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B Metadata					n : : q _{n,k_n} Data			
Select	dt[CRITERIA, meta = TRUE]			dt[CRITERIA]				
	<pre>> male_meta <- dt[sex == "M",</pre>			> late_dt <- dt[t > 5]				
					Note: metadata is updated when selection removes all data from one id.			
Alter, create &	<pre>dt[, X := value, meta = TRUE]</pre>				dt[, Y := value]			
delete (meta)variables	<pre>> dt[, genotype := "wt", meta = TRUE] > dt[, sex := NULL, meta = TRUE] # delete</pre>				> dt[, t_2 := t-1] > dt[, t := NULL] # delete t			
					Note: update data in place. No copy of dt in memory.			
Expand metavariables as variables	<pre>dt[xmv(X)] > dt <- dt[xmv(sex) == "M"] # select data with sex > dt[, s := xmv(sex)] # copy metavariable as variable</pre>							
Aggregate &	dt[, OPERATION,	by = id]				OPERATION		
summary	<pre>> # mean activity, per individual > dt <- dt[,.(</pre>							
Join data & metadata	<pre>rejoin(dt) > full_table <- Note: used mostly</pre>		n			REJOIN		
	Note: used mostly after aggregation or preprocessing							







