

# Package ‘bitstreamio’

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**Description** Bit-level reading and writing are necessary when dealing with many file formats e.g. compressed data and binary files. Currently, R connections are manipulated at the byte level. This package wraps existing connections and raw vectors so that it is possible to read bits, bit sequences, unaligned bytes and low-bit representations of integers.

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assert_bs	<i>Test if an object is a bitstream object and fail if it is not</i>
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## Description

Test if an object is a bitstream object and fail if it is not

## Usage

```
assert_bs(x)
```

## Arguments

x	object to test
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## Value

None

## Examples

```
raw_vec <- as.raw(1:3)
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
assert_bs(bs)
bs_close(bs)
```

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bits\_to\_raw                      *Convert between logical vector of bits and raw vector*

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**Description**

Convert between logical vector of bits and raw vector

**Usage**

```
bits_to_raw(bits, msb_first = TRUE)
```

```
raw_to_bits(x, msb_first = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

bits	Logical vector of bit values. Length must be a multiple of 8
msb_first	MSB first? Default: TRUE
x	Byte values. Integer vectors will be truncated to 8 bits before output. Numeric vectors will be rounded to integers and then truncated to 8 bits. Raw vectors preferred.

**Value**

Logical vector of bit values or a raw vector.

**Examples**

```
bits <- raw_to_bits(c(0, 4, 21))
bits
bits_to_raw(bits) |> as.integer()
```

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bits\_to\_uint                      *Convert between bits and unsigned integers*

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**Description**

Convert between bits and unsigned integers

**Usage**

```
bits_to_uint(bits, nbits = NULL)
```

```
uint_to_bits(x, nbits)
```

**Arguments**

bits	logical vector of bit values in MSB first order
nbits	number of bits per integer. If NULL, then bits is assumed to represent a single integer value. If not NULL, then the number of values in bits must be a multiple of nbits
x	vector of unsigned integers

**Value**

logical vector of bit values of vector of unsigned integers

**Examples**

```
bits <- uint_to_bits(c(1, 2, 3), nbits = 3)
bits
bits_to_uint(bits, nbits = 3)
```

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bs_advance	<i>Advance bitstream</i>
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**Description**

Advance bitstream

**Usage**

```
bs_advance(bs, n)
```

**Arguments**

bs	Bistream connection object created with bs_open()
n	number of bits to advance

**Value**

Bitstream connection returned invisibly

**Examples**

```
raw_vec <- as.raw(1:3)
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_is_aligned(bs)
bs_advance(bs, 4)
bs_is_aligned(bs)
bs_read_bit(bs, 8)
bs_is_aligned(bs)
bs_close(bs)
```

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bs_align	<i>Align the bitstream to the given number of bits - relative to start of bitstream</i>
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**Description**

Align the bitstream to the given number of bits - relative to start of bitstream

**Usage**

```
bs_align(bs, nbits = 8L, value = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

bs	Bistream connection object created with <code>bs_open()</code>
nbits	number of bits of alignment w.r.t start of bitstream. Default: 8
value	bit fill value. Either TRUE or FALSE. Default FALSE

**Value**

Bitstream connection returned invisibly

**Examples**

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_bit(bs, c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))
bs_is_aligned(bs, 8)
bs_align(bs, nbits = 8)
bs_is_aligned(bs, 8)
output <- bs_close(bs)
output
```

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bs_flush	<i>Flush bits in the buffer</i>
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**Description**

This is called internally to flush bitstream buffers to the underlying R connection.

**Usage**

```
bs_flush(bs)
```

**Arguments**

bs	Bistream connection object created with <code>bs_open()</code>
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**Value**

Bitstream connection returned invisibly

**Examples**

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_bit(bs, c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))
bs_align(bs, nbits = 8)
bs_flush(bs)
output <- bs_close(bs)
output
```

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bs_is_aligned	<i>Is the current bit connection aligned at the given number of bits for reading/writing?</i>
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**Description**

Is the current bit connection aligned at the given number of bits for reading/writing?

**Usage**

```
bs_is_aligned(bs, nbits = 8)
```

**Arguments**

bs	Bistream connection object created with bs_open()
nbits	number of bits of alignment w.r.t start of bitstream. Default: 8

**Value**

logical. TRUE if stream location is currently aligned to the specified number of bits, otherwise FALSE

**Examples**

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_bit(bs, c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))
bs_is_aligned(bs, 8)
bs_align(bs, nbits = 8)
bs_is_aligned(bs, 8)
output <- bs_close(bs)
output
```

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bs_open	<i>Open/close a bitstream</i>
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## Description

Open/close a bitstream

## Usage

```
bs_open(con, mode, msb_first = TRUE, flush_threshold = 1024 * 8)
```

```
bs_close(bs, verbosity = 0)
```

## Arguments

con	A vector of raw values or an R connection (e.g. <code>file()</code> , <code>url()</code> , etc)
mode	Bitstream mode set to read or write? One of 'r', 'w', 'rb', 'wb'.
msb_first	Should the output mode be Most Significant Bit first? Default: TRUE
flush_threshold	Threshold number of bits at which the buffered data will be automatically written to the connection. Default: 8192 bits (1024 bytes). Note: Use <code>bs_flush()</code> to write out the buffer at any time. All bits are automatically written out when <code>bs_close()</code> is called.
bs	Bistream connection object created with <code>bs_open()</code>
verbosity	Verbosity level. Default: 0

## Value

`bs_open()` returns a `bitstream` connection object. When the connection is a raw vector and mode = 'w', `bs_close()` returns the final state of the raw vector; in all other cases `bs_close()` does not return a value.

## Examples

```
raw_vec <- as.raw(1:3)
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
assert_bs(bs)
bs_close(bs)
```

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bs_peek	<i>Peek at bits from a bitstream i.e. examine bits without advancing bitstream</i>
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**Description**

Peek at bits from a bitstream i.e. examine bits without advancing bitstream

**Usage**

```
bs_peek(bs, n)
```

**Arguments**

bs	Bistream connection object created with bs_open()
n	number of bits to peek.

**Value**

logical vector of bit values

**Examples**

```
raw_vec <- as.raw(1:3)
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_peek(bs, 4)
stopifnot(bs_is_aligned(bs))
bs_close(bs)
```

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bs_read_bit	<i>Read bits from a bitstream</i>
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**Description**

Read bits from a bitstream

**Usage**

```
bs_read_bit(bs, n)
```

**Arguments**

bs	Bistream connection object created with bs_open()
n	number of bits to read



**Value**

logical vector of bit values

**Examples**

```
raw_vec <- as.raw(1:3)
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_read_bit(bs, 4)
bs_is_aligned(bs)
bs_close(bs)
```

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*bs\_write\_bit*

*Write unaligned bits to a bitstream*

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**Description**

Write unaligned bits to a bitstream

**Usage**

```
bs_write_bit(bs, x)
```

**Arguments**

- bs* Bistream connection object created with *bs\_open()*
- x* Logical vector of bit values

**Value**

Bitstream connection returned invisibly

**Examples**

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_bit(bs, c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))
bs_align(bs, nbits = 8)
bs_flush(bs)
output <- bs_close(bs)
output
```

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bs_write_byte	<i>Read/Write unaligned bytes with a bitstream</i>
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### Description

Read/Write unaligned bytes with a bitstream

### Usage

```
bs_write_byte(bs, x)
```

```
bs_read_byte(bs, n)
```

### Arguments

bs	Bistream connection object created with <code>bs_open()</code>
x	vector of bytes to write. Integer vectors will be truncated to 8 bits before output. Numeric vectors will be rounded to integers and then truncated to 8 bits.
n	number of bytes to read

### Value

Reading returns a logical vector of bit values. When writing, the bs bitstream connection is returned invisibly

### Examples

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_bit(bs, c(TRUE, FALSE))
bs_write_byte(bs, c(1, 2, 3))
bs_align(bs)
raw_vec <- bs_close(bs)
```

```
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_read_bit(bs, 2)
bs_read_byte(bs, 3)
bs_close(bs)
```

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`bs_write_sint_exp_golomb`*Read/Write Exponential-Golomb encoded signed integers*

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**Description**

Read/Write Exponential-Golomb encoded signed integers

**Usage**

```
bs_write_sint_exp_golomb(bs, x)
```

```
bs_read_sint_exp_golomb(bs, n = 1L)
```

**Arguments**

<code>bs</code>	Bistream connection object created with <code>bs_open()</code>
<code>x</code>	integer vector to write
<code>n</code>	number of encoded integers to read

**Value**

Reading returns a vector of integers. Writing returns the bitstream invisibly.

**Examples**

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_sint_exp_golomb(bs, c(0, 4, -21))
raw_vec <- bs_close(bs)
raw_vec
```

```
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_read_sint_exp_golomb(bs, 3)
bs_close(bs)
```

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`bs_write_uint`*Read/Write unsigned integers*

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**Description**

Read/Write unsigned integers

**Usage**

```
bs_write_uint(bs, x, nbits)

bs_read_uint(bs, nbits, n = 1L)
```

**Arguments**

bs	Bistream connection object created with <code>bs_open()</code>
x	integer vector to write
nbits	the number of bits used for each integer
n	number of integers to read

**Value**

Reading returns a vector of non-negative integers. Writing returns the bitstream invisibly.

**Examples**

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_uint(bs, c(0, 4, 21), nbits = 5)
bs_align(bs, 8)
raw_vec <- bs_close(bs)
raw_vec

bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_read_uint(bs, n = 3, nbits = 5)
bs_close(bs)
```

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`bs_write_uint_exp_golomb`

*Read/Write Exponential-Golomb encoded non-negative integers*

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**Description**

Read/Write Exponential-Golomb encoded non-negative integers

**Usage**

```
bs_write_uint_exp_golomb(bs, x)

bs_read_uint_exp_golomb(bs, n = 1L)
```

**Arguments**

bs	Bistream connection object created with <code>bs_open()</code>
x	integer vector to write
n	number of encoded integers to read

**Value**

Reading returns a vector of non-negative integers. Writing returns the bitstream invisibly.

**Examples**

```
bs <- bs_open(raw(), 'w')
bs_write_uint_exp_golomb(bs, c(0, 4, 21))
bs_align(bs, 8)
raw_vec <- bs_close(bs)
raw_vec
```

```
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
bs_read_uint_exp_golomb(bs, 3)
bs_close(bs)
```

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is\_bs

*Test if an object is a bitstream object*

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**Description**

Test if an object is a bitstream object

**Usage**

```
is_bs(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    object to test

**Value**

logical. TRUE if object is a bitstream object

**Examples**

```
# Negative case
is_bs(NULL)

# Positive case
raw_vec <- as.raw(1:3)
bs <- bs_open(raw_vec, 'r')
is_bs(bs)
bs_close(bs)
```

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pad_bits	<i>Pad a logical vector to the given size</i>
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**Description**

Pad a logical vector to the given size

**Usage**

```
pad_bits(bits, nbits = 8L, side = "left", value = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

bits	logical vector
nbits	Pad width to a multiple of this number of bits
side	'left' or 'right'. Only the lowercase version of the first letter is used to determine the side. all of these are valid options: 'L', 'R', 'left', 'Right'
value	The value to use for padding. single logical value. Default: FALSE

**Value**

Logical vector with the specified padding

**Examples**

```
pad_bits(c(TRUE, TRUE), nbits = 8, side = 'left')
pad_bits(c(TRUE, TRUE), nbits = 8, side = 'R')
```

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sint_to_exp_golomb_bits	<i>Convert between signed integers and Exponential-Golomb bit sequences</i>
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**Description**

Convert between signed integers and Exponential-Golomb bit sequences

**Usage**

```
sint_to_exp_golomb_bits(x)

exp_golomb_bits_to_sint(bits, n = 1)
```

**Arguments**

x	integer vector with all values $\geq 0$
bits	logical vector of bit values
n	number of values to decode. Default: 1. Set to 'Inf' to decode all bits. Will raise an error if there are extra bits at the end that are unused.

**Value**

logical vector of bit values, or vector of signed integers

**Examples**

```
bits <- sint_to_exp_golomb_bits(c(0, 4, -21))
bits
exp_golomb_bits_to_sint(bits, n = 3)
```

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```
uint_to_exp_golomb_bits
```

*Convert between non-negative integers and Exponential Golomb bit sequences*

---

**Description**

Convert between non-negative integers and Exponential Golomb bit sequences

**Usage**

```
uint_to_exp_golomb_bits(x)

exp_golomb_bits_to_uint(bits, n = 1)
```

**Arguments**

x	integer vector with all values $\geq 0$
bits	logical vector of bit values
n	number of values to decode. Default: 1. Set to 'Inf' to decode all bits. Will raise an error if there are extra bits at the end that are not properly encoded integers

**Value**

logical vector of bit values, or vector of non-negative integers

**Examples**

```
bits <- uint_to_exp_golomb_bits(c(0, 4, 21))
bits
exp_golomb_bits_to_uint(bits, n = 3)
```

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