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HED Tags

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.hedtags.org/>

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Description: Strategy guide for HED Annotation. Framework for systematically describing laboratory and real world events. HED tags are comma separated path strings. Organized in forest of groups with roots Event, Item, Sensory presentation, Attribute, Action, Participant, Experiment context, and Paradigm. Used for preparing brain imaging data for automated analysis and meta analysis. Applied to brain imaging EEG, MEG, fNIRS, multimodal mobile brain or body imaging, ECG, EMG, GSR, or behavioral data. Part of Brain Imaging Data Structure standard for brain imaging.

Abbreviations: HED

Synonyms: Hierarchical Event Descriptor Tags, Hierarchical Event Descriptor, HED, HED tags

Resource Type: data or information resource, narrative resource, standard specification

Defining Citation: [PMID:27799907](#)

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for HED Tags.

No alerts have been found for HED Tags.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 8 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [NIF](#) .

Hermes D, et al. (2025) Hierarchical Event Descriptor library schema for EEG data annotation. Scientific data, 12(1), 1448.

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