# Package 'vroom'

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cols

Create column specification

#### **Description**

cols() includes all columns in the input data, guessing the column types as the default. cols\_only() includes only the columns you explicitly specify, skipping the rest.

#### Usage

```
cols(..., .default = col_guess(), .delim = NULL)
cols_only(...)
col_logical(...)
col_logical(...)
col_big_integer(...)
col_double(...)
col_character(...)
col_skip(...)
col_number(...)
col_guess(...)
col_factor(levels = NULL, ordered = FALSE, include_na = FALSE, ...)
col_datetime(format = "", ...)
col_date(format = "", ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

.delim

... Either column objects created by col\_\*(), or their abbreviated character names (as described in the col\_types argument of vroom()). If you're only overriding a few columns, it's best to refer to columns by name. If not named, the column types must match the column names exactly. In col\_\*() functions these are stored in the object.

.default Any named columns not explicitly overridden in . . . will be read with this column type.

The delimiter to use when parsing. If the delim argument used in the call to vroom() it takes precedence over the one specified in col\_types.

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levels	Character vector providing set of allowed levels. if NULL, will generate levels based on the unique values of x, ordered by order of appearance in x.	
ordered	Is it an ordered factor?	
include_na	If NA are present, include as an explicit factor to level?	
format	A format specification, as described below. If set to "", date times are parsed as ISO8601, dates and times used the date and time formats specified in the locale().	

Unlike strptime(), the format specification must match the complete string.

#### **Details**

The available specifications are: (long names in quotes and string abbreviations in brackets)

function	long name	short name	description
col_logical()	"logical"	"1"	Logical values containing only T, F, TRUE or F
col_integer()	"integer"	"i"	Integer numbers.
col_big_integer()	"big_integer"	"I"	Big Integers (64bit), requires the bit64 packa
col_double()	"double", "numeric"	"d"	64-bit double floating point numbers.
col_character()	"character"	"c"	Character string data.
<pre>col_factor(levels, ordered)</pre>	"factor"	"f"	A fixed set of values.
<pre>col_date(format = "")</pre>	"date"	"D"	Calendar dates formatted with the locale's dat
<pre>col_time(format = "")</pre>	"time"	"t"	Times formatted with the locale's time_formatted.
<pre>col_datetime(format = "")</pre>	"datetime", "POSIXct"	"T"	ISO8601 date times.
col_number()	"number"	"n"	Human readable numbers containing the grou
col_skip()	"skip", "NULL"	"_", "-"	Skip and don't import this column.
col_guess()	"guess", "NA"	"?"	Parse using the "best" guessed type based on t

# **Examples**

```
cols(a = col_integer())
cols_only(a = col_integer())
# You can also use the standard abbreviations
cols(a = "i")
cols(a = "i", b = "d", c = "_")
# Or long names (like utils::read.csv)
cols(a = "integer", b = "double", c = "skip")
\# You can also use multiple sets of column definitions by combining
# them like so:
t1 <- cols(
 column_one = col_integer(),
  column_two = col_number())
t2 <- cols(
 column_three = col_character())
t3 <- t1
t3$cols <- c(t1$cols, t2$cols)
```

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cols\_condense

Examine the column specifications for a data frame

#### **Description**

cols\_condense() takes a spec object and condenses its definition by setting the default column type to the most frequent type and only listing columns with a different type.

spec() extracts the full column specification from a tibble created by readr.

#### Usage

```
cols_condense(x)
spec(x)
```

#### **Arguments**

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The data frame object to extract from

#### Value

A col\_spec object.

#### **Examples**

```
df <- vroom(vroom_example("mtcars.csv"))
s <- spec(df)
s
cols_condense(s)</pre>
```

date\_names

Create or retrieve date names

#### **Description**

When parsing dates, you often need to know how weekdays of the week and months are represented as text. This pair of functions allows you to either create your own, or retrieve from a standard list. The standard list is derived from ICU (https://site.icu-project.org) via the *stringi* package.

#### Usage

```
date_names(mon, mon_ab = mon, day, day_ab = day, am_pm = c("AM", "PM"))
date_names_lang(language)
date_names_langs()
```

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#### **Arguments**

mon, mon\_ab Full and abbreviated month names.

day, day\_ab Full and abbreviated week day names. Starts with Sunday.

am\_pm Names used for AM and PM.

language A BCP 47 locale, made up of a language and a region, e.g. "en\_US" for Ameri-

can English. See date\_names\_langs() for a complete list of available locales.

#### **Examples**

```
date_names_lang("en")
date_names_lang("ko")
date_names_lang("fr")
```

generators

Generate individual vectors of the types supported by vroom

# Description

Generate individual vectors of the types supported by vroom

# Usage

```
gen_character(n, min = 5, max = 25, values = c(letters, LETTERS, 0:9), ...)
gen_double(n, f = stats::rnorm, ...)
gen_number(n, f = stats::rnorm, ...)
gen_integer(n, min = 1L, max = .Machine$integer.max, prob = NULL, ...)
gen_factor(
 n,
 levels = NULL,
 ordered = FALSE,
 num_levels = gen_integer(1L, 1L, 25L),
gen_time(n, min = 0, max = hms::hms(days = 1), fractional = FALSE, ...)
gen_date(n, min = as.Date("2001-01-01"), max = as.Date("2021-01-01"), ...)
gen_datetime(
 n,
 min = as.POSIXct("2001-01-01"),
 max = as.POSIXct("2021-01-01"),
  tz = "UTC",
)
```

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```
gen_logical(n, ...)
gen_name(n)
```

#### **Arguments**

n The size of the vector to generate
min The minimum range for the vector
max The maximum range for the vector

values The explicit values to use.

. . . Additional arguments passed to internal generation functions

f The random function to use.

prob a vector of probability weights for obtaining the elements of the vector being

sampled.

levels The explicit levels to use, if NULL random levels are generated using gen\_name().

ordered Should the factors be ordered factors?

num\_levels The number of factor levels to generate

fractional Whether to generate times with fractional seconds

tz The timezone to use for dates

#### **Examples**

```
# characters
gen_character(4)
# factors
gen_factor(4)
# logical
gen_logical(4)
# numbers
gen_double(4)
gen_integer(4)
# temporal data
gen_time(4)
gen_date(4)
gen_date(4)
gen_datetime(4)
```

gen\_tbl

Generate a random tibble

# Description

This is useful for benchmarking, but also for bug reports when you cannot share the real dataset.

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#### Usage

```
gen_tbl(
  rows,
  cols = NULL,
  col_types = NULL,
  locale = default_locale(),
  missing = 0
)
```

#### **Arguments**

rows

Number of rows to generate

cols

Number of columns to generate, if NULL this is derived from col\_types.

col\_types

One of NULL, a cols() specification, or a string. See vignette("readr") for more details.

If NULL, all column types will be imputed from guess\_max rows on the input interspersed throughout the file. This is convenient (and fast), but not robust. If the imputation fails, you'll need to increase the guess\_max or supply the correct types yourself.

Column specifications created by list() or cols() must contain one column specification for each column. If you only want to read a subset of the columns, use cols\_only().

Alternatively, you can use a compact string representation where each character represents one column:

- c = character
- i = integer
- n = number
- d = double
- 1 = logical
- f = factor
- D = date
- T = date time
- t = time
- ? = guess
- \_ or = skip

By default, reading a file without a column specification will print a message showing what readr guessed they were. To remove this message, set show\_col\_types = FALSE or set 'options(readr.show\_col\_types = FALSE).

locale

The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is US-centric (like R), but you can use <code>locale()</code> to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark, and day/month names.

missing

The percentage (from 0 to 1) of missing data to use

#### **Details**

There is also a family of functions to generate individual vectors of each type.

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#### See Also

generators to generate individual vectors.

#### **Examples**

```
# random 10 x 5 table with random column types
rand_tbl <- gen_tbl(10, 5)
rand_tbl

# all double 25 x 4 table
dbl_tbl <- gen_tbl(25, 4, col_types = "dddd")
dbl_tbl

# Use the dots in long form column types to change the random function and options
types <- rep(times = 4, list(col_double(f = stats::runif, min = -10, max = 25)))
types
dbl_tbl2 <- gen_tbl(25, 4, col_types = types)
dbl_tbl2</pre>
```

guess\_type

Guess the type of a vector

#### **Description**

Guess the type of a vector

# Usage

```
guess_type(
    x,
    na = c("", "NA"),
    locale = default_locale(),
    guess_integer = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

x Character vector of values to parse.

na Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to

character() to indicate no missing values.

locale The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is

US-centric (like R), but you can use <code>locale()</code> to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark,

and day/month names.

 ${\tt guess\_integer} \quad \text{If TRUE, guess integer types for whole numbers, if FALSE guess numeric type for a support of the property of the prope$ 

all numbers.

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#### **Examples**

```
# Logical vectors
guess_type(c("FALSE", "TRUE", "F", "T"))
# Integers and doubles
guess_type(c("1","2","3"))
guess_type(c("1.6","2.6","3.4"))
# Numbers containing grouping mark
guess_type("1,234,566")
# ISO 8601 date times
guess_type(c("2010-10-10"))
guess_type(c("2010-10-10 01:02:03"))
guess_type(c("01:02:03 AM"))
```

locale

Create locales

#### **Description**

A locale object tries to capture all the defaults that can vary between countries. You set the locale in once, and the details are automatically passed on down to the columns parsers. The defaults have been chosen to match R (i.e. US English) as closely as possible. See vignette("locales") for more details.

# Usage

```
locale(
  date_names = "en",
  date_format = "%AD",
  time_format = "%AT",
  decimal_mark = ".",
  grouping_mark = ",",
  tz = "UTC",
  encoding = "UTF-8"
)

default_locale()
```

# **Arguments**

date\_names

Character representations of day and month names. Either the language code as string (passed on to date\_names\_lang()) or an object created by date\_names().

date\_format, time\_format

Default date and time formats.

decimal\_mark, grouping\_mark

Symbols used to indicate the decimal place, and to chunk larger numbers. Decimal mark can only be , or ..

tz

Default tz. This is used both for input (if the time zone isn't present in individual strings), and for output (to control the default display). The default is to use "UTC", a time zone that does not use daylight savings time (DST) and hence is typically most useful for data. The absence of time zones makes it approximately 50x faster to generate UTC times than any other time zone.

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Use "" to use the system default time zone, but beware that this will not be reproducible across systems.

For a complete list of possible time zones, see OlsonNames(). Americans, note that "EST" is a Canadian time zone that does not have DST. It is *not* Eastern Standard Time. It's better to use "US/Eastern", "US/Central" etc.

encoding

Default encoding.

#### **Examples**

```
locale()
locale("fr")

# South American locale
locale("es", decimal_mark = ",")
```

problems

Retrieve parsing problems

# Description

vroom will only fail to parse a file if the file is invalid in a way that is unrecoverable. However there are a number of non-fatal problems that you might want to know about. You can retrieve a data frame of these problems with this function.

# Usage

```
problems(x, lazy = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

x A data frame from vroom::vroom().

lazy If TRUE, just the problems found so far are returned. If FALSE (the default) the

lazy data is first read completely and all problems are returned.

#### Value

A data frame with one row for each problem and four columns:

- row,col Row and column of problem
- · expected What vroom expected to find
- actual What it actually found
- file The file with the problem

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Read a delimited file into a tibble

#### **Description**

Read a delimited file into a tibble

#### Usage

```
vroom(
  file,
  delim = NULL,
  col_names = TRUE,
  col_types = NULL,
  col_select = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  skip = 0,
  n_max = Inf,
  na = c("", "NA"),
  quote = "\"",
  comment = "",
  skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
  trim_ws = TRUE,
  escape_double = TRUE,
  escape_backslash = FALSE,
  locale = default_locale(),
  guess_max = 100,
  altrep = TRUE,
  altrep_opts = deprecated(),
  num_threads = vroom_threads(),
  progress = vroom_progress(),
  show_col_types = NULL,
  .name_repair = "unique"
)
```

#### **Arguments**

file path to a local file.

delim One or more characters used to delimit fields within a file. If NULL the delimiter

is guessed from the set of c(",","\t",",",",",",";").

col\_names Either TRUE, FALSE or a character vector of column names.

> If TRUE, the first row of the input will be used as the column names, and will not be included in the data frame. If FALSE, column names will be generated automatically: X1, X2, X3 etc.

> If col\_names is a character vector, the values will be used as the names of the columns, and the first row of the input will be read into the first row of the output data frame.

> Missing (NA) column names will generate a warning, and be filled in with dummy names ...1, ...2 etc. Duplicate column names will generate a warning and be made unique, see name\_repair to control how this is done.

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col\_types

One of NULL, a cols() specification, or a string. See vignette("readr") for more details.

If NULL, all column types will be imputed from guess\_max rows on the input interspersed throughout the file. This is convenient (and fast), but not robust. If the imputation fails, you'll need to increase the guess\_max or supply the correct types yourself.

Column specifications created by list() or cols() must contain one column specification for each column. If you only want to read a subset of the columns, use cols\_only().

Alternatively, you can use a compact string representation where each character represents one column:

- c = character
- i = integer
- n = number
- d = double
- 1 = logical
- f = factor
- D = date
- T = date time
- t = time
- ? = guess
- \_ or = skip

By default, reading a file without a column specification will print a message showing what readr guessed they were. To remove this message, set show\_col\_types = FALSE or set 'options(readr.show col types = FALSE).

col\_select

One or more selection expressions, like in dplyr::select(). Use c() or list() to use more than one expression. See ?dplyr::select for details on available selection options.

id

Either a string or 'NULL'. If a string, the output will contain a variable with that name with the filename(s) as the value. If 'NULL', the default, no variable will be created.

skip

Number of lines to skip before reading data. If comment is supplied any commented lines are ignored *after* skipping.

n max

Maximum number of lines to read.

na

Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to character() to indicate no missing values.

quote

Single character used to quote strings.

comment

A string used to identify comments. Any text after the comment characters will be silently ignored.

skip\_empty\_rows

Should blank rows be ignored altogether? i.e. If this option is TRUE then blank rows will not be represented at all. If it is FALSE then they will be represented by NA values in all the columns.

trim\_ws

Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed from each field before parsing it?

escape\_double

Does the file escape quotes by doubling them? i.e. If this option is TRUE, the value '""' represents a single quote, '"'.

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escape\_backslash

Does the file use backslashes to escape special characters? This is more general than escape\_double as backslashes can be used to escape the delimiter character, the quote character, or to add special characters like \\n.

locale The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is

US-centric (like R), but you can use <code>locale()</code> to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark,

and day/month names.

guess\_max Maximum number of lines to use for guessing column types.

altrep Control which column types use Altrep representations, either a character vector

of types, TRUE or FALSE. See vroom\_altrep() for for full details.

altrep\_opts [Deprecated]

contains newlines within fields the parser will automatically be forced to use a

single thread only.

progress Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session

and not while knitting a document. The automatic progress bar can be disabled

by setting option readr. show\_progress to FALSE.

show\_col\_types Control showing the column specifications. If TRUE column specifications are

always show, if FALSE they are never shown. If NULL (the default) they are shown

only if an explicit specification is not given to col\_types.

.name\_repair Handling of column names. By default, vroom ensures column names are not

empty and unique. See .name\_repair as documented in tibble::tibble() for additional options including supplying user defined name repair functions.

#### **Examples**

```
# get path to example file
input_file <- vroom_example("mtcars.csv")</pre>
input_file
# Read from a path
# Input sources --------------
# Read from a path
vroom(input_file)
# You can also use paths directly
# vroom("mtcars.csv")
## Not run:
# Including remote paths
vroom("https://github.com/r-lib/vroom/raw/main/inst/extdata/mtcars.csv")
## End(Not run)
# Or directly from a string with `I()`
vroom(I("x,y\n1,2\n3,4\n"))
# Column selection ------
# Pass column names or indexes directly to select them
vroom(input_file, col_select = c(model, cyl, gear))
vroom(input_file, col_select = c(1, 3, 11))
```

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```
# Or use the selection helpers
vroom(input_file, col_select = starts_with("d"))
# You can also rename specific columns
vroom(input_file, col_select = list(car = model, everything()))
# Column types -----
# By default, vroom guesses the columns types, looking at 1000 rows
# throughout the dataset.
# You can specify them explicitly with a compact specification:
vroom(I("x,y\n1,2\n3,4\n"), col_types = "dc")
# Or with a list of column types:
vroom(I("x,y\n1,2\n3,4\n"), col_types = list(col_double(), col_character()))
# File types ------
vroom(I("a,b\n1.0,2.0\n"), delim = ",")
vroom(I("a\tb\n1.0\t2.0\n"))
# Other delimiters
vroom(I("a|b\n1.0|2.0\n"), delim = "|")
# Read datasets across multiple files ------
mtcars_by_cyl <- vroom_example(vroom_examples("mtcars-"))</pre>
mtcars_by_cyl
# Pass the filenames directly to vroom, they are efficiently combined
vroom(mtcars_by_cyl)
```

vroom\_altrep

Show which column types are using Altrep

#### **Description**

vroom\_altrep() can be used directly as input to the altrep argument of vroom().

# Usage

```
vroom_altrep(which = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

which

A character vector of column types to use Altrep for. Can also take TRUE or FALSE to use Altrep for all possible or none of the types

#### **Details**

Alternatively there is also a family of environment variables to control use of the Altrep framework. These can then be set in your .Renviron file, e.g. with usethis::edit\_r\_environ(). For versions of R where the Altrep framework is unavailable (R < 3.5.0) they are automatically turned off and the variables have no effect. The variables can take one of true, false, TRUE, FALSE, 1, or 0.

• VROOM\_USE\_ALTREP\_NUMERICS - If set use Altrep for all numeric types (default false).

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There are also individual variables for each type. Currently only VROOM\_USE\_ALTREP\_CHR defaults to true.

- VROOM\_USE\_ALTREP\_CHR
- VROOM\_USE\_ALTREP\_FCT
- VROOM\_USE\_ALTREP\_INT
- VROOM\_USE\_ALTREP\_BIG\_INT
- VROOM\_USE\_ALTREP\_DBL
- VROOM\_USE\_ALTREP\_NUM
- VROOM\_USE\_ALTREP\_LGL
- VROOM\_USE\_ALTREP\_DTTM
- VROOM\_USE\_ALTREP\_DATE
- VROOM\_USE\_ALTREP\_TIME

#### **Examples**

```
vroom_altrep()
vroom_altrep(c("chr", "fct", "int"))
vroom_altrep(TRUE)
vroom_altrep(FALSE)
```

vroom\_altrep\_opts

Show which column types are using Altrep

## **Description**

[Deprecated] This function is deprecated in favor of vroom\_altrep().

# Usage

```
vroom_altrep_opts(which = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

which

A character vector of column types to use Altrep for. Can also take TRUE or FALSE to use Altrep for all possible or none of the types

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vroom\_example

Get path to vroom examples

#### **Description**

vroom comes bundled with a number of sample files in its 'inst/extdata' directory. Use vroom\_examples() to list all the available examples and vroom\_example() to retrieve the path to one example.

#### Usage

```
vroom_example(path)
vroom_examples(pattern = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

path Name of file.

pattern A regular expression of filenames to match. If NULL all available files are re-

turned. listed.

### **Examples**

```
# List all available examples
vroom_examples()
# Get path to one example
vroom_example("mtcars.csv")
```

vroom\_format

Convert a data frame to a delimited string

#### **Description**

This is equivalent to vroom\_write(), but instead of writing to disk, it returns a string. It is primarily useful for examples and for testing.

# Usage

```
vroom_format(
    x,
    delim = "\t",
    eol = "\n",
    na = "NA",
    col_names = TRUE,
    escape = c("double", "backslash", "none"),
    quote = c("needed", "all", "none"),
    bom = FALSE,
    num_threads = vroom_threads()
)
```

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# Arguments

X	A data frame or tibble to write to disk.	
delim	Delimiter used to separate values. Defaults to \t to write tab separated value (TSV) files.	
eol	The end of line character to use. Most commonly either "\n" for Unix style newlines, or "\r\n" for Windows style newlines.	
na	String used for missing values. Defaults to 'NA'.	
col_names	If FALSE, column names will not be included at the top of the file. If TRUE, column names will be included. If not specified, col_names will take the opposite value given to append.	
escape	The type of escape to use when quotes are in the data.	
	<ul> <li>double - quotes are escaped by doubling them.</li> <li>backslash - quotes are escaped by a preceding backslash.</li> <li>none - quotes are not escaped.</li> </ul>	
quote	How to handle fields which contain characters that need to be quoted.	
	<ul> <li>needed - Only quote fields which need them.</li> <li>all - Quote all fields.</li> <li>none - Never quote fields.</li> </ul>	
bom	If TRUE add a UTF-8 BOM at the beginning of the file. This is recommended when saving data for consumption by excel, as it will force excel to read the data with the correct encoding (UTF-8)	
num_threads	Number of threads to use when reading and materializing vectors. If your data contains newlines within fields the parser will automatically be forced to use a single thread only.	

vroom\_fwf

Read a fixed width file into a tibble

# Description

Read a fixed width file into a tibble

# Usage

```
vroom_fwf(
  file,
  col_positions = fwf_empty(file, skip, n = guess_max),
  col_types = NULL,
  col_select = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = c("", "NA"),
  comment = "",
  skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
  trim_ws = TRUE,
  skip = 0,
  n_max = Inf,
```

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```
guess_max = 100,
altrep = TRUE,
altrep_opts = deprecated(),
num_threads = vroom_threads(),
progress = vroom_progress(),
show_col_types = NULL,
.name_repair = "unique"
)

fwf_empty(file, skip = 0, col_names = NULL, comment = "", n = 100L)

fwf_widths(widths, col_names = NULL)

fwf_positions(start, end = NULL, col_names = NULL)

fwf_cols(...)
```

#### **Arguments**

file

Either a path to a file, a connection, or literal data (either a single string or a raw vector).

Files ending in .gz, .bz2, .xz, or .zip will be automatically uncompressed. Files starting with http://, https://, ftp://, or ftps:// will be automatically downloaded. Remote gz files can also be automatically downloaded and decompressed.

Literal data is most useful for examples and tests. To be recognised as a path, it must be wrapped with I(), be a string containing at least one new line, or be a vector containing at least one string with a new line.

Using a value of clipboard() will read from the system clipboard.

col\_positions

Column positions, as created by fwf\_empty(), fwf\_widths() or fwf\_positions(). To read in only selected fields, use fwf\_positions(). If the width of the last column is variable (a ragged fwf file), supply the last end position as NA.

col\_types

One of NULL, a cols() specification, or a string. See vignette("readr") for more details.

If NULL, all column types will be imputed from <code>guess\_max</code> rows on the input interspersed throughout the file. This is convenient (and fast), but not robust. If the imputation fails, you'll need to increase the <code>guess\_max</code> or supply the correct types yourself.

Column specifications created by list() or cols() must contain one column specification for each column. If you only want to read a subset of the columns, use cols\_only().

Alternatively, you can use a compact string representation where each character represents one column:

- c = character
- i = integer
- n = number
- d = double
- 1 = logical
- f = factor
- D = date

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- T = date time
- t = time
- ? = guess
- \_ or = skip

By default, reading a file without a column specification will print a message showing what readr guessed they were. To remove this message, set show\_col\_types = FALSE or set 'options(readr.show col types = FALSE).

col\_select

<tidy-select> Columns to include in the results, either by name or by numeric index. Use c() or list() to select with more than one expression and ?tidyselect::language for full details on the selection language.

id

The name of a column in which to store the file path. This is useful when reading multiple input files and there is data in the file paths, such as the data collection date. If NULL (the default) no extra column is created.

locale

The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is US-centric (like R), but you can use <code>locale()</code> to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark, and day/month names.

na

Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to character() to indicate no missing values.

comment

A string used to identify comments. Any text after the comment characters will be silently ignored.

skip\_empty\_rows

Should blank rows be ignored altogether? i.e. If this option is TRUE then blank rows will not be represented at all. If it is FALSE then they will be represented by NA values in all the columns.

trim\_ws

Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed from each field before parsing it?

skip n\_max Number of lines to skip before reading data.

guess\_max

Maximum number of lines to read.

altrep

Control which column types use Altrep representations, either a character vector

of types, TRUE or FALSE. See vroom\_altrep() for full details.

Maximum number of lines to use for guessing column types.

altrep\_opts

[Deprecated]

num\_threads

The number of processing threads to use for initial parsing and lazy reading of data. If your data contains newlines within fields the parser should automatically detect this and fall back to using one thread only. However if you know your file has newlines within quoted fields it is safest to set num\_threads = 1 explicitly.

progress

Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session and not while knitting a document. The automatic progress bar can be disabled by setting option readr. show\_progress to FALSE.

show\_col\_types

If FALSE, do not show the guessed column types. If TRUE always show the column types, even if they are supplied. If NULL (the default) only show the column types if they are not explicitly supplied by the col\_types argument.

.name\_repair

Treatment of problematic column names:

- "minimal": No name repair or checks, beyond basic existence of names
- "unique": Make sure names are unique and not empty
- "check\_unique": (default value), no name repair, but check they are unique

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- "universal": Make the names unique and syntactic
- a function: apply custom name repair (e.g., .name\_repair = make.names for names in the style of base R)
- A purrr-style anonymous function, see rlang::as\_function()

This argument is passed on as repair to vctrs::vec\_as\_names(). See there for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

col\_names

Either NULL, or a character vector column names.

n

Number of lines the tokenizer will read to determine file structure. By default it is set to 100.

widths

Width of each field. Use NA as width of last field when reading a ragged fwf

start, end

Starting and ending (inclusive) positions of each field. Use NA as last end field when reading a ragged fwf file.

If the first element is a data frame, then it must have all numeric columns and either one or two rows. The column names are the variable names. The column values are the variable widths if a length one vector, and if length two, variable start and end positions. The elements of . . . are used to construct a data frame with or or two rows as above.

#### **Details**

*Note*: fwf\_empty() cannot take a R connection such as a URL as input, as this would result in reading from the connection twice. In these cases it is better to download the file first before reading.

# **Examples**

```
fwf_sample <- vroom_example("fwf-sample.txt")
cat(readLines(fwf_sample))

# You can specify column positions in several ways:
# 1. Guess based on position of empty columns
vroom_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_empty(fwf_sample, col_names = c("first", "last", "state", "ssn")))
# 2. A vector of field widths
vroom_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_widths(c(20, 10, 12), c("name", "state", "ssn")))
# 3. Paired vectors of start and end positions
vroom_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_positions(c(1, 30), c(20, 42), c("name", "ssn")))
# 4. Named arguments with start and end positions
vroom_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_cols(name = c(1, 20), ssn = c(30, 42)))
# 5. Named arguments with column widths
vroom_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_cols(name = 20, state = 10, ssn = 12))</pre>
```

vroom\_lines

Read lines from a file

# Description

vroom\_lines() is similar to readLines(), however it reads the lines lazily like vroom(), so operations like length(), head(), tail() and sample() can be done much more efficiently without
reading all the data into R.

vroom\_lines

#### Usage

```
vroom_lines(
  file,
  n_max = Inf,
  skip = 0,
  na = character(),
  skip_empty_rows = FALSE,
  locale = default_locale(),
  altrep = TRUE,
  altrep_opts = deprecated(),
  num_threads = vroom_threads(),
  progress = vroom_progress()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

file path to a local file.

n\_max Maximum number of lines to read.

skip Number of lines to skip before reading data. If comment is supplied any com-

mented lines are ignored after skipping.

na Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to

character() to indicate no missing values.

skip\_empty\_rows

Should blank rows be ignored altogether? i.e. If this option is TRUE then blank rows will not be represented at all. If it is FALSE then they will be represented

by NA values in all the columns.

locale The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is

US-centric (like R), but you can use locale() to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark,

and day/month names.

altrep Control which column types use Altrep representations, either a character vector

of types, TRUE or FALSE. See vroom\_altrep() for for full details.

altrep\_opts [Deprecated]

contains newlines within fields the parser will automatically be forced to use a

single thread only.

progress Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session

and not while knitting a document. The automatic progress bar can be disabled

by setting option readr. show\_progress to FALSE.

# Examples

```
lines <- vroom_lines(vroom_example("mtcars.csv"))
length(lines)
head(lines, n = 2)
tail(lines, n = 2)
sample(lines, size = 2)</pre>
```

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vroom\_progress

Determine if progress bars should be shown

#### **Description**

Progress bars are shown unless one of the following is TRUE

- The bar is explicitly disabled by setting Sys.getenv("VROOM\_SHOW\_PROGRESS"="false")
- The code is run in a non-interactive session (interactive() is FALSE).
- The code is run in an RStudio notebook chunk.
- The code is run by knitr / rmarkdown.
- The code is run by testthat (the TESTTHAT envvar is true).

#### Usage

```
vroom_progress()
```

#### **Examples**

```
vroom_progress()
```

vroom\_str

Structure of objects

## **Description**

Similar to str() but with more information for Altrep objects.

# Usage

```
vroom_str(x)
```

# **Arguments**

Х

a vector

# **Examples**

```
# when used on non-altrep objects altrep will always be false
vroom_str(mtcars)

mt <- vroom(vroom_example("mtcars.csv"), ",", altrep = c("chr", "dbl"))
vroom_str(mt)</pre>
```

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vroom\_write

Write a data frame to a delimited file

## **Description**

Write a data frame to a delimited file

#### Usage

```
vroom_write(
    x,
    file,
    delim = "\t",
    eol = "\n",
    na = "NA",
    col_names = !append,
    append = FALSE,
    quote = c("needed", "all", "none"),
    escape = c("double", "backslash", "none"),
    bom = FALSE,
    num_threads = vroom_threads(),
    progress = vroom_progress(),
    path = deprecated()
)
```

# Arguments

x	A data frame or tibble to write to disk.
file	File or connection to write to.
delim	Delimiter used to separate values. Defaults to \t to write tab separated value (TSV) files.
eol	The end of line character to use. Most commonly either "\n" for Unix style newlines, or "\r\n" for Windows style newlines.
na	String used for missing values. Defaults to 'NA'.
col_names	If FALSE, column names will not be included at the top of the file. If TRUE, column names will be included. If not specified, col_names will take the opposite value given to append.
append	If FALSE, will overwrite existing file. If TRUE, will append to existing file. In both cases, if the file does not exist a new file is created.
quote	How to handle fields which contain characters that need to be quoted.
	<ul> <li>needed - Only quote fields which need them.</li> </ul>

- all Quote all fields.
- none Never quote fields.

escape The type of escape to use when quotes are in the data.

- double quotes are escaped by doubling them.
- backslash quotes are escaped by a preceding backslash.
- none quotes are not escaped.

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bom If TRUE add a UTF-8 BOM at the beginning of the file. This is recommended

when saving data for consumption by excel, as it will force excel to read the data with the correct encoding (UTF-8)

contains newlines within fields the parser will automatically be forced to use a

single thread only.

progress Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session

and not while knitting a document. The display is updated every 50,000 values and will only display if estimated reading time is 5 seconds or more. The automatic progress bar can be disabled by setting option readr. show\_progress to

FALSE.

path [Deprecated] is no longer supported, use file instead.

#### **Examples**

```
# If you only specify a file name, vroom_write() will write
# the file to your current working directory.
out_file <- tempfile(fileext = "csv")
vroom_write(mtcars, out_file, ",")

# You can also use a literal filename
# vroom_write(mtcars, "mtcars.tsv")

# If you add an extension to the file name, write_()* will
# automatically compress the output.
# vroom_write(mtcars, "mtcars.tsv.gz")
# vroom_write(mtcars, "mtcars.tsv.bz2")
# vroom_write(mtcars, "mtcars.tsv.xz")</pre>
```

vroom\_write\_lines

Write lines to a file

#### **Description**

Write lines to a file

# Usage

```
vroom_write_lines(
    x,
    file,
    eol = "\n",
    na = "NA",
    append = FALSE,
    num_threads = vroom_threads()
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

x A data frame or tibble to write to disk.

file File or connection to write to.

eol The end of line character to use. Most commonly either "\n" for Unix style

newlines, or "\r\n" for Windows style newlines.

na String used for missing values. Defaults to 'NA'.

append If FALSE, will overwrite existing file. If TRUE, will append to existing file. In

both cases, if the file does not exist a new file is created.

contains newlines within fields the parser will automatically be forced to use a

single thread only.

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