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generate\_study\_config *Generate a draft study config YAML from a directory of ADaM files.*

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## Description

Scans a directory of .sas7bdat files, infers dataset\_type and per-dataset glimpse arguments using CDISC filename and column-name conventions, and writes a draft YAML config suitable for simulate\_study(). Inferred fields are tagged with inline # REVIEW comments where the signal is weak so users know what to verify before running the simulation.

## Usage

```
generate_study_config(
  adam_dir,
  output_dir,
  config_yaml_name = "synadam_config.yaml",
  seed = 123
)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| adam_dir         | character(1) - directory containing .sas7bdat files.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| output_dir       | character(1) - directory that both the generated config YAML and the synthetic .rds outputs are written to. Created recursively if it does not exist. This same path is recorded as the top-level output_dir field in the YAML, so simulate_study() writes its syn_*.rds files alongside the config. |
| config_yaml_name | character(1) - filename for the generated config within output_dir. Defaults to "synadam_config.yaml". If the file already exists, it is silently overwritten.                                                                                                                                       |
| seed             | integer(1) / numeric(1) or NULL - value to write for the top-level seed field in the YAML. Defaults to 123. If NULL, a "REVIEW: ..." placeholder is written instead.                                                                                                                                 |

**Details**

Only files whose basename matches ad\*.sas7bdat (case-insensitive) are considered. Any other files in adam\_dir are skipped with a single warning listing them.

**Value**

character(1) - the path the YAML was written to (file.path(output\_dir, config\_yaml\_name)).

**Detection rules**

Filename match (case-insensitive, basename without extension):

- starts with adsl -> adsl
- starts with adae/adcm/admh/addv -> occds
- starts with adtte -> tte
- any other name (including ad\*) -> fall through to column inspection

Column inspection rules (checked in order; USUBJID is required in every ADaM dataset, so it is not used as a discriminator). ADSL is classified from the filename only - any non-adsl\* file that lacks BDS/TTE/OCCDS column signatures falls through to "REVIEW":

- has PARAM -> bds (checked before CNSR so oncology hybrid datasets like ADRECIST that carry TTE-derived parameters inline classify as the longitudinal BDS they actually are)
- has CNSR -> tte (CNSR is the only structurally required TTE variable in ADaM; EVNTDESC is conventional but not universal)
- has any \*SEQ column -> occds
- otherwise -> "REVIEW" placeholder + warning

Errors if no ADSL file is detected; simulate\_study() requires exactly one. If multiple ADSL candidates are detected, a file named exactly adsl.sas7bdat (case-insensitive) is preferred; otherwise the alphabetically-first candidate is used. The picked file is kept and the rest are dropped with a warning.

## Column-role detection

Within a classified dataset, the column-role inference picks up:

- `id_cols`: USUBJID and SUBJID when present.
- `treatment_cols` (ADSL): ACTARM, ACTARMCD, ARM, ARMCD, TRTSEQP, TRTSEQA and any TRT##A/TRT##AN/TRT##AL/TRT##D matches, plus TRT##(A|P)GR\d\* and TRT##(A|P)GR\d\*N group variants.
- `visit_cols` (BDS): AVISIT, AVISITN, VISIT, VISITNUM, ATPT, ATPTN when present.
- `param_cols` (BDS, TTE): PARAM, PARAMCD, and any PARCAT\* columns.
- `seq_col` (OCCDS): the first known domain-coded \*SEQ column (AESEQ, CMSEQ, MHSEQ, PRSEQ, EXSEQ, DSSEQ); falls back to the first \*SEQ column if none of those are present.
- `censor_cols` (TTE): CNSR, EVNTDESC, CNSDTC - only emitted when two or more of these are detected. A single CNSR flows through as a regular column and `censor_cols` is omitted.
- `ordered_col_sets`: X/XN/XL groups where two or three variants of a base column name co-exist.

## What is NOT auto-inferred

Some config decisions are opinionated and intended to be pruned or extended by the user after generation:

- `flag_cols` emits every \*FL column found. The user is expected to trim this list down to the flags they want to preserve.
- Non-FL flag-like indicators (e.g. AESER) are not detected.
- Ordered column sets that share semantics but not naming (e.g. AEBODSYS/AEDECOD) are not auto-paired; add them by hand.
- For BDS and TTE datasets `param_cols` auto-includes PARAM, PARAMCD, and any PARCAT\* columns present, but NOT PARAMTYP or PARAMN; add these manually if relevant.
- For BDS, OCCDS, and TTE datasets `ordered_col_sets` excludes any column also present in the chosen ADSL. ADSL-shared columns are pulled in via the ADSL spine at simulation time, so listing them here would duplicate the column.

## Examples

```
yaml_path <- generate_study_config(
  adam_dir,
  output_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "syn_out")
)
yaml_path
```

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| glimpse | <i>Glimpse a vector.</i> |
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## Description

Extracts a statistical summary from a vector that preserves its structure while enabling synthetic data generation. The summary type varies by vector class: character vectors output unique values, numeric vectors output min/max values, and date/time vectors output earliest/latest dates.

## Usage

```
glimpse(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'character'  
glimpse(x, col_name, na_mode = "mirror", seed = NULL, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'Date'  
glimpse(x, col_name, na_mode = "mirror", seed = NULL, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'POSIXct'  
glimpse(x, col_name, na_mode = "mirror", seed = NULL, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'difftime'  
glimpse(x, col_name, na_mode = "mirror", seed = NULL, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'numeric'  
glimpse(x, col_name, na_mode = "mirror", seed = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                                                                   |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x        | vector - input vector.                                                            |
| ...      | additional arguments passed to methods.                                           |
| col_name | character - column name corresponding to the input vector.                        |
| na_mode  | character - "mirror" to capture NA positions, "none" to ignore NAs in simulation. |
| seed     | integer - random seed for reproducibility.                                        |

## Value

summary - contains summary of the input vector.

## Methods (by class)

- `glimpse(character)`: glimpse a character vector using `.get_unique_values()`.
- `glimpse(Date)`: glimpse a Date vector into a summary containing the min, max, and NA positions.

- `glimpse(POSIXct)`: glimpse a POSIXct vector into a summary containing the min, max, and NA positions.
- `glimpse(difftime)`: glimpse a difftime vector into a summary containing the min, max, units, and NA positions.
- `glimpse(numeric)`: glimpse a numeric vector into a summary containing the min, max, and NA positions. Detects if values are integer or double.

## Examples

```
# Glimpse a character vector, then simulate synthetic values from it.
summary <- glimpse(c("A", "B", "B", "C"), col_name = "column_name")
simulate(summary, output_length = 10, seed = 1)
```

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| <code>glimpse_adsl</code> | <i>Glimpse an ADSL dataset.</i> |
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## Description

Summarizes an ADSL (subject-level) dataset for synthetic simulation by preserving treatment-flag relationships, capturing ordered column combinations and extracting summaries for all other variables.

## Usage

```
glimpse_adsl(
  adsl,
  id_cols,
  treatment_cols,
  flag_cols = character(),
  ordered_col_sets = list(),
  seed = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

|                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>adsl</code>             | <code>data.frame</code> - input ADSL dataset.                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>id_cols</code>          | <code>character</code> - ID columns e.g. "USUBJID".                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>treatment_cols</code>   | <code>character</code> - treatment columns e.g. "TRT01A".                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>flag_cols</code>        | <code>character</code> - flag columns e.g. "SAFFL". Default is an empty character vector (no flag columns).                                                                                                |
| <code>ordered_col_sets</code> | <code>list&lt;character&gt;</code> - each element is a character vector naming columns whose combinations should be preserved e.g. <code>list(c("REGION1", "REGION1N"))</code> . Default is an empty list. |
| <code>seed</code>             | <code>integer</code> - random seed for reproducibility.                                                                                                                                                    |

**Value**

summary\_adsl - list of summary objects, with each summarising a column or set of columns in the input ADSL.

**Examples**

```
# Glimpse the ADSL, then simulate a synthetic version from the summary.
adsl_summary <- glimpse_adsl(
  adsl,
  id_cols = c("USUBJID", "SUBJID"),
  treatment_cols = c("TRT01A", "TRT01AN"),
  flag_cols = c("SAFFL", "ITTFL", "EFFFL"),
  ordered_col_sets = list(c("REGION1", "REGION1N")),
  seed = 42
)
syn_adsl <- simulate_adsl(adsl_summary, seed = 42)
head(syn_adsl)
```

glimpse\_bds

*Glimpse a BDS dataset.***Description**

Summarizes a BDS (Basic Data Structure) e.g. ADLB, ADVS dataset for synthetic simulation by extracting per-subject parameter/visit profiles, preserving relationships with ADSL columns, and extracting summaries of all other variables. All PARAMCDs in the dataset are included.

**Usage**

```
glimpse_bds(
  bds,
  syn_adsl,
  id_cols,
  param_cols,
  visit_cols = character(),
  flag_cols = character(),
  ordered_col_sets = list(),
  seed = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|          |                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| bds      | data.frame - input BDS dataset e.g. ADLB.                                                                                                                  |
| syn_adsl | data.frame - synthetic ADSL to obtain subject-level data from. Should be created by <a href="#">simulate_adsl()</a> .                                      |
| id_cols  | character - ID column names that identify subjects e.g. c("USUBJID"). These columns must exist in syn_adsl and will be taken from there (never simulated). |

|                  |                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| param_cols       | character - parameter columns e.g. c("PARAM", "PARAMCD").                                                                                                                 |
| visit_cols       | character - visit columns e.g. c("AVISIT", "AVISITN"). Default is an empty character vector (no visit columns).                                                           |
| flag_cols        | character - flag columns that will be sampled as Y/N in proportion to input e.g. c("ANL01FL"). Default is an empty character vector (no flag columns).                    |
| ordered_col_sets | list<character> - each element is a character vector naming columns whose combinations should be preserved e.g. list(c("REGION1", "REGION1N")). Default is an empty list. |
| seed             | integer - random seed for reproducibility.                                                                                                                                |

**Value**

summary\_bds - summary object for BDS simulation.

**Examples**

```
# BDS simulation needs a synthetic ADSL first to provide the subject spine.
syn_adsl <- simulate_adsl(glimpse_adsl(
  adsl,
  id_cols = c("USUBJID", "SUBJID"),
  treatment_cols = c("TRT01A", "TRT01AN")
))

bds_summary <- glimpse_bds(
  adlb,
  syn_adsl,
  id_cols = "USUBJID",
  param_cols = c("PARAM", "PARAMCD"),
  visit_cols = c("AVISIT", "AVISITN"),
  flag_cols = "ANL01FL"
)
syn_adlb <- simulate_bds(bds_summary, seed = 42)
head(syn_adlb)
```

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| glimpse_id | <i>Glimpse an ID vector.</i> |
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**Description**

Glimpse an ID vector.

**Usage**

```
glimpse_id(x, col_name)
```

**Arguments**

`x` vector - contains ID values.

`col_name` character - column name corresponding to the input vector.

**Value**

summary - contains column name for ID generation.

**Examples**

```
# Glimpse an ID column, then simulate fresh sequential IDs.
summary <- glimpse_id(c("S1", "S2", "S3"), col_name = "USUBJID")
simulate(summary, output_length = 5)
```

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| <code>glimpse_occds</code> | <i>Glimpse an OCCDS dataset.</i> |
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**Description**

Summarizes an OCCDS (Occurrence Data Structure) dataset for simulation. Works with ADAE, ADCM, ADMH, ADDV and other occurrence-based datasets.

**Usage**

```
glimpse_occds(
  occds,
  syn_adsl,
  id_cols,
  seq_col,
  flag_cols = character(),
  ordered_col_sets = list(),
  seed = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

`occds` data.frame - input OCCDS dataset e.g. ADAE, ADCM.

`syn_adsl` data.frame - synthetic ADSL to obtain subject-level data from. Should be created by `simulate_adsl()`.

`id_cols` character - ID column names that identify subjects e.g. `c("USUBJID")`. These columns must exist in `syn_adsl` and will be taken from there (never simulated).

`seq_col` character - sequence column name e.g. "AESEQ", "CMSEQ".

`flag_cols` character - flag columns that will be sampled as Y/N in proportion to input e.g. `c("ANL01FL")`. Default is an empty character vector (no flag columns).

`ordered_col_sets`      `list<character>` - each element is a character vector naming columns whose combinations should be preserved e.g. `list(c("REGION1", "REGION1N"))`. Default is an empty list.

`seed`                  integer - random seed for reproducibility.

**Value**

`summary_occds` - summary object for OCCDS simulation.

**Examples**

```
# OCCDS simulation needs a synthetic ADSL first to provide the subject spine.
syn_adsl <- simulate_adsl(glimpse_adsl(
  adsl,
  id_cols = c("USUBJID", "SUBJID"),
  treatment_cols = c("TRT01A", "TRT01AN")
))

occds_summary <- glimpse_occds(
  adae,
  syn_adsl,
  id_cols = "USUBJID",
  seq_col = "AESEQ",
  ordered_col_sets = list(c("AEBODSYS", "AEDECOD"))
)
syn_adae <- simulate_occds(occds_summary, seed = 42)
head(syn_adae)
```

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`glimpse_occurrence_id_seq`

*Glimpse occurrence counts, ID columns, and sequence column.*

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**Description**

Counts the number of occurrences (records) per subject in an OCCDS dataset and captures the ID and sequence column names needed for spine construction.

**Usage**

```
glimpse_occurrence_id_seq(df, id_cols, seq_col)
```

**Arguments**

`df`                    `data.frame` - OCCDS dataset containing ID and sequence columns.

`id_cols`              character - name(s) of ID column(s) to group by.

`seq_col`              character - name of the sequence column.

**Value**

summary\_occurrence\_id\_seq - contains occurrence counts per subject, ID column names, and sequence column name.

**Examples**

```
# Capture per-subject occurrence counts (used within glimpse_occds()).
glimpse_occurrence_id_seq(adae, id_cols = "USUBJID", seq_col = "AESEQ")
```

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| glimpse_ordered | <i>Glimpse ordered columns.</i> |
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**Description**

Ordered columns are those which should be simulated together, such as PARAM/PARAMCD or REGION1/REGION1N/REGION2/REGION2N. Rare combinations (count = 1) are masked for privacy protection.

**Usage**

```
glimpse_ordered(df)
```

**Arguments**

df                      data.frame - contains ordered columns.

**Value**

summary - contains column names, unique combinations, and NA positions.

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(
  REGION1 = c("North America", "North America", "Europe", "Europe"),
  REGION1N = c(1, 1, 2, 2)
)
summary <- glimpse_ordered(df)
simulate(summary, output_length = 6, seed = 1)
```

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`glimpse_param_visits`    *Glimpse parameter and visit columns.*

---

### Description

Extracts per-subject param/visit profiles from a BDS dataset. Rare param/visit combinations (count = 1) are masked for privacy protection. Subjects are grouped by their set of surviving param/visit combinations to form profiles, which are used by `simulate_bds()` to construct the simulation spine.

### Usage

```
glimpse_param_visits(df, id_cols, param_visit_cols)
```

### Arguments

`df`                      `data.frame` - contains ID and parameter/visit columns.

`id_cols`                character - ID column(s) to identify subjects e.g. `c("USUBJID")`.

`param_visit_cols`      character - parameter and visit column names e.g. `c("PARAM", "PARAMCD", "AVISIT", "AVISITN")`.

### Value

`summary_param_visits` - contains deduplicated profiles with masked counts and the unique param/visit combinations (after masking).

### Examples

```
# Build per-subject parameter/visit profiles (used within glimpse_bds()).
glimpse_param_visits(
  adlb,
  id_cols = "USUBJID",
  param_visit_cols = c("PARAM", "PARAMCD", "AVISIT", "AVISITN")
)
```

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`glimpse_params`            *Glimpse parameter columns.*

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### Description

Extracts unique combinations of parameter columns without filtering. Used for TTE datasets where all PARAMCDs are simulated. Rare combinations (count = 1) are masked for privacy protection.

**Usage**

```
glimpse_params(df)
```

**Arguments**

df                      data.frame - contains parameter columns.

**Value**

summary\_params - contains unique parameter combinations.

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(
  PARAM = c("Overall Survival", "Overall Survival", "Progression Free"),
  PARAMCD = c("OS", "OS", "PFS")
)
glimpse_params(df)
```

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glimpse\_study

*Glimpse all ADaM datasets for a study.*


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**Description**

Reads the YAML configuration used by [simulate\\_study\(\)](#), runs the appropriate glimpse\_\*() for each dataset, and saves the collected summaries (plus seed and version metadata) to a single .rds file.

**Usage**

```
glimpse_study(config_path, study_summary_path)
```

**Arguments**

config\_path            character - path to YAML configuration file. Has the same structure as the one consumed by [simulate\\_study\(\)](#).

study\_summary\_path    character - path to write the study summary .rds file. The parent directory will be created if it does not exist.

**Details**

The resulting study summary can later be passed to [simulate\\_study\\_from\\_summary\(\)](#) to generate the synthetic datasets, decoupling the glimpse phase (which requires access to real .sas7bdat files) from the simulate phase.

**Value**

NULL (invisibly). The study summary is a named list with elements summaries (named list of glimpse summary objects, keyed by dataset name from the YAML), seed, synadam\_version, and glimpsed\_at.

**See Also**

[simulate\\_study\\_from\\_summary\(\)](#), [simulate\\_study\(\)](#).

**Examples**

```
# Generate a config for the staged ADaM datasets.
yaml_path <- generate_study_config(
  adam_dir,
  output_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "syn_glimpse_out")
)

# Glimpse phase: write the study summary (decoupled from the SAS files).
summary_path <- tempfile(fileext = ".rds")
glimpse_study(yaml_path, summary_path)

# Simulate phase: generate synthetic datasets from the study summary.
out_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), "syn_glimpse_out")
simulate_study_from_summary(summary_path, out_dir)
list.files(out_dir, pattern = "\\\\.rds$")
```

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`glimpse_treatment_flag`

*Glimpse treatment and flag columns together.*

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**Description**

Captures unique combinations of treatment and flag columns with their counts, preserving the relationship between treatments and analysis flags. Combinations with count = 1 are masked for privacy protection by adding their counts to the most common combination.

**Usage**

```
glimpse_treatment_flag(df)
```

**Arguments**

`df` data.frame - contains treatment and flag columns.

**Value**

summary - contains treatment-flag combinations with counts.

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(
  TRT01A = c("Placebo", "Placebo", "Drug A", "Drug A"),
  SAFFL = c("Y", "Y", "Y", "N")
)
summary <- glimpse_treatment_flag(df)
# simulate() preserves the exact treatment-flag counts (no output_length).
simulate(summary)
```

glimpse\_tte

*Glimpse a TTE dataset.***Description**

Summarizes a TTE (Time-to-Event) dataset for synthetic simulation by extracting parameter combinations, preserving censoring column relationships, and extracting summaries of all other variables.

**Usage**

```
glimpse_tte(
  tte,
  syn_adsl,
  param_cols,
  censor_cols = character(),
  flag_cols = character(),
  ordered_col_sets = list(),
  seed = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>tte</code>              | <code>data.frame</code> - input TTE dataset e.g. ADTTE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>syn_adsl</code>         | <code>data.frame</code> - synthetic ADSL to obtain subject-level data from. Should be created by <a href="#">simulate_adsl()</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>param_cols</code>       | <code>character</code> - parameter columns e.g. <code>c("PARAM", "PARAMCD")</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>censor_cols</code>      | <code>character</code> - censoring columns e.g. <code>c("CNSR", "EVNTDESC", "CNSDTDSC")</code> . These columns are treated as an ordered set to preserve co-occurrence patterns. Only needed when multiple censor columns should be kept together. Default is an empty character vector (censor columns are treated as regular columns). |
| <code>flag_cols</code>        | <code>character</code> - flag columns that will be sampled as Y/N in proportion to input e.g. <code>c("ANL01FL")</code> . Default is an empty character vector (no flag columns).                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>ordered_col_sets</code> | <code>list&lt;character&gt;</code> - each element is a character vector naming columns whose combinations should be preserved e.g. <code>list(c("REGION1", "REGION1N"))</code> . Default is an empty list.                                                                                                                               |
| <code>seed</code>             | <code>integer</code> - random seed for reproducibility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

**Value**

summary\_tte - summary object for TTE simulation.

**Examples**

```
# TTE simulation needs a synthetic ADSL to provide the subject spine.
syn_adsl <- data.frame(
  USUBJID = as.character(1:5),
  TRT01A = c("Placebo", "Placebo", "Drug A", "Drug A", "Drug A"),
  TRT01AN = c(1, 1, 2, 2, 2)
)
tte <- data.frame(
  USUBJID = as.character(rep(1:3, each = 2)),
  PARAM = rep(c("Overall Survival", "Progression Free Survival"), 3),
  PARAMCD = rep(c("OS", "PFS"), 3),
  CNSR = c(0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0),
  EVNTDESC = c(
    "DEATH", "COMPLETED", "DEATH", "COMPLETED", "COMPLETED", "PROGRESSION"
  ),
  AVAL = c(365, 500, 180, 250, 600, 120)
)

tte_summary <- glimpse_tte(
  tte,
  syn_adsl,
  param_cols = c("PARAM", "PARAMCD"),
  censor_cols = c("CNSR", "EVNTDESC")
)
syn_tte <- simulate_tte(tte_summary, seed = 42)
head(syn_tte)
```

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read\_sas7bdat

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*Read in an ADaM dataset.*


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**Description**

Loads in a ADaM dataset and convert all missing values to NA.

**Usage**

```
read_sas7bdat(adam_path)
```

**Arguments**

adam\_path            character - path to the .sas7bdat file containing the ADaM dataset.

**Value**

data.frame - ADaM dataset.

## Examples

```
adam <- read_sas7bdat(sas_path)
head(adam)
```

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```
simulate.summary_ordered
```

*Simulate a vector from a summary object.*

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## Description

Simulate a vector from a summary object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summary_ordered'
simulate(summary, output_length, seed = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary_treatment_flag'
simulate(summary, ...)

simulate(summary, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary_character'
simulate(summary, output_length, seed = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary_Date'
simulate(summary, output_length, seed = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary_POSIXct'
simulate(summary, output_length, seed = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary_difftime'
simulate(summary, output_length, seed = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary_integer'
simulate(summary, output_length, seed = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary_double'
simulate(summary, output_length, seed = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary_id'
simulate(summary, output_length, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary_flag'
simulate(summary, output_length, seed = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|               |                                            |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------|
| summary       | summary - output from a glimpse function.  |
| output_length | integer - number of rows to simulate.      |
| seed          | integer - random seed for reproducibility. |
| ...           | additional arguments passed to methods.    |

**Value**

data.frame - the simulated dataset.

**Methods (by class)**

- `simulate(summary_ordered)`: simulate ordered columns by sampling from unique combinations.
- `simulate(summary_treatment_flag)`: simulate treatment and flag columns by preserving exact counts for each combination.
- `simulate(summary_character)`: simulate a character vector by sampling from unique values.
- `simulate(summary_Date)`: simulate a Date vector by sampling uniformly between min and max.
- `simulate(summary_POSIXct)`: simulate a POSIXct vector by sampling uniformly between min and max.
- `simulate(summary_difftime)`: simulate a difftime vector by sampling uniformly between min and max.
- `simulate(summary_integer)`: simulate an integerish vector by sampling uniformly between min and max and rounding.
- `simulate(summary_double)`: simulate a double vector by sampling uniformly between min and max.
- `simulate(summary_id)`: simulate an ID vector by generating sequential IDs.
- `simulate(summary_flag)`: simulate a flag vector by sampling Y/N in proportion to input.

**Examples**

```
# Summarise a vector with glimpse().
summary <- glimpse(c("A", "B", "B", "C"), col_name = "column_name")
simulate(summary, output_length = 10, seed = 1)
```

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| simulate_adsl | <i>Simulate a synthetic ADSL.</i> |
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**Description**

Generates synthetic subject-level data from an ADSL summary, preserving the structure of the original dataset.

**Usage**

```
simulate_adsl(adsl_summary, seed = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                                                                    |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| adsl_summary | summary_adsl - contains summary objects that describe an ADSL dataset. Created by <a href="#">glimpse_adsl()</a> . |
| seed         | integer - random seed for reproducibility.                                                                         |

**Value**

data.frame - synthetic ADSL with the same columns (and column order) as the dataset that was glimpsed, and one row per subject.

**Examples**

```
adsl_summary <- glimpse_adsl(  
  adsl,  
  id_cols = c("USUBJID", "SUBJID"),  
  treatment_cols = c("TRT01A", "TRT01AN"),  
  flag_cols = "SAFFL"  
)  
syn_adsl <- simulate_adsl(adsl_summary, seed = 42)  
head(syn_adsl)
```

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|--------------|------------------------------------------|
| simulate_bds | <i>Simulate a synthetic BDS dataset.</i> |
|--------------|------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Generates synthetic BDS data by creating a spine from parameter/visit combinations and ADSL subject records, then populating remaining columns, preserving the original data structure.

**Usage**

```
simulate_bds(bds_summary, seed = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

bds\_summary      summary\_bds - summary object created by [glimpse\\_bds\(\)](#).  
 seed              integer - random seed for reproducibility.

**Value**

data.frame - synthetic BDS dataset.

**Examples**

```
syn_adsl <- simulate_adsl(glimpse_adsl(
  adsl,
  id_cols = c("USUBJID", "SUBJID"),
  treatment_cols = c("TRT01A", "TRT01AN")
))
bds_summary <- glimpse_bds(
  adlb,
  syn_adsl,
  id_cols = "USUBJID",
  param_cols = c("PARAM", "PARAMCD"),
  visit_cols = c("AVISIT", "AVISITN")
)
syn_adlb <- simulate_bds(bds_summary, seed = 42)
head(syn_adlb)
```

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|                |                                            |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| simulate_occds | <i>Simulate a synthetic OCCDS dataset.</i> |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Generates synthetic OCCDS data from a summary created by [glimpse\\_occds\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
simulate_occds(occds_summary, seed = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

occds\_summary      summary\_occds - summary object created by [glimpse\\_occds\(\)](#).  
 seed              integer - random seed for reproducibility.

**Value**

data.frame - synthetic OCCDS dataset.

## Examples

```
syn_adsl <- simulate_adsl(glimpse_adsl(
  adsl,
  id_cols = c("USUBJID", "SUBJID"),
  treatment_cols = c("TRT01A", "TRT01AN")
))
occds_summary <- glimpse_occds(
  adae,
  syn_adsl,
  id_cols = "USUBJID",
  seq_col = "AESEQ"
)
syn_adae <- simulate_occds(occds_summary, seed = 42)
head(syn_adae)
```

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simulate\_study

*Simulate synthetic ADaM datasets for a study.*

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## Description

Taking as input a yaml configuration that specifies the ADaM datasets for a study of interest, this function will simulate synthetic versions of each and save them as individual .rds files in a specified directory.

## Usage

```
simulate_study(config_path)
```

## Arguments

config\_path      character - path to YAML configuration file.

## Details

The YAML configuration file should have the following structure:

```
output_dir: "/path/to/output_directory"
seed: 32

datasets:
  adsl:
    dataset_type: "adsl"
    path: "/path/to/adsl.sas7bdat"
    id_cols: ["USUBJID", "SUBJID"]
    treatment_cols: ["TRT01A", "TRT01AN"]
    flag_cols: ["SAFFL", "ITTFL"]
```

```

ordered_col_sets:
  - ["REGION1", "REGION1N"]

adlb:
  dataset_type: "bds"
  path: "/path/to/adlb.sas7bdat"
  id_cols: ["USUBJID"]
  param_cols: ["PARAM", "PARAMCD"]
  visit_cols: ["AVISIT", "AVISITN"]
  flag_cols: ["ANL01FL"]

adtte:
  dataset_type: "tte"
  path: "/path/to/adtte.sas7bdat"
  param_cols: ["PARAM", "PARAMCD"]
  censor_cols: ["CNSR", "EVNTDESC", "CNSDTDSC"]
  flag_cols: ["ANL01FL"]
  ordered_col_sets:
    - ["SRCDOM", "SRCVAR"]

adae:
  dataset_type: "occds"
  path: "/path/to/adae.sas7bdat"
  id_cols: ["USUBJID"]
  seq_col: "AESEQ"
  flag_cols: ["AOCCFL", "TRTEMFL"]
  ordered_col_sets:
    - ["AEBODSYS", "AEDECOD"]

```

Dataset names in the output files are determined by the YAML keys under datasets: (e.g., `syn_adsl.rds`, `syn_adlb.rds`). Exactly one dataset must have `dataset_type: "adsl"`. The `output_dir` directory will be created automatically if it doesn't exist.

## Value

NULL (invisibly). Synthetic datasets are saved as individual `.rds` files named `syn_{key}.rds` in the `output_dir` directory, where `{key}` is the dataset name from the YAML config. Each dataset has a `synadam_version` attribute containing the package version.

## Examples

```

out_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), "syn_study")
yaml_path <- generate_study_config(adam_dir, output_dir = out_dir)

# Simulate the whole study; synthetic syn_*.rds files land in out_dir.
simulate_study(yaml_path)
list.files(out_dir, pattern = "\\*.rds$")

```

---

`simulate_study_from_summary`*Simulate synthetic ADaM datasets from a previously-saved study summary.*

---

## Description

Reads a study summary written by `glimpse_study()` and produces synthetic datasets, decoupling simulation from the original `.sas7bdat` files.

## Usage

```
simulate_study_from_summary(study_summary_path, output_dir, seed = NULL)
```

## Arguments

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>study_summary_path</code> | character - path to the <code>.rds</code> study summary written by <code>glimpse_study()</code> .                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>output_dir</code>         | character - directory to write <code>syn_{key}.rds</code> files to. Created if missing.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>seed</code>               | integer or <code>NULL</code> - simulation seed. When <code>NULL</code> (default), the seed stored in the study summary is used; if the study summary has no seed, it falls back to 123. Override to draw a different synthetic replicate from the same summaries. |

## Value

`NULL` (invisibly). Synthetic datasets are saved as `syn_{key}.rds` files in `output_dir`. Each dataset has a `synadam_version` attribute.

## See Also

`glimpse_study()`, `simulate_study()`.

## Examples

```
# Generate a config and glimpse the datasets into a study summary.
yaml_path <- generate_study_config(
  adam_dir,
  output_dir = file.path(tempdir(), "syn_data")
)
study_summary_path <- tempfile(fileext = ".rds")
glimpse_study(yaml_path, study_summary_path)

# Simulate synthetic datasets from the saved study summary.
out_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), "syn_data")
simulate_study_from_summary(study_summary_path, out_dir)
list.files(out_dir, pattern = "\\rds$")
```

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|              |                                          |
|--------------|------------------------------------------|
| simulate_tte | <i>Simulate a synthetic TTE dataset.</i> |
|--------------|------------------------------------------|

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### Description

Generates synthetic TTE data by creating a spine from parameter combinations and ADSL subject records, then populating remaining columns, preserving the original data structure. Produces exactly one record per subject per parameter (the defining TTE constraint).

### Usage

```
simulate_tte(tte_summary, seed = NULL)
```

### Arguments

|             |                                                                      |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| tte_summary | summary_tte - summary object created by <code>glimpse_tte()</code> . |
| seed        | integer - random seed for reproducibility.                           |

### Value

data.frame - synthetic TTE dataset.

### Examples

```
syn_adsl <- data.frame(
  USUBJID = as.character(1:5),
  TRT01A = c("Placebo", "Placebo", "Drug A", "Drug A", "Drug A"),
  TRT01AN = c(1, 1, 2, 2, 2)
)
tte <- data.frame(
  USUBJID = as.character(rep(1:3, each = 2)),
  PARAM = rep(c("Overall Survival", "Progression Free Survival"), 3),
  PARAMCD = rep(c("OS", "PFS"), 3),
  CNSR = c(0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0),
  AVAL = c(365, 500, 180, 250, 600, 120)
)

tte_summary <- glimpse_tte(
  tte,
  syn_adsl,
  param_cols = c("PARAM", "PARAMCD")
)
syn_tte <- simulate_tte(tte_summary, seed = 42)
head(syn_tte)
```

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