

# Package: rextendr (via r-universe)

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**Title** Call Rust Code from R using the 'extendr' Crate

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**Description** Provides functions to compile and load Rust code from R, similar to how 'Rcpp' or 'cpp11' allow easy interfacing with C++ code. Also provides helper functions to create R packages that use Rust code. Under the hood, the Rust crate 'extendr' is used to do all the heavy lifting.

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**URL** <https://extendr.github.io/rextendr/>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/extendr/rextendr/issues>

**Depends** R (>= 4.0)

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| clean | <i>Clean Rust binaries and package cache.</i> |
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### Description

Removes Rust binaries (such as .dll/.so libraries), C wrapper object files, invokes cargo clean to reset cargo target directory (found by default at pkg\_root/src/rust/target/). Useful when Rust code should be recompiled from scratch.

### Usage

```
clean(path = ".")
```

### Arguments

|      |                                      |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| path | [ string ] Path to the package root. |
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| cran | <i>Use CRAN compliant defaults</i> |
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### Description

Modifies an extendr package to use CRAN compliant settings.

### Usage

```
use_cran_defaults(path = ".", quiet = FALSE, overwrite = NULL, lib_name = NULL)
```

```
vendor_pkgs(path = ".", quiet = FALSE, overwrite = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>path</code>      | File path to the package for which to generate wrapper code.  |
| <code>quiet</code>     | Logical indicating whether any progress messages should be generated or not.  |
| <code>overwrite</code> | Logical scalar or NULL indicating whether the files in the path should be overwritten. If NULL (default), the function will ask the user whether each file should be overwritten in an interactive session or do nothing in a non-interactive session. If FALSE and each file already exists, the function will do nothing. If TRUE, all files will be overwritten. |
| <code>lib_name</code>  | String that is used as the name of the Rust library. If NULL, sanitized R package name is used instead.   |

**Details**

`use_cran_defaults()` modifies an existing package to provide CRAN complaint settings and files. It creates `configure` and `configure.win` files as well as modifies `Makevars` and `Makevars.win` to use required CRAN settings.

`vendor_pkgs()` is used to package the dependencies as required by CRAN. It executes `cargo vendor` on your behalf creating a `vendor/` directory and a compressed `vendor.tar.xz` which will be shipped with package itself. If you have modified your dependencies, you will need need to repack-age

**Value**

- `vendor_pkgs()` returns a data.frame with two columns `crate` and `version`
- `use_cran_defaults()` returns NULL and is used solely for its side effects

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {
  use_cran_defaults()
  vendor_pkgs()
}
```

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document

*Compile Rust code and generate package documentation.*


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**Description**

The function `rextendr::document()` updates the package documentation for an R package that uses `extendr` code, taking into account any changes that were made in the Rust code. It is a wrapper for `devtools::document()`, and it executes `extendr`-specific routines before calling `devtools::document()`. Specifically, it ensures that Rust code is recompiled (when necessary) and that up-to-date R wrappers are generated before regenerating the package documentation.

**Usage**

```
document(pkg = ".", quiet = FALSE, roclets = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| pkg     | The package to use, can be a file path to the package or a package object. See <a href="#">as.package()</a> for more information.                            |
| quiet   | if TRUE suppresses output from this function.  |
| roclets | Character vector of roclet names to use with package. The default, NULL, uses the roxygen roclets option, which defaults to c("collate", "namespace", "rd"). |

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects.

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eng\_extendr

*Knitr engines*


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**Description**

Two knitr engines that enable code chunks of type `extendr` (individual Rust statements to be evaluated via [rust\\_eval\(\)](#)) and `extendrsrc` (Rust functions or classes that will be exported to R via [rust\\_source\(\)](#)).

**Usage**

```
eng_extendr(options)
```

```
eng_extendrsrc(options)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                          |
|---------|--------------------------|
| options | A list of chunk options. |
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**Value**

A character string representing the engine output.

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| register_extendr | <i>Register the extendr module of a package with R</i> |
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### Description

This function generates wrapper code corresponding to the extendr module for an R package. This is useful in package development, where we generally want appropriate R code wrapping the Rust functions implemented via extendr. In most development settings, you will not want to call this function directly, but instead call `rextendr::document()`.

### Usage

```
register_extendr(path = ".", quiet = FALSE, force = FALSE, compile = NA)
```

### Arguments

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| path    | Path from which package root is looked up.  |
| quiet   | Logical indicating whether any progress messages should be generated or not.  |
| force   | Logical indicating whether to force regenerating R/extendr-wrappers.R even when it doesn't seem to need updated. (By default, generation is skipped when it's newer than the DLL).            |
| compile | Logical indicating whether to recompile DLLs:<br>TRUE always recompiles<br>NA recompiles if needed (i.e., any source files or manifest file are newer than the DLL)<br>FALSE never recompiles |

### Details

The function `register_extendr()` compiles the package Rust code if required, and then the wrapper code is retrieved from the compiled Rust code and saved into R/extendr-wrappers.R. Afterwards, you will have to re-document and then re-install the package for the wrapper functions to take effect.

### Value

(Invisibly) Path to the file containing generated wrappers.

### See Also

[document\(\)](#)

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`rust_eval`*Evaluate Rust code*

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## Description

Compile and evaluate one or more Rust expressions. If the last expression in the Rust code returns a value (i.e., does not end with `;`), then this value is returned to R. The value returned does not need to be of type `Robj`, as long as it can be cast into this type with `.into()`. This conversion is done automatically, so you don't have to worry about it in your code.

## Usage

```
rust_eval(code, env = parent.frame(), ...)
```

## Arguments

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <code>code</code> | Input rust code.  |
| <code>env</code>  | The R environment in which the Rust code will be evaluated.   |
| <code>...</code>  | Other parameters handed off to <code>rust_function()</code> . |

## Value

The return value generated by the Rust code.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Rust code without return value, called only for its side effects
rust_eval(
  code = 'rprintln!("hello from Rust!");'
)

# Rust code with return value
rust_eval(
  code = "
    let x = 5;
    let y = 7;
    let z = x * y;
    z // return to R; rust_eval() takes care of type conversion code
  "
)

## End(Not run)
```

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| rust_sitrep | <i>Report on Rust infrastructure</i> |
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**Description**

Prints out a detailed report on the state of Rust infrastructure on the host machine.

**Usage**

```
rust_sitrep()
```

**Value**

Nothing

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| rust_source | <i>Compile Rust code and call from R</i> |
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**Description**

`rust_source()` compiles and loads a single Rust file for use in R. `rust_function()` compiles and loads a single Rust function for use in R.

**Usage**

```
rust_source(  
  file,  
  code = NULL,  
  module_name = "rextendr",  
  dependencies = NULL,  
  patch.crates_io = getOption("rextendr.patch.crates_io"),  
  profile = c("dev", "release", "perf"),  
  toolchain = getOption("rextendr.toolchain"),  
  extendr_deps = NULL,  
  features = NULL,  
  env = parent.frame(),  
  use_extendr_api = TRUE,  
  generate_module_macro = TRUE,  
  cache_build = TRUE,  
  quiet = FALSE,  
  use_rtools = TRUE,  
  use_dev_extendr = FALSE  
)  
  
rust_function(  
  file,  
  code = NULL,  
  module_name = "rextendr",  
  dependencies = NULL,  
  patch.crates_io = getOption("rextendr.patch.crates_io"),  
  profile = c("dev", "release", "perf"),  
  toolchain = getOption("rextendr.toolchain"),  
  extendr_deps = NULL,  
  features = NULL,  
  env = parent.frame(),  
  use_extendr_api = TRUE,  
  generate_module_macro = TRUE,  
  cache_build = TRUE,  
  quiet = FALSE,  
  use_rtools = TRUE,  
  use_dev_extendr = FALSE  
)
```

```

    code,
    extendr_fn_options = NULL,
    env = parent.frame(),
    quiet = FALSE,
    use_dev_extendr = FALSE,
    ...
)

```

## Arguments

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| file                  | Input rust file to source.  |
| code                  | Input rust code, to be used instead of file.  |
| module_name           | Name of the module defined in the Rust source via <code>extendr_module!</code> . Default is <code>"rextendr"</code> . If <code>generate_module_macro</code> is <code>FALSE</code> or if <code>file</code> is specified, should <i>match exactly</i> the name of the module defined in the source.   |
| dependencies          | Character vector of dependencies lines to be added to the <code>Cargo.toml</code> file.   |
| patch.crates_io       | Character vector of patch statements for <code>crates.io</code> to be added to the <code>Cargo.toml</code> file.  |
| profile               | Rust profile. Can be either <code>"dev"</code> , <code>"release"</code> or <code>"perf"</code> . The default, <code>"dev"</code> , compiles faster but produces slower code.  |
| toolchain             | Rust toolchain. The default, <code>NULL</code> , compiles with the system default toolchain. Accepts valid Rust toolchain qualifiers, such as <code>"nightly"</code> , or (on Windows) <code>"stable-msvc"</code> .   |
| extendr_deps          | Versions of <code>extendr-*</code> crates. Defaults to <code>rextendr.extendr_deps</code> option ( <code>list(`extendr-api` = "*")</code> ) if <code>use_dev_extendr</code> is not <code>TRUE</code> , otherwise, uses <code>rextendr.extendr_dev_deps</code> option ( <code>list(`extendr-api` = list(git = "https://github.com/extendr/extendr"))</code> ).   |
| features              | A vector of <code>extendr-api</code> features that should be enabled. Supported values are <code>"ndarray"</code> , <code>"num-complex"</code> , <code>"serde"</code> , and <code>"graphics"</code> . Unknown features will produce a warning if <code>quiet</code> is not <code>TRUE</code> .  |
| env                   | The R environment in which the wrapping functions will be defined.  |
| use_extendr_api       | Logical indicating whether <code>use_extendr_api::prelude::*</code> ; should be added at the top of the Rust source provided via <code>code</code> . Default is <code>TRUE</code> . Ignored for Rust source provided via <code>file</code> .  |
| generate_module_macro | Logical indicating whether the Rust module macro should be automatically generated from the code. Default is <code>TRUE</code> . Ignored for Rust source provided via <code>file</code> . The macro generation is done with <code>make_module_macro()</code> and it may fail in complex cases. If something doesn't work, try calling <code>make_module_macro()</code> on your code to see whether the generated macro code has issues. |
| cache_build           | Logical indicating whether builds should be cached between calls to <code>rust_source()</code> .  |
| quiet                 | Logical indicating whether compile output should be generated or not.   |



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| use_rtools         | Logical indicating whether to append the path to Rtools to the PATH variable on Windows using the RTOOLS40_HOME environment variable (if it is set). The appended path depends on the process architecture. Does nothing on other platforms. |
| use_dev_extendr    | Logical indicating whether to use development version of extendr. Has no effect if extendr_deps are set.   |
| extendr_fn_options | A list of extendr function options that are inserted into #[extendr(...)] attribute  |
| ...                | Other parameters handed off to <code>rust_source()</code> .  |

### Value

The result from `dyn.load()`, which is an object of class `DLLInfo`. See `getLoadedDLLs()` for more details.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# creating a single rust function
rust_function("fn add(a:f64, b:f64) -> f64 { a + b }")
add(2.5, 4.7)

# creating multiple rust functions at once
code <- r"(
#[extendr]
fn hello() -> &'static str {
    \"Hello, world!\"
}

#[extendr]
fn test( a: &str, b: i64) {
    rprintln!(\"Data sent to Rust: {}, {}\", a, b);
}
)\"

rust_source(code = code)
hello()
test(\"a string\", 42)

# use case with an external dependency: a function that converts
# markdown text to html, using the `pulldown_cmark` crate.
code <- r"(
use pulldown_cmark::{Parser, Options, html};

#[extendr]
fn md_to_html(input: &str) -> String {
    let mut options = Options::empty();
    options.insert(Options::ENABLE_TABLES);
```

```

    let parser = Parser::new_ext(input, options);
    let mut output = String::new();
    html::push_html(&mut output, parser);
    output
  }
)"
rust_source(
  code = code,
  dependencies = list(`pulldown-cmark` = "0.8")
)

md_text <- "# The story of the fox
The quick brown fox **jumps over** the lazy dog.
The quick *brown fox* jumps over the lazy dog."

md_to_html(md_text)

## End(Not run)

```

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to\_toml

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*Convert R list() into toml-compatible format.*


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## Description

`to_toml()` can be used to build Cargo.toml. The cargo manifest can be represented in terms of R objects, allowing limited validation and syntax verification. This function converts manifests written using R objects into toml representation, applying basic formatting, which is ideal for generating cargo manifests at runtime.

## Usage

```
to_toml(..., .str_as_literal = TRUE, .format_int = "%d", .format_dbl = "%g")
```

## Arguments

`...` A list from which toml is constructed. Supports nesting and tidy evaluation.

`.str_as_literal` Logical indicating whether to treat strings as literal (single quotes no escapes) or basic (escaping some sequences) ones. Default is TRUE.

`.format_int, .format_dbl` Character scalar describing number formatting. Compatible with `sprintf`.

## Value

A character vector, each element corresponds to one line of the resulting output.

**Examples**

```
# Produces [workspace] with no children
to_toml(workspace = NULL)

to_toml(patch.crates_io = list(`extendr-api` = list(git = "git-ref")))

# Single-element arrays are distinguished from scalars
# using explicitly set `dim`
to_toml(lib = list(`crate-type` = array("cdylib", 1)))
```

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use\_extendr

*Set up a package for use with Rust extendr code*


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**Description**

Create the scaffolding needed to add Rust extendr code to an R package. `use_extendr()` adds a small Rust library with a single Rust function that returns the string "Hello world!". It also adds wrapper code so this Rust function can be called from R with `hello_world()`.

**Usage**

```
use_extendr(
  path = ".",
  crate_name = NULL,
  lib_name = NULL,
  quiet = FALSE,
  overwrite = NULL,
  edition = c("2021", "2018")
)
```

**Arguments**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>path</code>       | File path to the package for which to generate wrapper code.  |
| <code>crate_name</code> | String that is used as the name of the Rust crate. If NULL, sanitized R package name is used instead.   |
| <code>lib_name</code>   | String that is used as the name of the Rust library. If NULL, sanitized R package name is used instead.   |
| <code>quiet</code>      | Logical indicating whether any progress messages should be generated or not.  |
| <code>overwrite</code>  | Logical scalar or NULL indicating whether the files in the path should be overwritten. If NULL (default), the function will ask the user whether each file should be overwritten in an interactive session or do nothing in a non-interactive session. If FALSE and each file already exists, the function will do nothing. If TRUE, all files will be overwritten. |
| <code>edition</code>    | String indicating which Rust edition is used; Default "2021".   |

**Value**

A logical value (invisible) indicating whether any package files were generated or not.

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write\_license\_note      *Generate LICENSE.note file.*

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**Description**

LICENSE.note generated by this function contains information about Rust crate dependencies. To use this function, the `cargo-lincense` command must be installed.

**Usage**

```
write_license_note(path = ".", quiet = FALSE, force = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| path  | Path from which package root is looked up.  |
| quiet | Logical indicating whether any progress messages should be generated or not.          |
| force | Logical indicating whether to regenerate LICENSE.note if LICENSE.note already exists. |

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects.

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