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CRAN directory structure

```

/root
/---/src/contrib/
/---/src/contrib/PACKAGES(?\.rds|.gz)
/---/src/contrib/microCRAN_v1.0.0.tar.gz
/---/src/contrib/4.0/PACKAGES
/---/src/contrib/4.1/PACKAGES
/---/src/contrib/4.2/PACKAGES
/---/src/contrib/4.3/PACKAGES
/---/bin/windows/contrib/4.0/PACKAGES
/---/bin/windows/contrib/4.0/microCRAN_v1.0.0.zip
/---/bin/windows/contrib/4.1/PACKAGES
/---/bin/windows/contrib/4.2/PACKAGES
/---/bin/windows/contrib/4.3/PACKAGES
/---/bin/macosx/contrib/4.0/PACKAGES
/---/bin/macosx/contrib/4.0/microCRAN_v1.0.0.tgz
/---/bin/macosx/contrib/4.1/PACKAGES
/---/bin/macosx/contrib/4.2/PACKAGES
/---/bin/macosx/contrib/4.3/PACKAGES

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addPackage	<i>Adds a package-file to the repository</i>
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Description

Methods for taking a file (".tar.gz", ".zip", ".tgz") and placing it in the repository, all locally.

Usage

```
addPackage(  
  fn,  
  type = c("source", "mac.binary", "win.binary"),  
  repo_dir,  
  is.new = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments

fn	Path to package
type	Type of package, see explanation in section "Binary packages" in utils::install.packages() .
repo_dir	Path to local directory, where the root of the repository is. The (source) packages will be stored locally at {repo_dir}/src/contrib/.
is.new	Logical, if TRUE, it causes an error if the file

Value

Invisibly returns the number of packages described in the resulting 'PACKAGES', 'PACKAGES.gz' and 'PACKAGES.rds' files. If 0, no packages were found and no files were written.

See Also

[miniCRAN::addLocalPackage\(\)](#), [tools::write_PACKAGES\(\)](#)

Examples

```
f <- system.file('extdata/microCRAN_0.1.0.zip', package = 'microCRAN', mustWork = TRUE)  
root <- tempdir()  
addPackage(f, type = 'win.binary', repo_dir = root)
```

build	<i>Build and start the microCRAN site</i>
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Description

build creates the [Plumber-router](#) and run starts the service.

Usage

```
build(
  repo_dir,
  url_path,
  redirect_url,
  title,
  description,
  contact,
  license,
  tos
)

run(pr, host = "127.0.0.1", port = 1881, url_path, ...)
```

Arguments

repo_dir	Path to local directory, where the root of the repository is. The (source) packages will be stored locally at {repo_dir}/src/contrib/.
url_path	Optional prefix to endpoint. The CRAN repository will be available at e.g. <code>http://127.0.0.1:port/path_prefix/</code> with the "contrib.url" as <code>http://127.0.0.1:port/path_pre</code>
redirect_url	Url, if supplied, requests to static assets (package files, etc.) are redirected to another service instead of being handled by cran_static_path_handler . It can be beneficial to let e.g. an Apache httpd service handle those.
title, description, contact, license, tos	Descriptions of the API. Some defaults are used, see section below or https://www.rplumber.io/articles/annotations.html .
pr	A Plumber-router , e.g. as returned from build.
host	A string that is a valid IPv4 or IPv6 address that is owned by this server, which the application will listen on. "0.0.0.0" represents all IPv4 addresses and "::/0" represents all IPv6 addresses.
port	A number or integer that indicates the server port that should be listened on. Note that on most Unix-like systems including Linux and Mac OS X, port numbers smaller than 1025 require root privileges.
...	Additional arguments passed on to plumber::pr_run() .
run	Logical, should the method run the site immediately?

Details

Point `repo_dir` to your *local* filesystem. If the (sub-)directory does not exist, it will be created when an R-package is added through the corresponding endpoint.

Value

A new [Plumber-router](#) object.

API Descriptions

The fields `title`, `description`, `contact`, `license`, and `tos` are used for describing the API in the resulting Swagger-documents. These follow the OpenAPI type descriptions, see <https://spec.openapis.org/oas/v3.0.3#info-object>.

Field name	Type	Description
<code>title</code>	string	The title of the API.
<code>description</code>	string	A short description of the API.
<code>tos</code>	string	A URL to the Terms of Service for the API.
<code>contact</code>	list	A "Contact Object", i.e., list-object with fields "name", "url" and "email".
<code>license</code>	list	A "License Object", i.e., list-object with fields "name" and "url".
<code>version</code>	string	The version of the API.

cran_static_path_handler

Handler for package repository files

Description

Creates handler for handling access to static files in the repository, i.e., the `src/contrib`, `bin/windows/contrib`, and `bin/macosx/contrib` subdirectories.

Use [cran_static_redirect_handler](#) to let another process (e.g. an Apache httpd or nginx server) handle the request, by redirecting it.

Usage

```
cran_static_path_handler(repo_dir, path_prefix = NULL)
```

```
cran_static_redirect_handler(dest_url)
```

Arguments

`repo_dir` Path to local directory, where the root of the repository is. The (source) packages will be stored locally at `{repo_dir}/src/contrib/`.

`path_prefix` Optional URL-component, if the repository exists at a subdirectory of the host (see [run](#)'s path). Here, it is only for decorative purposes.

`dest_url` The url requests are forwarded to, after being appened with the request; it should contain all path-components up to the `'/src'` or `'/bin'` parts.

Value

A handler (function) for use in a Plumber router "filter" .

Examples

```
require(plumber)
pr() |>
  pr_filter('static',
    cran_static_path_handler(repo_dir, path_prefix = 'cran'))
pr() |>
  pr_filter('redirect',
    cran_static_redirect_handler("http://my.local.cran:80/cran"))
```

`directory_listing` *Directory listing*

Description

Creates a simple HTML page with table of all files and subdirectories. May throw a 403 or 404 code.

Usage

```
directory_listing(req, res, path, path_prefix)
```

```
directory_listing_html(path, url_path, add_dir = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>req, res</code>	A "request"- and "response"-object, respectively
<code>path</code>	Path to directory to list
<code>path_prefix</code>	Optional URL-component, if the repository exists at a subdirectory of the host (see run 's path). Here, it is only for decorative purposes.
<code>url_path</code>	The entire, relative path, that is displayed to end user in the URL.
<code>add_dir</code>	Logical, if the requested URL does not end with a <code>'/'</code> , set this to <code>TRUE</code> , else all links will point to the parent directory.

Value

`directory_listing` returns the response-object. `directory_listing_html` returns a HTML-string with the entire page.

Description

A Dockerfile with an `init-script` is installed with this package, which can be used for running a Docker container with this package.

The path to the directory with the file can be found by running

```
system.file('docker/', package = 'microCRAN', mustWork = TRUE)
```

Running

To run, place `microCRAN`'s source-tarball in the build directory with the Dockerfile.

Enable `BuildKit` and build the image:

```
DOCKER_BUILDKIT=1 docker build .
```

The build-process will automatically install any source-tarballed R-package that is located in the build-context (i.e. directory with the Dockerfile).

Start the container. Remember to map the port and the directory for the repository, else the repository is lost if the container is restarted. See the list below for variables to use.

```
docker run -d -v /data/my_local_cran:/var/cran -p 1881:1881 -e CRAN_DIR=/var/cran <microcran-image>
```

`CRAN_HOST` Host for the service to listen to. See also [plumber::pr_run](#).

`CRAN_PORT` Port to listen on. Defaults to 1881.

`CRAN_DIR` Path to root of local directory where the repository's files are stored.

`CRAN_URL_PATH` Absolute path to the repository, as seen from the client.

`CRAN_REDIRECT_URL` If static files should be served by something else.

See Also

[build\(\)](#), [plumber::pr_run](#)

pr_add_package	<i>Plumber route for adding package to repository</i>
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Description

Creates a [Plumber route](#) that handles an incoming R-package. Use rather [build\(\)](#) to build the entire API.

Usage

```
pr_add_package(pr, path = "/add", repo_dir)
```

Arguments

pr	A Plumber router-object
path	The path to the endpoint
repo_dir	Path to local directory, where the root of the repository is. The (source) packages will be stored locally at {repo_dir}/src/contrib/.

Value

NULL invisibly; called to modify the response.

See Also

[build\(\)](#), [plumber::pr_post](#)

read_DESCRIPTION_zip	<i>Read DESCRIPTION file from package</i>
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Description

Read DESCRIPTION file from package

Usage

```
read_DESCRIPTION_zip(fn)
```

```
read_DESCRIPTION_tar(fn)
```

Arguments

fn	Path to either zip, tar.gz or tgz file.
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Value

List-object with contents of DESCRIPTION file.

Examples

```
package <- system.file('extdata/microCRAN_0.1.0.zip',  
  package='microCRAN', mustWork=TRUE)  
read_DESCRIPTION_zip(package)
```

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