

# Package ‘rcmdcheck’

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check_details	<i>Query R CMD check results and parameters</i>
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**Description**

Query R CMD check results and parameters

**Usage**

check\_details(check)

**Arguments**

check                    A check result.

**Value**

- A named list with elements:
- package: package name.
  - version: package version.
  - rversion: R version.
  - notes: character vector of check NOTES, each NOTE is an element.
  - warnings: character vector of check WARNINGS, each WARNING is an element.
  - errors: character vector of check ERRORS, each ERROR is an element. A check timeout adds an ERROR to this vector.
  - platform: check platform
  - checkdir: check directory.
  - install\_out: the output of the installation, contents of the 00install.out file. A single string.
  - description: the contents of the DESCRIPTION file of the package. A single string.
  - session\_info: the output of `sessioninfo::session_info()`, from the R session performing the checks.
  - checkdir: the path to the check directory, if it hasn't been cleaned up yet, or NA. The check directory is automatically cleaned up, when the check object is deleted (garbage collected).

- cran: whether it is a CRAN packaged package.
- bioc: whether it is a BioConductor package.

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compare_checks	<i>Compare a set of check results to another check result</i>
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## Description

Compare a set of check results to another check result

## Usage

```
compare_checks(old, new)
```

## Arguments

old	A check result, or a list of check results.
new	A check result.

## Value

An rcmdcheck\_comparison object with fields:

- package: the name of the package, string,
- versions: package versions, length two character,
- status: comparison status, see below,
- old: list of rcmdcheck objects the old check(s),
- new: rcmdcheck object, the new check,
- cmp:

## See Also

Other check comparisons: [compare\\_to\\_cran\(\)](#)

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compare_to_cran	<i>Compare a check result to CRAN check results</i>
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**Description**

Compare a check result to CRAN check results

**Usage**

```
compare_to_cran(check, flavours = cran_check_flavours(check$package))
```

**Arguments**

check	A check result.
flavours	CRAN check flavour(s) to use. By default all platforms are used.

**Value**

An rmdcheck\_comparison object.

**See Also**

Other check comparisons: [compare\\_checks\(\)](#)

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cran_check_flavours	<i>Download and show all CRAN check flavour platforms</i>
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**Description**

If the package argument is NULL, then all current platforms are downloaded. If the package argument is specified, then all flavours used for the latest package checks for that package, are downloaded and returned.

**Usage**

```
cran_check_flavours(package = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

package	CRAN package name or NULL.
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**Value**

Character vector of platform ids.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
cran_check_flavours()
cran_check_flavours("simplegraph")

## End(Not run)
```

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cran_check_results	<i>Download and parse R CMD check results from CRAN</i>
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**Description**

Download and parse R CMD check results from CRAN

**Usage**

```
cran_check_results(
  package,
  flavours = cran_check_flavours(package),
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

package	Name of a single package to download the checks for.
flavours	CRAN check flavours to use. Defaults to all flavours that were used to check the package.
quiet	Whether to omit the download progress bars.

**Value**

A list of rcmdcheck objects.

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parse_check	<i>Parse R CMD check results from a file or string</i>
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**Description**

At most one of file or text can be given. If both are NULL, then the current working directory is checked for a 00check.log file.

**Usage**

```
parse_check(file = NULL, text = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

file	The <code>00check.log</code> file, or a directory that contains that file. It can also be a connection object.
text	The contents of a <code>00check.log</code> file.
...	Other arguments passed onto the constructor. Used for testing.

**Value**

An `rcmdcheck` object, the check results.

**See Also**

[parse\\_check\\_url](#)

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`parse_check_url`

*Shorthand to parse R CMD check results from a URL*

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**Description**

Shorthand to parse R CMD check results from a URL

**Usage**

```
parse_check_url(url, quiet = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

url	URL to parse the results from. Note that it should not contain HTML markup, just the text output.
quiet	Passed to <code>download.file</code> .

**Value**

An `rcmdcheck` object, the check results.

**See Also**

[parse\\_check](#)

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print.rcmdcheck	<i>Print R CMD check results</i>
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**Description**

Print R CMD check results

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'rcmdcheck'
print(
  x,
  header = TRUE,
  test_output = getOption("rcmdcheck.test_output", FALSE),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	Check result object to print.
header	Whether to print a header.
test_output	if TRUE, include the test output in the results, if there are no test failures. If some tests fail, then only the failures are printed.
...	Additional arguments, currently ignored.

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print.rcmdcheck_comparison	<i>Print R CMD check result comparisons</i>
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**Description**

See [compare\\_checks\(\)](#) and [compare\\_to\\_cran\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'rcmdcheck_comparison'
print(x, header = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	R CMD check result comparison object.
header	Whether to print the header. You can suppress the header if you want to use the printout as part of another object's printout.
...	Additional arguments, currently ignored.

rcmdcheck

*Run R CMD check from R and Capture Results***Description**

Run R CMD check from R programmatically, and capture the results of the individual checks.

Runs R CMD check as an external command, and parses its output and returns the check failures.

**Usage**

```
rcmdcheck(
  path = ".",
  quiet = FALSE,
  args = character(),
  build_args = character(),
  check_dir = NULL,
  libpath = .libPaths(),
  repos = getOption("repos"),
  timeout = Inf,
  error_on = Sys.getenv("RCMDCHECK_ERROR_ON", c("never", "error", "warning",
    "note")[1]),
  env = character()
)
```

**Arguments**

path	Path to a package tarball or a directory.
quiet	Whether to print check output during checking.
args	Character vector of arguments to pass to R CMD check. Pass each argument as a single element of this character vector (do not use spaces to delimit arguments like you would in the shell). For example, to skip running of examples and tests, use <code>args = c("--no-examples", "--no-tests")</code> and not <code>args = "--no-examples --no-tests"</code> . (Note that instead of the <code>--output</code> option you should use the <code>check_dir</code> argument, because <code>--output</code> cannot deal with spaces and other special characters on Windows.)
build_args	Character vector of arguments to pass to R CMD build. Pass each argument as a single element of this character vector (do not use spaces to delimit arguments like you would in the shell). For example, <code>build_args = c("--force", "--keep-empty-dirs")</code> is a correct usage and <code>build_args = "--force --keep-empty-dirs"</code> is incorrect.
check_dir	Path to a directory where the check is performed. If this is not NULL, then the a temporary directory is used, that is cleaned up when the returned object is garbage collected.
libpath	The library path to set for the check. The default uses the current library path.



repos	The repos option to set for the check. This is needed for cyclic dependency checks if you use the <code>--as-cran</code> argument. The default uses the current value.
timeout	Timeout for the check, in seconds, or as a <a href="#">base::difftime</a> object. If it is not finished before this, it will be killed. <code>Inf</code> means no timeout. If the check is timed out, that is added as an extra error to the result object.
error_on	Whether to throw an error on R CMD check failures. Note that the check is always completed (unless a timeout happens), and the error is only thrown after completion. If "never", then no errors are thrown. If "error", then only ERROR failures generate errors. If "warning", then WARNING failures generate errors as well. If "note", then any check failure generated an error. Its default can be modified with the <code>RCMDCHECK_ERROR_ON</code> environment variable. If that is not set, then "never" is used.
env	A named character vector, extra environment variables to set in the check process.

## Details

See [rcmdcheck\\_process](#) if you need to run R CMD check in a background process.

## Value

An S3 object (list) with fields `errors`, `warnings` and `notes`. These are all character vectors containing the output for the failed check.

## Turning off package checks

Sometimes it is useful to programmatically turn off some checks that may report check NOTES. `rcmdcheck` provides two ways to do this.

First, you may declare in DESCRIPTION that you don't want to see NOTES that are accepted on CRAN, with this entry:

```
Config/rcmdcheck/ignore-inconsequential-notes: true
```

Currently, this will make `rcmdcheck` ignore the following notes:

- report large package sizes (`_R_CHECK_PKG_SIZES_ = FALSE`),
- check cross-references in Rd files (`_R_CHECK_RD_XREFS_ = FALSE`),
- NOTE if package requires GNU make (`_R_CHECK_CRAN_INCOMING_NOTE_GNU_MAKE_ = FALSE`),
- report marked non-ASCII strings in datasets (`_R_CHECK_PACKAGE_DATASETS_SUPPRESS_NOTES_ = TRUE`).

The second way is more flexible, and lets you turn off individual checks via setting environment variables. You may provide a `tools/check.env` *environment file* in your package with the list of environment variable settings that `rcmdcheck` will automatically use when checking the package. See [Startup](#) for the format of this file.

Here is an example `tools/check.env` file:

```
# Report if package size is larger than 10 megabytes
_R_CHECK_PKG_SIZES_THRESHOLD=10
```

```
# Do not check Rd cross references
_R_CHECK_RD_XREFS=false
```

```
# Do not report if package requires GNU make
_R_CHECK_CRAN_INCOMING_NOTE_GNU_MAKE=false
```

```
# Do not check non-ASCII strings in datasets
_R_CHECK_PACKAGE_DATASETS_SUPPRESS_NOTES=true
```

See the ["R internals" manual](#) and the [R source code](#) for the environment variables that control the checks.

Note that `Config/rcmdcheck/ignore-inconsequential-notes` and the `check.env` file are only supported by `rcmdcheck`, and running `R CMD check` from a shell (or GUI) will not use them.

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rcmdcheck-config	<i>rcmdcheck configuration</i>
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## Description

Options take precedence over environment variables. E.g. if both the `RCMDCHECK_NUM_COLORS` environment variables and the `rcmdcheck.num_colors` option are set, then the latter is used.

## Details

`rcmdcheck` uses the `cli` package for much of its output, so you can configure the output via `cli`, see [cli::cli-config](#).

Package configuration is defined in the `DESCRIPTION` file of the checked package. E.g.:

```
Config/build/clean-inst-doc: FALSE
```

## Environment variables

- `R_PROFILE_USER`: standard R environment variable to configure the path to the user level R profile. See [base::R\\_PROFILE\\_USER](#).
- `RCMDCHECK_BASE_URL`: URL to the root of the CRAN check web page. You can use this to select an alternative CRAN mirror. Defaults to `https://cran.r-project.org/web/checks/`.
- `RCMDCHECK_DETAILS_URL`: URL to the root of the CRAN check output page. Defaults to `https://www.r-project.org/nosvn/R.check/`.
- `RCMDCHECK_ERROR_ON`: the default value for the `error_on` argument of [rcmdcheck\(\)](#).
- `RCMDCHECK_FLAVOURS_URL`: URL to the CRAN check flavours page. You can use this to select an alternative CRAN mirror. Defaults to `https://cran.r-project.org/web/checks/check_flavors.html`.

- `RCMDCHECK_NUM_COLORS`: the number of ANSI colors to use in the output. It can be used to override the number of colors detected or configured by the cli package. See `cli::num_ansi_colors()`. This configuration is only used for the output of rcmdcheck and it does not affect the examples and test cases (and other code) of the checked package. If not set, then the default of cli is used. The corresponding option is `rcmdcheck.num_colors`.
- `RCMDCHECK_TIMESTAMP_LIMIT`: lower limit is seconds, above which rcmdcheck adds time stamps to the individual check steps. It may be fractional. Defaults to 1/3 of a second. The corresponding option is `rcmdcheck.timestamp_limit`.
- `RCMDCHECK_USE_RSTUDIO_PANDOC`: Flag (true or false). If true, then rcmdcheck *always* puts RStudio's pandoc (if available) on the path. If false, then it *never* does that. If not set, or set to a different value, then pandoc is put on the path only if it is not already available. RStudio's pandoc is detected via an `RSTUDIO_PANDOC` environment variable.
- `RCMDCHECK_LOAD_CHECK_ENV`: you can use this environment variable suppress loading environment variables from the `tools/check.env` file. See `rcmdcheck()` for details.
- `RSTUDIO_PANDOC`: if set, rcmdcheck adds this environment variable to the `PATH` if pandoc is not on the `PATH` already. It is usually set in RStudio. See also the `RCMDCHECK_USE_RSTUDIO_PANDOC` environment variable.

## Options

- `rcmdcheck.num_colors`: the number of ANSI colors to use in the output. It can be used to override the number of colors detected or configured by the cli package. See `cli::num_ansi_colors()`. This configuration is only used for the output of rcmdcheck and it does not affect the examples and test cases (and other code) of the checked package. If not set, then the default of cli is used. The corresponding environment variable is `RCMDCHECK_NUM_COLORS`.
- `rcmdcheck.test_output`: Flag (TRUE or FALSE), whether `print.rcmdcheck()` should print the full test output if there are no test failures. If some tests fail, then only the failures are printed, independently of this option.
- `rcmdcheck.timestamp_limit`: lower limit is seconds, above which rcmdcheck adds time stamps to the individual check steps. It may be fractional. Defaults to 1/3 of a second. The corresponding environment variable is `RCMDCHECK_TIMESTAMP_LIMIT`.

## Package configuration:

- `Config/build/clean-inst-doc`: Flag (TRUE or FALSE) to specify if the `inst/doc` directory should be cleaned up when building a package directory. If not specified, then NULL is used. See the `clean_doc` option of `pkgbuild::build()` for more details.

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rcmdcheck\_process

Run an R CMD check process in the background

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## Description

`rcmdcheck_process` is an R6 class, that extends the `callr::rcmd_process` class (which in turn extends `processx::process`).

## Usage

```
cp <- rcmdcheck_process$new(path = ".", args = character(),
  build_args = character(), check_dir = NULL,
  libpath = .libPaths(), repos = getOption("repos"))
```

```
cp$parse_results()
```

Other methods are inherited from [callr::rcmd\\_process](#) and [processx::process](#).

Note that you calling the `get_output_connection` and `get_error_connection` method on this is not a good idea, because then the stdout and/or stderr of the process will not be collected for `parse_results()`.

You can still use the `read_output_lines()` and `read_error_lines()` methods to read the standard output and error, `parse_results()` is not affected by that.

## Arguments

- `cp`: A new `rcmdcheck_process` object.
- `path`: Path to a package tree or a package archive file. This is the package to check.
- `args`: Command line arguments to R CMD check.
- `build_args`: Command line arguments to R CMD build.
- `check_dir`: Directory for the results.
- `libpath`: The library path to set for the check.
- `repos`: The `repos` option to set for the check. This is needed for cyclic dependency checks if you use the `--as-cran` argument. The default uses the current value.
- `env`: A named character vector, extra environment variables to set in the check process.

## Details

Most methods are inherited from [callr::rcmd\\_process](#) and [processx::process](#).

`cp$parse_results()` parses the results, and returns an S3 object with fields `errors`, `warnings` and `notes`, just like [rcmdcheck\(\)](#). It is an error to call it before the process has finished. Use the `wait()` method to wait for the check to finish, or the `is_alive()` method to check if it is still running.

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xopen.rcmdcheck

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*Open the check directory in a file browser window*


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## Description

Open the check directory in a file browser window

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rcmdcheck'
xopen(target, app = NULL, quiet = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>target</code>	<code>rcmdcheck()</code> result.
<code>app</code>	Specify the app to open <code>target</code> with, and its arguments, in a character vector. Note that app names are platform dependent.
<code>quiet</code>	Whether to echo the command to the screen, before running it.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments, not used currently.

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