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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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add_editor_fonts	<i>add my custom fonts to the editor selection</i>
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Description

Adds my custom fonts (all open source) to the editor UI

Usage

```
add_editor_fonts(dash = TRUE)
```

Arguments

dash	logical, default TRUE. If TRUE uses .config file on DASH RStudio server, else uses windows.
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Value

fonts added to UI

Author(s)

Josh Moatt

add_proj_files	<i>Add default project files to an existing project/repo</i>
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Description

Simple function to add the standard project files to an existing R Project or local GitHub Repo. This should be used when setting up a new project after initial set up - particularly useful for if you have just cloned a new GitHub repo and want to add the template project files.

Usage

```
add_proj_files(
  path = here::here(),
  title = "Project title",
  readme = "github",
  gitignore = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

path	string containing file path to add files. Default is current directory (set using <code>here()</code>)
title	string with project title. If no title provided, defaults to "Project title"
readme	string specifying readme format. One of "github", "markdown" or "html". Default is "github"
github	logical controlling whether a gitignore is added. Default is TRUE

Details

The function is designed to be used after manually creating a local version of a GitHub repo.

The function will add the following:

- data, src and outputs folders
- README using `create_fs_readme`
- pipeline script using `create_fs_script`
- optionally creates a gitignore using `create_fs_gitignore`

The function allows users to include the author and project title when calling the function, which will be prefilled

Value

project files added to specified directory

Author(s)

Josh Moatt

add_themes	<i>Add my rstudio themes</i>
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Description

Function to add my rstudio themes from within this package.

Usage

```
add_themes()
```

Value

themes added to the rstudio api

Author(s)

Josh Moatt

`connect_github`*Connect RStudio to your GitHub account*

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

```
connect_github(defra = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>defra</code>	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 uses `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.

An additional feature I have added, not mentioned in the Defra instructions is to add the `set_github_pat()` function call to your `.Rprofile`. This will ensure your PAT is set for every R session, meaning you wont need to provide your PAT when running functions such as `install_github()` from the `devtools` package.

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

create_gitignore	Create a gitignore file based on the my template
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Description

Use this function to create a gitignore for a project.

Usage

```
create_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 nor 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.

create_readme	Create a README using my template
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Description

Use this function to create a README for a project.

Usage

```
create_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

create_script	<i>Create a new script with my header.</i>
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Description

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

Usage

```
create_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

lighttheme_addin*Apply my rstudio themes via addins*

Description

Addins to apply my rstudio themes

Usage

lighttheme_addin()

kisstheme_addin()

draculatheme_addin()

grubbertheme_addin()

randomtheme_addin()

Value

themes added to the rstudio api

Author(s)

Josh Moatt

proj_template*Function for RStudio project template*

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 [useful_use_github\(\)](#).

Usage

proj_template(path, ...)

Author(s)

Josh Moatt

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

```
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

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

```
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

setup_rstudio	<i>Apply my preffered RStudio settings and layout.</i>
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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 brackets, hexcode preview on etc).

Usage

```
setup_rstudio(font)
```

Arguments

font	string containing name of font to load. Need to refresh the browser window for font change to take effect.
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Value

RStudio configured to my settings

Author(s)

Josh Moatt

set_console_prompt	<i>Add my useful R console prompt.</i>
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Description

Useful function to change the R console prompt from default to one of two custom options. Either a themed emoji and the git branch, or just the git branch. This can be set at the user level or the project level.

Usage

```
set_console_prompt(scope = c("user", "project"), prompt = c("emoji", "git"))
```

Arguments

scope	string. "user" sets the prompt globally, "project" sets it just for the active project.
prompt	string. "emoji" sets the prompt to be a themed emoji and git branch (if active) or "git" sets it to the active git branch.

Value

Altered R prompt

Author(s)

Josh Moatt

set_proj_pat	Add set_github_pat() to project specific .Rprofiles
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Description

A simple function to add the [set_github_pat\(\)](#) function call to your project specific .Rprofile. This is needed for projects where renv is activated, so you can avoid hardcoding your PAT anywhere. See [useful_connect_github](#) for full details and reasoning behind this function.

Usage

```
set_proj_pat()
```

Value

updated .Rprofile

Author(s)

Josh Moatt

set_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

```
set_script_template(
  format = c("mine", "custom", "manual_edit", "blank"),
  template = NULL,
  dash = TRUE
)
```

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.
dash	default is FALSE. If TRUE changes the file path to the one needed for the RStudio server on DASH

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 containing the script template

Author(s)

Josh Moatt

use_github

Create a GitHub repository from local project.

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.

By default it will create a private repo on the Defra-Data-Science-Centre-of-Excellence organisation on GitHub. You can change where the repo is created using the defra_org argument and change the repo visibility using the visibility argument when calling the function.

Note: this function requires you to have a PAT and to have set this in your RStudio environment, even if connecting via SSH. This is because a PAT is required to create new repos, even when using SSH. See [usethis::use_github](#) for more details.

Usage

```
use_github(
  message = "Initial commit",
  defra_org = TRUE,
  visibility = "private",
  github_method = "ssh"
)
```

Arguments

message	initial commit message. Default is "Initial commit".
defra_org	logical, default is TRUE. Whether the repo should be created under the Defra-Data-Science-Centre-of-Excellence (TRUE) or a personal repo (FALSE).
visibility	string controlling visibility. One of "private" (default), "internal" or "public". If defra_org is FALSE repos can only be private or public. When "internal" used when defra_org is FALSE, a private repo will be created.
github_method	string specifying GitHub connection method. One of "ssh" or "https". By default, the function uses "ssh" as this is the recommended connection method on the DASH platform.

Details

This function will take an existing R project on your local machine, turn it into a git repo and create a GitHub repository.

By default it will create a private repo on the Defra-Data-Science-Centre-of-Excellence organisation on GitHub. This can be changed using the `defra_org` argument.

The function 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 `create_fs_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.

By default the function will create a private repo. There are three options controlled by the `visibility` argument:

- private
- internal
- public

For the differences between these options, see GitHub. Internal is only an option when creating a repo within the Defra organisation. If creating a personal repo with visibility set to "internal", this will create a private repo.

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 `fs_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 users github account.

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