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**Description** Tools for dealing with GWAS summary data in VCF format.  
Includes reading, querying, writing, as well as helper  
functions such as LD proxy searches.

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check_bcftools	<i>Check if the tools_bcftools option is set</i>
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### **Description**

See set\_bcftools() for more information

### **Usage**

```
check_bcftools()
```

### **Value**

TRUE or FALSE

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check_plink	<i>Check if the tools_plink option is set</i>
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**Description**

See set\_plink() for more information

**Usage**

```
check_plink()
```

**Value**

TRUE or FALSE

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create_ldref_sqlite	<i>Create LD reference sqlite database for tags</i>
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**Description**

This is used for looking up proxies

**Usage**

```
create_ldref_sqlite(bfile, dbname, tag_r2 = 0.6)
```

**Arguments**

bfile	path to plink file
dbname	dbname to produce (overwrites existing if exists)
tag_r2	minimum tag r2

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`create_pval_index_from_vcf`*Create pval index from GWAS-VCF file*

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**Description**

Create a separate file called <id>.pvali which is used to speed up p-value queries.

**Usage**

```
create_pval_index_from_vcf(vcffile, maximum_pval, indexname)
```

**Arguments**

vcffile	VCF filename
maximum_pval	Maximum p-value to include. Default = 0.05
indexname	index file name to create. Deletes existing file if exists.

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`create_rsid_index_from_vcf`*Create RSID index from VCF*

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**Description**

Create RSID index from VCF

**Usage**

```
create_rsid_index_from_vcf(vcf, indexname)
```

**Arguments**

vcf	VCF filename
indexname	index file name to create. Deletes existing file if exists.

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 create\_rsid\_sub\_index

*Create new index from existing index using a subset of rsids*


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### Description

Note this requires a modified version of plink that allows ld-window-r2 flag for -r option. Available here: <https://github.com/explodecomputer/plink-ng>

### Usage

```
create_rsid_sub_index(rsid, rsidx, newindex)
```

### Arguments

rsid	Vector of rsids
rsidx	Existing index
newindex	New index (Note: will delete existing file if exists)

### Value

NULL, creates new index file

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create\_vcf

*Create GWAS vcf*


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### Description

Create GWAS vcf

### Usage

```
create_vcf(
  chrom,
  pos,
  nea,
  ea,
  snp = NULL,
  ea_af = NULL,
  effect = NULL,
  se = NULL,
  pval = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  ncase = NULL,
  name = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

chrom	chrom vector
pos	pos vector
nea	nea vector
ea	ea vector
snp	Optional vector
ea_af	Optional vector
effect	Optional vector
se	Optional vector
pval	Optional vector
n	Optional vector
ncase	Optional vector
name	Optional vector

**Value**

vcf object

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get\_ld\_proxies      *Find LD proxies for a set of SNPs*

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**Description**

Find LD proxies for a set of SNPs

**Usage**

```
get_ld_proxies(  
  rsid,  
  bfile,  
  searchspace = NULL,  
  tag_kb = 5000,  
  tag_nsnp = 5000,  
  tag_r2 = 0.6,  
  threads = 1,  
  out = tempfile()  
)
```

**Arguments**

rsid	list of rs IDs
bfile	ld reference panel
searchspace	Optional list of rs IDs to use as potential proxies
tag_kb	=5000 Proxy parameter
tag_nsnp	=5000 Proxy parameter
tag_r2	=0.6 Proxy parameter
threads	Number of threads to use (=1)
out	temporary output file

**Value**

data frame

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`gwasvcf_to_summaryset` *Create a SummarySet*

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**Description**

Returns a gwasglue2 SummarySet object

**Usage**

```
gwasvcf_to_summaryset(vcf)
```

**Arguments**

vcf	Path or URL to GWAS-VCF file or VCF object e.g. output from <a href="#">VariantAnnotation::readVcf()</a> , <a href="#">create_vcf()</a> or <a href="#">query_gwas()</a>
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`merge_vcf` *Merge two GWAS VCF objects*

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**Description**

Returns merged intersection of two VCF objects

**Usage**

```
merge_vcf(a, b)
```

**Arguments**

a            VCF object  
 b            VCF object

**Value**

SimpleList of VCF objects

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parse_chrompos	<i>Parse chromosome:position</i>
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**Description**

Takes data frame or vector of chromosome position ranges and parses to granges object

**Usage**

```
parse_chrompos(chrompos, radius = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

chrompos     Either vector of chromosome and position ranges e.g. "1:1000" or "1:1000-2000", or data frame with columns chrom, start, end.  
 radius       Add radius to the specified positions. Default = NULL

**Value**

GRanges object

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proxy_match	<i>Extract SNPs from vcf file</i>
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**Description**

Finds proxies if necessary



**Usage**

```

proxy_match(
  vcf,
  rsid,
  bfile = NULL,
  proxies = "yes",
  tag_kb = 5000,
  tag_nsnp = 5000,
  tag_r2 = 0.6,
  threads = 1,
  rsidx = NULL,
  dbfile = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

vcf	vcf file name
rsid	list of rs IDs
bfile	ld reference panel (plink)
proxies	"yes" If SNPs are absent then look for proxies (yes) or not (no). Can also mask all target SNPs and only return proxies (only), for testing purposes
tag_kb	=5000 Proxy parameter
tag_nsnp	=5000 Proxy parameter
tag_r2	=0.6 Proxy parameter
threads	Number of threads to use (=1)
rsidx	Path to rsidx index
dbfile	ld tag database (sqlite)

**Value**

data frame

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query\_chrompos\_bcftools

*Query chromosome and position using bcftools*

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**Description**

Query chromosome and position using bcftools

**Usage**

```
query_chrompos_bcftools(chrompos, vcffile, id = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

chrompos	Either vector of chromosome and position ranges e.g. "1:1000" or "1:1000-2000", or data frame with columns chrom, start, end.
vcffile	Path to .vcf.gz GWAS summary data file
id	If multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf file, the name (sample ID) from which to perform the filter

**Value**

vcf object

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query\_chrompos\_file    *Query vcf file, extracting by chromosome and position*

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**Description**

Query vcf file, extracting by chromosome and position

**Usage**

```
query_chrompos_file(chrompos, vcffile, id = NULL, build = "GRCh37")
```

**Arguments**

chrompos	Either vector of chromosome and position ranges e.g. "1:1000" or "1:1000-2000", or data frame with columns chrom, start, end.
vcffile	Path to .vcf.gz GWAS summary data file
id	If multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf file, the name (sample ID) from which to perform the filter
build	Default="GRCh37" Build of vcffile

**Value**

VCF object

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query_chrompos_vcf	<i>Query chrompos from vcf object</i>
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**Description**

Query chrompos from vcf object

**Usage**

```
query_chrompos_vcf(chrompos, vcf, id = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

chrompos	Either vector of chromosome and position ranges e.g. "1:1000" or "1:1000-2000", or data frame with columns chrom, start, end.
vcf	VCF object (e.g. from readVcf)
id	If multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf file, the name (sample ID) from which to perform the filter

**Value**

VCF object

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query_gwas	<i>Query data from vcf file</i>
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**Description**

Read in GWAS summary data with filters on datasets (if multiple datasets per file) and/or chromosome/position, rsids or pvalues. Chooses most optimal choice for the detected operating system. Typically chrompos searches are the fastest. On Windows, rsid or pvalue filters from a file will be slow.

**Usage**

```
query_gwas(
  vcf,
  chrompos = NULL,
  rsid = NULL,
  pval = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  rsidx = NULL,
  pvali = NULL,
  build = "GRCh37",
  os = Sys.info()[["sysname"]],
```

```

proxies = "no",
bfile = NULL,
dbfile = NULL,
tag_kb = 5000,
tag_nsnp = 5000,
tag_r2 = 0.6,
threads = 1
)

```

### Arguments

vcf	Path or URL to GWAS-VCF file or VCF object e.g. output from <code>VariantAnnotation::readVcf()</code> or <code>create_vcf()</code>
chrompos	Either vector of chromosome and position ranges e.g. "1:1000" or "1:1000-2000", or data frame with columns chrom, start, end.
rsid	Vector of rsids
pval	P-value threshold (NOT -log10)
id	If multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf file, the name (sample ID) from which to perform the filter
rsidx	Path to rsidx index file
pvali	Path to pval index file
build	"GRCh37" Build of vcffile
os	The operating system. Default is as detected. Determines the method used to perform query
proxies	"no" If SNPs are absent then look for proxies (yes) or not (no). Can also mask all target SNPs and only return proxies (only), for testing purposes. Currently only possible if querying rsid.
bfile	=path to plink bed/bim/fam ld reference panel
dbfile	=path to sqlite tag snp database
tag_kb	=5000 Proxy parameter
tag_nsnp	=5000 Proxy parameter
tag_r2	=0.6 Proxy parameter
threads	=1 NUmber of threads

### Value

vcf object

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query_pvali	<i>Query pvali</i>
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**Description**

Query pvali

Query pvali

**Usage**

query\_pvali(pval, pvali)

query\_pvali(pval, pvali)

**Arguments**

pval            pval threshold

pvali           Path to pval index file

**Value**

data frame

data frame

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query_pval_bcftools	<i>Query p-value using bcftools</i>
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**Description**

Query p-value using bcftools

**Usage**

query\_pval\_bcftools(pval, vcffile, id = NULL)

**Arguments**

pval            P-value threshold (NOT -log10)

vcffile        Path to .vcf.gz GWAS summary data file

id              If multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf file, the name (sample ID) from which to perform the filter

**Value**

vcf object

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query_pval_file	<i>Query pval from vcf file</i>
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**Description**

Query pval from vcf file

**Usage**

```
query_pval_file(pval, vcffile, id = NULL, build = "GRCh37")
```

**Arguments**

pval	P-value threshold (NOT -log10)
vcffile	Path to tabix indexed vcf file
id	If multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf file, the name (sample ID) from which to perform the filter
build	Default="GRCh37"

**Value**

VCF object

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query_pval_sqlite3	<i>Query pval from file using pvali index</i>
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**Description**

See create\_pvali\_index

See create\_pvali\_index

**Usage**

```
query_pval_sqlite3(pval, vcffile, id = NULL, pvali)
```

```
query_pval_sqlite3(pval, vcffile, id = NULL, pvali)
```

**Arguments**

pval	pval threshold
vcffile	Path to .vcf.gz GWAS summary data file
id	If multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf file, the name (sample ID) from which to perform the filter
pvali	Path to pval index file

**Value**

vcf object  
vcf object

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query_pval_vcf	<i>Query based on p-value threshold from vcf</i>
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**Description**

Query based on p-value threshold from vcf

**Usage**

```
query_pval_vcf(pval, vcf, id = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

pval	P-value threshold (NOT -log10)
vcf	VCF object (e.g. from readVcf)
id	If multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf file, the name (sample ID) from which to perform the filter

**Value**

VCF object

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query_rsid	<i>Query rsid</i>
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**Description**

Query rsid

**Usage**

```
query_rsid(rsid, rsidx)
```

**Arguments**

rsid	Vector of rsids
rsidx	Path to rsid index file

**Value**

data frame

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query\_rsid\_bcftools    *Query*

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**Description**

Query

**Usage**

```
query_rsid_bcftools(rsid, vcffile, id = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

rsid	Vector of rsids
vcffile	Path to .vcf.gz GWAS summary data file
id	If multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf file, the name (sample ID) from which to perform the filter

**Value**

VCF object

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query\_rsid\_file    *Query vcf file, extracting by rsid*

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**Description**

Query vcf file, extracting by rsid

**Usage**

```
query_rsid_file(rsid, vcffile, id = NULL, build = "GRCh37")
```

**Arguments**

rsid	Vector of rsids. Use DBSNP build (???)
vcffile	Path to .vcf.gz GWAS summary data file
id	If multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf file, the name (sample ID) from which to perform the filter
build	Default="GRCh37" Build of vcffile

**Value**

VCF object



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query_rsid_rsidx	<i>Query rsid from file using rsidx index</i>
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**Description**

See create\_rsidx\_index

**Usage**

```
query_rsid_rsidx(rsid, vcffile, id = NULL, rsidx)
```

**Arguments**

rsid	Vector of rsids
vcffile	Path to .vcf.gz GWAS summary data file
id	If multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf file, the name (sample ID) from which to perform the filter
rsidx	Path to rsidx index file

**Value**

vcf object

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query_rsid_vcf	<i>Query rsid from vcf object</i>
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**Description**

Query rsid from vcf object

**Usage**

```
query_rsid_vcf(rsid, vcf, id = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

rsid	Vector of rsids
vcf	VCF object (e.g. from readVcf)
id	If multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf file, the name (sample ID) from which to perform the filter

**Value**

VCF object

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set_bcftools	<i>Set bcftools binary location</i>
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**Description**

Set bcftools binary location

**Usage**

```
set_bcftools(path = "")
```

**Arguments**

path	If "" (default), then will use the MRCIEU/genetics.binaRies to get binaries that are appropriate for the detected operating system. Otherwise, provide the path to the bcftools binary. If NULL then will set the option to NULL.
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**Value**

NULL, sets option 'tools\_bcftools'

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set_plink	<i>Set plink binary location</i>
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**Description**

Set plink binary location

**Usage**

```
set_plink(path = "")
```

**Arguments**

path	If "" (default), then will use the MRCIEU/genetics.binaRies to get binaries that are appropriate for the detected operating system. Otherwise, provide the path to the plink binary. If NULL then will set the option to NULL.
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**Value**

NULL, sets option 'tools\_plink'

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sqlite_ld_proxies	<i>Lookup LD proxies from sqlite database</i>
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**Description**

Lookup LD proxies from sqlite database

**Usage**

```
sqlite_ld_proxies(rsids, dbfile, tag_r2)
```

**Arguments**

rsids	List of rsids
dbfile	path to dbfile
tag_r2	minimum r2 value

**Value**

data frame

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VariantAnnotation	<i>VariantAnnotation</i>
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**Description**

VariantAnnotation

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vcflist_overlaps	<i>Reduce list of VCFs to intersecting regions</i>
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**Description**

Reduce list of VCFs to intersecting regions

**Usage**

```
vcflist_overlaps(vcflist, chrompos)
```

**Arguments**

vcflist	List of VCF objects, or list of VCF filenames, or mix of VCF objects and filenames
chrompos	Either vector of chromosome and position ranges e.g. "1:1000" or "1:1000-2000", or data frame with columns chrom, start, end.

**Value**

List of VCFs

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vcf_to_granges	<i>Convert vcf format to granges format</i>
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**Description**

Convert vcf format to granges format

**Usage**

```
vcf_to_granges(vcf, id = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

vcf	Output from readVcf
id	Only accepts one ID, so specify here if there are multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf

**Value**

GRanges object

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vcf_to_tibble	<i>Convert vcf format to tibble (data frame)</i>
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**Description**

Convert vcf format to tibble (data frame)

**Usage**

```
vcf_to_tibble(vcf, id = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

vcf	Output from readVcf
id	Only accepts one ID, so specify here if there are multiple GWAS datasets in the vcf

**Value**

GRanges object

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