

Package ‘rstudio.prefs’

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Title Set 'RStudio' Preferences

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Description As of 'RStudio' v1.3, the preferences in the Global Options dialog (and a number of other preferences that aren't) are now saved in simple, plain-text JSON files. This package provides an interface for working with these 'RStudio' JSON preference files to easily make modifications without using the point-and-click option menus. This is particularly helpful when working on teams to ensure a unified experience across machines and utilizing settings for best practices.

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check_min_rstudio_version
<i>Check Min RStudio Version</i>

Description

Return error if minimum version requirement not met.

Usage

check_min_rstudio_version(version)

Arguments

version string of min required version number

Value

path string to RStudio rstudio-prefs.json file

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Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  check_min_rstudio_version()
}
```

fetch_rstudio_prefs	<i>Fetch table of RStudio Preferences</i>
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Description

Preferences are fetched from <https://docs.rstudio.com/ide/server-pro/session-user-settings.html>

Usage

```
fetch_rstudio_prefs()
```

Value

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Details

Only preferences of type "boolean", "string", "number", "integer", and "array" are fetched from the table. TODO: Research how type "object" are passed and include in the fetched preferences table.

Examples

```
fetch_rstudio_prefs()
```

make_path_norm	<i>Normalize Path Add-in</i>
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Description

Wrapper to execute `fs::path_norm()` as a shortcut on highlighted text. The updated text will be converted in place to a path normalized for the environment currently in use. For instance, \ or \\ will be converted to / on Windows machines. See below for process of setting shortcut.

Usage

```
make_path_norm()
```

Details

Add keyboard shortcut for `make_path_norm()` in RStudio, use the `use_rstudio_keyboard_shortcut()` function. Do add it manually, follow the instructions below.

- Install `rstudio.prefs`, and restart RStudio
- Select "Tools" → "Modify Keyboard Shortcuts...".
- In Search box, type "Make Path Normal".
- Click in the "Shortcut" column on the "Make Path Normal" row.
- Press intended shortcut keys (suggested: `Ctrl+Shift+/'`) to set shortcut.
- NOTE: It is possible to override a previously specified key combination with this selection.

Value

normalized path string

See Also

[fs::path_norm](#)

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  # set a keyboard shortcut for path normalization
  rstudio.prefs::use_rstudio_keyboard_shortcut(
    "Ctrl+Shift+/'" = "rstudio.prefs::make_path_norm"
  )
}
```

repo_string_as_named_list

Convert secondary repo string to named list

Description

The secondary repo string uses `|` to separate the repo names and their values, as well as two different repos, e.g. `'ropensci|https://ropensci.r-universe.dev|ddsjoberg|https://ddsjoberg.r-universe.dev'`.

Usage

```
repo_string_as_named_list(x)
```

Arguments

`x` secondary repository string from `"rstudio-prefs.json"` → `"cran_mirror"`
→ `"secondary"`

Value

named list

Author(s)

Daniel D. Sjoberg

Examples

```
repo_string_as_named_list(  
  'ropensci|https://ropensci.r-universe.dev|ddsjoberg|https://ddsjoberg.r-universe.dev'  
)
```

<code>rstudio_config_path</code>	<i>RStudio Config Path</i>
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Description

Copy of the internal function `usethis:::rstudio_config_path()`

Usage

```
rstudio_config_path(...)
```

Arguments

`...` strings added to the RStudio config path

Value

path string to RStudio `rstudio-prefs.json` file

Author(s)

Daniel D. Sjoberg

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  rstudio_config_path()  
}
```

`use_rstudio_keyboard_shortcut`*Set RStudio Keyboard Shortcuts*

Description

This function updates the RStudio keyboard shortcuts saved in the `addins.json` file.

Usage

```
use_rstudio_keyboard_shortcut(..., .write_json = TRUE, .backup = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>...</code>	series of RStudio keyboard shortcuts to update. The argument name is the keyboard shortcut, and the value is a string of the function name that will execute. See examples.
<code>.write_json</code>	logical indicating whether to update and overwrite the existing JSON file of options. Default is <code>TRUE</code> . When <code>FALSE</code> , the function will return a list of all options, instead of writing them to file.
<code>.backup</code>	logical indicating whether to create a back-up of preferences file before it's updated. Default is <code>TRUE</code>

Value

`NULL`, updates RStudio `addins.json` file

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Examples

```
use_rstudio_keyboard_shortcut(  
  "Ctrl+Shift+/" = "rstudio.prefs::make_path_norm"  
)
```

use_rstudio_prefs	<i>Set RStudio Preferences</i>
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Description

This function updates the RStudio preferences saved in the `rstudio-prefs.json` file. A full listing of preferences that may be modified are listed here <https://docs.rstudio.com/ide/server-pro/session-user-settings.html>

Usage

```
use_rstudio_prefs(...)
```

Arguments

... series of RStudio preferences to update, e.g. `always_save_history = FALSE`, `rainbow_parentheses =`

Value

NULL, updates RStudio `rstudio-prefs.json` file

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Examples

```
# pass preferences individually -----
use_rstudio_prefs(
  always_save_history = FALSE,
  rainbow_parentheses = TRUE
)

# pass a list of preferences -----
pref_list <-
  list(always_save_history = FALSE,
        rainbow_parentheses = TRUE)

use_rstudio_prefs(!!!pref_list)
```

use_rstudio_secondary_repo
Set RStudio Secondary Repository

Description

This function updates the RStudio preferences saved in the `rstudio-prefs.json` file to include the secondary repositories passed by the user. If a new name for an existing repository is passed by the user, the name will be updated in the JSON file.

Usage

```
use_rstudio_secondary_repo(...)
```

Arguments

... series of named secondary repositories, e.g. `ropensci = "https://ropensci.r-universe.dev"`

Details

A note for users outside of the USA. If the country in `.$cran_mirror$country` has not been previously recorded in the JSON preferences file (typically, auto set by RStudio), the `use_rstudio_secondary_repo()` function will set `"country" = "us"`.

Value

NULL, updates RStudio `rstudio-prefs.json` file

Author(s)

Daniel D. Sjoberg

Examples

```
use_rstudio_secondary_repo(  
  ropensci = "https://ropensci.r-universe.dev",  
  ddsjoberg = "https://ddsjoberg.r-universe.dev"  
)
```

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