

# Package: traits.build (via r-universe)

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**Description** The `traits.build` package provides a workflow to harmonise trait data from diverse sources. The code was originally built to support AusTraits (see Falster et al 2021, <[doi:10.1038/s41597-021-01006-6](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-021-01006-6)>, <<https://github.com/traitecoevo/autraits.build>>) and has been generalised here to support construction of other trait databases. For detailed instructions and examples see <<https://traitecoevo.github.io/traits.build-book/>>.

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`bib_print`      *Format BibEntry using RefManageR*

### Description

Format BibEntry object according to desired style using RefManageR

### Usage

```

bib_print(
  bib,
  .opts = list(first.inits = TRUE, max.names = 1000, style = "markdown")
)

```

### Arguments

<code>bib</code>	BibEntry object
<code>.opts</code>	List of parameters for formatting style

### Value

Character string of formatted reference

`build_add_version`      *Add version information to AusTraits*

### Description

Add version information to AusTraits

### Usage

```

build_add_version(austraits, version, git_sha)

```

### Arguments

<code>austraits</code>	AusTraits database object
<code>version</code>	Version number
<code>git_sha</code>	Git SHA

### Value

AusTraits database object with version information added

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build_combine	<i>Combine all the AusTraits studies into the compiled AusTraits database</i>
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**Description**

build\_combine compiles all the loaded studies into a single AusTraits database object as a large list.

**[Deprecated]**

**Usage**

```
build_combine(..., d = list(...))
```

**Arguments**

...	Arguments passed to other functions
d	List of all the AusTraits studies

**Value**

AusTraits compilation database as a large list

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build_setup_pipeline	<i>Update the remake.yml file with new studies</i>
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**Description**

build\_setup\_pipeline rewrites the remake.yml file to include new studies.

**Usage**

```
build_setup_pipeline(
  dataset_ids = dir("data"),
  method = "base",
  database_name = "database",
  template = select_pipeline_template(method),
  workers = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

dataset_ids	dataset_id's to include; by default includes all
method	Approach to use in build
database_name	Name of database to be built
template	Template used to build
workers	Number of workers/parallel processes to use when using method = "furr"

**Value**

Updated remake.yml file

---

check\_pivot\_duplicates

*Identify duplicates preventing pivoting wider*

---

**Description**

Identify duplicates preventing pivoting wider

**Usage**

```
check_pivot_duplicates(
  database_object,
  dataset_ids = unique(database_object$traits$dataset_id)
)
```

**Arguments**

database\_object

Database object

dataset\_ids

dataset\_id's to check for duplicates; default is all of them

**Value**

Tibble with duplicates and pivot columns

---

check\_pivot\_wider

*Test whether a dataset can pivot wider*

---

**Description**

Test whether the traits table of a dataset can pivot wider with the minimum required columns.

**Usage**

```
check_pivot_wider(dataset)
```

**Arguments**

dataset

Built dataset with test\_build\_dataset

**Value**

Number of rows with duplicates preventing pivoting wider

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create_tree_branch	<i>Format a tree structure from a vector</i>
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### Description

create\_tree\_branch() is used to create a tree structure to show how things are related. In AusTraits, this is used in the vignettes to show the file structure of the repository and also to show the different components of the AusTraits database.

### Usage

```
create_tree_branch(x, title, prefix = "")
```

### Arguments

x	Vector of terms
title	Name of branch
prefix	Specifies the amount of indentation

### Value

Vector of character strings for the tree structure

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dataset_build	<i>Build dataset</i>
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### Description

Build specified dataset. This function completes three steps, which can be executed separately if desired: dataset\_configure, dataset\_process, dataset\_update\_taxonomy

### Usage

```
dataset_build(  
  filename_metadata,  
  filename_data_raw,  
  definitions,  
  unit_conversion_functions,  
  schema,  
  resource_metadata,  
  taxon_list,  
  filter_missing_values = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

```

filename_metadata      Metadata yaml file for a given study
filename_data_raw      Raw data.csv file for any given study
definitions            Definitions read in from the traits.yml
unit_conversion_functions  unit_conversion.csv file read in from the config folder
schema                Schema for traits.build
resource_metadata      metadata for the compilation
taxon_list             Taxon list
filter_missing_values  Default filters missing values from the excluded data table; change to false to
                        see the rows with missing values

```

**Value**

List, AusTraits database object

**Examples**

```

## Not run:
dataset_build(
  "data/Falster_2003/data.csv",
  "data/Falster_2003/metadata.yml",
  read_yaml("config/traits.yml"),
  get_unit_conversions("config/unit_conversions.csv"),
  get_schema(),
  get_schema("config/metadata.yml", "metadata"),
  read_csv_char("config/taxon_list.csv")
)

## End(Not run)

```

---

dataset\_configure      *Configure AusTraits database object*

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**Description**

Creates the config object which gets passed onto dataset\_process. The config list contains the subset of definitions and unit conversions for those traits for a each study. dataset\_configure is used in the remake::make process to configure individual studies mapping the individual traits found in that study along with any relevant unit conversions and definitions. dataset\_configure and dataset\_process are applied to every study in the remake.yml file.



**Usage**

```
dataset_configure(filename_metadata, definitions)
```

**Arguments**

```
filename_metadata      Metadata yaml file for a given study
definitions            Definitions read in from the traits.yml
```

**Value**

List with dataset\_id, metadata, definitions and unit\_conversion\_functions

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
dataset_configure("data/Falster_2003/metadata.yml", read_yaml("config/traits.yml"))
## End(Not run)
```

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dataset_find_taxon	<i>Find list of unique datasets within compilation containing specified taxa</i>
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**Description**

Find list of unique datasets within compilation containing specified taxa

**Usage**

```
dataset_find_taxon(taxa, austraits, original_name = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

```
taxa                A vector which contains species names
austraits           AusTraits compilation
original_name       Logical; if TRUE use column in compilation which contains original species
                    names, default = FALSE
```

**Value**

List of unique datasets within compilation containing each taxon

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dataset_process	<i>Load Dataset</i>
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**Description**

dataset\_process is used to load individual studies using the config file generated from dataset\_configure(). dataset\_configure and dataset\_process are applied to every study in the remake.yml file.

**Usage**

```
dataset_process(
  filename_data_raw,
  config_for_dataset,
  schema,
  resource_metadata,
  unit_conversion_functions,
  filter_missing_values = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

filename_data_raw	Raw data.csv file for any given study
config_for_dataset	Config settings generated from dataset_configure()
schema	Schema for traits.build
resource_metadata	Metadata about the traits compilation read in from the config folder
unit_conversion_functions	unit_conversion.csv file read in from the config folder
filter_missing_values	Default filters missing values from the excluded data table; change to false to see the rows with missing values

**Value**

List, AusTraits database object

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
dataset_process("data/Falster_2003/data.csv", dataset_configure("data/Falster_2003/metadata.yml",
read_yaml("config/traits.yml")),
get_schema(),
get_schema("config/metadata.yml", "metadata"),
get_unit_conversions("config/unit_conversions.csv"))

## End(Not run)
```

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dataset_report	<i>Build reports for listed datasets</i>
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### Description

Builds a detailed report for every dataset with a unique `dataset_id`, based on the template Rmd file provided. The reports are rendered as html files and saved in the specified output folder.

### Usage

```
dataset_report(
  dataset_id,
  austrait,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  output_path = "export/reports",
  input_file = system.file("support", "report_dataset.Rmd", package = "traits.build"),
  quiet = TRUE,
  keep = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

<code>dataset_id</code>	Name of specific study/dataset
<code>austrait</code>	Compiled austrait database
<code>overwrite</code>	Logical value to determine whether to overwrite existing report
<code>output_path</code>	Location where rendered report will be saved
<code>input_file</code>	Report script (.Rmd) file to build study report
<code>quiet</code>	An option to suppress printing during rendering from knitr, pandoc command line and others
<code>keep</code>	Keep intermediate Rmd file used?

### Value

Html file of the rendered report located in the specified output folder

---

dataset_test	<i>Test whether specified dataset_id has the correct setup</i>
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### Description

Run tests to ensure that specified `dataset_id` has the correct setup.

**Usage**

```
dataset_test(
  dataset_ids,
  path_config = "config",
  path_data = "data",
  reporter = testthat::CompactProgressReporter
)
```

**Arguments**

dataset_ids	Vector of dataset_id for sources to be tested
path_config	Path to folder containing configuration files
path_data	Path to folder containing data files
reporter	testthat reporter to use to summarise output

---

dataset\_test\_worker    *Test whether specified dataset\_id has the correct setup*

---

**Description**

Run tests to ensure that specified dataset\_id has the correct setup.

**Usage**

```
dataset_test_worker(
  test_dataset_ids,
  path_config = "config",
  path_data = "data",
  schema = get_schema(),
  definitions = get_schema(file.path(path_config, "traits.yml"), I("traits"))
)
```

**Arguments**

test_dataset_ids	Vector of dataset_id for sources to be tested
path_config	Path to folder containing configuration files
path_data	Path to folder containing data files
schema	Data schema
definitions	Trait definitions

---

 dataset\_update\_taxonomy

*Apply taxonomic updates to austraits\_raw*


---

**Description**

Applies taxonomic updates to austraits\_raw.

**Usage**

```
dataset_update_taxonomy(austraits_raw, taxa)
```

**Arguments**

austraits_raw	AusTraits compiled data as a large list without taxonomic updates applied
taxa	Taxon list

**Value**

List of AusTraits compiled data with taxonomic updates applied

---

 get\_schema

*Load schema for an traits.build data compilation (excluding traits)*


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**Description**

Load schema for an traits.build data compilation (excluding traits)

**Usage**

```
get_schema(
  path = system.file("support", "traits.build_schema.yml", package = "traits.build"),
  subsection = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

path	path to schema file. By default loads version included with the package
subsection	section to load

**Value**

a list

**Examples**

```
{  
  schema <- get_schema()  
}
```

---

get\_unit\_conversions *Make unit conversion functions*

---

**Description**

Make unit conversion functions

**Usage**

```
get_unit_conversions(filename)
```

**Arguments**

filename            Name of file containing unit conversions

**Value**

List of conversion functions

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
get_unit_conversions("config/unit_conversions.csv")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

metadata\_add\_contexts *For specified dataset\_id import context data from a dataframe*

---

**Description**

This functions asks users which columns in the dataframe they would like to keep and records this appropriately in the metadata. The input data is assumed to be in wide format. The output may require additional manual editing.

**Usage**

```
metadata_add_contexts(dataset_id, overwrite = FALSE, user_responses = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the database
overwrite	Overwrite existing information
user_responses	Named list containing simulated user input for manual selection of variables, mainly for testing purposes

---

```
metadata_add_locations
```

*For specified dataset\_id import location data from a dataframe*

---

**Description**

This functions asks users which columns in the dataframe they would like to keep and records this appropriately in the metadata. The input data is assumed to be in wide format. The output may require additional manual editing.

**Usage**

```
metadata_add_locations(dataset_id, location_data, user_responses = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the database
location_data	A dataframe of site variables
user_responses	Named list containing simulated user input for manual selection of variables, mainly for testing purposes

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
austraits$locations %>% dplyr::filter(dataset_id == "Falster_2005_1") %>%
select(-dataset_id) %>% spread(location_property, value) %>% type_convert() -> location_data
metadata_add_locations("Falster_2005_1", location_data)

## End(Not run)
```

---

```
metadata_add_source_bibtex
```

*Adds citation details to a metadata file for given study*

---

### Description

Adds citation details to a metadata file for given study

### Usage

```
metadata_add_source_bibtex(  
  dataset_id,  
  file,  
  type = "primary",  
  drop = c("dateobj", "month")  
)
```

### Arguments

dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the database
file	Name of file where reference is saved
type	Type of reference: primary, secondary or original (or original_01, original_02, etc., for multiple sources)
drop	Variables in bibtex to ignore

### Value

metadata.yml file with citation details added

---

```
metadata_add_source_doi
```

*Adds citation details from a doi to a metadata file for a dataset\_id*

---

### Description

Uses rcrossref package to access publication details from the crossref database

### Usage

```
metadata_add_source_doi(..., doi, bib = NULL)
```

### Arguments

...	Arguments passed from metadata_add_source_bibtex()
doi	doi of reference to add
bib	(Only use for testing purposes) Result of calling bib rcrossref::cr_cn(doi)



**Value**

metadata.yml file with citation details added

---

metadata\_add\_substitution

*Add a categorical trait value substitution into a metadata file for a dataset\_id*

---

**Description**

metadata\_add\_substitution is used to align the categorical trait values used by a contributor to the categorical values supported by the database. These values are defined in the traits.yml file.

**Usage**

metadata\_add\_substitution(dataset\_id, trait\_name, find, replace)

**Arguments**

dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the database
trait_name	The database defined name for a particular trait
find	Trait value in the original data.csv file
replace	Trait value supported by database

**Value**

metadata.yml file with a substitution added

---

metadata\_add\_substitutions\_list

*Add a dataframe of trait value substitutions into a metadata file for a dataset\_id*

---

**Description**

Add a dataframe of trait value substitutions into a metadata file for a dataset\_id

**Usage**

metadata\_add\_substitutions\_list(dataset\_id, substitutions)

**Arguments**

dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the database
substitutions	Dataframe of trait value substitutions

**Value**

metadata.yml file with multiple trait value substitutions added

---

metadata\_add\_substitutions\_table  
*Substitutions from a dataframe*

---

**Description**

Function that simultaneously adds many trait value replacements, potentially across many trait\_name's and dataset\_id's, to the respective metadata.yml files. This function will be used to quickly re-align/re-assign trait values across all studies.

**Usage**

```
metadata_add_substitutions_table(
  dataframe_of_substitutions,
  dataset_id,
  trait_name,
  find,
  replace
)
```

**Arguments**

dataframe_of_substitutions	Dataframe with columns indicating dataset_id, trait_name, original trait values (find), and database aligned trait value (replace)
dataset_id	Name of column containing study dataset_id(s) in database
trait_name	Name of column containing trait name(s) for which a trait value replacement needs to be made
find	Name of column containing trait values submitted by the contributor for a data observation
replace	Name of column containing database aligned trait values

**Value**

Modified metadata files with trait value replacements

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
read_csv("export/dispersal_syndrome_substitutions.csv") %>%
  select(-extra) %>%
  filter(dataset_id == "Angevin_2011") -> dataframe_of_substitutions
metadata_add_substitutions_table(dataframe_of_substitutions, dataset_id, trait_name, find, replace)

## End(Not run)
```

---

```
metadata_add_taxonomic_change
    Add a taxonomic change into the metadata.yml file for a dataset_id
```

---

**Description**

Add a single taxonomic change into the metadata.yml file for a specific study.

**Usage**

```
metadata_add_taxonomic_change(
  dataset_id,
  find,
  replace,
  reason,
  taxonomic_resolution,
  overwrite = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the database
find	Original name used by the contributor
replace	Taxonomic name accepted by APC or APNI
reason	Reason for taxonomic change
taxonomic_resolution	The rank of the most specific taxon name (or scientific name) to which a submitted original name resolves
overwrite	Parameter indicating whether preexisting find-replace entries should be overwritten. Defaults to true

**Value**

metadata.yml file with taxonomic change added

---

```
metadata_add_taxonomic_changes_list
    Add a list of taxonomic updates into a metadata file for a dataset_id
```

---

**Description**

Add multiple taxonomic changes to the metadata.yml file using a dataframe containing the taxonomic changes to be made.

**Usage**

```
metadata_add_taxonomic_changes_list(dataset_id, taxonomic_updates)
```

**Arguments**

dataset\_id      Identifier for a particular study in the database  
taxonomic\_updates      Dataframe of taxonomic updates

**Value**

metadata.yml file with multiple taxonomic updates added

---

metadata\_add\_traits      *For specified dataset\_id, populate columns for traits into metadata*

---

**Description**

This function asks users which traits they would like to keep, and adds a template for those traits in the metadata. This template must then be finished manually.

**Usage**

```
metadata_add_traits(dataset_id, user_responses = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

dataset\_id      Identifier for a particular study in the database  
user\_responses      Named list containing simulated user input for manual selection of variables,  
mainly for testing purposes

**Details**

Can also be used to add a trait to an existing metadata file.

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```
metadata_check_custom_R_code
```

*Check the output of running custom\_R\_code specified in the metadata for specified dataset\_id*

---

### Description

Function to check the output of running custom\_R\_code specified in the metadata.yml file for specified dataset\_id. For the specified dataset\_id, reads in the file data.csv and applies manipulations as described in the file metadata.yml

### Usage

```
metadata_check_custom_R_code(dataset_id, path_data = "data")
```

### Arguments

dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the database
path_data	Path to folder with data

---

```
metadata_create_template
```

*Create a template of file metadata.yml for specified dataset\_id*

---

### Description

Includes place-holders for major sections of the metadata.

### Usage

```
metadata_create_template(
  dataset_id,
  path = file.path("data", dataset_id),
  skip_manual = FALSE,
  user_responses = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the database
path	Location of file where output is saved
skip_manual	Allows skipping of manual selection of variables, default = FALSE
user_responses	Named list containing simulated user input for manual selection of variables, mainly for testing purposes

**Value**

A yaml file template for metadata

---

metadata\_exclude\_observations

*Exclude observations in a yaml file for a dataset\_id*

---

**Description**

Exclude observations in a yaml file for a dataset\_id

**Usage**

```
metadata_exclude_observations(dataset_id, variable, find, reason)
```

**Arguments**

dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the database
variable	Variable name
find	Term to find by
reason	Reason for exclusion

**Value**

metadata.yml file with excluded observations

---

metadata\_find\_taxonomic\_change

*Find dataset\_id's with a given taxonomic change*

---

**Description**

Find dataset\_id's with a given taxonomic change

**Usage**

```
metadata_find_taxonomic_change(find, replace = NULL, studies = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

find	Name of original species
replace	Name of replacement species, default = NULL
studies	Name of studies to look through, default = NULL

---

metadata\_path\_dataset\_id  
*Path to the metadata.yml file for specified dataset\_id*

---

**Description**

Path to the metadata.yml file for specified dataset\_id

**Usage**

```
metadata_path_dataset_id(dataset_id, path_data = "data")
```

**Arguments**

dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the database
path_data	Path to folder with data

**Value**

A string

---

metadata\_remove\_taxonomic\_change  
*Remove a taxonomic change from a yaml file for a dataset\_id*

---

**Description**

Remove a taxonomic change from a yaml file for a dataset\_id

**Usage**

```
metadata_remove_taxonomic_change(dataset_id, find)
```

**Arguments**

dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the database
find	Taxonomic name to find

**Value**

metadata.yml file with a taxonomic change removed

---

`metadata_update_taxonomic_change`*Update a taxonomic change into a yaml file for a dataset\_id*

---

**Description**

Update a taxonomic change into a yaml file for a dataset\_id

**Usage**

```
metadata_update_taxonomic_change(  
  dataset_id,  
  find,  
  replace,  
  reason,  
  taxonomic_resolution  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>dataset_id</code>	Identifier for a particular study in the database
<code>find</code>	Original taxonomic name
<code>replace</code>	Updated taxonomic name to replace original taxonomic name
<code>reason</code>	Reason for change
<code>taxonomic_resolution</code>	The rank of the most specific taxon name (or scientific name) to which a submitted original name resolves

**Value**

metadata.yml file with added substitution

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`metadata_user_select_column`*Select column by user*

---

**Description**

`metadata_user_select_column` is used to select which columns in a dataframe/tibble corresponds to the variable of interest. It is used to compile the metadata yaml file by prompting the user to choose the relevant columns. It is used in `metadata_add_locations` and `metadata_create_template`.

**Usage**

```
metadata_user_select_column(column, choices)
```



**Arguments**

column	Name of the variable of interest
choices	The options that can be selected from

---

```
metadata_user_select_names
    Select variable names by user
```

---

**Description**

metadata\_user\_select\_names is used to prompt the user to select the variables that are relevant for compiling the metadata yaml file. It is currently used for metadata\_add\_traits, metadata\_add\_locations and metadata\_add\_contexts.

**Usage**

```
metadata_user_select_names(title, vars)
```

**Arguments**

title	Character string providing the instruction for the user
vars	Variable names

---

```
notes_random_string    Create a string of random letters
```

---

**Description**

Creates a string of random letters with 8 characters as the default, useful for defining unique hyperlinks

**Usage**

```
notes_random_string(n = 8)
```

**Arguments**

n	numerical integer, default is 8
---	---------------------------------

**Value**

character string with 8 letters

---

notetaker\_add\_note      *Add a note to the note recorder as a new row*

---

**Description**

Add a note to the note recorder as a new row

**Usage**

```
notetaker_add_note(notes, new_note)
```

**Arguments**

notes                  object containing the report notes  
new\_note                vector of character notes to be added to existing notes

**Value**

A tibble with additional notes added

---

notetaker\_as\_note      *Create a tibble with two columns with note and link*

---

**Description**

Creates a tibble with two columns with one column consisting of a randomly generated string of letters

**Usage**

```
notetaker_as_note(note, link = NA_character_)
```

**Arguments**

note                    character string  
link                    character string, default is NA\_character\_ which generates a random string

**Value**

a tibble with two columns named note and link

---

notetaker\_get\_note     *Return a specific row from notes*

---

**Description**

Returns a specific row from notes specified by *i*. Default is `nrow(notes)` which returns the last note

**Usage**

```
notetaker_get_note(notes, i = nrow(notes))
```

**Arguments**

*notes*                object containing the report notes  
*i*                        numerical; row number for corresponding note, default is `nrow(notes)`

**Value**

a single row from a tibble

---

notetaker\_print\_all     *Print all notes*

---

**Description**

Print all notes

**Usage**

```
notetaker_print_all(notes, ..., numbered = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

*notes*                object containing the report notes  
*...*                    arguments passed to other functions  
*numbered*            logical default is TRUE

**Value**

character string containing the notes

---

notetaker\_print\_note *Print note (needs review?)*

---

### Description

Print note (needs review?)

### Usage

```
notetaker_print_note(
  note,
  as_anchor = FALSE,
  anchor_text = "",
  link_text = "link"
)
```

### Arguments

note	object containing the report notes
as_anchor	logical default is FALSE
anchor_text	character string, default is ""
link_text	character string, default is "link"

### Value

character string containing the notes

---

notetaker\_print\_notes *Print a specific row from notes*

---

### Description

Prints a specific row from notes specified by i

### Usage

```
notetaker_print_notes(notes, i = nrow(notes), ...)
```

### Arguments

notes	object containing the report notes
i	specify the row which contains the note to be returned
...	arguments passed to notetaker_print_note()

### Value

character string containing the notes

---

notetaker_start	<i>Start note recorder (needs review?)</i>
-----------------	--

---

**Description**

Note recorder used in report\_study.Rmd file to initiate note recorder

**Usage**

```
notetaker_start()
```

**Value**

A tibble where notes are recorded

---

process_add_all_columns	<i>Add or remove columns of data</i>
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**Description**

Add or remove columns of data as needed so that all datasets have the same columns. Also adds in an error column.

**Usage**

```
process_add_all_columns(data, vars, add_error_column = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

data	Dataframe containing study data read in as a csv file
vars	Vector of variable columns names to be included in the final formatted tibble
add_error_column	Adds an extra column called error if TRUE

**Value**

Tibble with the correct selection of columns including an error column

---

process\_convert\_units *Convert units to desired type*

---

**Description**

Convert units to desired type

**Usage**

```
process_convert_units(data, definitions, unit_conversion_functions)
```

**Arguments**

data	Tibble or dataframe containing the study data
definitions	Definitions read in from the traits.yml file in the config folder
unit_conversion_functions	unit_conversions.csv file stored in the config folder

**Value**

Tibble with converted units

---

process\_create\_observation\_id  
*Create entity id*

---

**Description**

Creates 3-part entity id codes that combine a segment for species, population, and, when applicable, individual. This depends upon a parsing\_id being established when the data.csv file is first read in.

**Usage**

```
process_create_observation_id(data, metadata)
```

**Arguments**

data	The traits table at the point where this function is called
metadata	Yaml file with metadata

**Value**

Character string

---

process\_custom\_code    *Apply custom data manipulations*

---

**Description**

Applies custom data manipulations if the metadata field custom\_R\_code is not empty. Otherwise no manipulations will be done by applying the identity function. The code custom\_R\_code assumes a single input.

**Usage**

```
process_custom_code(txt)
```

**Arguments**

txt                    Character text within custom\_R\_code of a metadata.yml file

**Value**

character text containing custom\_R\_code if custom\_R\_code is not empty, otherwise no changes are made

---

process\_flag\_excluded\_observations  
*Flag any excluded observations*

---

**Description**

Checks the metadata yaml file for any excluded observations. If there are none, returns the original data. If there are excluded observations returns the mutated data with excluded observations flagged in a new column.

**Usage**

```
process_flag_excluded_observations(data, metadata)
```

**Arguments**

data                    Tibble or dataframe containing the study data  
metadata                Yaml file with metadata

**Value**

Dataframe with flagged excluded observations if there are any

process\_flag\_out\_of\_range\_values

*Flag values outside of allowable range*

---

### **Description**

Flags any numeric values that are outside the allowable range defined in the traits.yml file.

### **Usage**

```
process_flag_out_of_range_values(data, definitions)
```

### **Arguments**

data	Tibble or dataframe containing the study data
definitions	Definitions read in from the traits.yml file in the config folder

### **Value**

Tibble with flagged values outside of allowable range

---

process\_flag\_unsupported\_characters

*Flag values with unsupported characters*

---

### **Description**

Disallowed characters are flagged as errors, including for numeric traits, prior to unit conversions to avoid their conversion to NAs during the unit conversion process.

### **Usage**

```
process_flag_unsupported_characters(data)
```

### **Arguments**

data	Tibble or dataframe containing the study data
------	---

### **Value**

Tibble with flagged values containing unsupported characters



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process\_flag\_unsupported\_traits  
*Flag any unrecognised traits*

---

**Description**

Flag any unrecognised traits, as defined in the traits.yml file.

**Usage**

```
process_flag_unsupported_traits(data, definitions)
```

**Arguments**

data	Tibble or dataframe containing the study data
definitions	Definitions read in from the traits.yml file in the config folder

**Value**

Tibble with unrecognised traits flagged in the "error" column

---

process\_flag\_unsupported\_values  
*Flag disallowed trait values and disallowed characters*

---

**Description**

Flags any categorical traits values that are not on the list of allowed values defined in the traits.yml file. NA values are flagged as errors. Numeric values that cannot convert to numeric are also flagged as errors.

**Usage**

```
process_flag_unsupported_values(data, definitions)
```

**Arguments**

data	Tibble or dataframe containing the study data
definitions	Definitions read in from the traits.yml file in the config folder

**Value**

Tibble with flagged values that are unsupported categorical trait values, missing values or numeric trait values that cannot be converted to numeric

---

process\_format\_contexts

*Format context data from list to tibble*

---

### Description

Format context data read in from the metadata.yml file. Converts from list to tibble.

### Usage

```
process_format_contexts(my_list, dataset_id, traits)
```

### Arguments

my_list	List of input information
dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the AusTraits database
traits	Table of trait data (for this function, just the data.csv file with custom_R_code applied)

### Value

Tibble with context details if available

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
process_format_contexts(read_metadata("data/Apgaua_2017/metadata.yml")$context, dataset_id, traits)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

process\_format\_contributors

*Format contributors from list into tibble*

---

### Description

Format contributors, read in from the metadata.yml file. Converts from list to tibble.

### Usage

```
process_format_contributors(my_list, dataset_id, schema)
```

**Arguments**

my_list	List of input information
dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the AusTraits database
schema	Schema for traits.build

**Value**

Tibble with details of contributors

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
process_format_contributors(read_metadata("data/Falster_2003/metadata.yml")$contributors)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

process\_format\_locations

*Format location data from list to tibble*

---

**Description**

Format location data read in from the metadata.yml file. Converts from list to tibble.

**Usage**

```
process_format_locations(my_list, dataset_id, schema)
```

**Arguments**

my_list	List of input information
dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the AusTraits database
schema	Schema for traits.build

**Value**

Tibble with location details if available

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
process_format_locations(read_metadata("data/Falster_2003/metadata.yml")$locations, "Falster_2003")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

process\_generate\_id    *Function to generate sequence of integer ids from vector of names  
Determines number of 00s needed based on number of records*

---

**Description**

Function to generate sequence of integer ids from vector of names Determines number of 00s needed based on number of records

**Usage**

```
process_generate_id(x, prefix, sort = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	Vector of text to convert
prefix	Text to put before id integer
sort	Logical to indicate whether x should be sorted before ids are generated

**Value**

Vector of ids

---

process\_generate\_method\_ids  
*Function to generate sequence of integer ids for methods*

---

**Description**

Function to generate sequence of integer ids for methods

**Usage**

```
process_generate_method_ids(metadata_traits)
```

**Arguments**

metadata_traits	the traits section of the metadata
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**Value**

Tibble with traits, methods, and method\_id

---

process\_parse\_data      *Process a single dataset*

---

### Description

Process a single dataset with `dataset_id` using the associated `data.csv` and `metadata.yml` files. Adds a unique observation id for each row of observation, trait names are formatted using AusTraits accepted names and trait substitutions are added. `parse_data` is used in the core workflow pipeline (i.e. in `load_study`).

### Usage

```
process_parse_data(data, dataset_id, metadata, contexts, schema)
```

### Arguments

<code>data</code>	Tibble or dataframe containing the study data
<code>dataset_id</code>	Identifier for a particular study in the AusTraits database
<code>metadata</code>	Yaml file with metadata
<code>contexts</code>	Dataframe of contexts for this study
<code>schema</code>	Schema for <code>traits.build</code>

### Value

Tibble in long format with AusTraits formatted trait names, trait substitutions and unique observation id added

---

process\_standardise\_names  
*Standardise species names*

---

### Description

Enforces some standards on species names.

### Usage

```
process_standardise_names(x)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	Vector, dataframe or list containing original species names
----------------	---

### Value

Vector with standardised species names

---

process\_taxonomic\_updates  
*Apply taxonomic updates*

---

**Description**

Applies taxonomic updates to the study data from the metadata.yml file.

**Usage**

```
process_taxonomic_updates(data, metadata)
```

**Arguments**

data	Tibble or dataframe containing the study data
metadata	Yaml file with metadata

**Value**

Tibble with the taxonomic updates applied

---

process\_unit\_conversion\_name  
*Generate unit conversion name*

---

**Description**

Creates the unit conversion name based on the original units and the units to be converted to.

**Usage**

```
process_unit_conversion_name(from, to)
```

**Arguments**

from	Character of original units
to	Character of units to be converted to

**Value**

Character string containing the name what units are being converted to

---

read_csv_char	<i>Read in a csv as a tibble with column types as characters</i>
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---

**Description**

Reads in a csv file using the read\_csv function from readr with columns as characters.

**Usage**

```
read_csv_char(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Arguments passed to the read\_csv()

**Value**

A tibble

---

read_metadata	<i>Read in a metadata.yml file for a study</i>
---------------	--

---

**Description**

Read in a metadata.yml file for a study

**Usage**

```
read_metadata(path)
```

**Arguments**

path Location of the metadata file

---

read\_metadata\_dataset *Read the metadata.yml file for specified dataset\_id*

---

### Description

Read the metadata.yml file for specified dataset\_id

### Usage

```
read_metadata_dataset(dataset_id, path_data = "data")
```

### Arguments

dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the database
path_data	Path to folder with data

### Value

A list with contents of metadata for specified dataset\_id

---

read\_yaml *Read yaml (from package yaml)*

---

### Description

Read yaml (from package yaml)

---

util\_append\_to\_list *Add an item to the end of a list*

---

### Description

Add an item to the end of a list

### Usage

```
util_append_to_list(my_list, to_append)
```

### Arguments

my_list	A list
to_append	A list



**Value**

A list merged with an added item at the end

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
util_append_to_list(as.list(dplyr::starwars)[c(1,2)], as.list(dplyr::starwars)[c(3,4)])

## End(Not run)
```

---

util_bib_to_list	<i>Convert BibEntry object to a list</i>
------------------	--

---

**Description**

Convert BibEntry object to a list

**Usage**

```
util_bib_to_list(bib)
```

**Arguments**

bib	BibEntry object
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**Value**

List

---

util_check_all_values_in	<i>Check values in one vector against values in another vector</i>
--------------------------	--

---

**Description**

util\_check\_all\_values\_in checks if values in vector x are in y. Values in x may contain multiple values separated by sep so these are split first using str\_split.

**Usage**

```
util_check_all_values_in(x, y, sep = " ")
```

**Arguments**

x	Vector
y	Vector
sep	Amount of space separating values to be split, default = " " (a single space)

**Value**

Vector of logical values

---

util\_check\_disallowed\_chars

*Check values in a vector do not contain disallowed characters*

---

**Description**

util\_check\_disallowed\_chars checks if values in a vector do not contain disallowed characters, i.e. values outside of ASCII.

**Usage**

```
util_check_disallowed_chars(object)
```

**Arguments**

object            Vector

**Value**

Vector of logical values

---

util\_df\_convert\_character

*Convert all columns in data frame to character*

---

**Description**

Convert all columns in data frame to character

**Usage**

```
util_df_convert_character(df)
```

**Arguments**

df                A dataframe

**Value**

A dataframe

**Examples**

```
lapply(traits.build:::util_df_convert_character(dplyr::starwars), class)
```

---

util_df_to_list	<i>Convert dataframe to list</i>
-----------------	----------------------------------

---

**Description**

Convert a dataframe to a named list, useful when converting to yaml.

**[Deprecated]**

**Usage**

```
util_df_to_list(df)
```

**Arguments**

df	A dataframe
----	-------------

**Value**

A (yaml) list

**Examples**

```
util_df_to_list(dplyr::starwars)
```

---

util_extract_list_element
---------------------------

*Extract a trait element from the definitions\$traits\$elements*

---

**Description**

Extract a trait element from the definitions\$traits\$elements

**Usage**

```
util_extract_list_element(i, my_list, var)
```

**Arguments**

i	A value within the definitions\$traits\$elements list which refers to types of traits
my_list	The list that contains the element we're interested in (i.e. definitions\$traits\$elements)
var	The type of variable of a trait

**Value**

The element/properties of a trait

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
util_extract_list_element(1, definitions$traits$elements, "units")

## End(Not run)
```

---

util_get_SHA	<i>Get SHA string from Github repository for latest commit</i>
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**Description**

Get SHA string for the latest commit on Github for the repository. SHA is the abbreviated SHA-1 40 digit hexadecimal number which Github uses as the Commit ID to track changes made to a repo

**Usage**

```
util_get_SHA(path = ".")
```

**Arguments**

path	root directory where a specified file is located, default file name is the remake.yml file
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**Value**

40-digit SHA character string for the latest commit to the repository

---

util_get_version	<i>Retrieve version for compilation from definitions</i>
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---

**Description**

Retrieve version for compilation from definitions

**Usage**

```
util_get_version(path = "config/metadata.yml")
```

**Arguments**

path	path to traits definitions
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**Value**

a string

---

util\_kable\_styling\_html

*Format table with kable and default styling for html*

---

**Description**

Format table with kable and default styling for html

**Usage**

```
util_kable_styling_html(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Arguments passed to kableExtra::kable()

---

util\_list\_to\_bib

*Convert a list of elements into a BibEntry object*

---

**Description**

Convert a list of elements into a BibEntry object

**Usage**

```
util_list_to_bib(ref)
```

**Arguments**

ref List of elements for a reference

**Value**

BibEntry object

---

util\_list\_to\_df1      *Convert a list with single entries to dataframe*

---

**Description****[Deprecated]****Usage**

```
util_list_to_df1(my_list)
```

**Arguments**

my\_list      A list with single entries

**Value**

A tibble with two columns

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
util_list_to_df1(as.list(dplyr::starwars)[2])

## End(Not run)
```

---

util\_list\_to\_df2      *Convert a list of lists to dataframe*

---

**Description**

Convert a list of lists to dataframe; requires that every list have same named elements.

**[Deprecated]****Usage**

```
util_list_to_df2(my_list, as_character = TRUE, on_empty = NA)
```

**Arguments**

my\_list      A list of lists to dataframe  
as\_character      A logical value, indicating whether the values are read as character  
on\_empty      Value to return if my\_list is NULL, NA or is length == 0, default = NA

**Examples**

```
util_list_to_df2(util_df_to_list(dplyr::starwars))
```

---

util\_replace\_null      *Convert NULL values to a different value*

---

**Description**

util\_replace\_null converts NULL values a different value. Default is converting NULL to NA.

**Usage**

```
util_replace_null(x, val = NA)
```

**Arguments**

x                      A NULL value or a non-NULL object  
val                     Specify what the null value should be returned as, default is NA

**Value**

NA or a non-NULL object

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
util_replace_null(NULL)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

util\_separate\_and\_sort  
*Split and sort cells with multiple values*

---

**Description**

util\_separate\_and\_sort: For a vector x in which individual cell may have multiple values (separated by 'sep'), sort records within each cell alphabetically.

**Usage**

```
util_separate_and_sort(x, sep = " ")
```

**Arguments**

x                      An individual cell with multiple values  
sep                     A separator, a whitespace is the default

**Value**

A vector of alphabetically sorted records

**Examples**

```
## Not run: util_separate_and_sort("z y x")
```

---

```
util_standardise_doi  Standardise doi
```

---

**Description**

Standardise doi

**Usage**

```
util_standardise_doi(doi)
```

**Arguments**

```
doi          doi of reference to add
```

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```
write_metadata  Write metadata.yml for a study
```

---

**Description**

Write metadata.yml file with custom R code formatted to allow line breaks.

**Usage**

```
write_metadata(data, path, style_code = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

```
data          austrails metadata object (a list)
path          Location where the metadata file is to be written to
style_code    Should the R code be styled?
```

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
f <- "data/Falster_2003/metadata.yml"
data <- read_metadata(f)
write_metadata(data, f)
```

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



---

`write_metadata_dataset`

*Write the YAML representation of metadata.yml for specified dataset\_id to file data/dataset\_id/metadata.yml*

---

**Description**

Write the YAML representation of metadata.yml for specified dataset\_id to file data/dataset\_id/metadata.yml

**Usage**

```
write_metadata_dataset(metadata, dataset_id)
```

**Arguments**

metadata	Metadata file
dataset_id	Identifier for a particular study in the database

**Value**

A yaml file

---

`write_plaintext`      *Export AusTraits version as plain text*

---

**Description**

Export AusTraits version as plain text

**Usage**

```
write_plaintext(austraits, path)
```

**Arguments**

austraits	AusTraits database object
path	Pathway to save file

**Value**

csv files of tibbles containing traits, locations, contexts, methods, excluded\_data, taxonomic updates, taxa, contributors

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`write_yaml`*write yaml (from package yaml)*

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**Description**

write yaml (from package yaml)

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