

# Package ‘textgRid’

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**Description** The software application Praat can be used to annotate waveform data (e.g., to mark intervals of interest or to label events). (See <<http://www.fon.hum.uva.nl/praat/>> for more information about Praat.) These annotations are stored in a Praat TextGrid object, which consists of a number of interval tiers and point tiers. An interval tier consists of sequential (i.e., not overlapping) labeled intervals. A point tier consists of labeled events that have no duration. The ‘textgRid’ package provides S4 classes, generics, and methods for accessing information that is stored in Praat TextGrid objects.

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  'PointTier-accessors.R' 'PointTier-constructor.R'  
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<b>findIntervals</b>	<i>Find intervals within an IntervalTier.</i>
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### Description

Find intervals according to various search criteria.

### Usage

```
findIntervals(tier, pattern = "*", from = -Inf, to = Inf,
at = numeric(), ...)
```

### Arguments

<b>tier</b>	An <code>IntervalTier</code> object.
<b>pattern</b>	A regular expression for matching interval labels. Default is '*' so that the search finds all intervals within [from, to].
<b>from</b>	A numeric, the earliest time from which to search for intervals. Default is -Inf so that the search includes the start of tier.
<b>to</b>	A numeric, the latest time to which to search for intervals. Default is Inf so that the search includes the end of tier.
<b>at</b>	A numeric, an exact time at which to find intervals. Default is numeric() so that intervals are searched within [from, to].
<b>...</b>	optional arguments passed to grep.

**Details**

Default behavior of `findIntervals` is to search for intervals within `[from, to]`. If the `at` argument is a non-empty numeric vector, then this default behavior is overridden, and the `tier` is searched only at the time given by `at`.

**Value**

A `data.frame` whose rows correspond to the intervals found according to the search criteria, and whose columns are: `$Index`, `$StartTime`, `$EndTime`, `$Label`,

**See Also**

[IntervalTier-class](#), `grep`

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`findPoints`

*Find points within a PointTier.*

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**Description**

Find points according to various search criteria: e.g., that occur within a time range, whose labels match a pattern.

**Usage**

```
findPoints(tier, pattern = "*", from = -Inf, to = Inf, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>tier</code>	A <code>PointTier</code> object.
<code>pattern</code>	A regular expression for matching point labels. Default is '*' so that the search finds all points within <code>[from, to]</code> .
<code>from</code>	A numeric, the earliest time from which to search for points. Default is <code>-Inf</code> so that the search includes the start of <code>tier</code> .
<code>to</code>	A numeric, the latest time to which to search for points. Default is <code>Inf</code> so that the search includes the end of <code>tier</code> .
<code>...</code>	optional arguments passed to <code>grep</code> .

**Value**

A `data.frame` whose rows correspond to the points found according to the search criteria, and whose columns are: `$Index`, `$Time`, `$Label`.

**See Also**

[PointTier-class](#), `grep`

**IntervalTier-accessors**

*Access the slots of IntervalTier objects.*

**Description**

Functions for accessing the slots of an [IntervalTier](#) object.

**Usage**

```
intervalStartTimes(tier)
intervalEndTimes(tier)
intervalLabels(tier)
```

**Arguments**

**tier** An [IntervalTier](#) object.

**See Also**

[IntervalTier-class](#), [IntervalTier-constructor](#), [Tier-accessors](#)

**IntervalTier-class**

*IntervalTier S4 class for Praat TextGrids.*

**Description**

The [IntervalTier](#) class extends the [Tier](#) class. An [IntervalTier](#) object describes a sequence of non-overlapping labeled intervals. An interval's label is typically the annotation of some contiguous portion of waveform data (e.g., a phonetic segment or word in speech data).

**Slots**

**name** A character string, the name of the Tier.  
**number** An integer, the number of the Tier within the TextGrid.  
**startTimes** A numeric vector, the start times of the intervals in the IntervalTier.  
**endTimes** A numeric vector, the end times of the intervals in the IntervalTier.  
**labels** A character vector, the labels of the intervals in the IntervalTier.

**See Also**

[IntervalTier-constructor](#), [IntervalTier-accessors](#), [TextGrid-class](#), [Tier-class](#)

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**IntervalTier-constructor**

*Create an instance of the IntervalTier class.*

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**Description**

An S4 generic and S4 methods for creating an [IntervalTier](#) object.

**Usage**

```
IntervalTier(praatText, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'character'
IntervalTier(praatText)
```

**Arguments**

praatText	A character vector, the lines of text from a .TextGrid file that define an IntervalTier.
...	optional arguments for multiple dispatch (in development).

**Value**

A [IntervalTier](#) object. Values for the tierName, tierNumber, startTimes, endTimes, and labels slots are parsed automatically from the praatText.

**See Also**

[IntervalTier-class](#), [IntervalTier-accessors](#)

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[PointTier-accessors](#)     *Access the slots of PointTier objects.*

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**Description**

Functions for accessing the slots of a [PointTier](#) object.

**Usage**

```
pointTimes(tier)

pointLabels(tier)
```

**Arguments**

tier	A <a href="#">PointTier</a> object.
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**See Also**

[PointTier-class](#), [PointTier-constructor](#), [Tier-accessors](#)

[PointTier-class](#)

*PointTier S4 class for Praat TextGrids.*

**Description**

The `PointTier` class extends the `Tier` class. A `PointTier` object describes a sequence of labeled points in time. A point's label is typically the annotation of some event in waveform data (e.g., the onset of voicing in speech data).

**Slots**

`name` A character string, the name of the Tier.  
`number` An integer, the number of the Tier within the TextGrid.  
`times` A numeric vector, the times of the points in the PointTier.  
`labels` A character vector, the labels of the points in the PointTier.

**See Also**

[PointTier-constructor](#), [PointTier-accessors](#), [TextGrid-class](#), [Tier-class](#)

[PointTier-constructor](#) *Create an instance of the PointTier class.*

**Description**

An S4 generic and S4 methods for creating an `PointTier` object.

**Usage**

```
PointTier(praatText, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'character'
PointTier(praatText)
```

**Arguments**

<code>praatText</code>	A character vector, the lines of text from a .TextGrid file that define a PointTier.
<code>...</code>	optional arguments for multiple dispatch (in development).

**Value**

A [PointTier](#) object. Values for the tierName, tierNumber, times, and labels slots are parsed automatically from the praatText.

**See Also**

[PointTier-class](#), [PointTier-accessors](#)

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textgRid

*textgRid: Praat TextGrid Objects in R*

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**Description**

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**S4 classes**

[Tier](#), [IntervalTier](#), [PointTier](#), [TextGrid](#)

**S4 generics and methods**

[TextGrid\(\)](#) object constructor

**Functions**

[findIntervals](#), [findPoints](#)

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TextGrid-accessors

*Access the slots of TextGrid objects.*

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**Description**

Functions for accessing the slots of a [TextGrid](#) object.

**Usage**

`textGridStartTime(textGrid)`

`textGridEndTime(textGrid)`

**Arguments**

`textGrid` An `TextGrid` object.

**See Also**

[TextGrid-class](#), [TextGrid-constructor](#)

`TextGrid-class`

*TextGrid S4 class for Praat TextGrids.*

**Description**

The `TextGrid` class extends the `list` class. A `TextGrid` object is essentially a list of `IntervalTier` and `PointTier` objects.

**Slots**

- .Data A list of `IntervalTier` and `PointTier` objects.
- `startTime` A numeric, the start time of the `TextGrid`.
- `endTime` A numeric, the end time of the `TextGrid`.

**See Also**

[TextGrid-constructor](#), [TextGrid-accessors](#), [IntervalTier-class](#), [PointTier-class](#)

`TextGrid-constructor`

*Create an instance of the `TextGrid` class.*

**Description**

An S4 generic and S4 methods for creating a `TextGrid` object.

**Usage**

```
TextGrid(textGrid, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'character'
TextGrid(textGrid)
```

**Arguments**

<code>textGrid</code>	A character vector
<code>...</code>	optional arguments for multiple dispatch (in development).

**Value**

A `TextGrid` object.

**Details for signature** `c(textGrid = 'character')`

If `textGrid` is a string (i.e., a character vector with `length(textGrid)=1`), then it is assumed that the `textGrid` argument is the path to a `.TextGrid` file. Otherwise, the `textGrid` argument is assumed to be a character vector whose elements are the lines of some `.TextGrid` file.

**See Also**

[TextGrid-class](#), [TextGrid-accessors](#)

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Tier-accessors

*Methods for Tier objects.*

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**Description**

Get the values of slots in a `Tier` object.

**Usage**

`tierName(tier)`

`tierNumber(tier)`

**Arguments**

`tier`      A `Tier` object.

**See Also**

[Tier-class](#)

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Tier-class

*Tier S4 class for Praat TextGrids.*

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**Description**

The `Tier` class is extended by the `PointTier` and `IntervalTier` classes. As such, the `Tier` class encapsulates only very general information that is common to both subtypes of tier-like object.

**Slots**

`name` A character string, the name of the Tier.

`number` An integer, the number of the Tier within the TextGrid.

**See Also**

[IntervalTier-class](#), [PointTier-class](#), [TextGrid-class](#), [Tier-accessors](#)

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