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MSCr-package	<i>Functions to read Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC) data</i>
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Description

This package contains functions to do the following:

1. Read data from the MSC website and write CRHM files of hourly and daily observations.
2. Read data files of Adjusted and Homogenized Canadian Climate Data (AHCCD) monthly and daily data.
3. Read in file of MSC radar data and write a grid or xyz file
4. Read in large MSC data files containing daily or hourly values for many locations and write a CRHM obs file for each location.
5. Read in old format files of MSC or AES data for variables for a single site and write a CRHM obs file.

References

To cite **MSCr** in publications, use the command `citation('MSCr')` to get the current version of the citation.

The CRHM program is described in:

Pomeroy, John W, D M Gray, T Brown, N Hedstrom, W L Quinton, R J Granger, and S K Carey. 2007. "The Cold Regions Hydrological Model : A Platform for Basing Process Representation and Model Structure on Physical Evidence". *Hydrological Processes* 21 (19): 2650-2567.

The CRHM model may be downloaded from <http://www.usask.ca/hydrology/CRHM.php>.

bigMSCdailyToObs	<i>Reads large MSC files of daily values</i>
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Description

Reads large MSC files holding daily values of several variables at several sites and exports an hourly CRHM obs data file for each site. The obs files are of the form '<sitenumber>_daily.obs'

Usage

```
bigMSCdailyToObs(infile, quiet = TRUE, logfile = "")
```

Arguments

infile	Required. Name of the file to be read.
quiet	Optional. Suppresses display of messages, except for errors. If you are calling this function in an R script, you will usually leave quiet=TRUE (i.e. the default). If you are working interactively, you will probably want to set quiet=FALSE.
logfile	Optional. Optional. Name of the file to be used for logging the action. Normally not used.

Value

If successful, returns TRUE. If unsuccessful, returns the value FALSE.

Author(s)

Kevin Shook

See Also

[bigMSChourlyToObs](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
bigMSCdailyToObs('GRPextractor_PHW_Bad_Lake_dlyv2_21032015_155647.txt', quiet=FALSE)
## End(Not run)
```

bigMSChourlyToObs	<i>Reads large MSC files of hourly values</i>
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Description

Reads large MSC files holding hourly values of several variables at several sites and exports an hourly CRHM obs data file for each site. The obs files are of the form '<site number>_hourly.obs'

Usage

```
bigMSChourlyToObs(infile, timezone = "", quiet = TRUE, logfile = "")
```

Arguments

infile	Required. Name of the file to be read.
timezone	Required. The name of the timezone of the data as a character string. This should be the timezone of your data, but omitting daylight savings time. Note that the timezone code is specific to your OS. To avoid problems, you should use a timezone without daylight savings time. Under Linux, you can use 'CST' and 'MST' for Central Standard or Mountain Standard time, respectively. Under

	Windows or OSX, you can use 'etc/GMT+6' or 'etc/GMT+7' for Central Standard and Mountain Standard time. DO NOT use 'America/Regina' as the time zone, as it includes historical changes between standard and daylight savings time.
quiet	Optional. Optional. Suppresses display of messages, except for errors. If you are calling this function in an R script, you will usually leave quiet=TRUE (i.e. the default). If you are working interactively, you will probably want to set quiet=FALSE.
logfile	Optional. Optional. Name of the file to be used for logging the action. Normally not used.

Value

If successful, returns TRUE. If unsuccessful, returns the value FALSE.

Author(s)

Kevin Shook #' @seealso [bigMSCdailyToObs](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
bigMSChourlyToObs('GRPextractor_PHW_Bad_Lake_hly_21032015_152943.txt', timezone='CST', quiet=FALSE)
## End(Not run)
```

downloadMSCobs	<i>Downloads monthly and daily MSC data and creates CRHM .obs files.</i>
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Description

Downloads MSC hourly and daily data, one month at a time. The downloaded data are stored as .csv files, which are erased after the function terminates. Information about the .obs files is displayed on the screen and is also written to log files in the working directory. The obs files are: 1) hourly t, rh, and u 2) daily tmin, tmax, tmean and 3) daily precipitation. Because Environment Canada's web data is not consistent in any way, it is possible that using this function will generate warning messages.

Usage

```
downloadMSCobs(station.name = "", station.number = "", startyear = 1900,
  endyear = 2000, timezone = "", quiet = TRUE, logfile = "")
```

Arguments

station.name	Name of the station as a text string. This is used to create a directory that will hold the downloaded files and the created .obs files. It is also the basis for the names of the .obs files: '<station.name>Hourly.obs', '<station.name>DailyTemps.obs', and '<station.name>DailyPrecips.obs'.
station.number	Required,
startyear	Optional. First year for downloading. Default is 1900.
endyear	Optional. Last year for downloading. Default is 2000.
timezone	Required. The name of the timezone of the data as a character string. This should be the timezone of your data, but omitting daylight savings time. Note that the timezone code is specific to your OS. To avoid problems, you should use a timezone without daylight savings time. Under Linux, you can use 'CST' and 'MST' for Central Standard or Mountain Standard time, respectively. Under Windows or OSX, you can use 'etc/GMT+6' or 'etc/GMT+7' for Central Standard and Mountain Standard time. DO NOT use 'America/Regina' as the time zone, as it includes historical changes between standard and daylight savings time.
quiet	Optional. Suppresses display of messages, except for errors. If you are calling this function in an R script, you will usually leave quiet=TRUE (i.e. the default). If you are working interactively, you will probably want to set quiet=FALSE.
logfile	Optional. Optional. Name of the file to be used for logging the action. Normally not used.

Value

If successful, returns TRUE. If unsuccessful, returns the value FALSE.

Author(s)

Kevin Shook

References

The code for downloading MSC data is taken from <http://www.fromthebottomoftheheap.net/2015/01/14/harvesting-canadian-climate-data>. Some modifications were made to remove bad characters, and to download daily values.

Examples

```
## Not run:
downloadMSCobs('Vegreville', 1977, 1995, 1996, 'MST')
## End(Not run)
```

oldMSCdailyPtoObs	<i>Creates an obs file from all MSC old-style precipitation files in a directory</i>
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Description

Reads all files of old-style MSC daily precipitation data from a specified directory and assembles them. It is assumed is that only days with precipitation were recorded. Writes a obs file called 'ppt.obs'.

Usage

```
oldMSCdailyPtoObs(directory = ".", timezone = "")
```

Arguments

directory	Optional. Directory containing all precipitation files. File names must begin with 'A00'. The default is the current directory.
timezone	Required. Required. The name of the timezone of the data as a character string. This should be the timezone of your data, but omitting daylight savings time. Note that the timezone code is specific to your OS. To avoid problems, you should use a timezone without daylight savings time. Under Linux, you can use 'CST' and 'MST' for Central Standard or Mountain Standard time, respectively. Under Windows or OSX, you can use 'etc/GMT+6' or 'etc/GMT+7' for Central Standard and Mountain Standard time. DO NOT use 'America/Regina' as the time zone, as it includes historical changes between standard and daylight savings time.

Value

If successful returns TRUE. If unsuccessful returns FALSE.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
oldMSCdailyPtoObs(timezone='Etc/GMT+7')  
  
## End(Not run)
```

oldMSCdailyTtoObs	<i>Creates an obs file from all MSC old-style daily temperature files in a directory</i>
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Description

Reads all files of old-style MSC daily soil, min and max air temp. data from a specified directory and assembles them. The values are organized in columns, 1 year per file. Writes a obs file called 'xx_tminmax.obs', where 'xx' is the first 2 characters of 'filespec'.

Usage

```
oldMSCdailyTtoObs(directory = ".", filespec = "A1*", timezone = "")
```

Arguments

directory	Optional. Directory containing all temperature files. The default is the current directory.
filespec	Optional. File specification for all files. Default is 'A1*'.
timezone	Required. Required. The name of the timezone of the data as a character string. This should be the timezone of your data, but omitting daylight savings time. Note that the timezone code is specific to your OS. To avoid problems, you should use a timezone without daylight savings time. Under Linux, you can use 'CST' and 'MST' for Central Standard or Mountain Standard time, respectively. Under Windows or OSX, you can use 'etc/GMT+6' or 'etc/GMT+7' for Central Standard and Mountain Standard time. DO NOT use 'America/Regina' as the time zone, as it includes historical changes between standard and daylight savings time.

Value

If successful returns TRUE. If unsuccessful returns FALSE.

Examples

```
## Not run:
oldMSCHourlyUtoObs(timezone='Etc/GMT+7')

## End(Not run)
```

oldMSChourlyRHtoObs	<i>Creates an obs file from all MSC old-style RH files in a directory</i>
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Description

Reads all files of old-style MSC hourly RH data from a specified directory and assembles them. The values are organized day x hour, 1 year per file. Writes a obs file called 'rh.obs'.

Usage

```
oldMSChourlyRHtoObs(directory = ".", timezone)
```

Arguments

directory	Optional. Directory containing all RH files. File names must begin with 'RH'. The default is the current directory.
timezone	Required. Required. The name of the timezone of the data as a character string. This should be the timezone of your data, but omitting daylight savings time. Note that the timezone code is specific to your OS. To avoid problems, you should use a timezone without daylight savings time. Under Linux, you can use 'CST' and 'MST' for Central Standard or Mountain Standard time, respectively. Under Windows or OSX, you can use 'etc/GMT+6' or 'etc/GMT+7' for Central Standard and Mountain Standard time. DO NOT use 'America/Regina' as the time zone, as it includes historical changes between standard and daylight savings time.

Value

If successful returns TRUE. If unsuccessful returns FALSE.

Examples

```
## Not run:
oldMSChourlyRHtoObs(timezone='Etc/GMT+7')

## End(Not run)
```

oldMSChourlyTtoObs	<i>Creates an obs file from all MSC old-style temperature files in a directory</i>
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Description

Reads all files of old-style MSC hourly temperature data from a specified directory and assembles them. The values are organized day x hour, 1 year per file. Writes an obs file called 't.obs'.

Usage

```
oldMSChourlyTtoObs(directory = ".", timezone)
```

Arguments

directory	Optional. Directory containing all temperature files. File names must begin with TE. The default is the current directory.
timezone	Required. Required. The name of the timezone of the data as a character string. This should be the timezone of your data, but omitting daylight savings time. Note that the timezone code is specific to your OS. To avoid problems, you should use a timezone without daylight savings time. Under Linux, you can use 'CST' and 'MST' for Central Standard or Mountain Standard time, respectively. Under Windows or OSX, you can use 'etc/GMT+6' or 'etc/GMT+7' for Central Standard and Mountain Standard time. DO NOT use 'America/Regina' as the time zone, as it includes historical changes between standard and daylight savings time.

Value

If successful returns TRUE. If unsuccessful returns FALSE.

Examples

```
## Not run:

oldMSChourlyTtoObs(timezone='Etc/GMT+7')

## End(Not run)
```

oldMSCHourlyUtoObs	<i>Creates an obs file from all MSC old-style wind files in a directory</i>
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Description

Reads all files of old-style MSC hourly wind speed data from a specified directory and assembles them. The values are organized day x hour, 1 year per file. Writes a obs file called 'u.obs'.

Usage

```
oldMSCHourlyUtoObs(directory = ".", timezone = "")
```

Arguments

directory	Optional. Directory containing all wind files. File names must begin with 'WIND'. The default is the current directory.
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timezone Required. Required. The name of the timezone of the data as a character string. This should be the timezone of your data, but omitting daylight savings time. Note that the timezone code is specific to your OS. To avoid problems, you should use a timezone without daylight savings time. Under Linux, you can use 'CST' and 'MST' for Central Standard or Mountain Standard time, respectively. Under Windows or OSX, you can use 'etc/GMT+6' or 'etc/GMT+7' for Central Standard and Mountain Standard time. DO NOT use 'America/Regina' as the time zone, as it includes historical changes between standard and daylight savings time.

Value

If successful returns TRUE. If unsuccessful returns FALSE.

Examples

```
## Not run:
oldMSCHourlyUtoObs(timezone='Etc/GMT+7')

## End(Not run)
```

readAESdailyP	<i>Reads individual AES files of daily precipitation data in a directory and creates obs files.</i>
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Description

Reads very old Atmospheric Environment Service (AES) files. All of the files specified are assembled to create a CRHM observation file named 'ppt.obs' in the same directory as the data files. It is assumed that the files only contain days with recorded precipitation values, so days with zero values are inserted.

Usage

```
readAESdailyP(directory = ".", filespec = "A00*", timezone = "")
```

Arguments

directory	Optional. Directory containing files. If not specified, defaults to current directory. Note that this is an R path, which uses the '/' symbol on ALL operating systems.
filespec	Optional. File specification (including wildcards) of the precipitation data. Default is 'A00*'.
timezone	Required. The name of the timezone of the data as a character string. This should be the timezone of your data, but omitting daylight savings time. Note that the timezone code is specific to your OS. To avoid problems, you should use a timezone without daylight savings time. Under Linux, you can use 'CST'

and ‘MST’ for Central Standard or Mountain Standard time, respectively. Under Windows or OSX, you can use ‘etc/GMT+6’ or ‘etc/GMT+7’ for Central Standard and Mountain Standard time. DO NOT use ‘America/Regina’ as the time zone, as it includes historical changes between standard and daylight savings time.

Value

If successful, returns TRUE. If unsuccessful, returns FALSE

Author(s)

Kevin Shook

See Also

[readAESHourlyRH](#) [readAESHourlyWind](#) [readAESHourlyT](#) [codereadAESdailyTminTmax](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
readAESdailyP('./HistoricalData', timezone='etc/GMT+6')

## End(Not run)
```

readAESdailyTminTmax	<i>Reads individual AES files of daily tmin and tmax data in a directory and creates obs files.</i>
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Description

Reads very old Atmospheric Environment Service (AES) files of daily minimum and maximum air temperatures. The air temperatures may be interpolated to hourly values by reading in the .obs file using the functions `readObsFile` and `tMinMaxToHourly` in **CRHMr**.

Usage

```
readAESdailyTminTmax(directory, filespec = "A2*", timezone = "")
```

Arguments

directory	Optional. Directory containing AES data files. If not specified, defaults to current directory. Note that this is an R path, which uses the '/' symbol on ALL operating systems.
filespec	Optional. File specification (including wildcards) of the tmin data. Default is 'A2*'.

timezone Required. The name of the timezone of the data as a character string. This should be the timezone of your data, but omitting daylight savings time. Note that the timezone code is specific to your OS. To avoid problems, you should use a timezone without daylight savings time. Under Linux, you can use 'CST' and 'MST' for Central Standard or Mountain Standard time, respectively. Under Windows or OSX, you can use 'etc/GMT+6' or 'etc/GMT+7' for Central Standard and Mountain Standard time. DO NOT use 'America/Regina' as the time zone, as it includes historical changes between standard and daylight savings time.

Value

If successful, returns TRUE. If unsuccessful, returns FALSE

Author(s)

Kevin Shook

See Also

[readAEShourlyRH](#) [readAEShourlyWind](#) [readAEShourlyT](#) [readAESdailyP](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
readAESdailyTminTmax('./HistoricalData', timezone='etc/GMT+6')

## End(Not run)
```

readAEShourlyRH	<i>Reads individual AES files of hourly RH data in a directory and creates obs files.</i>
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Description

Reads very old Atmospheric Environment Service (AES) files. The files are named RHXX, where XX is the last 2 digits of the year. All of the files are assembled to create a CRHM observation file named 'rh.obs' in the same directory as the data files.

Usage

```
readAEShourlyRH(directory = ".", timezone = "")
```

Arguments

directory	Optional. Directory containing AES data files. If not specified, defaults to current directory. Note that this is an R path, which uses the '/' symbol on ALL operating systems.
timezone	Required. The name of the timezone of the data as a character string. This should be the timezone of your data, but omitting daylight savings time. Note that the timezone code is specific to your OS. To avoid problems, you should use a timezone without daylight savings time. Under Linux, you can use 'CST' and 'MST' for Central Standard or Mountain Standard time, respectively. Under Windows or OSX, you can use 'etc/GMT+6' or 'etc/GMT+7' for Central Standard and Mountain Standard time. DO NOT use 'America/Regina' as the time zone, as it includes historical changes between standard and daylight savings time.

Value

If successful, returns TRUE. If unsuccessful, returns FALSE

Author(s)

Kevin Shook

See Also

[readAEShourlyWind](#) [readAEShourlyT](#) [codereadAESdailyTminTmax](#) [readAESdailyP](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
readAEShourlyRH('./HistoricalData', timezone='etc/GMT+6')

## End(Not run)
```

readAEShourlyT	<i>Reads individual AES files of hourly air temperature data in a directory and creates obs files.</i>
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Description

Reads very old Atmospheric Environment Service (AES) files. The files are named TEXXYY, where XX and YY are the last 2 digits of the beginning and end years in the dataset. All of the files are assembled to create a CRHM observation file named 't.obs' in the same directory as the data files.

Usage

```
readAEShourlyT(directory = ".", timezone = "")
```

Arguments

directory	Optional. Directory containing AES data files. If not specified, defaults to current directory. Note that this is an R path, which uses the '/' symbol on ALL operating systems.
timezone	Required. The name of the timezone of the data as a character string. This should be the timezone of your data, but omitting daylight savings time. Note that the timezone code is specific to your OS. To avoid problems, you should use a timezone without daylight savings time. Under Linux, you can use 'CST' and 'MST' for Central Standard or Mountain Standard time, respectively. Under Windows or OSX, you can use 'etc/GMT+6' or 'etc/GMT+7' for Central Standard and Mountain Standard time. DO NOT use 'America/Regina' as the time zone, as it includes historical changes between standard and daylight savings time.

Value

If successful, returns TRUE. If unsuccessful, returns FALSE

Author(s)

Kevin Shook

See Also

[readAEShourlyRH](#) [readAEShourlyWind](#) [readAESdailyTminTmax](#) [readAESdailyP](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
readAEShourlyT('./HistoricalData', timezone='etc/GMT+6')

## End(Not run)
```

readAEShourlyWind	<i>Reads individual AES files of hourly wind data in a directory and creates obs files.</i>
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Description

Reads very old Atmospheric Environment Service (AES) files. The files are named WINDXX, where XX is the last 2 digits of the year. All of the files are assembled to create a CRHM observation file named 'u.obs' in the same directory as the data files. The wind speeds are converted from km/h to m/s.

Usage

```
readAEShourlyWind(directory = ".", timezone = "")
```

Arguments

directory	Optional. Directory containing AES data files. If not specified, defaults to current directory. Note that this is an R path, which uses the '/' symbol on ALL operating systems.
timezone	Required. The name of the timezone of the data as a character string. This should be the timezone of your data, but omitting daylight savings time. Note that the timezone code is specific to your OS. To avoid problems, you should use a timezone without daylight savings time. Under Linux, you can use 'CST' and 'MST' for Central Standard or Mountain Standard time, respectively. Under Windows or OSX, you can use 'etc/GMT+6' or 'etc/GMT+7' for Central Standard and Mountain Standard time. DO NOT use 'America/Regina' as the time zone, as it includes historical changes between standard and daylight savings time.

Value

If successful, returns TRUE. If unsuccessful, returns FALSE

Author(s)

Kevin Shook

See Also

[readAESHourlyRH](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
readAESHourlyWind('./HistoricalData', timezone='etc/GMT+6')

## End(Not run)
```

readAHCCDdailyPrecips *Reads AHCCD daily precipitation values.*

Description

This program reads Adjusted and Homogenized Canadian Climate Data (AHCCD) data in a month x day data file of rainfall, snowfall or total precipitation.

Usage

```
readAHCCDdailyPrecips(infile)
```

Arguments

infile	Required. Name of the file to be read.
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Value

If successful, returns the values in a dataframe, consisting of the date, the value and the data code.
If unsuccessful, returns the value FALSE.

Note

The AHCCD are often used for statistical analysis, so this function returns a data quality code, and does not create a CRHM obs file.

Author(s)

Kevin Shook

References

Monthly AHCCD data are available from <http://www.ec.gc.ca/dccha-ahccd>. Daily values must be requested. Any use of the precipitation data must cite Mekis, E and L.A. Vincent, 2011: An overview of the second generation adjusted daily precipitation dataset for trend analysis in Canada. *Atmosphere-Ocean*, 49 (2), 163-177.

See Also

[readAHCCDdailyTemps](#) [readAHCCDmonthlyPrecips](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
stoon.snowfall <- readAHCCDdailyPrecips('3031093_S.txt')  
## End(Not run)
```

readAHCCDdailyTemps	<i>Reads AHCCD daily temperature values.</i>
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Description

This program reads Adjusted and Homogenized Canadian Climate Data (AHCCD) data in a month x day data file of min max or mean air temperatures.

Usage

```
readAHCCDdailyTemps(infile)
```

Arguments

infile	Required. Name of the file to be read.
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Value

If successful, returns the values in a dataframe, consisting of the date, the value and the data code.
 If unsuccessful, returns the value FALSE.

Note

The AHCCD are often used for statistical analysis, so this function returns a data quality code, and does not create a CRHM obs file.

Author(s)

Kevin Shook

References

Monthly AHCCD data are available from <http://www.ec.gc.ca/dccha-ahccd>. Any use of the precipitation data must cite Mekis, E and L.A. Vincent, 2011: An overview of the second generation adjusted daily precipitation dataset for trend analysis in Canada. *Atmosphere-Ocean*, 49 (2), 163-177.

See Also

[readAHCCDdailyTemps](#) [readAHCCDdailyPrecips](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
stoon.monthly.total <- readAHCCDmonthlyPrecips('mt4057120.txt')
## End(Not run)
```

readDatamartHourlyPrecip

Reads hourly Datamart-format precipitation data

Description

Reads hourly precipitation values from a file in the MSC Datamart format (day x hour).

Usage

```
readDatamartHourlyPrecip(infile, timezone = "")
```

Arguments

infile	Required. File to read precipitation from.
timezone	Optional. Timezone of the original data. If not specified, your timezone will be used.

Value

Returns a data frame consisting of the variables 'datetime', 'precip' and 'code'. The precipitation is in mm. The code is the data quality code from the original dataset. Missing values coded as -9999 in the original file are set to NA_real_.

Examples

```
## Not run:
precip <- readDatamartHourlyPrecip('L1012710.262')
## End(Not run)
```

readRadarPrecip	<i>Reads MSC radar precipitation.</i>
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Description

Reads in file containing MSC radar precipitation data and adds the missing (zero) values. The data consist of a header, followed by a single line containing the word 'DATA' and all of the values, which are comma-delimited.

Usage

```
readRadarPrecip(radarFile = "", outputFormat = "grid")
```

Arguments

radarFile	Required. File containing precipitation data
outputFormat	Optional. Either 'grid' (the default) or 'XYZ'.

Value

If successful, returns radar data in specified format, which consists of a list containing the header information and either grided (matrix) or XYZ (dataframe) values. The precipitation values are in mm/hr. If unsuccessful, returns FALSE.

Examples

```
## Not run:
readRadarPrecip('junk.num')
## End(Not run)
```

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