

# Package ‘rsurfer’

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**Description** The software suite, 'Freesurfer', is a open-source software suite involving the segmentation of brain MRIs (see <<http://freesurfer.net/>> for more information). This package provides functionality to import the data generated by 'Freesurfer'; functions to easily manipulate the data; and provides brain specific normalisation commonly used when studying structural brain MRIs. This package has been designed using an installation of and data generated from 'Freesurfer' version 5.3.

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<i>rsurfer-package</i>	<i>RSurfer</i>
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## Description

A package for interfacing between R and 'Freesurfer'

## Details

This package provides functionality for importing MRI data which has been processed with 'Freesurfer' into R. It also provides functions for manipulating this data within R such as functionality to perform intracranial volume normalisation and field manipulation.

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## See Also

Useful links:

- Report bugs at <https://github.com/AlexDiru/rsurfer/issues>

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<i>addrandomdiagnosis</i>	<i>Add Random Diagnosis</i>
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## Description

This function will add a random diagnosis to every subject. It works by appending a Diagnosis column to the input data frame 'all'. Half of the diagnosis will be 'HC' (healthy control) and the other half will be 'AD' (Alzheimer's Disease).

## Usage

```
addrandomdiagnosis(all)
```

**Arguments**

all                    The data frame to add a Diagnosis column to

**Value**

The input data frame with a Diagnosis column added

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()
addrandomdiagnosis(data)
```

---

addrandomgender                    *Add Random Gender*

---

**Description**

This function will add a random gender to every subject. It works by appending a Gender column to the input data frame 'all'. Half of the diagnosis will be Male and the other half will be Female.

**Usage**

```
addrandomgender(all)
```

**Arguments**

all                    The data frame to add a gender column to

**Value**

The input data frame with a Gender column added

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()
addrandomgender(data)
```

---

```
adni.mergewithfreesurferoutput
```

*ADNI Merge With 'Freesurfer' Output*

---

**Description**

Merges the (baseline) Diagnosis, Age, Gender and MMSE for ADNI subjects with the post-processed 'Freesurfer' data, note that the rownames of the input data frame must be the Subject IDs i.e. 141\_S\_4232 of the ADNI database

**Usage**

```
adni.mergewithfreesurferoutput(df)
```

**Arguments**

df                    The data frame of data imported using fsimport()

**Value**

The input data frame merged with Age, Gender, Diagnosis and MMSE

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
setfshome("/Applications/freesurfer")
df <- fsimport.serialise("~/CADDementiaSubjects/", "~/CADSubjects.rds", verbose = T)
adni.setfiles("DXSUM_PDXCONV_ADNIALL.csv", "ADNIMERGE.csv")
df <- adni.mergewithfreesurferoutput(df)

## End(Not run)
```

---

```
adni.printfilelocations
```

*ADNI Print File Locations*

---

**Description**

Prints the location of two files required to merge the (baseline) Diagnosis, Age, Gender and MMSE for ADNI subjects with the post-processed 'Freesurfer' data

**Usage**

```
adni.printfilelocations()
```

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
adni.setfiles("DXSUM_PDXCONV_ADNIALL.csv", "ADNIMERGE.csv")
adni.printfilelocations()
```

---

adni.setfiles

*ADNI Set Files*

---

**Description**

Points the location of two files required to merge the (baseline) Diagnosis, Age, Gender and MMSE for ADNI subjects with the post-processed 'Freesurfer' data

**Usage**

```
adni.setfiles(dxsumLocation, adnimergeLocation)
```

**Arguments**

dxsumLocation    The filepath to DXSUM\_PDXCONV\_ADNIALL.csv  
adnimergeLocation    The filepath to ADNIMERGE.csv

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**Examples**

```
adni.setfiles("DXSUM_PDXCONV_ADNIALL.csv", "ADNIMERGE.csv")
```

---

caddementia.mergewithfreesurferoutput  
*CAD Dementia Merge With 'Freesurfer' Output*

---

## Description

Merges the Diagnosis, Age, and Gender for CAD Dementia subjects with the post-processed 'Freesurfer' data, note that the rownames of the input data frame must be the Subject IDs i.e. train\_vumc\_011 of the CAD Dementia data

## Usage

```
caddementia.mergewithfreesurferoutput(df)
```

## Arguments

df                    The data frame of data imported using fsimport()

## Details

Test data Diagnoses are returned as NAs

## Value

The input data frame merged with Age, Gender and Diagnosis

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
setfshome("/Applications/freesurfer")
df <- fsimport.serialise("~/CADDementiaSubjects/", "~/CADSubjects.rds", verbose = T)
caddementia.setfiles("train.txt", "test.txt")
df <- caddementia.mergewithfreesurferoutput(df)

## End(Not run)
```

```
caddementia.printfilelocations  
CAD Dementia Print File Locations
```

---

**Description**

Prints the location of two files required to merge the Diagnosis, Age, and Gender for CAD Dementia subjects with the post-processed 'Freesurfer' data

**Usage**

```
caddementia.printfilelocations()
```

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
caddementia.setfiles("train.txt", "test.txt")  
caddementia.printfilelocations()
```

---

```
caddementia.setfiles CAD Dementia Set Files
```

---

**Description**

Points to the location of the two files required to merged the Diagnosis, Age and Gender for CAD Dementia subjects with the post-processed CAD Dementia data

**Usage**

```
caddementia.setfiles(trainLocation, testLocation)
```

**Arguments**

```
trainLocation The filepath to train.txt  
testLocation The filepath to test.txt caddementia.setfiles("train.txt","test.txt")
```

**Details**

Data can be accessed: <https://caddementia.grand-challenge.org/>

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`eliminateabnormalities`*Eliminate Abnormal Rows and Columns*

---

**Description**

Will remove rows from a data frame of data generated by 'Freesurfer' that are abnormal - such as they have values of NA in them; will also remove columns

**Usage**

```
eliminateabnormalities(data, verbose = F)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	The data frame to remove abnormalities from
<code>verbose</code>	Whether to print a log of what was removed

**Value**

The data frame with abnormalities removed

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()  
eliminateabnormalities.rows(data)
```

---

`eliminateabnormalities.cols`*Eliminate Abnormal Columns*

---

**Description**

Will remove columns from a data frame of data generated by 'Freesurfer' that are abnormal - columns where all values are zero

**Usage**

```
eliminateabnormalities.cols(data, verbose = T)
```

**Arguments**

data            The data frame to remove abnormal columns from  
verbose        Whether to print a log of what was removed

**Value**

The data frame with abnormal columns removed

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()  
eliminateabnormalities.cols(data)
```

---

eliminateabnormalities.rows

*Eliminate Abnormal Rows*

---

**Description**

Will remove rows from a data frame of data generated by 'Freesurfer' that are abnormal - such as they have values of NA in them

**Usage**

```
eliminateabnormalities.rows(data, verbose = T)
```

**Arguments**

data            The data frame to remove abnormal rows from  
verbose        Whether to print a log of what was removed

**Value**

The data frame with abnormal rows removed

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects(10)  
eliminateabnormalities.rows(data)
```

---

export.forKNIME      *Export Data For KNIME*

---

### Description

Exports the 'Freesurfer' imported data frame to a CSV readable by the software KNIME, it will assign two extra rows to the input dataframe: field\_group\_1 which classifies the columns as S = hippocampal, subcortical, corticalthicknessstds, corticalareas, corticalthicknesses, corticalvolumes field\_group\_2 which classifies the columns as S = volume, area, thickness, thicknessstd And the data for the columns will be in folder/field\_group\_\*/S.csv

### Usage

```
export.forKNIME(df, folder, additionalFields = c("Gender", "Age",
  "Diagnosis"))
```

### Arguments

df	The data frame to export
folder	The folder to export to
additionalFields	Vector of column names which should be added to each individual file created

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
## Not run:
export.forKNIME(df, "/Users/alex/KNIMEData/", c("Age", "MMSE"))

## End(Not run)
```

---

extract.brain.features      *Extract All MRI Brain Features*

---

### Description

This command takes a data frame as input and extracts all the features segmented by 'Freesurfer'. Note that the MRIs must be processed with the 'hippocampal-subfields' flag when 'Freesurfer' is invoked.

**Usage**

```
extract.brain.features(data, additionalFields = c())
```

**Arguments**

`data`                   The subject data to extract from  
`additionalFields`       Any additional fields to extract data from

**Value**

The MRI brain features

**Author(s)**

Fabio Cappello

**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()  
extract.brain.features(data)
```

---

`extract.byname`           *Extract Features By Group Name*

---

**Description**

Extracts features in group specified by a string, groups that can be used are in `normalise.listfieldgroups()`

**Usage**

```
extract.byname(data, fieldGroupName, additionalFields = c())
```

**Arguments**

`data`                   Subject data to extract from  
`fieldGroupName`       The group field name to extract  
`additionalFields`       Any additional fields to extract

**Value**

The extracted fields

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()
extract.byname(data, "subcortical")
```

---

extract.cortical      *Extract Cortical Fields*

---

**Description**

This command takes a data frame as input and extracts all the cortical fields (cortical volumes, cortical thicknesses, cortical surface areas, standard deviations of cortical thicknesses) from this data frame and any other fields specified by the user. Note that the MRIs must be processed with the 'hippocampal-subfields' flag when 'Freesurfer' is invoked.

**Usage**

```
extract.cortical(data, additionalFields = c())
```

**Arguments**

data                    The subject data to extract from  
additionalFields        Any additional fields to extract data from

**Value**

The cortical fields

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()
extract.cortical(data)
```

---

`extract.corticalsurfaceareas`*Extract Cortical Surface Areas*

---

**Description**

This command takes a data frame as input and extracts all the cortical surface areas from this data frame and any other fields specified by the user. Note that the MRIs must be processed with the 'hippocampal-subfields' flag when 'Freesurfer' is invoked.

**Usage**

```
extract.corticalsurfaceareas(data, additionalFields = c())
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	The subject data to extract from
<code>additionalFields</code>	Any additional fields to extract data from

**Value**

The cortical surface areas

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()
extract.corticalsurfaceareas(data)
```

---

`extract.corticalthicknesses`*Extract Cortical Thicknesses*

---

**Description**

This command takes a data frame as input and extracts all the cortical thicknesses from this data frame and any other fields specified by the user. Note that the MRIs must be processed with the 'hippocampal-subfields' flag when 'Freesurfer' is invoked.

**Usage**

```
extract.corticalthicknesses(data, additionalFields = c())
```

**Arguments**

data                   The subject data to extract from  
additionalFields       Any additional fields to extract data from

**Value**

The cortical thicknesses

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()  
extract.corticalthicknesses(data)
```

---

```
extract.corticalthicknessstddevs
```

*Extract Cortical Thickness Standard Deviations*

---

**Description**

This command takes a data frame as input and extracts all the cortical thickness standard deviations from this data frame and any other fields specified by the user. Note that the MRIs must be processed with the 'hippocampal-subfields' flag when 'Freesurfer' is invoked.

**Usage**

```
extract.corticalthicknessstddevs(data, additionalFields = c())
```

**Arguments**

data                   The subject data to extract from  
additionalFields       Any additional fields to extract data from

**Value**

The cortical thickness standard deviations

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()
extract.corticalthicknessstddevs(data)
```

---

```
extract.corticalvolumes
```

*Extract Cortical Volumes*

---

**Description**

This command takes a data frame as input and extracts all the cortical volumes from this data frame and any other fields specified by the user. Note that the MRIs must be processed with the 'hippocampal-subfields' flag when 'Freesurfer' is invoked.

**Usage**

```
extract.corticalvolumes(data, additionalFields = c())
```

**Arguments**

data	The subject data to extract from
additionalFields	Any additional fields to extract data from

**Value**

The cortical volumes

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()
extract.corticalvolumes(data)
```



---

```
extract.hippocampalvolumes
```

*Extract Hippocampal Volumes*

---

**Description**

This command takes a data frame as input and extracts all the hippocampal volumes from this data frame and any other fields specified by the user. Note that the MRIs must be processed with the 'hippocampal-subfields' flag when 'Freesurfer' is invoked.

**Usage**

```
extract.hippocampalvolumes(data, additionalFields = c())
```

**Arguments**

data	The subject data to extract from
additionalFields	Any additional fields to extract data from

**Value**

The hippocampal volumes

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()
extract.hippocampalvolumes(data)
```

---

```
extract.subcorticalvolumes
```

*Extract Subcortical Volumes*

---

**Description**

This command takes a data frame as input and extracts all the subcortical volumes from this data frame and any other fields specified by the user. Note that the MRIs must be processed with the 'hippocampal-subfields' flag when 'Freesurfer' is invoked.

**Usage**

```
extract.subcorticalvolumes(data, additionalFields = c())
```

**Arguments**

data                   The subject data to extract from  
additionalFields       Any additional fields to extract data from

**Value**

The subcortical volumes

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()
extract.subcorticalvolumes(data)
```

---

extract.volumes       *Extract Cortical Thicknesses*

---

**Description**

This command takes a data frame as input and extracts all the cortical thicknesses from this data frame and any other fields specified by the user. Note that the MRIs must be processed with the 'hippocampal-subfields' flag when 'Freesurfer' is invoked.

**Usage**

```
extract.volumes(data, additionalFields = c())
```

**Arguments**

data                   The subject data to extract from  
additionalFields       Any additional fields to extract data from

**Value**

The cortical thicknesses

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()
extract.corticalthicknesses(data)
```

---

fsdirectorycheck	<i>'Freesurfer' Subject Directory Check</i>
------------------	---

---

**Description**

Crawls through the subdirectory of subjects looking for missing file that would affect the fsimport() process

**Usage**

```
fsdirectorycheck(subjectDir, checkForHippocampalSubfieldsError = T)
```

**Arguments**

subjectDir	The directory containing the subject subdirectories
checkForHippocampalSubfieldsError	Whether to check to missing files which are to do with the "hippo-subfields" flag being called

**Value**

The number of errors found

**Author(s)**

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---

fsimport	<i>'Freesurfer' Import (Serialise)</i>
----------	--

---

**Description**

This function assumes all the subdirectories of subjectDir are subjects who have been processed in 'Freesurfer'. In then runs various 'Freesurfer' scripts to extract the specified fields into an R data frame.

**Usage**

```
fsimport(subjectDir, fields = fsimport.listfields(), verbose = F)
```

**Arguments**

subjectDir	The directory containing the subject subdirectories
fields	The field groups to use, see fsimport() for more details
verbose	Whether to log the 'Freesurfer' scripts to the R console

**Details**

The field groups which can be imported from the subject are: The specified fields can be:

lh.cortical.thickness = left hemisphere cortical thicknesses rh.cortical.thickness = right hemisphere cortical thicknesses  
 lh.cortical.volume = left hemisphere cortical volumes rh.cortical.volume = right hemisphere cortical volumes  
 lh.cortical.thickness.std = left hemisphere cortical thickness standard deviations rh.cortical.thickness.std = right hemisphere cortical thickness standard deviations  
 lh.cortical.area = left hemisphere cortical surface areas rh.cortical.area = right hemisphere cortical surface areas  
 lh.subcortical = left hemisphere subcortical volumes rh.subcortical = right hemisphere subcortical volumes  
 lh.hippocampal = left hemisphere hippocampal volumes rh.hippocampal = right hemisphere hippocampal volumes

By default all of the above fields are included. For the hippocampal volumes, the subjects must have been processed with the "hippo-subfields" when 'Freesurfer' was invoked.

**Value**

The subject data processed from 'Freesurfer'

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
setfshome("/Applications/freesurfer")
fsimport("/Users/alex/Desktop/Subjects")

## End(Not run)
```

---

fsimport.listfields    *'Freesurfer' Import (List Fields)*

---

**Description**

This function assumes all the subdirectories of subjectDir are subjects who have been processed in 'Freesurfer'. It then runs various 'Freesurfer' scripts to extract the specified fields into an R data frame.

**Usage**

```
fsimport.listfields()
```

**Details**

Lists the field groups which can be imported from the subject are: The specified fields can be:

lh.cortical.thickness = left hemisphere cortical thicknesses rh.cortical.thickness = right hemisphere cortical thicknesses  
 lh.cortical.volume = left hemisphere cortical volumes rh.cortical.volume = right hemisphere cortical volumes  
 lh.cortical.thickness.std = left hemisphere cortical thickness standard deviations rh.cortical.thickness.std = right hemisphere cortical thickness standard deviations  
 lh.cortical.area = left hemisphere cortical surface areas rh.cortical.area = right hemisphere cortical surface areas  
 lh.subcortical = left hemisphere subcortical volumes rh.subcortical = right hemisphere subcortical volumes  
 lh.hippocampal = left hemisphere hippocampal volumes rh.hippocampal = right hemisphere hippocampal volumes

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
fsimport.listfields()
```

---

```
fsimport.serialise      'Freesurfer' Import (Serialise)
```

---

**Description**

Calls fsimport() and once that data frame is created it is serialised to the file specified by serialisationLocation. However, if this file already exists when the function is run, then it will unserialise the file instead of calling fsimport(). This saves constant running of 'Freesurfer' scripts when running code thus saving execution time for code to run.

**Usage**

```
fsimport.serialise(subjectDir, serialisationLocation,
  fields = c("lh.cortical.thickness", "rh.cortical.thickness",
    "lh.cortical.volume", "rh.cortical.volume", "lh.cortical.thickness.std",
    "rh.cortical.thickness.std", "lh.cortical.area", "rh.cortical.area",
    "lh.subcortical", "rh.subcortical", "lh.hippocampal", "rh.hippocampal"),
  verbose)
```

**Arguments**

subjectDir	The directory containing the subject subdirectories
serialisationLocation	The location where the serialised file is saved to and loaded from
fields	The field groups to use, see fsimport() for more details
verbose	Whether to log the 'Freesurfer' scripts to the R console

**Value**

The subject data processed from 'Freesurfer'

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
setfshome("/Applications/freesurfer")  
fsimport.serialise("~/Subjects", serialisationLocation = "~/data.rds")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

generaterandomsubjects

*Generate Random Subjects*

---

**Description**

Generate a data frame of random subjects whose fields match what would be imported from 'Freesurfer'. This function is used for testing.

**Usage**

```
generaterandomsubjects(num = 40)
```

**Arguments**

num                   The number of subjects to generate

**Value**

The generated subjects

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
generaterandomsubjects(num = 500)
```

---

get.hemisphere.side     *Get Hemisphere Side*

---

**Description**

Given the name of a feature, will return a string as to whether it belongs to the left or the right hemisphere. If it belongs to neither, it is assumed that the feature is central

**Usage**

```
get.hemisphere.side(name)
```

**Arguments**

name	The name of the feature to return the hemisphere of
------	---

**Value**

The side of the hemisphere the feature belongs to ("left" or "right"). If it belongs to neither of these, "central" is returned

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
get.hemisphere.side("Right.vessel")  
get.hemisphere.side("lhCortexVol")
```

---

get.opposite.hemisphere.measurement  
                                  *Get Opposite Hemisphere Measurement*

---

**Description**

Given a left hemisphere measurement, will return the equivalent measure on the right hemisphere. If there is no equivalent feature, NULL will be returned

**Usage**

```
get.opposite.hemisphere.measurement(name, verbose = F, verbose_warn = F)
```

**Arguments**

name	The name of the feature to return the corresponding measurement of the opposite hemisphere of
verbose	If a corresponding feature doesn't exist, a message will be printed if this is true
verbose_warn	If a corresponding feature doesn't exist, a message will be printed as a warning if this is true

**Value**

Name of the feature on the other hemisphere (or NULL if the feature does not exist)

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
get.opposite.hemisphere.measurement("Right.vessel")
get.opposite.hemisphere.measurement("lhCortexVol")
```

---

getfieldgroup

*Get Field Group of Feature*

---

**Description**

Given the name of a feature, this function gets what type of field group it belongs to, i.e. subcortical volume

**Usage**

```
getfieldgroup(name, method = 1)
```

**Arguments**

name	Name of the feature
method	The type of field groups that are returned method = 1: hippocampal, subcortical, corticalthicknessstds, corticalareas, corticalthicknesses, corticalvolumes method = 2: volume, area, thickness, thicknessstd

**Value**

The field group the name belongs to

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
getfieldgroup("left.CA1", method = 1)
getfieldgroup("left.CA1", method = 2)
```

---

getfshome	<i>Get 'Freesurfer' Home</i>
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**Description**

This command is used to get the base directory where 'Freesurfer' is installed as set using the command setfshome().

**Usage**

```
getfshome()
```

**Value**

The directory 'Freesurfer' is installed

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
setfshome("/Applications/freesurfer/")
getfshome()
```

---

getfsversion	<i>Get 'Freesurfer' Version</i>
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**Description**

This command is used to get the version number of 'Freesurfer' which a certain subject was processed with

**Usage**

```
getfsversion(subjectDir)
```

**Arguments**

subjectDir      The directory of the subject to get the 'Freesurfer' version of

**Value**

The version number

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
getfsversion("/Users/alex/Desktop/Subjects/002_S_0413/")

## End(Not run)
```

---

getnamesofareas	<i>Get Names of Areas</i>
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**Description**

Gets the names of all the features that are areas

**Usage**

```
getnamesofareas(data = NULL, excludeFields = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

data	Your subject data frame, if you have removed any columns from your data frame, the function will only return the areas in this data frame. If this parameter is NULL then a new data frame will be randomly generated
excludeFields	A vector of areas names to exclude, to exclude nothing set this parameter to NULL

**Value**

A vector of the names of all the features which are areas

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
getnamesofareas()
getnamesofareas(NULL, NULL)
```

---

getnamesofthicknesses *Get Names of Thicknesses*

---

**Description**

Gets the names of all the features that are thicknesses

**Usage**

```
getnamesofthicknesses(data = NULL, excludeFields = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

data	Your subject data frame, if you have removed any columns from your data frame, the function will only return the thicknesses in this data frame. If this parameter is NULL then a new data frame will be randomly generated
excludeFields	A vector of thickness names to exclude, to exclude nothing set this parameter to NULL

**Value**

A vector of the names of all the features which are thicknesses

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
getnamesofthicknesses()  
getnamesofthicknesses(NULL, NULL)
```

---

getnamesofvolumes *Get Names of Volumes*

---

**Description**

Gets the names of all the features that are volumes

**Usage**

```
getnamesofvolumes(data = NULL,  
  excludeFields = c("EstimatedTotalIntraCranialVol"))
```

**Arguments**

`data` Your subject data frame, if you have removed any columns from your data frame, the function will only return the volumes in this data frame. If this parameter is NULL then a new data frame will be randomly generated

`excludeFields` A vector of volume names to exclude, to exclude nothing set this parameter to NULL

**Value**

A vector of the names of all the features which are volumes

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
getnamesofvolumes()
getnamesofvolumes(NULL, NULL)
getnamesofvolumes(NULL, excludeFields = c("left.CA1", "EstimatedTotalIntraCranialVol"))
```

---

is.cortical

*Is Feature Cortical*

---

**Description**

Checks whether a feature is a cortical measurement

**Usage**

```
is.cortical(fieldName)
```

**Arguments**

`fieldName` The field name of the feature to check is a cortical measurement

**Value**

Whether the feature is cortical

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
is.cortical("lh.bankssts.thickness")
```

---

is.corticalarea      *Is Feature Cortical Area*

---

**Description**

Checks whether a feature is a cortical area

**Usage**

```
is.corticalarea(fieldName)
```

**Arguments**

fieldName      The field name of the feature to check is a cortical area

**Value**

Whether the feature is a cortical area

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
is.corticalarea("lh.bankssts.area")
```

---

is.corticalthickness      *Is Feature Cortical Thickness*

---

**Description**

Checks whether a feature is a cortical thickness

**Usage**

```
is.corticalthickness(fieldName)
```

**Arguments**

fieldName      The field name of the feature to check is a cortical thickness

**Value**

Whether the feature is a cortical thickness

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
is.corticalthickness("lh.bankssts.thickness")
```

---

```
is.corticalthicknessstd
```

*Is Feature Cortical Thickness Standard Deviation*

---

**Description**

Checks whether a feature is a cortical thickness standard deviation

**Usage**

```
is.corticalthicknessstd(fieldName)
```

**Arguments**

fieldName      The field name of the feature to check is a cortical thickness standard deviation

**Value**

Whether the feature is a cortical thickness standard deviation

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
is.corticalthicknessstd("lh.bankssts.thicknessstd")
```

---

is.corticalvolume      *Is Feature Cortical Volume*

---

**Description**

Checks whether a feature is a cortical volume

**Usage**

is.corticalvolume(fieldName)

**Arguments**

fieldName      The field name of the feature to check is a cortical volume

**Value**

Whether the feature is a cortical volume

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

is.corticalvolume("lh.bankssts.volume")

---

is.hippocampalvolume      *Is Feature Hippocampal Volume*

---

**Description**

Checks whether a feature is a hippocampal volume

**Usage**

is.hippocampalvolume(fieldName)

**Arguments**

fieldName      The field name of the feature to check is a hippocampal volume

**Value**

Whether the feature is a hippocampal volume

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
is.hippocampalvolume("right.fimbria")
```

---

`is.subcorticalvolume`    *Is Feature Subcortical Volume*

---

**Description**

Checks whether a feature is a subcortical volume

**Usage**

```
is.subcorticalvolume(fieldName)
```

**Arguments**

fieldName        The field name of the feature to check is a subcortical volume

**Value**

Whether the feature is a subcortical volume

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
is.subcorticalvolume("Brain.Stem")
```



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isfsfeature	<i>Is Feature Created by 'Freesurfer'</i>
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**Description**

Given the name of a feature, this function returns whether it was a feature generated the by 'Freesurfer' processing stream

**Usage**

```
isfsfeature(name)
```

**Arguments**

name	Name of the feature
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**Value**

Whether the feature was created by 'Freesurfer'

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
isfsfeature("left.CA1")  
isfsfeature("Age")
```

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ixi.mergewithfreesurferoutput	<i>'IXI' Merge Study Information With 'Freesurfer' Output</i>
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**Description**

Merges the external 'IXI' study data (specified with 'IXI' Set Files) with the data generated by 'Freesurfer'

**Usage**

```
ixi.mergewithfreesurferoutput(ixi.mri.data, verbose = T)
```

**Arguments**

ixi.mri.data	The data frame containing the data generated by 'Freesurfer' of the 'IXI' subjects
verbose	Whether to log information to the console

**Details**

Data can be accessed: <http://brain-development.org/ixi-dataset/>

Requires a modification of IXI.xls

**Author(s)**

Fabio Cappello, Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

---

ixi.setfile

*IXI Set File*

---

**Description**

Points to the location of the two files required to merge the Diagnosis, Age and Gender for IXI subjects with the post-processed IXI data

**Usage**

```
ixi.setfile(location)
```

**Arguments**

location      The filepath to IXI.csv `ixi.setfile("IXI.csv")`

**Details**

Data can be accessed: <http://brain-development.org/ixi-dataset/>

Requires a modification of IXI.xls

**Author(s)**

Fabio Cappello

---

normalise

*Normalise*

---

**Description**

Performs ICV (intracranial volume) normalisation on a data frame of imported subjects in data.

**Usage**

```
normalise(data, normalisationFunction, fieldType = "all", trainData = NULL,  
          testData = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	The subject data to normalise
<code>normalisationFunction</code>	The normalisation function to use, see details for further information.
<code>fieldType</code>	The field set to normalise, see details for further information.
<code>trainData</code>	Data to train on, required for 'hconly' normalisation methods
<code>testData</code>	Unseen data, required for 'hconly' normalisation methods

**Details**

Performs ICV (intracranial volume) normalisation on a data frame of imported subjects in data. The `normalisationFunction` specifies which normalisation method to use:

`normalisation.proportional` = proportional ICV normalisation, the volumes of each subject are divided by their ICV

`normalisation.residual` = residual ICV normalisation, a linear regression model is built for each volume using the ICV as a predictor

`normalisation.residualgender` = residual ICV normalisation with a gender split, similar to residual ICV normalisation, except a separate linear regression model is built for Males and Females

`normalisation.residualhconly` = residual ICV normalisation creating a regression model based on healthy control patients only

The `fieldType` can be:

`corticalvolumes` = Normalise cortical volumes by ICV

`subcortical` = Normalise subcortical volumes by ICV

`hippocampal` = Normalise hippocampal volumes by ICV

`corticalareas` = Normalise cortical areas by ICV

`corticalthicknesses` = Normalise cortical thicknesses by ICV

`corticalthicknesssstds` = Normalise cortical thicknesses standard deviations by ICV

`corticalareastsa` = Normalise cortical areas by total surface area

`corticalthicknessesmct` = Normalise cortical thicknesses by mean cortical thickness

**Value**

The normalised data

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()
addrandomgender(data)
```

normalise.listfieldgroups

*List Normalisation Field Groups*

---

**Description**

Lists all the available field groups that the normalisation can operate on

**Usage**

```
normalise.listfieldgroups()
```

**Value**

A list of the normalisation field groups

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
normalise.listfieldgroups()
```

---

normalise.listmethods *List Normalisation Methods*

---

**Description**

Lists all the available normalisation methods

**Usage**

```
normalise.listmethods()
```

**Value**

A list of the normalisation methods

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
normalise.listmethods()
```

---

`removeabnormalrowsandcols`*Remove Abnormalities*

---

**Description**

Removes columns and rows which have been exported from 'Freesurfer' and may cause classification problems

**Usage**

```
removeabnormalrowsandcols(df, verbose)
```

**Arguments**

<code>df</code>	The data frame imported using <code>fsimport</code>
<code>verbose</code>	Whether the print debug information

**Value**

The data frame with abnormal rows and columns removed

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()
data <- removeabnormalrowsandcols(data,T)
```

---

`searchforabnormalities.cols`*Search For Abnormalities (Columns)*

---

**Description**

Looks for columns which have been exported from 'Freesurfer' and may cause classification problems, for example, my personal abnormal columns are `Left.WM.hypointensities`, `Right.WM.hypointensities`, `Left.non.WM.hypointensities`, `Right.WM.hypointensities` only have values of zero

**Usage**

```
searchforabnormalities.cols(data, verbose = T)
```

**Arguments**

data           The data frame imported using fsimport  
verbose        Whether the print debug information

**Value**

Indices of abnormal columns

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()  
searchforabnormalities.cols(data)
```

---

```
searchforabnormalities.rows  
                          Search For Abnormalities (Rows)
```

---

**Description**

Looks for rows (subjects) which have been exported from 'Freesurfer' and may cause classification problems, for example, rows with NAs in

**Usage**

```
searchforabnormalities.rows(data, verbose = T)
```

**Arguments**

data           The data frame imported using fsimport  
verbose        Whether the print debug information

**Value**

Indices of abnormal rows

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data <- generaterandomsubjects()  
searchforabnormalities.rows(data)
```

---

setfshome	<i>Set 'Freesurfer' Home</i>
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---

**Description**

This command is used to set the base directory where 'Freesurfer' is installed. My installation of 'Freesurfer' is located in: "/Applications/freesurfer/"; thus for my installation location setfshome("/Applications/freesurfer/") would be used.

**Usage**

```
setfshome(freesurferDirectory)
```

**Arguments**

freesurferDirectory  
The directory 'Freesurfer' is installed to

**Value**

None

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
setfshome("/Applications/freesurfer/")
```

---

subjectDistributionTable	<i>Create Subject Distribution Table</i>
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**Description**

Creates a data frame with the distributions of the subjects age and gender grouped by the field 'targetClassName', providing an overview of the subjects. Note: requires an 'Age' and 'Gender' column.

**Usage**

```
subjectDistributionTable(data, targetClassName)
```

**Arguments**

data                   The subject data to create the table from  
targetClassName        The name of the field to group the data by

**Value**

The subject distribution table in a data frame

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
all <- generaterandomsubjects(1000)
all$Age <- stats::runif(1000,50,80)
all <- addrandomgender(all)
all <- addrandomdiagnosis(all)
subjectDistributionTable(all, "Diagnosis")
```

---

subjectDistributionTableToLatex

*Convert Subject Distribution Table To LaTeX*

---

**Description**

Converts a subject distribution table created using subjectDistributionTable() into text which can be used in the typesetting language LaTeX. The table created can have its caption and label specified using the respective function arguments. The decimal point rounding can be specified by the function argument roundDP.

**Usage**

```
subjectDistributionTableToLatex(subjectDistributionTable,
  caption = "Placeholder Caption", label = "table:SubjectDistributionTable",
  roundDP = 1)
```

**Arguments**

subjectDistributionTable    The subject distribution table created using subjectDistributionTable()  
caption                    The caption to give the table in LaTeX  
label                       The label to give the table in LaTeX  
roundDP                    The number of decimal places to round the numbers to on the table



**Value**

The LaTeX code representing the subject distribution table

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
all <- generaterandomsubjects(1000)
all$Age <- stats::runif(1000,50,80)
all <- addrandomgender(all)
all <- addrandomdiagnosis(all)
sdt <- subjectDistributionTable(all, "Diagnosis")
subjectDistributionTableToLatex(subjectDistributionTable = sdt,
                              caption="Subject Distribution Table",
                              label="table:SDT", roundDP=1)
```

---

test.fieldextraction    *Test Field Extraction*

---

**Description**

Tests the field extraction functions are working correctly on imported data from subjectDir. Note: requires the subjects to be processed with the "hippocampal-subfields" flag.

**Usage**

```
test.fieldextraction(subjectTestDir)
```

**Arguments**

subjectTestDir    The directory containing the subject subdirectories

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
test.fieldextraction("/Users/alex/Desktop/Subjects")

## End(Not run)
```

---

test.importing      *Test Importing*

---

**Description**

Calls fsimport() with different parameters on the subjects in subjectDir to test it is working correctly.  
Note: requires the subjects to be processed with the "hippocampal-subfields" flag.

**Usage**

```
test.importing(subjectTestDir)
```

**Arguments**

subjectTestDir    The directory containing the subject subdirectories

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
test.importing("/Users/alex/Desktop/Subjects")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

test.normalisation      *Test Normalisation*

---

**Description**

Tests the normalisation functions are working correctly on randomly generated data.

**Usage**

```
test.normalisation()
```

**Author(s)**

Alexander Luke Spedding, <alexspedding271@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
test.normalisation()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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