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Description Helper functions that interface with the system utilities to learn about the local build environment. Lets you explore 'make' rules to test the local configuration, or query 'pkg-config' to find compiler flags and libs needed for building packages with external dependencies. Also contains tools to analyze which libraries that a installed R package linked to by inspecting output from 'ldd' in combination with information from your distribution package manager, e.g. 'rpm' or 'dpkg'.

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diagnostics	<i>Diagnostics Report</i>
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Description

Print some diagnostics about your compiler environment. These are also shown when the maketools package is attached.

Usage

```
maketools_diagnostics()
```

See Also

Other maketools: [make\(\)](#), [pkgconfig](#), [r_config](#), [sysdeps](#)

find_logo	<i>Package tools</i>
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Description

Get some extra info about packages.

Usage

```
find_logo(path = ".")
```

Arguments

path	root directory of package
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*make**Make*

Description

Compile C / C++ / Fortran source files using the compiler configured by your R Makeconf file.

Usage

```
make(target = "all", makefile = r_makeconf_path())

make_call(cmd = "$(CC)", args = "--version")

make_echo(cmd = "$(CC)")

make_info()
```

Arguments

target	name of output file that you want to make
makefile	path to the Makefile. Defaults to the Makeconf which R uses when building R packages.
cmd	command to invoke (may be a variable)
args	additional arguments for cmd

Details

The make function literally calls `make yourfile.o -f /path/to/R/Makeconf`. This is exactly what R does when building packages and hence the best way to test if the compiler is working.

See Also

Other maketools: [diagnostics](#), [pkgconfig](#), [r_config](#), [sysdeps](#)

Examples

```
# Test the CXX compiler
if(cxx_info()$available){
  testprog <- '#include <iostream>\nint main() {std::cout << "Hello World!";}'
  writeLines(testprog, con = 'testprog.cc')
  make('testprog')

# Test and cleanup
system('./testprog')
unlink('testprog*', recursive = TRUE)
}

# Run a program from a make variable
```

```
make_call('${CXX}', '--version')

# Where your makeconf is stored:
make_info()
```

pkgconfig

Query pkg-config

Description

Wrappers for the pkg-config utility to query information on C/C++ libraries that are available on your system.

Usage

```
pc_info()

pc_pkg_list()

pc_pkg_exists(pkg = "libcurl")

pc_pkg_version(pkg = "libcurl")

pc_pkg_cflags(pkg = "libcurl")

pc_pkg_libs(pkg = "libcurl", static = FALSE)

pc_pkg_info(pkg = "libcurl")
```

Arguments

pkg	names of the pkg-config libraries to query
static	get libs for static linking, i.e. include dependencies

See Also

Other maketools: [diagnostics](#), [make\(\)](#), [r_config](#), [sysdeps](#)

Examples

```
# Check if pkg-config is available
(info <- pc_info())
if(info$available)
  pc_pkg_list()
```

`r_config`*R CMD Config*

Description

Cross-platform wrappers for R CMD config to lookup the availability of the compiler.

Usage

```
cc_info()
cxx_info()
cxx11_info()
cxx14_info()
cxx17_info()
fc_info()
r_cmd_config(VAR = "--all")
```

Arguments

VAR value passed to R CMD config such as CXX or FC

See Also

Other maketools: [diagnostics](#), [make\(\)](#), [pkgconfig](#), [sysdeps](#)

Examples

```
# This runs 'R CMD CONFIG CXX'
r_cmd_config("CXX")

# Show C++ config:
cxx_info()
```

sysdeps

Package System Dependencies

Description

Shows the external shared libraries that an installed R package is linked to by running `ldd` on the package `so` file. Then uses system package manager (e.g. `dpkg` or `rpm` or `brew`) to locate which system package that contains the binaries, headers, and (if available) sources for this library.

Usage

```
package_sysdeps(pkg, lib.loc = NULL)

package_sysdeps_string(pkg, lib.loc = NULL)

package_links_to(pkg, lib.loc = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>pkg</code>	name of an installed R package
<code>lib.loc</code>	path to the R package directory for this package

Details

For common distributions, the output also includes a URL to the distro-homepage of the system package. Here we can typically find more information about the package, such as configuration options, dependencies, and custom patches applied by your distribution.

Because we use `ldd`, this only shows run-time dependencies of an installed R package. This is especially relevant if you distribute the compiled R package in binary form, because the same external libraries need to be available on the user/deployment machine. This tool does not show dependencies that are only needed at build-time, such as static or header-only libraries, and other utilities required to build the package.

See Also

Other maketools: [diagnostics](#), [make\(\)](#), [pkgconfig](#), [r_config](#)

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