



R PACKAGE DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION

Elements of
Validation

Welcome

- {valtools} infrastructure
- Elements of Validation
- Reports



THE SETUP

{valtools} infrastructure

- report .RMD
- validation folder
 - validation components
 - validation.yml
 - Working directory
 - Output directory
 - Users
 - Ordering of validation child files
 - [optional] change log
- [as needed] .gitignore, .here

```
· | - validation
· | · | - requirements/
· | · | - test_cases/
· | · | - test_code/
· | · | - validation.yml
· | · | - change_log.md
· | · | - .gitignore
· | ·
· | - validation.Rmd
```



THE ELEMENTS

Validation Components

“confirmation by examination and provision of objective evidence that software specifications conform to user needs and intended uses, and that the particular requirements implemented through software can be consistently fulfilled.”

Validation Components – what needs to be authored?

- Requirements
- Test Cases
- Test Code

Validation Reporting – what can be tracked by automating?

- Authorship
- Most recent edit dates
- Testing environment
- Test results

Requirements - vt_use_req()

- Key Arguments
 - name,
 - username
- Name – requirement name
- Username – Person's name writing requirement
- Markdown document with proper roxygen headers
 - Editor
 - editDate
 - riskAssessment

Test Cases - vt_use_test_case()

- Key Arguments
 - name,
 - username
- Name – requirement name
- Username – Person's name writing test case
- Markdown document with proper roxygen headers
 - Editor
 - editDate
 - coverage

Test Code - vt_use_test_code()

- Key Arguments
 - name,
 - username
- Name – requirement name
- Username – Person's name writing test code
- Markdown document with proper roxygen headers
 - Editor
 - editDate

Users

- valtools tracks users and their roles in the validation.yml file
- If a user creates a file not seen before, prompted for their user information
- Manually add a person via **vt_add_user_to_config()**
 - Need: username, name, role, title

```
> vt_add_user_to_config(username = "ellis_h")
```

Please supply some information for recording users within the package.

Note, that this information can be updated at any time though

```
`vt_add_user_to_config()`
```

Please provide the name of the person associated with the username

`ellis_h` and press `Enter`.

Name: Ellis Hughes

Please provide the title of the person associated with the username

`ellis_h` and press `Enter`.

Title: Programmer

Please provide the role of the person for this validation associated with the username `ellis_h` and press `Enter`:

Role: validation Lead

User `ellis_h` added to validation config file.

```
>
```

vt_use_* prompting

```
> vt_use_req("requirement_001")
Item created:requirements/requirement_001.md
User `ehhughes` does not exist in the config file
Add user to config file?
[Y/n]: Y
Please supply some information for recording users within the package.
Note, that this information can be updated at any time though
`vt_add_user_to_config()`

Please provide the name of the person associated with the username
`ehhughes` and press `Enter`.
Name: Ellis Hughes

Please provide the title of the person associated with the username
`ehhughes` and press `Enter`.
Title: Programmer

Please provide the role of the person for this validation associated with
the username `ehhughes` and press `Enter`:
Role: Requirements writer

User `ehhughes` added to validation config file.
Filename(s): requirement_001.md added to validation config file.
* Modify 'C:/Users/ehhughes/Documents/Projects/R PACKAGE VALIDATION FRAMEWORK/test1234/vig
nettes/validation/requirements/requirement_001.md'
> |
```



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REPORT

Creating the validation report Rmd

- `vt_use_report()`
- Creates report from template with suggested contents
- Adds dependencies to package DESCRIPTION
- Two templates included: full validation report and a requirements approval report

Report basics

- Rmarkdown
- Scrapes information saved across various files
- Produces kables
- Reads in the validation child files and parses them based on order in validation.yml

Validation Report Helpers

- `vt_path()`
 - `here::here()`, but for validation contents
- `vt_file()`
 - Renders contents based on extensions
 - Rmd parsed
 - Test code executed and results captured
 - Any other file contents are printed

Child Files

- Validation Report contains pointers for repeated evaluation across different validation environments
- Order of child files can be specified by validation.yml
 - Default is grouped by “requirements”, “test_cases”, “test_code” and then alphabetically
 - Control via vt_get_child_files()
- vt_add_file_to_config() & vt_drop_file_from_config()
 - Specify validation file (req, test case, test code)
 - Specify which file to add after/before using tidyselect syntax
 - Files added by default to the end by vt_use_*

Rendering Reports

- `vt_validate_report()` executes the Rmd and saves output
- Serves as “snapshot” in time



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EXERCISE 4 TASK B



REPORT ORDERING

Validation Reporting Order–

How does valtools know the order to report everything

- validation.yml
- Updated as vt_use_* called
 - On creation call, can set location
 - Edit yml directly or relocate through:
 - vt_drop_file_from_config()
 - Vt_add_file_to_config()



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EXERCISE 4 TASK C