## Package 'LinkIt'

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| Description   |  |
| Record linkage de   | escription.  |
| Usage   |  |
| FastFuzzyMatch  | (x,y,by,)  |
| Arguments   |  |
| x, y  | data frames to be merged   |
| by, by.x, by.y  | specifications of the columns used for merging.  |
| fuzzy_step  | A Boolean (T/F) indicating whether an additional pre-processing step with the LinkedThem database. Default option is TRUE. |
| control   | A list specifying how to process the alias text. See "Details".  |

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## **Details**

LinkIt can automatically process the alias text for each dataset. In 'Control', users can specify the following options.

Set 'RemoveCommonWords' to TRUE to remove common words (those appearing in > 10% of aliases).

Set 'NormalizeSpaces' to TRUE to remove hanging whitespaces.

Set 'RemovePunctuation' to TRUE to remove punctuation.

Set 'ToLower' to TRUE to ignore case.

Set 'PreprocessingFuzzyThreshold' to some number between 0 and 1 to specify the threshold for the pre-processing fuzzy matching step.

## Value

z The merged data frame.

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