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markdown-package	<i>Markdown rendering for R</i>
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Description

Markdown is a plain-text formatting syntax that can be converted to XHTML or other formats. This package provides wrapper functions (mainly `mark()`) based on the **commonmark** package.

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/rstudio/markdown>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/rstudio/markdown/issues>

html_format

R Markdown output formats

Description

Convenience functions for R Markdown v2 users.

Usage

```
html_format(  
  meta = NULL,  
  template = NULL,  
  options = NULL,  
  keep_md = FALSE,  
  keep_tex = FALSE,  
  latex_engine = "xelatex"  
)
```

```
latex_format(  
  meta = NULL,  
  template = NULL,  
  options = NULL,  
  keep_md = FALSE,  
  keep_tex = FALSE,  
  latex_engine = "xelatex"  
)
```

Arguments

meta, template, options

Arguments to be passed to [mark\(\)](#).

keep_md, keep_tex

Whether to keep the intermediate ‘.md’ and ‘.tex’ files generated from ‘.Rmd’.

latex_engine

The LaTeX engine to compile ‘.tex’ to ‘.pdf’. This argument and keep_tex are for latex_format() only, and ignored in html_format().

Details

We refer to this **markdown** package plus **knitr** as “R Markdown v1”, and the **rmarkdown** package as “R Markdown v2”. The former uses **commonmark** to convert Markdown, and the latter uses Pandoc. However, the latter also accept custom converting tools in addition to Pandoc. The output formats here provide the custom converting function `mark()` to **rmarkdown**, so that users can take advantage of `rmarkdown::render()` and the Knit button in RStudio. It is absolutely not necessary to rely on **rmarkdown**. The only point is convenience. If you do not use `rmarkdown::render()` or the Knit button, you can definitely just call `markdown::mark()` directly.

mark

Render Markdown to an output format

Description

Render Markdown to an output format via the **commonmark** package. The function `mark_html()` is a shorthand of `mark(format = 'html', template = TRUE)`, and `mark_latex()` is a shorthand of `mark(format = 'latex', template = TRUE)`.

Usage

```
mark(
  file = NULL,
  output = NULL,
  text = NULL,
  format = c("html", "latex"),
  options = NULL,
  template = FALSE,
  meta = list()
)

mark_html(..., template = TRUE)

mark_latex(..., template = TRUE)
```

Arguments

file	Path to an input file. If not provided, it is presumed that the <code>text</code> argument will be used instead. This argument can also take a character vector of Markdown text directly. To avoid ambiguity in the latter case, a single character string input will be treated as a file if the file exists. If a string should be treated as Markdown text when it happens to be a file path, wrap it in <code>I()</code> .
output	Output file path. If not character, the results will be returned as a character vector. If not specified and the input is a file path, the output file path will have the same base name as the input file, with an extension corresponding to the format argument, e.g., <code>mark('foo.md', format = 'latex')</code> will generate an output file <code>'foo.tex'</code> by default.

text	A character vector of the Markdown text. By default, it is read from file.
format	An output format supported by commonmark , e.g., 'html', 'man', and 'text', etc. See the <code>markdown_*</code> renderers in commonmark .
options	Options to be passed to the renderer. See <code>markdown_options()</code> for details. This argument can take either a character vector of the form "+option1 option2-option3" (use + or a space to enable an option, and - to disable an option), or a list of the form <code>list(option1 = value1, option2 = value2, ...)</code> . A string "+option1" is equivalent to <code>list(option1 = TRUE)</code> , and "-option2" means <code>list(option2 = FALSE)</code> . Options that do not take logical values must be specified via a list, e.g., <code>list(width = 30)</code> .
template	Path to a template file. The default value is <code>getOption('markdown.FORMAT.template', markdown::pkg_file('resources', 'markdown.FORMAT'))</code> where <code>FORMAT</code> is the output format name (html or latex). It can also take a logical value: <code>TRUE</code> means to use the default template, and <code>FALSE</code> means to generate only a fragment without using any template.
meta	A named list of metadata. Elements in the metadata will be used to fill out the template by their names and values, e.g., <code>list(title = ...)</code> will replace the <code>\$title\$</code> variable in the template. See the Section "YAML metadata" in the vignette <code>vignette('intro', package = 'markdown')</code> for supported variables.
...	Arguments to be passed to <code>mark()</code> .

Value

Invisible `NULL` when output is to a file, otherwise a character vector of the rendered output.

See Also

The spec of GitHub Flavored Markdown: <https://github.github.com/gfm/>

Examples

```
library(markdown)
mark(c("Hello _World!", "", "Welcome to **markdown**."))
# a few corner cases
mark(character(0))
mark("")
# if input happens to be a file path but should be treated as text, use I()
mark(I("This is *not* a file.md"))
# that's equivalent to
mark(text = "This is *not* a file.md")

mark_html("Hello _World!", template = FALSE)
# write HTML to an output file
mark_html("_Hello_, **World**!", output = tempfile())

mark_latex("Hello _World!", template = FALSE)
```

markdown_options	<i>Markdown rendering options</i>
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Description

A list of all options to control Markdown rendering. Options that are enabled by default are marked by a + prefix, and those disabled by default are marked by -.

Usage

```
markdown_options()
```

Details

See `vignette('intro', package = 'markdown')` for the full list of options and their documentation.

Value

A character vector of all available options.

Examples

```
# all available options
markdown::markdown_options()

library(markdown)

# toc example
mkd <- c("# Header 1", "p1", "## Header 2", "p2")

cat(mark(mkd, options = "+number_sections"))
cat(mark(mkd, options = "+number_sections+toc"))

# hard_wrap example
cat(mark("foo\nbar\n"))
cat(mark("foo\nbar\n", options = "hard_wrap"))

# latex math example
mkd <- c(
  "`$x` is inline math  $x!$ ", "", "Display style:", "", " $x + y$ ", "",
  "\\begin{eqnarray}
  a^2+b^2 & = & c^2\\\\
  \\sin^2(x)+\\cos^2(x) & = & 1
  \\end{eqnarray}"
)

cat(mark(mkd))
cat(mark(mkd, options = "-latex_math"))
```

```

# tables example (need 4 spaces at beginning of line here)
cat(mark("
First Header | Second Header
----- | -----
Content Cell | Content Cell
Content Cell | Content Cell
"))

# but not here
cat(mark("
First Header | Second Header
----- | -----
Content Cell | Content Cell
Content Cell | Content Cell
", options = '-table'))

# autolink example
cat(mark("https://www.r-project.org/"))
cat(mark("https://www.r-project.org/", options = "-autolink"))

# strikethrough example
cat(mark("~~awesome~~"))
cat(mark("~~awesome~~", options = "-strikethrough"))

# superscript and subscript examples
cat(mark("2^10^"))
cat(mark("2^10^", options = "-superscript"))
cat(mark("H~2~0"))
cat(mark("H~2~0", options = "-subscript"))

# code blocks
cat(mark('```r\n1 + 1;\n`'))
cat(mark('```{r}\n1 + 1;\n`'))
cat(mark('```{r .js}\n1 + 1;\n`'))
cat(mark('```{r .js #foo}\n1 + 1;\n`'))
cat(mark('```{r .js #foo style="color:red;"}\n1 + 1;\n`'))
cat(mark('```n`{r, echo=TRUE}\n1 + 1;\n`n`'))

# raw blocks
cat(mark('```{=html}\n<p>raw HTML</p>\n`'))
cat(mark('```{=latex}\n<p>raw HTML</p>\n`'))

# skip_html tags
mkd = '<style>a {}</style><script type="text/javascript">console.log("No!");</script>\n[Hello](#)'
cat(mark(mkd))
# TODO: wait for https://github.com/r-lib/commonmark/issues/15 to be fixed
# cat(mark(mkd, options = "tagfilter"))

```

Description

This function uploads an HTML file to rpubs.com. If the upload succeeds a list that includes an `id` and `continueUrl` is returned. A browser should be opened to the `continueUrl` to complete publishing of the document. If an error occurs then a diagnostic message is returned in the error element of the list.

Usage

```
rpubsUpload(
  title,
  htmlFile,
  id = NULL,
  properties = list(),
  method = getOption("rpubs.upload.method", "auto")
)
```

Arguments

<code>title</code>	The title of the document.
<code>htmlFile</code>	The path to the HTML file to upload.
<code>id</code>	If this upload is an update of an existing document then the <code>id</code> parameter should specify the document id to update. Note that the <code>id</code> is provided as an element of the list returned by successful calls to <code>rpubsUpload</code> .
<code>properties</code>	A named list containing additional document properties (RPubs doesn't currently expect any additional properties, this parameter is reserved for future use).
<code>method</code>	Method to be used for uploading. "internal" uses a plain http socket connection; "curl" uses the curl binary to do an https upload; "rcurl" uses the RCurl package to do an https upload; and "auto" uses the best available method searched for in the following order: "curl", "rcurl", and then "internal". The global default behavior can be configured by setting the <code>rpubs.upload.method</code> option (the default is "auto").

Value

A named list. If the upload was successful then the list contains a `id` element that can be used to subsequently update the document as well as a `continueUrl` element that provides a URL that a browser should be opened to in order to complete publishing of the document. If the upload fails then the list contains an error element which contains an explanation of the error that occurred.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# upload a document
result <- rpubsUpload("My document title", "Document.html")
if (!is.null(result$continueUrl))
  browseURL(result$continueUrl) else stop(result$error)

# update the same document with a new title
```



```
updateResult <- rpubsUpload("My updated title", "Document.html", result$id)
## End(Not run)
```

smartypants *Convert some ASCII strings to HTML entities*

Description

Transform ASCII strings (c) (copyright), (r) (registered trademark), (tm) (trademark), and fractions n/m into *smart* typographic HTML entities.

Usage

```
smartypants(text)
```

Arguments

text A character vector of the Markdown text.

Value

A character vector of the transformed text.

Examples

```
cat(smartypants("1/2 (c)\n"))
```

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