Package 'pkgnet'

July 23, 2025

Type Package

Version 0.5.0

Title Get Network Representation of an R Package

Description Tools from the domain of graph theory can be used to quantify the complexity and vulnerability to failure of a software package. That is the guiding philosophy of this package. 'pkgnet' provides tools to analyze the dependencies between functions in an R package and between its imported packages. See the pkgnet website for vignettes and other supplementary information.
Imports assertthat, covr, data.table, DT, futile.logger, glue, igraph(>= 1.3), knitr, magrittr, methods, R6, rlang, rmarkdown(>= 1.9), tools, visNetwork
Suggests ggplot2, pkgdown, testthat, webshot, withr
License BSD_3_clause + file LICENSE
<pre>URL https://github.com/uptake/pkgnet, https://uptake.github.io/pkgnet/</pre>
<pre>BugReports https://github.com/uptake/pkgnet/issues</pre>
RoxygenNote 7.3.1
NeedsCompilation no
Author Brian Burns [aut, cre], James Lamb [aut], Jay Qi [aut]
Repository CRAN
Date/Publication 2024-05-03 21:00:02 UTC
Contents
CreatePackageReport 2 CreatePackageVignette 3 DefaultReporters 3 DependencyReporter 4
1

	DirectedGraph	5
	FunctionReporter	6
	InheritanceReporter	8
	PackageReport	9
	SummaryReporter	10
Index		- 12

CreatePackageReport

pkgnet Analysis Report for an R package

Description

Create a standalone HTML report about a package and its networks.

Usage

```
CreatePackageReport(
   pkg_name,
   pkg_reporters = DefaultReporters(),
   pkg_path = NULL,
   report_path = tempfile(pattern = pkg_name, fileext = ".html")
)
```

Arguments

pkg_name (string) name of a package
 pkg_reporters (list) a list of package reporters
 pkg_path (string) The path to the package repository. If given, coverage will be calculated for each function. pkg_path can be an absolute or relative path.
 report_path (string) The path and filename of the output report. Default report will be produced in the temporary directory.

Value

an instantiated PackageReport object

CreatePackageVignette pkgnet Report as Vignette

Description

Create pkgnet package report as an R Markdown vignette. This vignette can be rendered into a standard HTML vignette with the knitr::rmarkdown vignette engine into HTML vignettes upon package building. It is also compatible with #' pkgdown sites. See the vignette "Publishing Your pkgnet Package Report" for details about how to use this function, as well as our example for pkgnet.

Usage

```
CreatePackageVignette(
   pkg = ".",
   pkg_reporters = list(DependencyReporter$new(), FunctionReporter$new()),
   vignette_path = file.path(pkg, "vignettes", "pkgnet-report.Rmd")
)
```

Arguments

pkg (string) path to root directory of package of interest
pkg_reporters (list) a list of initialized package reporters

vignette_path (string) The location of a file to store the output vignette file at. Must be an .Rmd file. By default, this will be '<pkg>/vignettes/pkgnet-report.Rmd' relative

to the input to pkg

DefaultReporters

Default Reporters

Description

Instantiates a list of default reporters to feed into CreatePackageReport.

Usage

```
DefaultReporters()
```

Details

Default reporters are:

- SummaryReporter
- DependencyReporter
- FunctionReporter

Note, InheritanceReporter is not included in the default list.

If desired, append a new instance of InheritanceReporter to the DefaultReporters list.

```
ex: c(DefaultReporters(), InheritanceReporter$new())
```

Value

list of instantiated reporter objects

DependencyReporter

Recursive Package Dependency Reporter

Description

This reporter looks at the recursive network of its dependencies on other packages. This allows a developer to understand how individual dependencies might lead to a much larger set of dependencies, potentially informing decisions on including or removing them.

Super classes

pkgnet::AbstractPackageReporter->pkgnet::AbstractGraphReporter->DependencyReporter

Active bindings

report_markdown_path (character string) path to R Markdown template for this reporter. Read-only.

Methods

Public methods:

- DependencyReporter\$new()
- DependencyReporter\$clone()

Method new(): Initialize an instance of the reporter.

```
Usage:
DependencyReporter$new(
  dep_types = c("Imports", "Depends", "LinkingTo"),
  installed = TRUE
)
Arguments:
dep_types_(character_vector) The sections within the DESCRI
```

dep_types (character vector) The sections within the DESCRIPTION file to be counted as dependencies. By default, c("Imports", "Depends", "LinkingTo") is chosen.

installed (logical) If TRUE, consider only installed packages when building dependency network.

Returns: Self, invisibly.

Examples:

DirectedGraph 5

```
\donttest{
# Instantiate an object
reporter <- DependencyReporter$new()

# Seed it with a package
reporter$set_package("ggplot2")
}

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:
DependencyReporter$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:
deep Whether to make a deep clone.</pre>
```

See Also

```
Other Network Reporters: FunctionReporter, InheritanceReporter
Other Package Reporters: FunctionReporter, InheritanceReporter, SummaryReporter
```

Examples

```
## -----
## Method `DependencyReporter$new`
## ------
## Instantiate an object
reporter <- DependencyReporter$new()

# Seed it with a package
reporter$set_package("ggplot2")</pre>
```

DirectedGraph

Directed Graph Network Model

Description

R6 class defining a directed graph model for representing a network, including methods to calculate various measures from graph theory. The igraph package is used as a backend for calculations.

This class isn't intended to be initialized directly; instead, network reporter objects will initialize it as its pkg_graph field. If you have a network reporter named reporter, then you access this object's public interface through pkg_graph—for example,

```
reporter$pkg_graph$node_measures('hubScore')
```

6 FunctionReporter

Super class

```
pkgnet::AbstractGraph -> DirectedGraph
```

Active bindings

default_node_measures character vector of default node measures. See *Node Measures* section in DirectedGraphMeasures for details about each measure. Read-only.

default_graph_measures character vector of default graph measures. See *Graph Measures* section in DirectedGraphMeasures for details about each measure. Read-only.

Methods

Public methods:

• DirectedGraph\$clone()

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

DirectedGraph\$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

See Also

DirectedGraphMeasures

FunctionReporter

Function Interdependency Reporter

Description

This reporter looks at the network of interdependencies of its defined functions. Measures of centrality from graph theory can indicate which function is most important to a package. Combined with unit test coverage information—also provided by this reporter— it can be used as a powerful tool to prioritize test writing.

Details

R6 Method Support:: R6 classes are supported, with their methods treated as functions by the reporter.

- R6 methods will be named like <classname>\$<methodtype>\$<methodname>, e.g., FunctionReporter\$private_methods
- Note that the class name used will be the **name of the generator object in the package's namespace**.
- The classname attribute of the class is **not** used. In general, it is not required to be defined or the same as the generator object name. This attribute is used primarily for S3 dispatch.

FunctionReporter 7

Known Limitations::

• Using non-standard evaluation to refer to things (e.g, dataframe column names) that have the same name as a function will trick FunctionReporter into thinking the function was called. This can be avoided if you don't use reuse function names for other purposes.

- Functions stored as list items and not assigned to the package namespace will be invisible to FunctionReporter.
- Calls to methods of instantiated R6 or reference objects will not be recognized. We don't have a reliable way of identifying instantiated objects, or identifying their class.
- Reference class methods are not yet supported. They will not be identified as nodes by FunctionReporter.

Super classes

```
pkgnet::AbstractPackageReporter->pkgnet::AbstractGraphReporter->FunctionReporter
```

Active bindings

report_markdown_path (character string) path to R Markdown template for this reporter. Readonly.

Methods

Public methods:

- FunctionReporter\$calculate_default_measures()
- FunctionReporter\$clone()

Method calculate_default_measures(): Calculates the default node and network measures for this reporter.

```
Usage:
```

FunctionReporter\$calculate_default_measures()

Returns: Self, invisibly.

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

FunctionReporter\$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

See Also

Other Network Reporters: DependencyReporter, InheritanceReporter

Other Package Reporters: DependencyReporter, InheritanceReporter, SummaryReporter

8 InheritanceReporter

InheritanceReporter Clas

Class Inheritance Reporter

Description

This reporter takes a package and traces the class inheritance structure. Currently the following object-oriented systems are supported:

- S4 Classes
- Reference Classes (sometimes informally called "R5")
- R6 Classes

S3 classes are not supported, as their inheritance is defined on an ad hoc basis per object and not formally by class definitions.

Details

Note the following details about class naming:

- Reference Classes: The name passed as Class in setRefClass is used as the node name by
 this reporter. This is the class name that is used when specifying inheritance. The generator
 object returned by setRefClass does not have to be assigned and can have a different name.
- R6 Classes: The name of the generator object in the package namespace is used as the node name by this reporter. The generator object returned by R6::R6Class is what is used when specifying inheritance. The name passed as classname passed to R6::R6Class can be a different name or even NULL.

For more info about R's built-in object-oriented systems, check out the relevant chapter in Hadley Wickham's *Advanced R*. For more info about R6, check out their docs website or the chapter in *Advanced R*'s second edition.

Super classes

pkgnet::AbstractPackageReporter->pkgnet::AbstractGraphReporter->InheritanceReporter

Active bindings

report_markdown_path (character string) path to R Markdown template for this reporter. Read-only.

Methods

Public methods:

• InheritanceReporter\$clone()

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

PackageReport 9

```
InheritanceReporter$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:
deep Whether to make a deep clone.
```

See Also

Other Network Reporters: DependencyReporter, FunctionReporter

Other Package Reporters: DependencyReporter, FunctionReporter, SummaryReporter

PackageReport

R6 Class Representing an R Package Report

Description

pkgnet compiles one or more package reporters into a package report for a specified package. PackageReport is an R6 class that holds all of those reporters and has a method render_report() to generate an HTML report file. You can access each individual reporter and modify it using its methods if you wish.

The function CreatePackageReport() is a shortcut for both generating a PackageReport object with instantiated reporters and creating the HTML report in one call.

Value

Self, invisibly.

Active bindings

pkg_name (character string) name of package. Read-only.

pkg_path (character string) path to source code of the package. Read-only.

report_path (character string) path and filename of output report.

SummaryReporter Instantiated pkgnet SummaryReporter object

DependencyReporter Instantiated pkgnet DependencyReporter object

FunctionReporter Instantiated pkgnet FunctionReporter object

InheritanceReporter Instantiated pkgnet InheritanceReporter object

Methods

Public methods:

- PackageReport\$new()
- PackageReport\$add_reporter()
- PackageReport\$render_report()
- PackageReport\$clone()

Method new(): Initialize an instance of a package report object.

10 SummaryReporter

```
Usage:
 PackageReport$new(
    pkg_name,
   pkg_path = NULL,
   report_path = tempfile(pattern = pkg_name, fileext = ".html")
 )
 Arguments:
 pkg_name (character string) name of package
 pkg_path (character string) optional directory path to source code of the package. It is used for
     calculating test coverage. It can be an absolute or relative path.
 report_path (character string) The path and filename of the output report. Default report will
     be produced in the temporary directory.
 Returns: Instantiated package report object.
Method add_reporter(): Add a reporter to the package report.
 Usage:
 PackageReport$add_reporter(reporter)
 Arguments:
 reporter Instantiated package reporter object
 Returns: Self, invisibly
Method render_report(): Render html pkgnet package report.
 PackageReport$render_report()
Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.
 Usage:
 PackageReport$clone(deep = FALSE)
 Arguments:
 deep Whether to make a deep clone.
```

 ${\tt Summary Reporter}$

Package Summary Reporter

Description

This reporter provides a high-level overview of a package via its package DESCRIPTION file.

Super class

pkgnet::AbstractPackageReporter -> SummaryReporter

SummaryReporter 11

Active bindings

report_markdown_path (character string) path to R Markdown template for this reporter. Read-only.

Methods

Public methods:

- SummaryReporter\$get_summary_view()
- SummaryReporter\$clone()

Method get_summary_view(): Returns an htmlwidget object that summarizes the analysis of the reporter. Used when creating a package report.

```
Usage:
SummaryReporter$get_summary_view()
Returns: Self, invisibly.
```

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

```
Usage:
SummaryReporter$clone(deep = FALSE)
Arguments:
deep Whether to make a deep clone.
```

See Also

Other Package Reporters: DependencyReporter, FunctionReporter, InheritanceReporter

Index

* Graph Classes	pkgdown, 3
DirectedGraph, 5	pkgnet::AbstractGraph,6
* Main Functions	pkgnet::AbstractGraphReporter, 4, 7, 8
CreatePackageReport, 2	<pre>pkgnet::AbstractPackageReporter, 4, 7,</pre>
CreatePackageVignette, 3	10
* Network Reporters	
DependencyReporter, 4	R6::R6Class, 8
FunctionReporter, 6	
InheritanceReporter, 8	setRefClass, 8
* Package Reporters	SummaryReporter, $3, 5, 7, 9, 10$
DependencyReporter, 4	
FunctionReporter, 6	
InheritanceReporter, 8	
SummaryReporter, 10	
* Reporters	
DefaultReporters, 3	
DependencyReporter, 4	
FunctionReporter, 6	
InheritanceReporter, 8	
PackageReport, 9	
SummaryReporter, 10	
Summar yrepor ter, 10	
CreatePackageReport, 2, 3, 9	
CreatePackageVignette, 3	
DefaultReporters, 3	
DependencyReporter, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11	
DirectedGraph, 5	
DirectedGraphMeasures, 6	
FunctionReporter, <i>3</i> , <i>5</i> , <i>6</i> , <i>9</i> , <i>11</i>	
igraph, 5	
InheritanceReporter, <i>4</i> , <i>5</i> , <i>7</i> , <i>8</i> , <i>9</i> , <i>11</i>	
knitr::rmarkdown, 3	
network reporter objects, 5	
nackaga rapart 11	
package report, 11	
PackageReport, 2, 9	

12