiate `Profile` class.

Usage

```
Profile.load(profile)
```

Arguments

`profile`	string profile name in registry or URL to JSON Schema

Value

`Profile` class object

Readable *Readable class*

Description

Readable class that allows typed access to its members

Format

R6Class object.

Value

Object of R6Class.

ReadableArray *ReadableArray class*

Description

Readable Array class

Format

R6Class object.

Value

Object of R6Class .

ReadableConnection *ReadableConnection class*

Description

Readable connection class

Format

R6Class object.

Value

Object of R6Class .

Schema *Schema class*

Description

A model of a schema with helpful methods for working with the schema and supported data. Schema instances can be initialized with a schema source as a url to a JSON file or a JSON object. The schema is initially validated (see validate). By default validation errors will be stored in `$errors` but in a strict mode it will be instantly raised.

Usage

```
# Schema.load(descriptor, strict=FALSE)
```

Arguments

`descriptor`	schema descriptor, a JSON string, URL or file
`strict`	flag to alter validation behaviour: • if `FALSE` error will not be raised and all error will be collected in `schema$errors` • if `TRUE` any validation error will be raised immediately

Format

`R6Class` object.

Value

Object of `R6Class` .

Methods

`Schema$new(descriptor = descriptor, strict = strict)` Use `Schema.load` to instantiate `Schema` class.

`getField(name)` Get schema field by name.

- `name` String with schema field name.
- `(Field/NULL)` Returns `Field` instance or `NULL` if not found.

`addField(descriptor)` Add new field to schema. The schema descriptor will be validated with newly added field descriptor.

- `descriptor` List of field descriptor.
- `TableSchemaError` Raises any error occured in the process.
- `(Field/NULL)` Returns added `Field` instance or `NULL` if not added.

`removeField(name)` Remove field resource by name. The schema descriptor will be validated after field descriptor removal.

- `name` String with schema field name.

- `TableSchemaError` Raises any error occured in the process.
- `(Field/NULL)` Returns removed `Field` instances or `NULL` if not found.

`castRow(row)` Cast row based on field types and formats.

- `row` Data row as a list of values.
- `(any)` Returns cast data row.

`infer(rows, headers=1)` Cast row based on field types and formats.

- `rows` List of lists representing rows.
- `headers` data sample headers, one of:
  - row number containing headers (`rows` should contain headers rows)
  - list of headers (`rows` should NOT contain headers rows)
- `{Object}` Returns Table Schema descriptor.

`commit(strict)` Cast row based on field types and formats.

- `strict` Boolean, alter strict mode for further work.
- `TableSchemaError` Raises any error occured in the process.
- `(Boolean)` Returns `TRUE` on success and `FALSE` if not modified.

`save(target)` Cast row based on field types and formats.

- `target` String, path where to save a descriptor.
- `TableSchemaError` Raises any error occured in the process.
- `(Boolean)` Returns `TRUE` on success.

Properties

`valid` Returns validation status. It always `TRUE` in strict mode.

`errors` Returns validation errors. It always empty in strict mode.

`descriptor` Returns list of schema descriptor.

`primaryKey` Returns string list of schema primary key.

`foreignKeys` Returns list of schema foreign keys.

`fields` Returns list of `Field` instances.

`fieldNames` Returns a list of field names.

Language

The key words `MUST`, `MUST NOT`, `REQUIRED`, `SHALL`, `SHALL NOT`, `SHOULD`, `SHOULD NOT`, `RECOMMENDED`, `MAY`, and `OPTIONAL` in this package documents are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119.

See Also

`Schema.load`, Table Schema Specifications

Schema.load *Instantiate* Schema *class*

Description

Factory method to instantiate Schema class. This method is async and it should be used with value keyword from future package.

Usage

```
Schema.load(descriptor, strict=FALSE, caseInsensitiveHeaders = FALSE)
```

Arguments

descriptor	schema descriptor, a JSON string, URL or file
strict	flag to alter validation behaviour: • if FALSE error will not be raised and all error will be collected in schema$errors • if TRUE any validation error will be raised immediately
caseInsensitiveHeaders	default is set to FALSE

Value

Schema class object

See Also

Schema, Table Schema Specifications

Examples

```
SCHEMA <- '{"fields": [
  {"name": "id", "type": "string", "constraints": {"required": true}},
  {"name": "height", "type": "number"},
  {"name": "age", "type": "integer"},
  {"name": "name", "type": "string", "constraints": {"required": true}},
  {"name": "occupation", "type": "string"}
  ]}'

# instantiate Schema class
def  = Schema.load(descriptor = SCHEMA)
schema = future::value(def)

# correct number of fields
length(schema$fields)

# correct field names
schema$fieldNames
```

```
# convert row
row = list('string', '10.0', '1', 'string', 'string')
castRow = schema$castRow(row)
castRow

SCHEMA_MIN <- '{
"fields": [
  {"name": "id"},
  {"name": "height"}
  ]}'

# load schema
def2  = Schema.load(descriptor = SCHEMA_MIN)
schema2 = future::value(def2)

# set default types if not provided
schema2$fields[[1]]$type
schema2$fields[[2]]$type

# fields are not required by default
schema2$fields[[1]]$required
schema2$fields[[2]]$required


#work in strict mode
descriptor = '{"fields": [{"name": "name", "type": "string"}]}'
def3  = Schema.load(descriptor = descriptor, strict = TRUE)
schema3 = future::value(def3)
schema3$valid

# work in non-strict mode
descriptor = '{"fields": [{"name": "name", "type": "string"}]}'
def4 = Schema.load(descriptor = descriptor, strict = FALSE)
schema4 = future::value(def4)
schema4$valid

# work with primary/foreign keys as arrays
descriptor2 = '{
"fields": [{"name": "name"}],
"primaryKey": ["name"],
"foreignKeys": [{
  "fields": ["parent_id"],
  "reference": {"resource": "resource", "fields": ["id"]}
}]}'

def5 = Schema.load(descriptor2)
schema5 = future::value(def5)

schema5$primaryKey
schema5$foreignKeys
```

```
# work with primary/foreign keys as string
descriptor3 = '{
"fields": [{"name": "name"}],
"primaryKey": "name",
"foreignKeys": [{
  "fields": "parent_id",
  "reference": {"resource": "resource", "fields": "id"}
}]}'

def6 = Schema.load(descriptor3)
schema6 = future::value(def6)
schema6$primaryKey
schema6$foreignKeys
```

`Table` *Table Class*

Description

Table class for working with data and schema.

Usage

```
# Table.load(source, schema = NULL, strict = FALSE, headers = 1, ...)
```

Arguments

`source`	data source, one of: • string with the path of the local CSV file • string with the url of the remote CSV file • list of lists representing the rows • readable stream with CSV file contents • function returning readable stream with CSV file contents
`schema`	data schema in all forms supported by `Schema` class
`strict`	strictness option `TRUE` or `FALSE`, to pass to `Schema` constructor
`headers`	data source headers, one of: • row number containing headers (`source` should contain headers rows) • list of headers (`source` should NOT contain headers rows)
`...`	options to be used by CSV parser. All options listed at https://csv.js.org/parse/options/. By default `ltrim` is `TRUE` according to the CSV Dialect spec.

Format

`R6Class` object.

Value

Object of R6Class .

Methods

`Table$new(source, schema, strict, headers)` Use `Table.load` to instantiate `Table` class.

`iter(keyed, extended, cast=TRUE, relations=FALSE, stream=FALSE)` Iter through the table data and emits rows cast based on table schema. Data casting could be disabled.

- `keyed` Iter keyed rows - `TRUE/FALSE`
- `extended` Iter extended rows - `TRUE/FALSE`
- `cast` Disable data casting if `FALSE`
- `relations` List object of foreign key references from a form of JSON `{resource1: [{field1: value1, field2: value2},...],...}`. If provided foreign key fields will checked and resolved to its references
- `stream` Return Readable Stream of table rows if `TRUE`

`read(keyed, extended, cast=TRUE, relations=FALSE, limit)` Read the whole table and returns as array of rows. Count of rows could be limited.

- `keyed` Flag to emit keyed rows - `TRUE/FALSE`
- `extended` Flag to emit extended rows - `TRUE/FALSE`
- `cast` Disable data casting if `FALSE`
- `relations` List object of foreign key references from a form of JSON `{resource1: [{field1: value1, field2: value2},...],...}`. If provided foreign key fields will checked and resolved to its references
- `limit` Integer limit of rows to return if specified

`infer(limit=100)` Infer a schema for the table. It will infer and set `Table Schema` to `table$schema` based on table data.

- `limit` Limit rows samle size - number

`save(target)` Save data source to file locally in CSV format with , (comma) delimiter.

- `target` String path where to save a table data

Properties

`headers` Returns data source headers

`schema` Returns schema class instance

Details

A table is a core concept in a tabular data world. It represents a data with a metadata (Table Schema). Tabular data consists of a set of rows. Each row has a set of fields (columns). We usually expect that each row has the same set of fields and thus we can talk about the fields for the table as a whole. In case of tables in spreadsheets or CSV files we often interpret the first row as a header row, giving the names of the fields. By contrast, in other situations, e.g. tables in SQL databases, the field names are explicitly designated.

In order to talk about the representation and processing of tabular data from text-based sources, it is useful to introduce the concepts of the *physical* and the *logical* representation of data.

The *physical representation* of data refers to the representation of data as text on disk, for example, in a CSV or JSON file. This representation may have some type information (JSON, where the primitive types that JSON supports can be used) or not (CSV, where all data is represented in string form).

The *logical representation* of data refers to the "ideal" representation of the data in terms of primitive types, data structures, and relations, all as defined by the specification. We could say that the specification is about the logical representation of data, as well as about ways in which to handle conversion of a physical representation to a logical one.

We'll explicitly refer to either the *physical* or *logical* representation in places where it prevents ambiguity for those engaging with the specification, especially implementors.

For example, `constraints` should be tested on the logical representation of data, whereas a property like `missingValues` applies to the physical representation of the data.

Jsolite package is internally used to convert json data to list objects. The input parameters of functions could be json strings, files or lists and the outputs are in list format to easily further process your data in R environment and exported as desired. More details about handling json you can see jsonlite documentation or vignettes here.

Future package is also used to load and create Table and Schema class asynchronously. To retrieve the actual result of the loaded Table or Schema you have to call `value(future)` to the variable you stored the loaded Table/Schema. More details about future package and sequential and parallel processing you can find here.

Examples section of each function show how to use jsonlite and future packages with tableschema.r.

Language

The key words `MUST`, `MUST NOT`, `REQUIRED`, `SHALL`, `SHALL NOT`, `SHOULD`, `SHOULD NOT`, `RECOMMENDED`, `MAY`, and `OPTIONAL` in this package documents are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119.

See Also

`Table.load`, Table Schema Specifications

`Table.load` *Instantiate* `Table` *class*

Description

Factory method to instantiate `Table` class. This method is async and it should be used with `value` keyword from future package. If `references` argument is provided foreign keys will be checked on any reading operation.

Usage

```
Table.load(source, schema = NULL, strict = FALSE, headers = 1, ...)
```

Arguments

source	data source, one of: • string with the path of the local CSV file • string with the url of the remote CSV file • list of lists representing the rows • readable stream with CSV file contents • function returning readable stream with CSV file contents
schema	data schema in all forms supported by Schema class
strict	strictness option TRUE or FALSE, to pass to Schema constructor
headers	data source headers, one of: • row number containing headers (source should contain headers rows) • list of headers (source should NOT contain headers rows)
...	options to be used by CSV parser. All options listed at https://csv.js.org/parse/options/. By default ltrim is TRUE according to the CSV Dialect spec.

Details

Jsolite package is internally used to convert json data to list objects. The input parameters of functions could be json strings, files or lists and the outputs are in list format to easily further process your data in R environment and exported as desired. Examples section show how to use jsonlite package and tableschema.r together. More details about handling json you can see jsonlite documentation or vignettes here.

Future package is also used to load and create Table and Schema classes asynchronously. To retrieve the actual result of the loaded Table or Schema you have to use value function to the variable you stored the loaded Table/Schema. More details about future package and sequential and parallel processing you can find here.

Term array refers to json arrays which if converted in R will be list objects.

See Also

Table, Table Schema Specifications

Examples

```
# define source
SOURCE = '[
["id", "height", "age", "name", "occupation"],
[1, "10.0", 1, "string1", "2012-06-15 00:00:00"],
[2, "10.1", 2, "string2", "2013-06-15 01:00:00"],
[3, "10.2", 3, "string3", "2014-06-15 02:00:00"],
[4, "10.3", 4, "string4", "2015-06-15 03:00:00"],
[5, "10.4", 5, "string5", "2016-06-15 04:00:00"]
]'

# define schema
```

```
SCHEMA = '{
  "fields": [
    {"name": "id", "type": "integer", "constraints": {"required": true}},
    {"name": "height", "type": "number"},
    {"name": "age", "type": "integer"},
    {"name": "name", "type": "string", "constraints": {"unique": true}},
    {"name": "occupation", "type": "datetime", "format": "any"}
    ],
  "primaryKey": "id"
}'


def = Table.load(jsonlite::fromJSON(SOURCE, simplifyVector = FALSE), schema = SCHEMA)
table = future::value(def)

# work with list source
rows = table$read()

# read source data and limit rows
rows2 = table$read(limit = 1)

# read source data and return keyed rows
rows3 = table$read(limit = 1, keyed = TRUE)

# read source data and return extended rows
rows4 = table$read(limit = 1, extended = TRUE)


# work with Schema instance
 def1  =  Schema.load(SCHEMA)
 schema = future::value(def1)
 def2  = Table.load(jsonlite::fromJSON(SOURCE, simplifyVector = FALSE), schema = schema)
 table2 = future::value(def2)
 rows5 = table2$read()
```

`TableSchemaError` *TableSchemaError class*

Description

Error class for Table Schema

Arguments

`message`	message
`error`	error

Format

R6Class object.

Value

Object of R6Class .

Fields

message

error

TRUE_VALUES *default true values*

Description

default true values

Usage

```
TRUE_VALUES
```

Format

An object of class character of length 4.

Types *Types class*

Description

R6 class with Types and Formats.

type and format properties are used to give the type of the field (string, number etc) - see types and formats for more details. If type is not provided a consumer should assume a type of "string".

A field's type property is a string indicating the type of this field.

A field's format property is a string, indicating a format for the field type.

Both type and format are optional: in a field descriptor, the absence of a type property indicates that the field is of the type "string", and the absence of a format property indicates that the field's type format is "default".

Types are based on the type set of json-schema with some additions and minor modifications (cf other type lists include those in Elasticsearch types).

Format

R6Class object.

Value

Object of R6Class .

Fields

casts see Section See also

See Also

Types and formats specifications, types.castAny, types.castBoolean, types.castDate, types.castDatetime, types.castDuration, types.castGeojson, types.castGeopoint, types.castInteger, types.castList, types.castNumber, types.castObject, types.castString, types.castTime, types.castYear, types.castYearmonth, types.castArray

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types.castAny *Cast any value*

Description

Cast any value

Usage

```
types.castAny(format, value)
```

Arguments

format	any format is accepted
value	any value to cast

Details

Any type or format is accepted.

See Also

Types and formats specifications

Examples

```
types.castAny(format = "default", value = 1)

types.castAny(format = "default", value = "1")

types.castAny(format = "default", value = "")

types.castAny(format = "default", value = TRUE)
```

`types.castArray` *Cast array*

Description

Cast array is used for list objects

Usage

```
types.castArray(format, value)
```

Arguments

`format`	no options (other than the default)
`value`	lists, or valid JSON format arrays to cast

See Also

`types.castList`, Types and formats specifications

`types.castBoolean` *Cast boolean*

Description

Cast boolean values

Usage

```
types.castBoolean(
  format = "default",
  value,
  options = {
 }
)
```

Arguments

format	no options (other than the default)
value	boolean to cast
options	specify additioanl true values or/and falsevalues

Details

In the physical representations of data where boolean values are represented with strings, the values set in `trueValues` and `falseValues` are to be cast to their logical representation as booleans. `trueValues` and `falseValues` are lists which can be customised to user need. The default values for these are in the additional properties section below.

The boolean field can be customised with these additional properties:

- trueValues: ["true", "True", "TRUE", "1"]
- falseValues: ["false", "False", "FALSE", "0"]

See Also

Types and formats specifications

Examples

```
types.castBoolean(format = "default", value =  TRUE)

types.castBoolean(format = "default", value = "true")

types.castBoolean(format = "default", value = "1")

types.castBoolean(format = "default", value = "0")

# set options with additional true value
types.castBoolean(format = "default", value = "yes", list(trueValues = list("yes")))

# set options with additional false value
types.castBoolean(format = "default", value = "no", list(falseValues  = list("no")))
```

---

types.castDate *Cast date*

Description

cast date without a time

Usage

```
types.castDate(format = "default", value)
```

Arguments

format	available options are "default", "any", and "<pattern>" where default An ISO8601 format string • date: This MUST be in ISO8601 format YYYY-MM-DD • datetime: a date-time. This MUST be in ISO 8601 format of YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ in UTC time • time: a time without a date any Any parsable representation of the type. The implementing library can attempt to parse the datetime via a range of strategies, e.g. lubridate, parsedate,strptime, DateTimeClasses. <pattern> date/time values in this field can be parsed according to pattern. <pattern> MUST follow the syntax of strptime. (That is, values in the this field should be parseable by R using <pattern>).
value	date to cast

See Also

Types and formats specifications, strptime, DateTimeClasses, parsedate-package and lubridate-package.

Examples

```
types.castDate(format = "default", value =  as.Date("2019-1-1"))

types.castDate(format = "default", value = "2019-1-1")

types.castDate(format = "any", value = "2019-1-1")

types.castDate(format = "%d/%m/%y", value = "21/11/06")

types.castDate(format = "%d/%m/%y", value = as.Date("2019-1-1"))
```

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types.castDatetime *Cast datetime*

Description

Cast date with time

Usage

```
types.castDatetime(format = "%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%SZ", value)
```

Arguments

format	available options are "default", "any", and "<pattern>" where default An ISO8601 format string e.g. YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ in UTC time any As for types.castDate <pattern> As for types.castDate
value	datetime to cast

See Also

Types and formats specifications, strptime, DateTimeClasses, parsedate-package and lubridate-package.

Examples

```
types.castDatetime(format = "default", value = "2014-01-01T06:00:00Z")

types.castDatetime(format = "%d/%m/%y %H:%M", value = "21/11/06 16:30")
```

---

types.castDuration *Cast duration of time*

Description

Cast duration of time

Usage

```
types.castDuration(format = "default", value)
```

Arguments

format	no options (other than the default)
value	duration to cast

Details

We follow the definition of XML Schema duration datatype directly and that definition is implicitly inlined here.

To summarize: the lexical representation for duration is the ISO 8601 extended format PnYnM-nDTnHnMnS, where nY represents the number of years, nM the number of months, nD the number of days, 'T' is the date/time separator, nH the number of hours, nM the number of minutes and nS the number of seconds. The number of seconds can include decimal digits to arbitrary precision. Date and time elements including their designator may be omitted if their value is zero, and lower order elements may also be omitted for reduced precision.

See Also

Types and formats specifications, lubridate-package.

Examples

```
types.castDuration(format = "default", value = durations(years= 10))

types.castDuration(format = "default", value = "P1Y10M3DT5H11M7S")
```

---

types.castGeojson *Cast JSON object according to GeoJSON or TopoJSON spec*

Description

Cast JSON object according to GeoJSON or TopoJSON spec

Usage

```
types.castGeojson(format, value)
```

Arguments

format	default is a geojson object as per the GeoJSON spec or topojson object as per the TopoJSON spec
value	GeoJSON to cast

See Also

Types and formats specifications

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types.castGeopoint *Cast geographic point*

Description

Cast geographic point

Usage

```
types.castGeopoint(format, value)
```

Arguments

format	available options are "default", "array" and "object", where `default` A string of the pattern "lon, lat", where `lon` is the longitude and `lat` is the latitude (note the space is optional after the `,`). E.g. `"90, 45"`. `array` A JSON array, or a string parsable as a JSON array, of exactly two items, where each item is a number, and the first item is `lon` and the second item is `lat` e.g. `[90, 45]`. `object` A JSON object with exactly two keys, `lat` and `lon` and each value is a number e.g. `{"lon": 90, "lat": 45}`.
value	geopoint to cast

See Also

Types and formats specifications

Examples

```
types.castGeopoint(format = "default", value = list(180, 90))

types.castGeopoint(format = "default", value = '180,90')

types.castGeopoint(format = "default", value = '180, -90')

types.castGeopoint(format = "array", value = list(180, 90))

types.castGeopoint(format = "array", value =  '[180, -90]')

types.castGeopoint(format = "object", value = list(lon = 180, lat = 90))

types.castGeopoint(format = "object", value =  '{"lon": 180, "lat": 90}')
```

---

types.castInteger *Cast integer*

Description

Cast integer. Integer values are indicated in the standard way for any valid integer.

Usage

```
types.castInteger(
  format,
  value,
  options = {
 }
)
```

Arguments

format	no options (other than the default)
value	integer to cast
options	named list set bareNumber TRUE or FALSE, see details

Details

bareNumber is a boolean field with a default of TRUE. If TRUE the physical contents of this field must follow the formatting constraints already set out. If FALSE the contents of this field may contain leading and or trailing non-numeric characters (which implementors MUST therefore strip). The purpose of bareNumber is to allow publishers to publish numeric data that contains trailing characters such as percentages e.g. 95 if anything, they do with stripped text.

See Also

Types and formats specifications

Examples

```
types.castInteger(format = "default", value = 1)

types.castInteger(format = "default", value = "1")
# cast trailing non numeric character
types.castInteger(format = "default", value = "1$", options = list(bareNumber = FALSE))
```

---

types.castList *Cast list*

Description

cast list

Usage

```
types.castList(format, value)
```

Arguments

format	no options (other than the default)
value	lists, or valid JSON format arrays to cast

See Also

Types and formats specifications

Examples

```
types.castList(format = "default", value =  list())

types.castList(format = "default", value = list('key', 'value'))

types.castList(format = "default", value = '["key", "value"]') # cast valid json array
```

`types.castNumber` *Cast numbers of any kind including decimals*

Description

Cast numbers of any kind including decimals.

Usage

```
types.castNumber(
  format,
  value,
  options = {
 }
)
```

Arguments

`format`	no options (other than the default)
`value`	number to cast
`options`	available options are "decimalChar", "groupChar" and "bareNumber", where
	`decimalChar` A string whose value is used to represent a decimal point within the number. The default value is ".".
	`groupChar` A string whose value is used to group digits within the number. The default value is null. A common value is "," e.g. "100,000".
	`bareNumber` A boolean field with a default of `TRUE` If `TRUE` the physical contents of this field must follow the formatting constraints already set out. If `FALSE` the contents of this field may contain leading and/or trailing non-numeric characters (which implementors MUST therefore strip). The purpose of `bareNumber` is to allow publishers to publish numeric data that contains trailing characters such as percentages e.g. 95 e.g. €95 or EUR 95. Note that it is entirely up to implementors what, if anything, they do with stripped text.

Details

The lexical formatting follows that of decimal in XMLSchema: a non-empty finite-length sequence of decimal digits separated by a period as a decimal indicator. An optional leading sign is allowed. If the sign is omitted, "+" is assumed. Leading and trailing zeroes are optional. If the fractional part is zero, the period and following zero(es) can be omitted. For example: '-1.23', '12678967.543233', '+100000.00', '210'.

The following special string values are permitted (case need not be respected):

- `NaN`: not a number
- `INF`: positive infinity
- `-INF`: negative infinity

A number MAY also have a trailing:

- `exponent`: this `MUST` consist of an E followed by an optional + or - sign followed by one or more decimal digits (0-9)

See Also

Types and formats specifications

Examples

```
types.castNumber(format = "default", value = 1)
types.castNumber(format = "default", value = "1.0")

# cast number with  percent sign
types.castNumber(format = "default", value = "10.5%", options = list(bareNumber = FALSE))

# cast number with comma group character
types.castNumber(format = "default", value = "1,000", options = list(groupChar = ','))
types.castNumber(format = "default", value = "10,000.50", options = list(groupChar = ','))

# cast number with "#" group character and "&" as decimal character
types.castNumber(format = "default", value = "10#000&50",
options = list(groupChar = '#', decimalChar = '&'))
```

---

types.castObject *Cast object*

Description

Cast object data which is lists or valid JSON.

Usage

```
types.castObject(format, value)
```

Arguments

format	no options (other than the default)
value	object to cast

See Also

Types and formats specifications

Examples

```
types.castObject(format = "default", value = list())

types.castObject(format = "default", value = "{}")

types.castObject(format = "default", value = '{"key": "value"}')
```

---

types.castString *Cast string*

Description

Cast string that is, sequences of characters.

Usage

```
types.castString(format, value)
```

Arguments

format	available options are "default", "email", "uri", "binary" and "uuid", where default Any valid string. email A valid email address. uri A valid URI. binary A base64 encoded string representing binary data. uuid A string that is a uuid.
value	string to cast

See Also

Types and formats specifications

Examples

```
# cast any string
types.castString(format = "default", value = "string")

# cast email
types.castString(format = "email", value = "name@gmail.com")

# cast binary
types.castString(format = "binary", value = "dGVzdA==")

# cast uuid
types.castString(format = "uuid", value = "95ecc380-afe9-11e4-9b6c-751b66dd541e")
```

---

types.castTime *Cast time without a date*

Description

Cast time without a date

Usage

```
types.castTime(format = "%H:%M:%S", value)
```

Arguments

format	available options are "default", "any", and "<pattern>" where default An ISO8601 time string e.g. hh:mm:ss any As for types.castDate <pattern> As for types.castDate
value	time to cast

See Also

Types and formats specifications, strptime, DateTimeClasses, parsedate-package and lubridate-package.

Examples

```
types.castTime(format = "default", value = '06:00:00')
```

types.castYear *Cast year*

Description

Cast year. A calendar year as per XMLSchema gYear. Usual lexical representation is: YYYY.

Usage

```
types.castYear(format, value)
```

Arguments

format	no options (other than the default)
value	year to cast

See Also

Types and formats specifications

Examples

```
types.castYear(format = "default", value = 2000)

types.castYear(format = "default", value = "2010")
```

types.castYearmonth *Cast a specific month in a specific year*

Description

Cast a specific month in a specific year as per XMLSchema gYearMonth. Usual lexical representation is: YYYY-MM.

Usage

```
types.castYearmonth(format, value)
```

Arguments

format	no options (other than the default)
value	list or string with yearmonth to cast

See Also

Types and formats specifications

Examples

```
types.castYearmonth(format = "default", value = list(2000, 10))

types.castYearmonth(format = "default", value = "2018-11")
```

`validate` *validate descriptor*

Description

Validates whether a schema is a validate Table Schema accordingly to the specifications. It does not validate data against a schema.

Usage

```
validate(descriptor)
```

Arguments

`descriptor`	schema descriptor, one of: • string with the local CSV file (path) • string with the remote CSV file (url) • list object

Value

`TRUE` on valid

`Writeable` *Writeable class*

Description

Writable streams class

Format

`R6Class` object.

Value

Object of `R6Class` .

`write_json` *Save json file*

Description

save json

Usage

```
write_json(x, file)
```

Arguments

`x`	list object
`file`	file

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