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check_installed	<i>Check if certain LaTeX packages are installed</i>
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Description

If a package has been installed in TinyTeX or TeX Live, the command `tlmgr info PKG` should return `PKG` where `PKG` is the package name.

Usage

```
check_installed(pkgs)
```

Arguments

`pkgs` A character vector of LaTeX package names.

Value

A logical vector indicating if packages specified in `pkgs` are installed.

Note

This function only works with LaTeX distributions based on TeX Live, such as TinyTeX.

Examples

```
tinytex::check_installed('framed')
```

copy_tinytex	<i>Copy TinyTeX to another location and use it in another system</i>
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Description

The function `copy_tinytex()` copies the existing TinyTeX installation to another directory (e.g., a portable device like a USB stick). The function `use_tinytex()` adds the copy of TinyTeX in an existing folder to the PATH variable of the current system via `tlmgr_path()`, so that you can use utilities such as `tlmgr` and `pdflatex`, etc.

Usage

```
copy_tinytex(
  from = tinytex_root(),
  to = select_dir("Select Destination Directory"),
  move = FALSE
)

use_tinytex(from = select_dir("Select TinyTeX Directory"))
```

Arguments

from	The root directory of the TinyTeX installation. For <code>copy_tinytex()</code> , the default value <code>tinytex_root()</code> should be a reasonable guess if you installed TinyTeX via <code>install_tinytex()</code> . For <code>use_tinytex()</code> , if <code>from</code> is not provided, a dialog for choosing the directory interactively will pop up.
to	The destination directory where you want to make a copy of TinyTeX. Like <code>from</code> in <code>use_tinytex()</code> , a dialog will pop up if <code>to</code> is not provided in <code>copy_tinytex()</code> .
move	Whether to use the new copy and delete the original copy of TinyTeX after copying it.

Note

You can only copy TinyTeX and use it in the same system, e.g., the Windows version of TinyTeX only works on Windows.

install_tinytex	<i>Install/Uninstall TinyTeX</i>
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Description

The function `install_tinytex()` downloads and installs TinyTeX, a custom LaTeX distribution based on TeX Live. The function `uninstall_tinytex()` removes TinyTeX; `reinstall_tinytex()` reinstalls TinyTeX as well as previously installed LaTeX packages by default; `tinytex_root()` returns the root directory of TinyTeX if found.

Usage

```

install_tinytex(
  force = FALSE,
  dir = "auto",
  version = "daily",
  bundle = "TinyTeX-1",
  repository = "auto",
  extra_packages = if (is_tinytex()) tl_pkgs(),
  add_path = TRUE
)

uninstall_tinytex(force = FALSE, dir = tinytex_root())

reinstall_tinytex(packages = TRUE, dir = tinytex_root(), ...)

tinytex_root(error = TRUE)

```

Arguments

force	Whether to force to install or uninstall TinyTeX. For <code>install_tinytex()</code> , <code>force = FALSE</code> will stop this function from installing TinyTeX if another LaTeX distribution is detected, or the directory specified via the <code>dir</code> argument exists.
dir	The directory to install (should not exist unless <code>force = TRUE</code>) or uninstall TinyTeX.
version	The version of TinyTeX, e.g., "2020.09" (see all available versions at https://github.com/rstudio/tinytex-releases , or via <code>xfun::github_releases('rstudio/tinytex-releases')</code>). By default, it installs the latest daily build of TinyTeX. If <code>version = 'latest'</code> , it installs the latest monthly Github release of TinyTeX.
bundle	The bundle name of TinyTeX (which determines the collection of LaTeX packages to install). See https://github.com/rstudio/tinytex-releases#releases for all possible bundles and their meanings.
repository	The CTAN repository to set. By default, it is https://tlnet.yihui.org (a CDN-based mirror); if this site is not accessible, use the repository automatically chosen by https://mirror.ctan.org (which is usually the fastest one to your location). You can find available repositories at https://ctan.org/mirrors , e.g., http://mirrors.tuna.tsinghua.edu.cn/CTAN/ , or https://mirror.las.iastate.edu/te . You can get a full list of CTAN mirrors via <code>tinytex::ctan_mirrors()</code> .
extra_packages	A character vector of extra LaTeX packages to be installed. By default, a vector of all currently installed LaTeX packages if an existing installation of TinyTeX is found. If you want a fresh installation, you may use <code>extra_packages = NULL</code> .
add_path	Whether to add the bin path of TeX Live to the system environment variable <code>PATH</code> . See <code>tlmgr_path()</code> .
packages	Whether to reinstall all currently installed packages.
...	Other arguments to be passed to <code>install_tinytex()</code> (note that the <code>extra_packages</code> argument will be set to <code>tl_pkgs()</code> if <code>packages = TRUE</code>).
error	Whether to signal an error if TinyTeX is not found.

Note

If you really want to disable the installation, you may set the environment variable `TINYTEX_PREVENT_INSTALL` to true. Then `install_tinytex()` will fail immediately. This can be useful to sysadmins who want to prevent the accidental installation of TinyTeX.

Installing TinyTeX requires perl (on Linux, perl-base is insufficient).

References

See the TinyTeX documentation (<https://yihui.org/tinytex/>) for the default installation directories on different platforms.

is_tinytex	<i>Check if the LaTeX installation is TinyTeX</i>
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Description

First find the root directory of the installation via `tinytex_root()`. Then check if the directory name is "tinytex" (case-insensitive). If not, further check if the first line of the file 'texmf-dist/web2c/fmtutil.cnf' under the directory contains "TinyTeX" or ".TinyTeX". If the binary version of TinyTeX was installed, 'fmtutil.cnf' should contain a line like 'Generated by */TinyTeX/bin/x86_64-darwin/tlmgr on Thu Sep 17 07:13:28 2020'.

Usage

```
is_tinytex()
```

Value

A logical value indicating if the LaTeX installation is TinyTeX.

Examples

```
tinytex::is_tinytex()
```

latexmk	<i>Compile a LaTeX document</i>
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Description

The function `latexmk()` emulates the system command `latexmk` (<https://ctan.org/pkg/latexmk>) to compile a LaTeX document. The functions `pdflatex()`, `xelatex()`, and `lualatex()` are wrappers of `latexmk(engine =, emulation = TRUE)`.

Usage

```

latexmk(
  file,
  engine = c("pdflatex", "xelatex", "lualatex", "latex", "tectonic"),
  bib_engine = c("bibtex", "biber"),
  engine_args = NULL,
  emulation = TRUE,
  min_times = 1,
  max_times = 10,
  install_packages = emulation && tlmgr_writable(),
  pdf_file = NULL,
  clean = TRUE
)

pdflatex(...)

xelatex(...)

lualatex(...)

```

Arguments

<code>file</code>	A LaTeX file path.
<code>engine</code>	A LaTeX engine (can be set in the global option <code>tinytex.engine</code> , e.g., <code>options(tinytex.engine = 'xelatex')</code>).
<code>bib_engine</code>	A bibliography engine (can be set in the global option <code>tinytex.bib_engine</code>).
<code>engine_args</code>	Command-line arguments to be passed to engine (can be set in the global option <code>tinytex.engine_args</code> , e.g., <code>options(tinytex.engine_args = '-shell-escape')</code>).
<code>emulation</code>	Whether to emulate the executable latexmk using R. Note that this is unused when <code>engine == 'tectonic'</code> .
<code>min_times, max_times</code>	The minimum and maximum number of times to rerun the LaTeX engine when using emulation. You can set the global options <code>tinytex.compile.min_times</code> or <code>tinytex.compile.max_times</code> , e.g., <code>options(tinytex.compile.max_times = 3)</code> .
<code>install_packages</code>	Whether to automatically install missing LaTeX packages found by <code>parse_packages()</code> from the LaTeX log. This argument is only for the emulation mode and TeX Live. Its value can also be set via the global option <code>tinytex.install_packages</code> , e.g., <code>options(tinytex.install_packages = FALSE)</code> .
<code>pdf_file</code>	Path to the PDF output file. By default, it is under the same directory as the input file and also has the same base name. When <code>engine == 'latex'</code> or <code>engine_args</code> contains <code>--no-pdf</code> or <code>--output-format=dvi</code> , this will be a DVI file.
<code>clean</code>	Whether to clean up auxiliary files after compilation (can be set in the global option <code>tinytex.clean</code> , which defaults to TRUE).
<code>...</code>	Arguments to be passed to <code>latexmk()</code> (other than engine and emulation).

Details

The latexmk emulation works like this: run the LaTeX engine once (e.g., pdf`latex`), run `makeindex` to make the index if necessary (the `*.idx` file exists), run the bibliography engine `bibtex` or `biber` to make the bibliography if necessary (the `*.aux` or `*.bcf` file exists), and finally run the LaTeX engine a number of times (the maximum is 10 by default) to resolve all cross-references.

By default, LaTeX warnings will be converted to R warnings. To suppress these warnings, set `options(tinytex.latexmk.warning = FALSE)`.

If `emulation = FALSE`, you need to make sure the executable `latexmk` is available in your system, otherwise `latexmk()` will fall back to `emulation = TRUE`. You can set the global option `options(tinytex.latexmk.emulation = FALSE)` to always avoid emulation (i.e., always use the executable `latexmk`).

The default command to generate the index (if necessary) is `makeindex`. To change it to a different command (e.g., `zhmakeindex`), you may set the global option `tinytex.makeindex`. To pass additional command-line arguments to the command, you may set the global option `tinytex.makeindex.args` (e.g., `options(tinytex.makeindex = 'zhmakeindex', tinytex.makeindex.args = c('-z', 'pinyin'))`).

If you are using the LaTeX distribution TinyTeX, but its path is not in the `PATH` variable of your operating system, you may set the global option `tinytex.tlmgr.path` to the full path of the executable `tlmgr`, so that `latexmk()` knows where to find executables like `pdflatex`. For example, if you are using Windows and your TinyTeX is on an external drive `'Z:/'` under the folder `'TinyTeX'`, you may set `options(tinytex.tlmgr.path = "Z:/TinyTeX/bin/windows/tlmgr.bat")`. Usually you should not need to set this option because TinyTeX can add itself to the `PATH` variable during installation or via `use_tinytex()`. In case both methods fail, you can use this manual approach.

Value

A character string of the path of the output file (i.e., the value of the `pdf_file` argument).

parse_install

Parse the LaTeX log and install missing LaTeX packages if possible

Description

This is a helper function that combines `parse_packages()` and `tlmgr_install()`.

Usage

```
parse_install(...)
```

Arguments

... Arguments passed to `parse_packages()`.

parse_packages	<i>Find missing LaTeX packages from a LaTeX log file</i>
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Description

Analyze the error messages in a LaTeX log file to figure out the names of missing LaTeX packages that caused the errors. These packages can be installed via `tlmgr_install()`. Searching for missing packages is based on `tlmgr_search()`.

Usage

```
parse_packages(
  log,
  text = read_lines(log),
  files = detect_files(text),
  quiet = rep(FALSE, 3)
)
```

Arguments

log	Path to the LaTeX log file (typically named ‘*.log’).
text	A character vector of the error log (read from the file provided by the log argument by default).
files	A character vector of names of the missing files (automatically detected from the log by default).
quiet	Whether to suppress messages when finding packages. It should be a logical vector of length 3: the first element indicates whether to suppress the message when no missing LaTeX packages could be detected from the log, the second element indicate whether to suppress the message when searching for packages via <code>tlmgr_search()</code> , and the third element indicates whether to warn if no packages could be found via <code>tlmgr_search()</code> .

Value

A character vector of LaTeX package names.

r_texmf	<i>Add/remove R's texmf tree to/from TeX Live</i>
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Description

R ships a custom texmf tree containing a few LaTeX style and class files, which are required when compiling R packages manuals (‘Rd.sty’) or Sweave documents (‘Sweave.sty’). This tree can be found under the directory `file.path(R.home('share'), 'texmf')`. This function can be used to add/remove R’s texmf tree to/from TeX Live via `[tlmgr_conf]('auxtrees')`.

Usage

```
r_texmf(action = c("add", "remove"), ...)
```

Arguments

```
action      Add/remove R's texmf tree to/from TeX Live.
...         Arguments passed to tlmgr().
```

References

See the **tlmgr** manual for detailed information about tlmgr conf auxtrees. Check out <https://tex.stackexchange.com/q/77720/9128> if you don't know what texmf means.

Examples

```
# running the code below will modify your texmf tree; please do not run
# unless you know what it means

# r_texmf('remove')
# r_texmf('add')

# all files under R's texmf tree
list.files(file.path(R.home('share'), 'texmf'), recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
```

 tlmgr

Run the TeX Live Manager

Description

Execute the tlmgr command to search for LaTeX packages, install packages, update packages, and so on.

Usage

```
tlmgr(args = character(), usermode = FALSE, ..., .quiet = FALSE)

tlmgr_search(what, file = TRUE, all = FALSE, global = TRUE, word = FALSE, ...)

tlmgr_install(
  pkgs = character(),
  usermode = FALSE,
  path = !usermode && os != "windows",
  ...
)

tlmgr_remove(pkgs = character(), usermode = FALSE)
```

```

tlmgr_version(format = c("raw", "string", "list"))

tlmgr_update(
  all = TRUE,
  self = TRUE,
  more_args = character(),
  usermode = FALSE,
  run_fmtutil = TRUE,
  delete_tlpdb = getOption("tinytex.delete_tlpdb", FALSE),
  ...
)

tlmgr_path(action = c("add", "remove"))

tlmgr_conf(more_args = character(), ...)

tlmgr_repo(url = NULL, ...)

```

Arguments

args	A character vector of arguments to be passed to the command <code>tlmgr</code> .
usermode	(For expert users only) Whether to use TeX Live's user mode . If TRUE, you must have run <code>tlmgr('init-usertree')</code> once before. This option allows you to manage a user-level texmf tree, e.g., install a LaTeX package to your home directory instead of the system directory, to which you do not have write permission. This option should not be needed on personal computers, and has some limitations, so please read the tlmgr manual very carefully before using it.
...	For <code>tlmgr()</code> , additional arguments to be passed to <code>system2()</code> (e.g., <code>stdout = TRUE</code> to capture stdout). For other functions, arguments to be passed to <code>tlmgr()</code> .
.quiet	Whether to hide the actual command before executing it.
what	A search keyword as a (Perl) regular expression.
file	Whether to treat what as a filename (pattern).
all	For <code>tlmgr_search()</code> , whether to search in everything, including package names, descriptions, and filenames. For <code>tlmgr_update()</code> , whether to update all installed packages.
global	Whether to search the online TeX Live Database or locally.
word	Whether to restrict the search of package names and descriptions to match only full words.
pkgs	A character vector of LaTeX package names.
path	Whether to run <code>tlmgr_path('add')</code> after installing packages (<code>path = TRUE</code> is a conservative default: it is only necessary to do this after a binary package is installed, such as the metafont package, which contains the executable <code>mf</code> , but it does not hurt even if no binary packages were installed).
format	The data format to be returned: <code>raw</code> means the raw output of the command <code>tlmgr --version</code> , <code>string</code> means a character string of the format 'TeX Live

	YEAR (TinyTeX) with <code>tlmgr DATE</code> , and <code>list</code> means a list of the form <code>list(texlive = YEAR, tlmgr = DATE, tinytex = TRUE/FALSE)</code> .
<code>self</code>	Whether to update the TeX Live Manager itself.
<code>more_args</code>	A character vector of more arguments to be passed to the command <code>tlmgr update</code> or <code>tlmgr conf</code> .
<code>run_fmtutil</code>	Whether to run <code>fmtutil-sys --all</code> to (re)create format and hyphenation files after updating tlmgr .
<code>delete_tlpdb</code>	Whether to delete the <code>'texlive.tlpdb.HASH'</code> files (where HASH is an MD5 hash) under the <code>'tlpkg'</code> directory of the root directory of TeX Live after updating.
<code>action</code>	On macOS, if <code>'/usr/local/bin'</code> is not writable, add/remove the TinyTeX bin path to/from <code>'/etc/paths.d/TinyTeX'</code> ; otherwise (or on other Unix systems), add/remove symlinks of binaries to/from the system's PATH. On Windows, add/remove the path to the TeX Live binary directory to/from the system environment variable PATH.
<code>url</code>	The URL of the CTAN mirror. If NULL, show the current repository, otherwise set the repository. See the repository argument of <code>install_tinytex()</code> for examples.

Details

The `tlmgr()` function is a wrapper of `system2('tlmgr')`. All other `tlmgr_*` functions are based on `tlmgr` for specific tasks. For example, `tlmgr_install()` runs the command `tlmgr install` to install LaTeX packages, and `tlmgr_update` runs the command `tlmgr update`, etc. Note that `tlmgr_repo` runs `tlmgr options repository` to query or set the CTAN repository. Please consult the **tlmgr** manual for full details.

References

The **tlmgr** manual: <https://www.tug.org/texlive/doc/tlmgr.html>

Examples

```
# search for a package that contains titling.sty
tlmgr_search('titling.sty')

# to match titling.sty exactly, add a slash before the keyword, e.g.
tlmgr_search('/titling.sty')

# use a regular expression if you want to be more precise, e.g.
tlmgr_search('/titling\\.sty$')

# list all installed LaTeX packages
tlmgr(c('info', '--list', '--only-installed', '--data', 'name'))
```

tl_pkgs	<i>List the names of installed TeX Live packages</i>
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Description

Calls `tlmgr info --list --data name` to obtain the names of all (installed) TeX Live packages. Platform-specific strings in package names are removed, e.g., "tex" is returned for the package **tex.x86_64-darwin**.

Usage

```
tl_pkgs(only_installed = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`only_installed` Whether to list installed packages only.

Value

A character vector of package names.

tl_sizes	<i>Sizes of LaTeX packages in TeX Live</i>
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Description

Use the command `tlmgr info --list` to obtain the sizes of LaTeX packages.

Usage

```
tl_sizes(show_total = TRUE, pkgs = NULL, only_installed = TRUE, field = "size")
```

Arguments

`show_total` Whether to show the total size.

`pkgs` A character vector of package names (by default, all packages).

`only_installed` Whether to list installed packages only.

`field` A character vector of field names in the package information. See <https://www.tug.org/texlive/doc/tlmgr.html#info> for more info.

Value

By default, a data frame of three columns: `package` is the package names, `size` is the sizes in bytes, and `size_h` is the human-readable version of sizes. If different field names are provided in the `field` argument, the returned data frame will contain these columns.

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