# Package 'eyelinkReader'

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     the SR Research <a href="https://www.sr-research.com/">https://www.sr-research.com/</a>> EyeLink eye tracker. Gaze data,
     both recorded events and samples, is imported per trial. The package allows to extract
     events of interest, such as saccades, blinks, etc. as well as
     recorded variables and custom events (areas of interest, triggers) into separate tables.
     The package requires EDF API library that can be obtained at <a href="https:">https:</a>
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adjust\_message\_time Adjusts message time based on embedded text offset

# Description

Uses text in the message to adjust its time. E.g., for a message "-50 TARGET\_ONSET" that was sent at 105600 the actual onset occurred 50 milliseconds earlier (-50). The function adjusts the event timing and removes the timing offset information from the message. I.e., the example message becomes "TARGET\_ONSET" and its time become 105550.

```
adjust_message_time(object, prefix)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
adjust_message_time(object, prefix = "^[-+]?[:digit:]+[:space:]+")

## S3 method for class 'eyelinkRecording'
adjust_message_time(object, prefix = "^[-+]?[:digit:]+[:space:]+")
```

# Arguments

object An eyelinkRecording object or data.frame with events, i.e., events slot of the

eyelinkRecording object.

prefix String with a regular expression that defines the offset. Defaults to "^[-+]?[:digit:]+[:space:]+"

(a string starts with a positive or negative integer offset followed by a white space

and the rest of the message).

## Value

Object of the same time as input, i.e., either a eyelinkRecording object with *modified* events slot or a data.frame with offset-adjusted events.

# **Examples**

```
data(gaze)
# by passing events table
adjusted_events <- adjust_message_time(gaze$events)
# by passing the recording
gaze <- adjust_message_time(gaze)</pre>
```

```
compiled_library_status
```

Status of compiled library

# Description

Return status of compiled library

## Usage

```
compiled_library_status()
```

## Value

logical

# **Examples**

```
compiled_library_status()
```

```
compute_cyclopean_samples
```

Computes cyclopean samples by averaging over binocular data

# **Description**

Computes cyclopean samples by averaging over binocular recorded properties such as pxL/pxR, pyL/pyR, hxL/hxR, etc. Uses function specified via fun parameter to compute the average with na.rm = TRUE option. In case of a monocular recording or when the information from one eye missing, uses information from one eye only, ignoring the other column. In both binocular and monocular recording cases, simplifies column names so that pxL and/or pxR are replaced with a single column px, pyL/pyR with py, etc.

# Usage

```
compute_cyclopean_samples(object, fun = mean)
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
compute_cyclopean_samples(object, fun = mean)
## S3 method for class 'eyelinkRecording'
compute_cyclopean_samples(object, fun = mean)
```

## Arguments

object Either an eyelinkRecording object or data.frame with samples, i.e., samples

slot of the eyelinkRecording object.

fun Function used to average across eyes, defaults to mean.

## Value

Object of the same time as input, i.e., either a eyelinkRecording object with *modified* samples slot or a data.frame with cyclopean samples.

# **Examples**

```
data(gaze)

# by passing samples table
cyclopean_samples <- compute_cyclopean_samples(gaze$samples)

# storing cyclopean samples as a separate table in recording
gaze$cyclopean_samples <- compute_cyclopean_samples(gaze$samples)

# by passing the recording, cyclopean samples replace original ones
gaze <- compute_cyclopean_samples(gaze)</pre>
```

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convert\_NAs

Convert -32767 (missing info) to NA

## Description

Converts all -32767 (smallest INT16 value indicating missing info) to NA. You don't need to call this function directly, as it is automatically evoked within read\_edf function.

#### Usage

```
convert_NAs(original_frame)
```

# **Arguments**

original\_frame data.frame to be processed

## Value

processed data.frame

# **Examples**

```
data(gaze)
gaze$samples <- convert_NAs(gaze$samples)</pre>
```

extract\_AOIs

Extracts rectangular areas of interest (AOI)

# Description

Extracts rectangular areas of interest (AOI), as defined by "!V IAREA RECTANGLE" command. Specifically, we expect it to be in format!V IAREA RECTANGLE <index> <left> <top> <right> <bottom> <label>, where <label> is a string label and all other variables are integer. Please note that due to a non-standard nature of this function **is not** called during the read\_edf call and you need to call it separately.

```
extract_AOIs(object)
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
extract_AOIs(object)
## S3 method for class 'eyelinkRecording'
extract_AOIs(object)
```

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# **Arguments**

object

Either an eyelinkRecording object or data.frame with events, i.e., events slot of the eyelinkRecording object.

#### Value

Object of the same time as input, i.e., either a eyelinkRecording object with an additional AOIs slot or a data.frame with AOIs' information. See eyelinkRecording for details.

# **Examples**

```
data(gaze)
# by passing the recording
gaze <- extract_AOIs(gaze)
# by passing events table
AOIs <- extract_AOIs(gaze$events)</pre>
```

extract\_blinks

Extract blinks

# **Description**

Extracts blinks from the events table of the eyelinkRecording object.. Normally, you don't need to call this function yourself, as it is called during the read\_edf with default settings (e.g., import\_blinks = TRUE).

# Usage

```
extract_blinks(object)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
extract_blinks(object)

## S3 method for class 'eyelinkRecording'
extract_blinks(object)
```

# Arguments

object

Either an eyelinkRecording object or data.frame with events, i.e., events slot of the eyelinkRecording object.

#### Value

Object of the same time as input, i.e., either a eyelinkRecording object with an additional blinks slot or a data.frame with blinks' information. See eyelinkRecording for details.

extract\_display\_coords

## See Also

read\_edf, eyelinkRecording

# **Examples**

```
data(gaze)
# by passing the recording
gaze <- extract_blinks(gaze)
# by passing events table
blinks <- extract_blinks(gaze$events)</pre>
```

extract\_display\_coords

Extract display coordinates from an event message

# **Description**

Extracts display coordinates from a message that adheres to a <message\_prefix> <label> format. Please note that this function called during the read\_edf call with silent = TRUE. If display\_coords are missing from the eyelinkRecording, run this method to see the warnings.

```
extract_display_coords(
  object,
 message_prefix = "DISPLAY_COORDS",
  silent = FALSE
)
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
extract_display_coords(
 object,
 message_prefix = "DISPLAY_COORDS",
  silent = FALSE
)
## S3 method for class 'eyelinkRecording'
extract_display_coords(
  object,
 message_prefix = "DISPLAY_COORDS",
  silent = FALSE
)
```

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# **Arguments**

object Either an eyelinkRecording object or data.frame with events, i.e., events slot

of the eyelinkRecording object.

message\_prefix Beginning of the message string that identifies the DISPLAY\_COORDS mes-

sage. Defaults to "DISPLAY\_COORDS".

silent Whether to suppress a warning when DISPLAY\_COORDS message is missing.

Default to FALSE.

#### Value

A eyelinkRecording object with an additional display\_coords slot (if that was object type), Either a four element numeric vector with display coordinates, or NULL if object was an events table of eyelinkRecording object. See eyelinkRecording for details.

## See Also

read\_edf, eyelinkRecording

# Examples

```
data(gaze)
# by passing the recording
gaze <- extract_display_coords(gaze)
# by passing events table
display_coords <- extract_display_coords(gaze$events)</pre>
```

extract\_fixations

Extract fixations

# Description

Extracts fixations from the events table of the eyelinkRecording object. Normally, you don't need to call this function yourself, as it is called during the read\_edf with default settings (e.g., import\_fixations = TRUE).

```
extract_fixations(object)
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
extract_fixations(object)
## S3 method for class 'eyelinkRecording'
extract_fixations(object)
```

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# Arguments

object

Either an eyelinkRecording object or data.frame with events, i.e., events slot of the eyelinkRecording object.

#### Value

Object of the same time as input, i.e., either a eyelinkRecording object with an additional fixations slot or a data.frame with fixations' information. See eyelinkRecording for details.

#### See Also

```
read_edf, eyelinkRecording
```

# **Examples**

```
data(gaze)
# by passing the recording
gaze <- extract_fixations(gaze)
# by passing events table
fixations <- extract_fixations(gaze$events)</pre>
```

extract\_saccades

Extract saccades from recorded events

# **Description**

Extract saccades from the events table of the eyelinkRecording object. Normally, you don't need to call this function yourself, as it is called during the read\_edf with default settings (e.g., import\_saccades = TRUE).

## Usage

```
extract_saccades(object)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
extract_saccades(object)

## S3 method for class 'eyelinkRecording'
extract_saccades(object)
```

#### Arguments

object

Either an eyelinkRecording object or data.frame with events, i.e., events slot of the eyelinkRecording object.

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## Value

Object of the same time as input, i.e., either a eyelinkRecording object with an additional saccades slot or a data.frame with saccades' information. See eyelinkRecording for details.

#### See Also

```
read_edf, eyelinkRecording
```

#### **Examples**

```
data(gaze)
# by passing the recording
gaze <- extract_saccades(gaze)
# by passing events table
saccades <- extract_saccades(gaze$events)</pre>
```

extract\_triggers

Extract triggers, a custom message type

## **Description**

Extracts trigger events, messages that adhere to a <message\_prefix> <label> format. Their purpose is to identify the time instance of specific interest. Please note that due to a non-standard nature of this function **is not** called during the read\_edf call and you need to call it separately.

## Usage

```
extract_triggers(object, message_prefix = "TRIGGER")
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
extract_triggers(object, message_prefix = "TRIGGER")
## S3 method for class 'eyelinkRecording'
extract_triggers(object, message_prefix = "TRIGGER")
```

# Arguments

object Either an eyelinkRecording object or data.frame with events, i.e., events slot

of the eyelinkRecording object.

message\_prefix Beginning of the message string that identifies trigger messages. Defaults to

"TRIGGER".

# Value

Object of the same time as input, i.e., either a eyelinkRecording object with an additional triggers slot or a data.frame with triggers' information. See eyelinkRecording for details.

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## See Also

```
read_edf, eyelinkRecording
```

# **Examples**

```
data(gaze)

# by passing the recording
gaze <- extract_triggers(gaze)

# by passing events table
triggers <- extract_triggers(gaze$events)

# with an explicit message prefix
triggers <- extract_triggers(gaze$events, "TRIGGER")</pre>
```

extract\_variables

Extract variables

## **Description**

Extracts variables from the events table of the eyelinkRecording object. Normally, you don't need to call this function yourself, as it is called during the read\_edf with default settings (e.g., import\_variables = TRUE).

# Usage

```
extract_variables(object)
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
extract_variables(object)
## S3 method for class 'eyelinkRecording'
extract_variables(object)
```

# Arguments

object

Either an eyelinkRecording object or data.frame with events, i.e., events slot of the eyelinkRecording object.

## Value

Object of the same time as input, i.e., either a eyelinkRecording object with an additional variables slot or a data.frame with variables' information. See eyelinkRecording for details.

## See Also

read\_edf, eyelinkRecording

## **Examples**

```
data(gaze)
# by passing the recording
gaze <- extract_variables(gaze)
# by passing events table
variables <- extract_variables(gaze$events)</pre>
```

eyelinkReader

eyelinkReader: Import Gaze Data for EyeLink Eye Tracker

# Description

Imports gaze data recorded by a SR Research EyeLink eye tracker from an EDF file. Includes options to import events and/or recorded samples and extract individual events such as saccades, fixations, blinks, and recorded variables.

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## See Also

Useful links:

- https://github.com/alexander-pastukhov/eyelinkReader/
- https://alexander-pastukhov.github.io/eyelinkReader/
- Report bugs at https://github.com/alexander-pastukhov/eyelinkReader/issues

eyelinkRecording-class

Class eyelinkRecording.

# Description

S3 class containing information imported from an edf-file.

#### **Details**

See methods(class = "eyelinkRecording") for an overview of available methods.

#### **Slots**

preamble A preamble of the recording, see also read\_preamble.

events Events table which is a collection of all FEVENT imported from the EDF file. See description below.

samples Samples table which is a collection of all FSAMPLE imported from the EDF file. See description below.

headers Headers of the individual trials, see description below.

recordings Individual recording start/end information, see description below.

display\_coords Recorded screen coordinates (if recorded), see extract\_display\_coords.

saccades Saccades extracted from events, see description below and extract\_saccades.

fixations Fixations extracted from events, see description below and extract\_fixations.

blinks Blinks extracted from events, see description below and extract\_blinks.

variables Recorded variables extracted from events, see description below and extract\_variables.

triggers Events messages that adhere to a TRIGGER <1abel> format. This is a **non-standard message** that the package author uses to mark events like onsets or offsets, similar to how it is done in M/EEG. See description below and extract\_triggers.

AOIs Areas of interest events. See description below and extract\_AOIs.

#### **Events**

Events table which is a collection of all FEVENT imported from the EDF file. Column descriptions were copied directly from the EDF access C API manual. Please refer to that manual for further details. Additional non-standard fields are marked in bold.

- trial Trial index, starts at 1.
- time Time of event.
- type Event type.
- · read Flags which items were included.
- sttime Start time of the event.
- entime End time of the event.
- sttime\_rel Start time of the event, relative to the start time of the trial.
- entime\_rel End time of the event, relative to the start time of the trial.
- hstx, hsty Head reference starting points.
- gstx, gsty Gaze starting points.
- sta Pupil size at start.
- henx, heny Headref ending points.
- genx, geny Gaze ending points.
- ena Pupil size at end.
- havx, havy Headref averages.
- gavx, gavy Gaze averages.

- ava Average pupil size.
- · avel Accumulated average velocity.
- pvel Accumulated peak velocity.
- · svel Start velocity.
- evel End velocity.
- supd\_x, supd\_y Start units-per-degree.
- eupd\_x, eupd\_y End units-per-degree.
- eye Either 'LEFT' (0) or 'RIGHT' (1).
- status Error, warning flags.
- flags Flags to indicate contents.
- input Extra (input word).
- buttons Button state and changes.
- parsedby 7 bits of flags, PARSEDBY codes.
- message Any message string.

# Samples

Samples table which is a collection of all FSAMPLE imported from the EDF file. Please note that read\_edf parameters determines which fields are imported. Column descriptions were copied directly from the EDF access C API manual. Please refer to that manual for further details. Suffixes L and R denote left and right eye. Non-standard additional fields are marked in bold.

- trial Trial index, starts at 1.
- eye 'LEFT' (0), 'RIGHT' (1), or 'BINOCULAR' (2).
- time Time of sample.
- time\_rel Time relative to the start of the trial.
- pxL, pxR, pyL, pyR Pupil coordinates.
- hxL, hxR, hyL, hyR Headref coordinates.
- paL, paR Pupil size or area.
- gxL, gxR, gyL, gyR Screen gaze coordinates.
- rx, ry Screen pixels per degree.
- gxvelL, gxvelR, gyvelL, gyvelR Gaze velocity.
- hxvelL, hxvelR, hyvelL, hyvelR Headref velocity.
- rxvelL, rxvelR, ryvelL, ryvelR Raw velocity.
- fgxvelL, fgxvelR, fgyvelL, fgyvelR Fast gaze velocity.
- fhxvelL, fhxvelR, fhyvelL, fhyvelR Fast headref velocity.
- frxvelL, frxvelR, fryvelL, fryvelR Fast raw velocity.
- hdata\_1 -hdata\_8 Head-tracker data (not pre-scaled). Each column correspond to a single element of the INT16 FSAMPLE::hdata[8].
- flags Flags to indicate contents.
- input Extra (input word).
- buttons Button state & changes.
- htype Head-tracker data type (0=none).
- errors Process error flags.

eyelinkRecording-class

#### **Headers**

Trial headers table which is a collection of all TRIAL structures imported from the EDF file. Column descriptions were copied directly from the *EDF access C API manual*. Please refer to that manual for further details. All fields of the RECORDINGS structure are prefixed with rec\_. Non-standard additional fields are marked in bold.

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- trial Trial index.
- duration Duration of the trial.
- starttime Start time of the trial.
- endtime End time of the trial.
- rec\_time Start time or end time.
- rec\_sample rate Sample rate in Hz: 250, 500, 1000 or 2000.
- rec\_eflags Extra information about events.
- rec\_sflags Extra information about samples.
- rec\_state 'START' (2) or 'END' (1).
- rec\_record\_type 'SAMPLES' (1), 'EVENTS' (2), or 'SAMPLES and EVENTS' (3).
- rec\_pupil\_type 'AREA' (0) or 'DIAMETER' (1).
- rec\_recording\_mode 'PUPIL' (0) or 'CR' (1).
- rec\_filter\_type 1, 2, or 3.
- rec\_pos\_type Should be 'GAZE' (0), 'HREF' (1) or 'RAW', but currently this column is kept as numeric, since observed values do not match the declared constants.
- rec\_eye 'LEFT' (1), 'RIGHT' (2) or 'LEFT and RIGHT' (3).

#### Recordings

Recordings table which is a collection of all RECORDING structures imported from the EDF file. Column descriptions were copied directly from the EDF access C API manual. Please refer to that manual for further details. Non-standard additional fields are marked in bold.

- trial Trial index.
- time Start time or end time.
- sample rate Sample rate in Hz: 250, 500, 1000 or 2000.
- eflags Extra information about events.
- sflags Extra information about samples.
- state 'START' (2) or 'END' (1).
- record\_type 'SAMPLES' (1), 'EVENTS' (2), or 'SAMPLES and EVENTS' (3).
- pupil\_type 'AREA' (0) or 'DIAMETER' (1).
- recording\_mode 'PUPIL' (0) or 'CR' (1).
- filter\_type 1, 2, or 3.
- pos\_type Should be 'GAZE' (0), 'HREF' (1) or 'RAW', but currently this column is kept as numeric, since observed values do not match the declared constants.
- eye 'LEFT' (1), 'RIGHT' (2) or 'LEFT and RIGHT' (3).

#### **Saccades and Fixations**

Saccades and fixations extracted from the events, tables have the same structure. Column descriptions were copied directly from the *EDF access C API manual*. Please refer to that manual for further details. Non-standard additional fields are marked in bold.

- trial Trial index.
- sttime Start time.
- entime End time.
- sttime\_rel Start time, relative to the start time of the trial.
- entime\_rel End time, relative to the start time of the trial.
- duration Duration.
- hstx, hsty Head reference starting points.
- gstx, gsty Gaze starting points.
- sta Pupil size at start.
- henx, heny Headref ending points.
- genx, geny Gaze ending points.
- ena Pupil size at end.
- havx, havy Headref averages.
- gavx, gavy Gaze averages.
- ava Average pupil size.
- avel Accumulated average velocity.
- pvel Accumulated peak velocity.
- · svel Start velocity.
- evel End velocity.
- supd\_x, supd\_y Start units-per-degree.
- eupd\_x, eupd\_y End units-per-degree.
- eye Either 'LEFT' (1) or 'RIGHT' (2).

#### **Blinks**

Blinks extracted from the events table. Column descriptions were copied directly from the *EDF* access *C API manual*. Please refer to that manual for further details. Non-standard additional fields are marked in bold.

- trial Trial index.
- sttime Start time.
- entime End time.
- sttime\_rel Start time, relative to the start time of the trial.
- entime\_rel End time, relative to the start time of the trial.
- duration Duration.
- eye Either 'LEFT' (1) or 'RIGHT' (2).

#### **Variables**

User recorded variables extracted from message events with a 'TRIAL\_VAR' prefix. Original format can be either 'TRIAL\_VAR <name> <value>' or 'TRIAL\_VAR <name> = <value>'. The <name> cannot contain spaces or '=' sign. White spaces are trimmed for both <name> and <value>.

- trial Trial index.
- sttime Start time.
- sttime\_rel Start time, relative to the start time of the trial.
- variable Variable name, the <name> part of the event message.
- value Variable value, the <value> part of the event message.

## **Trigger events**

Events messages that adhere to a TRIGGER <label> format. This is a **non-standard message** that the package author uses to mark events like onsets or offsets, similar to how it is done in M/EEG.

- trial Trial index.
- sttime Start time.
- sttime\_rel Start time, relative to the start time of the trial.
- label *label* part of the message, can contain white spaces.

#### **AOIs**

Rectangular areas of interest (AOI), as defined by "!V IAREA RECTANGLE" command. Specifically, they are expected to be in format !V IAREA RECTANGLE <index> <left> <top> <right> <bottom> <label>. where <label> is a string label and all other variables are integer.

- trial Trial index.
- sttime Start time.
- sttime\_rel Start time, relative to the start time of the trial.
- index AOI index.
- left, top, right, bottom AOI coordinates.
- label AOI label.

# See Also

read\_edf, extract\_saccades, extract\_fixations, extract\_blinks, extract\_triggers, extract\_display\_coords,
extract\_AOIs

gaze

Imported example.edf, events and samples

## **Description**

An eyelinkRecording for example.edf via read\_edf(system.file("extdata", "example.edf", package = "eyelinkReader"), import\_samples = TRUE)). Contains all extracted events including triggers, areas of interested, and display coordinates. The original recording consist of ten trials with a participant fixating on a target that jumps to a new location after one second and stays on the screen for another second. Includes all relevant events.

# Usage

gaze

## **Format**

An object of class eyelinkRecording of length 12.

#### **Details**

See eyelinkRecording for details.

#### See Also

```
eyelinkRecording, read_edf
```

plot.eyelinkRecording Plot fixations and saccades for a set of trials

# Description

This is only a basic plotting utility intended primarily for a quick visual check. Please refer to companion vignette on plotting for details about geoms and implementing your own custom plotting routine.

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```
show_saccades = TRUE,
saccade_color_property = "sttime_rel",
color_legend = ifelse(saccade_color_property == "sttime_rel", "Saccade onset [ms]", NA),
background_grobs = NULL,
...
)
```

# **Arguments**

trial Trials to be plotted, could be a scalar index, a vector of indexes, or NULL (all trials). Defaults to 1.

show\_fixations logical, whether to draw fixation as circles. Defaults to TRUE.

fixation\_size\_property

Which fixation property is used as circle aesthetics. Defaults to "duration".

size\_legend An optional legend title, defaults to "Fixation duration [ms]" if fixation\_size\_property is "duration" and to NA otherwise. In the latter case, the legend title is unmodified (i.e., determined by ggplot).

show\_saccades logical, whether to draw saccades as line segments. Defaults to TRUE.

saccade\_color\_property

Which saccade property is used as color aesthetics. Defaults to "sttime\_rel"

(onset time relative to the trial start).

eyelinkRecording object

color\_legend An optional legend title, defaults to "Saccade onset [ms]" if saccade\_color\_property

is "sttime\_rel" and to NA otherwise. In the latter case, the legend title is un-

modified (i.e., determined by ggplot).

background\_grobs

ggplot2 graphic objects add to the plot before plotting data.

.. Addition parameters (unused)

## Value

ggplot object

# **Examples**

```
data(gaze)
# fixations and saccades for the first trial
plot(gaze)
# fixations for the all trials
plot(gaze, trial = NULL, show_saccades = FALSE)
# saccades for the first two trials
plot(gaze, trial = 1:2, show_fixations = FALSE)
# color codes duration of a saccade
plot(gaze, saccade_color_property = "duration")
```

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```
print.eyelinkRecording
```

Print info about eyelinkRecording

# Description

Print info about eyelinkRecording

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'eyelinkRecording' print(x, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

```
x eyelinkRecording object
... Addition parameters (unused)
```

## Value

No return value, called for printing to console.

# **Examples**

```
if (eyelinkReader::compiled_library_status()) {
  recording <- read_edf(system.file("extdata", "example.edf", package = "eyelinkReader"))
  print(recording)
}</pre>
```

read\_edf

Read EDF file with gaze data recorded by SR Research EyeLink eye tracker

# Description

Reads EDF file with gaze data recorded by SR Research EyeLink eye tracker and returns an eyelinkRecording object that contains events, samples, and recordings, as well as specific events such as saccades, fixations, blinks, etc.

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# Usage

```
read_edf(
  file,
  consistency = "check consistency and report",
  import_events = TRUE,
  import_recordings = TRUE,
  import_samples = FALSE,
  sample_attributes = NULL,
  start_marker = "TRIALID",
  end_marker = "TRIAL_RESULT",
  import_saccades = TRUE,
  import_blinks = TRUE,
  import_fixations = TRUE,
  import_variables = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  fail_loudly = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

file full name of the EDF file

consistency consistency check control for the time stamps of the start and end events, etc.

Could be 'no consistency check', 'check consistency and report' (de-

fault), 'check consistency and fix'.

import\_events logical, whether to import events, defaults to TRUE

import\_recordings

logical, whether to import information about start/end of the recording, defaults

to TRUE

import\_samples logical, whether to import samples, defaults to FALSE. Please note that specify-

ingsample\_attributes automatically sets it to TRUE.

sample\_attributes

a character vector that lists sample attributes to be imported. By default, all attributes are imported (default). For the complete list of sample attributes please

refer to eyelinkRecording or EDF API documentation.

start\_marker event string that marks the beginning of the trial. Defaults to "TRIALID".

end\_marker event string that marks the end of the trial. Defaults to "TRIAL\_RESULT". Please

note that an **empty** string ' ' means that a trial lasts from one start\_marker till

the next one.

import\_saccades

logical, whether to extract saccade events into a separate table for convenience.

Defaults to TRUE.

import\_blinks logical, whether to extract blink events into a separate table for convenience.

Defaults to TRUE.

import\_fixations

logical, whether to extract fixation events into a separate table for convenience.

Defaults to TRUE.

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import\_variables

logical, whether to extract stored variables into a separate table for convenience.

Defaults to TRUE.

verbose logical, whether the number of trials and the progress are shown in the console.

Defaults to TRUE.

fail\_loudly logical, whether lack of compiled library means error (TRUE, default) or just

warning (FALSE).

#### Value

an eyelinkRecording object that contains events, samples, and recordings, as well as specific events such as saccades, fixations, blinks, etc.

# **Examples**

read\_preamble

Reads edf-file preamble

# Description

Read the preamble of the EDF file and parses it into an reading-friendly format

#### Usage

```
read_preamble(file, fail_loudly = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

file name of the EDF file

fail\_loudly logical, whether lack of compiled library means error (TRUE, default) or just

warning (FALSE).

## Value

a character vector but with added class eyelinkPreamble to simplify printing.

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# Examples

```
if (eyelinkReader::compiled_library_status()) {
  read_preamble(system.file("extdata", "example.edf", package = "eyelinkReader"))
}
```

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