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load	<i>Load package code</i>
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Description

roxygen2 is a dynamic documentation system, which means it works with the objects inside your package, not just the source code used to create them. These functions offer various ways of loading your package to suit various constraints:

- `load_pkgload()` uses `pkgload::load_all()` to simulate package loading as closely as we know how. It offers high fidelity handling of code that uses S4, but requires that the package be compiled.
- `load_source()` simulates package loading by attaching packages listed in `Depends` and `Imports`, then sources all files in the `R/` directory. This was the default strategy used in roxygen2 6.0.0 and earlier; it's primary advantage is that it does not need compilation.
- `load_installed()` uses the installed version of the package. Use this strategy if you have installed a development version of the package already. This is the highest fidelity strategy, but requires work outside of roxygen2.

You can change the default strategy for your function with roxygen2 `load` option. Override the default off `pkgload` to use the source or installed strategies:

```
Roxygen: list(load = "source")
```

Usage

```
load_pkgload(path)
```

```
load_installed(path)
```

```
load_source(path)
```

Arguments

path	Path to source package
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load_options	<i>Load roxygen2 options</i>
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Description

Options can be stored in DESCRIPTION using `Config/roxygen2/` fields, or in `man/roxygen/meta.R`. Call `roxy_meta_get()` to access current option values from within tag and roclet methods.

Options in `man/roxygen/meta.R` override those present in DESCRIPTION.

Usage

```
load_options(base_path = ".")

roxy_meta_get(key = NULL, default = NULL)
```

Arguments

base_path	Path to package.
key	Key of the options, e.g. "packages".
default	Default value.

Possible options

- `roclets` <character>: giving names of [roclets](#) to run. See [roclet_find\(\)](#) for details.
- `packages` <character>: packages to load that implement new tags.
- `load` <string>: how to load R code. See [load](#) for details.
- `old_usage` <flag>: use old style usage formatting?
- `markdown` <flag>: translate markdown syntax to Rd?
- `r6` <flag>: document R6 classes?
- `current_package` <string> (read only): name of package being documented.
- `rd_family_title` <list>: overrides for @family titles. See the *rd-functions* vignette for details: `vignette("rd-functions")`
- `knitr_chunk_options` <list>: default chunk options used for knitr.
- `restrict_image_formats` <flag>: if TRUE then PDF images are only included in the PDF manual, and SVG images are only included in the HTML manual. (This only applies to images supplied via markdown.)

How to set

Either set in DESCRIPTION using `Config/roxygen2/` fields:

```
Config/roxygen2/markdown: TRUE
Config/roxygen2/load: installed
```

Or if you need more complex options (like `rd_family_title` or `knitr_chunk_options`), put them in `man/roxygen/meta.R`:

```
list(
  rd_family_title = list(models = "Model functions"),
  knitr_chunk_options = list(fig.width = 7)
)
```

See Also

Other extending: [parse_package\(\)](#), [rd_section\(\)](#), [roc_proc_text\(\)](#), [roclet_find\(\)](#), [roxy_block\(\)](#), [roxy_tag\(\)](#), [roxy_tag_rd\(\)](#), [tag_parsers](#), [tags_list\(\)](#)

namespace_roclet	<i>Roclet: make NAMESPACE</i>
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Description

This [roclet](#) automates the production of a NAMESPACE file, which controls the functions imported and exported by your package, as described in [Writing R extensions](#). It is run by default by [roxygenize\(\)](#).

The NAMESPACE is generated in two passes: the first generates only import directives (because this can be computed without evaluating package code), and the second generates everything (after the package has been loaded).

See `vignette("namespace")` for details.

Usage

```
namespace_roclet()
```

See Also

[tags-namespace](#) for tags that generate NAMESPACE directives.

Examples

```
# The most common namespace tag is @export, which declares that a function
# is part of the external interface of your package
#' @export
foofy <- function(x, y, z) {
}
# This results in the following line in `NAMESPACE`:
# export(foofy)

# You'll also often find global imports living in a file called
# R/{package}-package.R.
#' @importFrom magrittr %>%
#' @import rlang
NULL

# This results in the following lines in `NAMESPACE`:
# importFrom(magrittr,"%>%")
# import(rlang)
```

needs_roxygenize	<i>Check if documentation needs to be updated</i>
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Description

A lightweight check that compares modification times of .Rd files in man/ with the source files listed in their backrefs. This is much faster than running `roxygenize()` but can suffer from both false negatives (e.g. if an inherited documentation topic has changed) and false positives (e.g. if a source file was modified but the change doesn't affect the documentation).

Usage

```
needs_roxygenize(package.dir = ".", quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

package.dir	Location of package top level directory. Default is working directory.
quiet	If TRUE, suppresses the message listing out-of-date man pages.

Value

A logical value, invisibly. TRUE if any man pages appear to be out of date; FALSE otherwise.

Examples

```
## Not run:
needs_roxygenize()

## End(Not run)
```

parse_package	<i>Parse a package, file, or inline code</i>
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Description

`parse_package()`, `parse_file()`, and `parse_text()` allow you to use roxygen's parsing code to parse the roxygen blocks from a package, file, or character vector of code. `env_package()` and `env_file()` provide defaults that generate a temporary environment making it possible to associate each block with the corresponding live object.

Usage

```

parse_package(path = ".", env = env_package(path))

parse_file(file, env = env_file(file), srcref_path = NULL)

parse_text(text, env = env_file(file))

env_file(file)

env_package(path)

```

Arguments

path, file, text	Either specify a path to the root directory of a package, an R file, or a character vector text.
env	An environment environment containing the result of evaluating the input code. The defaults will do this for you in a test environment: for real code you'll need to generate the environment yourself. You can also set to NULL if you only want to get the tokenized code blocks only. This suppresses evaluation of @eval tags, and will not find the code object associated with each block.
srcref_path	Path to be used as source ref.

Value

A list of roxy_block objects

See Also

Other extending: [load_options\(\)](#), [rd_section\(\)](#), [roc_proc_text\(\)](#), [roclet_find\(\)](#), [roxy_block\(\)](#), [roxy_tag\(\)](#), [roxy_tag_rd\(\)](#), [tag_parsers](#), [tags_list\(\)](#)

rd_roclet	<i>Roclet: make Rd files</i>
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Description

This [roclet](#) automates the production of the .Rd files that R uses to document functions, datasets, packages, classes, and more. See [vignette\("rd-functions"\)](#) for details.

It is run by default by [roxygenize\(\)](#).

Usage

```
rd_roclet()
```

See Also

[tags-rd-functions](#), [tags-rd-datasets](#), [tags-rd-S3](#), [tags-rd-S4](#), [tags-rd-S7](#), [tags-rd-R6](#), [tags-reuse](#), [tags-index-crossref](#) for tags provided by this roclet.

Examples

```
#' Add together two numbers
#' @param x A number.
#' @param y A number.
#' @return A number.
#' @export
#' @examples
#' add(1, 1)
#' add(10, 1)
add <- function(x, y) {
  x + y
}
```

rd_section

Construct an rd_section object

Description

An `rd_section` represents an Rd command that can appear at the top-level of an Rd document, like `\name{}`, `\title{}`, `\description{}`, or `\section{}`.

Usage

```
rd_section(type, value)
```

Arguments

type	Section type. Stored in <code>type</code> field, and in class <code>rd_section_{type}</code> . To avoid namespace clashes between different extensions, this should include the package name.
value	Section data. Only used by <code>format()</code> and <code>merge()</code> methods.

Methods

If provide your own `rd_section` type, you'll also need to define a `format.rd_section_{type}` method that returns formatted Rd output. You may also need to provide a `merge.rd_section_{type}` method if two sections can not be combined with `rd_section(x$type, c(x$value, y$value))`. See `vignette("extending")` for more details.

See Also

Other extending: [load_options\(\)](#), [parse_package\(\)](#), [roc_proc_text\(\)](#), [roclet_find\(\)](#), [roxy_block\(\)](#), [roxy_tag\(\)](#), [roxy_tag_rd\(\)](#), [tag_parsers](#), [tags_list\(\)](#)

roclet_find	Create a roclet from a string
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Description

This provides a flexible way of specifying a roclet in a string.

Usage

```
roclet_find(x)
```

Arguments

x Arbitrary R code evaluated in roxygen2 package.

See Also

Other extending: [load_options\(\)](#), [parse_package\(\)](#), [rd_section\(\)](#), [roc_proc_text\(\)](#), [roxy_block\(\)](#), [roxy_tag\(\)](#), [roxy_tag_rd\(\)](#), [tag_parsers](#), [tags_list\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# rd, namespace, and vignette work for backward compatibility
roclet_find("rd")

# But generally you should specify the name of a function that
# returns a roclet
roclet_find("rd_roclet")

# If it lives in another package, you'll need to use ::
roclet_find("roxygen2::rd_roclet")

# If it takes parameters (which no roclet does currently), you'll need
# to call the function
roclet_find("roxygen2::rd_roclet()")
```

roc_proc_text	Process roclet on string and capture results
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Description

Useful for testing.

Usage

```
roc_proc_text(roclet, input, wd = NULL)
```

Arguments

roclet	Name of roclet to use for processing.
input	Source string
wd	Working directory

See Also

Other extending: [load_options\(\)](#), [parse_package\(\)](#), [rd_section\(\)](#), [roclet_find\(\)](#), [roxy_block\(\)](#), [roxy_tag\(\)](#), [roxy_tag_rd\(\)](#), [tag_parsers](#), [tags_list\(\)](#)

roxygenize

Document a package with roxygen2

Description

This is the workhorse function that builds manual pages and metadata for a package. It is powered by [roclets](#), roxygen2's plugin system for producing different types of output. See the documentation of the individual components ([rd_roclet\(\)](#), [namespace_roclet\(\)](#), [update_collate\(\)](#)) for more details, or learn how to make your own in [vignette\("extending"\)](#).

Usage

```
roxygenize(package.dir = ".", roclets = NULL, load_code = NULL, clean = FALSE)
```

```
roxygenise(package.dir = ".", roclets = NULL, load_code = NULL, clean = FALSE)
```

Arguments

package.dir	Location of package top level directory. Default is working directory.
roclets	Character vector of roclets to use. The default, NULL, uses the roxygen roclets option, which defaults to c("collate", "namespace", "rd"). This will update (if needed) the Collate field with update_collate() , produce the NAMESPACE file with namespace_roclet() , and produce the Rd files with rd_roclet() . (Note that update_collate() is not technically a roclet but is still controlled with this argument for historical reasons.)
load_code	A function used to load all the R code in the package directory. The default, NULL, uses the strategy defined by the load roxygen option, which defaults to load_pkgload() . See load for more details.
clean	If TRUE, roxygen will delete all files previously created by roxygen before running each roclet.

Details

Note that roxygen2 is a dynamic documentation system: it works by inspecting loaded objects in the package. This means that you must be able to load the package in order to document it: see [load](#) for details.

Value

NULL

roxy_block	<i>Blocks</i>
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Description

A roxy_block represents a single roxygen2 block.

The block_* functions provide a few helpers for common operations:

- block_has_tags(blocks, tags): does block contain any of these tags?
- block_get_tags(block, tags): get all instances of tags
- block_get_tag(block, tag): get single tag. Returns NULL if 0, throws warning if more than 1.
- block_get_tag_value(block, tag): gets val field from single tag.

Usage

```
roxy_block(tags, file, line, call, object = NULL)
```

```
block_has_tags(block, tags)
```

```
block_get_tags(block, tags)
```

```
block_get_tag(block, tag)
```

```
block_get_tag_value(block, tag)
```

Arguments

tags	A list of roxy_tags .
file, line	Location of the call (i.e. the line after the last line of the block).
call	Expression associated with block.
object	Optionally, the object associated with the block, found by inspecting/evaluating call.
block	A roxy_block to manipulate.
tag	A single tag name.

See Also

Other extending: [load_options\(\)](#), [parse_package\(\)](#), [rd_section\(\)](#), [roc_proc_text\(\)](#), [roclet_find\(\)](#), [roxy_tag\(\)](#), [roxy_tag_rd\(\)](#), [tag_parsers](#), [tags_list\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# The easiest way to see the structure of a roxy_block is to create one
# using parse_text:
text <- "
  #' This is a title
  #'
  #' @param x,y A number
  #' @export
  f <- function(x, y) x + y
"

# parse_text() returns a list of blocks, so I extract the first
block <- parse_text(text)[[1]]
block
```

roxy_tag

roxy_tag *S3 constructor*

Description

roxy_tag() is the constructor for tag objects. roxy_tag_warning() is superseded by warn_roxy_tag(); use to generate a warning that includes the location of the tag.

Usage

```
roxy_tag(tag, raw, val = NULL, file = NA_character_, line = NA_character_)
```

```
roxy_tag_parse(x)
```

```
roxy_tag_warning(x, ...)
```

```
warn_roxy_tag(tag, message, parent = NULL, envir = parent.frame())
```

Arguments

tag	Tag name. Arguments starting with . are reserved for internal usage.
raw	Raw tag value, a string.
val	Parsed tag value, typically a character vector, but sometimes a list. Usually filled in by tag_parsers
file, line	Location of the tag
x	A tag
...	Additional data to be stored in the condition object. If you supply condition fields, you should usually provide a class argument. You may consider prefixing condition fields with the name of your package or organisation to prevent name collisions.
message	Warning message

parent	Supply parent when you rethrow an error from a condition handler (e.g. with try_fetch()). • If parent is a condition object, a <i>chained error</i> is created, which is useful when you want to enhance an error with more details, while still retaining the original information. • If parent is NA, it indicates an unchained rethrow, which is useful when you want to take ownership over an error and rethrow it with a custom message that better fits the surrounding context. Technically, supplying NA lets <code>abort()</code> know it is called from a condition handler. This helps it create simpler backtraces where the condition handling context is hidden by default. For more information about error calls, see Including contextual information with error chains.
envir	passed to <code>rlang::warn()</code> as <code>.envir</code> .

Methods

Define a method for `roxy_tag_parse` to support new tags. See [tag_parsers](#) for more details.

See Also

Other extending: [load_options\(\)](#), [parse_package\(\)](#), [rd_section\(\)](#), [roc_proc_text\(\)](#), [roclet_find\(\)](#), [roxy_block\(\)](#), [roxy_tag_rd\(\)](#), [tag_parsers](#), [tags_list\(\)](#)

roxy_tag_rd	<i>Generate Rd output from a tag</i>
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Description

Provide a method for this generic if you want a tag to generate output in .Rd files. See `vignette("extending")` for more details.

Usage

```
roxy_tag_rd(x, base_path, env)
```

Arguments

x	The tag
base_path	Path to package root directory.
env	Environment in which to evaluate code (if needed)

Value

Methods must return a [rd_section](#).

See Also

Other extending: [load_options\(\)](#), [parse_package\(\)](#), [rd_section\(\)](#), [roc_proc_text\(\)](#), [roclet_find\(\)](#), [roxy_block\(\)](#), [roxy_tag\(\)](#), [tag_parsers](#), [tags_list\(\)](#)

tags-index-crossref *Tags for indexing and cross-references*

Description

Learn the full details in `vignette('index-crossref')`.

Key tags:

- `@aliases` `${1:alias}`: Add additional aliases to the topic. Use NULL to suppress the default alias automatically generated by roxygen2.
- `@concept` `${1:concept}`: Add additional keywords or phrases to be included in the `help.search()` index. Each `@concept` should be a single term or phrase.
- `@family` `${1:family name}`: Generate `@seealso` entries to all other functions in family name.
- `@keywords` `${1:keyword}`: Add a standardised keyword, indexed by `help.search()`. These are generally not useful apart from `@keywords internal` which flags the topic as internal and removes from topic indexes.
- `@references` `${1:reference}`: Pointers to the related literature. Usually formatted like a bibliography.
- `@seealso` [`${1:func}()`]: Link to other related functions or urls. Usually a sentence or two, or a bulleted list.

Other less frequently used tags:

- `@backref` `${1:path}`: Manually override the backreference that points from the .Rd file back to the source .R file. Only needed when generating code.

Usage

```
#' @aliases ${1:alias}
#' @backref ${1:path}
#' @concept ${1:concept}
#' @family ${1:family name}
#' @keywords ${1:keyword}
#' @references ${1:reference}
#' @seealso [${1:func}()]
```

See Also

Other documentation tags: [tags-rd-R6](#), [tags-rd-S3](#), [tags-rd-S4](#), [tags-rd-S7](#), [tags-rd-datasets](#), [tags-rd-functions](#), [tags-reuse](#)

Description

Learn the full details in vignette('namespace').

Key tags:

- `@export`: Export this function, method, generic, or class so it's available outside of the package.
- `@exportS3Method` `${1:package}::${2:generic}`: Export an S3 method. Only needed when the method is for a generic from a suggested package. Use `@exportS3Method NULL` to suppress the missing export warning when it's a false positive, e.g. you're registering the method some other way.
- `@importFrom` `${1:package}` `${2:function}`: Import specific functions from a package.
- `@useDynLib` `${1:package}`: Import compiled code from another package.

Other less frequently used tags:

- `@evalNamespace` `${1:r-code}`: Evaluate arbitrary code in the package namespace and insert the results into the NAMESPACE. Should return a character vector of directives.
- `@exportClass` `${1:class}`: Export an S4 class. For expert use only; in most cases you should use `@export` so roxygen2 can automatically generate the correct directive.
- `@exportMethod` `${1:generic}`: Export S4 methods. For expert use only; in most cases you should use `@export` so roxygen2 can automatically generate the correct directive.
- `@exportPattern` `${1:pattern}`: Export all objects matching a regular expression.
- `@import` `${1:package}`: Import all functions from a package. Use with extreme care.
- `@importClassesFrom` `${1:package}` `${2:class}`: Import S4 classes from another package.
- `@importMethodsFrom` `${1:package}` `${2:generic}`: Import S4 methods from a package.
- `@rawNamespace` `${1:namespace directives}`: Insert literal text directly into the NAMESPACE.

Usage

```
#' @evalNamespace ${1:r-code}
#' @export
#' @exportClass ${1:class}
#' @exportMethod ${1:generic}
#' @exportPattern ${1:pattern}
#' @exportS3Method ${1:package}::${2:generic}
#' @import ${1:package}
#' @importClassesFrom ${1:package} ${2:class}
#' @importFrom ${1:package} ${2:function}
#' @importMethodsFrom ${1:package} ${2:generic}
#' @rawNamespace ${1:namespace directives}
#' @useDynLib ${1:package}
```

tags-rd-datasets	<i>Tags for documenting datasets</i>
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Description

Learn the full details in `vignette('rd-datasets')`.

Key tags:

- `@format ${1:description}`: Describe the type/shape of a dataset. If the dataset is a data frame, include a description of each column. If not supplied, will be automatically generated by `object_format()`.
- `@source ${1:description}`: Describe where the dataset came from. Provide a link to the original source (if possible) and briefly describe any manipulation that you performed when importing the data.

Usage

```
#' @format ${1:description}
#' @source ${1:description}
```

See Also

Other documentation tags: [tags-index-crossref](#), [tags-rd-R6](#), [tags-rd-S3](#), [tags-rd-S4](#), [tags-rd-S7](#), [tags-rd-functions](#), [tags-reuse](#)

tags-rd-formatting	<i>Tags related to markdown support</i>
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Description

Learn the full details in `vignette('rd-formatting')`.

Other less frequently used tags:

- `@md`: Force markdown processing for a block.
- `@noMd`: Suppress markdown processing for a block.
- `@section ${1:section title}`: : Add an arbitrary section to the documentation. Now generally superseded in favour of using a level 1 heading.

Usage

```
#' @md
#' @noMd
#' @section ${1:section title}:
```


Description

Learn the full details in `vignette('rd-functions')`.

Key tags:

- `@description`{1:A short description...} : A short description of the purpose of the function. Usually around a paragraph, but can be longer if needed.
- `@example` {1:path}.R: Embed examples stored in another file.
- `@examples`{1:# example code} : Executable R code that demonstrates how the function works. Code must run without error.
- `@examplesIf` {1:condition}{2:# example code} : Run examples only when condition is TRUE.
- `@noRd`: Suppress .Rd generation for a block. Use for documentation blocks that should only be visible in the source code.
- `@param` {1:name} {2:description}: Describe a function input. Should describe acceptable input types and how it affects the output. description is usually one or two sentences but can be as long as needed. Document multiple arguments by separating their names with commas without spaces.
- `@returns` {1:description}: Describe the function's output. Typically will be a 1-2 sentence description of the output type, but might also include discussion of important errors or warnings.
- `@title` {1:title}: A one-line description of the function shown in various indexes. An explicit @title is not usually needed as by default it is taken from the first paragraph in the roxygen block.
- `@usage` {1:fun}({2:arg1, arg2 = default, ...}): Override the default usage generated by roxygen2. Only needed when roxygen2 fails to correctly derive the usage of your function.

Other less frequently used tags:

- `@details`{1:Additional details...} : Additional details about the function. Generally superseded by instead using a level 1 heading.
- `@rawRd` {1:rd}: Insert literal text directly into the .Rd file.
- `@return` {1:description}: Describe the function's output. Superseded in favour of @returns.

Usage

```
#' @description{1:A short description...}

#' @details{1:Additional details...}

#' @example {1:path}.R
#' @examples{1:# example code}
```

```
#' @examplesIf ${1:condition}${2:# example code}

#' @noRd
#' @param ${1:name} ${2:description}
#' @rawRd ${1:rd}
#' @return ${1:description}
#' @returns ${1:description}
#' @title ${1:title}
#' @usage ${1:fun}(${2:arg1, arg2 = default, ...})
```

See Also

Other documentation tags: [tags-index-crossref](#), [tags-rd-R6](#), [tags-rd-S3](#), [tags-rd-S4](#), [tags-rd-S7](#), [tags-rd-datasets](#), [tags-reuse](#)

tags-rd-R6

Tags for documenting R6

Description

Learn the full details in `vignette('rd-R6')`.

Key tags:

- `@field ${1:name} ${2:description}`: Describe a R6 or `refClass` field.
- `@R6method ${1:Class}$$${2:method}`: Document an R6 method that can't be discovered by introspection, such as methods added via `$set()`.

Usage

```
#' @field ${1:name} ${2:description}
#' @R6method ${1:Class}$$${2:method}
```

See Also

Other documentation tags: [tags-index-crossref](#), [tags-rd-S3](#), [tags-rd-S4](#), [tags-rd-S7](#), [tags-rd-datasets](#), [tags-rd-functions](#), [tags-reuse](#)

Description

Learn the full details in `vignette('rd-S3')`.

Key tags:

- `@method ${1:generic} ${2:class}`: If ambiguous, clarify which generic an S3 method belongs too. Only needed in very rare cases.

Usage

```
#' @method ${1:generic} ${2:class}
```

See Also

Other documentation tags: [tags-index-crossref](#), [tags-rd-R6](#), [tags-rd-S4](#), [tags-rd-S7](#), [tags-rd-datasets](#), [tags-rd-functions](#), [tags-reuse](#)

Description

Learn the full details in `vignette('rd-S4')`.

Key tags:

- `@slot ${1:name} ${2:description}`: Describe the slot of an S4 class.

Usage

```
#' @slot ${1:name} ${2:description}
```

See Also

Other documentation tags: [tags-index-crossref](#), [tags-rd-R6](#), [tags-rd-S3](#), [tags-rd-S7](#), [tags-rd-datasets](#), [tags-rd-functions](#), [tags-reuse](#)

tags-rd-S7

*Tags for documenting S7***Description**

Learn the full details in `vignette('rd-S7')`.

Key tags:

- `@prop ${1:name} ${2:description}`: Describe an S7 class property that is not a constructor parameter.

Usage

```
#' @prop ${1:name} ${2:description}
```

See Also

Other documentation tags: [tags-index-crossref](#), [tags-rd-R6](#), [tags-rd-S3](#), [tags-rd-S4](#), [tags-rd-datasets](#), [tags-rd-functions](#), [tags-reuse](#)

tags-reuse

*Tags that help you reuse documentation***Description**

Learn the full details in `vignette('reuse')`.

Key tags:

- `@describeIn ${1:destination} ${2:description}`: Document a function or method in the destination topic.
- `@inherit ${1:source} ${2:components}`: Inherit one or more documentation components from another topic. If `components` is omitted, all supported components will be inherited. Otherwise, specify individual components to inherit by picking one or more of `params`, `return`, `title`, `description`, `details`, `seealso`, `sections`, `references`, `examples`, `author`, `source`, `note`, and `format`.
- `@inheritDotParams ${1:source} ${2:arg1 arg2 arg3}`: Automatically generate documentation for ... when you're passing dots along to another function. We recommend supplying explicit argument names for maximum clarity and consistency.
- `@inheritParams ${1:source} ${2:arg1 arg2 arg3}`: Inherit argument documentation from another function. Only inherits documentation for arguments that aren't already documented locally. Optionally followed by a list of argument names to include or exclude, using the same syntax as `@inheritDotParams`.
- `@inheritSection ${1:source} ${2:section name}`: Inherit a specific named section from another topic.

- `@order` `${1:number}`: Override the default (lexigraphic) order in which multiple blocks are combined into a single topic.
- `@rdname` `${1:topic-name}`: Override the file name of generated .Rd file. Can be used to combine multiple blocks into a single documentation topic.

Other less frequently used tags:

- `@eval` `${1:r-code}`: Evaluate arbitrary code in the package namespace and insert the results back into the block. Should return a character vector of lines.
- `@evalRd` `${1:r-code}`: Evaluate arbitrary code in the package namespace and insert the results back as into the block. Should return a character vector of lines.
- `@includeRmd` `man/rmd/${1:filename}.Rmd`: Insert the contents of an .Rmd into the current block. Superseded in favour of using a code chunk with a child document.
- `@template` `${1:path-to-template}`: Use a roxygen2 template. Now superseded in favour of inline R code.
- `@templateVar` `${1:name} ${2:value}`: Define variables for use in a roxygen2 template.

Usage

```
#' @describeIn ${1:destination} ${2:description}
#' @eval ${1:r-code}
#' @evalRd ${1:r-code}
#' @includeRmd man/rmd/${1:filename}.Rmd
#' @inherit ${1:source} ${2:components}
#' @inheritDotParams ${1:source} ${2:arg1 arg2 arg3}
#' @inheritParams ${1:source} ${2:arg1 arg2 arg3}
#' @inheritSection ${1:source} ${2:section name}
#' @order ${1:number}
#' @rdname ${1:topic-name}
#' @template ${1:path-to-template}
#' @templateVar ${1:name} ${2:value}
```

See Also

Other documentation tags: [tags-index-crossref](#), [tags-rd-R6](#), [tags-rd-S3](#), [tags-rd-S4](#), [tags-rd-S7](#), [tags-rd-datasets](#), [tags-rd-functions](#)

tags_list

Access metadata about built-in or available tags

Description

Access metadata about built-in or available tags

Usage

```
tags_list(built_in = TRUE)
```

```
tags_metadata()
```

Arguments

`built_in` Logical. Whether to restrict the result to built-in tags (TRUE) or to extend it to available tags (FALSE).

See Also

Other extending: [load_options\(\)](#), [parse_package\(\)](#), [rd_section\(\)](#), [roc_proc_text\(\)](#), [roclet_find\(\)](#), [roxy_block\(\)](#), [roxy_tag\(\)](#), [roxy_tag_rd\(\)](#), [tag_parsers](#)

tag_parsers	<i>Parse tags</i>
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Description

These functions parse the raw tag value, convert a string into a richer R object and storing it in `val`, or provide an informative warning and returning NULL.

Usage

```
tag_value(x, multiline = "never")

tag_inherit(x)

tag_name(x)

tag_two_part(
  x,
  first,
  second,
  required = TRUE,
  markdown = TRUE,
  multiline = "never"
)

tag_name_description(x)

tag_words(x, min = 0, max = Inf, multiline = "never")

tag_words_line(x)

tag_toggle(x)

tag_code(x)

tag_examples(x)

tag_markdown(x)
```

```
tag_markdown_with_sections(x)
```

Arguments

x	A roxy_tag object to parse
multiline	Controls how the tag may span multiple lines: • "never" (the default): the tag must be a single line, and spanning multiple lines generates a warning. • "indent": the tag may span multiple lines, but continuation lines must use a hanging indent (i.e. be indented more than the first line). The first line that is not indented (including a blank line) ends the tag, and anything after it is ignored, with a warning. Use this for tags where multiline input is convenient but a flush line almost always signals a missing tag (e.g., <code>@importFrom</code>). • "always": the tag may span any number of lines and paragraphs. Use this for tags where multiline content is expected (e.g., <code>@usage</code>, <code>@rawRd</code>). For backward compatibility, FALSE and TRUE are accepted as synonyms for "never" and "always" respectively.
first, second	Name of first and second parts of two part tags
required	Is the second part required (TRUE) or can it be blank (FALSE)?
markdown	Should the second part be parsed as markdown?
min, max	Minimum and maximum number of words

Value

A [roxy_tag](#) object with the val field set to the parsed value.

New tag

To create a new `@mytag` define `roxy_tag_parse.roxy_tag_mytag()`. It should either call one of the functions here, or directly set `x$val`.

See Also

Other extending: [load_options\(\)](#), [parse_package\(\)](#), [rd_section\(\)](#), [roc_proc_text\(\)](#), [roclet_find\(\)](#), [roxy_block\(\)](#), [roxy_tag\(\)](#), [roxy_tag_rd\(\)](#), [tags_list\(\)](#)

update_collate	<i>Update Collate field in DESCRIPTION</i>
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Description

By default, R loads files in alphabetical order. This is fine if your package doesn't have any cross-file dependencies, but if you're using a tool like S4, you'll need to make sure that classes are loaded before subclasses and generics are defined before methods. You can do this by hand by setting the Collate field in the DESCRIPTION or automate it by using @include tags to specify the cross-file dependencies:

```
#' @include before.R
NULL
```

If there are no @include tags, roxygen2 will leave the Collate field as is. This makes it easier to use roxygen2 with an existing collate directive, but if you remove all your @include tags, you'll need to also manually delete the collate field.

Generally, you should not need to run this function yourself; it will be run automatically by any package that needs to load your R files in collation order.

update_collate() is not technically a [roclet](#), like [rd_roclet\(\)](#) and [namespace_roclet\(\)](#), because you have to be able to load the package before you can process it with roclets. However, because it was historically implemented as a roclet, it's still controlled by the roclets argument of [roxygenize\(\)](#).

Usage

```
update_collate(base_path)
```

Arguments

base_path	Path to package directory.
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Examples

```
#' If `example-a.R`, `example-b.R` and `example-c.R` live in `R/`
#' and we're in `example-a.R`, then the following @include tag
#' ensures that example-b and example-c are sourced before example-a.
#' @include example-b.R example-c.R
NULL
```


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