# Package 'findPackage'

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<b>Description</b> Finds 'CRAN' packages by the topic requested. The topic can be given as a character string or as a regular expression and will help users to locate 'CRAN' packages matching their specified requirement. findPackage( <string>) returns a data frame of packages with description containing the input string.</string>	
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Find 'CRAN' Package by topic

### Description

Finds CRAN packages by the topic requested. The topic can be given as a character string or as a regular expression, and will help users to locate packages matching their specified requirement.

# Usage

```
findPackage(
  topicString = "",
  fromDate = "2008-09-01",
  toDate = Sys.Date(),
  sortOrder = "A"
)
```

## **Arguments**

fromDate
Format: YYYY-MM-DD. The search in CRAN will be restricted to packages published on or after this date, default is from the earliest available date, i.e. September 2008

toDate
Format: YYYY-MM-DD. The search in CRAN will be restricted to packages

published on or before this date, default is till the current date

The matching data is sorted by default (A) with the earlier published packages

preceding the later ones. For descending sort, more recent earlier, use "D"

#### Value

sortOrder

A data frame with the package name, the date of publication, title of the package and its description

#### **Examples**

```
ahp <- findPackage("(Analytic Hierarchy Process)|(AHP)");

AHP_or_DEA <-
findPackage(
"(Analytic Hierarchy Process)|(AHP)|(Data Envelopment Analysis)|(DEA)");

fa <- findPackage("Factor Analysis")</pre>
```

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