

# Package ‘alluseful’

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**Description** This is a personal package created to contain all the useful elements I need for effective coding. It contains functions to set up my rstudio IDE how I like, personalised themes, templates for scripts, packages etc. It is not intended for distribution or use by anyone else.

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| useful_add_themes | <i>Add my rstudio themes</i> |
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**Description**

Function to add my rstudio themes from within this package.

**Usage**

```
useful_add_themes()
```

**Value**

themes added to the rstudio api

**Author(s)**

Josh Moatt

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| useful_connect_github | <i>Connect RStudio to your GitHub account</i> |
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**Description**

This is a simple function which connect RStudio to GitHub, allowing you to work on GitHub repositories. This is an essential part of Reproducible Analytical Pipelines and best practice for coding.

**Usage**

```
useful_connect_github(defra = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

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| defra | default TRUE. If TRUE will set the defra proxy in the terminal (needed for linking to github) |
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**Details**

This is a simple function which will set you GitHub credentials and Personal Access Token (PAT) and connect RStudio to GitHub. This is essential if you want to work in RStudio in projects/repos stored on GitHub.

It uses `system()` to run the necessary code in the terminal to set your credentials, and `gitcreds_set()` and `set_github_pat()` from the `gitcreds` and `credentials` packages to connect your RStudio to GitHub.

`gitcreds_set()` is an interactive function and will prompt users for input. To replace existing credentials/PAT choose option 2. You will then be prompted for you PAT. PAT should be changed every 30 days to ensure security.

Note: For this function to work you must:

- have git installed on your local machine
- have a GitHub account
- have created a Personal Access Token (PAT) on GitHub.

Guidance on how to create a PAT can be found here: [ADD LINK](#).

### Value

GitHub credentials and PAT set

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| useful_gitignore | <i>Create a gitignore file based on the my template</i> |
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### Description

Use this function to create a gitignore for a project.

### Usage

```
useful_gitignore(type = "default", file_path = NULL, custom_txt = NULL)
```

### Arguments

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| type       | description controlling which gitignore is added. "default" will add the standard template. "custom" will enable the user to provide a custom template via custom_txt. |
| file_path  | optional argument allowing users to specify file path where gitignore should be created. If not entered, will default to current project/working directory.            |
| custom_txt | optional argument allowing users to provide their own gitignore template. Must be provided as a string. Only used if type set to "custom".                             |

### Details

This function will create a gitignore for a project using a pre-defined template.

Used as default, it will automatically add the data and output folders (as created in the project template). This is to ensure no restricted data or unpublished results are accidentally pushed to GitHub.

Alternatively, a custom gitignore can be provided by setting type to "custom" and providing a custom template to custom\_txt as a string.

Note it will replace any existing .gitignore files present in the project already.

### Value

A gitignore file is added to the project.

useful\_lighttheme\_addin

*Apply my rstudio themes via addins*

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### Description

Addins to apply my rstudio themes

### Usage

useful\_lighttheme\_addin()

useful\_darktheme\_addin()

useful\_greentheme\_addin()

useful\_randomtheme\_addin()

### Value

themes added to the rstudio api

### Author(s)

Josh Moatt

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useful\_proj\_template    *Function for RStudio project template*

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### Description

This is a function that is called in the "New project" viewer pane when the user chooses the useful project template. It should not be used away from the RStudio "New project" viewer.

I have not included additional information on how to use this function, as it is not intended to be used outside the template call.

To subsequently link this to a github repo, the best plan is to use [fs\\_use\\_github\(\)](#).

### Usage

useful\_proj\_template(path, ...)

### Author(s)

Josh Moatt

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| useful_readme | Create a README using my template |
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### Description

Use this function to create a README for a project.

### Usage

```
useful_readme(  
  format = c("markdown", "github", "html"),  
  file_path = NULL,  
  readme_title = NULL  
)
```

### Arguments

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| format       | controls the output format of the README. Default is "markdown", but can be "html" or "github". |
| file_path    | string containing file path where README will be saved.   |
| readme_title | string containing README title. If no string provided will be set to "README (edit title)".     |

### Details

This function will create a README for a project using a pre-defined template. The function will create a Quarto (.qmd) file and do a first render producing a desired output.

The output type can be controlled using the format option (default is markdown). Can also be html or github (gfm).

### Value

Output is a .qmd file containing the desired README template and an initial render of the README in the desired output.

### Author(s)

Josh Moatt

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| useful_roxygen_addin | Addin to open new script with roxygen template |
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### Description

This addin will open a new blank R script which is populated with a standard roxygen header.

### Usage

```
useful_roxygen_addin()
```

**Details**

This addin will create a new blank script that is populated with standard roxygen header.

Addins must use the `rstudioapi` package. This addin uses the `documentNew()` function from the `rstudioapi` package to open the new R script.

Note: this opens an normal untitled script. It must be manually saved in the correct directory.

**Value**

A script will open in RStudio.

**Author(s)**

Josh Moatt

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`useful_rstudio_setup`    *Apply my preffered RStudio settings and layout.*

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**Description**

This function will change the settings and layout of RStudio to my usual preferences. This has the source pane on the left, the console and terminal on the top right and all others on the bottom right. It also applies my usual global options (E.g. rainbow bracketds, hexcode preview on etc).

**Usage**

```
useful_rstudio_setup()
```

**Value**

RStudio configured to my settings

**Author(s)**

Josh Moatt

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`useful_script`    *Create a new script with my header.*

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**Description**

This function will create a new script with my header added.

**Usage**

```
useful_script(
  file_name = NULL,
  file_path = NULL,
  project = NULL,
  date = format(Sys.Date(), "%d/%m/%Y")
)
```

**Arguments**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| file_name | string containing desired name for script.  |
| file_path | string containing folder name to save script. This is built on the here function in R, so will follow your root directory. If you want to save in a sub-folder, enter the full folder sequence, e.g. "folder/sub-folder". |
| date      | string containing a date. By default, this will be set as today's date.   |

**Value**

An R script will be saved in the root directory or in the specified folder.

**Author(s)**

Josh Moatt

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useful\_script\_addin     *Addin to open new script with my template*

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**Description**

This addin will open a new blank R script which is populated with my header.

**Usage**

```
useful_script_addin()
```

**Details**

This addin will create a new blank script that is populated with my template header.

Addins must use the rstudioapi package. This addin uses the `documentNew()` function from the rstudioapi package to open the new R script.

Note: this opens an normal untitled script. It must be manually saved in the correct directory.

**Value**

A script will open in RStudio.

**Author(s)**

Josh Moatt

useful\_script\_template

*Create an default R script template.*

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## Description

This function can be used to create a default R script template. All scripts opened from this point will have this template applied as a header.

## Usage

```
useful_script_template(  
  format = c("mine", "custom", "manual_edit", "blank"),  
  template = NULL  
)
```

## Arguments

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| format   | what format the template will take. There are four options: "mine" (my default template), "custom" will apply a custom template (provided as a string), "manual_edit" will open the template so you can manually edit the template, and "blank" can be used to remove all pre-existing templates. Note: manual edit can also be used to edit existing templates. |
| template | default is NULL, only used if format = "custom". Used to provide custom template design. Must be provided as a string. Must be provided if using format = "custom" or the function will return an error.   |

## Details

This function is used to create a new template for R scripts. This will be the default that all subsequent R scripts opened will contain. By doing this it should be easier to follow best practice and properly comment all scripts you create.

The default is stored in the appdata folder on your c drive: "~/AppData/Roaming/RStudio". It will create a "templates" folder where the default will be stored.

The function has various ways it can work which will give you the ability to create whatever header template you wish. It has four ways formatting options:

- mine
- custom
- manual\_edit
- blank

"mine" will pre-load the default script with my template.

"custom" will allow you to provide your own custom template as a string, which will then be added to the default.

"manual" will allow you to manually edit the default template. It will open it in your R studio window and manual edits can be saved. Note, this can also be used to tweak a pre-existing template (e.g. to add your name and email to all scripts).

"blank" will delete the default R script and template. This returns R back to normal, and any script opened subsequently will be blank.



**Value**

New .R file created at "~/AppData/Roaming/RStudio/templates/default.R" containing the script template

**Author(s)**

Josh Moatt

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| useful_use_github | <i>Create a GitHub repository from local project.</i> |
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**Description**

This simple function will turn your local R project into a git repo, then create a repo on GitHub and perform the initial set up and commit.

Note: by default creates a private repo to ensure security. Can be change if the repo needs to be public. Can also be done in GitHub at a later date.

**Usage**

```
useful_use_github(message = "Initial commit", private = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| message | initial commit message. Default is "Initial commit". |
| private | if TRUE creates private repo.                        |

**Details**

This function will take an existing R project on you local machine, turn it into a git repo and create a GitHub repository. It will do the following:

- add a gitignore
- initialise the git repo
- stage any uncommitted files
- commit the files
- create a GitHub repo
- restart RStudio to activate the git pane in R

The gitignore is added using the `useful_gitignore()` function within this package.

The repo initialisation, staging and committing is all done using the `gert` package.

Creating the GitHub repo uses the `use_github()` function from the `usethis` package.

For this function to work you must:

- have git installed on your machine
- have a GitHub account
- have your GitHub credentials entered into RStudio
- have your Personal Access Token (PAT) entered in RStudio

Note: occasionally the function seems to fail to set the master branch and users are unable to push changes. If this happens try running `git push -u origin master` in the terminal, this should set your current branch as the master. We're not sure why this happens, but it is advisable to use [useful\\_connect\\_github\(\)](#) to set your credentials properly before trying this function.

**Value**

R project is turned into a git repo and an associated github repo is created in the user's github account.

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