

# Package ‘lintr’

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absolute\_paths\_linter *linters*

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## Description

Available linters

## Usage

```
absolute_paths_linter(source_file)

assignment_linter(source_file)

closed_curly_linter(allow_single_line = FALSE)

commas_linter(source_file)

commented_code_linter(source_file)

infix_spaces_linter(source_file)

line_length_linter(length)

no_tab_linter(source_file)

object_usage_linter(source_file)

camel_case_linter(source_file)

snake_case_linter(source_file)

multiple_dots_linter(source_file)

object_length_linter(length = 20L)

open_curly_linter(allow_single_line = FALSE)
```

```
single_quotes_linter(source_file)

spaces_inside_linter(source_file)

spaces_left_parentheses_linter(source_file)

trailing_blank_lines_linter(source_file)

trailing_whitespace_linter(source_file)
```

### Arguments

`source_file` returned by [get\\_source\\_expressions](#)  
`allow_single_line` if true allow a open and closed curly pair on the same line.  
`length` the length cutoff to use for the given linter.

### Functions

- `absolute_paths_linter`: checks that no absolute paths are used.
- `assignment_linter`: checks that '<-' is always used for assignment
- `closed_curly_linter`: check that closed curly braces should always be on their own line unless they follow an else.
- `commas_linter`: check that all commas are followed by spaces, but do not have spaces before them.
- `commented_code_linter`: checks that there is no commented code outside roxygen blocks
- `infix_spaces_linter`: check that all infix operators have spaces around them.
- `line_length_linter`: check the line length of both comments and code is less than length.
- `no_tab_linter`: check that only spaces are used, never tabs.
- `object_usage_linter`: checks that closures have the proper usage using [checkUsage](#). Note this runs `eval` on the code, so do not use with untrusted code.
- `camel_case_linter`: check that objects are not in camelCase.
- `snake_case_linter`: check that objects are not in snake\_case.
- `multiple_dots_linter`: check that objects do not have multiple dots.
- `object_length_linter`: check that objects do are not very long. not have multiple dots.
- `open_curly_linter`: check that opening curly braces are never on their own line and are always followed by a newline.
- `single_quotes_linter`: checks that only single quotes are used to delimit string contestants.
- `spaces_inside_linter`: check that parentheses and square brackets do not have spaces directly inside them.
- `spaces_left_parentheses_linter`: check that all left parentheses have a space before them unless they are in a function call.
- `trailing_blank_lines_linter`: check there are no trailing blank lines.
- `trailing_whitespace_linter`: check there are no trailing whitespace characters.

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| clear_cache | <i>Clear the lintr cache</i> |
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**Description**

Clear the lintr cache

**Usage**

```
clear_cache(file = NULL, path = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| file | filename whose cache to clear. If you pass NULL it will delete all of the caches. |
| path | directory to store caches. Reads option 'lintr.cache_directory' as the default.   |

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| default_linters | <i>Default linters to use</i> |
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**Description**

Default linters to use

**Usage**

```
default_linters
```

**Format**

An object of class list of length 18.

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| default_settings | <i>Default lintr settings</i> |
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**Description**

Default lintr settings

**Usage**

```
default_settings
```

**Format**

An object of class `list` of length 9.

**See Also**

[read\\_settings](#), [default\\_linters](#)

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| exclude | <i>Exclude lines or files from linting</i> |
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**Description**

Exclude lines or files from linting

**Usage**

```
exclude(lints, exclusions = settings$exclusions, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| lints      | that need to be filtered.                                       |
| exclusions | manually specified exclusions                                   |
| ...        | additional arguments passed to <a href="#">parse_exclusions</a> |

**Details**

Exclusions can be specified in three different ways.

1. single line in the source file. default: `# nolint`
2. line range in the source file. default: `# nolint start, # nolint end`
3. exclusions parameter, a named list of the files and lines to exclude, or just the filenames if you want to exclude the entire file.

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| expect_lint | <i>Lint expectation</i> |
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**Description**

Lint expectation

**Usage**

```
expect_lint(content, checks, ..., file = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
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| content | the file content to be linted   |
| checks  | a list of named vectors of checks to be performed. Performs different checks depending on the value of checks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NULL check if the lint returns no lints.</li> <li>• unnamed-vector check if the lint's message matches the value.</li> <li>• named-vector check if the lint's field matches the named field.</li> <li>• list-vectors check if the given lint matches (use if more than one lint is returned for the content)</li> </ul> |
| ...     | one or more linters to use for the check  |
| file    | if not NULL read content from a file rather than from content   |

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| expect_lint_free | <i>Test that the package is lint free</i> |
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**Description**

This function is a thin wrapper around `lint_package` that simply tests there are no lints in the package. It can be used to ensure that your tests fail if the package contains lints.

**Usage**

```
expect_lint_free(...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |  |
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| ... | arguments passed to <a href="#">lint_package</a> |
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 get\_source\_expressions

*Parsed sourced file from a filename*


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**Description**

This object is given as input to each linter

**Usage**

```
get_source_expressions(filename)
```

**Arguments**

|          |                        |
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| filename | the file to be parsed. |
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 Lint

*Create a Lint object*


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**Description**

Create a Lint object

**Usage**

```
Lint(filename, line_number = 1L, column_number = NULL, type = c("style",
  "warning", "error"), message = "", line = "", ranges = NULL,
  linter = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| filename      | path to the source file that was linted.      |
| line_number   | line number where the lint occurred.          |
| column_number | column the lint occurred.                     |
| type          | type of lint.                                 |
| message       | message used to describe the lint error       |
| line          | code source where the lint occurred           |
| ranges        | ranges on the line that should be emphasized. |
| linter        | name of linter that created the Lint object.  |

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| lintr | <i>Lintr</i> |
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### Description

Checks adherence to a given style, syntax errors and possible semantic issues. Supports on the fly checking of R code edited with Emacs, Vim and Sublime Text.

### See Also

[lint](#), [lint\\_package](#), [linters](#)

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| lint_file | <i>Lint a given file</i> |
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### Description

Apply one or more linters to a file and return a list of lints found.

### Usage

```
lint(filename, linters = NULL, cache = FALSE, ..., parse_settings = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| filename       | the given filename to lint.   |
| linters        | a list of linter functions to apply see <a href="#">linters</a> for a full list of default and available linters. |
| cache          | toggle caching of lint results, if passed a character vector uses that file as the cache.                         |
| ...            | additional arguments passed to <a href="#">exclude</a> .  |
| parse_settings | whether to try and parse the settings   |



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| lint_package | <i>Lint a package</i> |
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**Description**

Apply one or more linters to all of the R files in a package.

**Usage**

```
lint_package(path = ".", relative_path = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| path          | the path to the base directory of the package, if NULL, the base directory will be searched for by looking in the parent directories of the current directory. |
| relative_path | if TRUE, file paths are printed using their path relative to the package base directory. If FALSE, use the full absolute path.                                 |
| ...           | additional arguments passed to <code>lint</code>   |

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| parse_exclusions | <i>read a source file and parse all the excluded lines from it</i> |
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**Description**

read a source file and parse all the excluded lines from it

**Usage**

```
parse_exclusions(file, exclude = settings$exclude,
  exclude_start = settings$exclude_start,
  exclude_end = settings$exclude_end)
```

**Arguments**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| file          | R source file  |
| exclude       | regular expression used to mark lines to exclude               |
| exclude_start | regular expression used to mark the start of an excluded range |
| exclude_end   | regular expression used to mark the end of an excluded range   |

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| read_settings | <i>Read lintr settings</i> |
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### Description

Lintr searches for settings for a given file in the following order.

1. options defined as `lintr.setting`.
2. `lintr_file` in the same directory
3. `lintr_file` in the project directory
4. [default\\_settings](#)

### Usage

```
read_settings(filename)
```

### Arguments

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| filename | source file to be linted |
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### Details

The default `lintr_file` name is `.lintr` but it can be changed with option `lintr.lintr_file`. This file is a dcf file, see [read.dcf](#) for details.

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| with_defaults | <i>Modify the list of default linters</i> |
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### Description

Modify the list of default linters

### Usage

```
with_defaults(..., default = default_linters)
```

### Arguments

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| ...     | named arguments of linters to change. If the named linter already exists it is replaced by the new linter, if it does not exist it is added. If the value is NULL the linter is removed. |
| default | default linters to change  |

**Examples**

```
# change the default line length cutoff
with_defaults(line_length_linter = line_length_linter(120))

# you can also omit the argument name if you are just using different
# arguments.
with_defaults(line_length_linter(120))

# enforce camelCase rather than snake_case
with_defaults(camel_case_linter = NULL,
              snake_case_linter)
```

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