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assert_gtfs	<i>GTFS object validator</i>
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Description

Asserts that a GTFS object is valid. Valid objects are those in which:

- Every element is named.
- Every element inherits from `data.frames`.

The exception to the second rule are objects that contain an element named `". "`. In such case, this element is actually composed by a named list of elements who inherit from `data.frames`.

Usage

`assert_gtfs(x)`

Arguments

x	A GTFS object.
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Value

The same GTFS object passed to x.

See Also

Other constructors: [new_gtfs\(\)](#)

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")

gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)
gtfs <- assert_gtfs(gtfs)
```

check_field_class	<i>Check the classes of fields in a GTFS object element</i>
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Description

Checks the classes of fields, represented by columns, inside a GTFS object element.

Usage

```
check_field_class(x, file, fields, classes)

assert_field_class(x, file, fields, classes)
```

Arguments

x	A GTFS object.
file	A string. The element, that represents a GTFS text file, whose fields' classes should be checked.
fields	A character vector. The fields to have their classes checked.
classes	A character vector, with the same length of fields. The classes that each field must inherit from.

Value

check_field_class returns TRUE if the check is successful, and FALSE otherwise.
 assert_field_class returns x invisibly if the check is successful, and throws an error otherwise.

See Also

Other checking functions: [check_field_exists\(\)](#), [check_file_exists\(\)](#)

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)

check_field_class(
  gtfs,
  "calendar",
  fields = c("monday", "tuesday"),
  classes = rep("integer", 2)
)

check_field_class(
  gtfs,
  "calendar",
  fields = c("monday", "tuesday"),
  classes = c("integer", "character")
)
```

check_field_exists	<i>Check the existence of fields in a GTFS object element</i>
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Description

Checks the existence of fields, represented by columns, inside a GTFS object element.

Usage

```
check_field_exists(x, file, fields)

assert_field_exists(x, file, fields)
```

Arguments

x	A GTFS object.
file	A string. The element, that represents a GTFS text file, where fields should be searched.
fields	A character vector. The fields to check the existence of.

Value

check_field_exists returns TRUE if the check is successful, and FALSE otherwise.
 assert_field_exists returns x invisibly if the check is successful, and throws an error otherwise.

See Also

Other checking functions: [check_field_class\(\)](#), [check_file_exists\(\)](#)

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)

check_field_exists(gtfs, "calendar", c("monday", "tuesday"))

check_field_exists(gtfs, "calendar", c("monday", "oi"))
```

check_file_exists	<i>Check the existence of text files in a GTFS object</i>
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Description

Checks the existence of elements inside a GTFS object that represent specific GTFS text files.

Usage

```
check_file_exists(x, files)

assert_file_exists(x, files)
```

Arguments

x	A GTFS object.
files	A character vector. The files to check the existence of.

Value

check_file_exists returns TRUE if the check is successful, and FALSE otherwise.
assert_file_exists returns x invisibly if the check is successful, and throws an error otherwise.

See Also

Other checking functions: [check_field_class\(\)](#), [check_field_exists\(\)](#)

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)

check_file_exists(gtfs, c("calendar", "agency"))

check_file_exists(gtfs, c("calendar", "oi"))
```

export_gtfs

Export GTFS objects

Description

Writes GTFS objects to disk as GTFS transit feeds. The object must be formatted according to the standards for reading and writing GTFS transit feeds, as specified in [gtfs_reference](#) (i.e. data types are not checked). If present, does not write auxiliary tables held in a sub-list named ". ".

Usage

```
export_gtfs(
  gtfs,
  path,
  files = NULL,
  standard_only = FALSE,
  compression_level = 9,
  as_dir = FALSE,
  overwrite = TRUE,
  quiet = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

gtfs	A GTFS object.
path	A string. Where the resulting .zip file must be written to.
files	A character vector. The name of the elements to be written to the feed.
standard_only	A logical. Whether only standard files and fields should be written (defaults to TRUE, which drops extra files and fields).
compression_level	A numeric, between 1 and 9. The higher the value, the best the compression, which demands more processing time. Defaults to 9 (best compression).
as_dir	A logical. Whether the feed should be exported as a directory, instead of a .zip file. Defaults to FALSE.
overwrite	A logical. Whether to overwrite an existing .zip file (defaults to TRUE).
quiet	A logical. Whether to hide log messages and progress bars (defaults to TRUE).

Value

Invisibly returns the same GTFS object passed to gtfs.

See Also

[gtfs_reference](#)

Other io functions: [import_gtfs\(\)](#)

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")

gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)

tmpf <- tempfile(pattern = "gtfs", fileext = ".zip")

export_gtfs(gtfs, tmpf)
zip::zip_list(tmpf)$filename

export_gtfs(gtfs, tmpf, files = c("shapes", "trips"))
zip::zip_list(tmpf)$filename
```

get_gtfs_standards	<i>Generate GTFS standards (deprecated)</i>
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Description

This function is **deprecated** and no longer used in `import_gtfs()` or `export_gtfs()`. The dataset [gtfs_reference](#) now contains the standard specifications.

Usage

```
get_gtfs_standards()
```

Value

A named list, in which each element represents the R equivalent of each GTFS table standard (based on the specifications of 2022-05-09).

See Also

[gtfs_reference](#)

gtfs_reference	<i>GTFS reference</i>
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Description

The data from the official GTFS specification document parsed to a list. Revision date: 2026-04-27.

Usage

```
gtfs_reference
```

Format

A list with data for every GTFS file. Each named list element (also a list) has specifications for one GTFS file in the following structure:

- `File_Name`: file name including file extension (txt or geojson)
- `File_Presence`: Presence condition applied to the file
- `file`: file name without file extension
- `file_ext`: file extension
- `fields`: data.frame with parsed field specification (columns: `Field_Name`, `Type`, `Presence`, `Description`, `gtfsio_type`)
- `primary_key`: primary key as vector
- `field_types`: named vector on how GTFS types (values) should be read in gtfsio (names). Values are the same as in fields.

Details

GTFS Types are converted to R types in gtfsio according to the following list:

- Array = `geojson_array`
- Color = `character`
- Currency amount = `numeric`
- Currency code = `character`
- Date = `integer`
- Email = `character`
- Enum = `character`, `integer`
- Float = `numeric`
- ID = `character`
- Integer = `integer`
- Language code = `character`
- Latitude = `numeric`
- Local time = `character`
- Longitude = `numeric`
- Non-negative float = `numeric`
- Non-negative integer = `integer`
- Non-null integer = `integer`
- Non-zero integer = `integer`
- Object = `geojson_object`
- Phone number = `character`
- Positive float = `numeric`
- Positive integer = `integer`

- String = character
- Text = character
- Text or URL or Email or Phone number = character
- Time = character
- Timezone = character
- URL = character
- Unique ID = character

Source

<https://github.com/google/transit/blob/master/gtfs/spec/en/reference.md>

import_gtfs

Import GTFS transit feeds

Description

Imports GTFS transit feeds from either a local .zip file or an URL. Columns are parsed according to the standards for reading and writing GTFS feeds specified in [gtfs_reference](#).

Usage

```
import_gtfs(
  path,
  files = NULL,
  fields = NULL,
  extra_spec = NULL,
  skip = NULL,
  quiet = TRUE,
  encoding = "unknown"
)
```

Arguments

path	A string. The path to a GTFS .zip file.
files	A character vector. The text files to be read from the GTFS, without the .txt extension. If NULL (the default), all existing text files are read.
fields	A named list. The fields to be read from each text file, in the format <code>list(file1 = c("field1", "field2"))</code> . If NULL (the default), all fields from the files specified in files are read. If a file is specified in files but not in fields, all fields from that file will be read (i.e. you may specify in fields only files whose fields you want to subset).

extra_spec	A named list. Custom specification used when reading undocumented fields, in the format <code>list(file1 = c(field1 = "type1", field2 = "type2"))</code> . If NULL (the default), all undocumented fields are read as character. Similarly, if an undocumented field is not specified in <code>extra_spec</code> , it is read as character (i.e. you may specify in <code>extra_spec</code> only the fields that you want to read as a different type). Only supports the character, integer and numeric types.
skip	A character vector. Text files that should not be read from the GTFS, without the <code>.txt</code> extension. If NULL (the default), no files are skipped. Cannot be used if <code>files</code> is set. Files in a subfolder called <code>__MACOSX</code> are always silently skipped.
quiet	A logical. Whether to hide log messages and progress bars (defaults to TRUE).
encoding	A string. Passed to <code>fread</code> , defaults to "unknown". Other possible options are "UTF-8" and "Latin-1". Please note that this is not used to re-encode the input, but to enable handling encoded strings in their native encoding.

Value

A GTFS object: a named list of data frames, each one corresponding to a distinct text file from the given GTFS feed.

See Also

[gtfs_reference](#)

Other io functions: [export_gtfs\(\)](#)

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")

# read all files and columns
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)
names(gtfs)
names(gtfs$trips)

# read all columns from selected files
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path, files = c("trips", "stops"))
names(gtfs)
names(gtfs$trips)

# read specific columns from selected files
gtfs <- import_gtfs(
  gtfs_path,
  files = c("trips", "stops"),
  fields = list(
    trips = c("route_id", "trip_id"),
    stops = c("stop_id", "stop_lat", "stop_lon")
  )
)
```

new_gtfs	<i>GTFS object constructor</i>
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Description

Creates a GTFS object. Mostly useful for package authors who may want to either create gtfs objects in their packages or create subclasses of the main gtfs class. The usage of this function assumes some knowledge on gtfs objects, thus inputs are not extensively checked. See [assert_gtfs](#) for more thorough checks.

Usage

```
new_gtfs(x, subclass = character(), ...)
```

Arguments

x	A GTFS-like object (either a GTFS object or a named list). Each element must represent a distinct GTFS text file.
subclass	A character vector. Subclasses to be assigned to the gtfs object.
...	Name-value pairs. Additional attributes.

Value

A GTFS object: a named list of data frames, each one corresponding to a distinct GTFS text file, with gtfs and list classes.

See Also

Other constructors: [assert_gtfs\(\)](#)

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")

tmpdir <- tempfile(pattern = "new_gtfs_example")
zip::unzip(gtfs_path, exdir = tmpdir)

agency <- data.table::fread(file.path(tmpdir, "agency.txt"))
stops <- data.table::fread(file.path(tmpdir, "stops.txt"))
routes <- data.table::fread(file.path(tmpdir, "routes.txt"))
trips <- data.table::fread(file.path(tmpdir, "trips.txt"))
stop_times <- data.table::fread(file.path(tmpdir, "stop_times.txt"))
calendar <- data.table::fread(file.path(tmpdir, "calendar.txt"))

txt_files <- list(
  agency = agency,
  stops = stops,
  routes = routes,
```

```

    trips = trips,
    stop_times = stop_times,
    calendar = calendar
  )

  gtfs <- new_gtfs(txt_files)

  class(gtfs)
  names(gtfs)

```

 print.gtfs

Print a GTFS object

Description

Prints a GTFS object suppressing the class attribute.

Usage

```

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

```

Arguments

x	A GTFS object.
...	Optional arguments ultimately passed to format.

Value

The GTFS object that was printed, invisibly.

Examples

```

gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)

# subset 'gtfs' for a smaller output
gtfs <- gtfs[c("routes", "trips")]

print(gtfs)

```

summary.gtfs	<i>Print summary of a GTFS object</i>
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Description

Print summary of a GTFS object

Usage

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

Arguments

object	A GTFS object.
...	Ignored.

Value

Vector with the number of entries for each gtfs table.

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")  
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)  
  
summary(gtfs)
```

[.gtfs	<i>Subset a GTFS object</i>
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Description

Subsetting a GTFS object using [preserves the object class.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gtfs'  
x[value]
```

Arguments

x	A GTFS object.
value	Either a numeric or a character vector. Designates the elements to be returned.

Value

A GTFS object.

Examples

```
gtfs_path <- system.file("extdata/ggl_gtfs.zip", package = "gtfsio")
```

```
gtfs <- import_gtfs(gtfs_path)
names(gtfs)
class(gtfs)
```

```
small_gtfs <- gtfs[1:5]
names(small_gtfs)
class(small_gtfs)
```

```
small_gtfs <- gtfs[c("shapes", "trips")]
names(small_gtfs)
class(small_gtfs)
```

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