

# Package ‘dwdradar’

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**Title** Read Binary Radar Files from 'DWD' (German Weather Service)

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**Description** The 'DWD' provides gridded radar data for Germany in binary format.  
'dwdradar' reads these files and enables a fast conversion into numerical format.

**License** GPL (>= 2)

**Encoding** UTF-8

**Suggests** testthat, raster, berryFunctions, R.utils

**NeedsCompilation** yes

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bin2num	<i>binary to numeric</i>
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**Description**

Call FORTRAN routines

**Usage**

```
bin2num(dat, len, na = NA, clutter = NA, RX = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

dat	Binary data returned by <a href="#">readBin</a>
len	Length of data.
na	Value to be set for missing data (bit 14). DEFAULT: NA
clutter	Value to be set for clutter data (bit 16). DEFAULT: NA
RX	Logical: call rx routine? DEFAULT: FALSE

**Value**

numerical vector

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**See Also**

[readRadarFile](#)

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readHeader	<i>Read header part of binary DWD files</i>
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**Description**

Read and process header of binary radar files

**Usage**

```
readHeader(file)
```

**Arguments**

file	Name of a single binary file
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**Value**

List with original string, nchar, derived information

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**See Also**

Used in [readRadarFile](#)

**Examples**

```
# See readRadarFile
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readRadarFile	<i>read binary radolan radar file</i>
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**Description**

Read a single binary DWD Radolan file. To be used in rdwd.

If any files are not read correctly, please let me know. So far, tests have only been conducted for some files. Optimally, check the Kompositformatbeschreibung at <https://www.dwd.de/DE/leistungen/radolan/radolan.html> and let me know what needs to be changed. The meta-info is extracted with [readHeader](#) (not exported, but documented)

Binary bits are converted to decimal numbers with Fortran routines, see <https://github.com/brry/dwdradar/tree/master/src>. They are called via [bin2num](#) (not exported, but documented).

**Usage**

```
readRadarFile(binfile, na = NA, clutter = NA)
```

**Arguments**

binfile	Name of a single binary file
na	Value to be set for missing data (bit 14). DEFAULT: NA
clutter	Value to be set for clutter data (bit 16). DEFAULT: NA

**Value**

Invisible list with `dat` (matrix) and `meta` (list with elements from header, see Kompositformatbeschreibung)

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Original codebase by Henning Rust & Christoph Ritschel at FU Berlin

**See Also**

real-world usage in rdwd: <https://bookdown.org/brry/rdwd/raster-data.html>

**Examples**

```
f <- system.file("extdata/raa01_sf_2019-10-14_1950", package="dwdradar")
out <- readRadarFile(f)
out$meta

if(requireNamespace("raster", quietly=TRUE))
  raster::plot(raster::raster(out$dat))

# for more files, see the tests.
# for real-world usage, readDWD.binary / readDWD.radar in the rdwd package
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