

# Package ‘confidence’

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**Description** Functions for estimating and reporting multi-year averages and corresponding confidence intervals and distributions. A potential use case is reporting the chemical and ecological status of surface waters according to the European Water Framework Directive.

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confidence-package	<i>Confidence Estimation of Environmental State Classifications</i>
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### Description

This package can be used to estimate the confidence of state classifications (e.g., with the classification ‘bad’, ‘moderate’, ‘good’) produced using environmental indicators and associated targets. The implementation closely follows Baggelaar et al. (2010) where the confidence intervals for the estimated multiyear averages are derived by assuming a Student’s t distribution for the errors. For more information about the package see the package-vignette (type: vignette("confidence") at the R-prompt to view the vignette.).

@seealso [conf](#) and the package vignette mentioned above.

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@references Baggelaar, P., O. van Tongeren, R. Knoben, and W. van Loon, 2010. Rapporteren van de betrouwbaarheid van KRW-beoordelingen (in Dutch, English translation: Reporting the confidence of WFD-assessments). H2O 16: 21–25

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backtransform	<i>Back-transformations Performs inverse log or logit transformations.</i>
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### Description

Back-transformations

Performs inverse log or logit transformations.

### Usage

```
backtransform(x, type = c("identity", "log", "logit", "none", NA_character_))
```

### Arguments

x	value to back-transform
type	type of transform (log, logit).

**Value**

backtransformed value

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conf

*Perform Confidence Run*

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**Description**

This function starts the ‘confidence tool’. The results will be stored in a subdirectory in the current working directory. See details section below.

**Usage**

```
conf(x = NULL, tmpdir = tempfile(pattern = "confidence"), browse = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	name of the input file or a <a href="#">data.frame</a> containing the input. If x = <code>NULL</code> (the default) a file dialog will appear for interactive selection of an input file. See the package vignette for details about the file format.
tmpdir	directory to store temporary files (for debugging only)
browse	load resulting report directly in a browser? TRUE or FALSE

**Details**

This function will create a subdirectory

- in the same directory as x, in case x is a filename or
- in the current working directory (see [getwd](#)), in case x is a [data.frame](#).

The computer should have write permission to this directory, if not an error message will be raised. The subdirectory contains an HTML-report with all analysis results. For convenience, the results are also stored in CSV-format (tables) and png-format (figures) for further processing.

**See Also**

[confidence](#) and the package vignette (`vignette("confidence")`).

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conf_input	<i>Check Confidence data</i>
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### Description

This function checks `data.frames` to be used by the confidence package. The format has been specified in Van Loon (2014) and should contain the following columns:

- OBJECTID: water body code, e.g., NL89\_os;
- PAR: parameter, e.g., Cadmium;
- DATE: date according to ISO 8601 (YYYY-mm-dd) for point values or year YYYY for annual means;
- VALUE: numerical value.
- TARGET: target value for the European Water Framework Directive;
- UNIT: measurement unit of PAR. This unit should be the same for all records with the same PAR and is the same for both VALUE and TARGET;
- transform: data transformation, i.e., log, logit, NA.

### Usage

```
conf_input(x)
```

### Arguments

x                      `data.frame` to be checked

### Details

The function performs the following tasks:

- checks availability of required columns (case insensitive);
- make column names case-insensitive;
- removes redundant spaces;
- checks on missing values in required columns;
- checks if DATE-field adheres to ISO 8601 (YYYY-mm-dd) or YYYY;
- checks mixtures of annual averages and point values for a each year;
- checks if measurement units are the same for a specific OBJECTID-PAR-pair;
- checks if TARGET-value is the same for a specific OBJECTID-PAR-pair;
- checks if transform is one of log, logit, NA in transform column;
- checks that the EQR-column contains identical values fo each OBJECTID-PAR combination.

### Value

`data.frame` that has passed all checks



**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 3 rows and 11 columns.

**Details**

The columns represent the following information:

- OBJECTID: water body code
- PAR: parameter, in this case EQR;
- color: colors in density function;
- DATE: year;
- VALUE: annual arithmetic average EQR
- TARGET: target EQR;
- transform: applied transform

@source Baggelaar, P., O. van Tongeren, R. Knoben, & W. van Loon, 2010. Rapporteren van de betrouwbaarheid van KRW-beoordelingen. H2O 16, p.21–25

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metal

*Simulated Metal Contents*

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**Description**

A data set with two time-series of simulated metal contents. These data have mainly been used to test the package. Users may find this dataset convenient as an example to construct their own data sets. The columns represent the following information:

- OBJECTID: water body code, e.g., NL89\_os;
- PAR: parameter, e.g., Cadmium;
- color: colors in density function;
- DATE: date according to ISO 8601 (YYYY-mm-dd) for point values or year YYYY for annual means;
- VALUE: numerical value.
- TARGET: e.g., the target value for the European Water Framework Directive;
- UNIT: measurement unit of PAR. This unit should be the same for all records with the same PAR and is the same for both VALUE and TARGET;
- transform: data transformation, i.e., log, logit, NA.

**Usage**

metal

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 8 rows and 8 columns.

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mya	<i>Multi-Year Average</i>
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**Description**

Estimates the multi-year average of environmental properties and associated confidence intervals.

**Usage**

```
mya(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class <code>conf_input</code> or a <code>data.frame</code> that can be coerced to an instance of class <code>conf_input</code> .
...	further arguments to be passed to other methods

**Value**

a `data.frame` with the following columns:

- MYA: the multi-year arithmetic average;
- PROB\_LTT: the probability that MYA is less than the target value specified;
- PROB\_GTT: the probability that MYA is greater than the target value specified;
- q05: the lowerbound of the 90% confidence interval of MYA
- q95: the upperbound of the 90% confidence interval of MYA

**See Also**

[conf](#)

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sanitize	<i>Sanitize Text to Give Proper Filenames</i>
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**Description**

Sanitize Text to Give Proper Filenames

**Usage**

```
sanitize(x)
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**Arguments**

x	character vector to sanitize
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**Value**

sanitized character vector

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strip_spaces	<i>Remove Redundant Spaces</i>
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**Description**

This function removes redundant spaces from character vectors

**Usage**

```
strip_spaces(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    character vector

**Value**

character vector without trailing or multiple spaces

**Examples**

```
stopifnot(confidence:::strip_spaces(" Hello World ") == "Hello World")
```

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transform	<i>Transformations Performs log or logit transformations.</i>
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**Description**

Transformations  
Performs log or logit transformations.

**Usage**

```
transform(x, type = c("identity", "log", "logit", "none", NA_character_))
```

**Arguments**

x                    value to transform  
type                type of transform (log, logit).

**Value**

transformed value



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