# Package: rang (via r-universe)

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Create an Apptainer/Singularity Definition File of The Resolved Result

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## **Description**

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This function exports the result from resolve() to an Apptainer/Singularity definition file. For R version  $\geq$  3.1.0, the file is based on the versioned Rocker Docker image. For R version  $\leq$  3.1.0, the Apptainer/Singularity definition is based on Debian and it compiles R from source.

## Usage

```
apptainerize(
  rang,
  output_dir,
 materials_dir = NULL,
  post_installation_steps = 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,
  insert_readme = TRUE,
  copy_all = FALSE,
  method = c("auto", "evercran", "rocker", "debian")
)
```

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```
apptainerize_rang(...)
    apptainerise(...)
    apptainerise_rang(...)
    singularize(...)
    singularize_rang(...)
    singularise(...)
    singularise_rang(...)
Arguments
                      output from resolve()
    rang
    output_dir
                      character, where to put the Apptainer/Singularity definition file and associated
                      content
                      character, path to the directory containing additional resources (e.g. analysis
    materials_dir
                      scripts) to be copied into output_dir and in turn into the Apptainer/Singularity
                      container
    post_installation_steps
                      character, additional steps to be added before the in the end of %post section the
                      Apptainer/Singularity definition file, see an example below
    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 re-
                      quirements 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 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
```

logical, whether to skip using Rocker images even when an appropriate version is available. Please keep this as FALSE unless you know what you are doing

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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
insert_readme	logical, whether to insert a README file
copy_all	logical, whether to copy everything in the current directory into the container. If inst/rang is detected in output_dir, this is coerced to TRUE.
method	character, can only be "auto", "evercran", "rocker", or "debian". Select which base image is used. "auto" (the default) selects the best option based on the R version. "evercran" is experimental.
	arguments to be passed to apptainerize

#### **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() and apptainerize() are more reasonable ways because a fresh R session with all system requirements is provided.

#### Value

```
output_dir, invisibly
```

#### References

## Apptainer / Singularity

Kurtzer, G. M., Sochat, V., & Bauer, M. W. (2017) Singularity: Scientific containers for mobility of compute. PLOS ONE, 12(5):e0177459. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0177459

## 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(), use_rang()
```

## **Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {
    graph <- resolve(
        pkgs = c("openNLP", "LDAvis", "topicmodels", "quanteda"),
        snapshot_date = "2020-01-16"
    )
    apptainerize(graph, ".")
    ## An example of using post_installation_steps to install quarto
    install_quarto <- c("apt-get install -y curl git && \\</pre>
```

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```
curl -LO https://quarto.org/download/latest/quarto-linux-amd64.deb && \\
    dpkg -i quarto-linux-amd64.deb && \\
    quarto install tool tinytex")
    apptainerize(graph, ".", post_installation_steps = install_quarto)
}
```

as\_pkgrefs

Convert Data Structures into Package References

## **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 <code>resolve()</code>. This function guessimates the possible sources of the packages. But we strongly recommend manually reviewing the detected packages before using them for <code>resolve()</code>.

## Usage

```
as_pkgrefs(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
as_pkgrefs(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
as_pkgrefs(x, bioc_version = NULL, no_enhances = TRUE, no_suggests = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'sessionInfo'
as_pkgrefs(x, ...)
```

# Arguments

X	currently supported data structure(s) are: output from $sessionInfo()$ , a character vector of package names
	not used
bioc_version	character. When x is a character vector, version of Bioconductor to search for package names. NULL indicates not search for Bioconductor.
no_enhances	logical, when parsing DESCRIPTION, whether to ignore packages in the "Enhances" field
no_suggests	logical, when parsing DESCRIPTION, whether to ignore packages in the "Suggests" field

## Value

a vector of package references

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## **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
}</pre>
```

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

# 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

not used

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## **Examples**

create\_turing

Create executable research compendium according to the Turing Way

## Description

This usethis-style function creates an executable research compendium according to the Turing Way.

## Usage

```
create_turing(
  path,
  add_rang = TRUE,
  add_makefile = TRUE,
  add_here = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  force = FALSE,
  apptainer = FALSE
)
```

# **Arguments**

character, path to the project root

add\_rang logical, whether to run use\_rang() to path

add\_makefile logical, whether to insert a barebone Makefile in the project root.

add\_here logical, whether to insert a hidden .here file in the project root

verbose logical, whether to print out messages

force logical, whether to overwrite files (inst/rang/update.R, Makefile, .here) if they exist.

apptainer logical, whether to use apptainer. FALSE indicates using Docker

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## **Details**

According to the Turing Way, an executable research compendium should have the following properties

- 1. Files should be organized in a conventional folder structure;
- 2. Data, methods, and output should be clearly separated;
- 3. The computational environment should be specified.

We use the structure suggested by the Turing Way:

- data\_raw: a directory to hold the raw data
- data\_clean: a directory to hold the processed data
- code: a directory to hold computer code
- CITATION: a file holding citation information
- paper.Rmd: a manuscript This function provides the a clearly separated organizational structure. Components can be changed. For example, the manuscript can be in another format (e.g. quarto, sweave) or even optional. With add\_rang, the computational environment can be recorded and reconstructed later.

#### Value

path, invisibly

## References

The Turing Way: Research Compendia Gorman, KB, Williams TD. and Fraser WR (2014). Ecological Sexual Dimorphism and Environmental Variability within a Community of Antarctic Penguins (Genus Pygoscelis). PLoS ONE 9(3):e90081. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0090081

#### See Also

use\_rang()

dockerize

Dockerize The Resolved Result

# **Description**

This function exports the result from resolve() to a Docker file. For R version >= 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.

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## Usage

```
dockerize(
  rang,
  output_dir,
 materials_dir = NULL,
 post_installation_steps = 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,
  insert_readme = TRUE,
  copv_all = FALSE,
 method = c("auto", "evercran", "rocker", "debian")
)
dockerize_rang(...)
dockerise(...)
dockerise_rang(...)
```

## **Arguments**

rang output from resolve()

output\_dir character, where to put the Docker file and associated content

materials\_dir character, path to the directory containing additional resources (e.g. analysis

scripts) to be copied into output\_dir and in turn into the Docker container

post\_installation\_steps

character, additional steps to be added before the CMD part of the Dockerfile, see

an example below

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.

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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

no\_rocker logical, whether to skip using Rocker images even when an appropriate version

is available. Please keep this as FALSE 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

insert\_readme logical, whether to insert a README file

copy\_all logical, whether to copy everything in the current directory into the container. If

inst/rang is detected in output\_dir, this is coerced to TRUE.

method character, can only be "auto", "evercran", "rocker", or "debian". Select which

base image is used. "auto" (the default) selects the best option based on the R

version. "evercran" is experimental.

... 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() and apptainerize() are more reasonable ways because a fresh R session with all system requirements is provided.

## 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(), use_rang()
```

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## **Examples**

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)

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```
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() and apptainerize() are more reasonable ways because a fresh R session with all system requirements is provided.

## Value

```
path, invisibly
```

# References

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

## See Also

```
generate_installation_order()
```

## **Examples**

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

generate\_installation\_order

Create a Data Frame of The Resolved Result This function exports the results from resolve() to a data frame, which each row represents one installation step. The order of rows is the installation order. By installing packages in the specified order, one can install all the resolved packages without conflicts.

## **Description**

Create a Data Frame of The Resolved Result This function exports the results from resolve() to a data frame, which each row represents one installation step. The order of rows is the installation order. By installing packages in the specified order, one can install all the resolved packages without conflicts.

## Usage

```
generate_installation_order(rang)
```

## **Arguments**

```
rang output from resolve()
```

## Value

A data frame ordered by installation order.

## References

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

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## **Examples**

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 resolve()

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

System requirements as Linux commands

r\_version The latest R version as of snapshot\_date

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## See Also

```
resolve()
```

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## **Examples**

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Recipes for Building Container Images

## **Description**

A list containing several useful recipes for container building. Useful for the post\_installation\_steps argument of dockerize(). Available recipes are:

- texlive: install pandoc and LaTeX, useful for rendering RMarkdown
- texlivefull: Similar to the above, but install the full distribution of TeX Live (~ 3GB)
- quarto: install quarto and tinytex
- clean: clean up the container image by removing cache
- make: install GNU make

# Usage

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## **Format**

An object of class list of length 5.

## **Examples**

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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

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 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

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## 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
                 The latest R version as of snapshot_date
r_version
```

## References

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#### See Also

```
dockerize()
```

## **Examples**

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use\_rang Setup rang for a directory

## Description

This usethis-style function adds the infrastructure in a directory (presumably with R scripts and data) for (re)constructing the computational environment. Specifically, this function inserts inst/rang into the directory, which contains all components for the reconstruction. Optionally, Makefile and . here are also inserted to ease the development of analytic code. By default, (re)running this function does not overwrite any file. One can change this by setting force to TRUE.

## Usage

```
use_rang(
  path = ".",
  add_makefile = TRUE,
  add_here = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  force = FALSE,
  apptainer = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

path character, path to the project root

add\_makefile logical, whether to insert a barebone Makefile in the project root.

add\_here logical, whether to insert a hidden .here file in the project root

verbose logical, whether to print out messages

force logical, whether to overwrite files (inst/rang/update.R, Makefile, .here) if

they exist.

apptainer logical, whether to use apptainer. FALSE indicates using Docker

#### **Details**

The infrastructure being added to your path consists of:

- inst/rang directory in the project root
- update. R file inside the directory
- .here in the project root (if add\_here is TRUE)
- Makefile in the project root (if add\_makefile is TRUE) You might need to edit update.R manually. The default is to scan the whole project for used R packages and assume they are either on CRAN or Bioconductor. If you have used other R packages, you might need to edit this manually.

#### Value

path, invisibly

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