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arrhenius.scaling      *Arrhenius scaling*

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**Description**

Scale temperature dependent trait from measurement temperature to reference temperature

**Usage**

arrhenius.scaling(observed.value, old.temp, new.temp = 25)

**Arguments**

- observed.value    observed value of temperature dependent trait, e.g. Vcmax, root respiration rate
- old.temp            temperature at which measurement was taken or previously scaled to
- new.temp            temperature to be scaled to, default = 25 C

**Value**

numeric value at reference temperature

**Author(s)**

unknown

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as.sequence	<i>Convert categorical variable into sequential integers</i>
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**Description**

Turns any categorical variable into a sequential integer. This transformation is required for using data in BUGS/JAGS

**Usage**

```
as.sequence(x, na.rm = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	categorical variable as vector
na.rm	logical: return NA's or replace with max(x) + 1

**Value**

sequence from 1:length(unique(x))

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

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bibtexify	<i>bibtexify</i>
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**Description**

Converts author year title to bibtex author1999abc format

**Usage**

```
bibtexify(author, year, title)
```

**Arguments**

author	name of first author
year	year of publication
title	manuscript title

**Value**

bibtex citation

**Author(s)**

unknown

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`bugs.rdist`*Sample from an R distribution using JAGS*

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**Description**

Takes a distribution with R parameterization, converts it to a BUGS parameterization, and then samples from the distribution using JAGS

**Usage**

```
bugs.rdist(  
  prior = data.frame(distn = "norm", parama = 0, paramb = 1),  
  n.iter = 1e+05,  
  n = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>prior</code>	dataframe with distribution name and parameters
<code>n.iter</code>	number of MCMC samples. Output will have <code>n.iter/4</code> samples
<code>n</code>	number of randomly chosen samples to return.

**Value**

vector of samples

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

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`capitalize`*Capitalize a string*

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**Description**

Capitalize a string

**Usage**`capitalize(x)`

**Arguments**

x                    string

**Value**

x, capitalized

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

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cf2datetime	<i>Convert CF-style date-time to POSIXct date-time</i>
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**Description**

Convert CF-style date-time to POSIXct date-time

**Usage**

```
cf2datetime(value, unit, tz = "UTC")
```

**Arguments**

value	Numeric value of CF date-time
unit	CF style unit (e.g. "days since 2010-01-01")
tz	Time zone of result (default = "UTC")

**Value**

POSIXct datetime

**Author(s)**

Alexey Shiklomanov

**Examples**

```
cf2datetime(5, "days since 1981-01-01")
cf2datetime(27, "minutes since 1963-01-03 12:00:00 -05:00")
# no leap year
cf2datetime(365, "days since 1999-01-01")
# leap year
cf2datetime(365, "days since 2000-01-01 12:00:00 -05:00")
```

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clear.scratch	<i>Removes previous model run output from worker node local scratch directories on EBI-CLUSTER</i>
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**Description**

Removes previous model run output from worker node local scratch directories on EBI-CLUSTER

**Usage**

```
clear.scratch(settings)
```

**Arguments**

settings      list of PEcAn settings. Only settings\$host\$name is used

**Value**

nothing

**Author(s)**

Shawn Serbin

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
clear.scratch(settings)
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

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convert.expr	<i>Convert expression to variable names</i>
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**Description**

Convert expression to variable names

**Usage**

```
convert.expr(expression)
```

**Arguments**

expression      expression string

**Value**

list

**Author(s)**

Istem Fer

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 datetime2cf                      *Convert POSIXct date-time to CF-style date-time*


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**Description**

Convert POSIXct date-time to CF-style date-time

**Usage**

datetime2cf(datetime, unit, ...)

**Arguments**

datetime	POSIXct datetime, or object that can be to POSIXct via as.POSIXct
unit	Target CF-style unit (e.g. "days since 2010-01-01")
...	Additional arguments to as.POSIXct. A common one is tz for time-zone (e.g. tz = "UTC").

**Value**

Numeric value of date-time in target CF unit

**Examples**

```
datetime2cf("1990-10-05", "days since 1990-01-01", tz = "UTC")
```

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 datetime2doy                      *Extract Julian day from CF or POSIXct date-times*


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**Description**

This gets around the fact that most functions for calculating Julian Day do not support non-integer days.

**Usage**

```
datetime2doy(datetime, tz = "UTC")
```

```
cf2doy(value, unit, tz = "UTC")
```



**Arguments**

datetime	POSIXct datetime, or object that can be to POSIXct via as.POSIXct
tz	Time zone of result (default = "UTC")
value	Numeric value of CF date-time
unit	CF style unit (e.g. "days since 2010-01-01")

**Value**

Numeric Julian date

**Author(s)**

Alexey Shiklomanov

**Examples**

```
datetime2doy("2010-01-01") # 1
datetime2doy("2010-01-01 12:00:00") # 1.5
cf2doy(0, "days since 2007-01-01")
cf2doy(5, "days since 2010-01-01") # 6
cf2doy(5, "days since 2010-01-01") # 6
```

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days_in_year	<i>Number of days in a year</i>
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**Description**

Calculate number of days in a year based on whether it is a leap year or not.

**Usage**

```
days_in_year(year, leap_year = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

year	Numeric year (can be a vector)
leap_year	Default = TRUE. If set to FALSE will always return 365

**Value**

integer vector, all either 365 or 366

**Author(s)**

Alexey Shiklomanov

**Examples**

```
days_in_year(2010) # Not a leap year -- returns 365
days_in_year(2012) # Leap year -- returns 366
days_in_year(2000:2008) # Function is vectorized over years
```

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`distn.stats`*Distribution Stats*

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**Description**

Implementation of standard equations used to calculate mean and sd for a variety of named distributions different

**Usage**

```
distn.stats(distn, a, b)
```

**Arguments**

<code>distn</code>	named distribution, one of 'beta', 'exp', 'f', 'gamma', 'lnorm', 'norm', 't',
<code>a</code>	numeric; first parameter of <code>distn</code>
<code>b</code>	numeric; second parameter of <code>distn</code>

**Value**

vector with mean and standard deviation

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

**Examples**

```
distn.stats('norm', 0, 1)
```

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distn.table.stats	<i>Helper function for computing summary statistics of a parametric distribution</i>
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**Description**

return mean and standard deviation of a distribution for each distribution in a table with colnames = c('distn', 'a', 'b'), e.g. in a table of priors

**Usage**

```
distn.table.stats(distns)
```

**Arguments**

distns            table of distributions; see examples

**Value**

named vector of mean and SD

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

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download.url	<i>Try and download a file.</i>
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**Description**

This will download a file, if retry is set and 404 is returned it will wait until the file is available. If the file is still not available after timeout tries, it will return NA. If the file is downloaded it will return the name of the file

**Usage**

```
download.url(url, file, timeout = 600, .opts = list(), retry = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

url	the url of the file to download
file	the filename
timeout	number of seconds to wait for file (default 600)
.opts	list of options for curl, for example to download from a protected site use list(userpwd=userpass, httpauth = 1L)
retry	retry if url not found yet, this is used by Brown Dog

**Value**

returns name of file if successful or NA if not.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
download.url('http://localhost/', index.html)

## End(Not run)
```

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download_file	<i>Simple function to use ncftpget for FTP downloads behind a firewall.</i>
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**Description**

Requires ncftpget and a properly formatted config file in the users home directory

**Usage**

```
download_file(url, filename, method)
```

**Arguments**

url	complete URL for file download
filename	destination file name
method	Method of file retrieval. Can set this using the options(download.ftp.method=[method]) in your Rprofile. example options(download.ftp.method="ncftpget")

**Author(s)**

Shawn Serbin, Rob Kooper

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
download_file("http://lib.stat.cmu.edu/datasets/csb/ch11b.txt", "~/test.download.txt")

download_file("
ftp://ftp.cdc.noaa.gov/Datasets/NARR/monolevel/pres.sfc.2000.nc",
"~/pres.sfc.2000.nc")

## End(Not run)
```

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full.path	<i>Creates an absolute path to a folder.</i>
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**Description**

This will take a folder and make it into an absolute folder name. It will normalize the path and prepend it with the current working folder if needed to get an absolute path name.

**Usage**

```
full.path(folder)
```

**Arguments**

folder	folder for file paths.
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**Value**

absolute path

**Author(s)**

Rob Kooper

**Examples**

```
full.path('pecan')
```

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get.ensemble.inputs	<i>get.ensemble.inputs</i>
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**Description**

Splits climate met for SIPNET

**Usage**

```
get.ensemble.inputs(settings, ens = 1)
```

**Arguments**

settings	PEcAn settings list
ens	ensemble number. default = 1

**Value**

find correct ensemble inputs

**Author(s)**

Mike Dietze and Ann Raiho

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get.parameter.stat      *Get Parameter Statistics*

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**Description**

Gets statistics for LaTeX - formatted table

**Usage**

```
get.parameter.stat(mcmc.summary, parameter)
```

**Arguments**

mcmc.summary      probably produced by [summary.mcmc](#)  
parameter          name of parameter to extract, as character

**Value**

table with parameter statistics

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

**Examples**

```
## Not run: get.parameter.stat(mcmc.summaries[[1]], 'beta.o')
```

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get.quantiles          *Get Quantiles*

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**Description**

Returns a vector of quantiles specified by a given <quantiles> xml tag

**Usage**

```
get.quantiles(quantiles.tag)
```

**Arguments**

quantiles.tag      specifies tag used to specify quantiles

**Value**

vector of quantiles

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

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*get.run.id*                      *returns an id representing a model run*

---

**Description**

Provides a consistent method of naming runs; for use in model input files and indices

**Usage**

```
get.run.id(run.type, index, trait = NULL, pft.name = NULL, site.id = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- run.type            character, can be any character; currently 'SA' is used for sensitivity analysis, 'ENS' for ensemble run.
- index              unique index for different runs, e.g. integer counting members of an ensemble or a quantile used to which a trait has been perturbed for sensitivity analysis
- trait               name of trait being sampled (for sensitivity analysis)
- pft.name           name of PFT (value from pfts.names field in database)
- site.id            optional site id .This is could be necessary for multisite write=false ensembles.

**Value**

id representing a model run

**Author(s)**

Carl Davidson, David LeBauer

**Examples**

```
get.run.id('ENS', left.pad.zeros(1, 5))  
get.run.id('SA', round(qnorm(-3),3), trait = 'Vcmax')
```

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`get.sa.sample.list`     *get sensitivity samples as a list*

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### Description

get sensitivity samples as a list

### Usage

```
get.sa.sample.list(pft, env, quantiles)
```

### Arguments

<code>pft</code>	list of samples from Plant Functional Types
<code>env</code>	list of samples from environment parameters
<code>quantiles</code>	quantiles at which to obtain samples from parameter for sensitivity analysis

### Value

sa.sample.list

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`get.sa.samples`     *Get sensitivity analysis samples*

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### Description

Samples parameters for a model run at specified quantiles.

### Usage

```
get.sa.samples(samples, quantiles)
```

### Arguments

<code>samples</code>	random samples from trait distribution
<code>quantiles</code>	list of quantiles to at which to sample, set in settings file

### Details

Samples from long (>2000) vectors that represent random samples from a trait distribution. Samples are either the MCMC chains output from the Bayesian meta-analysis or are randomly sampled from the closed-form distribution of the parameter probability distribution function. The list is indexed first by trait, then by quantile.



**Value**

a list of lists representing quantile values of trait distributions

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

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get.stats.mcmc      *Further summarizes output from summary.mcmc*

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**Description**

Further summarizes output from summary.mcmc

**Usage**

```
get.stats.mcmc(mcmc.summary, sample.size)
```

**Arguments**

mcmc.summary      probably produced by [summary.mcmc](#)  
sample.size      passed as 'n' in returned list

**Value**

list with summary statistics for parameters in an MCMC chain

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

---

left.pad.zeros      *Left Pad Zeros*

---

**Description**

left padded by zeros up to a given number of digits.

**Usage**

```
left.pad.zeros(num, digits = 5)
```

**Arguments**

num      number to be padded (integer)  
digits      number of digits to add

**Details**

returns a string representing a given number

**Value**

num with zeros to the left

**Author(s)**

Carl Davidson

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`listToArgString`      *format a list of arguments as one comma-separated string*

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**Description**

format a list of arguments as one comma-separated string

**Usage**

```
listToArgString(1)
```

**Arguments**

1                    a named list of function arguments

**Value**

A string containing named argument/value pairs separated by commas

**Author(s)**

Ryan Kelly

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load.modelpkg	<i>Load model package</i>
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**Description**

Load model package

**Usage**

```
load.modelpkg(model)
```

**Arguments**

model            name of model

**Value**

FALSE if function returns error; else TRUE

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

**Examples**

```
## Not run: require.modelpkg(BioCro)
```

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load_local	<i>Load an RData file into a list</i>
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**Description**

Instead of polluting the current environment, this allows you to read an RData file into a list object of whatever name you choose.

**Usage**

```
load_local(file)
```

**Arguments**

file            a (readable binary-mode) [connection](#) or a character string giving the name of the file to load (when [tilde expansion](#) is done).

**Value**

List, with names corresponding to object names in file

**Author(s)**

Alexey Shiklomanov

**Examples**

```
x <- 1:10
y <- 11:15
tmp <- tempfile()
save(x, y, file = tmp)
my_list <- load_local(tmp)
rm(tmp)
```

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match\_file

*Match a file*

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**Description**

Return a list of files given a full prefix and optional suffix. Optionally, confirm that the right number of files are returned. If the wrong number of files is returned, throw an error.

**Usage**

```
match_file(path_prefix, suffix = NULL, expect = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

path_prefix	Full path and file prefix
suffix	File suffix, as character (default = NULL)
expect	Number of files expected to be returned (default = NULL)

**Details**

If path\_prefix points to a directory, then all files inside that directory that match the suffix (if provided) are returned.

**Value**

Character vector of matched file names, as full paths.

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mcmc.list2init	<i>Convert mcmc.list to initial condition list</i>
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**Description**

Used for restarting MCMC code based on last parameters sampled (e.g. in JAGS)

**Usage**

```
mcmc.list2init(dat)
```

**Arguments**

dat	mcmc.list object
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**Value**

list

**Author(s)**

Mike Dietze

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met2model.exists	<i>checks that met2model function exists</i>
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**Description**

Checks if met2model.<model> exists for a particular model

**Usage**

```
met2model.exists(model)
```

**Arguments**

model	model package name
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**Value**

logical

misc.are.convertible *function to check whether units are convertible by misc.convert function*

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**Description**

function to check whether units are convertible by misc.convert function

**Usage**

```
misc.are.convertible(u1, u2)
```

**Arguments**

u1	unit to be converted from, character
u2	unit to be converted to, character

**Value**

logical

**Author(s)**

Istem Fer, Shawn Serbin

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misc.convert *conversion function for the unit conversions that udunits cannot handle but often needed in PEcAn calculations*

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**Description**

conversion function for the unit conversions that udunits cannot handle but often needed in PEcAn calculations

**Usage**

```
misc.convert(x, u1, u2)
```

**Arguments**

x	convertible values
u1	unit to be converted from, character
u2	unit to be converted to, character

**Value**

val converted values

**Author(s)**

Istem Fer, Shawn Serbin

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mstmipvar	<i>return MstMIP variable as ncvar</i>
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**Description**

returns a MstMIP variable as a ncvar based on name and other parameters passed in.

**Usage**

```
mstmipvar(
  name,
  lat = NULL,
  lon = NULL,
  time = NULL,
  nsoil = NULL,
  silent = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

name	of variable
lat	latitude if dimension requests it
lon	longitude if dimension requests it
time	time if dimension requests it
nsoil	nsoil if dimension requests it
silent	logical: suppress log messages about missing variables?

**Value**

ncvar based on MstMIP definition

**Author(s)**

Rob Kooper

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need_packages	<i>Check if required packages are installed, and throw an informative error if not.</i>
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**Description**

Check if required packages are installed, and throw an informative error if not.

**Usage**

```
need_packages(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Package names, as characters. Can be passed as individual arguments, character vectors, or any combination thereof.

**Value**

pkgs, invisibly

**Author(s)**

Alexey Shiklomanov

**Examples**

```
# Only need ::: because package isn't exported.
# Inside a package, just call `need_packages`
PEcAn.utils:::need_packages("stats", "methods") # Always works
try(PEcAn.utils:::need_packages("notapackage"))
```

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newxtable	<i>New xtable</i>
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**Description**

utility to properly escape the '%' sign for latex



**Usage**

```
newxtable(  
  x,  
  environment = "table",  
  table.placement = "ht",  
  label = NULL,  
  caption = NULL,  
  caption.placement = NULL,  
  align = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

x                    data.frame to be converted to latex table  
environment        can be 'table'; 'sidewaystable' if using latex rotating package  
table.placement, label, caption, caption.placement, align  
                    passed to [xtable](#)

**Value**

Latex version of table, with percentages properly formatted

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

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<i>n_leap_day</i>	<i>n_leap_day</i>
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**Description**

number of leap days between two dates

**Usage**

```
n_leap_day(start_date, end_date)
```

**Arguments**

start\_date, end\_date  
                    dates in any format recognized by [as.Date](#)

**Author(s)**

Mike Dietze

paste.stats

*Paste Stats*

---

**Description**

A helper function for building a LaTeX table.

**Usage**

```
paste.stats(median, lcl, ucl, n = 2)
```

**Arguments**

median	50-percent quantile
lcl	lower confidence limit
ucl	upper confidence limit
n	significant digits for printing. Passed to <a href="#">tabnum</a>

**Details**

Used by [get.parameter.stat](#).

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

**Examples**

```
paste.stats(3.333333, 5.00001, 6.22222, n = 3)  
# [1] "$3.33(5,6.22)$"
```

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pdf.stats*Probability Distribution Function Statistics*

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**Description**

Calculate mean, variance statistics, and CI from a known distribution

**Usage**

```
pdf.stats(distn, A, B)
```

**Arguments**

distn	name of distribution used by R (beta, f, gamma, lnorm, norm, weibull)
A	first parameter
B	second parameter

**Value**

list with mean, variance, and 95 CI

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

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PEcAn

*R package to support PEcAn, the Predictive Ecosystem Analyzer*

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**Description**

Instructions for the use of this package are provided in the project documentation <https://pecanproject.github.io/documentation.html>.

**Details**

Project homepage: [pecanproject.org](https://pecanproject.org)

**Description of PEcAn**

The Predictive Ecosystem Analyzer (PEcAn) is a scientific workflow management tool that is designed to simplify the management of model parameterization, execution, and analysis. The goal of PEcAn is to streamline the interaction between data and models, and to improve the efficacy of scientific investigation. PEcAn is an open source utility that encapsulates:

1. acquisition of meteorological inputs
2. synthesis of physiological trait data as the posterior distribution of a Bayesian meta-analysis
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each parameter to model uncertainty. This information informs targeted data collection and synthesis efforts that most efficiently reduce forecast uncertainty.

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r2bugs.distributions    *convert R parameterizations to BUGS paramaterizations*

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### Description

R and BUGS have different parameterizations for some distributions. This function transforms the distributions from R defaults to BUGS defaults. BUGS is an implementation of the BUGS language, and these transformations are expected to work for bugs.

### Usage

```
r2bugs.distributions(priors, direction = "r2bugs")
```

### Arguments

priors	data.frame with columns distn = distribution name, parama, paramb using R default parameterizations.
direction	One of "r2bugs" or "bugs2r"

**Value**

priors dataframe using JAGS default parameterizations

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer, Ben Bolker

**Examples**

```
priors <- data.frame(distn = c('weibull', 'lnorm', 'norm', 'gamma'),
                    parama = c(1, 1, 1, 1),
                    paramb = c(2, 2, 2, 2))
r2bugs.distributions(priors)
```

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read.output

*Read model output*

---

**Description**

Reads the output of a single model run

**Usage**

```
read.output(
  runid,
  outdir,
  start.year = NA,
  end.year = NA,
  variables = "GPP",
  dataframe = FALSE,
  pft.name = NULL,
  ncfiles = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  print_summary = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

runid	the ID distinguishing the model run. Can be omitted if ncfiles is set.
outdir	the directory that the model's output was sent to. Can be omitted if ncfiles is set.
start.year, end.year	first and last year of output to read. Specify as a date-time (only the year portion is used) or as a four-digit number or string. If NA, reads all years found in outdir.
variables	Character vector of variables to be read from model output. Default = "GPP". If NULL, try to read all variables in output file..

dataframe	Logical: if TRUE, will return output in a <code>data.frame</code> format with a <code>posix</code> column. Useful for <code>PEcAn.benchmark::align.data</code> and plotting.
pft.name	character string, name of the plant functional type (PFT) to read PFT-specific output. If NULL no PFT-specific output will be read even the variable has PFT as a dimension.
ncfiles	Custom character vector of full paths to NetCDF files. If NULL (default), this list is constructed automatically by looking for <code>YYYY.nc</code> files in <code>file.path(outdir, runid)</code> .
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, print status as every year and variable is read, as well as all NetCDF diagnostics (from <code>verbose</code> argument to, e.g., <code>ncdf4::nc_open()</code> ) (default = FALSE).
print_summary	Logical. If TRUE (default), calculate and print a summary of the means of each variable for each year.

### Details

Generic function to convert model output from model-specific format to a common PEcAn format. This function uses MsTMIP variables except that units of ( $\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$ ) are converted to  $\text{kg ha}^{-1} \text{y}^{-1}$ . Currently this function converts Carbon fluxes: GPP, NPP, NEE, TotalResp, AutoResp, HeteroResp, DOC\_flux, Fire\_flux, and Stem (Stem is specific to the BioCro model) and Water fluxes: Evaporation (Evap), Transpiration (TVeg), surface runoff (Qs), subsurface runoff (Qsb), and rainfall (Rainf).

For more details, see the [MsTMIP variables](#) documentation.

### Value

If `dataframe = FALSE`, a vector of output variables. If `dataframe = TRUE`, a `data.frame` of output variables with POSIXct timestamps added (`posix` column). The `posix` column is in seconds after January 1 of `start.year`, or 1970 if `start.year` is not provided.

### Author(s)

Michael Dietze, David LeBauer, Alexey Shiklomanov

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read\_web\_config      *Read config.php file into an R list*

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### Description

Read `config.php` file into an R list

### Usage

```
read_web_config(
  php.config = ".././web/config.php",
  parse = TRUE,
  expand = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

php.config	Path to config.php file
parse	Logical. If TRUE (default), try to parse numbers and unquote strings.
expand	Logical. If TRUE (default), try to perform some variable substitutions.

**Value**

Named list of variable-value pairs set in config.php

**Author(s)**

Alexey Shiklomanov, Michael Dietze, Rob Kooper

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Read Docker configuration and extract the `dbfiles` and output folders.
docker_config <- read_web_config(file.path("../", "../", "docker", "web", "config.docker.php"))
docker_config[["dbfiles_folder"]]
docker_config[["output_folder"]]

## End(Not run)
```

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retry.func	<i>Retry function X times before stopping in error</i>
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**Description**

Retry function X times before stopping in error

**Usage**

```
retry.func(
  expr,
  isError = function(x) inherits(x, "try-error"),
  maxErrors = 5,
  sleep = 0
)
```

**Arguments**

expr	The function to try running
isError	function to use for checking whether to try again. Must take one argument that contains the result of evaluating expr and return TRUE if another retry is needed
maxErrors	The number of times to retry the function
sleep	How long to wait before retrying the function call

**Value**

retval returns the results of the function call

**Author(s)**

Shawn Serbin <adapted from <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/20770497/how-to-retry-a-statement-on-error>>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
file_url <- paste0("https://thredds.daac.ornl.gov/",
  "thredds/dodsC/ornl/daac/1220",
  "/mstmip_driver_global_hd_climate_lwdown_1999_v1.nc4")
dap <- retry.func(
  ncd4::nc_open(file_url),
  maxErrors=10,
  sleep=2)

## End(Not run)
```

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robustly

*Adverb to try calling a function n times before giving up*

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**Description**

Adverb to try calling a function n times before giving up

**Usage**

```
robustly(.f, n = 10, timeout = 0.2, silent = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

.f	Function to call.
n	Number of attempts to try
timeout	Timeout between attempts, in seconds
silent	Silence error messages?

**Value**

Modified version of input function



**Examples**

```
rlog <- robustly(log, timeout = 0.3)
try(rlog("fail"))
## Not run:
nc_openr <- robustly(ncdf4::nc_open, n = 10, timeout = 0.5)
nc <- nc_openr(url)
# ...or just call the function directly
nc <- robustly(ncdf4::nc_open, n = 20)(url)
# Useful in `purrr` maps
many_vars <- purrr::map(varnames, robustly(ncdf4::ncvar_get), nc = nc)

## End(Not run)
```

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rsync

*R implementation of rsync*

---

**Description**

rsync is a file copying tool in bash

**Usage**

```
rsync(args, from, to, pattern = "")
```

**Arguments**

args	rsync arguments (see man rsync)
from	source
to	destination
pattern	file pattern to be matched

**Value**

nothing, transfers files as a side effect

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

Shawn Serbin

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seconds_in_year	<i>Number of seconds in a given year</i>
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**Description**

Number of seconds in a given year

**Usage**

```
seconds_in_year(year, leap_year = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

year	Numeric year (can be a vector)
leap_year	Default = TRUE. If set to FALSE will always return 31536000.
...	additional arguments, all currently ignored

**Author(s)**

Alexey Shiklomanov

**Examples**

```
seconds_in_year(2000) # Leap year -- 366 x 24 x 60 x 60 = 31622400
seconds_in_year(2001) # Regular year -- 365 x 24 x 60 x 60 = 31536000
seconds_in_year(2000:2005) # Vectorized over year
```

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sendmail	<i>Sends email. This assumes the program sendmail is installed.</i>
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**Description**

Sends email. This assumes the program sendmail is installed.

**Usage**

```
sendmail(from, to, subject, body)
```

**Arguments**

from	the sender of the mail message
to	the recipient of the mail message
subject	the subject of the mail message
body	the body of the mail message

**Value**

nothing

**Author(s)**

Rob Kooper

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
sendmail('bob@example.com', 'joe@example.com', 'Hi', 'This is R.')

## End(Not run)
```

---

ssh

*R implementation of SSH*


---

**Description**

R implementation of SSH

**Usage**

```
ssh(host, ..., args = "")
```

**Arguments**

host	(character) machine to connect to
...	Commands to execute. Will be passed as a single quoted string
args	further arguments

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standard\_vars

*Standardized variable names and units for PEcAn*


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**Description**

A lookup table giving standard names, units and descriptions for variables in PEcAn input/output files. Originally based on the **MsTMIP** standards, with additions to accomodate a wider range of model inputs and outputs. The standard\_vars table replaces both mstmip\_vars and mstmip\_local, both of which are now deprecated.

**Usage**

```
standard_vars
```

**Format**

data frame, all columns character

**Variable.Name** Short name suitable for programming with

**standard\_name** Name used in the NetCDF [CF metadata conventions](#)

**Units** Standard units for this variable. Do not call variables by these names if they are in different units. See `ud_convert` for conversions to and from non-standard units

**Long.Name** Human-readable variable name, suitable for e.g. axis labels

**Category** What kind of variable is it? (Carbon pool, N flux, dimension, input driver, etc)

**var\_type** Storage type (character, integer, etc)

**dim1,dim2,dim3,dim4** Dimensions across which is this variable allowed to vary. Dimension names are themselves standard vars and must be present in the table with category "Dimension"

**Description** Further details. For composite measures, list the variables it is calculated from

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status

*PEcAn workflow status tracking*

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**Description**

Records the progress of a PEcAn workflow by writing statuses and timestamps to a STATUS file. Use these each time a module starts, finishes, or is skipped.

**Usage**

```
status.start(name, file = NULL)
```

```
status.end(status = "DONE", file = NULL)
```

```
status.skip(name, file = NULL)
```

```
status.check(name, file = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

**name** one-word description of the module being checked or recorded, e.g. "TRAIT", "MODEL", "ENSEMBLE"

**file** path to status file. If NULL, taken from `settings` (see details)

**status** one-word summary of the module result, e.g. "DONE", "ERROR"

**Details**

All of these functions write to or read from a STATUS file in your run's output directory. If the file is not specified in the call, they will look for a settings object in the global environment and use `<settings$outdir>/STATUS` if possible.

Since the status functions may be called inside error-handling routines, it's important that they not produce new errors of their own. Therefore if the output file doesn't exist or is not writable, rather than complain the writer functions (`status.start`, `status.end`, `status.skip`) will print to the console and `status.check` will simply return 0.

**Value**

For `status.start`, `status.end`, and `status.skip`: NULL, invisibly

For `status.check`, an integer: 0 if module not run, 1 if done, -1 if error

**Functions**

- `status.start()`: Record module start time
- `status.end()`: Record module completion time and status
- `status.skip()`: Record that module was skipped
- `status.check()`: Look up module status from file

**Author(s)**

Rob Kooper

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summarize.result	<i>Summarize results of replicate observations in trait data query</i>
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**Description**

Summarize results of replicate observations in trait data query

**Usage**

```
summarize.result(result)
```

**Arguments**

result            dataframe with results of trait data query

**Value**

result with replicate observations summarized

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer, Alexey Shiklomanov

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tabnum	<i>Table numbers</i>
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**Description**

Convert number to n significant digits

**Usage**

```
tabnum(x, n = 3)
```

**Arguments**

x	numeric value or vector
n	number of significant figures

**Value**

x rounded to n significant figures

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

**Examples**

```
tabnum(1.2345)
tabnum(1.2345, n = 4)
```

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temp.settings	<i>Create a temporary settings file</i>
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**Description**

Uses `tempfile` function to provide a valid temporary file (OS independent) Useful for testing functions that depend on settings file Reference: <http://stackoverflow.com/a/12940705/199217>

**Usage**

```
temp.settings(settings.txt)
```

**Arguments**

settings.txt	character vector to be written
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**Value**

character vector written to and read from a temporary file

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

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timezone_hour	<i>Timezone Hour</i>
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**Description**

Returns the number of hours offset to UTC for a timezone.

**Usage**

```
timezone_hour(timezone)
```

**Arguments**

timezone      to be converted

**Value**

hours offset of the timezone

**Author(s)**

Rob Kooper

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
timezone_hour('America/New_York')  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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to_ncdim	<i>Make some values into an NCDF dimension variable</i>
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**Description**

Units and longnames are looked up from the [standard\\_vars](#) table

**Usage**

```
to_ncdim(dimname, vals)
```

**Arguments**

dimname	character vector, standard dimension name (must be in <code>PEcAn.utils::standard_vars</code> )
vals	values of dimension; can be single value or vector

**Value**

ncdim defined according to `standard_vars`

**Author(s)**

Anne Thomas

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to_ncvar	<i>Define an NCDF variable</i>
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**Description**

Define an NCDF variable

**Usage**

```
to_ncvar(varname, dims)
```

**Arguments**

varname	character vector, standard variable name (must be in <code>PEcAn.utils::standard_vars</code> )
dims	list of previously defined ncdims (function will match subset of dims for this variable in <code>standard_vars</code> ; can include other dims—enables lapply.)

**Value**

ncvar defined according to `standard_vars`

**Author(s)**

Anne Thomas



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trait.lookup	<i>Dictionary of terms used to identify traits in ed, filenames, and figures</i>
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**Description**

Dictionary of terms used to identify traits in ed, filenames, and figures

**Usage**

```
trait.lookup(traits = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

traits            a vector of trait names, if traits = NULL, all of the traits will be returned.

**Value**

a dataframe with id, the name used by ED and PEcAn database for a parameter; fileid, an abbreviated name used for files; figid, the parameter name written out as best known in english for figures and tables.

**Examples**

```
# convert parameter name to a string appropriate for end-use plotting
## Not run:
trait.lookup('growth_resp_factor')
trait.lookup('growth_resp_factor')$figid

# get a list of all traits and units in dictionary
trait.lookup()[,c('figid', 'units')]

## End(Not run)
```

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transformstats	<i>Transform misc. statistics to SE</i>
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**Description**

Automates transformations of SD, MSE, LSD, 95%CI, HSD, and MSD to conservative estimates of SE. Method details and assumptions described in LeBauer 2020 Transforming ANOVA and Regression statistics for Meta-analysis. Authorea. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.22541/au.158359749.96662550>

**Usage**

```
transformstats(data)
```

**Arguments**

data                    data frame with columns for mean, statistic, n, and statistic name

**Value**

data frame with statistics transformed to SE

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

**Examples**

```
statdf <- data.frame(Y=rep(1,5),
                    stat=rep(1,5),
                    n=rep(4,5),
                    statname=c('SD', 'MSE', 'LSD', 'HSD', 'MSD'))
transformstats(statdf)
```

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tryl                    *Test if function gives an error*

---

**Description**

adaptation of try that returns a logical value (FALSE if error)

**Usage**

```
tryl(FUN)
```

**Arguments**

FUN                    function to be evaluated for error

**Value**

FALSE if function returns error; else TRUE

**Author(s)**

David LeBauer

**Examples**

```
tryl(1+1)
# TRUE
tryl(sum('a'))
# FALSE
```

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ud_convert	<i>Convert units</i>
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**Description**

Unit conversion to replace the now-unmaintained `udunits2::ud.convert`

**Usage**

```
ud_convert(x, u1, u2)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector of class "numeric" or "difftime"
u1	string parseable as the units in which x is provided. If x is class "difftime", then u1 is not actually used. However, it still needs to be supplied and needs to be convertible to u2 for consistency.
u2	string parseable as the units to convert to

**Value**

numeric vector with values converted to units in u2

**Author(s)**

Chris Black

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units_are_equivalent	<i>Check if two unit strings are equivalent</i>
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**Description**

This is to allow multiple forms of the same unit to work, such as m/s vs. m s<sup>-1</sup> or K and Kelvin.

**Usage**

```
units_are_equivalent(x, y)
```

**Arguments**

x	A unit string, as character
y	Another unit string for comparison, as character

**Value**

TRUE if equivalent, FALSE otherwise

**Author(s)**

Alexey Shiklomanov

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unit_is_parseable	<i>Check whether a string can be interpreted as a unit</i>
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**Description**

Function will replace the now-unmaintained `udunits2::ud.is.parseable`

**Usage**

```
unit_is_parseable(unit)
```

**Arguments**

unit	A character string representing a type of units
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**Value**

TRUE if the units is parseable, FALSE otherwise.

**Author(s)**

Tanishq Jain

**Examples**

```
unit_is_parseable("g/sec^2")  
unit_is_parseable("kiglometers")
```

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vecpaste	<i>Convert vector to comma delimited string</i>
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**Description**

vecpaste, turns vector into comma delimited string fit for SQL statements.

**Usage**

```
vecpaste(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector
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**Value**

comma delimited string

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zero.bounded.density *Zero bounded density using log density transform*

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**Description**

Provides a zero bounded density estimate of a parameter. Kernel Density Estimation used by the [density](#) function will cause problems at the left hand end because it will put some weight on negative values. One useful approach is to transform to logs, estimate the density using KDE, and then transform back.

**Usage**

```
zero.bounded.density(x, bw = "SJ", n = 1001)
```

**Arguments**

x	data, as a numeric vector
bw	The smoothing bandwidth to be used. See 'bw.nrd'
n	number of points to use in kernel density estimate. See <a href="#">density</a>

**Value**

data frame with back-transformed log density estimate

**Author(s)**

Rob Hyndman

**References**

M. P. Wand, J. S. Marron and D. Ruppert, 1991. Transformations in Density Estimation. Journal of the American Statistical Association. 86(414):343-353 <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2290569>

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`zero.truncate`*Zero Truncate*

---

**Description**

Truncates vector at 0

**Usage**

```
zero.truncate(y)
```

**Arguments**

`y` numeric vector

**Value**

numeric vector with all values less than 0 set to 0

**Author(s)**

unknown

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