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# Description

This function checks for vector types and accepted words

#### Usage

```
check_columns(
  ds_spec,
  ds_vars,
  var_spec,
  value_spec,
  derivations,
  codelist,
  supp
)
```

### Arguments

```
ds_spec dataset specification
ds_vars dataset variables
var_spec variable specification
value_spec value specification
derivations derivation information
codelist codelist information
supp supp information
```

check\_inconsistent\_labels

Optional checks to consistency of metadata

### **Description**

These functions check to see if values (e.g labels, formats) that should be consistent for a variable across all data are actually consistent.

#### Usage

```
check_inconsistent_labels(metacore)
check_inconsistent_types(metacore)
check_inconsistent_formats(metacore)
```

# Arguments

metacore object to check

#### Value

If all variables are consistent it will return a message. If there are inconsistencies it will return a message and a dataset of the variables with inconsistencies.

check\_structure

#### **Examples**

```
## EXAMPLE WITH DUPLICATES
# Loads in a metacore obj called metacore
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
check_inconsistent_labels(metacore)

check_inconsistent_types(metacore)

## EXAMPLE WITHOUT DUPLICATES
# Loads in a metacore obj called metacore
load(metacore_example("pilot_SDTM.rda"))
check_inconsistent_labels(metacore)

check_inconsistent_formats(metacore)

check_inconsistent_types(metacore)
```

check\_structure

Column Validation Function

# Description

Column Validation Function

### Usage

```
check_structure(.data, col, func, any_na_acceptable, nm)
```

# Arguments

. data the dataframe to check the column for

col the column to test

func the function to use to assert column structure

any\_na\_acceptable

boolean, testing if the column can have missing

nm name of column to check (for warning and error clarification)

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Check Words in Column

# Description

Check Words in Column

# Usage

```
check_words(..., col)
```

# Arguments

... permissible words in the column

col the column to check for specific words

create\_tbl

Create table

# Description

This function creates a table from excel sheets. This is mainly used internally for building spec readers, but is exported so others who need to build spec readers can use it.

### Usage

```
create_tbl(doc, cols)
```

### **Arguments**

doc list of sheets from a excel doc

vector of regex to get a datasets base on which columns it has. If the vector is

named it will also rename the columns

#### Value

dataset (or list of datasets if not specific enough)

get\_control\_term

define\_to\_metacore

Define XML to DataDef Object

#### **Description**

Given a path, this function converts the define xml to a DataDef Object

# Usage

```
define_to_metacore(path, quiet = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

path location of the define xml as a string

quiet Option to quietly load in, this will suppress warnings, but not errors

#### Value

DataDef Object

get\_control\_term

Get Control Term

### **Description**

Returns the control term (a vector for permitted values and a tibble for code lists) for a given variable. The dataset can be optionally specified if there is different control terminology for different datasets

#### Usage

```
get_control_term(metacode, variable, dataset = NULL)
```

# Arguments

metacode metacore object

variable A variable name to get the controlled terms for. This can either be a string or

just the name of the variable

dataset A dataset name. This is not required if there is only one set of control terminol-

ogy across all datasets

#### Value

a vector for permitted values and a 2-column tibble for codelists

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# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
meta_ex <- spec_to_metacore(metacore_example("p21_mock.xlsx"))
get_control_term(meta_ex, QVAL, SUPPAE)
get_control_term(meta_ex, "QVAL", "SUPPAE")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

get\_keys

Get Dataset Keys

# Description

Returns the dataset keys for a given dataset

# Usage

```
get_keys(metacode, dataset)
```

# Arguments

metacode metacore object
dataset A dataset name

### Value

a 2-column tibble with dataset key variables and key sequence

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
meta_ex <- spec_to_metacore(metacore_example("p21_mock.xlsx"))
get_keys(meta_ex, "AE")
get_keys(meta_ex, AE)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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is\_metacore

Is metacore object

# Description

Is metacore object

# Usage

```
is_metacore(x)
```

### **Arguments**

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object to check

#### Value

TRUE if metacore, FALSE if not

# Examples

```
# Loads in a metacore obj called metacore
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
is_metacore(metacore)
```

load\_metacore

load metacore object

# Description

load metacore object

# Usage

```
load_metacore(path = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

path

location of the metacore object to load into memory

# Value

metacore object in memory

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### **Description**

R6 Class wrapper to create your own metacore object

#### Usage

#### Arguments

ds_spec	contains each dataset in the study, with the labels for each
ds_vars	information on what variables are in each dataset + plus dataset specific variable information
var_spec	variable information that is shared across all datasets
value_spec	parameter specific information, as data is long the specs for wbc might be difference the hgb
derivations	contains derivation, it allows for different variables to have the same derivation
codelist	contains the code/decode information
supp	contains the idvar and qeval information for supplemental variables

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metacore\_example

Get path to metacore example

# Description

metacore comes bundled with a number of sample files in its inst/extdata directory. This function make them easy to access. When testing or writing examples in other packages, it is best to use the 'pilot\_ADaM.rda' example as it loads fastest.

# Usage

```
metacore_example(file = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

file

Name of file. If NULL, the example files will be listed.

# **Examples**

```
metacore_example()
metacore_example("mock_spec.xlsx")
```

MetaCore\_filter

Select method to subset by a single dataframe

# Description

Select method to subset by a single dataframe

# Usage

```
MetaCore_filter(value)
```

### **Arguments**

value

the dataframe to subset by

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read\_all\_sheets

Read in all Sheets

# Description

Given a path to a file, this function reads in all sheets of an excel file

# Usage

```
read_all_sheets(path)
```

# Arguments

path

string of the file path

### Value

a list of datasets

save\_metacore

save metacore object

# Description

save metacore object

# Usage

```
save_metacore(metacore_object, path = NULL)
```

# Arguments

metacore\_object

the metacore object in memory to save to disc

path

file path and file name to save metacore object

## Value

an .rda file

spec\_to\_metacore

select\_dataset

Select metacore object to single dataset

#### **Description**

Select metacore object to single dataset

### Usage

```
select_dataset(.data, dataset, simplify = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

.data the metacore object of dataframesdataset the specific dataset to subset bysimplify return a single dataframe

#### Value

a filtered subset of the metacore object

spec\_to\_metacore

Specification document to metacore object

#### **Description**

This function takes the location of an excel specification document and reads it in as a meta core object. At the moment it only supports specification in the format of pinnacle 21 specifications. But, the section level spec builder can be used as building blocks for bespoke specification documents.

### Usage

```
spec_to_metacore(path, quiet = FALSE, where_sep_sheet = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

path string of file location

quiet Option to quietly load in, this will suppress warnings, but not errors

where\_sep\_sheet

Option to tell if the where is in a separate sheet, like in older p21 specs or in a

single sheet like newer p21 specs

#### Value

given a spec document it returns a metacore object

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spec\_type

Check the type of spec document

## **Description**

Check the type of spec document

### Usage

```
spec_type(path)
```

# Arguments

path

file location as a string

### Value

returns string indicating the type of spec document

```
spec_type_to_codelist Spec to codelist
```

### **Description**

Creates the value\_spec from a list of datasets (optionally filtered by the sheet input). The named vector \*\_cols is used to determine which is the correct sheet and renames the columns.

# Usage

```
spec_type_to_codelist(
    doc,
    codelist_cols = c(code_id = "ID", name = "[N|n]ame", code = "^[C|c]ode|^[T|t]erm",
        decode = "[D|d]ecode"),
    permitted_val_cols = NULL,
    dict_cols = c(code_id = "ID", name = "[N|n]ame", dictionary = "[D|d]ictionary", version
        = "[V|v]ersion"),
    sheets = NULL,
    simplify = FALSE
)
```

#### Arguments

doc Named list of datasets @seealso read\_all\_sheets() for exact format codelist cols Named vector of column names that make up the codelist. The column names can be regular expressions for more flexibility. But, the names must follow the given pattern permitted\_val\_cols Named vector of column names that make up the permitted value The column names can be regular expressions for more flexibility. This is optional, can be left as null if there isn't a permitted value sheet dict\_cols Named vector of column names that make up the dictionary value The column names can be regular expressions for more flexibility. This is optional, can be left as null if there isn't a permitted value sheet sheets Optional, regular expressions of the sheets simplify Boolean value, if true will convert code/decode pairs that are all equal to a permitted value list. True by default

#### Value

a dataset formatted for the metacore object

#### See Also

```
Other spec builders: spec_type_to_derivations(), spec_type_to_ds_spec(), spec_type_to_ds_vars(), spec_type_to_value_spec(), spec_type_to_var_spec()
```

```
spec_type_to_derivations
Spec to derivation
```

### **Description**

Creates the derivation table from a list of datasets (optionally filtered by the sheet input). The named vector cols is used to determine which is the correct sheet and renames the columns. The derivation will be used for "derived" origins, the comments for "assigned" origins, and predecessor for "predecessor" origins.

### Usage

```
spec_type_to_derivations(
   doc,
   cols = c(derivation_id = "ID", derivation = "[D|d]efinition|[D|d]escription"),
   sheet = "Method|Derivations?",
   var_cols = c(dataset = "[D|d]ataset|[D|d]omain", variable = "[N|n]ame|[V|v]ariables?",
   origin = "[O|o]rigin", predecessor = "[P|p]redecessor", comment = "[C|c]omment")
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

doc	Named list of datasets @seealso read_all_sheets() for exact format
cols	Named vector of column names. The column names can be regular expressions for more flexibility. But, the names must follow the given pattern
sheet	Regular expression for the sheet name
var_cols	Named vector of the name(s) of the origin, predecessor and comment columns. These do not have to be on the specified sheet.

### Value

a dataset formatted for the metacore object

#### See Also

```
Other spec builders: spec_type_to_codelist(), spec_type_to_ds_spec(), spec_type_to_ds_vars(), spec_type_to_value_spec(), spec_type_to_var_spec()
```

# Description

Creates the ds\_spec from a list of datasets (optionally filtered by the sheet input). The named vector cols is used to determine which is the correct sheet and renames the columns

#### Usage

```
spec_type_to_ds_spec(
  doc,
  cols = c(dataset = "[N|n]ame|[D|d]ataset|[D|d]omain", structure = "[S|s]tructure",
     label = "[L|1]abel|[D|d]escription"),
  sheet = NULL
)
```

### **Arguments**

doc	Named list of datasets @seealso read_all_sheets() for exact format
cols	Named vector of column names. The column names can be regular expressions for more flexibility. But, the names must follow the given pattern
sheet	Regular expression for the sheet name

#### Value

a dataset formatted for the metacore object

#### See Also

```
Other spec builders: spec_type_to_codelist(), spec_type_to_derivations(), spec_type_to_ds_vars(), spec_type_to_value_spec(), spec_type_to_var_spec()
```

### **Description**

Creates the ds\_vars from a list of datasets (optionally filtered by the sheet input). The named vector cols is used to determine which is the correct sheet and renames the columns

### Usage

```
spec_type_to_ds_vars(
  doc,
  cols = c(dataset = "[D|d]ataset|[D|d]omain", variable =
    "[V|v]ariable [[N|n]ame]?|[V|v]ariables?", order =
    "[V|v]ariable [0|o]rder|[0|o]rder", keep = "[K|k]eep|[M|m]andatory"),
  key_seq_sep_sheet = TRUE,
  key_seq_cols = c(dataset = "Dataset", key_seq = "Key Variables"),
  sheet = "[V|v]ar|Datasets"
)
```

#### Arguments

	doc	Named list of datasets @seealso read_all_sheets() for exact format
	cols	Named vector of column names. The column names can be regular expressions for more flexibility. But, the names must follow the given pattern
key_seq_sep_sheet		
		A boolean to indicate if the key sequence is on a separate sheet. If set to false add the key_seq column name to the cols vector.
	key_seq_cols	names vector to get the key_sequence for each dataset
	sheet	Regular expression for the sheet names

#### Value

a dataset formatted for the metacore object

#### See Also

```
Other spec builders: spec_type_to_codelist(), spec_type_to_derivations(), spec_type_to_ds_spec(), spec_type_to_value_spec(), spec_type_to_var_spec()
```

# Description

Creates the value\_spec from a list of datasets (optionally filtered by the sheet input). The named vector cols is used to determine which is the correct sheet and renames the columns

#### Usage

```
spec_type_to_value_spec(
    doc,
    cols = c(dataset = "[D|d]ataset|[D|d]omain", variable = "[N|n]ame|[V|v]ariables?",
    origin = "[O|o]rigin", type = "[T|t]ype", code_id = "[C|c]odelist|Controlled Term",
    sig_dig = "[S|s]ignificant", where = "[W|w]here", derivation_id = "[M|m]ethod",
        predecessor = "[P|p]redecessor"),
    sheet = NULL,
    where_sep_sheet = TRUE,
    where_cols = c(id = "ID", where = c("Variable", "Comparator", "Value")),
    var_sheet = "[V|v]ar"
)
```

# Arguments

doc	Named list of datasets @seealso read_all_sheets() for exact format
cols	Named vector of column names. The column names can be regular expressions for more flexibility. But, the names must follow the given pattern
sheet	Regular expression for the sheet name
where_sep_sheet	
	Boolean value to control if the where information in a separate dataset. If the where information is on a separate sheet, set to true and provide the column information with the where_cols inputs.
where_cols	Named list with an id and where field. All columns in the where field will be collapsed together
var_sheet	Name of sheet with the Variable information on it. Metacore expects each variable will have a row in the value_spec. Because many specification only have information in the value tab this is added. If the information already exists in the value tab of your specification set to NULL

#### Value

a dataset formatted for the metacore object

#### See Also

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```
Other spec builders: spec_type_to_codelist(), spec_type_to_derivations(), spec_type_to_ds_spec(), spec_type_to_ds_vars(), spec_type_to_var_spec()
```

```
spec_type_to_var_spec Spec to var_spec
```

#### **Description**

Creates the var\_spec from a list of datasets (optionally filtered by the sheet input). The named vector cols is used to determine which is the correct sheet and renames the columns. (Note: the keep column will be converted logical)

#### Usage

```
spec_type_to_var_spec(
  doc,
  cols = c(variable = "[N|n]ame|[V|v]ariables?", length = "[L|l]ength", label =
    "[L|l]abel", type = "[T|t]ype", dataset = "[D|d]ataset|[D|d]omain", format =
    "[F|f]ormat"),
  sheet = "[V|v]ar"
)
```

#### **Arguments**

doc Named list of datasets @seealso read\_all\_sheets() for exact format

cols Named vector of column names. The column names can be regular expressions

for more flexibility. But, the names must follow the given pattern

sheet Regular expression for the sheet name

## Value

a dataset formatted for the metacore object

#### See Also

```
Other spec builders: spec_type_to_codelist(), spec_type_to_derivations(), spec_type_to_ds_spec(), spec_type_to_ds_vars(), spec_type_to_value_spec()
```

xml\_to\_codelist

xml\_to\_codelist

XML to code list

#### **Description**

Reads in a define xml and creates a code\_list table. The code\_list table is a nested tibble where each row is a code list or permitted value list. The code column contains a vector of a tibble depending on if it is a permitted values or code list

### Usage

```
xml_to_codelist(doc)
```

#### **Arguments**

doc

xml document

### Value

a tibble containing the code list and permitted value information

#### See Also

```
Other xml builder: xml_to_derivations(), xml_to_ds_spec(), xml_to_ds_vars(), xml_to_value_spec(), xml_to_var_spec()
```

xml\_to\_derivations

XML to derivation table

## **Description**

This reads in a xml document and gets all the derivations/comments. These can be cross referenced to variables using the derivation\_id's

#### Usage

```
xml_to_derivations(doc)
```

# **Arguments**

doc

xml document

#### Value

dataframe with derivation id's and derivations

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#### See Also

```
Other xml builder: xml_to_codelist(), xml_to_ds_spec(), xml_to_ds_vars(), xml_to_value_spec(), xml_to_var_spec()
```

xml\_to\_ds\_spec

XML to Data Set Spec

### **Description**

Creates a dataset specification, which has the domain name and label for each dataset

### Usage

```
xml_to_ds_spec(doc)
```

# Arguments

doc

xml document

#### Value

data frame with the data set specifications

### See Also

```
Other xml builder: xml_to_codelist(), xml_to_derivations(), xml_to_ds_vars(), xml_to_value_spec(), xml_to_var_spec()
```

xml\_to\_ds\_vars

XML to Data Set Var table

# Description

Creates the ds\_vars table, which acts as a key between the datasets and the var spec

# Usage

```
xml_to_ds_vars(doc)
```

### **Arguments**

doc

xml document

## Value

data frame with the dataset and variables

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#### See Also

```
Other xml builder: xml_to_codelist(), xml_to_derivations(), xml_to_ds_spec(), xml_to_value_spec(), xml_to_var_spec()
```

xml\_to\_value\_spec

XML to value spec

#### **Description**

Takes a define xml and pulls out the value level metadata including codelist\_id's, defines\_id's, and where clause. There is one row per variable expect when there is a where clause, at which point there is one row per value.

### Usage

```
xml_to_value_spec(doc)
```

### **Arguments**

doc

xml document

#### Value

tibble with the value level information

#### See Also

```
Other xml builder: xml_to_codelist(), xml_to_derivations(), xml_to_ds_spec(), xml_to_ds_vars(), xml_to_var_spec()
```

xml\_to\_var\_spec

XML to variable spec

### **Description**

Takes a define xml and returns a dataset with specifications for each variable. The variable will just be the variable, unless the specification for that variable differ between datasets

#### Usage

```
xml_to_var_spec(doc)
```

#### **Arguments**

doc

define xml document

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# Value

data frame with variable, length, label columns

# See Also

```
Other \ xml \ builder: \ xml_to_codelist(), \ xml_to_derivations(), \ xml_to_ds_spec(), \ xml_to_ds_vars(), \ xml_to_value\_spec()
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