

# Package ‘rdeps’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Identify External Packages Used in a Project

**Version** 0.3

**Description** Screens all '.R', '.Rmd', and '.qmd' files to extract the name of packages used in a project. This package detects packages called with 'library(foo)', 'require(foo)', 'foo::bar()' and 'use(` `foo", ` `bar")' and adds these dependencies in the DESCRIPTION file in the sections Depends, Imports, and Suggests.

**URL** <https://github.com/frbcesab/rdeps>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/frbcesab/rdeps/issues>

**License** GPL (>= 2)

**Encoding** UTF-8

**RoxygenNote** 7.3.2

**Imports** cli, utils

**NeedsCompilation** no

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`add_deps`*Add required dependencies to the description file*

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## Description

This function detects external packages used in an R project (package, compendium, website, etc.) and updates the sections **Depends**, **Imports**, and **Suggests** of the DESCRIPTION file.

A DESCRIPTION file can be created and added to an existing project with the function `use_description()` of the package `usethis`.

All `.R`, `.Rmd`, and `.qmd` files are screened to identify packages called by `library(foo)`, `library("foo")`, `library('foo')`, `require(foo)`, `require("foo")`, `require('foo')`, `foo::bar()` or `use("foo", "bar")`.

Different types of dependencies are handled with the following rules:

- if a package is called with `library(foo)` or `require(foo)`, it will be added to the section **Depends** of the DESCRIPTION file (except for vignettes and tests);
- if the package is called with `foo::bar()` or `use("foo", "bar")`, it will be added to the section **Imports** of the DESCRIPTION file (except for vignettes and tests);
- if the package is only used in vignettes or tests, it will be added to the section **Suggests** of the DESCRIPTION file.

This function also screens the NAMESPACE file (it detects packages mentioned as `import(foo)` and `importFrom(foo, bar)`) and `@examples` sections of roxygen2 headers. The detected packages are added in the **Imports** section of the DESCRIPTION file.

If the project is not an R package, non-standard folders are also screened (i.e. `analyses/`, `paper/`, etc.). The detected packages are added in the **Imports** section of the DESCRIPTION file.

## Usage

```
add_deps()
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## Value

No return value.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
add_deps()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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