

# Package ‘BOLDconnectR’

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Data

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**Description** Facilitate retrieval, transformation and analysis of the data  
from the Barcode of Life Data Systems (BOLD) database <<http://boldsystems.org/>>.  
This package allows both public and private user data to be easily downloaded easily into the R  
environment using a variety of inputs such as: processids, sampleids,  
taxonomy, geography etc. It provides the functionality to convert data  
into formats compatible with other R-packages and third-party tools,  
as well as analysis functions for biodiversity, clustering and mapping.

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bold.analyze.align	<i>Transform and align the sequence data retrieved from BOLD</i>
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## Description

Function designed to transform and align the sequence data retrieved from the function `bold.fetch`.

## Usage

```
bold.analyze.align(
  bold_df,
  marker = NULL,
  align_method,
  cols_for_seq_names = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>bold_df</code>	A data frame obtained from <code>bold.fetch()</code> .
<code>marker</code>	A single or multiple character vector specifying the gene marker for which the output is generated. Default is NULL (all data is used).
<code>align_method</code>	Character vector specifying the type of multiple sequence alignment algorithm to be used.
<code>cols_for_seq_names</code>	A single or multiple character vector specifying the column headers to be used to name each sequence in the fasta file. Default is NULL in which case, only the processid is used as a name.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments that can be passed to <code>msa::msa()</code> function.



```
# Dataframe of the sequences (aligned) with their corresponding names
head(seq.align[,c("aligned_seq", "msa.seq.name")])

## End(Not run)
```

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**bold.analyze.diversity**

*Create an biodiversity profile of the retrieved data*

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## Description

This function creates a biodiversity profile of the downloaded data using [bold.fetch\(\)](#).

## Usage

```
bold.analyze.diversity(
  bold_df,
  taxon_rank,
  taxon_name = NULL,
  site_type = c("locations", "grids"),
  location_type = NULL,
  gridsize = NULL,
  presence_absence = FALSE,
  diversity_profile = c("richness", "preston", "shannon", "beta", "all"),
  beta_index = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

<b>bold_df</b>	A data frame obtained from <a href="#">bold.fetch()</a> .
<b>taxon_rank</b>	A single character value specifying the taxonomic hierarchical rank. Needs to be provided by default.
<b>taxon_name</b>	A single or multiple character vector specifying the taxonomic names associated with the 'taxon_rank'. Default value is NULL.
<b>site_type</b>	A character vector specifying one of two broad categories of sites considered here (locations or grids).
<b>location_type</b>	A single character vector specifying the geographic category for which a community matrix should be created. Default value is NULL.
<b>gridsize</b>	A numeric value of the size of the grid if location_type=grid; Size is in sq.m. Default value is NULL.
<b>presence_absence</b>	A logical value specifying whether the generated matrix should be converted into a 'presence-absence' matrix.
<b>diversity_profile</b>	A character value specifying the type of diversity profile ("richness", "preston", "shannon", "beta", "all")
<b>beta_index</b>	A character vector specifying the type of beta diversity index ('jaccard' or 'sorensen' available).

## Details

`bold.analyze.diversity` estimates the richness, Shannon diversity and beta diversity from the BIN counts or presence-absence data. Internally, the function converts the downloaded BCDM data into a community matrix (site X species) which is also generated as a part of the output. `grids.cat` converts the Coordinate Reference System (CRS) of the data to a 'Mollweide' projection by which distance-based grid can be correctly specified (Gott III et al. 2007). Each grid is assigned a cell id, with the lowest number given to the lowest latitudinal point in the dataset. The community matrix generated by the function is used to create richness profiles using `BAT::alpha.accum()` and Preston and Shannon diversity analyses using `vegan::prestondistr()` and `vegan::diversity()` respectively. The `BAT::alpha.accum()` currently offers various richness estimators, including Observed diversity (Obs); Singletons (S1); Doubletons (S2); Uniques (Q1); Duplicates (Q2); Jackknife1 abundance (Jack1ab); Jackknife1 incidence (Jack1in); Jackknife2 abundance (Jack2ab); Jackknife2 incidence (Jack2in); Chao1 and Chao2. The results depend on the input data (true abundances vs counts vs incidences) and users should be careful in the subsequent interpretation. Preston plots are generated using the data from the `prestondistr` results in `ggplot2` featuring cyan bars for observed species (or equivalent taxonomic group) and orange dots for expected counts. The `presence_absence` argument converts the counts (or abundances) to 1s and 0s. This dataset can then be directly used as input data for biodiversity analysis functions from packages like `vegan`. Beta diversity values are calculated using `BAT::beta()` function, which partitions the data using the Podani & Schmera (2011)/Carvalho et al. (2012) approach partitioning the beta diversity into 'species replacement' and 'richness difference' components. These results are stored as distance matrices in the output. *Note on the community matrix:* Each cell in this matrix contains the counts (or abundances) of the specimens whose sequences have an assigned BIN, in a given `site_type` (locations or grids). These counts can be generated at any taxonomic hierarchical level, applicable to one or multiple taxa including `bin_uri`. The `site_type=locations` followed by providing a `location_type` can refer to any geographic field (countries, province etc.), and metadata on these fields can be checked using the `bold.fields.info()`. `site_type=grids` generates grids based on BIN occurrence data (latitude, longitude) with grid size determined by the user in square meters using the `gridsize` argument. Rows lacking latitude and longitude data (NULL values) are removed when `site_type=grids`. Conversely, NULL entries are permitted when `site_type=locations`, even if latitude and longitude values are missing. This distinction exists because grids rely on bounding boxes, which require latitude and longitude values. This filtering could impact the richness values and other analyses, as all records for the selected `taxon_rank` that contain location information but lack latitude and longitude will be excluded if `site_type=grids`. This means that the same dataset could yield different results depending on the chosen `site_type`. *Important Note:* Results, including species counts, adapt based on `taxon_rank` argument although the output label remains 'species' in some instances (`preston.res`).

## Value

An 'output' list containing results based on the profile selected: #Common to all

- `comm.matrix` = site X species like matrix required for the biodiversity results #1. richness
- `richness` = A richness profile matrix #2. shannon
- `Shannon_div` = Shannon diversity values for the given sites/grids (from `gen.comm.mat`) #3. preston
- `preston.res` = a Preston plot numerical data output
- `preston.plot` = a `ggplot2` visualization of the `preston.plot` #4. beta
- `total.beta` = `beta.total`
- `replace` = `beta.replace` (replacement)
- `richnessd` = `beta.richnessd` (richness difference) #5. all

- All of the above results

## References

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Search for ids
comm.mat.data <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = "Poecilia")

# Fetch the data using the ids.
#1. api_key must be obtained from BOLD support before using `bold.fetch` function.
#2. Use the `bold.apikey` function to set the apikey in the global env.

bold.apikey('apikey')

BCDMdata <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",
                      identifiers = comm.mat.data$processid)

# Remove rows which have no species data
BCDMdata <- BCDMdata[!BCDMdata$species== "",]

#1. Analyze richness data
res.rich <- bold.analyze.diversity(bold_df=BCDMdata,
                                taxon_rank = "species",
                                site_type = "locations",
                                location_type = 'country.ocean',
                                diversity_profile = "richness")

# Community matrix (BCDM data converted to community matrix)
res.rich$comm.matrix

# richness results
res.rich$richness

#2. Shannon diversity (based on grids)
res.shannon <- bold.analyze.diversity(bold_df=BCDMdata,
                                    taxon_rank = "species",
                                    site_type = "grids",
                                    gridsize = 1000000,
                                    diversity_profile = "shannon")

# Shannon diversity results
res.shannon$shannon_div

# Grid data (sf)
res.shannon$grids.data
```

```

# grid map
res.shannon$grid.map

#3. Preston plots and results
pres.res <- bold.analyze.diversity(bold_df=BCDMdata,
                                  taxon_rank = "species",
                                  site_type = "locations",
                                  location_type = 'country.ocean',
                                  diversity_profile = "preston")

# Preston plot
pres.res$preston.plot

# Preston plot data
pres.res$preston.res

#4. beta diversity
beta.res <- bold.analyze.diversity(bold_df=BCDMdata,
                                   taxon_rank = "species",
                                   site_type = "locations",
                                   location_type = 'country.ocean',
                                   diversity_profile = "beta",
                                   beta_index = "jaccard")

#Total diversity
beta.res$total.beta

#Replacement
beta.res$replace

#Richness difference
beta.res$richnessd

#5. All profiles
all.diversity.res<-bold.analyze.diversity(bold_df=BCDMdata,
                                           taxon_rank = "species",
                                           site_type = "locations",
                                           location_type = 'country.ocean',
                                           diversity_profile = "all",
                                           beta_index = "jaccard")

#Explore all results
all.diversity.res

## End(Not run)

```

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bold.analyze.map

Visualize BIN occurrence data on maps

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## Description

This function creates basic maps of BIN occurrence data at different scales.





```
# View plot
geo.viz.country$plot
# The sf dataframe of the downloaded data
geo.viz$geo.df

# Data plotted based on a bounding box
bold.analyze.map(bold_df = geo_data,
bbox = c(41,100,20.36501,55.506))

## End(Not run)
```

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bold.analyze.tree	<i>Analyze and visualize the multiple sequence alignment</i>
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## Description

Calculates genetic distances and performs a Neighbor Joining tree estimation of the multiple sequence alignment output obtained from `bold.analyze.align`.

## Usage

```
bold.analyze.tree(
  bold_df,
  dist_model,
  clus_method = c("nj", "njs"),
  save_dist_mat = FALSE,
  newick_tree_export = NULL,
  tree_plot = FALSE,
  tree_plot_type,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>bold_df</code>	A modified BCDM data frame obtained from <code>bold.analyze.align()</code> .
<code>dist_model</code>	A character string specifying the model to generate the distances.
<code>clus_method</code>	A character vector specifying either <code>nj</code> (neighbour joining) or <code>njs</code> (neighbour joining with NAs) clustering algorithm.
<code>save_dist_mat</code>	A logical value specifying whether the distance matrix should be saved in the output. Default is <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>newick_tree_export</code>	character value specifying the folder path where the file should be saved along with the name for the file. Default value is <code>NULL</code> .
<code>tree_plot</code>	Logical value specifying if a neighbour joining plot should be generated. Default value is <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>tree_plot_type</code>	The layout of the tree.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments from <code>ape::dist.dna</code> .

## Details

`bold.analyze.tree` analyzes the multiple sequence alignment output of the `bold.analyze.align` function to generate a distance matrix using the models available in the `ape::dist.dna()`. Two forms of Neighbor Joining clustering are currently available (`ape::nj()` & `ape::njs()`). Setting `save_dist_mat=TRUE` will store the underlying distance matrix in the output; however, the default value for the argument is deliberately kept at `FALSE` to avoid potential memory issues with large data. `newick_tree_export` will save the tree in a newick format locally. Data path with the name of the file should be provided (Ex. `'C:/Users/xyz/Desktop/newickoutput'`). Setting `tree_plot=TRUE` generates a basic visualization of the Neighbor Joining (NJ) tree using the distance matrix from `ape::dist.dna()` and the `ape::plot.phylo()` function. `tree_plot_type` specifies the type of tree and has the following options ("phylogram", "cladogram", "fan", "unrooted", "radial", "tidy" based on type argument of `ape::plot.phylo()`; The first alphabet can be used instead of the whole word). Both `ape::nj()` and `ape::njs()` are available for generating the tree. Additional arguments for calculating distances can be passed to `ape::dist.dna()` using the `...` argument (arguments such as `gamma`, `pairwise.deletion` & `base.freq`). The function also provides base frequencies from the data.

## Value

An 'output' list containing:

- `dist_mat` = A distance matrix based on the model selected if `save_dist_mat=TRUE`.
- `base_freq` = Overall base frequencies of the `align.seq` result.
- `plot` = Neighbor Joining clustering visualization (if `tree_plot=TRUE`).
- `data_for_plot` = A phylo object used for the plot.
- NJ/NJS tree in a newick format (only if `newick_tree_export=TRUE`).

## Examples

```
## Not run:
#Download the data ids
seq.data.ids <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = c("Eulimnadia"))

# Fetch the data using the ids.
#1. api_key must be obtained from BOLD support before using `bold.fetch` function.
#2. Use the `bold.apikey` function to set the apikey in the global env.

bold.apikey('apikey')

seq.data <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",
                      identifiers = seq.data.ids$processid,
                      filt_marker = "COI-5P")

# Remove rows without species name information
seq <- seq.data[seq.data$species!="", ]

# Align the data
# Users need to install and load packages `msa` and `Biostrings`.
seq.align<-bold.analyze.align(bold_df=seq.data,
                             marker="COI-5P",
                             align_method="Clustal0mega",
                             cols_for_seq_names = c("species","bin_uri"))

#Analyze the data to get a tree
```

```
seq.analysis<-bold.analyze.tree(bold_df=seq.align,
                                dist_model = "K80",
                                clus_method="nj",
                                tree_plot=TRUE,
                                tree_plot_type='p',
                                save_dist_mat = T)

# Output
# A 'phylo' object of the plot
seq.analysis$data_for_plot
# A distance matrix based on the distance model selected
seq.analysis$save_dist_mat
# Base frequencies of the sequences
seq.analysis$base_freq

## End(Not run)
```

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bold.apikey

*Set the BOLD private data API key*


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## Description

Stores the BOLD-provided access token 'api key' in a variable, making it available for use in other function within the R session.

## Usage

```
bold.apikey(apikey)
```

## Arguments

apikey                      A character string required for authentication and data access.

## Details

`bold.apikey` creates a variable called `apikey` that stores the access token provided by BOLD. This `apikey` variable is then used internally by the `bold.fetch()` function, so that the user does not have need to input it again. To set the `apikey`, the token must be provided as an input for the function before any other functions are called. The `api_key` is a UUID v4 hexadecimal string obtained upon request from BOLD at `support@boldsystems.org` and is valid for one year, after which it must be renewed.

## Value

Token saved as 'apikey'

## Examples

```
## Not run:

#This example below is for documentation only

bold_apikey('00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000')

## End(Not run)
```

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bold.data.summarize	<i>Generate a summary of the data downloaded from BOLD</i>
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## Description

The function is used to obtain a detailed summary of the data obtained by bold.fetch function.

## Usage

```
bold.data.summarize(
  bold_df,
  summarize_by = c("fields", "presets", "all_data"),
  columns = NULL,
  presets = NULL,
  na.rm = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

bold_df	the data.frame retrieved from the bold.fetch function.
summarize_by	A single character value specifying the type of summary required ("fields","presets","all_data" currently available)
columns	A single or multiple character vector specifying the columns for which a data summary is sought. Default value is NULL.
presets	A single character vector specifying a preset for which a data summary is sought (Check the details section for more information). Default value is NULL.
na.rm	A logical value specifying whether NA values should be removed from the BCDM dataframe. Default value is FALSE.

## Details

bold.data.summarize provides summaries for the retrieved BOLD BCDM data. The function uses the skimr::skim() function to generate summary metrics based on the data types available in the downloaded data. Summaries can be created by one of three summarize\_by options, a) all\_data that considers all data that is entered, b) presets that are defined set of columns representing a specific aspect of the BOLD BCDM data (currently available are: taxonomy, geography, sequences, attributions, ecology\_biogeography and other\_meta\_data; For more information on the presets, please read the details for the bold.export function) and c) fields which lets the user select

any specific columns. `na.rm= TRUE` removes all NA values (Please note that this might result into empty data frames sometimes due to lot of missing data). The summary includes detailed summary statistics (includes counts for NULL values, unique values and the proportion of complete cases), a bar chart showing some of these statistics, especially pertaining to the completeness of the data and a concise summary that has a high level dataset profile (number of rows, columns, data type). Both `presets` and `fields` are set to NULL by default. Please note that if the `cols` argument from `bold.fetch()` has been used to filter for specific columns, only those will be summarized even if `all_data` option is selected. Similarly, `presets` option will not work in cases where the input data by default doesn't have the respective fields. Units for some of the fields can be checked using the `bold.field.info()`. For specific details on the skim output, refer to the `skimr` package documentation.

**Value**

An output list containing:

- A data frame of detailed summary statistics of the columns (based on the `summarize_by` argument).
- A bar plot of some of the summary statistics
- A concise overview giving the total rows, columns and data types of the data based on the `summarize_by` argument

## Examples

[illegible]

```

test.data.summary.cols$summary

#3. Preset based summary
test.data.summary.preset <- bold.data.summarize(bold_df=bold.data,
                                                summarize_by = "presets",
                                                presets = 'geography',
                                                na.rm = F)

# All summary with respect to geography related fields in the BCDM data
test.data.summary.preset$summary

## End(Not run)

```

bold.export

*Export files generated by BOLDconnectR*

## Description

The function is used to export some of the output data generated by BOLDconnectR

## Usage

```

bold.export(
  bold_df,
  export_type = c("preset_df", "msa", "fas"),
  presets = NULL,
  cols_for_fas_names = NULL,
  export_to
)

```

## Arguments

<code>bold_df</code>	The data.frame either retrieved from <code>bold.fetch()</code> , <code>bold.analyze.align</code> or a user modified BCDM dataset.
<code>export_type</code>	A character input specifying the type of output required. Should be either of "preset_df", "msa" or "fas".
<code>presets</code>	A single character vector specifying a preset for which a data summary is sought (Check the details section for more information). Default value is NULL.
<code>cols_for_fas_names</code>	A single or multiple character vector indicating the column headers that should be used to name each sequence for the unaligned FASTA file. Default is NULL; in this case, only the processid is used as the name.
<code>export_to</code>	A character value specifying the data file path and the name for the file. Extension should not be included.

## Details

`bold.export` offers an export option for some of the sequence-based outputs obtained from functions within the `BOLDconnectR` package as well as a preset defined modified BCDM dataframe. Sequence information downloaded using `bold.fetch()` or the aligned sequences obtained using `bold.analyze.align` can be exported as a FASTA file for any third party tool (via `export_type='fas'` or `'msa'`). Data fetched by `bold.fetch()` can be directly used to export the unaligned FASTA file, while the modified dataframe from `bold.analyze.align` is required for exporting the multiple sequence alignment. presets here can be considered as collections of predefined columns from the BCDM data that relate to a common theme. The number of columns in each preset varies based on data availability. There are six presets currently available in the package (taxonomy, geography, sequences, attributions, ecology\_biogeography & other\_meta\_data). Fields included in each preset is as follows:

- taxonomy = "kingdom", "phylum", "class", "order", "family", "subfamily", "genus", "species", "bin\_uri".
- geography = "country.ocean", "country\_iso", "province.state", "region", "sector", "site", "site\_code", "coord", "coord\_accuracy", "coord\_source".
- sequences = "nuc", "nuc\_basecount", "marker\_code", "sequence\_run\_site", "sequence\_upload\_date".
- attributions = "inst", "identification", "identification\_method", "identification\_rank", "identified\_by", "collectors".
- ecology\_biogeography = "elev", "elev\_accuracy", "depth", "depth\_accuracy", "habitat", "ecoregion", "biome", "realm", "coord", "coord\_source".
- other\_meta\_data = "notes", "taxonomy\_notes", "funding\_src", "voucher\_type", "tissue\_type", "sampling\_protocol".

"processids" and "sampleids" are present in all the presets. Only one preset can be used at a time. The name for individual sequences in the unaligned FASTA file output can be customized by using the `cols_for_fas_names` argument. If more than one field is specified, the name will follow the sequence of the fields given in the vector. The multiple sequence aligned FASTA file uses the same name provided by the user in the `bold.analyze.align` function. Additionally, this function allows for the export of user-edited data (in taxonomy, geography etc.) as a csv/tsv file while retaining its BCDM format. This functionality is developed with the future potential of uploading data to BOLD using the package. Edits to the BCDM data can be made using any other R packages so long as it maintains the BCDM format.

## Value

It exports a .fas or a tsv file based on the export argument.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Download the records
data_for_export_ids <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = "Poecilia reticulata")

# Fetch the data using the ids.
#1. api_key must be obtained from BOLD support before using `bold.fetch` function.
#2. Use the `bold.apikey` function to set the apikey in the global env.

bold.apikey('apikey')

# Fetching the data using the ids
data_for_export <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",
```

```

identifiers = data_for_export_ids$processid)

#1. Export the BCDM data using 'presets'
bold.export(bold_df=data_for_export,
            export_type = "preset_df",
            presets = 'taxonomy',
            export_to = "file_path_with_intended_name")

#2. Export multiple sequence alignment
#a. Align the data
# (using processid and bin_uri as fields for sequence names)
# Users need to install and load packages `msa` and `Biostrings` before using bold.analyze.align.
seq_align<-bold.analyze.align(data_for_export,
                             cols_for_seq_names = c("processid","bin_uri"),
                             align_method = "ClustalOmega")

#b. Export the multiple sequence alignment
# Note the input data here is the modified BCDM data (seq_align)
bold.export(bold_df=seq_align,
            export_type = "msa",
            export_to = "file_path_with_intended_name")

#3. Export the fasta file (unaligned)
# Note that input data here is the original BCDM data (data_for_export)
bold.export(bold_df = data_for_export,
            export_type = "fas",
            cols_for_fas_names = c("bin_uri","genus","species"),
            export_to = "file_path_with_intended_name")

## End(Not run)

```

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bold.fetch

*Retrieve all data from the BOLD database*


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## Description

Retrieves public and private user data based on different parameters (processid, sampleid, dataset or project codes & bin\_uri) input.

## Usage

```

bold.fetch(
  get_by,
  identifiers,
  cols = NULL,
  export = NULL,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  filt_taxonomy = NULL,
  filt_geography = NULL,
  filt_latitude = NULL,
  filt_longitude = NULL,
  filt_shapefile = NULL,

```



```

    filt_institutes = NULL,
    filt_identified.by = NULL,
    filt_seq_source = NULL,
    filt_marker = NULL,
    filt_collection_period = NULL,
    filt_basecount = NULL,
    filt_altitude = NULL,
    filt_depth = NULL
  )

```

## Arguments

get_by	The parameter used to fetch data ("processid", "sampleid", "bin_uri", "dataset_codes" or "project_codes")
identifiers	A vector (or a data frame column) pointing to the get_by parameter specified.
cols	A single or multiple character vector specifying columns needed in the final dataframe. Default value is NULL.
export	A character value specifying the data path where the file should be exported locally along with the name of the file. Default value is NULL.
na.rm	A logical value specifying whether NA values should be removed from the BCDM dataframe. Default value is FALSE.
filt_taxonomy	A single or multiple character vector of taxonomic names at any hierarchical level. Default value is NULL.
filt_geography	A single or multiple character vector specifying any of the country/province/state/region/sector/site names/codes. Default value is NULL.
filt_latitude	A single or a vector of two numbers specifying the latitudinal range in decimal degrees. Values should be separated by a comma. Default value is NULL.
filt_longitude	A single or a vector of two numbers specifying the longitudinal range in decimal degrees. Values should be separated by a comma. Default value is NULL.
filt_shapefile	A file path pointing to a shapefile or name of the shapefile (.shp) imported in the R session. Default value is NULL.
filt_institutes	A single or multiple character vector specifying names of institutes. Default value is NULL.
filt_identified.by	A single or multiple character vector specifying names of people responsible for identifying the organism. Default value is NULL.
filt_seq_source	A single or multiple character vector specifying the data portals from where the (sequence) data was mined. Default value is NULL.
filt_marker	A single or multiple character vector specifying of gene names. Default value is NULL.
filt_collection_period	A single or a vector of two date values specifying the collection period range (start, end). Values should be separated by a comma. Default value is NULL.
filt_basecount	A single or a vector of two numbers specifying range of basepairs number. Values should be separated by a comma. Default value is NULL.
filt_altitude	A single or a vector of two numbers specifying the altitude range in meters. Values should be separated by a comma. Default value is NULL.
filt_depth	A single or a vector of two numbers specifying the depth range. Values should be separated by a comma. Default value is NULL.

## Details

`bold.fetch` retrieves both public as well as private user data, where private data refers to data that the user has permission to access. The data is downloaded in the Barcode Core Data Model (BCDM) format. It supports effective download data in bulk using search parameters like 'processids', 'sampleids', 'bin\_uris', 'dataset\_codes' and 'project\_codes' through the `get_by` argument. Users must specify only one of the parameters at a time for retrieval. Multi-parameter searches combining fields like 'processids' + 'sampleids' + 'bin\_uri' are not supported, regardless of the parameters available. Data input is via the `identifier` argument and it can either be a single or multiple character vector containing data for one of the parameters. A dataframe column can be used as an input using the '\$' operator (e.g., `df$column_name`). It is important to correctly match the `get_by` and `identifiers` arguments to avoid getting any errors. The `filt_` or `filter` parameter arguments provide further data sorting by which a specific user defined data can be obtained. Note that any/all `filt_argument` names must be written explicitly to avoid any errors (Ex. `filt_institutes = 'CBG'` instead of just 'CBG'). Using the `cols` argument allows users to select specific columns for inclusion in the final data frame. If this argument is left as NULL all columns will be downloaded. Providing a data path for the `export` argument will save the data locally. Data path with the name of the output file should be provided (Ex. 'C:/Users/xyz/Desktop/fetch\_data\_output'). Data is saved as a tsv file. There is no upper limit to the volume of data that can be retrieved, however, this depends on the user's internet connection and computer specifications. Metadata on the columns fetched in the downloaded data can be obtained using `bold.fields.info()`. *Important Note:* `bold.apikey()` should be run prior to running `bold.fetch` to setup the apikey which is needed for the latter.

## Value

A data frame containing all the information related to the processids/sampleids and the filters applied (if/any).

## Examples

```
## Not run:
#Test data with processids
data(test.data)

# Fetch the data using the ids.
#1. api_key must be obtained from BOLD support before using `bold.fetch` function.
#2. Use the `bold.apikey` function to set the apikey in the global env.

bold.apikey('apikey')

# With processids
res <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",
                  identifiers = test.data$processid)

# With sampleids
res<-bold.fetch(get_by = "sampleid",
                identifiers = test.data$sampleid)

# With datasets (publicly available dataset provided)
res<-bold.fetch(get_by = "dataset_codes",
                identifiers = "DS-IBOLR24")

## Using filters
```

```

# Geography
res <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",
                  identifiers = test.data$processid,
                  filt_geography = "Churchill")

# Sequence length
res <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",
                  identifiers = test.data$processid,
                  filt_basecount = c(500,600))

# Gene marker & sequence length
res<-bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",
                 identifiers = test.data$processid,
                 filt_marker = "COI-5P",
                 filt_basecount = c(500, 600))

## End(Not run)

```

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bold.fields.info

*Retrieve metadata of the BOLD data fields*


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## Description

Provides information on the field (column) names and their respective data type, all of which are compliant with the Barcode Core Data Model (BCDM), the latest data model of the BOLD database.

## Usage

```
bold.fields.info(print.output = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

`print.output` Whether the output should be printed in the console. Default is FALSE.

## Details

The function downloads the latest field (column) meta data (file type and brief description) which is currently available for download from BOLD. `print,output = TRUE` will print the information in the console.

## Value

A data frame containing information on all fields (columns).

## Examples

```

bold.field.data<-bold.fields.info()
head(bold.field.data,10)

```

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bold.public.search	<i>Search publicly available data on the BOLD database</i>
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## Description

Retrieves record ids for publicly available data based on taxonomy, geography, bin\_uris or datasets/project codes search.

## Usage

```
bold.public.search(
  taxonomy = NULL,
  geography = NULL,
  bins = NULL,
  dataset_codes = NULL,
  project_codes = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

taxonomy	A single or multiple character vector specifying the taxonomic names at any hierarchical level. Default value is NULL.
geography	A single or multiple character vector specifying any of the country/province/state/region/sector/site names/codes. Default value is NULL.
bins	A single or multiple character vector specifying the BIN ids. Default value is NULL.
dataset_codes	A single or multiple character vector specifying the dataset codes. Default value is NULL.
project_codes	A single or multiple character vector specifying the project codes. Default value is NULL.

## Details

`bold.public.search` searches publicly available data on BOLD, retrieving associated processids and sampleids, which can then be accessed using `bold.fetch`. Search parameters can include one or a combination of taxonomy, geography, bin uris, dataset or project codes. While there is no limit on the amount of ID data that can be downloaded, complex combinations of the search parameters may exceed the predetermined web URL character length (2048 characters). Searches using a single parameter are not subject to this limit. For multiparameter searches (e.g. taxonomy + geography + bins; see the example: Taxonomy + Geography + BIN id), it's important to logically combine the parameters to ensure accurate and non-empty results.

## Value

A data frame containing all the processids and sampleids related to the query search.

## Examples

```
#Taxonomy
bold.data <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = "Panthera leo")

#Result
head(bold.data,10)

#Taxonomy and Geography
bold.data.taxo.geo <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = "Panthera uncia",
geography = "India")

#Result
head(bold.data.taxo.geo,10)

#Taxonomy, Geography and BINs
bold.data.taxo.geo.bin <- bold.public.search("Panthera leo",
geography = "India",
bins=c("BOLD:AAD6819"))

#Result
bold.data.taxo.geo.bin
```

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test.data

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*Canadian spider data by Blagoev et al.(2015)*


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## Description

The test data comprises 1,336 process and sample IDs from the Salticidae (Arthropoda:Arachnida:Araneae) family, sourced from Canadian spider data published by Blagoev et al. (2015). This publication includes a DNA barcode reference library encompassing 1,018 species of Canadian spiders.

## Usage

```
test.data
```

## Format

A data frame with 1336 rows and 2 columns:

**processid** Character vector of processids

**sampleid** Character vector of sampleids corresponding to the processids

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