Package 'attachment'

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att_amend_desc

Amend DESCRIPTION with dependencies read from package code parsing

Description

Amend package DESCRIPTION file with the list of dependencies extracted from R, examples, tests, vignettes files. att_to_desc_from_pkg() is an alias of att_amend_desc(), for the correspondence with $att_to_desc_from_is()$.

Usage

```
att_amend_desc(
   path = ".",
   path.n = "NAMESPACE",
   path.d = "DESCRIPTION",
```

```
dir.r = "R",
 dir.v = "vignettes",
  dir.t = "tests",
  extra.suggests = NULL,
  pkg_ignore = NULL,
  document = TRUE,
 normalize = TRUE,
  inside_rmd = FALSE,
 must.exist = TRUE,
 check_if_suggests_is_installed = TRUE,
 update.config = FALSE,
 use.config = TRUE,
 path.c = "dev/config_attachment.yaml"
)
att_to_desc_from_pkg(
 path = ".",
 path.n = "NAMESPACE",
 path.d = "DESCRIPTION",
 dir.r = "R",
 dir.v = "vignettes",
  dir.t = "tests",
  extra.suggests = NULL,
  pkg_ignore = NULL,
  document = TRUE,
  normalize = TRUE,
  inside_rmd = FALSE,
 must.exist = TRUE,
  check_if_suggests_is_installed = TRUE,
  update.config = FALSE,
 use.config = TRUE,
 path.c = "dev/config_attachment.yaml"
)
```

Arguments

path	path to the root of the package directory. Default to current directory.
path.n	path to namespace file.
path.d	path to description file.
dir.r	path to directory with R scripts.
dir.v	path to vignettes directory. Set to empty (dir.v = "") to ignore.
dir.t	path to tests directory. Set to empty (dir.t = "") to ignore.
extra.suggests	vector of other packages that should be added in Suggests (pkgdown, covr for instance)
pkg_ignore	vector of packages names to ignore.
document	Run function roxygenise of roxygen2 package

normalize	Logical. Whether to normalize the DESCRIPTION file. See desc::desc_normalize()
inside_rmd	Logical. Whether function is run inside a Rmd, in case this must be executed in an external R session
must.exist	Logical. If TRUE then an error is given if packages do not exist within installed packages. If NA, a warning.
check_if_sugges	sts_is_installed
	Logical. Whether to require that packages in the Suggests section are installed.
update.config	logical. Should the parameters used in this call be saved in the config file of the package
use.config	logical. Should the command use the parameters from the config file to run
path.c	character Path to the yaml config file where parameters are saved

Details

Your daily use is to run att_amend_desc(), as is. You will want to run this function sometimes with some extra information like att_amend_desc(pkg_ignore = "x", update.config = TRUE) if you have to update the configuration file. Next time att_amend_desc() will use these parameters from the configuration file directly.

Value

Update DESCRIPTION file.

```
# Run on an external "dummypackage" as an example
# For your local use, you do not have to specify the `path` as below
# By default, `att_amend_desc()` will run on the current working directory
# Create a fake package for the example
tmpdir <- tempfile(pattern = "description")</pre>
dir.create(tmpdir)
file.copy(system.file("dummypackage",package = "attachment"), tmpdir,
recursive = TRUE)
dummypackage <- file.path(tmpdir, "dummypackage")</pre>
# Update documentation and dependencies
att_amend_desc(path = dummypackage)
# You can look at the content of this external package
#' # browseURL(dummypackage)
# Update the config file with extra parameters
# We recommend that you store this code in a file in your "dev/" directory
# to run it when needed
att_amend_desc(path = dummypackage, extra.suggests = "testthat", update.config = TRUE)
# Next time, in your daily development
att_amend_desc(path = dummypackage)
```

```
# Clean after examples
unlink(tmpdir, recursive = TRUE)
```

att_from_data Look for functions called in data loading code

Description

Look for functions called in data loading code

Usage

att_from_data(chr)

Arguments

chr

A character vector containing the code as a string. The code should follow the pattern used for loading data with data(), specifying the dataset and package.

Value

A character vector containing the names of the packages from which datasets are being loaded.

Examples

```
vec_char <- 'data("starwars", package = "dplyr")'
att_from_data(vec_char)</pre>
```

att_from_description Return all package dependencies from current package

Description

Return all package dependencies from current package

Usage

```
att_from_description(
   path = "DESCRIPTION",
   dput = FALSE,
   field = c("Depends", "Imports", "Suggests")
)
```

Arguments

path	path to the DESCRIPTION file
dput	if FALSE return a vector instead of dput output
field	DESCRIPTION field to parse, Import, Suggests and Depends by default

Value

A character vector with packages names

Examples

```
dummypackage <- system.file("dummypackage", package = "attachment")
# browseURL(dummypackage)
att_from_description(path = file.path(dummypackage, "DESCRIPTION"))</pre>
```

att_from_examples Get all packages called in examples from R files

Description

Get all packages called in examples from R files

Usage

att_from_examples(dir.r = "R")

Arguments

dir.r path to directory with R scripts.

Value

Character vector of packages called with library or require.

```
dummypackage <- system.file("dummypackage",package = "attachment")</pre>
```

```
# browseURL(dummypackage)
att_from_examples(dir.r = file.path(dummypackage,"R"))
```

att_from_namespace return package dependencies from NAMESPACE file

Description

return package dependencies from NAMESPACE file

Usage

```
att_from_namespace(path = "NAMESPACE", document = TRUE, clean = TRUE)
```

Arguments

path	path to NAMESPACE file
document	Run function roxygenise of roxygen2 package
clean	Logical. Whether to remove the original NAMESPACE before updating

Value

a vector

Examples

```
tmpdir <- tempfile(pattern = "namespace")
dir.create(tmpdir)
file.copy(system.file("dummypackage",package = "attachment"), tmpdir,
recursive = TRUE)
dummypackage <- file.path(tmpdir, "dummypackage")
# browseURL(dummypackage)
att_from_namespace(path = file.path(dummypackage, "NAMESPACE"))
# Clean temp files after this example
unlink(tmpdir, recursive = TRUE)
```

att_from_rmd

Get all dependencies from a Rmd file

Description

Get all dependencies from a Rmd file

Usage

```
att_from_rmd(
  path,
  temp_dir = tempdir(),
 warn = -1,
  encoding = getOption("encoding"),
  inside_rmd = FALSE,
  inline = TRUE
)
att_from_qmd(
  path,
  temp_dir = tempdir(),
 warn = -1,
  encoding = getOption("encoding"),
  inside_rmd = FALSE,
  inline = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

path	Path to a Rmd file
temp_dir	Path to temporary script from purl vignette
warn	-1 for quiet warnings with purl, 0 to see warnings
encoding	Encoding of the input file; always assumed to be UTF-8 (i.e., this argument is effectively ignored).
inside_rmd	Logical. Whether function is run inside a Rmd, in case this must be executed in an external R session
inline	Logical. Default TRUE. Whether to explore inline code for dependencies.

Value

vector of character of packages names found in the Rmd

Examples

```
dummypackage <- system.file("dummypackage",package = "attachment")
# browseURL(dummypackage)
att_from_rmd(path = file.path(dummypackage,"vignettes/demo.Rmd"))</pre>
```

att_from_rmds

Description

Get all packages called in vignettes folder

Usage

```
att_from_rmds(
  path = "vignettes",
 pattern = "*.[.](Rmd|rmd|qmd)$",
  recursive = TRUE,
 warn = -1,
  inside_rmd = FALSE,
  inline = TRUE,
  folder_to_exclude = "renv"
)
att_from_qmds(
  path = "vignettes",
 pattern = "*.[.](Rmd|rmd|qmd)$",
  recursive = TRUE,
 warn = -1,
  inside_rmd = FALSE,
  inline = TRUE,
  folder_to_exclude = "renv"
)
```

Arguments

path	path to directory with Rmds or vector of Rmd files
pattern	pattern to detect Rmd files
recursive	logical. Should the listing recurse into directories?
warn	-1 for quiet warnings with purl, 0 to see warnings
inside_rmd	Logical. Whether function is run inside a Rmd, in case this must be executed in an external R session
inline	Logical. Default TRUE. Whether to explore inline code for dependencies.
folder_to_exclu	ıde
	Folder to exclude during scan to detect packages 'renv' by default

Value

Character vector of packages called with library or require. *knitr* and *rmarkdown* are added by default to allow building the vignettes if the directory contains "vignettes" in the path

Examples

```
dummypackage <- system.file("dummypackage",package = "attachment")
# browseURL(dummypackage)
att_from_rmds(path = file.path(dummypackage,"vignettes"))</pre>
```

att_from_rscript Look for functions called with :: and library/requires in one script

Description

Look for functions called with :: and library/requires in one script

Usage

```
att_from_rscript(path)
```

Arguments

path path to R script file

Details

Calls from pkg::fun in roxygen skeleton and comments are ignored

Value

a vector

Examples

```
dummypackage <- system.file("dummypackage",package = "attachment")
# browseURL(dummypackage)</pre>
```

```
att_from_rscript(path = file.path(dummypackage,"R","my_mean.R"))
```

att_from_rscripts Look for functions called with :: and library/requires in folder of scripts

Description

Look for functions called with :: and library/requires in folder of scripts

Usage

```
att_from_rscripts(
  path = "R",
  pattern = "*.[.](r|R)$",
  recursive = TRUE,
  folder_to_exclude = "renv"
)
```

Arguments

path	directory with R scripts inside or vector of R scripts
pattern	pattern to detect R script files
recursive	logical. Should the listing recurse into directories?
folder_to_exclu	ıde
	Folder to exclude during scan to detect packages. 'renv' by default.

Value

vector of character of packages names found in the R script

```
dummypackage <- system.file("dummypackage",package = "attachment")
# browseURL(dummypackage)
att_from_rscripts(path = file.path(dummypackage, "R"))
att_from_rscripts(path = list.files(file.path(dummypackage, "R"), full.names = TRUE))</pre>
```

att_to_desc_from_is Amend DESCRIPTION with dependencies from imports and suggests package list

Description

Amend DESCRIPTION with dependencies from imports and suggests package list

Usage

```
att_to_desc_from_is(
   path.d = "DESCRIPTION",
   imports = NULL,
   suggests = NULL,
   check_if_suggests_is_installed = TRUE,
   normalize = TRUE,
   must.exist = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

path.d	path to description file.	
imports	character vector of package names to add in Imports section	
suggests	character vector of package names to add in Suggests section	
check_if_suggests_is_installed		
	Logical. Whether to require that packages in the Suggests section are installed.	
normalize	Logical. Whether to normalize the DESCRIPTION file. See desc::desc_normalize()	
must.exist	Logical. If TRUE then an error is given if packages do not exist within installed packages. If NA, a warning.	

Details

must.exist is better set to TRUE during package development. This stops the process when a package does not exists on your system. This avoids check errors with typos in package names in DESCRIPTION. When used in CI to discover dependencies, for a bookdown for instance, you may want to set to FALSE (no message at all) or NA (warning for not installed).

Value

Fill in Description file

Examples

```
tmpdir <- tempfile(pattern = "descfromis")
dir.create(tmpdir)
file.copy(system.file("dummypackage",package = "attachment"), tmpdir,
recursive = TRUE)
dummypackage <- file.path(tmpdir, "dummypackage")
# browseURL(dummypackage)
att_to_desc_from_is(path.d = file.path(dummypackage, "DESCRIPTION"),
imports = c("magrittr", "attachment"), suggests = c("knitr"))
# In combination with other functions
att_to_desc_from_is(path.d = file.path(dummypackage, "DESCRIPTION"),
imports = att_from_rscripts(file.path(dummypackage, "R")),
suggests = att_from_rmds(file.path(dummypackage, "vignettes")))
# Clean temp files after this example
unlink(tmpdir, recursive = TRUE)
```

create_dependencies_file

Create the list of instructions to install dependencies from a DE-SCRIPTION file

Description

Outputs the list of instructions and a "dependencies.R" file with instructions in the "inst/" directory

Usage

```
create_dependencies_file(
   path = "DESCRIPTION",
   field = c("Depends", "Imports"),
   to = "inst/dependencies.R",
   open_file = TRUE,
   ignore_base = TRUE,
   install_only_if_missing = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

path	path to the DESCRIPTION file
field	DESCRIPTION field to parse, "Import" and "Depends" by default. Can add "Suggests"
to	path where to save the dependencies file. Set to "inst/dependencies.R" by de- fault. Set to NULL if you do not want the file, but only the instructions as a list of character.
open_file	Logical. Open the file created in an editor

ignore_base	Logical. V	Whether to ignor	e package	coming	with b	ase, as	they of	cannot	be in-
	stalled (def	fault TRUE)							
install_only_if	_missing								
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Logical Modify the installation instructions to check, beforehand, if the packages are missing . (default FALSE)

Value

List of R instructions to install all dependencies from a DESCRIPTION file. Side effect: creates a R file containing these instructions.

Examples

```
# Create a fake package
tmpdir <- tempfile(pattern = "depsfile")</pre>
dir.create(tmpdir)
file.copy(system.file("dummypackage",package = "attachment"), tmpdir,
          recursive = TRUE)
dummypackage <- file.path(tmpdir, "dummypackage")</pre>
# Create the dependencies commands but no file
create_dependencies_file(
 path = file.path(dummypackage,"DESCRIPTION"),
 to = NULL,
 open_file = FALSE)
# Create the dependencies files in the package
create_dependencies_file(
 path = file.path(dummypackage,"DESCRIPTION"),
 to = file.path(dummypackage, "inst/dependencies.R"),
 open_file = FALSE)
list.files(file.path(dummypackage, "inst"))
# browseURL(dummypackage)
# Clean temp files after this example
unlink(tmpdir, recursive = TRUE)
```

create_renv_for_dev Create reproducible environments for your R projects with renv

Description

[Experimental]

Tool to create and maintain renv.lock files. The idea is to have 2 distinct files, one for development and the other for deployment. Indeed, although packages like *attachment* or *pkgload* must be installed to develop, they are not necessary in your project, package or Shiny application.

create_renv_for_dev

Usage

```
create_renv_for_dev(
 path = ".",
dev_pkg = "_default",
  folder_to_include = c("dev", "data-raw", "renv"),
  folder_to_exclude = c("renv"),
  output = "renv.lock",
  install_if_missing = TRUE,
  document = TRUE,
 pkg_ignore = NULL,
 check_if_suggests_is_installed = TRUE,
  . . .
)
create_renv_for_prod(
  path = ".",
 output = "renv.lock.prod",
 dev_pkg = "remotes",
  check_if_suggests_is_installed = FALSE,
  . . .
)
```

Arguments

path	Path to your current package source folder			
dev_pkg	Vector of packages you need for development. Use _default (with underscore before to avoid confusing with a package name), to use the default list. Use NULL for no extra package. Use attachment:::extra_dev_pkg for the list.			
folder_to_inclu	de			
	Folder to scan to detect development packages			
folder_to_exclu	de			
	Folder to exclude during scan to detect packages.'renv' by default			
output	Path and name of the file created, default is ./renv.lock			
install_if_miss	ing			
	Logical. Install missing packages. TRUE by default			
document	Logical. Whether to run att_amend_desc() before detecting packages in DE-SCRIPTION.			
pkg_ignore	Vector of packages to ignore from being discovered in your files. This does not prevent them to be in "renv.lock" if they are recursive dependencies.			
check_if_sugges	ts_is_installed			
	Logical. Whether to require that packages in the Suggests section are installed.			
	Other arguments to pass to renv::snapshot()			

Value

a renv.lock file

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Writes a renv.lock a file in the user directory
create_renv_for_dev()
create_renv_for_dev(dev_pkg = "attachment")
create_renv_for_prod()
```

End(Not run)

find_remotesProposes values for Remotes field for DESCRIPTION file based on
your installation

Description

Proposes values for Remotes field for DESCRIPTION file based on your installation

Usage

find_remotes(pkg)

Arguments

pkg

Character. Packages to test for potential non-CRAN installation

Value

List of all non-CRAN packages and code to add in Remotes field in DESCRIPTION. NULL otherwise.

Examples

```
# Find from vector of packages
find_remotes(pkg = c("attachment", "desc", "glue"))
```

```
# Find from Description file
dummypackage <- system.file("dummypackage", package = "attachment")
att_from_description(
path = file.path(dummypackage, "DESCRIPTION")) %>%
find_remotes()
```

```
## Not run:
# For the current package directory
att_from_description() %>% find_remotes()
```

End(Not run)

For a specific package name

```
find_remotes("attachment")
```

```
# Find remotes from all installed packages
find_remotes(list.dirs(.libPaths(), full.names = FALSE, recursive = FALSE))
```

install_from_description

```
Install missing package from DESCRIPTION
```

Description

Install missing package from DESCRIPTION

Usage

```
install_from_description(
   path = "DESCRIPTION",
   field = c("Depends", "Imports", "Suggests"),
   ...
)
```

Arguments

path	path to the DESCRIPTION file
field	DESCRIPTION fields to parse, "Depends", "Imports", "Suggests" by default
	Arguments to be passed to utils::install.packages()

Value

Used for side effect. Installs R packages from DESCRIPTION file if missing.

```
## Not run:
# This will install packages on your system
dummypackage <- system.file("dummypackage", package = "attachment")
# browseURL(dummypackage)
install_from_description(path = file.path(dummypackage, "DESCRIPTION"))
## End(Not run)
```

install_if_missing install packages if missing

Description

install packages if missing

Usage

```
install_if_missing(to_be_installed, ...)
```

Arguments

to_be_installed

 a character vector containing required packages names
 Arguments to be passed to utils::install.packages()

Value

Used for side effect. Install missing packages from the character vector input.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# This will install packages on your system
install_if_missing(c("dplyr", "fcuk", "rusk"))
```

End(Not run)

set_remotes_to_desc Add Remotes field to DESCRIPTION based on your local installation

Description

Add Remotes field to DESCRIPTION based on your local installation

Usage

```
set_remotes_to_desc(path.d = "DESCRIPTION", stop.local = FALSE, clean = TRUE)
```

Arguments

path.d	path to description file.
stop.local	Logical. Whether to stop if package was installed from local source. Message otherwise.
clean	Logical. Whether to clean all existing remotes before run.

set_remotes_to_desc

Value

Used for side effect. Adds Remotes field in DESCRIPTION file.

```
tmpdir <- tempfile(pattern = "setremotes")
dir.create(tmpdir)
file.copy(system.file("dummypackage", package = "attachment"), tmpdir,
recursive = TRUE)
dummypackage <- file.path(tmpdir, "dummypackage")
# Add remotes field if there are Remotes locally
att_amend_desc(dummypackage) %>%
set_remotes_to_desc()
# Clean temp files after this example
unlink(tmpdir, recursive = TRUE)
## Not run:
# For your current package
att_amend_desc() %>%
set_remotes_to_desc()
## End(Not run)
```

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