

# Package ‘threeBrain’

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**Description** A fast, interactive cross-platform, and easy to share 'WebGL'-based 3D brain viewer that visualizes 'FreeSurfer' and/or 'AFNI/SUMA' surfaces. The viewer widget can be either standalone or embedded into 'R-shiny' applications. The standalone version only require a web browser with 'WebGL2' support (for example, 'Chrome', 'Firefox', 'Safari'), and can be inserted into any websites. The 'R-shiny' support allows the 3D viewer to be dynamically generated from reactive user inputs. Please check the publication by Wang, Magnotti, Zhang, and Beauchamp (2023, <[doi:10.1523/ENEURO.0328-23.2023](https://doi.org/10.1523/ENEURO.0328-23.2023)>) for electrode localization. This viewer has been fully adopted by 'RAVE' <<https://openwetware.org/wiki/RAVE>>, an interactive toolbox to analyze 'iEEG' data by Magnotti, Wang, and Beauchamp (2020, <[doi:10.1016/j.neuroimage.2020.117341](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroimage.2020.117341)>). Please check 'citation(` `threeBrain") for details.

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 AbstractGeom

*R6 Class - Abstract Class of Geometries*


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### Description

R6 Class - Abstract Class of Geometries

### Author(s)

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BlankGeom

*A geometry that renders nothing*


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### Description

This is mainly used when you want to upload group data only

brain\_proxy

*Shiny Proxy for Viewer*

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**Description**

Shiny Proxy for Viewer

**Usage**

```
brain_proxy(outputId, session = shiny::getDefaultReactiveDomain())
```

**Arguments**

outputId	shiny output ID
session	shiny session, default is current session (see <a href="#">domains</a> )

**Value**

R6 class ViewerProxy

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brain\_setup

*Setup Package, Install Environment*

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**Description**

Setup Package, Install Environment

**Usage**

```
brain_setup(continued = FALSE, show_example = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

continued	logical, there are two phases of setting up environment. You probably need to restart R session after the first phase and continue setting up.
show_example	whether to show example of 'N27' subject at the end.
...	ignored

**Author(s)**

Zhengjia Wang

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calculate\_rotation      *Calculate rotation matrix from non-zero vectors*

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**Description**

Calculate rotation matrix from non-zero vectors

**Usage**

```
calculate_rotation(vec_from, vec_to)
```

**Arguments**

vec_from	original vector, length of 3
vec_to	vector after rotation, length of 3

**Value**

A four-by-four transform matrix

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check\_freesurfer\_path      *Function to check whether 'FreeSurfer' folder has everything we need*

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**Description**

Function to check whether 'FreeSurfer' folder has everything we need

**Usage**

```
check_freesurfer_path(
  fs_subject_folder,
  autoinstall_template = FALSE,
  return_path = FALSE,
  check_volume = FALSE,
  check_surface = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

fs_subject_folder	character, path to 'fs' project directory or 'RAVE' subject directory
autoinstall_template	logical, whether 'N27' brain should be installed if missing
return_path	logical, whether to return 'FreeSurfer' path
check_volume	logical, whether to check volume data
check_surface	logical, whether to check surface data (not implemented yet)

**Value**

logical whether the directory is valid or, if return\_path is true, return 'FreeSurfer' path

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conform_volume	<i>Conform imaging data in 'FreeSurfer' way</i>
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**Description**

Reproduces conform algorithm used by 'FreeSurfer' to conform 'NIFTI' and 'MGH' images.

**Usage**

```
conform_volume(x, save_to, dim = c(256, 256, 256))
```

**Arguments**

x	path to the image file
save_to	path where the conformed image will be saved, must ends with '.mgz'
dim	positive integers of length three, the conformed dimension; by default 'FreeSurfer' conform images to 1mm volume cube with 256x256x256 dimension

**Value**

Nothing; the result will be save to save\_to

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create_group	<i>Create a geometry group containing multiple geometries</i>
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**Description**

Create a geometry group containing multiple geometries

**Usage**

```
create_group(name, position = c(0, 0, 0), layer = 1)
```

**Arguments**

name	string, name of the geometry
position	x,y,z location of the group
layer	layer of the group. reserved

## Details

A geometry group is a container of multiple geometries. The geometries within the same group share the same shift and rotations (see example 1). In ECoG/iEEG world, you might have 'MRI', 'CT', 'FreeSurfer' that have different orientations. For example, if you want to align MRI to FreeSurfer, Instead of calculating the position of each geometries, you can just put all MRI components into a group, and then set transform of this group, making the group aligned to FreeSurfer.

GeomGroup also can be used to store large data. To generate 3D viewer, 'threeBrain' needs to dynamically serialize data into JSON format, which can be read by browsers. However, a FreeSurfer brain might be ~30 MB. This is a very large size and might take ~5 seconds to serialize. To solve this problem, GeomGroup supports cache in its 'set\_group\_data' method. This method supports caching static serialized data into a JSON file, and allows the files to be loaded as static data objects. By "static", I mean the data is not supposed to be dynamic, and it should be "read-only". In JavaScript code, I also optimized such that you don't need to load these large datasets repeatedly. And this allows you to load multiple subjects' brain in a short time.

## Value

a GeomGroup instance

## Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

## Examples

```
# Example 1: relative position

# create group
g = create_group('Group A')

# create two spheres at 10,0,0, but s2 is relative to group A
s1 = geom_sphere('Sphere 1', radius = 2, position = c(10,0,0))
s2 = geom_sphere('Sphere 2', radius = 2, position = c(10,0,0), group = g)

# set transform (rotation)
g$set_transform(matrix(c(
  0,1,0,0,
  1,0,0,0,
  0,0,1,0,
  0,0,0,1
), byrow = TRUE, ncol = 4))

# global position for s2 is 0,10,0
if( interactive() ) { threejs_brain(s1, s2) }

# Example 2: cache

## Not run:

# download N27 brain
```

```
# Make sure you have N27 brain downloaded to `default_template_directory`  
# download_N27()  
  
template_dir <- default_template_directory()  
  
dat = freesurferformats::read.fs.surface(  
  file.path(template_dir, 'N27/surf/lh.pial')  
)  
vertex = dat$vertices[,1:3]  
face = dat$faces[,1:3]  
  
# 1. dynamically serialize  
mesh = geom_freemesh('lh', vertex = vertex, face = face, layer = 1)  
  
# 2. cache  
# Create group, all geometries in this group are relatively positioned  
tmp_file = tempfile()  
mesh = geom_freemesh('Left Hemisphere cached', vertex = vertex,  
  face = face, cache_file = tmp_file)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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cross\_prod

*Calculate cross-product of two vectors in '3D'*

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### **Description**

Calculate cross-product of two vectors in '3D'

### **Usage**

```
cross_prod(x, y)
```

### **Arguments**

x, y                    3-dimensional vectors

### **Value**

A '3D' vector that is the cross-product of x and y



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DataCubeGeom	<i>R6 Class - Generate Data Cube Geometry</i>
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**Description**

R6 Class - Generate Data Cube Geometry

**Author(s)**

Zhengjia Wang

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DataCubeGeom2	<i>R6 Class - Generate Data Cube Geometry via 3D Volume Texture</i>
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**Description**

R6 Class - Generate Data Cube Geometry via 3D Volume Texture

**Author(s)**

Zhengjia Wang

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default_template_directory	<i>Default Directory to Store Template Brain</i>
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**Description**

Default Directory to Store Template Brain

**Usage**

```
default_template_directory(check = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

check	logical, check if the folder is missing, is so, create one. This option ensures the folder is always created.
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**Details**

When `threeBrain.template_dir` is not set or invalid, the function checks 'RAVE' (R Analysis and Visualization for 'iEEG', <https://openwetware.org/wiki/RAVE>) folder at home directory. If this folder is missing, then returns results from `R_user_dir('threeBrain', 'data')`. To override the default behavior, use `options(threeBrain.template_dir=...)`.

**Value**

A directory path where template brain is stored at; see also [download\\_N27](#)

**Examples**

```
default_template_directory()
```

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FreeGeom

*R6 Class - Generate Geometry from Vertices and Face Indices*

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**Description**

R6 Class - Generate Geometry from Vertices and Face Indices

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freesurfer\_brain

*Read 'FreeSurfer' surface and volume files*

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**Description**

Read 'FreeSurfer' surface and volume files

**Usage**

```
freesurfer_brain(
  fs_subject_folder,
  subject_name,
  additional_surfaces = NULL,
  aligned_ct = NULL,
  use_cache = TRUE,
  use_141 = getOption("threeBrain.use141", TRUE)
)

freesurfer_brain2(
  fs_subject_folder,
  subject_name,
  volume_types = "t1",
  surface_types = "pial",
  curvature = "sulc",
  atlas_types = c("aparc+aseg", "aparc.a2009s+aseg", "aparc.DKAtlas+aseg"),
  ct_path = NULL,
  use_cache = TRUE,
  use_141 = getOption("threeBrain.use141", TRUE),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

fs_subject_folder	character, 'FreeSurfer' subject folder, or 'RAVE' subject folder
subject_name	character, subject code to display with only letters and digits
additional_surfaces	character array, additional surface types to load, such as 'white', 'smoothwm'
aligned_ct	character, path to 'ct_aligned_mri.nii.gz', used for electrode localization
use_cache	logical, whether to use cached 'json' files or from raw 'FreeSurfer' files
use_141	logical, whether to use standard 141 brain for surface file, default is <code>getOption('threeBrain.use141', TRUE)</code>
volume_types	volume types, right now only support T1 image
surface_types	surface types to load
curvature	curvature data. Only support "sulc" for current version
atlas_types	atlas types to be loaded, choices are 'aparc+aseg', 'aparc.a2009s+aseg', 'aparc.DKTatlas+aseg', 'aseg'
ct_path	an aligned CT file in 'Nifti' format
...	ignored

**Details**

This function is under FreeSurfer license. 1. Volumes: 3D viewer uses 'mri/T1.mgz' from 'FreeSurfer' to show the volume information. 'T1.mgz' results from step 1 to 5 in 'FreeSurfer' command 'recon-all -autorecon1', which aligns the original 'DICOM' image to 'RAS' coordinate system, resamples to volume with 256x256x256 voxels (tri-linear by default, check <https://surfer.nmr.mgh.harvard.edu/fswiki/recon-all> for more information).

2. Surface: There are two options for surface files. The first choice is using 'std.141' brain generated by 'AFNI/SUMA'. This surface file re-calculates vertices from standard 141 space, which averages the "surface" of 141 subjects. If you want to map surface electrodes across different subjects, you might want to consider this case as it's especially designed for surface mapping. However, you'll need 'AFNI/SUMA' installed to generate the surface file. The details can be found via <https://openwetware.org/wiki/Beauchamp:CorticalSurfaceHCP>, and the 'AFNI/SUMA' command related is 'SurfToSurf'. Please generate the files to '[FREESURFER SUBJECT DIR]/SUMA/'. The file name follows the convention of 'std.141.[lh].[SURFACE TYPE].[POSTFIX]', where 'lh' means left hemisphere and 'rh' means right hemisphere; 'SURFACE TYPE' can be 'pial', 'white', 'smoothwm', and 'POSTFIX' can be 'asc', 'gii'. If multiple files for the same surface type exists, the search order will be 'asc > gii'. The other option is to use mesh files directly from 'FreeSurfer' output located at '[FREESURFER SUBJECT DIR]/surf'. If you want to use these surface, make sure they are converted to 'asc' or 'gii' format.

3. Electrode registration and transforms This package provides two ways to map electrodes to standard space. For surface electrodes, if standard 141 brain is provided, then the first option is to snap electrodes to the nearest vertices in subject space. The key is the vertex number matches across different subjects, hence the location of corresponding vertices at template brain are the mapped electrode coordinates. If standard 141 brain is missing, or the electrode type is 'stereo EEG', then the second option is volume mapping. The idea is to map electrodes to 'MNI305' brain. The

details can be found at <https://surfer.nmr.mgh.harvard.edu/fswiki/CoordinateSystems>. To perform volume mapping, we need 'FreeSurfer' folder 'mri/transforms'. Currently, only linear 'Talairach' transform matrix is supported (located at 'talairach.xfm').

4. Coordinates The 3D viewer in this package uses the center of volume as the origin (0, 0, 0).

### Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Please run `download_N27()` if `N27` is not at `default_template_directory()`

# Import from `FreeSurfer` subject folder
brain = threeBrain::freesurfer_brain(
  fs_subject_folder = file.path(default_template_directory(), 'N27'),
  subject_name = 'N27',
  additional_surfaces = c('white', 'smoothwm')
)

# Visualize. Alternatively, you can use brain$plot(...)
plot( brain )

## End(Not run)
```

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freesurfer\_lut

*Query the 'FreeSurfer' labels*

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### Description

Query the 'FreeSurfer' labels

### Usage

```
freesurfer_lut
```

### Format

An object of class list of length 3.

### Details

The 'FreeSurfer' atlases use <https://surfer.nmr.mgh.harvard.edu/fswiki/FsTutorial/AnatomicalROI/FreeSurferColorLUT> look-up table to query indexes. The 'threeBrain' electrode localization also uses this table to export the 'FSLabel' from electrode. If volume type is set to 'aparc\_aseg', then please also use this table to filter.

## Examples

```
freesurfer_lut$from_key(0:10)

freesurfer_lut$get_key("ctx-lh-supramarginal")
```

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generate\_smooth\_envelope

*Generate smooth envelope around surface*

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## Description

Alternative to 'Matlab' version of 'pial-outer-smoothed', use this function along with [fill\\_surface](#).

## Usage

```
generate_smooth_envelope(  
  surface_path,  
  save_as = NULL,  
  inflate = 3,  
  verbose = TRUE,  
  save_format = c("auto", "bin", "asc", "vtk", "ply", "off", "obj", "gii", "mz3", "byu")  
)
```

## Arguments

surface_path	path to '*h.pial' surface in the 'FreeSurfer' folder, or a 3-dimensional mesh, see <a href="#">read.fs.surface</a>
save_as	save final envelope to path, or NULL for dry-run
inflate	number of 'voxels' to inflate before fitting envelope; must be a non-negative integer
verbose	whether to verbose the progress; default is true
save_format	format of saved file when save_as is not NULL; see format argument in function <a href="#">write.fs.surface</a>

## Value

A 3-dimensional mesh that contains vertices and face indices, the result is also saved to save\_as is specified.

**Examples**

```

if(interactive() &&
  file.exists(file.path(default_template_directory(), "N27"))) {

library(threeBrain)

fs_path <- file.path(default_template_directory(), "N27")

# lh.pial-outer-smoothed
lh_pial <- file.path(fs_path, "surf", "lh.pial")
save_as <- file.path(fs_path, "surf", "lh.pial-outer-smoothed")
generate_smooth_envelope(lh_pial, save_as)

# rh.pial-outer-smoothed
rh_pial <- file.path(fs_path, "surf", "rh.pial")
save_as <- file.path(fs_path, "surf", "rh.pial-outer-smoothed")
generate_smooth_envelope(rh_pial, save_as)

brain <- threeBrain(
  path = fs_path, subject_code = "N27",
  surface_types = 'pial-outer-smoothed'
)
brain$plot(controllers = list(
  "Surface Type" = 'pial-outer-smoothed'
))
}

```

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```
generate_subcortical_surface
```

*Approximate 'sub-cortical' surfaces from 'parcellation'*

---

**Description**

Superseded by [volume\\_to\\_surf](#). Please do not use this function.

**Usage**

```

generate_subcortical_surface(
  atlas,
  index,
  save_prefix = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  IJK2RAS = NULL,
  grow = 1,
  remesh = TRUE,
  smooth = TRUE,
  smooth_delta = 3,

```

```
    ...
  )
```

### Arguments

atlas path to imaging 'parcellation', can be 'nii' or 'mgz' formats

index 'parcellation' index, see 'FreeSurfer' look-up table

save\_prefix parent folder to save the resulting surface

label character label or name of the 'sub-cortical' structure, usually automatically derived from index

IJK2RAS an 'Affine' matrix from 'voxel' index to 'tkrRAS', usually automatically derived from atlas

grow amount to grow (dilate) before generating mesh

remesh, smooth, smooth\_delta, ...  
passed to [mesh\\_from\\_volume](#)

### Value

A surface mesh, containing 'atlas' index, label, surface nodes and face indices.

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GeomGroup

*R6 Class - Generate Group of Geometries*

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### Description

R6 Class - Generate Group of Geometries

### Author(s)

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geom\_freemesh

*Creates any mesh geometry given vertices and face indices*

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### Description

Creates any mesh geometry given vertices and face indices

**Usage**

```
geom_freemesh(
  name,
  vertex = NULL,
  face = NULL,
  position = c(0, 0, 0),
  layer = 1,
  cache_file = NULL,
  group = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

name	unique string in a scene to tell apart from different objects
vertex	position of each vertices (3 columns)
face	face indices indicating which 3 vertices to be linked (3 columns)
position	x,y,z location of the geometry
layer	visibility of the geometry, used when there are multiple cameras 1 is visible for all cameras
cache_file	cache vertex and face data into group
group	a GeomGroup object, if null, then the group will be generated automatically

**Details**

When generating a free mesh internally, a group must be specified, therefore if group is NULL here, then a group will be generated. However, it's always recommended to pass a group to the free mesh.

**Author(s)**

Zhengjia Wang

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Make sure you have N27 brain downloaded to `default_template_directory`
# threeBrain::download_N27()

n27_dir = file.path(default_template_directory(), "N27")
surf_type = 'pial'

# Locate mesh files
lh = read_fs_asc(file.path(n27_dir, sprintf('surf/lh.%s.asc', surf_type)))
rh = read_fs_asc(file.path(n27_dir, sprintf('surf/rh.%s.asc', surf_type)))

# Create groups
group = create_group(name = sprintf('Surface - %s (N27)', surf_type))

# create mesh
```



```

lh_mesh = geom_freemesh(
  name = sprintf('FreeSurfer Left Hemisphere - %s (N27)', surf_type),
  vertex = lh$vertices[,1:3],
  face = lh$faces[,1:3],
  group = group
)
rh_mesh = geom_freemesh(
  name = sprintf('FreeSurfer Right Hemisphere - %s (N27)', surf_type),
  vertex = rh$vertices[,1:3],
  face = rh$faces[,1:3],
  group = group
)

# Render
if( interactive() ) { threejs_brain(lh_mesh, rh_mesh) }

## End(Not run)

```

---

geom\_sphere

*Create sphere geometry*


---

## Description

Create sphere geometry

## Usage

```

geom_sphere(
  name,
  radius,
  position = c(0, 0, 0),
  layer = 1,
  group = NULL,
  value = NULL,
  time_stamp = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

name	unique string in a scene to tell apart from different objects
radius	size of sphere
position	x,y,z location of the sphere
layer	visibility of the geometry, used when there are multiple cameras 1 is visible for all cameras

group            a GeomGroup object  
value, time\_stamp            color of the sphere, used for animation/color rendering

**Author(s)**

Zhengjia Wang

**Examples**

```
# Create a sphere with animation
g = lapply(1:10, function(ii){
  v = rep(ii, 10)
  v[1:ii] = 1:ii
  geom_sphere(paste0('s', ii), ii, value = v, position = c(11 * ii, 0,0), time_stamp = (1:10)/10)
})
if( interactive() ) { threejs_brain(.list = g) }
```

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get\_digest\_header            *Function to read digest header*

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**Description**

Function to read digest header

**Usage**

```
get_digest_header(file, key, if_error = NULL, .list = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

file            file path to a 'JSON' file  
key            character, key to extract  
if\_error        value to return if key not found or read error occurs  
.list          alternative list to supply if file is missing

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get_ijk2ras	<i>Get 'voxel' to world matrix</i>
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**Description**

Get 'voxel' to world matrix

**Usage**

```
get_ijk2ras(x, type = c("scanner", "tkr"))
```

**Arguments**

x	path to imaging files
type	world space type; choices are 'scanner' (same as 'sform' or 'qform' in) or 'NIfTI' file headers; or 'tkr' (used to shared surface nodes)

**Value**

A four by four matrix

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import-fs-suma	<i>Import 'FreeSurfer' or 'SUMA' files into the viewer structure</i>
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**Description**

Import 'T1-MRI', surface files, curvature/sulcus', atlas, and 'Talairach' transform matrix into 'json' format. These functions are not intended to be called directly, use [import\\_from\\_freesurfer](#) instead.

**Usage**

```
import_fs(
  subject_name,
  fs_path,
  quiet = FALSE,
  dtype = c("T1", "surface", "curv", "atlas_volume", "atlas_surface", "xform"),
  sub_type = NULL,
  hemisphere = c("l", "r"),
  ...
)

import_suma(
  subject_name,
  fs_path,
```

```

    quiet = FALSE,
    dtype = c("T1", "surface", "curv", "atlas_volume", "atlas_surface", "xform"),
    sub_type = NULL,
    hemisphere = c("l", "r"),
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

subject_name	character, subject code
fs_path	path to 'FreeSurfer' folder
quiet, ...	passed from or to other methods.
dtype	data type to import, choices are 'T1', 'surface', 'curv', 'atlas_volume', 'atlas_surface', 'xform'
sub_type	detailed files to import. 'atlas_surface' is not supported for now
hemisphere	which hemisphere to import, ignored when dtype is in 'T1', 'atlas_volume', 'atlas_surface', 'xform'.

### Value

logical, TRUE if the file is or has been cached, or FALSE if the file is missing.

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`import_from_freesurfer`

*Import from 'FreeSurfer' and create 'JSON' cache for 3D viewer*

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### Description

Import from 'FreeSurfer' and create 'JSON' cache for 3D viewer

### Usage

```
import_from_freesurfer(fs_path, subject_name, quiet = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

fs_path	'FreeSurfer' subject directory
subject_name	subject code
quiet	whether to suppress message or not

### Value

None.

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LineSegmentsGeom      *R6 Class - Generate Line Segments*

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**Description**

R6 Class - Generate Line Segments

**Author(s)**

Zhengjia Wang

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list\_electrode\_prototypes

*List or load all electrode prototypes*

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**Description**

List all built-in and user-customized electrode prototypes. User paths will be searched first, if multiple prototype configuration files are found for the same type.

**Usage**

```
list_electrode_prototypes()
```

```
load_prototype(type)
```

**Arguments**

type                  electrode type, character

**Value**

list\_electrode\_prototypes returns a named list, names are the prototype types and values are the prototype configuration paths; load\_prototype returns the prototype instance if type exists, or throw an error.

**Examples**

```
availables <- list_electrode_prototypes()
if( "sEEG-16" %in% names(availables) ) {
  proto <- load_prototype( "sEEG-16" )

  print(proto, details = FALSE)
}
```

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localization\_module    *Launch a 'shiny' application to localize electrodes*

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### Description

If 'RAVE' has been installed, please use 'RAVE' modules. This function is purely for demonstration purposes.

### Usage

```
localization_module(
  subject_code,
  fs_path,
  ct_path = NULL,
  surfaces = "pial",
  use_141 = TRUE,
  shiny_options = list(launch.browser = TRUE),
  save_path = tempfile(pattern = "electrode", fileext = ".csv"),
  ...,
  control_presets = NULL,
  side_display = FALSE,
  controllers = list()
)
```

### Arguments

subject_code	subject code
fs_path	the subject's 'FreeSurfer' path
ct_path	the file path of 'CT' scans that have already been aligned to 'T1'; must be in 'NIFTI' format
surfaces	which surfaces to load
use_141	whether to try 'SUMA' standard 141 surface; default is true
shiny_options	shiny application options; see options in <a href="#">shinyApp</a>
save_path	a temporary file where the electrode table should be cached; this file will be used to keep track of changes in case the application is crashed or shutdown
...	other parameters to pass into <a href="#">freesurfer_brain2</a>
control_presets, side_display, controllers	passed to <a href="#">threejs_brain</a>

### Value

A list of 'ui' elements, 'server' function, and a stand-alone 'app'

## Examples

```
# This example require N27 template brain to be installed
# see `?download_N27` for details

# using N27 to localize
fs_path <- file.path(default_template_directory(), "N27")
if(interactive() && dir.exists(fs_path)){
  module <- localization_module("N27", fs_path)

  print(module$app)
}
```

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merge_brain	<i>Create Multi-subject Template</i>
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## Description

Create Multi-subject Template

## Usage

```
merge_brain(
  ...,
  .list = NULL,
  template_surface_types = NULL,
  template_subject = unname(getOption("threeBrain.template_subject", "N27")),
  template_dir = default_template_directory()
)
```

## Arguments

..., .list      Brain2 objects

template\_surface\_types  
                which template surface types to load, default is auto-guess

template\_subject  
                character, subject code to be treated as template, default is 'N27'

template\_dir    the parent directory where template subject is stored in

## Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

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`new_electrode_prototype`*Create or load new electrode prototype from existing configurations*

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**Description**

Create or load new electrode prototype from existing configurations

**Usage**

```
new_electrode_prototype(base_prototype, modifier = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>base_prototype</code>	base prototype, this can be a string of prototype type (see <a href="#">list_electrode_prototypes</a> ), path to the prototype configuration file, configuration in 'json' format, or an electrode prototype instance
<code>modifier</code>	internally used

**Value**

An electrode prototype instance

**Examples**

```
available_prototypes <- list_electrode_prototypes()
if("Precision33x31" %in% names(available_prototypes)) {

  # Load by type name
  new_electrode_prototype("Precision33x31")

  # load by path
  path <- available_prototypes[["Precision33x31"]]
  new_electrode_prototype(path)

  # load by json string
  json <- readLines(path)
  new_electrode_prototype(json)

}
```



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plot_slices	<i>Plot slices of volume</i>
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### Description

Plot slices of volume

### Usage

```
plot_slices(
  volume,
  overlays = NULL,
  transform = NULL,
  positions = NULL,
  zoom = 1,
  pixel_width = 0.5,
  col = c("black", "white"),
  normalize = NULL,
  zclip = NULL,
  overlay_alpha = 0.3,
  zlim = normalize,
  main = "",
  title_position = c("left", "top"),
  fun = NULL,
  nc = NA,
  which = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

volume	path to volume (underlay)
overlays	images to overlay on top of the underlay, can be either a vector of paths to the overlay volume images, or a sequence of named lists. Each list item has 'volume' (path to the volume) and 'color' (color of the overlay)
transform	rotation of the volume in scanner 'RAS' space
positions	vector of length 3 or matrix of 3 columns, the 'RAS' position of cross-hairs
zoom	zoom-in radio, default is 1
pixel_width	output image pixel resolution; default is 0.5, one pixel is 0.5 millimeters wide
col	color palette, can be a sequence of colors
normalize	range for volume data to be normalized; either NULL (no normalize) or a numeric vector of length two
zclip	clip image densities; if specified, values outside of this range will be clipped into this range

overlay_alpha	transparency of the overlay; default is 0.3
zlim	image plot value range, default is identical to normalize
main	image titles
title_position	title position; choices are "left" or "top"
fun	function with two arguments that will be executed after each image is drawn; can be used to draw cross-hairs or annotate each image
nc	number of "columns" in the plot when there are too many positions, must be positive integer; default is NA (automatically determined)
which	which plane to plot; default is NULL, which will trigger new plots and add titles; set to 1 for 'Axial' plane, 2 for 'Sagittal', and 3 for 'Coronal'.
...	additional arguments passing into <a href="#">image</a>

**Value**

Nothing

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read_fs_asc	<i>Read 'FreeSurfer' ascii file</i>
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**Description**

Read 'FreeSurfer' ascii file

**Usage**

read\_fs\_asc(file)

**Arguments**

file            file location

**Value**

a list of vertices and face indices

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read_fs_labels	<i>Read FreeSurfer Annotations</i>
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**Description**

Read FreeSurfer Annotations

**Usage**

```
read_fs_labels(path, vertex_number)
```

**Arguments**

path	label path
vertex_number	force to reset vertex number if raw file is incorrect

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read_fs_m3z	<i>Read 'FreeSurfer' m3z file</i>
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**Description**

Read 'FreeSurfer' m3z file

**Usage**

```
read_fs_m3z(filename)
```

**Arguments**

filename	file location, usually located at 'mri/transforms/talairach.m3z'
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**Details**

An 'm3z' file is a 'gzip' binary file containing a dense vector field that describes a 3D registration between two volumes/images. This implementation follows the 'Matlab' implementation from the 'FreeSurfer'. This function is released under the 'FreeSurfer' license: <https://surfer.nmr.mgh.harvard.edu/fswiki/FreeSurferSoftwareLicense>.

**Value**

registration data

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read\_fs\_mgh\_mgz      *Read 'FreeSurfer' 'mgz/mgh' file*

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**Description**

Read 'FreeSurfer' 'mgz/mgh' file

**Usage**

```
read_fs_mgh_mgz(filename)
```

**Arguments**

filename      file location

**Value**

list contains coordinate transforms and volume data

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read\_gii2      *Function to load surface data from 'Gifti' files*

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**Description**

The function 'read\_gii2' is a dynamic wrapper of Python 'nibabel' loader. If no Python is detected, it will switch to 'gifti::readgii'.

**Usage**

```
read_gii2(path)
```

**Arguments**

path      'Gifti' file path

**Format**

An R function acting as safe wrapper for nibabel.load.

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read_mgz	<i>Function to load 'FreeSurfer' 'mgz/mgh' file</i>
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**Description**

The function 'read\_mgz' is a dynamic wrapper of Python 'nibabel' loader. If no Python is detected, it will switch to built-in function 'read\_fs\_mgh\_mgz', which has limited features.

**Usage**

```
read_mgz(path)
```

**Arguments**

path	'mgz/mgh' file path
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**Format**

An R function acting as safe wrapper for nibabel.load.

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read_volume	<i>Read volume file in 'MGH' or 'Nifti' formats</i>
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**Description**

Read volume file in 'MGH' or 'Nifti' formats

**Usage**

```
read_volume(file, format = c("auto", "mgh", "nii"), header_only = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

file	file path
format	the file format
header_only	whether only read headers; default is false

**Value**

A list of volume data and transform matrices; if header\_only=TRUE, then volume data will be substituted by the header.

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renderBrain	<i>Shiny Renderer for threeBrain Widgets</i>
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**Description**

Shiny Renderer for threeBrain Widgets

**Arguments**

expr	R expression that calls three_brain function or Brain object
env	environment of expression to be evaluated
quoted	is expr quoted? Default is false.

**Author(s)**

Zhengjia Wang

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reorient_volume	<i>Function to reshape data to 'RAS' order</i>
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**Description**

Function to reshape data to 'RAS' order

**Usage**

```
reorient_volume(volume, Torig)
```

**Arguments**

volume	3-mode tensor (voxels), usually from 'mgz', 'nii', or 'BRIK' files
Torig	a 4x4 transform matrix mapping volume ('CRS') to 'RAS'

**Value**

Reshaped tensor with dimensions corresponding to 'R', 'A', and 'S'

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save_brain	<i>Save threeBrain widgets to local file system</i>
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**Description**

Save threeBrain widgets to local file system

**Usage**

```
save_brain(widget, path, title = "3D Viewer", as_zip = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

widget	generated from function 'threejs_brain'
path	path to save the brain widget
title	widget title.
as_zip	whether to create zip file "compressed.zip".
...	ignored, used for backward compatibility

**Author(s)**

Zhengjia Wang

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seeg_prototype	<i>Create 'sEEG' shaft geometry prototype</i>
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**Description**

Intended for creating/editing geometry prototype, please see [load\\_prototype](#) to load existing prototype

**Usage**

```
seeg_prototype(
  type,
  center_position,
  contact_widths,
  diameter = 1,
  channel_order = seq_along(center_position),
  fix_contact = 1,
  overall_length = 200,
  description = NULL,
  dry_run = FALSE,
  default_interpolation = NULL,
  viewer_options = NULL,
  overwrite = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

type	type string and unique identifier of the prototype
center_position	numerical vector, contact center positions
contact_widths	numerical vector or length of one, width or widths of the contacts
diameter	probe diameter
channel_order	the channel order of the contacts; default is a sequence along the number
fix_contact	NULL or integer in channel_order, indicating which contact is the most important and should be fixed during the localization, default is 1 (inner-most target contact)
overall_length	probe length, default is 200
description	prototype description
dry_run	whether not to save the prototype configurations
default_interpolation	default interpolation string for electrode localization
viewer_options	list of viewer options; this should be a list of key-value pairs where the keys are the controller names and values are the corresponding values when users switch to localizing the electrode group
overwrite	whether to overwrite existing configuration file; default is false, which throws a warning when duplicated

**Value**

A electrode shaft geometry prototype; the configuration file is saved to 'RAVE' 3rd-party repository.

**Examples**

```

probe_head <- 2
n_contacts <- 12
width <- 2.41
contact_spacing <- 5
overall_length <- 400
diameter <- 1.12

contacts <- probe_head + width / 2 + 0:(n_contacts-1) * contact_spacing
proto <- seeg_prototype(
  type = "AdTech-sEEG-SD12R-SP05X-000",
  description = c(
    "AdTech sEEG - 12 contacts",
    "Contact length   : 2.41 mm",
    "Central spacing  : 5   mm",
    "Tip size         : 2   mm",
    "Diameter         : 1.12 mm"
  ),
  center_position = contacts,
  contact_widths = width,
  diameter = diameter,

```



```
    overall_length = overall_length,  
    dry_run = TRUE  
  )  
  
  print(proto, details = FALSE)
```

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SphereGeom

*R6 Class - Generate Sphere Geometry*

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**Description**

R6 Class - Generate Sphere Geometry

**Author(s)**

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SpriteGeom

*R6 Class - Generate Sphere Geometry*

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**Description**

R6 Class - Generate Sphere Geometry

**Author(s)**

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template\_subject

*Download and Manage Template Subjects*

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**Description**

Download and Manage Template Subjects

**Usage**

```

download_template_subject(
    subject_code = "N27",
    url,
    template_dir = default_template_directory()
)

download_N27(make_default = FALSE, ...)

set_default_template(
    subject_code,
    view = TRUE,
    template_dir = default_template_directory()
)

threebrain_finalize_installation(
    upgrade = c("ask", "always", "never", "data-only", "config-only"),
    async = TRUE
)

available_templates()

```

**Arguments**

subject_code	character with only letters and numbers (Important); default is 'N27'
url	zip file address; must be specified if subject_code is not from the followings: 'bert', 'cvs_avg35', 'cvs_avg35_inMNI152', 'fsaverage', 'fsaverage_sym', or 'N27'
template_dir	parent directory where subject's 'FreeSurfer' folder should be stored
make_default	logical, whether to make 'N27' default subject
...	more to pass to download_template_subject
view	whether to view the subject
upgrade	whether to check and download 'N27' brain interactively. Choices are 'ask', 'always', and 'never'
async	whether to run the job in parallel to others; default is true

**Details**

To view electrodes implanted in multiple subjects, it's highly recommended to view them in a template space. The detail mapping method is discussed in function `freesurfer_brain`.

To map to a template space, one idea is to find someone whose brain is normal. In our case, the choice is subject 'N27', also known as 'Colin 27'. function `download_N27` provides a simple and easy way to download a partial version from the Internet.

If you have any other ideas about template brain, you can use function `set_default_template(subject_code, template_dir)` to redirect to your choice. If your template brain is a 'Zip' file on the Internet, we provide function `download_template_subject` to automatically install it.

**Author(s)**

Zhengjia Wang

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threeBrain*Create a brain object*

---

**Description**

Create a brain object

**Usage**

```

threeBrain(
  path,
  subject_code,
  surface_types = "pial",
  atlas_types,
  ...,
  template_subject = unname(getOption("threeBrain.template_subject", "N27")),
  backward_compatible = getOption("threeBrain.compatible", FALSE)
)

```

**Arguments**

path	path to 'FreeSurfer' directory, or 'RAVE' subject directory containing 'FreeSurfer' files, or simply a 'RAVE' subject
subject_code	subject code, characters
surface_types	surface types to load; default is 'pial', other common types are 'white', 'smoothwm'
atlas_types	brain atlas to load; default is 'wmparc', or if not exists, 'aparc+aseg', other choices are 'aparc.a2009s+aseg', 'aparc.DKTatlas+aseg', depending on the atlas files in 'fs/mri' folder
...	reserved for future use
template_subject	template subject to refer to; used for group template mapping
backward_compatible	whether to support old format; default is false

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threejsBrainOutput      *Shiny Output for threeBrain Widgets*

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### Description

Shiny Output for threeBrain Widgets

### Arguments

outputId	unique identifier for the widget
width, height	width and height of the widget. By default width="100 and height="500px".
reportSize	whether to report widget size in shiny session\$clientData

### Author(s)

Zhengjia Wang

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threejs\_brain      *Create a Threejs Brain and View it in Browsers*

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### Description

Create a Threejs Brain and View it in Browsers

### Usage

```
threejs_brain(
  ...,
  .list = list(),
  width = NULL,
  height = NULL,
  background = "#FFFFFF",
  cex = 1,
  timestamp = TRUE,
  title = "",
  side_canvas = FALSE,
  side_zoom = 1,
  side_width = 250,
  side_shift = c(0, 0),
  side_display = TRUE,
  control_panel = TRUE,
  control_presets = NULL,
  control_display = TRUE,
  camera_center = c(0, 0, 0),
  camera_pos = c(500, 0, 0),
```

```

    start_zoom = 1,
    symmetric = 0,
    default_colormap = "Value",
    palettes = NULL,
    value_ranges = NULL,
    value_alias = NULL,
    show_inactive_electrodes = TRUE,
    surface_colormap = system.file("palettes", "surface", "ContinuousSample.json", package
      = "threeBrain"),
    voxel_colormap = system.file("palettes", "datacube2", "FreeSurferColorLUT.json",
      package = "threeBrain"),
    videos = list(),
    widget_id = "threebrain_data",
    tmp_dirname = NULL,
    debug = FALSE,
    enable_cache = FALSE,
    token = NULL,
    controllers = list(),
    browser_external = TRUE,
    global_data = list(),
    global_files = list(),
    qrcode = NULL,
    custom_javascript = NULL,
    show_modal = "auto",
    embed = FALSE
  )

```

### Arguments

<code>...</code> , <code>.list</code>	geometries inherit from <code>AbstractGeom</code>
<code>width</code> , <code>height</code>	positive integers. Width and height of the widget. By default <code>width='100%'</code> , and height varies.
<code>background</code>	character, background color such as <code>"#FFFFFF"</code> or <code>"white"</code>
<code>cex</code>	positive number, relative text magnification level
<code>timestamp</code>	logical, whether to show time-stamp at the beginning
<code>title</code>	viewer title
<code>side_canvas</code>	logical, enable side cameras to view objects from fixed perspective
<code>side_zoom</code>	numerical, if side camera is enabled, zoom-in level, from 1 to 5
<code>side_width</code>	positive integer, side panel size in pixels
<code>side_shift</code>	integer of length two, side panel shift in pixels ( <code>'CSS style'</code> : top, left)
<code>side_display</code>	logical, show/hide side panels at beginning
<code>control_panel</code>	logical, enable control panels for the widget
<code>control_presets</code>	characters, presets to be shown in control panels

control_display	logical, whether to expand/collapse control UI at the beginning
camera_center	numerical, length of three, XYZ position where camera should focus at
camera_pos	XYZ position of camera itself, default (0, 0, 500)
start_zoom	numerical, positive number indicating camera zoom level
symmetric	numerical, default 0, color center will be mapped to this value
default_colormap	character, which color map name to display at startup
palettes	named list, names corresponds to color-map names if you want to change color palettes
value_ranges	named list, similar to palettes, value range for each values
value_alias	named list, legend title for corresponding variable
show_inactive_electrodes	logical, whether to show electrodes with no values
surface_colormap	a color map or its path generated by <code>create_colormap(gtype="surface")</code> to render surfaces vertices; see <a href="#">create_colormap</a> for details.
voxel_colormap	a color map or its path generated by <code>create_colormap(gtype="volume")</code> to render volume such as atlases; see <a href="#">create_colormap</a> for details.
videos	named list, names corresponds to color-map names, and items are generated from <a href="#">video_content</a>
widget_id	character, internally used as unique identifiers for widgets; only use it when you have multiple widgets in one website
tmp_dirname	character path, internally used, where to store temporary files
debug	logical, internally used for debugging
enable_cache	whether to enable cache, useful when rendering the viewers repeatedly in shiny applications
token	unique character, internally used to identify widgets in 'JavaScript' 'localStorage'
controllers	list to override the settings, for example <code>proxy\$get_controllers()</code>
browser_external	logical, use system default browser (default) or built-in one.
global_data, global_files	internally use, mainly to store orientation matrices and files.
qrcode	'URL' to show in the 'QR' code; can be a character string or a named list of 'url' and 'text' (hyper-reference text)
custom_javascript	customized temporary 'JavaScript' code that runs after ready state; available 'JavaScript' variables are: 'groups' input information about each group 'geoms' input information about each geometry 'settings' input information about canvas settings 'scene' 'threejs' scene object

	'canvas' canvas object
	'gui' controls data panel
	'presets' preset 'gui' methods
show_modal	logical or "auto", whether to show a modal instead of direct rendering the viewers; designed for users who do not have 'WebGL' support; only used in shiny applications
embed	whether to try embedding the viewer in current run-time; default is false (will launch default web browser); set to true if running in 'rmarkdown' or 'quarto', or to see the viewer in 'RStudio' default panel.

**Author(s)**

Zhengjia Wang

**Examples**

```

if( interactive() ) {
  library(threeBrain)

  # Please use `download_N27` to download N27 Collins template brain
  n27_path <- file.path(default_template_directory(), "N27")
  if( dir.exists(n27_path) ) {

    brain <- threeBrain(path = n27_path, subject_code = "N27",
                        surface_types = c('pial', 'smoothwm'))

    print(brain)

    brain$plot(
      background = "#000000",
      controllers = list(
        'Voxel Type' = 'aparc_aseg',
        'Surface Type' = 'smoothwm',
        'Blend Factor' = 1,
        'Right Opacity' = 0.3,
        'Overlay Sagittal' = TRUE
      ),
      show_modal = TRUE
    )

  }
}

```

**Description**

R6 Class - Generate Tube Geometry

**Author(s)**

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video_content	<i>Add video content to the viewer</i>
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**Description**

Add video content to the viewer

**Usage**

```
video_content(  
    path,  
    duration = Inf,  
    time_start = 0,  
    asp_ratio = 16/9,  
    local = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

path	local file path or 'URL'
duration	duration of the video
time_start	start time relative to the stimuli onset
asp_ratio	aspect ratio; default is 16/9
local	used only when path is a 'URL': whether to download the video before generating the viewer; see 'Details'

**Details**

The video path can be either local file path or a 'URL' from websites. When path is from the internet, there are two options: download the video before generating the viewer, or directly use the 'URL'.

If download happens before a viewer is generated (`local=TRUE`), then the video content is local. The viewer will be self-contained. However, the distribution will contain the video, and the archive size might be large.

If raw 'URL' is used (`local=FALSE`), then viewer is not self-contained as the video link might break anytime. The 'screenshot' and 'record' function might be limited if the 'URL' has different domain than yours. However, the distribution will not contain the video, hence smaller. This works in the scenarios when it is preferred not to share video files or they are licensed, or simply distribution is limited. Besides, this method is slightly faster than the local alternatives.



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volume\_to\_surf                      *Generate surface file from 'nii' or 'mgz' volume files*

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### Description

Generate surface file from 'nii' or 'mgz' volume files

### Usage

```
volume_to_surf(
  volume,
  save_to = NA,
  lambda = 0.2,
  degree = 2,
  threshold_lb = 0.5,
  threshold_ub = NA,
  format = "auto"
)
```

### Arguments

volume	path to the volume file, or object from <a href="#">read_volume</a> .
save_to	where to save the surface file; default is NA (no save).
lambda	'Laplacian' smooth, the higher the smoother
degree	'Laplacian' degree; default is 2
threshold_lb	lower threshold of the volume (to create mask); default is 0.5
threshold_ub	upper threshold of the volume; default is NA (no upper bound)
format	The format of the file if save_to is a valid path, choices include 'auto' Default, supports 'FreeSurfer' binary format and 'ASCII' text format, based on file name suffix 'bin' 'FreeSurfer' binary format 'asc' 'ASCII' text format 'ply' 'Stanford' 'PLY' format 'off' Object file format 'obj' 'Wavefront' object format 'gii' 'GIFTI' format. Please avoid using 'gii.gz' as the file suffix 'mz3' 'Surf-Ice' format 'byu' 'BYU' mesh format 'vtk' Legacy 'VTK' format 'gii', otherwise 'FreeSurfer' format. Please do not use 'gii.gz' suffix.

### Value

Triangle 'rgl' mesh (vertex positions in native 'RAS'). If save\_to is a valid path, then the mesh will be saved to this location.

**See Also**

[read\\_volume](#), [vcg\\_isosurface](#), [vcg\\_smooth\\_implicit](#)

**Examples**

```
library(threeBrain)
N27_path <- file.path(default_template_directory(), "N27")
if(dir.exists(N27_path)) {
  aseg <- file.path(N27_path, "mri", "aparc+aseg.mgz")

  # generate surface for left-hemisphere insula
  mesh <- volume_to_surf(aseg, threshold_lb = 1034,
                        threshold_ub = 1036)

  if(interactive()) {
    ravetools::rgl_view({
      ravetools::rgl_call("shade3d", mesh, color = "yellow")
    })
  }
}
```

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voxel\_colormap

*Color maps for volume or surface data*

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**Description**

Color maps for volume or surface data

**Usage**

```
create_colormap(
  gtype = c("surface", "volume"),
  dtype = c("continuous", "discrete"),
  key,
  color,
  value,
  alpha = FALSE,
  con = NULL,
  auto_rescale = FALSE,
  ...
)

save_colormap(cmap, con)

freeseferfer_colormap(con)

load_colormap(con)
```

**Arguments**

gtype	geometry type, choices are "surface", "volume"
dtype	data type, "continuous" or "discrete"
key	non-negative integer vector corresponding to color values; its length must exceed 1; see 'Details'
color	characters, corresponding to color strings for each key
value	actual value for each key
alpha	whether to respect transparency
con	a file path to write results to or to read from. The file path can be passed as voxel_colormap into <a href="#">threejs_brain</a> .
auto_rescale	automatically scale the color according to image values; only valid for continuous color maps
...	used by continuous color maps, passed to <a href="#">colorRampPalette</a>
cmap	color map object

**Details**

Internal 'JavaScript' shader implementation uses integer color keys to connect color palettes and corresponding values. The keys must be non-negative.

Zero key is a special color key reserved by system. Please avoid using it for valid values.

**Value**

A list of color map information

**Examples**

```
# Creates a symmetric continuous colormap with 3 keys
# The color range is -10 to 10
# The colors are 'blue','white','red' for these keys

pal <- create_colormap(
  gtype = "volume", dtype = "continuous",
  key = c(1,2,3), value = c(-10,0,10),
  color = c('blue','white','red'))

print( pal )

# ----- Get colormap key from a value -----

# returns key index starting from
pal$get_key( -10 )

# nearest value
pal$get_key( 2 )

# set threshold, key is now 0 (no color)
```

```

pal$get_key( 2, max_delta = 1 )

# ----- Save and load -----
f <- tempfile( fileext = '.json' )
save_colormap( pal, f )
cat(readLines(f), sep = '\n')

load_colormap(f)

```

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voxel\_cube

*Generate volume data from 'MNI' coordinates*


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### Description

Generate volume data from 'MNI' coordinates

### Usage

```

add_voxel_cube(
  brain,
  name,
  cube,
  size = c(256, 256, 256),
  trans_mat = NULL,
  trans_space_from = c("model", "scannerRAS"),
  color_format = c("RGBAFormat", "RedFormat")
)

add_nifti(
  brain,
  name,
  path,
  trans_mat = NULL,
  color_format = c("RGBAFormat", "RedFormat"),
  trans_space_from = c("model", "scannerRAS")
)

create_voxel_cube(
  mni_ras,
  value,
  colormap,
  keys = colormap$get_key(value),
  dimension = c(256, 256, 256)
)

```

**Arguments**

brain	a 'threeBrain' brain object generated from <a href="#">freesurfer_brain2</a> or <a href="#">merge_brain</a> . If you have 'rave' package installed, the brain can be generated from <code>rave::rave_brain2</code>
name	the name of voxel cube, only letters, digits and '_' are allowed; other characters will be replaced by '_'
cube	a 3-mode array; see the following example
size	the actual size of the volume, usually dot multiplication of the dimension and voxel size
trans_mat	the transform matrix of the volume. For <code>add_voxel_cube</code> , this matrix should be from data cube geometry model center to world ('tkrRAS') transform. For <code>add_nifti</code> , this matrix is the 'Nifti' 'RAS' to world ('tkrRAS') transform.
trans_space_from	where does <code>trans_mat</code> transform begin; default is from object 'model' space; alternative space is 'scannerRAS', meaning the matrix only transform volume cube from its own 'scannerRAS' to the world space.
color_format	color format for the internal texture. Default is 4-channel 'RGBAFormat'; alternative choice is 'RedFormat', which saves volume data with single red-channel to save space
path	'Nifti' data path
mni_ras	'MNI' 'RAS' coordinates, should be a n-by-3 matrix
value	data values (length n); used if keys is missing
colormap	a color map generated from <code>create_colormap</code> ; see <a href="#">voxel_colormap</a> for details
keys	integer color-keys generated from a color map with length of n; alternatively, you could specify value and colormap to generate keys automatically
dimension	volume dimension; default is a 256 x 256 x 256 array cube; must be integers and have length of 3

**Value**

`create_voxel_cube` returns a list of cube data and other informations; `add_voxel_cube` returns the brain object

**Examples**

```
# requires N27 brain to be installed
# use `download_N27()` to download template Collins brain

# sample MNI coords
tbl <- read.csv(system.file(
  'sample_data/example_cube.csv', package = 'threeBrain'
))
head(tbl)

# load colormap
cmap <- load_colormap(system.file(
```

```
'palettes/datacube2/Mixed.json', package = 'threeBrain'
))

x <- create_voxel_cube(
  mni_ras = tbl[, c('x', 'y', 'z')],
  keys = tbl$key,
  dimension = c(128, 128, 128)
)

n27_path <- file.path(default_template_directory(), "N27")
if( interactive() && dir.exists(n27_path) ) {
  brain <- merge_brain()

  # or add_voxel_cube(brain, 'example', x$cube)
  x$add_to_brain(brain, 'example')

  brain$plot(controllers = list(
    "Voxel Type" = 'example',
    'Right Opacity' = 0.3,
    'Left Opacity' = 0.3,
    'Background Color' = '#000000'
  ), voxel_colormap = cmap)
}
```

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