

# Package ‘metatools’

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add_labels	<i>Apply labels to multiple variables on a data frame</i>
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### Description

This function allows a user to apply several labels to a dataframe at once.

### Usage

```
add_labels(data, ...)
```

### Arguments

data	A data.frame or tibble
...	Named parameters in the form of variable = 'label'

**Value**

data with variable labels applied

**Examples**

```
add_labels(
  mtcars,
  mpg = "Miles Per Gallon",
  cyl = "Cylinders"
)
```

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add\_variables      *Add Missing Variables*

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**Description**

This function adds in missing columns according to the type set in the metacore object. All values in the new columns will be missing, but typed correctly. If unable to recognize the type in the metacore object will return a logical type.

**Usage**

```
add_variables(dataset, metacore, dataset_name = deprecated())
```

**Arguments**

dataset	Dataset to add columns to. If all variables are present no columns will be added.
metacore	metacore object that only contains the specifications for the dataset of interest.
dataset_name	Optional string to specify the dataset. This is only needed if the metacore object provided hasn't already been subsetted. Note: Deprecated in version 0.2.0. The dataset_name argument will be removed in a future release. Please use metacore::select_dataset to subset the metacore object to obtain metadata for a single dataset.

**Value**

The given dataset with any additional columns added

**Examples**

```
library(metacore)
library(haven)
library(dplyr)
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
spec <- metacore %>% select_dataset("ADSL")
data <- read_xpt(metatools_example("adsl.xpt")) %>%
  select(-TRTSDT, -TRT01P, -TRT01PN)
add_variables(data, spec)
```

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build\_from\_derived      *Build a dataset from derived*

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## Description

This function builds a dataset out of the columns that just need to be pulled through. So any variable that has a derivation in the format of 'dataset.variable' will be pulled through to create the new dataset. When there are multiple datasets present, they will be joined by the shared key\_seq variables. These columns are often called 'Predecessors' in ADaM, but this is not universal so that is optional to specify.

## Usage

```
build_from_derived(
  metacore,
  ds_list,
  dataset_name = deprecated(),
  predecessor_only = TRUE,
  keep = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

metacore	metacore object that contains the specifications for the dataset of interest.
ds_list	Named list of datasets that are needed to build the from. If the list is unnamed, then it will use the names of the objects.
dataset_name	<b>[Deprecated]</b> Optional string to specify the dataset that is being built. This is only needed if the metacore object provided hasn't already been subsetted. Note: Deprecated in version 0.2.0. The dataset_name argument will be removed in a future release. Please use metacore::select_dataset to subset the metacore object to obtain metadata for a single dataset.
predecessor_only	By default TRUE, so only variables with the origin of 'Predecessor' will be used. If FALSE any derivation matching the dataset.variable will be used.
keep	String to determine which columns from the original datasets should be kept <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"FALSE" (default): only columns that are also present in the ADaM specification are kept in the output.</li> <li>"ALL": all original columns are carried through to the ADaM, including those that have been renamed. e.g. if DM.ARM is a predecessor to DM.TRT01P, both ARM and TRT01P will be present as columns in the ADaM output.</li> <li>"PREREQUISITE": columns are retained if they are required for future derivations in the specification. Additional prerequisite columns are identified as columns that appear in the 'derivation' column of the metacore object in the format "DATASET.VARIABLE", but not as direct predecessors.</li> </ul>

Predecessors are defined as columns where the derivation is a 1:1 copy of a column in a source dataset. e.g. derivation = "VS.VSTESTCD" is a predecessor, while derivation = "Value of VS.VSSTRESN where VS.VSTESTCD == 'Heart Rate'" contains both VS.VSTESTCD and VS.VSSTRESN as prerequisites, and these columns will be kept through to the ADaM.

## Value

dataset

## Examples

```
library(metacore)
library(haven)
library(magrittr)
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
spec <- metacore %>% select_dataset("ADSL")
ds_list <- list(DM = read_xpt(metatools_example("dm.xpt")))
build_from_derived(spec, ds_list, predecessor_only = FALSE)
```

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build\_qnam

*Build the observations for a single QNAM*

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## Description

Build the observations for a single QNAM

## Usage

```
build_qnam(dataset, qnam, qlabel, idvar, qeval, qorig)
```

## Arguments

dataset	Input dataset
qnam	QNAM value
qlabel	QLABEL value
idvar	IDVAR variable name (provided as a string)
qeval	QEVAL value to be populated for this QNAM
qorig	QORIG value to be populated for this QNAM

## Value

Observations structured in SUPP format

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`check_ct_col`*Check Control Terminology for a Single Column*

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## Description

This function checks the column in the dataset only contains the control terminology as defined by the metacore specification

## Usage

```
check_ct_col(data, metacore, var, na_acceptable = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	Data to check
<code>metacore</code>	A metacore object to get the codelist from. If the variable has different codelists for different datasets the metacore object will need to be subsetted using <code>select_dataset</code> from the metacore package.
<code>var</code>	Name of variable to check
<code>na_acceptable</code>	Logical value, set to <code>NULL</code> by default, so the acceptability of missing values is based on if the core for the variable is "Required" in the metacore object. If set to <code>TRUE</code> then will pass check if values are in the control terminology or are missing. If set to <code>FALSE</code> then NA will not be acceptable.

## Value

Given data if column only contains control terms. If not, will error given the values which should not be in the column

## Examples

```
library(metacore)
library(haven)
library(magrittr)
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
spec <- metacore %>% select_dataset("ADSL")
data <- read_xpt(metatools_example("adsl.xpt"))
check_ct_col(data, spec, TRT01PN)
check_ct_col(data, spec, "TRT01PN")
```

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check_ct_data	<i>Check Control Terminology for a Dataset</i>
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### Description

This function checks that all columns in the dataset only contains the control terminology as defined by the metacore specification

### Usage

```
check_ct_data(data, metacore, na_acceptable = NULL, omit_vars = NULL)
```

### Arguments

data	Dataset to check
metacore	metacore object that contains the specifications for the dataset of interest. If any variable has different codelists for different datasets the metacore object will need to be subsetted using <code>select_dataset</code> from the metacore package.
na_acceptable	logical value or character vector, set to NULL by default. NULL sets the acceptability of missing values based on if the core for the variable is "Required" in the metacore object. If set to TRUE then will pass check if values are in the control terminology or are missing. If set to FALSE then NA will not be acceptable. If set to a character vector then only the specified variables may contain NA values.
omit_vars	character vector indicating which variables should be skipped when doing the controlled terminology checks. Internally, <code>omit_vars</code> is evaluated before <code>na_acceptable</code> .

### Value

Given data if all columns pass. It will error otherwise

### Examples

```
library(haven)
library(metacore)
library(magrittr)
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
spec <- metacore %>% select_dataset("ADSL", quiet = TRUE)
data <- read_xpt(metatools_example("adsl.xpt"))

check_ct_data(data, spec, omit_vars = c("AGEGR2", "AGEGR2N"))
## Not run:
# These examples produce errors:
check_ct_data(data, spec, na_acceptable = FALSE)
check_ct_data(data, spec, na_acceptable = FALSE, omit_vars = "DISCONFL")
check_ct_data(data, spec, na_acceptable = c("DSRAEFL", "DCSREAS"), omit_vars = "DISCONFL")

## End(Not run)
```

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check_unique_keys	<i>Check Uniqueness of Records by Key</i>
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## Description

This function checks the uniqueness of records in the dataset by key using `get_keys` from the `metacore` package. If the key uniquely identifies each record the function will print a message stating everything is as expected. If records are not uniquely identified an error will explain the duplicates.

## Usage

```
check_unique_keys(data, metacore, dataset_name = deprecated())
```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	Dataset to check
<code>metacore</code>	metacore object that only contains the specifications for the dataset of interest.
<code>dataset_name</code>	<b>[Deprecated]</b> Optional string to specify the dataset that is being built. This is only needed if the metacore object provided hasn't already been subsetted. Note: Deprecated in version 0.2.0. The <code>dataset_name</code> argument will be removed in a future release. Please use <code>metacore::select_dataset</code> to subset the metacore object to obtain metadata for a single dataset.

## Value

message if the key uniquely identifies each dataset record, and error otherwise

## Examples

```
library(haven)
library(metacore)
library(magrittr)
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
spec <- metacore %>% select_dataset("ADSL")
data <- read_xpt(metatools_example("adsl.xpt"))
check_unique_keys(data, spec)
```



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check_variables	<i>Check Variable Names</i>
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## Description

This function checks the variables in the dataset against the variables defined in the metacore specifications. If everything matches the function will print a message stating everything is as expected. If there are additional or missing variables an error will explain the discrepancies

## Usage

```
check_variables(data, metacore, dataset_name = deprecated(), strict = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

data	Dataset to check
metacore	metacore object that only contains the specifications for the dataset of interest.
dataset_name	<b>[Deprecated]</b> Optional string to specify the dataset. This is only needed if the metacore object provided hasn't already been subsetted. Note: Deprecated in version 0.2.0. The dataset_name argument will be removed in a future release. Please use metacore::select_dataset to subset the metacore object to obtain metadata for a single dataset.
strict	A logical value indicating whether to perform strict validation on the input dataset. If TRUE (default), errors will be raised if validation fails. If FALSE, warnings will be issued instead, allowing the function execution to continue even with invalid data.

## Value

message if the dataset matches the specification and the dataset, and error otherwise

## Examples

```
library(haven)
library(metacore)
library(magrittr)
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
spec <- metacore %>% select_dataset("ADSL")
data <- read_xpt(metatools_example("adsl.xpt"))
check_variables(data, spec)
data["DUMMY_COL"] <- NA
check_variables(data, spec, strict = FALSE)
```

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combine_supp	<i>Combine the Domain and Supplemental Qualifier</i>
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**Description**

Combine the Domain and Supplemental Qualifier

**Usage**

```
combine_supp(dataset, supp)
```

**Arguments**

dataset	Domain dataset
supp	Supplemental Qualifier dataset

**Value**

a dataset with the supp variables added to it

**Examples**

```
library(safetyData)
library(tibble)
combine_supp(sdtm_ae, sdtm_suppae) %>% as_tibble()
```

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convert_var_to_fct	<i>Convert Variable to Factor with Levels Set by Control Terms</i>
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**Description**

This functions takes a dataset, a metacore object and a variable name. Then looks at the metacore object for the control terms for the given variable and uses that to convert the variable to a factor with those levels. If the control terminology is a code list, the code column will be used. The function fails if the control terminology is an external library

**Usage**

```
convert_var_to_fct(data, metacore, var)
```

**Arguments**

data	A dataset containing the variable to be modified
metacore	A metacore object to get the codelist from. If the variable has different codelists for different datasets the metacore object will need to be subsetted using <code>select_dataset</code> from the metacore package
var	Name of variable to change

**Value**

Dataset with variable changed to a factor

**Examples**

```
library(metacore)
library(haven)
library(dplyr)
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
spec <- metacore %>% select_dataset("ADSL")
dm <- read_xpt(metatools_example("dm.xpt")) %>%
  select(USUBJID, SEX, ARM)
# Variable with codelist control terms
convert_var_to_fct(dm, spec, SEX)
# Variable with permitted value control terms
convert_var_to_fct(dm, spec, ARM)
```

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create_cat_var	<i>Create Categorical Variable from Codelist</i>
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**Description**

Using the grouping from either the decode\_var or code\_var and a reference variable (ref\_var) it will create a categorical variable and the numeric version of that categorical variable.

**Usage**

```
create_cat_var(
  data,
  metacore,
  ref_var,
  grp_var,
  num_grp_var = NULL,
  create_from_decode = FALSE,
  strict = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

data	Dataset with reference variable in it
metacore	A metacore object to get the codelist from. If the variable has different codelists for different datasets the metacore object will need to be subsetted using select_dataset from the metacore package.
ref_var	Name of variable to be used as the reference i.e AGE when creating AGEGR1
grp_var	Name of the new grouped variable
num_grp_var	Name of the new numeric decode for the grouped variable. This is optional if no value given no variable will be created

`create_from_decode` Sets the decode column of the codelist as the column from which the variable will be created. By default the column is code.

`strict` A logical value indicating whether to perform strict checking against the codelist. If TRUE will issue a warning if values in the `ref_var` column do not fit into the group definitions for the codelist in `grp_var`. If FALSE no warning is issued and values not defined by the codelist will likely result in NA results.

**Value**

dataset with new column added

**Examples**

```
library(metacore)
library(haven)
library(dplyr)
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
spec <- metacore %>% select_dataset("ADSL")
dm <- read_xpt(metatools_example("dm.xpt")) %>%
  select(USUBJID, AGE)
# Grouping Column Only
create_cat_var(dm, spec, AGE, AGEGR1)
# Grouping Column and Numeric Decode
create_cat_var(dm, spec, AGE, AGEGR1, AGEGR1N)
```

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`create_subgrps`      *Create Subgroups*

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**Description**

Create Subgroups

**Usage**

```
create_subgrps(ref_vec, grp_defs, grp_labs = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

`ref_vec` Vector of numeric values

`grp_defs` Vector of strings with groupings defined. Format must be either: `<00, >=00, 00-00`, or `00-<00`

`grp_labs` Vector of strings with labels defined. The labels correspond to the associated `grp_defs`. i.e., "12-17" may translate to "12-17 years". If no `grp_labs` specified then `grp_defs` will be used.

**Value**

Character vector of the values in the subgroups

**Examples**

```

create_subgrps(c(1:10), c("<2", "2-5", ">5"))
create_subgrps(c(1:10), c("<=2", ">2-5", ">5"))
create_subgrps(c(1:10), c("<2", "2-<5", ">=5"))
create_subgrps(c(1:10), c("<2", "2-<5", ">=5"), c("<2 years", "2-5 years", ">=5 years"))

```

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```
create_var_from_codelist
```

*Create Variable from Codelist*

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**Description**

This functions uses code/decode pairs from a metacore object to create new variables in the data

**Usage**

```

create_var_from_codelist(
  data,
  metacore,
  input_var,
  out_var,
  codelist = NULL,
  decode_to_code = TRUE,
  strict = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	Dataset that contains the input variable
<code>metacore</code>	A metacore object to get the codelist from. This should be a subsetted metacore object (of subclass <code>DatasetMeta</code> ) created using <code>metacore::select_dataset</code> .
<code>input_var</code>	Name of the variable that will be translated for the new column
<code>out_var</code>	Name of the output variable. Note: Unless a codelist is provided the grouping will always be from the code of the codelist associates with <code>out_var</code> .
<code>codelist</code>	Optional argument to supply a codelist. Must be a <code>data.frame</code> with <code>code</code> and <code>decode</code> columns such as those created by the function <code>metacore::get_control_term</code> . If no codelist is provided the codelist associated with the column supplied to <code>out_var</code> will be used. By default <code>codelist</code> is <code>NULL</code> .
<code>decode_to_code</code>	Direction of the translation. Default value is <code>TRUE</code> , i.e., assumes the <code>input_var</code> is the <code>decode</code> column of the codelist. Set to <code>FALSE</code> if the <code>input_var</code> is the <code>code</code> column of the codelist.
<code>strict</code>	A logical value indicating whether to perform strict checking against the codelist. If <code>TRUE</code> will issue a warning if values in the <code>input_var</code> column are not present in the codelist. If <code>FALSE</code> no warning is issued and values not present in the codelist will likely result in <code>NA</code> results.

**Value**

Dataset with a new column added

**Examples**

```

library(metacore)
library(tibble)
data <- tribble(
  ~USUBJID, ~VAR1, ~VAR2,
  1, "M", "Male",
  2, "F", "Female",
  3, "F", "Female",
  4, "U", "Unknown",
  5, "M", "Male",
)
spec <- spec_to_metacore(metacore_example("p21_mock.xlsx"), quiet = TRUE)
dm_spec <- select_dataset(spec, "DM", quiet = TRUE)
create_var_from_codelist(data, dm_spec, VAR2, SEX)
create_var_from_codelist(data, dm_spec, "VAR2", "SEX")
create_var_from_codelist(data, dm_spec, VAR1, SEX, decode_to_code = FALSE)

# Example providing a custom codelist
# This example also reverses the direction of translation
load(metacore_example('pilot_ADaM.rda'))
adlb_spec <- select_dataset(metacore, "ADLBC", quiet = TRUE)
adlb <- tibble(PARAMCD = c("ALB", "ALP", "ALT", "AST", "BILI", "BUN"))
create_var_from_codelist(
  adlb,
  adlb_spec,
  PARAMCD,
  PARAM,
  codelist = get_control_term(adlb_spec, PARAMCD),
  decode_to_code = FALSE,
  strict = FALSE)

## Not run:
# Example expecting warning where `strict` == `TRUE`
adlb <- tibble(PARAMCD = c("ALB", "ALP", "ALT", "AST", "BILI", "BUN", "DUMMY1", "DUMMY2"))
create_var_from_codelist(
  adlb,
  adlb_spec,
  PARAMCD,
  PARAM,
  codelist = get_control_term(adlb_spec, PARAMCD),
  decode_to_code = FALSE,
  strict = TRUE)

## End(Not run)

```

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drop_unspec_vars	<i>Drop Unspecified Variables</i>
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## Description

This function drops all unspecified variables. It will throw an error if the dataset does not contain all expected variables.

## Usage

```
drop_unspec_vars(dataset, metacore, dataset_name = deprecated())
```

## Arguments

dataset	Dataset to change
metacore	metacore object that only contains the specifications for the dataset of interest.
dataset_name	<b>[Deprecated]</b> Optional string to specify the dataset. This is only needed if the metacore object provided hasn't already been subsetted. Note: Deprecated in version 0.2.0. The dataset_name argument will be removed in a future release. Please use metacore::select_dataset to subset the metacore object to obtain metadata for a single dataset.

## Value

Dataset with only specified columns

## Examples

```
library(metacore)
library(haven)
library(dplyr)
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
spec <- metacore %>% select_dataset("ADSL")
data <- read_xpt(metatools_example("adsl.xpt")) %>%
  select(USUBJID, SITEID) %>%
  mutate(foo = "Hello")
drop_unspec_vars(data, spec)
```

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get_bad_ct	<i>Gets vector of control terminology which should be there</i>
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### Description

This function checks the column in the dataset only contains the control terminology as defined by the metacore specification. It will return all values not found in the control terminology

### Usage

```
get_bad_ct(data, metacore, var, na_acceptable = NULL)
```

### Arguments

data	Data to check
metacore	A metacore object to get the codelist from. If the variable has different codelists for different datasets the metacore object will need to be subsetted using <code>select_dataset</code> from the metacore package.
var	Name of variable to check
na_acceptable	Logical value, set to <code>NULL</code> by default, so the acceptability of missing values is based on if the core for the variable is "Required" in the metacore object. If set to <code>TRUE</code> then will pass check if values are in the control terminology or are missing. If set to <code>FALSE</code> then NA will not be acceptable.

### Value

vector

### Examples

```
library(haven)
library(metacore)
library(magrittr)
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
spec <- metacore %>% select_dataset("ADSL")
data <- read_xpt(metatools_example("adsl.xpt"))
get_bad_ct(data, spec, "DCSREAS")
get_bad_ct(data, spec, "DCSREAS", na_acceptable = FALSE)
```



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make_supp_qual	<i>Make Supplemental Qualifier</i>
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**Description**

Make Supplemental Qualifier

**Usage**

```
make_supp_qual(dataset, metacore, dataset_name = deprecated())
```

**Arguments**

dataset	dataset the supp will be pulled from
metacore	A subsetted metacore object to get the supp information from. If not already subsetted then a dataset_name will need to be provided
dataset_name	<b>[Deprecated]</b> Optional string to specify the dataset that is being built. This is only needed if the metacore object provided hasn't already been subsetted. Note: Deprecated in version 0.2.0. The dataset_name argument will be removed in a future release. Please use metacore::select_dataset to subset the metacore object to obtain metadata for a single dataset.

**Value**

a CDISC formatted SUPP dataset

**Examples**

```
library(metacore)
library(safetyData)
library(tibble)
load(metacore_example("pilot_SDTM.rda"))
spec <- metacore %>% select_dataset("AE")
ae <- combine_supp(sdtm_ae, sdtm_suppae)
make_supp_qual(ae, spec) %>% as_tibble()
```

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metatools_example	<i>Get path to pkg example</i>
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**Description**

pkg comes bundled with a number of sample files in its inst/extdata directory. This function make them easy to access

**Usage**

```
metatools_example(file = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

file                    Name of file. If NULL, the example files will be listed.

**Examples**

```
metatools_example()
metatools_example("dm.xpt")
```

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order_cols	<i>Sort Columns by Order</i>
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**Description**

This function sorts the dataset according to the order found in the metacore object.

**Usage**

```
order_cols(data, metacore, dataset_name = deprecated())
```

**Arguments**

data                    Dataset to sort

metacore                metacore object that contains the specifications for the dataset of interest.

dataset\_name            **[Deprecated]** Optional string to specify the dataset that is being built. This is only needed if the metacore object provided hasn't already been subsetted. Note: Deprecated in version 0.2.0. The dataset\_name argument will be removed in a future release. Please use metacore::select\_dataset to subset the metacore object to obtain metadata for a single dataset.

**Value**

dataset with ordered columns

**Examples**

```
library(metacore)
library(haven)
library(magrittr)
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
spec <- metacore %>% select_dataset("ADSL")
data <- read_xpt(metatools_example("adsl.xpt"))
order_cols(data, spec)
```

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remove_labels	<i>Remove labels to multiple variables on a data frame</i>
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**Description**

This function allows a user to removes all labels to a dataframe at once.

**Usage**

```
remove_labels(data)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data.frame or tibble
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**Value**

data with variable labels applied

**Examples**

```
library(haven)
data <- read_xpt(metatools_example("adsl.xpt"))
remove_labels(data)
```

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set_variable_labels	<i>Apply labels to a data frame using a metacore object</i>
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**Description**

This function leverages metadata available in a metacore object to apply labels to a data frame.

**Usage**

```
set_variable_labels(data, metacore, dataset_name = deprecated())
```

**Arguments**

data	A dataframe or tibble upon which labels will be applied
metacore	metacore object that contains the specifications for the dataset of interest.
dataset_name	<b>[Deprecated]</b> Optional string to specify the dataset that is being built. This is only needed if the metacore object provided hasn't already been subsetted. Note: Deprecated in version 0.2.0. The dataset_name argument will be removed in a future release. Please use metacore::select_dataset to subset the metacore object to obtain metadata for a single dataset.

**Value**

Dataframe with labels applied

**Examples**

```
mc <- metacore::spec_to_metacore(
  metacore::metacore_example("p21_mock.xlsx"),
  quiet=TRUE
)
dm <- haven::read_xpt(metatools_example("dm.xpt"))
set_variable_labels(dm, mc, dataset_name = "DM")
```

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sort\_by\_key

*Sort Rows by Key Sequence*

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**Description**

This function sorts the dataset according to the key sequence found in the metacore object.

**Usage**

```
sort_by_key(data, metacore, dataset_name = deprecated())
```

**Arguments**

data	Dataset to sort
metacore	metacore object that contains the specifications for the dataset of interest.
dataset_name	<b>[Deprecated]</b> Optional string to specify the dataset that is being built. This is only needed if the metacore object provided hasn't already been subsetted. Note: Deprecated in version 0.2.0. The dataset_name argument will be removed in a future release. Please use metacore::select_dataset to subset the metacore object to obtain metadata for a single dataset.

**Value**

dataset with ordered columns

**Examples**

```
library(metacore)
library(haven)
library(magrittr)
load(metacore_example("pilot_ADaM.rda"))
spec <- metacore %>% select_dataset("ADSL")
data <- read_xpt(metatools_example("adsl.xpt"))
sort_by_key(data, spec)
```

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