

Package ‘pakret’

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Title Cite 'R' Packages on the Fly in 'R Markdown' and 'Quarto'

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Description References and cites 'R' and 'R' packages on the fly in 'R Markdown' and 'Quarto'. 'pakret' provides a minimalist API that generates preformatted citations for 'R' and 'R' packages, and adds their references to a '.bib' file directly from within your document.

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<https://github.com/arnaudgallou/pakret>

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pkrt	<i>Cite R or an R package</i>
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Description

Creates a preformatted citation for R or an R package. This function is normally used within an R Markdown or Quarto document, where `pkrt()` automatically references the cited package to the first (by default) `.bib` file specified in the YAML header if no reference for the package already exists.

Usage

```
pkrt(pkg)
```

Arguments

pkg	Name of the package to cite. You can use "R" as an alias for the base package to cite R.
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Value

A character string with S3 class `AsIs`.

Examples

```
pkrt("pakret")
```

```
pkrt("R")
```

pkrt_list	<i>Cite a collection of R packages</i>
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Description

Creates a list of package citations that can be converted into a character string or data frame. This function is normally used within an R Markdown or Quarto document, where `pkrt_list()` automatically references the cited packages in the first (by default) `.bib` file specified in the YAML header if no reference for the packages already exists.

Usage

```
pkrt_list(...)
```

Arguments

...	Character vectors, separated by commas, of packages to cite.
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Details

This function automatically discards duplicate and base packages. You can use `pkrt_list()` in combination with `renv::dependencies()` to cite all the packages used in a project or directory.

Value

A list of package citations with S3 class `pkrt_list`.

Examples

```
# Create a list of citations
citations <- pkrt_list("pakret", "readr", "knitr")

# You can then turn the citations into a character string
# Note that this is done automatically in inline chunks
paste(citations, collapse = ", ")

# Or a data frame
as.data.frame(citations)
```

pkrt_set

Configure pakret's settings

Description

This function lets you configure pakret's settings, for example, to customize citation templates or specify which `.bib` file should store the references.

Usage

```
pkrt_set(...)
```

Arguments

... Key-value pairs, separated by commas, of parameters to set. See details.

Details

Valid parameters are:

- **bib** <character|numeric> = 1L Name or index of the `.bib` file to save references to.
- **pkg** <character> = "the ':pkg' package version :ver [:ref]" Template used to cite a package.
- **pkg_list** <character> = "' :pkg' v. :ver [:ref]" Template used in `pkrt_list()`.
- **r** <character> = "R version :ver [:ref]" Template used to cite R.
- **sep** <character> = ", " Separator used between packages in inline chunks.

- **sep_last** <character> = ", and " Separator used between the last two packages in inline chunks.

New settings only apply to citations that come after `pkrt_set()`. This means you can redefine the same settings multiple times in the same document to alter pakret's behavior for a few specific citations only.

Use `NULL` to reset a parameter to its default value.

Value

This function is called for its side-effect. It returns no value.

Examples

```
pkrt_set(pkg = "*:pkg* :ver :ref")
pkrt("pakret")
```

```
# `NULL` resets parameters to their default value
pkrt_set(pkg = NULL)
pkrt("pakret")
```

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