

Package ‘codemeta’

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codemeta-r-package	<i>codemeta: generate codemeta metadata for R packages</i>
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Description

The ‘Codemeta’ Project defines a ‘JSON-LD’ format for describing software metadata, as detailed at <https://codemeta.github.io>. This package provides utilities to generate, parse, and modify ‘codemeta.json’ files automatically for R packages, as well as tools and examples for working with ‘codemeta.json’ ‘JSON-LD’ more generally.

Details

Why bother creating a codemeta.json for your package? R packages encode lots of metadata in the DESCRIPTION file, README, and other places, telling users and developers about the package purpose, authors, license, dependencies, and other information that facilitates discovery, adoption, and credit for your software. Unfortunately, because each software language records this metadata

in a different format, that information is hard for search engines, software repositories, and other developers to find and integrate.

By generating a `codemeta.json` file, you turn your metadata into a format that can easily cross-walk between metadata in many other software languages. CodeMeta is built on schema.org a simple **structured data** format developed by major search engines like Google and Bing to improve discoverability in search. CodeMeta is also understood by significant software archiving efforts such as **Software Heritage** Project, which seeks to permanently archive all open source software.

For more general information about the CodeMeta Project for defining software metadata, see <https://codemeta.github.io>. In particular, new users might want to start with the **User Guide**, while those looking to learn more about JSON-LD and consuming existing codemeta files should see the **Developer Guide**.

Why codemetaR? The ‘Codemeta’ Project defines a ‘JSON-LD’ format for describing software metadata, as detailed at <https://codemeta.github.io>. This package provides utilities to **generate, parse, and modify codemeta.jsonld files automatically for R packages**, as well as tools and examples for **working with codemeta json-ld more generally**.

It has three main goals:

- Quickly **generate a valid codemeta.json file from any valid R package**. To do so, we automatically extract as much metadata as possible using the DESCRIPTION file, as well as extracting metadata from other common best-practices such as the presence of Travis and other badges in README, etc.
- Facilitate the addition of further metadata fields into a `codemeta.json` file, as well as general manipulation of codemeta files.
- Support the ability to crosswalk between terms used in other metadata standards, as identified by the Codemeta Project Community, see <https://codemeta.github.io/crosswalk/>

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/ropensci/codemetar>
- <https://docs.ropensci.org/codemetar/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/ropensci/codemetar/issues>

create_codemeta	<i>create_codemeta</i>
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Description

create a codemeta list object in R for further manipulation. Similar to `write_codemeta()`, but returns an R list object rather than writing directly to a file. See examples.

Usage

```
create_codemeta(
  pkg = ".",
  root = ".",
  id = NULL,
  use_filesize = FALSE,
  force_update = getOption("codemeta_force_update", TRUE),
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>pkg</code>	package path to package root, or description file (character), or a codemeta object (list)
<code>root</code>	if <code>pkg</code> is a codemeta object, optionally give the path to package root. Default guess is current dir.
<code>id</code>	identifier for the package, e.g. a DOI (or other resolvable URL)
<code>use_filesize</code>	whether to try to estimating and adding a filesize by using <code>base::file.size()</code> . Files in <code>.Rbuildignore</code> are ignored.
<code>force_update</code>	Update guessed fields even if they are defined in an existing <code>codemeta.json</code> file
<code>verbose</code>	Whether to print messages indicating opinions e.g. when DESCRIPTION has no URL. – See give_opinions ; and indicating the progress of internet downloads.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to write_json

Value

a codemeta list object

Examples

```
path <- system.file("", package="codemeta")
cm <- create_codemeta(path)
cm$keywords <- list("metadata", "ropensci")
```

extract_badges	<i>Extract all badges from Markdown file</i>
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Description

Extract all badges from Markdown file

Usage

```
extract_badges(path)
```

Arguments

path	Path to Markdown file
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Value

A data.frame with for each badge its text, link and link to its image.

Examples

```
## Not run:
extract_badges(system.file("examples/README_fakepackage.md", package="codemeta"))

## End(Not run)
```

give_opinions	<i>Function giving opinions about a package</i>
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Description

Function giving opinions about a package

Usage

```
give_opinions(pkg_path = getwd(), verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

pkg_path	Path to the package root
verbose	Whether to print message related to internet download progress.

Value

A data.frame of opinions

write_codemeta	<i>write_codemeta</i>
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Description

write out a codemeta.json file for a given package. This function is basically a wrapper around create_codemeta() to both create the codemeta object and write it out to a JSON-LD-formatted file in one command. It can also be used simply to write out to JSON-LD any existing object created with create_codemeta().

Usage

```
write_codemeta(  
  pkg = ".",  
  path = "codemeta.json",  
  root = ".",  
  id = NULL,  
  use_filesize = TRUE,  
  force_update = getOption("codemeta_force_update", TRUE),  
  use_git_hook = NULL,  
  verbose = TRUE,  
  write_minimeta = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

pkg	package path to package root, or description file (character), or a codemeta object (list)
path	file name of the output, leave at default "codemeta.json"
root	if pkg is a codemeta object, optionally give the path to package root. Default guess is current dir.
id	identifier for the package, e.g. a DOI (or other resolvable URL)
use_filesize	whether to try to estimating and adding a filesize by using base::file.size(). Files in .Rbuildignore are ignored.
force_update	Update guessed fields even if they are defined in an existing codemeta.json file
use_git_hook	Deprecated argument.
verbose	Whether to print messages indicating opinions e.g. when DESCRIPTION has no URL. – See give_opinions ; and indicating the progress of internet downloads.
write_minimeta	whether to also create the file schemaorg.json that corresponds to the meta-data Google would validate, to be inserted to a webpage for SEO. It is saved as "inst/schemaorg.json" alongside path (by default, "codemeta.json").
...	additional arguments to write_json

Value

writes out the codemeta.json file, and schemaorg.json if write_codemeta is TRUE.

Technical details

If pkg is a codemeta object, the function will attempt to update any fields it can guess (i.e. from the DESCRIPTION file), overwriting any existing data in that block. In this case, the package root directory should be the current working directory.

When creating and writing a codemeta.json for the first time, the function adds "codemeta.json" to .Rbuildignore.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
# from anywhere in the package source directory  
write_codemeta()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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