

# Package ‘QuickExplore’

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Formats

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**Description** A 'Shiny' application that provides nice interface for browsing, exploring, summarising, and converting datasets stored in 'SAS' (.sas7bdat, .xpt), CSV (.csv), and 'R' (.rds) formats. Users can register multiple directory-based libraries, interactively filter data using 'dplyr' expressions, inspect per-variable statistics, and export datasets to Excel, JSON, CSV, 'R' data, or 'SAS' transport formats.

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code_generator_ui	<i>Code Generator Module - UI</i>
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### Description

Renders a panel displaying auto-generated R code that reproduces the current QuickExplore session (load dataset -> filter/select -> summarise -> export). Users can copy the code to the clipboard or download it as a .R script.

### Usage

```
code_generator_ui(id)
```

### Arguments

id	Character string. The Shiny module namespace identifier.
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### Value

A `shiny::tagList()` with the code generator UI.

### See Also

[code\\_generator\\_server\(\)](#)

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`compute_categorical_summary`*Compute frequency statistics for categorical variables*

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**Description**

Returns value frequencies and percentages for each non-numeric variable in vars, optionally grouped by a second variable.

**Usage**

```
compute_categorical_summary(df, vars, group_var = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data.frame or tibble.
vars	Character vector of variable names to summarise.
group_var	Optional character string naming a grouping variable. Pass NULL (default) for no grouping.

**Value**

A data.frame with columns for the grouping variable (if any), the value, its frequency count, percentage, and the variable name. Returns NULL if there are no categorical variables in vars.

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(sex = c("M", "F", "M", "F", "M"), trt = c("A", "A", "B", "B", "A"))
compute_categorical_summary(df, c("sex", "trt"))
```

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`compute_crosstab`*Compute a cross-tabulation of two categorical variables*

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**Description**

Produces a wide-format contingency table of row\_var (rows) by col\_var (columns), including row and column totals. When a strat\_var is supplied the table is computed separately for each level of the stratification variable and the results are stacked with a leading Stratum column.

**Usage**

```
compute_crosstab(df, row_var, col_var, strat_var = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data.frame or tibble.
row_var	Character string. Name of the row variable (e.g. "SEX").
col_var	Character string. Name of the column variable (e.g. "RACE").
strat_var	Character string or NULL. Optional stratification variable (e.g. "TRT01P"). Pass NULL or "" for an unstratified table.

**Details**

Missing values in any of the three variables are displayed as "(Missing)" rather than being silently dropped, so analysts can spot incomplete records.

**Value**

A data.frame in wide format:

- Column 1 (or 2 if stratified): row\_var levels plus a "Total" row.
- Middle columns: one column per col\_var level.
- Last column: Total (row sums).
- If strat\_var is given, a leading Stratum column identifies each stratum. A grand-total block across all strata is **not** appended automatically — compute the unstratified table for that.

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(
  SEX = c("M", "F", "M", "F", "M", "F"),
  RACE = c("White", "White", "Black", "Asian", "Black", "White"),
  TRT = c("A", "A", "B", "B", "A", "B")
)
compute_crosstab(df, "SEX", "RACE")
compute_crosstab(df, "SEX", "RACE", strat_var = "TRT")
```

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compute_numeric_summary
```

*Compute summary statistics for numeric variables*

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**Description**

Returns a tidy data frame with N, mean, median, standard deviation, minimum, and maximum for each numeric variable in vars.

**Usage**

```
compute_numeric_summary(df, vars, group_var = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data.frame or tibble.
vars	Character vector of variable names to summarise.
group_var	Optional character string naming a grouping variable. Pass NULL (default) for no grouping.

**Value**

A data.frame (one row per variable, or per variable  $\times$  group level) or NULL if there are no numeric variables in vars.

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(x = rnorm(100), y = runif(100), g = rep(c("A", "B"), 50))
compute_numeric_summary(df, c("x", "y"))
compute_numeric_summary(df, c("x", "y"), group_var = "g")
```

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 converter\_server

*Dataset Converter Module – Server*


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**Description**

Handles the dataset-conversion download for all supported output formats: .rds, .xlsx, .csv, .json, and SAS transport .xpt.

**Usage**

```
converter_server(id, loaded_data, selected_dataset)
```

**Arguments**

id	Character string. The Shiny module namespace identifier.
loaded_data	A <a href="#">shiny::reactiveVal()</a> containing the current data.frame.
selected_dataset	A <a href="#">shiny::reactiveVal()</a> with the file path of the active dataset.

**Value**

A named list with three elements:

output_format	A <a href="#">shiny::reactive()</a> returning the selected output format string.
csv_delim	A <a href="#">shiny::reactive()</a> returning the CSV delimiter character.
json_pretty	A <a href="#">shiny::reactive()</a> returning TRUE to pretty-print JSON output.

**See Also**

[converter\\_ui\(\)](#)

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`converter_ui`*Dataset Converter Module – UI*

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**Description**

Renders a two-column card layout: a conversion form on the left and a format-reference table plus output preview on the right.

**Usage**

```
converter_ui(id)
```

**Arguments**

`id` Character string. The Shiny module namespace identifier.

**Value**

A `shiny::tagList()` with the converter UI.

**See Also**

[converter\\_server\(\)](#)

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`dataset_browser_server`*Dataset Browser Module – Server*

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**Description**

Handles library registration, dataset listing, and dataset loading for the sidebar browser panel.

**Usage**

```
dataset_browser_server(id, selected_dataset, loaded_data)
```

**Arguments**

`id` Character string. The Shiny module namespace identifier.

`selected_dataset`

A `shiny::reactiveVal()` that stores the full file path of the currently selected dataset.

`loaded_data`

A `shiny::reactiveVal()` that stores the loaded data frame.

**Value**

A list of reactive values: `libraries` (named list of library-path pairs) and `selected_library` (the currently active library name).

**See Also**

[dataset\\_browser\\_ui\(\)](#)

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dataset\_browser\_ui      *Dataset Browser Module – UI*

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**Description**

Renders the sidebar panel that lets users add/remove directory-based libraries and select a dataset to load.

**Usage**

```
dataset_browser_ui(id)
```

**Arguments**

`id`                      Character string. The Shiny module namespace identifier.

**Value**

A `shiny::tagList()` containing the sidebar UI elements.

**See Also**

[dataset\\_browser\\_server\(\)](#)

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data\_viewer\_server      *Data Viewer Module – Server*

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**Description**

Handles data display, filtering, variable inspection, and download for the Data Viewer tab.

**Usage**

```
data_viewer_server(id, loaded_data, selected_dataset)
```

**Arguments**

`id` Character string. The Shiny module namespace identifier.

`loaded_data` A `shiny::reactiveVal()` containing the current `data.frame`.

`selected_dataset` A `shiny::reactiveVal()` with the file path of the active dataset.

**Value**

A named list with three elements:

`filtered_data` A `shiny::reactiveVal()` with the current filtered `data.frame`.

`filter_expr` A `shiny::reactive()` returning the raw filter expression string.

`selected_vars` A `shiny::reactive()` returning the selected variable names.

**See Also**

[data\\_viewer\\_ui\(\)](#)

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data\_viewer\_ui

*Data Viewer Module – UI*

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**Description**

Creates a tabbed panel with three sub-tabs: an interactive data table (Data Viewer), a filter/subset interface (Explore Data), and a variable metadata explorer (Variables).

**Usage**

```
data_viewer_ui(id)
```

**Arguments**

`id` Character string. The Shiny module namespace identifier.

**Value**

A `shiny::tagList()` with the viewer UI.

**See Also**

[data\\_viewer\\_server\(\)](#)



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format_file_size	<i>Format a file size in bytes as a human-readable string</i>
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**Description**

Format a file size in bytes as a human-readable string

**Usage**

```
format_file_size(size)
```

**Arguments**

size	Numeric. File size in bytes.
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**Value**

A character string such as "1.4 MB" or "340 KB".

**Examples**

```
format_file_size(1048576) # "1 MB"  
format_file_size(512)    # "512 B"
```

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get_dataset_metadata	<i>Get metadata for a loaded dataset</i>
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**Description**

Returns file-level metadata including the number of rows and columns, file size, and timestamps.

**Usage**

```
get_dataset_metadata(df, filepath)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data.frame or tibble (the loaded data).
filepath	Character string. Path to the source file.

**Value**

A named list with elements: filename, filepath, format, n\_rows, n\_cols, file\_size, modified, and created.

**Examples**

```
df <- read_dataset("/data/demog.csv")
meta <- get_dataset_metadata(df, "/data/demog.csv")
meta$n_rows
```

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get\_variable\_info      *Extract variable-level metadata from a dataset*

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**Description**

Returns a data frame describing each variable: its type, SAS label, SAS format, missing value counts, and number of unique values.

**Usage**

```
get_variable_info(df)
```

**Arguments**

df                    A data.frame or tibble.

**Value**

A data.frame with columns Variable, Type, Label, Format, Missing\_Count, Missing\_Pct, and N\_Unique.

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(x = 1:5, y = letters[1:5])
get_variable_info(df)
```

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list\_datasets      *List supported dataset files in a directory*

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**Description**

Scans a directory for files with extensions .sas7bdat, .xpt, .csv, or .rds (case-insensitive) and returns a summary data frame.

**Usage**

```
list_datasets(dirpath)
```

**Arguments**

dirpath            Character string. Path to the directory to scan.

**Value**

A data.frame with columns Name, Format, Size, Modified, and Path. Returns an empty data frame if no supported files are found.

**Examples**

```
datasets <- list_datasets("/data/mylib")
```

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read_dataset	<i>Read a dataset based on its file extension</i>
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**Description**

Dispatches to the appropriate reader based on the file extension. Supported formats: .sas7bdat, .xpt, .csv, .rds.

**Usage**

```
read_dataset(filepath)
```

**Arguments**

filepath            Character string. Full path to the dataset file.

**Details**

For SAS formats (.sas7bdat, .xpt), blank strings are automatically converted to NA after loading. This matches SAS behaviour where a blank character value is treated as a system-missing value, not as a valid empty string.

**Value**

A data.frame (or tibble) with the dataset contents. For SAS formats, all-whitespace character values are coerced to NA\_character\_.

**Examples**

```
df <- read_dataset("/data/mylib/demog.sas7bdat")  
df <- read_dataset("/data/exports/study.csv")
```

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`run_app`*Launch the Dataset Explorer Shiny Application*

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**Description**

Opens the interactive Dataset Explorer in your default web browser (or the RStudio Viewer pane when called from within RStudio). The application provides a SAS Studio-style interface for browsing libraries, exploring datasets, computing summary statistics, and converting between data formats.

**Usage**

```
run_app(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Additional arguments passed to `shiny::runApp()`, such as `port`, `host`, or `launch.browser`.

**Value**

Called for its side effect of launching a Shiny application. Returns NULL invisibly.

**Examples**

```
# Launch with default settings
run_app()

# Launch on a specific port without opening a browser
run_app(port = 4321, launch.browser = FALSE)
```

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`summary_panel_server`*Summary Panel Module – Server*

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**Description**

Computes and renders descriptive statistics for numeric and categorical variables, plus a missing-value summary table.

**Usage**

```
summary_panel_server(id, loaded_data)
```

**Arguments**

`id` Character string. The Shiny module namespace identifier.  
`loaded_data` A `shiny::reactiveVal()` containing the current data frame.

**Value**

A named list with two elements:

`summary_vars` A `shiny::reactive()` returning the selected variable names.  
`group_var` A `shiny::reactive()` returning the grouping variable name ("" = none).

**See Also**

[summary\\_panel\\_ui\(\)](#)

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summary\_panel\_ui      *Summary Panel Module – UI*

---

**Description**

Renders the summary statistics panel with dataset overview cards plus tables for numeric, categorical, and missing-value statistics.

**Usage**

```
summary_panel_ui(id)
```

**Arguments**

`id` Character string. The Shiny module namespace identifier.

**Value**

A `shiny::tagList()` with the summary UI elements.

**See Also**

[summary\\_panel\\_server\(\)](#)

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