

# Package ‘pkgstats’

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ctags_install	<i>Install 'ctags' from a clone of the 'git' repository</i>
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## Description

'ctags' is installed with this package on both Windows and macOS systems; this is an additional function to install from source on Unix systems.

## Usage

```
ctags_install(bin_dir = NULL, sudo = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

bin_dir	This parameter only has an effect on *nix-type operating systems (such as Linux), on which it's a prefix to pass to the autoconf configure command defining location to install the binary, with default of /usr/local.
sudo	Set to FALSE if sudo is not available, in which case a value for bin_dir will also have to be explicitly specified, and be a location where a binary is able to be installed without sudo privileges.

**Value**

Nothing; the function will fail if installation fails, otherwise returns nothing.

**See Also**

Other tags: [ctags\\_test\(\)](#), [tags\\_data\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
ctags_install (bin_dir = "/usr/local") # default

## End(Not run)
```

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ctags_test	<i>test a 'ctags' installation</i>
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**Description**

This uses the example from <https://github.com/universal-ctags/ctags/blob/master/man/ctags-lang-r.7.rst.in> and also checks the GNU global installation.

**Usage**

```
ctags_test(quiet = TRUE, noerror = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

quiet	If TRUE, display on screen whether or not 'ctags' is correctly installed.
noerror	If FALSE (default), this function will error if either 'ctags' or 'gtags' are not installed. If TRUE, the function will complete without erroring, and issue appropriate messages regarding required but non-installed system libraries.

**Value**

'TRUE' or 'FALSE' respectively indicating whether or not 'ctags' is correctly installed.

**See Also**

Other tags: [ctags\\_install\(\)](#), [tags\\_data\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# The function errors if not ctags or gtags found.

ctags_okay <- !is.null (tryCatch (
  ctags_test (),
  error = function (e) NULL
))
```

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desc_stats	<i>Statistics from DESCRIPTION files</i>
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**Description**

Statistics from DESCRIPTION files

**Usage**

```
desc_stats(path)
```

**Arguments**

path            Directory to source code of package being analysed

**Value**

A data.frame with one row and 16 columns extracting various information from the 'DESCRIPTION' file, include websites, tallies of different kinds of authors and contributors, and package dependencies.

**See Also**

Other stats: [loc\\_stats\(\)](#), [pkgstats\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_summary\(\)](#), [rd\\_stats\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
f <- system.file("extdata", "pkgstats_9.9.tar.gz", package = "pkgstats")
# have to extract tarball to call function on source code:
path <- extract_tarball(f)
desc_stats(path)
```

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dl_pkgstats_data	<i>Download latest version of 'pkgstats' data</i>
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**Description**

Download latest version of 'pkgstats' data

**Usage**

```
dl_pkgstats_data(current = TRUE, path = tempdir(), quiet = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

current	If 'FALSE', download data for all CRAN packages ever released, otherwise (default) download data only for current CRAN packages.
path	Local path to download file.
quiet	If FALSE, display progress information on screen.

**Value**

(Invisibly) A data.frame of pkgstats results, one row for each package.

**See Also**

Other archive: [pkgstats\\_cran\\_current\\_from\\_full\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_fns\\_from\\_archive\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_fns\\_update\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_from\\_archive\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_update\(\)](#)

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extract_tarball	<i>Extract tarball of a package into temp directory and return path to extracted package</i>
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**Description**

Extract tarball of a package into temp directory and return path to extracted package

**Usage**

```
extract_tarball(tarball)
```

**Arguments**

tarball	Full path to local tarball of an R package.
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**Value**

Path to extracted version of package (in `tempdir()`).

**See Also**

Other misc: [pkgstats\\_fn\\_names\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
f <- system.file("extdata", "pkgstats_9.9.tar.gz", package = "pkgstats")
path <- extract_tarball(f)
```

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`loc_stats`*Internal calculation of Lines-of-Code Statistics*

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**Description**

Internal calculation of Lines-of-Code Statistics

**Usage**

```
loc_stats(path)
```

**Arguments**

`path` Directory to source code of package being analysed

**Value**

A list of statistics for each of three directories, 'R', 'src', and 'inst/include', each one having 5 statistics of total numbers of lines, numbers of empty lines, total numbers of white spaces, total numbers of characters, and indentation used in files in that directory.

**Note**

NA values are returned for directories which do not exist.

**See Also**

Other stats: [desc\\_stats\(\)](#), [pkgstats\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_summary\(\)](#), [rd\\_stats\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
f <- system.file("extdata", "pkgstats_9.9.tar.gz", package = "pkgstats")
# have to extract tarball to call function on source code:
path <- extract_tarball(f)
loc_stats(path)
```

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`pkgstats`*Analyse statistics of one R package*

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**Description**

Analyse statistics of one R package

**Usage**

```
pkgstats(path = ".")
```

## Arguments

`path` Either a path to a local source repository, or a local '.tar.gz' file, containing code for an R package.

## Value

List of statistics and data on function call networks (or object relationships in other languages). Includes the following components:

1. `loc`: Summary of Lines-of-Code in all package directories
2. `vignettes`: Numbers of vignettes and "demo" files
3. `data_stats`: Statistics of numbers and sizes of package data files
4. `desc`: Summary of contents of 'DESCRIPTION' file
5. `translations`: List of translations into other (human) languages (where provides)
6. `objects`: A `data.frame` of all functions in R, and all other objects (functions, classes, structures, global variables, and more) in all other languages
7. `network`: A `data.frame` of object references within and between all languages; in R these are function calls, but may be more abstract in other languages.
8. `external_calls`: A `data.frame` of all calls made to all functions from all other R packages, including base and recommended as well as contributed packages.

## See Also

Other stats: [desc\\_stats\(\)](#), [loc\\_stats\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_summary\(\)](#), [rd\\_stats\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# 'path' can be path to a package tarball:
f <- system.file("extdata", "pkgstats_9.9.tar.gz", package = "pkgstats")

s <- pkgstats(f)
# or to a source directory:
path <- extract_tarball(f)
s <- pkgstats(path)
```

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`pkgstats_cran_current_from_full`

*Reduce data.frame of full CRAN archive data to current packages only.*

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## Description

Reduce data.frame of full CRAN archive data to current packages only.

**Usage**

```
pkgstats_cran_current_from_full(prev_results, results_file = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

`prev_results` Result of previous call to this function, if available. Submitting previous results will ensure that only newer packages not present in previous result will be analysed, with new results simply appended to previous results. This parameter can also specify a file to be read with `readRDS()`.

`results_file` Can be used to specify the name or full path of a `.Rds` file to which results should be saved once they have been generated. The `'.Rds'` extension will be automatically appended, and any other extensions will be ignored.

**Value**

A `data.frame` object with one row for each package containing summary statistics generated from the `pkgstats_summary` function.

**See Also**

Other archive: `dl_pkgstats_data()`, `pkgstats_fns_from_archive()`, `pkgstats_fns_update()`, `pkgstats_from_archive()`, `pkgstats_update()`

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`pkgstats_fns_from_archive`

*Trawl a local CRAN archive to extract function names only from all packages*

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**Description**

Trawl a local CRAN archive to extract function names only from all packages

**Usage**

```
pkgstats_fns_from_archive(  
  path,  
  archive = FALSE,  
  prev_results = NULL,  
  results_file = NULL,  
  chunk_size = 1000L,  
  num_cores = 1L,  
  results_path = fs::path_temp()  
)
```



**Arguments**

path	Path to local archive of R packages, either as source directories, or '.tar.gz' files such as in a CRAN mirror.
archive	If TRUE, extract statistics for all packages in the /Archive sub-directory, otherwise only statistics for main directory (that is, current packages only).
prev_results	Result of previous call to this function, if available. Submitting previous results will ensure that only newer packages not present in previous result will be analysed, with new results simply appended to previous results. This parameter can also specify a file to be read with readRDS().
results_file	Can be used to specify the name or full path of a .Rds file to which results should be saved once they have been generated. The '.Rds' extension will be automatically appended, and any other extensions will be ignored.
chunk_size	Divide large archive trawl into chunks of this size, and save intermediate results to local files. These intermediate files can be combined to generate a single prev_results file, to enable jobs to be stopped and re-started without having to recalculate all results. These files will be named pkgstats-results-N.Rds, where "N" incrementally numbers each file.
num_cores	Number of machine cores to use in parallel, defaulting to single-core processing.
results_path	Path to save intermediate files generated by the chunk_size parameter described above.

**Value**

A data.frame object with one row for each function in each package and the following columns:

- Package name
- Package version
- Function name

**See Also**

Other archive: [dl\\_pkgstats\\_data\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_cran\\_current\\_from\\_full\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_fns\\_update\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_from\\_archive\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_update\(\)](#)

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pkgstats_fns_update	<i>Update function names data from previous data and newly updated CRAN packages only.</i>
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**Description**

Update function names data from previous data and newly updated CRAN packages only.

**Usage**

```
pkgstats_fns_update(  
  prev_results = NULL,  
  results_file = NULL,  
  chunk_size = 1000L,  
  num_cores = 1L,  
  results_path = tempdir()  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>prev_results</code>	Result of previous call to this function, if available. Submitting previous results will ensure that only newer packages not present in previous result will be analysed, with new results simply appended to previous results. This parameter can also specify a file to be read with <code>readRDS()</code> .
<code>results_file</code>	Can be used to specify the name or full path of a <code>.Rds</code> file to which results should be saved once they have been generated. The <code>'.Rds'</code> extension will be automatically appended, and any other extensions will be ignored.
<code>chunk_size</code>	Divide large archive trawl into chunks of this size, and save intermediate results to local files. These intermediate files can be combined to generate a single <code>prev_results</code> file, to enable jobs to be stopped and re-started without having to recalculate all results. These files will be named <code>pkgstats-results-N.Rds</code> , where "N" incrementally numbers each file.
<code>num_cores</code>	Number of machine cores to use in parallel, defaulting to single-core processing.
<code>results_path</code>	Path to save intermediate files generated by the <code>chunk_size</code> parameter described above.

**Value**

A `data.frame` object with one row for each function in each package and the following columns:

- Package name
- Package version
- Function name

**See Also**

Other archive: [dl\\_pkgstats\\_data\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_cran\\_current\\_from\\_full\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_fns\\_from\\_archive\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_from\\_archive\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_update\(\)](#)

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pkgstats\_fn\_names      *Extract names of all functions for one R package*

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### Description

Extract names of all functions for one R package

### Usage

```
pkgstats_fn_names(path)
```

### Arguments

path                      Either a path to a local source repository, or a local '.tar.gz' file, containing code for an R package.

### Value

A data.frame with three columns:

- package: Name of package
- version: Package version
- fn\_name: Name of function

### See Also

Other misc: [extract\\_tarball\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
# 'path' can be path to a package tarball:  
f <- system.file("extdata", "pkgstats_9.9.tar.gz", package = "pkgstats")  
path <- extract_tarball(f)  
s <- pkgstats_fn_names(path)
```

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pkgstats\_from\_archive      *Trawl a local CRAN archive and extract statistics from all packages*

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### Description

Trawl a local CRAN archive and extract statistics from all packages

**Usage**

```
pkgstats_from_archive(
  path,
  archive = TRUE,
  prev_results = NULL,
  results_file = NULL,
  chunk_size = 1000L,
  num_cores = 1L,
  save_full = FALSE,
  save_ex_calls = FALSE,
  results_path = fs::path_temp()
)
```

**Arguments**

path	Path to local archive of R packages, either as source directories, or '.tar.gz' files such as in a CRAN mirror.
archive	If TRUE, extract statistics for all packages in the /Archive sub-directory, otherwise only statistics for main directory (that is, current packages only).
prev_results	Result of previous call to this function, if available. Submitting previous results will ensure that only newer packages not present in previous result will be analysed, with new results simply appended to previous results. This parameter can also specify a file to be read with readRDS().
results_file	Can be used to specify the name or full path of a .Rds file to which results should be saved once they have been generated. The '.Rds' extension will be automatically appended, and any other extensions will be ignored.
chunk_size	Divide large archive trawl into chunks of this size, and save intermediate results to local files. These intermediate files can be combined to generate a single prev_results file, to enable jobs to be stopped and re-started without having to recalculate all results. These files will be named pkgstats-results-N.Rds, where "N" incrementally numbers each file.
num_cores	Number of machine cores to use in parallel, defaulting to single-core processing.
save_full	If TRUE, full <a href="#">pkgstats</a> results are saved for each package to files in results_path.
save_ex_calls	If TRUE, the results of the external_calls component are saved for each package to files in results_path (only if save_full = FALSE).
results_path	Path to save intermediate files generated by the chunk_size parameter described above.

**Value**

A data.frame object with one row for each package containing summary statistics generated from the [pkgstats\\_summary](#) function.

**See Also**

Other archive: [dl\\_pkgstats\\_data\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_cran\\_current\\_from\\_full\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_fns\\_from\\_archive\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_fns\\_update\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_update\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Create fake archive directory with single tarball:
f <- system.file ("extdata", "pkgstats_9.9.tar.gz", package = "pkgstats")
tarball <- basename (f)

archive_path <- file.path (tempdir (), "archive")
if (!dir.exists (archive_path)) {
  dir.create (archive_path)
}
path <- file.path (archive_path, tarball)
file.copy (f, path)
tarball_path <- file.path (archive_path, "tarballs")
dir.create (tarball_path, recursive = TRUE)
file.copy (path, file.path (tarball_path, tarball))
out <- pkgstats_from_archive (tarball_path)
```

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pkgstats\_summary      *Condense the output of pkgstats to summary statistics only*

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**Description**

Condense the output of `pkgstats` to summary statistics only

**Usage**

```
pkgstats_summary(s = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

`s`                      Output of `pkgstats`, containing full statistical data on one package. Default of NULL returns a single row with NA values (used in `pkgstats_from_archive`).

**Value**

Summarised version of `s`, as a single row of a standardised `data.frame` object

**Note**

Variable names in the summary object use the following abbreviations:

- "loc" = Lines-of-Code
- "fn" = Function
- "n\_fns" = Number of functions
- "npars" = Number of parameters
- "doclines" = Number of documentation lines
- "nedges" = Number of edges in function call network, as a count of *unique* edges, which may be less than the size of the network object returned by `pkgstats`, because that may include multiple calls between identical function pairs.

- "n\_clusters" = Number of connected clusters within the function call network.
- "centrality" used as a prefix for several statistics, along with "dir" or "undir" for centrality calculated on networks respectively constructed with directed or undirected edges; "mn" or "md" for respective measures of mean or median centrality, and "no0" for measures excluding edges with zero centrality.

### See Also

Other stats: [desc\\_stats\(\)](#), [loc\\_stats\(\)](#), [pkgstats\(\)](#), [rd\\_stats\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
f <- system.file("extdata", "pkgstats_9.9.tar.gz", package = "pkgstats")  
  
p <- pkgstats(f)  
s <- pkgstats_summary(p)
```

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pkgstats\_update

*Update pkgstats' data on GitHub release*

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### Description

This function is intended for internal rOpenSci use only. Usage by any unauthorized users will error and have no effect unless run with `upload = FALSE`, in which case updated data will be created in the sub-directory "pkgstats-results" of R's current temporary directory.

### Usage

```
pkgstats_update(upload = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

`upload` If TRUE, upload updated results to GitHub release.

### Value

Local path to directory containing updated results.

### See Also

Other archive: [dl\\_pkgstats\\_data\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_cran\\_current\\_from\\_full\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_fns\\_from\\_archive\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_fns\\_update\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_from\\_archive\(\)](#)

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plot_network	<i>Plot interactive <b>visNetwork</b> visualisation of object-relationship network of package.</i>
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### Description

Plot interactive **visNetwork** visualisation of object-relationship network of package.

### Usage

```
plot_network(s, plot = TRUE, vis_save = NULL)
```

### Arguments

s	Package statistics obtained from <a href="#">pkgstats</a> function.
plot	If TRUE, plot the network using <b>visNetwork</b> which opens an interactive browser pane.
vis_save	Name of local file in which to save html file of network visualisation (will override plot to FALSE).

### Value

(Invisibly) A **visNetwork** representation of the package network.

### Note

Edge thicknesses are scaled to centrality within the package function call network. Node sizes are scaled to numbers of times each function is called from all other functions within a package.

### Examples

```
f <- system.file("extdata", "pkgstats_9.9.tar.gz", package = "pkgstats")  
  
p <- pkgstats(f)  
plot_network(p)
```

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rd_stats	<i>Stats from '.Rd' files</i>
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**Description**

Stats from '.Rd' files

**Usage**

```
rd_stats(path)
```

**Arguments**

path            Directory to source code of package being analysed

**Value**

A data.frame of function names and numbers of parameters and lines of documentation for each, along with mean and median numbers of characters used to document each parameter.

**See Also**

Other stats: [desc\\_stats\(\)](#), [loc\\_stats\(\)](#), [pkgstats\(\)](#), [pkgstats\\_summary\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
f <- system.file("extdata", "pkgstats_9.9.tar.gz", package = "pkgstats")
# have to extract tarball to call function on source code:
path <- extract_tarball(f)
rd_stats(path)
```

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tags_data	<i>use ctags and gtags to parse call data</i>
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**Description**

use ctags and gtags to parse call data

**Usage**

```
tags_data(path, has_tabs = NULL, pkg_name = NULL)
```



**Arguments**

path	Path to local repository
has_tabs	A logical flag indicating whether or not the code contains any tab characters. This can be determined from <code>loc_stats</code> , which has a <code>tabs</code> column. If not given, that value will be extracted from internally calling that function.
pkg_name	Only used for <code>external_call_network</code> , to label package-internal calls.

**Value**

A list of three items:

- "network" A data.frame of relationships between objects, generally as calls between functions in R, but other kinds of relationships in other source languages. This is effectively an edge-based network representation, and the data frame also include network metrics for each edge, calculated through representing the network in both directed (suffix "\_dir") and undirected (suffix "\_undir") forms.
- "objects" A data.frame of statistics on each object (generally functions in R, and other kinds of objects in other source languages), including the kind of object, the language, numbers of lines-of-code, parameters, and lines of documentation, and a binary flag indicating whether or not R functions accept "three-dots" parameters (...).
- "external\_calls" A data.frame of every call from within every R function to any external R package, including base and recommended packages. The location of each calls is recorded, along with the external function and package being called.

**See Also**

Other tags: `ctags_install()`, `ctags_test()`

**Examples**

```
f <- system.file("extdata", "pkgstats_9.9.tar.gz", package = "pkgstats")
# have to extract tarball to call function on source code:
path <- extract_tarball(f)

tags <- tags_data(path)
```

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