marshal: Saving and Loading Objects that Otherwise Cannot be Saved or Exported to Parallel Workers

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1. Easy Task: Git and R package testing

Fork the marshal repository and build the package and check it with both devtools::check() and R CMD check --as-cran.

The devtools way -

Each repository has its own way to install a package from them, devtools packages helps to simplify this process. For example install_github() use to install packages from GitHub.

To install Marshal package available at <u>GitHub</u>, type devtools::install_github("HenrikBengtsson/marshal") onto R command prompt It will downlaoad the repository into temprary folder and proceed with installaation. Other way is to cd into you self git clone repository and run devtools::install() Output will look like this -

To run the test cases located at marshal/test we use devtools::check() function from devtools package.

Output will look like this -

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^ _ D X
                                                            R 121x38
Updating marshal documentation
 Loading marshal
Setting env vars:
           : -Wall -pedantic -fdiagnostics-color=always

    CFLAGS

 CXXFLAGS : -Wall -pedantic -fdiagnostics-color=always
 CXX11FLAGS: -Wall -pedantic -fdiagnostics-color=always
  checking for file '/home/damodar/gsoc/marshal/DESCRIPTION' (588ms)
  checking DESCRIPTION meta-information
  checking for LF line-endings in source and make files and shell scripts
  checking for empty or unneeded directories
  building 'marshal_0.0.0-9000.tar.gz'
Setting env vars:
_R_CHECK_CRAN_INCOMING_USE_ASPELL_: TRUE
 _R_CHECK_CRAN_INCOMING_REMOTE_ : FALSE
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 _R_CHECK_CRAN_INCOMING_
                                    : FALSE
 _R_CHECK_FORCE_SUGGESTS_

    NOT_CRAN

  using log directory '/tmp/RtmpqHA8BT/marshal.Rcheck' (376ms)
  using R version 4.0.4 (2021-02-15)
  using platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
  using session charset: UTF-8
  using options '--no-manual --as-cran'
  checking for file 'marshal/DESCRIPTION'
  this is package 'marshal' version '0.0.0-9000'
  package encoding: UTF-8
  checking package namespace information ...
  checking package dependencies (4.4s)
  checking if this is a source package
  checking if there is a namespace
  checking for executable files ...
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^ _ D X
                                                          R 121x38
Found the following hidden files and directories:
  .github
These were most likely included in error. See section 'Package
structure' in the 'Writing R Extensions' manual.
checking for portable file names
checking for sufficient/correct file permissions
checking whether package 'marshal' can be installed (3.3s)
checking installed package size ... OK
checking package directory ... checking for future file timestamps (2.7s)
checking DESCRIPTION meta-information (538ms)
Non-standard file/directory found at top level:
  'Makefile'
checking for left-over files
checking index information
checking package subdirectories ...
checking R files for non-ASCII characters ...
checking R files for syntax errors ...
checking whether the package can be loaded ...
checking whether the package can be loaded with stated dependencies ...
checking whether the package can be unloaded cleanly ...
checking whether the namespace can be loaded with stated dependencies ...
checking whether the namespace can be unloaded cleanly ...
checking loading without being on the library search path ...
checking dependencies in R code ...
checking S3 generic/method consistency (1.2s)
checking replacement functions ...
checking foreign function calls ...
checking R code for possible problems (2.6s)
checking Rd files ...
checking Rd metadata ...
checking Rd line widths ...
checking Rd cross-references (348ms)
checking for missing documentation entries ...
checking for code/documentation mismatches (530ms)
checking Rd \usage sections (1.3s)
checking Rd contents ...
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^ _ D X
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  checking foreign function calls ...
  checking R code for possible problems (2.6s)
  checking Rd files ...
  checking Rd metadata ...
  checking Rd line widths ...
  checking Rd cross-references (348ms)
  checking for missing documentation entries ...
  checking for code/documentation mismatches (530ms)
  checking Rd \usage sections (1.3s)
  checking Rd contents ...
  checking for unstated dependencies in examples ...
  checking line endings in Makefiles
  checking for GNU extensions in Makefiles
  checking include directives in Makefiles
  checking examples ... NONE
  checking for non-standard things in the check directory
  checking for detritus in the temp directory
    '/tmp/RtmpqHA8BT/marshal.Rcheck/00check.log'
   for details.
Duration: 21s
 Found the following hidden files and directories:
   .github
 These were most likely included in error. See section 'Package
 structure' in the 'Writing R Extensions' manual.
 Non-standard file/directory found at top level:
    'Makefile'
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R CMD check way -

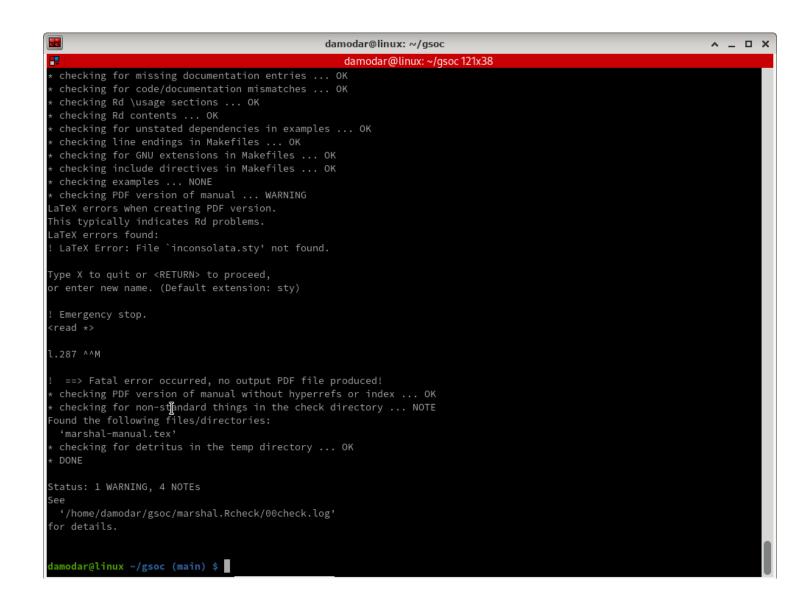
R CMD check runs all sorts of checks on the contents of an R package, and gives warnings and error messages when it finds things that aren't right. It also will run the examples in the .Rd files for each of your functions, as well as other automated tests that we've included. First we need to build package file which in this case by running `R CMD build marshal`. And then to verify the fucntionalities of package, run `R CMD check --as-cran marshal_0.0.0-9000.tar.gz`.

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damodar@linux: ~/gsoc
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                                                   damodar@linux: ~/gsoc 121x38
damodar@linux ~/gsoc (main) $ R CMD build marshal
 checking for file 'marshal/DESCRIPTION' ... OK
 preparing 'marshal':
 checking DESCRIPTION meta-information ... OK
 checking for LF line-endings in source and make files and shell scripts
 checking for empty or unneeded directories
 building 'marshal_0.0.0-9000.tar.gz'
<mark>damodar@linux ~/gsoc (main) $</mark> R CMD check --as-cran marshal_0.0.0-9000.tar.gz
using log directory '/home/damodar/gsoc/marshal.Rcheck'
using R version 4.0.4 (2021-02-15)
using platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)

    using session charset: UTF-8

using option '--as-cran'
checking for file 'marshal/DESCRIPTION' ... OK
this is package 'marshal' version '0.0.0-9000'
* package encoding: UTF-8
 checking CRAN incoming feasibility ... NOTE
Maintainer: 'Henrik Bengtsson <henrikb@braju.com>'
New submission
Version contains large components (0.0.0-9000)
 checking package namespace information ... OK
 checking package dependencies ... OK
checking if this is a source package ... OK
checking if there is a namespace ... OK
checking for executable files ... OK
checking for hidden files and directories ... NOTE
Found the following hidden files and directories:
 .github
These were most likely included in error. See section 'Package
structure' in the 'Writing R Extensions' manual.
CRAN-pack does not know about
 .github
 checking for portable file names ... OK
  checking for sufficient/correct file permissions ... OK
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damodar@linux: ~/gsoc
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                                                  damodar@linux: ~/gsoc 121x38
* checking whether package 'marshal' can be installed ... OK
 checking installed package size ... OK
 checking package directory ... OK
 checking for future file timestamps ... OK
 checking DESCRIPTION meta-information ... OK
 checking top-level files ... NOTE
Files 'README.md' or 'NEWS.md' cannot be checked without 'pandoc' being installed.
Non-standard file/directory found at top level:
  'Makefile'
 checking for left-over files ... OK
 checking index information ... OK
 checking package subdirectories ... OK
 checking R files for non-ASCII characters ... OK
 checking R files for syntax errors ... OK
 checking whether the package can be loaded ... OK
 checking whether the package can be loaded with stated dependencies ... OK
 checking whether the package can be unloaded cleanly ... OK
 checking whether the namespace can be loaded with stated dependencies ... OK
 checking whether the namespace can be unloaded cleanly ... OK
 checking loading without being on the library search path ... OK
 checking use of S3 registration ... OK
 checking dependencies in R code ... OK
 checking S3 generic/method consistency ... OK
 checking replacement functions ... OK
 checking foreign function calls ... OK
 checking R code for possible problems ... OK
 checking Rd files ... OK
 checking Rd metadata ... OK
 checking Rd line widths ... OK
 checking Rd cross-references ... OK
 checking for missing documentation entries ... OK
 checking for code/documentation mismatches ... OK
 checking Rd \usage sections ... OK
 checking Rd contents ... OK
 checking for unstated dependencies in examples ... OK
 checking line endings in Makefiles ... OK
 checking for GNU extensions in Makefiles ... OK
  checking include directives in Makefiles ... OK
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Reference -

https://kbroman.org/pkg_primer/pages/build.html https://kbroman.org/pkg_primer/pages/check.html

2. Easy: Prototyping in R

- 2.a WriteXML_serialize_refhook()and XML_unserialize_refhook() functions that are simple wrappers that calls XML::xmlSerializeHook() and XML::xmlDeserializeHook() internally such that they can be used in place of the latter two function.
- 2.b Write a package help page with an example illustrating how to use your new functions for saving and reading XML objects to file.
- 2.c Try to make the package passes R CMD check will all OKs.