

Package ‘rang’

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as_pkgrefs	<i>Convert Data Structures into Package References</i>
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Description

This generic function converts several standard data structures into a vector of package references, which in turn can be used as the first argument of the function `resolve()`. This function guesses the possible sources of the packages. But we strongly recommend manually reviewing the detected packages before using them for `resolve()`.

Usage

```
as_pkgrefs(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
as_pkgrefs(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
as_pkgrefs(x, bioc_version = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sessionInfo'
as_pkgrefs(x, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code> ,	currently supported data structure(s) are: output from <code>sessionInfo()</code> , a character vector of package names
<code>...</code> ,	not used
<code>bioc_version</code>	character. When <code>x</code> is a character vector, version of Bioconductor to search for package names. <code>NULL</code> indicates not search for Bioconductor.

Value

a vector of package references

Examples

```
as_pkgrefs(sessionInfo())
if (interactive()) {
  require(rang)
  graph <- resolve(as_pkgrefs(sessionInfo()))
}
```

```

as_pkgrefs(c("rtoot"))
as_pkgrefs(c("rtoot", "S4Vectors")) ## this gives cran::S4Vectors and is not correct.
as_pkgrefs(c("rtoot", "S4Vectors"), bioc_version = "3.3") ## This gives bioc::S4Vectors
}

```

convert_edgelist *Convert Data Structures to rang edgelist*

Description

This generic function converts several data structures provided by rang into an edgelist of package dependencies.

Usage

```

convert_edgelist(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
convert_edgelist(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ranglet'
convert_edgelist(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'rang'
convert_edgelist(x, ...)

```

Arguments

`x`, supported data structures are rang and ranglet S3 objects
`...`, not used

Details

the resulting data frame can be converted to an igraph object for plotting and analysis via the function [igraph::graph_from_data_frame\(\)](#)

Value

a data frame of directed edges of dependencies

Examples

```

if (interactive()) {
  graph <- resolve(pkgs = c("openNLP", "LDAvis", "topicmodels", "quanteda"),
                  snapshot_date = "2020-01-16")

  # dependency edgelist of a single package

```

```

    convert_edgelist(graph$ranglets[[1]])

    # full dependency edgelist
    convert_edgelist(graph)
  }

```

 dockerize

Dockerize The Resolved Result

Description

This function exports the result from `resolve()` to a Docker file. For R version $\geq 3.1.0$, the Dockerfile is based on the versioned Rocker image. For R version $< 3.1.0$, the Dockerfile is based on Debian and it compiles R from source.

Usage

```

dockerize(
  rang,
  output_dir,
  materials_dir = NULL,
  image = c("r-ver", "rstudio", "tidyverse", "verse", "geospatial"),
  rang_as_comment = TRUE,
  cache = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  lib = NA,
  cran_mirror = "https://cran.r-project.org/",
  check_cran_mirror = TRUE,
  bioc_mirror = "https://bioconductor.org/packages/",
  no_rocker = FALSE,
  debian_version = c("lenny", "squeeze", "wheezy", "jessie", "stretch"),
  skip_r17 = TRUE
)

dockerize_rang(...)

dockerise(...)

dockerise_rang(...)

```

Arguments

<code>rang</code>	output from <code>resolve()</code>
<code>output_dir</code>	character, where to put the Docker file and associated content
<code>materials_dir</code>	character, path to the directory containing additional resources (e.g. analysis scripts) to be copied into <code>output_dir</code> and in turn into the Docker container

image	character, which versioned Rocker image to use. Can only be "r-ver", "rstudio", "tidyverse", "verse", "geospatial" This applies only to R version ≥ 3.1
rang_as_comment	logical, whether to write resolved result and the steps to reproduce the file to path as comment
cache	logical, whether to cache the packages now. Please note that the system requirements are not cached. For query with non-CRAN packages, this option is strongly recommended. For query with local packages, this must be TRUE regardless of R version. For R version < 3.1 , this must be also TRUE if there is any non-CRAN packages.
verbose	logical, pass to <code>install.packages()</code> , the negated value is also passed as quiet to both <code>install.packages()</code> and <code>download.file()</code> .
lib	character, pass to <code>install.packages()</code> . By default, it is NA (to install the packages to the default location)
cran_mirror	character, which CRAN mirror to use
check_cran_mirror	logical, whether to check the CRAN mirror
bioc_mirror	character, which Bioconductor mirror to use
no_rocker	logical, whether to skip using Rocker images even when an appropriate version is available. Please keep this as TRUE unless you know what you are doing
debian_version	when Rocker images are not used, which EOL version of Debian to use. Can only be "lenny", "etch", "squeeze", "wheezy", "jessie", "stretch". Please keep this as default "lenny" unless you know what you are doing
skip_r17	logical, whether to skip R 1.7.x. Currently, it is not possible to compile R 1.7.x (R 1.7.0 and R 1.7.1) with the method provided by rang. It affects snapshot_date from 2003-04-16 to 2003-10-07. When skip_r17 is TRUE and snapshot_date is within the aforementioned range, R 1.8.0 is used instead.
...	arguments to be passed to dockerize

Details

The idea behind this is to determine the installation order of R packages locally. Then, the installation script can be deployed to another fresh R session to install R packages. `dockerize()` is a more reasonable way because a fresh R session with all system requirements is provided. The current approach does not work in R $< 2.1.0$.

Value

output_dir, invisibly

References

[The Rocker Project](#) Ripley, B. (2005) [Packages and their Management in R 2.1.0](#). R News, 5(1):8–11.

See Also

[resolve\(\)](#), [export_rang\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  graph <- resolve(pkgs = c("openNLP", "LDavis", "topicmodels", "quanteda"),
                  snapshot_date = "2020-01-16")
  dockerize(graph, ".")
}
```

export_rang

Export The Resolved Result As Installation Script

Description

This function exports the results from [resolve\(\)](#) to an installation script that can be run in a fresh R environment.

Usage

```
export_rang(
  rang,
  path,
  rang_as_comment = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  lib = NA,
  cran_mirror = "https://cran.r-project.org/",
  check_cran_mirror = TRUE,
  bioc_mirror = "https://bioconductor.org/packages/"
)
```

Arguments

rang	output from resolve()
path	character, path of the exported installation script
rang_as_comment	logical, whether to write resolved result and the steps to reproduce the file to path as comment
verbose	logical, pass to install.packages() , the negated value is also passed as quiet to both install.packages() and download.file() .
lib	character, pass to install.packages() . By default, it is NA (to install the packages to the default location)
cran_mirror	character, which CRAN mirror to use

check_cran_mirror logical, whether to check the CRAN mirror
bioc_mirror character, which Bioconductor mirror to use

Details

The idea behind this is to determine the installation order of R packages locally. Then, the installation script can be deployed to another fresh R session to install R packages. `dockerize()` is a more reasonable way because a fresh R session with all system requirements is provided. The current approach does not work in R < 2.1.0.

Value

path, invisibly

References

Ripley, B. (2005) [Packages and their Management in R 2.1.0](#). R News, 5(1):8–11.

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  graph <- resolve(pkgs = c("openNLP", "LDAvis", "topicmodels", "quanteda"),  
                  snapshot_date = "2020-01-16")  
  export_rang(graph, "rang.R")  
}
```

export_renv

Export The Resolved Result As a renv Lockfile

Description

This function exports the results from `resolve()` to a renv lockfile that can be used as an alternative to a docker container.

Usage

```
export_renv(rang, path = ".")
```

Arguments

rang output from `resolve()`
path character, path of the exported renv lockfile

Details

A renv lockfile is easier to handle than a docker container, but it cannot always reliably reproduce the exact computational environment, especially for very old code.

Value

path, invisibly

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  graph <- resolve(pkgs = c("openNLP", "LDavis", "topicmodels", "quanteda"),
                  snapshot_date = "2020-01-16")
  export_renv(graph, ".")
}
```

query_sysreqs

Query for System Requirements

Description

This function takes an S3 object returned from `resolve()` and (re)queries the System Requirements.

Usage

```
query_sysreqs(rang, os = "ubuntu-20.04")
```

Arguments

rang	output from <code>resolve()</code>
os	character, which OS to query for system requirements

Value

a rang S3 object with the following items

call	original function call
ranglets	List of dependency graphs of all packages in pkgs
snapshot_date	snapshot_date
no_enhances	no_enhances
no_suggests	no_suggests
unresolved_pkgsrefs	Packages that can't be resolved

sysreqs	System requirements as Linux commands
r_version	The latest R version as of snapshot_date
os	os

See Also

[resolve\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  graph <- resolve(pkgs = c("openNLP", "LDAvis", "topicmodels", "quanteda"),
                 snapshot_date = "2020-01-16", query_sysreqs = FALSE)
  graph$sysreqs
  graph2 <- query_sysreqs(graph, os = "ubuntu-20.04")
  graph2$sysreqs
}
```

 resolve

Resolve Dependencies Of R Packages

Description

This function recursively queries dependencies of R packages at a specific snapshot time. The dependency graph can then be used to recreate the computational environment. The data on dependencies are provided by R-hub.

Usage

```
resolve(
  pkgs = ".",
  snapshot_date,
  no_enhances = TRUE,
  no_suggests = TRUE,
  query_sysreqs = TRUE,
  os = "ubuntu-20.04",
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

pkgs can be 1) a character vector of R packages to resolve, 2) a path to a [renv lockfile](#), or 3) a data structure that [as_pkgrefs\(\)](#) can convert to a character vector of package references. For 1) pkgs can be either in shorthands, e.g. "rtoot", "ropensci/readODS", or in package references, e.g. "cran::rtoot",

"github::ropensci/readODS". Please refer to the [Package References documentation](#) of pak for details. Currently, this package supports only cran and github packages. For 2) `as_pkgrefs()` support the output of `sessionInfo()`, a renv lockfile or a single directory. If it is a single directory, all R scripts are scanned for R packages used using `renv::dependencies()`. Currently, the default is to scan the R scripts in the current working directory. Please also note that this scanning only assumes there are CRAN and Bioconductor packages. We strongly recommend checking whether this is really the case (see example below).

snapshot_date	Snapshot date, if not specified, assume to be a month ago
no_enhances	logical, whether to ignore packages in the "Enhances" field
no_suggests	logical, whether to ignore packages in the "Suggests" field
query_sysreqs	logical, whether to query for System Requirements. Important: Archived CRAN can't be queried for system requirements. Those packages are assumed to have no system requirement.
os	character, which OS to query for system requirements
verbose	logical, whether to display messages

Value

a rang S3 object with the following items

call	original function call
ranglets	List of dependency graphs of all packages in pkgs
snapshot_date	snapshot_date
no_enhances	no_enhances
no_suggests	no_suggests
unresolved_pkgrefs	Packages that can't be resolved
sysreqs	System requirements as Linux commands
r_version	The latest R version as of snapshot_date
os	os

References

[Package References](#)

See Also

[dockerize\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  graph <- resolve(pkgs = c("openNLP", "LDAvis", "topicmodels", "quanteda"),
                  snapshot_date = "2020-01-16")
  graph
  ## to resolve github packages
  gh_graph <- resolve(pkgs = c("https://github.com/schochastics/rtoot"),
                    snapshot_date = "2022-11-28")
  gh_graph
  ## scanning
  graph <- resolve(snapshot_date = "2022-11-28")
  ## But we recommend this:
  pkgs <- as_pkgrefs(".")
  pkgs ## check the accuracy
  graph <- resolve(pkgs, snapshot_date = "2022-11-28")
}
```

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