

# Package ‘FMAT’

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**Description** The Fill-Mask Association Test (‘FMAT’)

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is an integrative, probability-based social computing method using Masked Language Models to measure conceptual associations (e.g., attitudes, biases, stereotypes, social norms, cultural values) as propositional semantic representations in natural language. Supported language models include ‘BERT’

<[doi:10.48550/arXiv.1810.04805](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.1810.04805)> and its variants available at ‘Hugging Face’

<[https://huggingface.co/models?pipeline\\_tag=fill-mask](https://huggingface.co/models?pipeline_tag=fill-mask)>.

Methodological references and installation guidance are provided at

<<https://psychbruce.github.io/FMAT/>>.

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BERT_download	<i>Download and save BERT models to local cache folder.</i>
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### Description

Download and save BERT models to local cache folder "%USERPROFILE%/.cache/huggingface".

### Usage

```
BERT_download(models = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

models	A character vector of model names at <a href="#">HuggingFace</a> .
verbose	Alert if a model has been downloaded. Defaults to FALSE.

### Value

Invisibly return a data.table of basic file information of local models.

### See Also

[set\\_cache\\_folder\(\)](#)  
[BERT\\_info\(\)](#)  
[BERT\\_vocab\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
models = c("bert-base-uncased", "bert-base-cased")
BERT_download(models)

BERT_download() # check downloaded models

BERT_info() # information of all downloaded models

## End(Not run)
```

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BERT_info	<i>Get basic information of BERT models.</i>
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## Description

Get basic information of BERT models.

## Usage

```
BERT_info(models = NULL)
```

## Arguments

`models` A character vector of model names at [HuggingFace](#).

## Value

A data.table:

- model name
- model type
- number of parameters
- vocabulary size (of input token embeddings)
- embedding dimensions (of input token embeddings)
- hidden layers
- attention heads
- [MASK] token

## See Also

[BERT\\_download\(\)](#)

[BERT\\_vocab\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
models = c("bert-base-uncased", "bert-base-cased")
BERT_info(models)

BERT_info() # information of all downloaded models
# speed: ~1.2s/model for first use; <1s afterwards

## End(Not run)
```

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BERT_info_date	<i>Scrape the initial commit date of BERT models.</i>
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## Description

Scrape the initial commit date of BERT models.

## Usage

```
BERT_info_date(models = NULL)
```

## Arguments

models            A character vector of model names at [HuggingFace](#).

## Value

A data.table:

- model name
- initial commit date (scraped from huggingface commit history)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
model.date = BERT_info_date()
# get all models from cache folder

one.model.date = FMAT:::get_model_date("bert-base-uncased")
# call the internal function to scrape a model
# that may not have been saved in cache folder

## End(Not run)
```

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BERT_remove	<i>Remove BERT models from local cache folder.</i>
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**Description**

Remove BERT models from local cache folder.

**Usage**

```
BERT_remove(models)
```

**Arguments**

models	Model names.
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**Value**

NULL.

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BERT_vocab	<i>Check if mask words are in the model vocabulary.</i>
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**Description**

Check if mask words are in the model vocabulary.

**Usage**

```
BERT_vocab(
  models,
  mask.words,
  add.tokens = FALSE,
  add.verbose = FALSE,
  weight.decay = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

models	A character vector of model names at <a href="#">HuggingFace</a> .
mask.words	Option words filling in the mask.
add.tokens	Add new tokens (for out-of-vocabulary words or phrases) to model vocabulary? Defaults to FALSE. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Default method of producing the new token embeddings is computing the (equally weighted) average subword token embeddings. To change the weights of different subwords, specify <code>weight.decay</code>.</li> </ul>

- It just adds tokens temporarily without changing the raw model file.

add.verbose     Print subwords of each new token? Defaults to FALSE.

weight.decay     Decay factor of relative importance of multiple subwords. Defaults to 1 (see [weight\\_decay\(\)](#) for computational details). A smaller decay value would give greater weight to the former subwords than to the latter subwords. The  $i$ -th subword has raw weight =  $\text{decay}^i$ .

- decay = 1: all subwords are **equally** important (default)
- $0 < \text{decay} < 1$ : **first** subwords are more important
- decay > 1: **last** subwords are more important

For example, decay = 0.5 would give 0.5 and 0.25 (with normalized weights 0.667 and 0.333) to two subwords (e.g., "individualism" = 0.667 "individual" + 0.333 "##ism").

### Value

A data.table of model name, mask word, real token (replaced if out of vocabulary), and token id (0~N).

### See Also

[BERT\\_download\(\)](#)

[BERT\\_info\(\)](#)

[FMAT\\_run\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
models = c("bert-base-uncased", "bert-base-cased")
BERT_info(models)

BERT_vocab(models, c("bruce", "Bruce"))

BERT_vocab(models, 2020:2025) # some are out-of-vocabulary
BERT_vocab(models, 2020:2025, add.tokens=TRUE) # add vocab

BERT_vocab(models,
             c("individualism", "artificial intelligence"),
             add.tokens=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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fill_mask	<i>Run the fill-mask pipeline and check the raw results.</i>
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### Description

This function is only for technical check. Please use `FMAT_run()` for general purposes.

### Usage

```
fill_mask(query, model, targets = NULL, topn = 5, gpu)
```

```
fill_mask_check(query, models, targets = NULL, topn = 5, gpu)
```

### Arguments

query	Query sentence with mask token.
model, models	Model name(s).
targets	Target words to fill in the mask. Defaults to NULL (return the top 5 most likely words).
topn	Number of the most likely predictions to return. Defaults to 5.
gpu	Use GPU (3x faster than CPU) to run the fill-mask pipeline? Defaults to missing value that will <i>automatically</i> use available GPU (if not available, then use CPU). An NVIDIA GPU device (e.g., GeForce RTX Series) is required to use GPU. See <a href="#">Guidance for GPU Acceleration</a> . Options passing on to the device parameter in Python: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FALSE: CPU (device = -1).</li><li>• TRUE: GPU (device = 0).</li><li>• Others: passing on to <code>transformers.pipeline(device=...)</code> which defines the device (e.g., "cpu", "cuda:0", or a GPU device id like 1) on which the pipeline will be allocated.</li></ul>

### Value

A data.table of raw results.

### Functions

- `fill_mask()`: Check performance of one model.
- `fill_mask_check()`: Check performance of multiple models.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
query = "Paris is the [MASK] of France."
models = c("bert-base-uncased", "bert-base-cased")

d.check = fill_mask_check(query, models, topn=2)

## End(Not run)
```

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FMAT\_query

*Prepare a data.table of queries and variables for the FMAT.*

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## Description

Prepare a data.table of queries and variables for the FMAT.

## Usage

```
FMAT_query(
  query = "Text with [MASK], optionally with {TARGET} and/or {ATTRIB}.",
  MASK = .(),
  TARGET = .(),
  ATTRIB = .()
)
```

## Arguments

query	Query text (should be a character string/vector with at least one [MASK] token). Multiple queries share the same set of MASK, TARGET, and ATTRIB. For multiple queries with different MASK, TARGET, and/or ATTRIB, please use <a href="#">FMAT_query_bind()</a> to combine them.
MASK	A named list of [MASK] target words. Must be single words in the vocabulary of a certain masked language model. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For model vocabulary, see, e.g., <a href="https://huggingface.co/bert-base-uncased/raw/main/vocab.txt">https://huggingface.co/bert-base-uncased/raw/main/vocab.txt</a></li> <li>Infrequent words may be not included in a model's vocabulary, and in this case you may insert the words into the context by specifying either TARGET or ATTRIB.</li> </ul>
TARGET, ATTRIB	A named list of Target/Attribute words or phrases. If specified, then query must contain {TARGET} and/or {ATTRIB} (in all uppercase and in braces) to be replaced by the words/phrases.

## Value

A data.table of queries and variables.



**See Also**[FMAT\\_query\\_bind\(\)](#)[FMAT\\_run\(\)](#)**Examples**

```
FMAT_query("[MASK] is a nurse.", MASK = .(Male="He", Female="She"))
```

```
FMAT_query(
  c("[MASK] is {TARGET}.", "[MASK] works as {TARGET}."),
  MASK = .(Male="He", Female="She"),
  TARGET = .(Occupation=c("a doctor", "a nurse", "an artist"))
)
```

```
FMAT_query(
  "The [MASK] {ATTRIB}.",
  MASK = .(Male=c("man", "boy"),
    Female=c("woman", "girl")),
  ATTRIB = .(Masc=c("is masculine", "has a masculine personality"),
    Femi=c("is feminine", "has a feminine personality"))
)
```

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FMAT_query_bind	<i>Combine multiple query data.tables and renumber query ids.</i>
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**Description**

Combine multiple query data.tables and renumber query ids.

**Usage**

```
FMAT_query_bind(...)
```

**Arguments**

...                    Query data.tables returned from [FMAT\\_query\(\)](#).

**Value**

A data.table of queries and variables.

**See Also**[FMAT\\_query\(\)](#)[FMAT\\_run\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```

FMAT_query_bind(
  FMAT_query(
    "[MASK] is {TARGET}.",
    MASK = .(Male="He", Female="She"),
    TARGET = .(Occupation=c("a doctor", "a nurse", "an artist"))
  ),
  FMAT_query(
    "[MASK] occupation is {TARGET}.",
    MASK = .(Male="His", Female="Her"),
    TARGET = .(Occupation=c("doctor", "nurse", "artist"))
  )
)

```

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FMAT\_run

*Run the fill-mask pipeline on multiple models (CPU / GPU).*


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**Description**

Run the fill-mask pipeline on multiple models with CPU or GPU (faster but requires an NVIDIA GPU device).

**Usage**

```

FMAT_run(
  models,
  data,
  gpu,
  add.tokens = FALSE,
  add.verbose = FALSE,
  weight.decay = 1,
  pattern.special = special_case(),
  file = NULL,
  progress = TRUE,
  warning = TRUE,
  na.out = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

models	A character vector of model names at <a href="#">HuggingFace</a> .
data	A data.table returned from <code>FMAT_query()</code> or <code>FMAT_query_bind()</code> .
gpu	Use GPU (3x faster than CPU) to run the fill-mask pipeline? Defaults to missing value that will <i>automatically</i> use available GPU (if not available, then use CPU). An NVIDIA GPU device (e.g., GeForce RTX Series) is required to use GPU. See <a href="#">Guidance for GPU Acceleration</a> . Options passing on to the device parameter in Python:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FALSE: CPU (device = -1).</li> <li>• TRUE: GPU (device = 0).</li> <li>• Others: passing on to <code>transformers.pipeline(device=...)</code> which defines the device (e.g., "cpu", "cuda:0", or a GPU device id like 1) on which the pipeline will be allocated.</li> </ul>
<code>add.tokens</code>	<p>Add new tokens (for out-of-vocabulary words or phrases) to model vocabulary? Defaults to FALSE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Default method of producing the new token embeddings is computing the (equally weighted) average subword token embeddings. To change the weights of different subwords, specify <code>weight.decay</code>.</li> <li>• It just adds tokens temporarily without changing the raw model file.</li> </ul>
<code>add.verbose</code>	Print subwords of each new token? Defaults to FALSE.
<code>weight.decay</code>	<p>Decay factor of relative importance of multiple subwords. Defaults to 1 (see <code>weight_decay()</code> for computational details). A smaller decay value would give greater weight to the former subwords than to the latter subwords. The <i>i</i>-th subword has raw weight = <math>\text{decay}^i</math>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• decay = 1: all subwords are <b>equally</b> important (default)</li> <li>• <math>0 &lt; \text{decay} &lt; 1</math>: <b>first</b> subwords are more important</li> <li>• decay &gt; 1: <b>last</b> subwords are more important</li> </ul> <p>For example, decay = 0.5 would give 0.5 and 0.25 (with normalized weights 0.667 and 0.333) to two subwords (e.g., "individualism" = 0.667 "individual" + 0.333 "##ism").</p>
<code>pattern.special</code>	See <code>special_case()</code> for details.
<code>file</code>	File name of .RData to save the returned data.
<code>progress</code>	Show a progress bar? Defaults to TRUE.
<code>warning</code>	Alert warning of out-of-vocabulary word(s)? Defaults to TRUE.
<code>na.out</code>	Replace probabilities of out-of-vocabulary word(s) with NA? Defaults to TRUE.

## Details

The function automatically adjusts for the compatibility of tokens used in certain models: (1) for uncased models (e.g., ALBERT), it turns tokens to lowercase; (2) for models that use `<mask>` rather than `[MASK]`, it automatically uses the corrected mask token; (3) for models that require a prefix to estimate whole words than subwords (e.g., ALBERT, RoBERTa), it adds a white space before each mask option word. See `special_case()` for details.

These changes only affect the token variable in the returned data, but will not affect the `M_word` variable. Thus, users may analyze data based on the unchanged `M_word` rather than the token.

Note also that there may be extremely trivial differences (after 5~6 significant digits) in the raw probability estimates between using CPU and GPU, but these differences would have little impact on main results.

**Value**

A data.table (class fmat) appending data with these new variables:

- model: model name.
- output: complete sentence output with unmasked token.
- token: actual token to be filled in the blank mask (a note "out-of-vocabulary" will be added if the original word is not found in the model vocabulary).
- prob: (raw) conditional probability of the unmasked token given the provided context, estimated by the masked language model.
  - Raw probabilities should *NOT* be directly used or interpreted. Please use `summary.fmat()` to *contrast* between a pair of probabilities.

**See Also**

[set\\_cache\\_folder\(\)](#)  
[BERT\\_download\(\)](#)  
[BERT\\_vocab\(\)](#)  
[FMAT\\_query\(\)](#)  
[FMAT\\_query\\_bind\(\)](#)  
[summary.fmat\(\)](#)  
[special\\_case\(\)](#)  
[weight\\_decay\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Running the examples requires the models downloaded

## Not run:
models = c("bert-base-uncased", "bert-base-cased")

query1 = FMAT_query(
  c("[MASK] is {TARGET}.", "[MASK] works as {TARGET}."),
  MASK = .(Male="He", Female="She"),
  TARGET = .(Occupation=c("a doctor", "a nurse", "an artist"))
)
data1 = FMAT_run(models, query1)
summary(data1, target.pair=FALSE)

query2 = FMAT_query(
  "The [MASK] {ATTRIB}.",
  MASK = .(Male=c("man", "boy"),
           Female=c("woman", "girl")),
  ATTRIB = .(Masc=c("is masculine", "has a masculine personality"),
            Femi=c("is feminine", "has a feminine personality"))
)
data2 = FMAT_run(models, query2)
summary(data2, mask.pair=FALSE)
```

```
summary(data2)
## End(Not run)
```

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ICC_models	<i>Intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) of BERT models.</i>
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### Description

Interrater agreement of *log probabilities* (treated as "ratings"/rows) among BERT language models (treated as "raters"/columns), with both row and column as ("two-way") random effects.

### Usage

```
ICC_models(data, type = "agreement", unit = "average")
```

### Arguments

data	Raw data returned from <code>FMAT_run()</code> (with variable <code>prob</code> ) or its summarized data obtained with <code>summary.fmat()</code> (with variable <code>LPR</code> ).
type	Interrater "agreement" (default) or "consistency".
unit	Reliability of "average" scores (default) or "single" scores.

### Value

A data.frame of ICC.

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LPR_reliability	<i>Reliability analysis (Cronbach's <math>\alpha</math>) of LPR.</i>
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### Description

Reliability analysis (Cronbach's  $\alpha$ ) of LPR.

### Usage

```
LPR_reliability(fmat, item = c("query", "T_word", "A_word"), by = NULL)
```

### Arguments

fmat	A data.table returned from <code>summary.fmat()</code> .
item	Reliability of multiple "query" (default), "T_word", or "A_word".
by	Variable(s) to split data by. Options can be "model", "TARGET", "ATTRIB", or any combination of them.

**Value**

A data.frame of Cronbach's  $\alpha$ .

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set_cache_folder	<i>Set (change) HuggingFace cache folder temporarily.</i>
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**Description**

This function allows you to change the default cache directory (when it lacks storage space) to another path (e.g., your portable SSD) *temporarily*.

**Usage**

```
set_cache_folder(path = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

path	Folder path to store HuggingFace models. If NULL, then return the current cache folder.
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**Keep in Mind**

This function takes effect only for the current R session *temporarily*, so you should run this each time BEFORE you use other FMAT functions in an R session.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
library(FMAT)  
set_cache_folder("D:/huggingface_cache/")  
# -> models would be saved to "D:/huggingface_cache/hub/"  
# run this function each time before using FMAT functions  
  
BERT_download()  
BERT_info()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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special_case	<i>Specify models that require special treatment to ensure accuracy.</i>
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## Description

Specify models that require special treatment to ensure accuracy.

## Usage

```
special_case(  
  uncased = "uncased|albert|electra|muhtasham",  
  u2581 = "albert|xlm-roberta|xlnet",  
  u2581.excl = "chinese",  
  u0120 = "roberta|bart|deberta|bertweet-large|ModernBERT",  
  u0120.excl = "chinese|xlm-|kornosk/"  
)
```

## Arguments

uncased	Regular expression pattern (matching model names) for uncased models.
u2581, u0120	Regular expression pattern (matching model names) for models that require a special prefix character when performing whole-word fill-mask pipeline. <b>WARNING:</b> The developer is unable to check all models, so users need to check the models they use and modify these parameters if necessary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• u2581: add prefix <code>\u2581</code> (white space) for all mask words</li><li>• u0120: add prefix <code>\u0120</code> (white space) for only non-starting mask words</li></ul>
u2581.excl, u0120.excl	Exclusions to negate u2581 and u0120 matching results.

## Value

A list of regular expression patterns.

## See Also

[FMAT\\_run\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
special_case()
```

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summary.fmat	[S3 method] Summarize the results for the FMAT.
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### Description

Summarize the results of *Log Probability Ratio* (LPR), which indicates the *relative* (vs. *absolute*) association between concepts.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fmat'
summary(
  object,
  mask.pair = TRUE,
  target.pair = TRUE,
  attrib.pair = TRUE,
  warning = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

object	A data.table (class fmat) returned from <a href="#">FMAT_run()</a> .
mask.pair, target.pair, attrib.pair	Pairwise contrast of [MASK], TARGET, ATTRIB? Defaults to TRUE.
warning	Alert warning of out-of-vocabulary word(s)? Defaults to TRUE.
...	Other arguments (currently not used).

### Details

The LPR of just one contrast (e.g., only between a pair of attributes) may *not* be sufficient for a proper interpretation of the results, and may further require a second contrast (e.g., between a pair of targets).

Users are suggested to use linear mixed models (with the R packages `nlme` or `lme4/lmerTest`) to perform the formal analyses and hypothesis tests based on the LPR.

### Value

A data.table of the summarized results with Log Probability Ratio (LPR).

### See Also

[FMAT\\_run\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
# see examples in `FMAT_run`
```



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weight_decay	Compute a vector of weights with a decay rate.
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### Description

Compute a vector of weights with a decay rate.

### Usage

```
weight_decay(vector, decay)
```

### Arguments

vector	Vector of sequence.
decay	Decay factor for computing weights. A smaller decay value would give greater weight to the former items than to the latter items. The $i$ -th item has raw weight $= \text{decay}^i$ . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• decay = 1: all items are <b>equally</b> important</li><li>• <math>0 &lt; \text{decay} &lt; 1</math>: <b>first</b> items are more important</li><li>• decay &gt; 1: <b>last</b> items are more important</li></ul>

### Value

*Normalized* weights (i.e., sum of weights = 1).

### See Also

[FMAT\\_run\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
# "individualism"
weight_decay(c("individual", "##ism"), 0.5)
weight_decay(c("individual", "##ism"), 0.8)
weight_decay(c("individual", "##ism"), 1)
weight_decay(c("individual", "##ism"), 2)

# "East Asian people"
weight_decay(c("East", "Asian", "people"), 0.5)
weight_decay(c("East", "Asian", "people"), 0.8)
weight_decay(c("East", "Asian", "people"), 1)
weight_decay(c("East", "Asian", "people"), 2)
```

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