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as_bibentry   *Create* bibentry *objects from several sources*

Description

This function creates bibentry objects from different metadata sources (cff objects, DESCRIPTION files, etc.). The inverse transformation (bibentry object to cff_ref_lst) can be done with the corresponding as_cff.bibentry() method.

With toBibtex() it is possible to convert cff objects to BibTeX markup on the fly, see **Examples**.

Usage

```
as_bibentry(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
as_bibentry(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
as_bibentry(x, ..., what = c("preferred", "references", "all"))

## S3 method for class '`NULL`'
as_bibentry(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'list'
as_bibentry(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cff'
as_bibentry(x, ..., what = c("preferred", "references", "all"))

## S3 method for class 'cff_ref_lst'
as_bibentry(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cff_ref'
as_bibentry(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x   The source that would be used for generating the bibentry object via **cffr**. It could be:

- A missing value. That would retrieve the DESCRIPTION file on your in-development package.
- An existing cff object created with `cff()`, `cff_create()` or `as_cff()`.
- Path to a CITATION.cff file ("CITATION.cff"),
- The name of an installed package ("jsonlite"), or
- Path to a DESCRIPTION file ("DESCRIPTION").

...   Additional arguments to be passed to or from methods.

what   Fields to extract from a full cff object. The value could be:

- preferred: This would create a single entry with the main citation info of the package (key preferred-citation).
- references: Extract all the entries of references key.
- all: A combination of the previous two options. This would extract both the preferred-citation and the references key.

See `vignette("crosswalk", package = "cffr")`.

Details

A **R** bibentry object is the representation of a BibTeX entry. These objects can be converted to BibTeX markup with `toBibtex()`, that creates an object of class Bibtex and can be printed and exported as a valid BibTeX entry.

as_bibtex() tries to map the information of the source x into a cff] object and performs a mapping of the metadata t gnette("bibtex_cff", "cffr")'.

Value

as_bibentry() returns a bibentry object with one or more entries.

References

- Patashnik, Oren. "BIBTEXTING" February 1988. `https://osl.ugr.es/CTAN/biblio/bibtex/base/btxdoc.pdf`.

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- Hernangomez D (2022). "BibTeX and CFF, a potential crosswalk." *The cffr package, Vignettes*. doi:10.21105/joss.03900, `https://docs.ropensci.org/cffr/articles/bibtex_cff.html`.

See Also

`utils::bibentry()` to understand more about the `bibentry` class.

- `vignette("crosswalk", package = "cffr")` provides details on how the metadata of a package is mapped to produce a `cff` object.

- `vignette("bibtex_cff", "cffr")` provides detailed information about the internal mapping performed between `cff` objects and BibTeX markup (both `cff` to BibTeX and BibTeX to `cff`).

Other related functions:

- `utils::toBibtex()`.

Other functions for working with BibTeX format: `cff_read()`, `cff_read_bib_text()`, `cff_write_bib()`, `encoded_utf_to_latex()`

Coercing between **R** classes with **S3 Methods**: `as_cff()`, `as_cff_person()`, `cff_class`

Examples

```
# From a cff object ----
cff_object <- cff()

cff_object

# bibentry object
bib <- as_bibentry(cff_object)

class(bib)

bib

# Print as bibtex
toBibtex(bib)

# Thanks to the S3 Method we can also do
toBibtex(cff_object)

# Other sources ----
# From a CITATION.cff
```

```
path <- system.file("examples/CITATION_complete.cff", package = "cffr")
cff_file <- as_bibentry(path)

cff_file

# For an installed package with options
installed_package <- as_bibentry("jsonvalidate", what = "all")

installed_package


# Use a DESCRIPTION file
path2 <- system.file("examples/DESCRIPTION_gitlab", package = "cffr")
desc_file <- as_bibentry(path2)

toBibtex(desc_file)
```

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as_cff   *Coerce lists,* person *and* bibentry *objects to* [cff]

Description

as_cff() turns an existing list-like **R** object into a so-called [cff], a list with class cff, with the corresponding [sub-class] if applicable, .

as_cff is an S3 generic, with methods for:

- person objects as produced by [utils::person()].
- bibentry objects as produced by [utils::bibentry()].
- Bibtex object as produced by [toBibtex()].
- Default: Other inputs are first coerced with [as.list()].

Usage

```
as_cff(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
as_cff(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'list'
as_cff(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'person'
as_cff(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'bibentry'
```

```
as_cff(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'Bibtex'
as_cff(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x   A `person`, `bibentry` or other object that could be coerced to a list.

...   Additional arguments to be passed on to other methods.

Details

For `as_cff.bibentry()` / `as_cff.Bibtex()` see `vignette("bibtex_cff", "cffr")` to understand how the mapping is performed.

`as_cff_person()` is preferred over `as_cff.person()`, since it can handle `character` person such as `"Davis, Jr., Sammy"`. For `person` objects both functions are similar.

Value

- `as_cff.person()` returns an object with classes `cff_pers_lst, cff`.

- `as_cff.bibentry()` and `as_cff.Bibtex()` returns an object with classes `cff_ref_lst, cff`.

- The rest of methods returns usually an object of class `cff`. However if x have an structure compatible with `definitions.person`, `definitions.entity` or `definitions.reference` the object would have the corresponding subclass.

Learn more about the **cffr** class system in cff_class.

See Also

- `cff()`: Create a full `cff` object from scratch.
- `cff_modify()`: Modify a `cff` object.
- `cff_create()`: Create a `cff` object of a **R** package.
- `cff_read()`: Create a `cff` object from a external file.
- `as_cff_person()`: Recommended way for creating persons in CFF format.

Learn more about the **cffr** class system in cff_class.

Coercing between **R** classes with **S3 Methods**: `as_bibentry()`, `as_cff_person()`, `cff_class`

Examples

```
# Convert a list to "cff" object
cffobj <- as_cff(list(
  "cff-version" = "1.2.0",
  title = "Manipulating files"
))

class(cffobj)
```

```
# Nice display thanks to yaml package
cffobj

# bibentry method
a_cit <- citation("cffr")[[1]]

a_cit

as_cff(a_cit)

# Bibtex method
a_bib <- toBibtex(a_cit)

a_bib

as_cff(a_cit)
```

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as_cff_person *Coerce* **R** *objects to* cff_pers_lst *objects (cff persons)*

Description

as_cff_person() turns an existing list-like **R** object into a cff_pers_lst object representing a list
of definitions.person or definitions.entity, as defined by the Citation File Format schema.

as_cff_person is an S3 generic, with methods for:

- person: objects created with person().
- character: String with the definition of an author or several authors, using the standard
  BibTeX notation (see Markey, 2007) and others, like the output of format() for person (see
  format.person()).
- Default: Other inputs are first coerced with as.character().

The inverse transformation (cff_pers_lst to person) can be done with the methods as.person.cff_pers()
and as.person.cff_pers_lst().

Usage

```
as_cff_person(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
as_cff_person(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'person'
as_cff_person(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
as_cff_person(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x   Any **R** object.

...   Ignored by this method.

Details

as_cff_person() would recognize if the input should be converted using the CFF reference for
definition.person or definition.entity.

as_cff_person() uses a custom algorithm that tries to break a name as explained in Section 11 of
"Tame the BeaST" (Markey, 2007) (see also Decoret, 2007):

- First von Last.
- von Last, First.
- von Last, Jr, First.

Mapping is performed as follows:

- First is mapped to the CFF field given-names.

- von is mapped to the CFF field name-particle.

- Last is mapped to the CFF field family-names.

- Jr is mapped to the CFF field name-suffix.

In the case of entities, the whole character would be mapped to name. It is a good practice to
"protect" entity's names with {}:

```
# Don't do
entity <- "Elephant and Castle"
as_cff_person(entity)
- name: Elephant
- name: Castle

# Do
entity_protect <- "{Elephant and Castle}"
as_cff_person(entity_protect)
- name: Elephant and Castle
```

as_cff_person() would try to add as many information as possible. On character string coming
from format.person() the email and the ORCID would be retrieved as well.

Value

as_cff_person() returns an object of classes cff_pers_lst, cff according to the definitions.person
or definitions.entity specified in the Citation File Format schema. Each element of the cff_pers_lst
object would have classes cff_pers, cff.

References

- Patashnik, Oren. "BIBTEXTING" February 1988. https://osl.ugr.es/CTAN/biblio/bibtex/base/btxdoc.pdf.
- Markey, Nicolas. "Tame the BeaST" *The B to X of BibTeX, Version 1.4* (October 2007). https://osl.ugr.es/CTAN/info/bibtex/tamethebeast/ttb_en.pdf.
- Decoret X (2007). "A summary of BibTex."https://maverick.inria.fr/~Xavier.Decoret/resources/xdkbibtex/bibtex_summary.html#names

See **Examples** for more information.

See Also

Examples in vignette("cffr", "cffr") and utils::person().

Learn more about the classes cff_pers_lst, cff_pers classes in cff_class.

Coercing between **R** classes with **S3 Methods**: as_bibentry(), as_cff(), cff_class

Examples

```
# Create a person object
a_person <- person(
  given = "First", family = "Author",
  role = c("aut", "cre"),
  email = "first.last@example.com", comment = c(
    ORCID = "0000-0001-8457-4658",
    affiliation = "An affiliation"
  )
)

a_person

cff_person <- as_cff_person(a_person)

# Class cff_pers_lst / cff
class(cff_person)

# With each element with class cff_pers / cff
class(cff_person[[1]])

# Print
cff_person

# Back to person object with S3 Method
as.person(cff_person)

# Coerce a string
a_str <- paste0(
  "Julio Iglesias <fake@email.com> ",
  "(<https://orcid.org/0000-0001-8457-4658>)"
)
as_cff_person(a_str)
```

```
# Several persons
persons <- c(
  person("Clark", "Kent", comment = c(affiliation = "Daily Planet")),
  person("Lois", "Lane"), person("Oscorp Inc.")
)

a_cff <- as_cff_person(persons)

a_cff

# Printed as Bibtex thanks to the method
toBibtex(a_cff)

# Or as person object
as.person(a_cff)


# Or you can use BibTeX style as input if you prefer

x <- "Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin and Davis, Jr., Sammy and Joey Bishop"

as_cff_person(x)

as_cff_person("Herbert von Karajan")

toBibtex(as_cff_person("Herbert von Karajan"))
```

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cff   *Create* cff *objects from direct inputs*

Description

A class and utility methods for reading, creating and holding CFF information. See cff_class to
learn more about cff objects.

Usage

```
cff(path, ...)
```

Arguments

path   **[Deprecated]** path is no longer supported, use cff_read_cff_citation() in-
              stead.

...   Named arguments to be used for creating a cff object. If no arguments are
              supplied (the default behavior), a minimal valid cff object is created.

Details

cff() would convert _ in the name of the argument to -, e.g. cff_version = "1.2.0' would be converted to cff-version = "1.2.0'.

Valid parameters are those specified on cff_schema_keys():

- cff-version
- message
- type
- license
- title
- version
- doi
- identifiers
- abstract
- authors
- preferred-citation
- repository
- repository-artifact
- repository-code
- commit
- url
- date-released
- contact
- keywords
- references
- license-url

Value

A cff object. Under the hood, a cff object is a regular list object with a special print method.

See Also

Other core functions of **cffr**: cff_create(), cff_modify(), cff_validate()

Examples

```
# Blank cff
cff()

# Use custom params
test <- cff(
  title = "Manipulating files",
```

```
  keywords = c("A", "new", "list", "of", "keywords"),
  authors = as_cff_person("New author")
)
test

# Would fail
cff_validate(test)


# Modify with cff_create
new <- cff_create(test, keys = list(
  "cff_version" = "1.2.0",
  message = "A blank file"
))
new

# Would pass
cff_validate(new)
```

---

cff_create   *Create a* cff *object from several sources*

Description

Create a full and possibly valid cff object from a given source. This object can be written to a
*.cff file with cff_write(), see **Examples**.

Most of the heavy lifting of **cffr** is done via this function.

Usage

```
cff_create(
  x,
  keys = list(),
  cff_version = "1.2.0",
  gh_keywords = TRUE,
  dependencies = TRUE,
  authors_roles = c("aut", "cre")
)
```

Arguments

x   The source that would be used for generating the cff object. It could be:

- A missing value. That would retrieve the DESCRIPTION file on your in-
  development **R** package.
- An existing cff object.
- The name of an installed package ("jsonlite").
- Path to a DESCRIPTION file ("./DESCRIPTION").

keys	List of additional keys to add to the cff object. See cff_modify().
cff_version	The Citation File Format schema version that the CITATION.cff file adheres to for providing the citation metadata.
gh_keywords	Logical TRUE/FALSE. If the package is hosted on GitHub, would you like to add the repo topics as keywords?
dependencies	Logical TRUE/FALSE. Would you like to add the of your package to the references CFF key?
authors_roles	Roles to be considered as authors of the package when generating the CITATION.cff file. See **Details**.

Details

If x is a path to a DESCRIPTION file or inst/CITATION, is not present on your package, **cffr** would auto-generate a preferred-citation key using the information provided on that file.

By default, only persons whose role in the DESCRIPTION file of the package is author ("aut") or maintainer ("cre") are considered to be authors of the package. The default setting can be controlled via the authors_roles parameter. See **Details** on person() to get additional insights on person roles.

Value

A cff object.

See Also

Guide to Citation File Format schema version 1.2.0.

- cff_modify() as the recommended way to modify a cff object.
- cff_write() for creating a CFF file.
- vignette("cffr", "cffr") shows an introduction on how manipulate cff objects.
- vignette("crosswalk", package = "cffr") provides details on how the metadata of a package is mapped to produce a cff object.

Other core functions of **cffr**: cff(), cff_modify(), cff_validate()

Examples

```
# Installed package
cff_create("jsonlite")

# Demo file
demo_file <- system.file("examples/DESCRIPTION_basic", package = "cffr")
cff_create(demo_file)

# Add additional keys

newkeys <- list(
  message = "This overwrites fields",
  abstract = "New abstract",
```

```
  keywords = c("A", "new", "list", "of", "keywords"),
  authors = as_cff_person("New author")
)

cff_create(demo_file, keys = newkeys)

# Update a field on a list - i,e: authors, contacts, etc.
# We are adding a new contact here

old <- cff_create(demo_file)

new_contact <- append(
  old$contact,
  as_cff_person(person(
    given = "I am",
    family = "New Contact"
  ))
)


cff_create(demo_file, keys = list("contact" = new_contact))
```

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cff_gha_update	*Install a* R*hrefhttps://CRAN.R-project.org/package=cffr***cffr** *GitHub Action*

Description

This function would install a [GitHub Action](#) on your repo. The action will update your CITATION.cff
when any of these events occur:

- You publish a new release of the package.
- Your DESCRIPTION or inst/CITATION are modified.
- The action can be run also manually.

Usage

```
cff_gha_update(path = ".", overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

path	Project root directory.
overwrite	Logical. If already present, do you want to overwrite your action?

Details

Triggers on your action can be modified, see [Events that trigger workflows](#).

Value

Invisible, this function is called by its side effects.

See Also

Other Git/GitHub helpers provided by **cffr**: `cff_git_hook`

Examples

```
## Not run:
cff_gha_update()

## End(Not run)
```

---

cff_git_hook   *Use a git pre-commit hook* **[Experimental]**

Description

Install a pre-commit hook that remembers you to update your CITATION.cff file. This is a wrapper of `usethis::use_git_hook()`.

Usage

```
cff_git_hook_install()

cff_git_hook_remove()
```

Details

This function would install a pre-commit hook using `usethis::use_git_hook()`.

A pre-commit hook is a script that identifies simple issues before submission to code review. This pre-commit hook would warn you if any of the following conditions are met:

- You included in a commit your DESCRIPTION or inst/CITATION file, you are not including your CITATION.cff and the CITATION.cff file is "older" than any of your DESCRIPTION or inst/CITATION file.

- You have updated your CITATION.cff but you are not including it on your commit.

Value

Invisible. This function is called for its side effects.

A word of caution

The pre-commit hook may prevent you to commit if you are not updating your CITATION.cff. However, the mechanism of detection is not perfect and would be triggered also even if you have tried to update your CITATION.cff file.

This is typically the case when you have updated your DESCRIPTION or inst/CITATION files but those changes doesn't make a change on your CITATION.cff file (i.e. you are including new dependencies).

In those cases, you can override the check running git commit --no-verify on the terminal.

If you are using **RStudio** you can run also this command from a **R** script by selecting that line and sending it to the terminal using:

- Windows & Linux: Ctrl+Alt+Enter.
- Mac: Cmd+Option+Return.

Removing the git pre-commit hook

You can remove the pre-commit hook by running cff_git_hook_remove().

See Also

- usethis::use_git_hook(), that is the underlying function used by cff_git_hook_install().
- usethis::use_git() and related function of **usethis** for using Git with **R** packages.

Other Git/GitHub helpers provided by **cffr**: cff_gha_update()

Examples

```
## Not run:
cff_git_hook_install()

## End(Not run)
```

---

cff_modify   *Modify a* cff *object*

Description

Add new keys or modify existing ones on a cff object.

Usage

```
cff_modify(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x   A cff object.
...   Named arguments to be used for modifying x. See also ... argument in cff().

Details

Keys provided in . . . would override the corresponding key in x.

It is possible to add additional keys not detected by cff_create() using the keys argument. A list of valid keys can be retrieved with cff_schema_keys(). Please refer to Guide to Citation File Format schema version 1.2.0. for additional details.

Value

A cff object.

See Also

This function is wrapper of utils::modifyList().

See cff() for creating cff objects from scratch.

Other core functions of **cffr**: cff(), cff_create(), cff_validate()

Examples

```
x <- cff()
x

cff_validate(x)


x_mod <- cff_modify(x,
  contact = as_cff_person("A contact"),
  message = "This overwrites fields",
  title = "New Title",
  abstract = "New abstract",
  doi = "10.21105/joss.03900"
)

x_mod

cff_validate(x_mod)
```

---

cff_read   *Read an external file as a* cff *object*

Description

Read files and convert them to cff objects. Files supported are:

- CITATION.cff files.
- DESCRIPTION files.
- **R** citation files (usually located in inst/CITATION).

• BibTeX files (with extension `*.bib`).

`cff_read()` would try to guess the type of file provided in `path`. However we provide a series of alias for each specific type of file:

• `cff_read_cff_citation()`, that uses `yaml::read_yaml()`.

• `cff_read_description()`, using `desc::desc()`.

• `cff_read_citation()` uses `utils::readCitationFile()`.

• `cff_read_bib()` requires **bibtex** (>= 0.5.0) and uses `bibtex::read.bib()`.

Usage

```
cff_read(path, ...)

cff_read_cff_citation(path, ...)

cff_read_description(
  path,
  cff_version = "1.2.0",
  gh_keywords = TRUE,
  authors_roles = c("aut", "cre"),
  ...
)

cff_read_citation(path, meta = NULL, ...)

cff_read_bib(path, encoding = "UTF-8", ...)
```

Arguments

`path`	Path to a file.
`...`	Arguments to be passed to other functions (i.e. to `yaml::read_yaml()`, `bibtex::read.bib()`, etc.).
`cff_version`	The Citation File Format schema version that the `CITATION.cff` file adheres to for providing the citation metadata.
`gh_keywords`	Logical `TRUE/FALSE`. If the package is hosted on GitHub, would you like to add the repo topics as keywords?
`authors_roles`	Roles to be considered as authors of the package when generating the `CITATION.cff` file. See **Details**.
`meta`	A list of package metadata as obtained by `utils::packageDescription()` or `NULL` (the default). See **Details**.
`encoding`	Encoding to be assumed for `path`. See `readLines()`.

Details

For details of `cff_read_description()` see `cff_create()`.

The meta **object:**

Section 1.9 CITATION files of *Writing R Extensions* (R Core Team 2023) specifies how to create dynamic CITATION files using meta object, hence the meta argument in cff_read_citation() may be needed for reading some files correctly.

Value

- cff_read_cff_citation() and cff_read_description() returns a object with class cff.
- cff_read_citation() and cff_read_bib() returns an object of classes cff_ref_lst, cff according to the definitions.references specified in the Citation File Format schema.

Learn more about the **cffr** class system in cff_class.

References

- R Core Team (2023). *Writing R Extensions*. https://cran.r-project.org/doc/manuals/r-release/R-exts.html
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See Also

The underlying functions used for reading external files:

- yaml::read_yaml() for CITATION.cff files.
- desc::desc() for DESCRIPTION files.
- utils::readCitationFile() for **R** citation files.
- bibtex::read.bib() for BibTeX files (extension *.bib).

Other functions for reading external files: cff_read_bib_text()

Other functions for working with BibTeX format: as_bibentry(), cff_read_bib_text(), cff_write_bib(), encoded_utf_to_latex()

Examples

```
# Create cff object from cff file

from_cff_file <- cff_read(system.file("examples/CITATION_basic.cff",
  package = "cffr"
))

head(from_cff_file, 7)

# Create cff object from DESCRIPTION
from_desc <- cff_read(system.file("examples/DESCRIPTION_basic",
  package = "cffr"
))

from_desc
```

```
# Create cff object from BibTex

if (requireNamespace("bibtex", quietly = TRUE)) {
  from_bib <- cff_read(system.file("examples/example.bib",
    package = "cffr"
  ))

  # First item only
  from_bib[[1]]
}
# Create cff object from CITATION
from_citation <- cff_read(system.file("CITATION", package = "cffr"))

# First item only
from_citation[[1]]
```

---

cff_read_bib_text   *Read BibTeX markup as a* cff_ref_lst *object*

Description

Convert a character representing a BibTeX entry to a cff_ref_lst object.

Usage

```
cff_read_bib_text(x, encoding = "UTF-8", ...)
```

Arguments

x	A vector of character objects with the full BibTeX string.
encoding	Encoding to be assumed for x, see readLines().
...	Arguments passed on to cff_read_bib().

Details

This is a helper function that writes x to a *.bib file and reads it with cff_read_bib().

This function requires **bibtex** (>= 0.5.0) and uses bibtex::read.bib().

Value

An object of classes cff_ref_lst, cff according to the definitions.references specified in the Citation File Format schema. Each element of the cff_ref_lst object would have classes cff_ref, cff.

See Also

cff_read_bib() for reading *.bib files.

Other functions for working with BibTeX format: as_bibentry(), cff_read(), cff_write_bib(), encoded_utf_to_latex()

Other functions for reading external files: cff_read()

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("bibtex", quietly = TRUE)) {
  x <- c(
    "@book{einstein1921,
      title         = {Relativity: The Special and the General Theory},
      author        = {Einstein, Albert},
      year          = 1920,
      publisher     = {Henry Holt and Company},
      address       = {London, United Kingdom},
      isbn          = 9781587340925
  }",
    "@misc{misc-full,
      title         = {Handing out random pamphlets in airports},
      author        = {Joe-Bob Missilany},
      year          = 1984,
      month         = oct,
      note          = {This is a full MISC entry},
      howpublished = {Handed out at O'Hare}
  }"
  )


  cff_read_bib_text(x)
}
```

---

cff_schema   *Schema utils*

Description

Helper functions with the valid values of different fields, according to the Citation File Format schema version 1.2.0.

- cff_schema_keys() provides the valid high-level keys of the Citation File Format.

- cff_schema_keys_license() provides the valid SPDX license identifier(s) to be used on the CITATION.cff file.

- cff_schema_definitions_person() and cff_schema_definitions_entity() returns the valid fields to be included when defining a person or entity.

- cff_schema_definitions_refs() provides the valid keys to be used on the preferred-citation and references keys.

Usage

```
cff_schema_keys(sorted = FALSE)

cff_schema_keys_license()

cff_schema_definitions_person()

cff_schema_definitions_entity()

cff_schema_definitions_refs()
```

Arguments

sorted   Logical TRUE/FALSE. Should the keys be arranged alphabetically?

Value

A vector of characters with the names of the valid keys to be used on a Citation File Format version 1.2.0

Source

[Guide to Citation File Format schema version 1.2.0.](#)

Examples

```
cff_schema_keys(sorted = TRUE)

# Valid Licenses keys
head(cff_schema_keys_license(), 20)

cff_schema_definitions_person()

cff_schema_definitions_entity()

cff_schema_definitions_refs()
```

---

cff_validate   *Validate a* CITATION.cff *file or a* [cff](#) *object*

Description

Validate a CITATION.cff file or a [cff](#) object using the corresponding [validation schema](#).

Usage

```
cff_validate(x = "CITATION.cff", verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	This is expected to be either a full cff object created with cff_create() or the path to a CITATION.cff file to be validated. In the case of a *cff file it would read with cff_read_cff_citation().
verbose	Logical TRUE/FALSE. On TRUE the function would display informative messages.

Value

A message indicating the result of the validation and an invisible value TRUE/FALSE. On error, the results would have an attribute "errors" containing the error summary (see **Examples** and attr()).

See Also

Guide to Citation File Format schema version 1.2.0.

jsonvalidate::json_validate(), that is the function that performs the validation.

Other core functions of **cffr**: cff(), cff_create(), cff_modify()

Examples

```
# Full .cff example
cff_validate(system.file("examples/CITATION_complete.cff", package = "cffr"))

# Validate a cffr object
cffr <- cff_create("jsonlite")
class(cffr)
cff_validate(cffr)


# .cff with errors
err_f <- system.file("examples/CITATION_error.cff", package = "cffr")
# Can manipulate the errors as data frame
res <- try(cff_validate(err_f))

isTRUE(res)
isFALSE(res)

attr(res, "errors")

# If a CITATION file (note that is not .cff) it throws an error
try(cff_validate(system.file("CITATION", package = "cffr")))
```

cff_write   *Write a* CITATION.cff *file*

Description

This is the core function of the package and likely to be the only one you would need when developing a package.

This function writes out a CITATION.cff file for a given package. This function is basically a wrapper around [cff_create()](#) to both create the [cff](#) object and write it out to a YAML-formatted file in one command.

Usage

```
cff_write(
  x,
  outfile = "CITATION.cff",
  keys = list(),
  cff_version = "1.2.0",
  gh_keywords = TRUE,
  dependencies = TRUE,
  validate = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  authors_roles = c("aut", "cre"),
  encoding = "UTF-8"
)
```

Arguments

x
:   The source that would be used for generating the [cff](#) object. It could be:

    - A missing value. That would retrieve the DESCRIPTION file on your in-development **R** package.
    - An existing [cff](#) object.
    - The name of an installed package ("jsonlite").
    - Path to a DESCRIPTION file ("./DESCRIPTION").

outfile
:   The name and path of the CITATION.cff to be created.

keys
:   List of additional keys to add to the [cff](#) object. See [cff_modify()](#).

cff_version
:   The Citation File Format schema version that the CITATION.cff file adheres to for providing the citation metadata.

gh_keywords
:   Logical TRUE/FALSE. If the package is hosted on GitHub, would you like to add the repo topics as keywords?

dependencies
:   Logical TRUE/FALSE. Would you like to add the of your package to the references CFF key?

validate
:   validate Logical TRUE/FALSE. Should the new file be validated using cff_validate()?

verbose	Logical TRUE/FALSE. On TRUE the function would display informative messages.
authors_roles	Roles to be considered as authors of the package when generating the CITATION.cff file. See **Details**.
encoding	The name of the encoding to be assumed. Default is "UTF-8", but it can be any other value as accepted by iconv(), such as "ASCII//TRANSLIT".

Details

For details of authors_roles see cff_create().

When creating and writing a CITATION.cff for the first time, the function adds the pattern "^CITATION\.cff$" to your .Rbuildignore file to avoid NOTEs and WARNINGs in R CMD CHECK.

Value

A CITATION.cff file and an (invisible) cff object.

See Also

Guide to Citation File Format schema version 1.2.0. This function unifies the workflow cff_create() + cff_validate() + write a file.

Other functions for creating external files: cff_write_bib()

Examples

```
tmpfile <- tempfile(fileext = ".cff")
cff_obj <- cff_write("jsonlite", outfile = tmpfile)

cff_obj

# Force clean-up
file.remove(tmpfile)
```

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cff_write_bib   *Export* **R** *objects to different file types*

Description

Export **R** objects representing citations to specific file types:

- cff_write_bib() creates a .bib file.
- cff_write_citation() creates a **R** citation file as explained in Section 1.9 CITATION files of *Writing R Extensions* (R Core Team 2023).

Usage

```
cff_write_bib(
  x,
  file = tempfile(fileext = ".bib"),
  append = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  ascii = FALSE,
  ...
)

cff_write_citation(
  x,
  file = tempfile("CITATION_"),
  append = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	A [bibentry](#) or a [cff](#) object.
file	Name of the file to be created. If NULL it would display the lines to be written.
append	Whether to append the entries to an existing file or not.
verbose	Display informative messages
ascii	Whether to write the entries using ASCII characters only or not.
...	Arguments passed on to [as_bibentry.cff](#), [as_bibentry.cff_ref](#), [as_bibentry.cff_ref_lst](#)

> what Fields to extract from a full cff object. The value could be:
>
> - preferred: This would create a single entry with the main citation info of the package (key preferred-citation).
> - references: Extract all the entries of references key.
> - all: A combination of the previous two options. This would extract both the preferred-citation and the references key.
>
> See vignette("crosswalk", package = "cffr").

Details

When x is a cff object it would be converted to Bibtex using [toBibtex.cff()](#).

For security reasons, if the file already exists the function would create a backup copy on the same directory.

Value

Writes the corresponding file specified on the file parameter.

References

- R Core Team (2023). *Writing R Extensions*. `https://cran.r-project.org/doc/manuals/r-release/R-exts.html`

See Also

`vignette("bibtex_cff", "cffr")`, `knitr::write_bib()` and the following packages:

- **bibtex**.
- **RefManageR**
- **rbibutils**

Other functions for working with BibTeX format: `as_bibentry()`, `cff_read()`, `cff_read_bib_text()`, `encoded_utf_to_latex()`

Other functions for creating external files: `cff_write()`

Examples

```
bib <- bibentry("Misc",
  title = "My title",
  author = "Fran Pérez"
)

my_temp_bib <- tempfile(fileext = ".bib")

cff_write_bib(bib, file = my_temp_bib)

cat(readLines(my_temp_bib), sep = "\n")

cff_write_bib(bib, file = my_temp_bib, ascii = TRUE, append = TRUE)

cat(readLines(my_temp_bib), sep = "\n")

# Create a CITATION file

# Use a system file
f <- system.file("examples/preferred-citation-book.cff", package = "cffr")
a_cff <- cff_read(f)

out <- file.path(tempdir(), "CITATION")
cff_write_citation(a_cff, file = out)

# Check by reading, use meta object
meta <- packageDescription("cffr")
meta$Encoding <- "UTF-8"

utils::readCitationFile(out, meta)
```

---

cran_to_spdx   *Mapping between* License *fields and SPDX*

Description

A dataset containing the mapping between the License strings observed on CRAN packages and
its (approximate) match on the SPDX License List.

Usage

```
cran_to_spdx
```

Format

A data frame with 94 rows and 2 variables:

- LICENSE: A valid License string on CRAN.
- SPDX. A valid SPDX License Identifier.

Source

https://spdx.org/licenses/

See Also

Writing R Extensions, Licensing section.

Examples

```
data("cran_to_spdx")

head(cran_to_spdx, 20)
```

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