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**Note**

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**Author(s)**

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label\_description      *label\_description*

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*label\_normalverteilung*

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MOQA	<i>Basic Quality Data Assurance for Epidemiological Research</i>
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The aim of the MOQA R-Package is to provide a basic assessment of data quality and to generate a set of informative graphs. Especially, there should be no demand for the potential researcher to master R. This R-package enables researchers to generate reports for various kinds of metric and categorical data. Additionally, general reports for multivariate input data and, if needed, detailed results for single-variable data can be produced.

CSV-files as well as dataframes can be used as input format to create a report. The results are instantly saved in an automatically generated PDF-file. For each study variable within the data input file a separate PDF-file with standard or, if applicable, customized plots and tables is produced. These standard reports enable the user to monitor and report the data integrity and completeness. However, for more specific reports the knowledge of metadata is necessary, including definition of units, variables, descriptions, code lists and categories of qualified missings.

Version 1.2 ——— ADDED Support for metric and categorical dataframes BUGFIX Aborted report generation in case of non-existent missings in datacolumn

Version 2.0 ——— RENAME Official Renaming of former package-name mosaicQA to MOQA  
ADDED new function importToolboxSpssDataFile

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### See Also

mosaic-greifswald.de

**Examples**

```
## Example 1: Generate pdf with graphs for a single metric data column, e.g. data of body height
```

```
# load MOQA package
library('MOQA')

# specify the csv import file with metric data, use one column per variable
metric_datafile='c:/mosaic/metric_single_var.csv'

#specify output folder
outputFolder='c:/mosaic/outputs/'

#set missing threshold, optional, default is 99900
mosaic.setGlobalMissingTreshold(99900)

#set variable unit, optional
mosaic.setGlobalUnit('(cm)')

#set variable description, optional, if not uses the name of the variable is displayed in
#table heading
mosaic.setGlobalDescription('Height')

#create PDF-report,
#uncomment to start report-generation
#mosaic.createSimplePdfmetric(metric_datafile, outputFolder)
```

```
## Example 2: Generate pdf with graphs for a single categorical data column
```

```
# load MOQA package
library('MOQA')

# specify the import file with Categorical data
# first row has to contain variable names without special characters
Categorical_datafile='c:/mosaic/cat_single_var_en.csv'

#specify output folder
outputFolder='c:/mosaic/outputs/'

#set treshold to detect missings, default is 99900 (adjust this line to change this global value,
#but be careful)
mosaic.setGlobalMissingTreshold(99900)

#set description of var
mosaic.setGlobalCodelist(c('1=yes','2=no','99996=not specified','99997=not acquired'))

# create simple pdf file foreach variable column in Categorical data file,
# uncomment to start report-generation
# mosaic.createSimplePdfCategorical(Categorical_datafile,outputFolder)
```



```
## Example 3: Generate pdf with graphs for a multiple metric data columns, generates one pdf for  
# each column using the variable name for table headings
```

```
# load MOQA package  
library('MOQA')
```

```
# specify the import file with metric data  
# use one column per variable, first row should contain variable name, following rows should  
# contain data, csv Files with multiple rows are supported, decimal values should be formatted  
# for example : 25.4  
metric_datafile='c:/mosaic/metric_multi_var.csv'
```

```
#specify output folder  
outputFolder="c:/mosaic/outputs/"
```

```
# set treshold to detect missings, default is 99900 (adjust this line to change this global value  
# but be careful)  
mosaic.setGlobalMissingTreshold(99900)
```

```
# create PDF-Files for vars,  
# uncomment to start report-generation  
#mosaic.createSimplePdfmetric(metric_datafile, outputFolder)
```

```
## Example 4: Generate pdf with graphs for a multiple metric dataframe, generates one pdf for  
# each column using the variable name for table headings
```

```
# load MOQA package  
library('MOQA')
```

```
# specify the metric dataframe with 1-n columns, here sample data is generated  
metric_data=data.frame(matrix(rnorm(20), nrow=10))
```

```
#specify output folder  
outputFolder="c:/mosaic/outputs/"
```

```
# set treshold to detect missings, default is 99900 (adjust this line to change this global value  
# but be careful)  
mosaic.setGlobalMissingTreshold(99900)
```

```
# create PDF-Files for vars,  
# uncomment to start report-generation  
#mosaic.createSimplePdfMetricDataframe(metric_data, outputFolder)
```

```
## Example 5: Import data from SPSS Export file generated by Toolbox for Research  
# and generate report for specific variable
```

```
# load MOQA package
library('MOQA')

# specify import dat-file
importfile="c:/mosaic/import/all_in_one.dat"

# specify output folder
outputFolder="c:/mosaic/outputs/"

# import data
#importdata=mosaic.importToolboxSpssDataFile(importfile)

# generate report for a specific variable e.e. patient.age
# pass data as dataframe to use already given column name for a more descriptive output
#mosaic.createSimplePdfMetricDataframe(as.data.frame(importdata$ve_temperature_ear),outputFolder)
```

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MOQA.env

*MOQA.env*

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### Description

local environment to handle MOQA-internal variables

### Note

local environment

### Author(s)

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

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mosaic.addFootnote

*addFootnote*

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### Description

Add a Footnote to plot using footnotestring and current timestamp.

### Usage

```
mosaic.addFootnote()
```

### Note

Function call type: internal

### Author(s)

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

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mosaic.beginPlot	<i>beginPlot</i>
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**Description**

begin plotting the configured graphs for loaded data and generate the output PDF-File.

**Usage**

```
mosaic.beginPlot(varname,outputfolder)
```

**Arguments**

varname	name of the studyitem or csv column loaded to plot graphs for.
outputfolder	name of the output folder

**Note**

Function call type: internal

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

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mosaic.countValue	<i>countValue</i>
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**Description**

Count occurrence of search value in data column

**Usage**

```
mosaic.countValue(searchvalue, data_column)
```

**Arguments**

searchvalue	value to search for
data_column	name of study item or data column to search in

**Details**

useful to find qualified missings in data column

**Value**

count of occurrences of specified value in specified data column

**Note**

Function call type: internal

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

---

```
mosaic.createSimplePdfCategorical  
    createSimplePdfCategorical
```

---

**Description**

Create simple PDF-file for categorical data

**Usage**

```
mosaic.createSimplePdfCategorical(inputfile, outputfolder)
```

**Arguments**

inputfile	path to input csv-file
outputfolder	path to output folder

**Note**

Function call type: user

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

**Examples**

```
# load MOQA package  
library('MOQA')  
  
# specify the import file with categorial data  
# first row has to contain variable names without special characters  
categorical_datafile='c:/mosaic/cat_single_var_en.csv'  
  
# specify output folder  
outputFolder='c:/mosaic/outputs/'  
  
# set treshold to detect missings, default is 99900 (adjust this line to change this global value,  
# but be careful)  
mosaic.setGlobalMissingTreshold(99900)
```

```
# set description of var
mosaic.setGlobalCodelist(c('1=yes', '2=no', '99996=not specified', '99997=not acquired'))

# create simple pdf file foreach variable column in categorial data file, uncomment to start
# report-generation
# mosaic.createSimplePdfCategorical(categorical_datafile, outputFolder)
```

---

```
mosaic.createSimplePdfCategoricalDataframe
      createSimplePdfCategoricalDataframe
```

---

### Description

Create simple PDF-file for categorical data

### Usage

```
mosaic.createSimplePdfCategoricalDataframe(df, outputfolder)
```

### Arguments

df	dataframe
outputfolder	path to output folder

### Note

Function call type: user

### Author(s)

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

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```
mosaic.createSimplePdfMetric
      createSimplePdfMetric
```

---

### Description

Create simple PDF-file for metric data

### Usage

```
mosaic.createSimplePdfMetric(inputfile, outputfolder)
```

**Arguments**

inputfile      path to input csv file  
outputfolder   path to output folder

**Note**

Function call type: user

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

**Examples**

```
# load MOQA package
library('MOQA')

# specify the csv import file with metric data, use one column per variable
metric_datafile='c:/mosaic/metric_single_var.csv'

#specify output folder
outputFolder='c:/mosaic/output/'

#set missing threshold, optional, default is 99900
mosaic.setGlobalMissingTreshold(99900)

#set variable unit, optional
mosaic.setGlobalUnit('(cm)')

#set variable description, optional
mosaic.setGlobalDescription('Height')

#create PDF-report, uncomment to start report-generation
#mosaic.createSimplePdfMetric(metric_datafile, outputFolder)
```

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```
mosaic.createSimplePdfMetricDataframe
      createSimplePdfMetricDataframe
```

---

**Description**

Create simple PDF-file for metric data

**Usage**

```
mosaic.createSimplePdfMetricDataframe(df, outputfolder)
```

**Arguments**

df                    path to input csv file  
outputfolder        path to output folder

**Note**

Function call type: user

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
# load MOQA package
library('MOQA')

# specify the metric dataframe with 1-n columns, here sample data is generated
metric_data=data.frame(matrix(rnorm(20), nrow=10))

#specify output folder
outputFolder="c:/mosaic/outputs/"

# set treshold to detect missings, default is 99900 (adjust this line to change this global value
# but be careful)
mosaic.setGlobalMissingTreshold(99900)

# create PDF-Files for vars,
# uncomment to start report-generation
#mosaic.createSimplePdfMetricDataframe(metric_data, outputFolder)
```

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mosaic.finishPlot        *finishPlot*

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**Description**

Finish plotting, close PDF-file

**Usage**

```
mosaic.finishPlot()
```

**Note**

Function call type: internal

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

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```
mosaic.generateCategoricalPlot  
    generateCategoricalPlot
```

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**Description**

Generate Statistics and Create plots for categorical data

**Usage**

```
mosaic.generateCategoricalPlot(dataframe, varname)
```

**Arguments**

dataframe	data table with one or more columns (first row should contain column names/study item names/variable names)
varname	selected column/study item/variable to plot graph for

**Note**

Function call type: internal

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

---

```
mosaic.generateMetricPlots  
    generateMetricPlots
```

---

**Description**

calculate statistics and generate graphs for metric data

**Usage**

```
mosaic.generateMetricPlots(data_snippet, var_name)
```

**Arguments**

data_snippet	data table with one or more columns (first row should contain column names/study item names/variable names)
var_name	selected column/study item/variable to plot graph for



**Note**

Function call type: internal

**Author(s)**

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---

`mosaic.generateMetricTablePlot`  
*generateMetricTablePlot*

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**Description**

Generate missing-ratio table for metric data (data, num of columns, column index, varname)

**Usage**

`mosaic.generateMetricTablePlot(data, num_of_columns, index, varname)`

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	preprocessed data frame including 'valid value markers'
<code>num_of_columns</code>	absolute number of to be processed data columns
<code>index</code>	current column to be processed
<code>varname</code>	current name of variable to be used in table heading

**Note**

Function call type: internal

**Author(s)**

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mosaic.getTimestamp     *getTimestamp*

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**Description**

get a current timestamp formatted as %Y\_%m\_%d\_%H%M%S

**Usage**

```
mosaic.getTimestamp()
```

**Value**

timestamp, e.g. '2016\_09\_09\_143458'

**Note**

Function call type: internal

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

---

mosaic.importToolboxSpssDataFile  
*importToolboxSpssDataFile*

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**Description**

load dat-file from 'toolbox for resarch' spss export with tab-separator with n columns to dataframe

**Usage**

```
mosaic.importToolboxSpssDataFile(filename)
```

**Arguments**

filename             filename or a complete path to a dat-file

**Note**

Function call type: user

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

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mosaic.info	<i>info</i>
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**Description**

MOSAIC Information

**Usage**

```
mosaic.info()
```

**Note**

Function call type: user

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

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mosaic.loadCsvData	<i>loadCsvData</i>
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**Description**

Load data from csv-file is one or more columns. first row should contain the name of the study item, e.g. 'height'

**Usage**

```
mosaic.loadCsvData(filename)
```

**Arguments**

filename	filename or a complete path to a file
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**Note**

Function call type: user

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

---

mosaic.preProcessCategoricalData  
*preProcessCategoricalData*

---

**Description**

Identify unique values in data column, get absolute, percentage and cumulative statistics

**Usage**

```
mosaic.preProcessCategoricalData(data)
```

**Arguments**

data                    data frame to be processed containing categorical data

**Note**

Function call type: internal

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

---

mosaic.preProcessMetricData  
*preProcessMetricData*

---

**Description**

Pre-process metric data to allow missing-ratio table

**Usage**

```
mosaic.preProcessMetricData(data)
```

**Arguments**

data                    data frame to be preprocessed containing metric data

**Note**

Function call type: internal

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

---

```
mosaic.setGlobalCodelist  
    setGlobalCodelist
```

---

**Description**

set and parse a global code list for categorical data to be used in categorical plot descriptions

**Usage**

```
mosaic.setGlobalCodelist(coding)
```

**Arguments**

coding            list of code and value pairs, see example for details

**Note**

Function call type: user

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

**Examples**

```
mosaic.setGlobalCodelist(c('1=yes','2=no', '99996=no information'))
```

---

```
mosaic.setGlobalDescription  
    setGlobalDescription
```

---

**Description**

Set Global Description for variable User (description) data. especially useful when plotting graphs for a selected data column

**Usage**

```
mosaic.setGlobalDescription(value)
```

**Arguments**

value            string value to be used as study item description, e.g. 'waist circumference'

**Note**

Function call type: user

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

**Examples**

```
mosaic.setGlobalDescription('waist circumference')
```

---

```
mosaic.setGlobalMissingTreshold  
    setGlobalMissingTreshold
```

---

**Description**

Set Global Threshold for Missings , e.g. 99000

**Usage**

```
mosaic.setGlobalMissingTreshold(value)
```

**Arguments**

value                    threshold to separate missings from valid values

**Note**

Function call type: user

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

**Examples**

```
mosaic.setGlobalMissingTreshold(99000)
```

---

`mosaic.setGlobalUnit`    *setGlobalUnit*

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**Description**

Set Global Unit Label to be used User in graphs, e.g. '(cm)'

**Usage**

`mosaic.setGlobalUnit(value)`

**Arguments**

value                    unit string to be used in graphs

**Note**

Function call type: user

**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

**Examples**

`mosaic.setGlobalUnit('(cm)')`

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`outputPrefix`            *outputPrefix*

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**Description**

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**Note**

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**Author(s)**

The MOSAIC Project, Martin Bialke

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qualifiedMissingsTreshold

*qualifiedMissingsTreshold*

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**Description**

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