# Package 'Rcpp'

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Description The 'Rcpp' package provides R functions as well as C++ classes which offer a seamless integration of R and C++. Many R data types and objects can be mapped back and forth to C++ equivalents which facilitates both writing of new code as well as easier integration of third-party libraries. Documentation about 'Rcpp' is provided by several vignettes included in this package, via the 'Rcpp Gallery' site at <https://gallery.rcpp.org>, the paper by Eddelbuettel and Francois (2011, <doi:10.18637/jss.v040.i08>), the book by Eddelbuettel (2013, <doi:10.1007/978-1-4614-6868-4>) and the paper by Eddelbuettel and Balamuta (2018, <doi:10.1080/00031305.2017.1375990>); see 'citation(``Rcpp")' for details.

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Rcpp-package

*R* / *C*++ interface

## Description

The **Rcpp** package provides C++ classes that greatly facilitate interfacing C or C++ code in R packages using the .Call interface provided by R.

#### Introduction

**Rcpp** provides C++ classes to facilitate manipulation of a large number of R data structures : vectors, functions, environments, ...

The "Rcpp-introduction" vignette gives an introduction on the package

## Usage for package building

The "Rcpp-package" vignette documents how to use Rcpp in client packages.

#### History

The initial versions of Rcpp were written by Dominick Samperi during 2005 and 2006.

Dirk Eddelbuettel made some additions, and became maintainer in 2008.

Dirk Eddelbuettel and Romain Francois have been extending Rcpp since 2009.

## Author(s)

Dirk Eddelbuettel and Romain Francois

#### References

Dirk Eddelbuettel and Romain Francois (2011). **Rcpp**: Seamless R and C++ Integration. *Journal of Statistical Software*, **40**(**8**), 1-18, doi:10.18637/jss.v040.i08. Also available as vignette("Rcpp-introduction").

Eddelbuettel, Dirk (2013) Seamless R and C++ Integration with **Rcpp**. Springer, New York. ISBN 978-1-4614-6867-7.

# See Also

Development for **Rcpp** can be followed via the GitHub repository at https://github.com/RcppCore/Rcpp.

Extensive examples with full documentation are available at https://gallery.rcpp.org.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# introduction to Rcpp
vignette("Rcpp-introduction")
# information on how to build a package that uses Rcpp
vignette("Rcpp-package")
## End(Not run)
```

.DollarNames-methods completion

# Description

completion

## Methods

```
signature(x = "ANY")
signature(x = "C++Object") completes fields and methods of C++ objects
signature(x = "Module") completes functions and classes of modules
```

C++Class-class Reflection information for an internal c++ class

# Description

Information about an internal c++ class.

# **Objects from the Class**

Objects are usually extracted from a Module using the dollar extractor.

## Slots

.Data: mangled name of the class pointer: external pointer to the internal infomation module: external pointer to the module fields: list of C++Field objects constructors: list of C++Constructor objects methods: list of C++OverloadedMethods objects generator the generator object for the class

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docstring description of the classtypeid unmangled typeid of the classenums enums of the classparents names of the parent classes of this class

## Methods

show signature(object = "C++Class"): prints the class.
\$ signature(object = "C++Class"): ...

C++Constructor-class Class "C++Constructor"

## Description

Representation of a C++ constructor

## Extends

Class "envRefClass", directly. Class ".environment", by class "envRefClass", distance 2. Class "refClass", by class "envRefClass", distance 2. Class "environment", by class "envRefClass", distance 3, with explicit coerce. Class "refObject", by class "envRefClass", distance 3.

#### Fields

pointer: pointer to the internal structure that represent the constructor

class\_pointer: pointer to the internal structure that represent the associated C++ class

nargs: Number of arguments the constructor expects

signature: C++ signature of the constructor

docstring: Short description of the constructor

C++Field-class Class "C++Field"

#### Description

Metadata associated with a field of a class exposed through Rcpp modules

#### Fields

pointer: external pointer to the internal (C++) object that represents fields cpp\_class: (demangled) name of the C++ class of the field read\_only: Is this field read only class\_pointer: external pointer to the class this field is from.

#### Methods

No methods defined with class "C++Field" in the signature.

# See Also

The fields slot of the C++Class class is a list of C++Field objects

# Examples

showClass("C++Field")

C++Function-class Class "C++Function"

# Description

Internal C++ function

# **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by the Rcpp::InternalFunction class from the Rcpp library

# Slots

.Data: R function that calls back to the internal function

pointer: External pointer to a C++ object poiting to the function

docstring: Short documentation for the function

signature: C++ signature

## Extends

Class "function", from data part. Class "OptionalFunction", by class "function", distance 2. Class "PossibleMethod", by class "function", distance 2.

#### Methods

show signature(object = "C++Function"): print the object

# Examples

showClass("C++Function")

C++Object-class c++ internal objects

## Description

C++ internal objects instanciated from a class exposed in an Rcpp module

#### **Objects from the Class**

This is a virtual class. Actual C++ classes are subclasses.

## Methods

\$ signature(x = "C++Object"): invokes a method on the object, or retrieves the value of a property

\$<- signature(x = "C++Object"): set the value of a property</pre>

show signature(object = "C++Object"): print the object

C++OverloadedMethods-class

Class "C++OverloadedMethods"

## Description

Set of C++ methods

# Extends

Class "envRefClass", directly. Class ".environment", by class "envRefClass", distance 2. Class "refClass", by class "envRefClass", distance 2. Class "environment", by class "envRefClass", distance 3, with explicit coerce. Class "refObject", by class "envRefClass", distance 3.

#### Fields

- pointer: Object of class externalptr pointer to the internal structure that represents the set of methods
- class\_pointer: Object of class externalptr pointer to the internal structure that models the related class

compileAttributes Compile Rcpp Attributes for a Package

#### Description

Scan the source files within a package for attributes and generate code as required. Generates the bindings required to call C++ functions from R for functions adorned with the Rcpp::export attribute.

#### Usage

```
compileAttributes(pkgdir = ".", verbose = getOption("verbose"))
```

#### Arguments

pkgdir	Directory containing the package to compile attributes for (defaults to the current working directory).
verbose	TRUE to print detailed information about generated code to the console.

#### Details

The source files in the package directory given by pkgdir are scanned for attributes and code is generated as required based on the attributes.

For C++ functions adorned with the Rcpp::export attribute, the C++ and R source code required to bind to the function from R is generated and added (respectively) to src/RcppExports.cpp or R/RcppExports.R. Both of these files are automatically generated from *scratch* each time compiledAttributes is run.

In order to access the declarations for custom Rcpp::as and Rcpp::wrap handlers the compileAttributes function will also call any inline plugins available for packages listed in the LinkingTo field of the DESCRIPTION file.

### Value

Returns (invisibly) a character vector with the paths to any files that were updated as a result of the call.

#### Note

The compileAttributes function deals only with exporting C++ functions to R. If you want the functions to additionally be publicly available from your package's namespace another step may be required. Specifically, if your package NAMESPACE file does not use a pattern to export functions then you should add an explicit entry to NAMESPACE for each R function you want publicly available.

In addition to exporting R bindings for C++ functions, the compileAttributes function can also generate a direct C++ interface to the functions using the Rcpp::interfaces attribute.

# compilerCheck

## See Also

Rcpp::export,Rcpp::interfaces

#### Examples

## Not run:

# Compile attributes for package in the current working dir compileAttributes()

## End(Not run)

compilerCheck Check for Minimal (g++) Compiler Version

## Description

Helper function to establish minimal compiler versions, currently limited only to g++ which (particularly for older RHEL/CentOS releases) is too far behind current C++11 standards required for some packages.

#### Usage

compilerCheck(minVersion = package\_version("4.6.0"))

#### Arguments

minVersion An object of type package\_version, with a default of version 4.6.0

## Details

This function looks up  $g^{++}$  (as well as optional values in the CXX and CXX1X environment variables) in the PATH. For all values found, the output of  $g^{++} - v$  is analyzed for the version string, which is then compared to the given minimal version.

#### Value

A boolean value is returned, indicating if the minimal version is being met

#### Author(s)

Dirk Eddelbuettel

cppFunction

#### Description

Dynamically define an R function with C++ source code. Compiles and links a shared library with bindings to the C++ function then defines an R function that uses .Call to invoke the library.

#### Usage

```
cppFunction(code, depends = character(), plugins = character(), includes = character(),
    env = parent.frame(), rebuild = FALSE, cacheDir = getOption("rcpp.cache.dir",
    tempdir()), showOutput = verbose, verbose = getOption("verbose"), echo = TRUE)
```

#### Arguments

code	Source code for the function definition.
depends	Character vector of packages that the compilation depends on. Each package listed will first be queried for an inline plugin to determine header files to include. If no plugin is defined for the package then a header file based the package's name (e.g. PkgName.h) will be included.
plugins	Character vector of inline plugins to use for the compilation.
includes	Character vector of user includes (inserted after the includes provided by depends).
env	The environment in which to define the R function. May be NULL in which case the defined function can be obtained from the return value of cppFunction.
rebuild	Force a rebuild of the shared library.
cacheDir	Directory to use for caching shared libraries. If the underlying code passed to sourceCpp has not changed since the last invocation then a cached version of the shared library is used. The default value of tempdir() results in the cache being valid only for the current R session. Pass an alternate directory to preserve the cache across R sessions.
showOutput	TRUE to print R CMD SHLIB output to the console.
verbose	TRUE to print detailed information about generated code to the console.
echo	TRUE to silence output from optional R evaluation if set to FALSE.

# Details

Functions defined using cppFunction must have return types that are compatible with Rcpp::wrap and parameter types that are compatible with Rcpp::as.

The shared library will not be rebuilt if the underlying code has not changed since the last compilation.

## Value

An R function that uses .Call to invoke the underlying C++ function.

#### cppFunction

# Note

You can also define R functions with C++ implementations using the sourceCpp function, which allows you to separate the C++ code into it's own source file. For many use cases this is an easier and more maintainable approach.

## See Also

sourceCpp, evalCpp

#### Examples

```
## Not run:
cppFunction(
    'int fibonacci(const int x) {
       if (x == 0) return(0);
       if (x == 1) return(1);
       return (fibonacci(x - 1)) + fibonacci(x - 2);
   }')
cppFunction(depends = "RcppArmadillo",
    'List fastLm(NumericVector yr, NumericMatrix Xr) {
       int n = Xr.nrow(), k = Xr.ncol();
       arma::mat X(Xr.begin(), n, k, false);
       arma::colvec y(yr.begin(), yr.size(), false);
       arma::colvec coef = arma::solve(X, y);
       arma::colvec resid = y - X*coef;
       double sig2 = arma::as_scalar(arma::trans(resid)*resid/(n-k) );
       arma::colvec stderrest = arma::sqrt(
            sig2 * arma::diagvec(arma::inv(arma::trans(X)*X)));
       return List::create(Named("coefficients") = coef,
            Named("stderr")
                                 = stderrest
       );
    }')
cppFunction(plugins=c("cpp11"), '
    int useCpp11() {
       auto x = 10;
       return x;
    }')
```

## End(Not run)

demangle

# Description

demangle gives the demangled type, sizeof its size (in bytes).

# Usage

```
demangle(type = "int", ...)
sizeof(type = "int", ...)
```

# Arguments

type	The type we want to demangle
	Further argument for cppFunction

# Details

The following function is compiled and invoked:

```
SEXP demangle_this_type(){
   typedef
   return wrap( DEMANGLE(type) ) ;
}
SEXP sizeof_this_type(){
   typedef
   return wrap( sizeof(type) ) ;
}
```

DEMANGLE is a macro in 'Rcpp' that does the work.

# Value

The demangled type, as a string.

# Note

We only know how to demangle with gcc. If you know how to demangle types with your compiler, let us know.

# Author(s)

Romain Francois <romain@r-enthusiasts.com>

#### dependsAttribute

## References

See this chapter from the GNU C++ library manual.

#### See Also

cppFunction is used to compile the function demangle creates.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
    demangle( "int64_t" )
    demangle( "uint64_t" )
    demangle( "NumericVector" )
    demangle( "std::map<std::string,double>" )
    sizeof( "long" )
    sizeof( "long long" )
```

## End(Not run)

dependsAttribute Rcpp::depends Attribute

#### Description

The Rcpp::depends attribute is added to a C++ source file to indicate that it has a compilation dependency on one or more other packages. For example:

// [[Rcpp::depends(RcppArmadillo)]]

#### Arguments

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Packages which the source file depends on for compilation

#### Details

The Rcpp::depends attribute is used by the implementation of the sourceCpp function to correctly setup the build environment for R CMD SHLIB.

The include directories of the specified packages are added to the CLINK\_CPPFLAGS environment variable. In addition, if the referenced package provides an inline plugin it is called to determine additional environment variables required to successfully build.

#### Note

The Rcpp::depends attribute is specified using a syntax compatible with the new generalized attributes feature of the C++11 standard. Note however that since this feature is not yet broadly supported by compilers it needs to be specified within a comment (see examples below).

#### See Also

sourceCpp

## Examples

- ## Not run:
- // [[Rcpp::depends(RcppArmadillo)]]
- // [[Rcpp::depends(Matrix, RcppGSL)]]
- ## End(Not run)

evalCpp

# Evaluate a C++ Expression

## Description

Evaluates a C++ expression. This creates a C++ function using cppFunction and calls it to get the result.

#### Usage

```
evalCpp(code, depends = character(), plugins = character(), includes = character(),
    rebuild = FALSE, cacheDir = getOption("rcpp.cache.dir", tempdir()),
    showOutput = verbose, verbose = getOption("verbose"))
areMacrosDefined(names_depends = character()_includes = character()
```

```
areMacrosDefined(names, depends = character(), includes = character(),
    rebuild = FALSE, showOutput = verbose,
    verbose = getOption("verbose"))
```

# Arguments

code	C++ expression to evaluate
names	names of the macros we want to test
plugins	see cppFunction
depends	see cppFunction
includes	see cppFunction
rebuild	see cppFunction
cacheDir	Directory to use for caching shared libraries. If the underlying code passed to sourceCpp has not changed since the last invocation then a cached version of the shared library is used. The default value of tempdir() results in the cache being valid only for the current R session. Pass an alternate directory to preserve the cache across R sessions.
showOutput	see cppFunction
verbose	see cppFunction

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#### exportAttribute

## Value

The result of the evaluated C++ expression.

## Note

The result type of the C++ expression must be compatible with Rcpp::wrap.

## See Also

sourceCpp, cppFunction

#### Examples

## Not run:

```
evalCpp("__cplusplus")
evalCpp("std::numeric_limits<double>::max()")
```

```
# areMacrosDefined is no longer exported but accessible via ':::'
Rcpp:::areMacrosDefined(c("__cplusplus", "RCPP_VERSION"))
```

## End(Not run)

exportAttribute *Rcpp::export Attribute* 

## Description

The Rcpp::export attribute is added to a C++ function definition to indicate that it should be made available as an R function. The sourceCpp and compileAttributes functions process the Rcpp::export attribute by generating the code required to call the C++ function from R.

#### Arguments

name

Specify an alternate name for the generated R function (optional, defaults to the name of the C++ function if not specified).

#### Details

Functions marked with the Rcpp::export attribute must meet several conditions to be correctly handled:

- 1. Be defined in the global namespace (i.e. not within a C++ namespace declaration).
- 2. Have a return type that is either void or compatible with Rcpp::wrap and parameter types that are compatible with Rcpp::as (see sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the *Rcpp-introduction* vignette for more details).

3. Use fully qualified type names for the return value and all parameters. However, Rcpp types may appear without the namespace qualifier (i.e. DataFrame is okay as a type name but std::string must be specified fully).

If default argument values are provided in the C++ function definition then these defaults are also used for the exported R function. For example, the following C++ function:

```
DataFrame readData(
    CharacterVector file,
    CharacterVector exclude = CharacterVector::create(),
    bool fill = true)
```

Will be exported to R as:

function (file, exclude = character(0), fill = TRUE)

Note that C++ rules for default arguments still apply: they must occur consecutively at the end of the function signature and unlike R can't rely on the values of other arguments.

#### Note

When a C++ function has export bindings automatically generated by the compileAttributes function, it can optionally also have a direct C++ interface generated using the Rcpp::interfaces attribute.

o The Rcpp::export attribute is specified using a syntax compatible with the new generalized attributes feature of the C++11 standard. Note however that since this feature is not yet broadly supported by compilers it needs to be specified within a comment (see examples below).

## See Also

sourceCpp and compileAttributes

## Examples

```
## Not run:
#include <Rcpp.h>
using namespace Rcpp;
// [[Rcpp::export]]
int fibonacci(const int x) {
    if (x == 0) return(0);
    if (x == 1) return(1);
    return (fibonacci(x - 1)) + fibonacci(x - 2);
}
```

// [[Rcpp::export("convolveCpp")]]

# exposeClass

```
NumericVector convolve(NumericVector a, NumericVector b) {
    int na = a.size(), nb = b.size();
    int nab = na + nb - 1;
    NumericVector xab(nab);
    for (int i = 0; i < na; i++)
        for (int j = 0; j < nb; j++)
            xab[i + j] += a[i] * b[j];
    return xab;
}
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

exposeClass

Create an Rcpp Module to Expose a C++ Class in R

# Description

The arguments specify a C++ class and some combination of constructors, fields and methods to be shared with R by creating a corresponding reference class in R. The information needed in the call to exposeClass() is the simplest possible in order to create a C++ module for the class; for example, fields and methods in this class need only be identified by their name. Inherited fields and methods can also be included, but more information is needed. The function writes a C++ source file, containing a module definition to expose the class to R, plus one line of R source to create the corresponding reference class.

#### Usage

```
exposeClass(class, constructors = , fields = , methods = , file = ,
    header = , module = , CppClass = class, readOnly = , rename = ,
    Rfile = TRUE)
```

#### Arguments

class	The name of the class in R. By default, this will be the same as the name of the class in C++, unless argument CppClass is supplied.
constructors	A list of the signatures for any of the class constructors to be called from R. Each element of the list gives the data types in C++ for the arguments to the corresponding constructor. See Details and the example.
fields, methods	The vector of names for the fields and for the methods to be exposed in R. For inherited fields and methods, type information needs to be supplied; see the section "Inherited Fields and Methods".
file	Usually, the name for the file on which to write the C++ code, by default paste0(CppClass, "Module.cpp"). If the current working directory in R is the top-level directory for a package, the function writes the file in the "src" subdirectory. Otherwise the file is written in the working directory. The argument may also be a connection, already open for writing.

header	Whatever lines of C++ header information are needed to include the definition of the class. Typically this includes a file from the package where we are writing the module definition, as in the example below.
module	The name for the Rcpp module, by default paste0("class_",CppClass).
CppClass	The name for the class in C++. By default and usually, the intended class name in R.
readOnly	Optional vector of field names. These fields will be created as read-only in the interface.
rename	Optional named character vector, used to name fields or methods differently in R from their C++ name. The elements of the vector are the C++ names and the corresponding elements of names(rename) the desired names in R. So c(.age = "age") renames the C++ field or method age as .age.
Rfile	Controls the writing of a one-line R command to create the reference class corresponding to the C++ module information. By default, this will be a file paste0(class, "Class.R"). If the working directory is an R package source directory, the file will be written in the R subdirectory, otherwise in the working directory itself.
	Supplying a character string substitutes that file name for the default.
	The argument may also be a connection open for writing or FALSE to suppress writing the R source altogether.

# Details

The file created by the call to these functions only depends on the information in the C++ class supplied. This file is intended to be part of the C++ source for an R package. The file only needs to modified when the information changes, either because the class has changed or because you want to expose different information to R. In that case you can either recall exposeClass() or edit the C++ file created.

The Rcpp Module mechanism has a number of other optional techniques, not covered by exposeClass(). These should be entered into the C++ file created. See the "rcpp-modules" vignette with the package for current possibilities.

For fields and methods specified directly in the C++ class, the fields and method arguments to exposeClass() are character vectors naming the corresponding members of the class. For module construction, the data types of directly specified fields and of the arguments for the methods are not needed.

For *inherited* fields or methods, data type information is needed. See the section "Inherited Fields and Methods".

For exposing class constructors, the module needs to know the signatures of the constructors to be exposed; each signature is a character vector of the corresponding C++ data types.

# Value

Nothing, called for its side effect.

#### exposeClass

#### **Inherited Fields and Methods**

If the C++ class inherits from one or more other classes, the standard Rcpp Module mechanism can not be used to expose inherited fields or methods. An indirect mechanism is used, generating free functions in C++ to expose the inherited members in R.

This mechanism requires data type information in the call to exposeClass(). This is provided by naming the corresponding element of the fields or methods argument with the name of the member. The actual element of the fields argument is then the single data type of the field.

For the methods argument the argument will generally need to be a named list. The corresponding element of the list is the vector of data types for the return value and for the arguments, if any, to the method. For example, if C++ method foo() took a single argument of type NumericVector and returned a value of type long, the methods argument would be list(foo = c("long", "NumericVector")).

See the second example below.

#### Author(s)

John Chambers

#### See Also

setRcppClass, which must be called from some R source in the package.

#### Examples

```
## Not run:
### Given the following C++ class, defined in file PopBD.h,
### the call to exposeClass() shown below will write a file
### src/PopBDModule.cpp containing a corresponding module definition.
###
      class PopBD {
###
        public:
###
          PopBD(void);
###
          PopBD(NumericVector initBirth, NumericVector initDeath);
###
          std::vector<double> birth;
###
###
          std::vector<double> death;
###
          std::vector<int> lineage;
###
          std::vector<long> size;
###
          void evolve(int);
###
###
      }:
### A file R/PopBDClass.R will be written containing the one line:
      PopBD <- setRcppClass("PopBD")</pre>
###
###
### The call below exposes the lineage and size fields, read-only,
### and the evolve() method.
exposeClass("PopBD",
      constructors =
```

```
list("", c("NumericVector", "NumericVector")),
fields = c("lineage", "size"),
methods = "evolve",
```

```
header = '#include "PopBD.h"',
readOnly = c("lineage", "size"))
### Example with inheritance: the class PopCount inherits from
### the previous class, and adds a method table(). It has the same
### constructors as the previous class.
### To expose the table() method, and the inherited evolve() method and size field:
exposeClass("PopCount",
constructors =
list("", c("NumericVector", "NumericVector")),
fields = c(size = "std::vector<long>"),
methods = list("table", evolve = c("void", "int")),
header = '#include "PopCount.h"',
readOnly = "size")
## End(Not run)
```

formals<-methods Set the formal arguments of a C++ function

#### Description

Set the formal arguments of a C++ function

# Methods

signature(fun = "C++Function") Set the formal arguments of a C++ function

getRcppVersion Export the Rcpp (API) Package Version

#### Description

Helper function to report the package version of the R installation.

## Usage

```
getRcppVersion(devel = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

devel An logical value indicating if the development or release version number should be returned, default is release.

## interfacesAttribute

## Details

While packageVersion(Rcpp) exports the version registers in DESCRIPTION, this version does get incremented more easily during development and can therefore be higher than the released version. The actual #define long used at the C++ level corresponds more to an 'API Version' which is now provided by this function, and use for example in the package skeleton generator.

#### Value

A package\_version object with either the release or development version.

#### Author(s)

Dirk Eddelbuettel

# See Also

packageVersion, Rcpp.package.skeleton

#### Examples

getRcppVersion()

interfacesAttribute Rcpp::interfaces Attribute

#### Description

The Rcpp::interfaces attribute is added to a C++ source file to specify which languages to generate bindings for from exported functions. For example:

```
// [[Rcpp::interfaces(r, cpp)]]
```

#### Arguments

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Interfaces to generate for exported functions within the source file. Valid values are r and cpp, and more than one interface can be specified.

#### Details

The Rcpp::interfaces attribute is used to determine which bindings to generate for exported functions. The default behavior if no Rcpp::interfaces attribute is specified is to generate only an R interface.

When cpp bindings are requested code is generated as follows:

1. Bindings are generated into a header file located in the inst/include directory of the package using the naming convention *PackageName\_RcppExports.h* 

2. If not already present, an additional header file named *PackageName.h* is also generated which in turn includes the Rcpp exports header.

In the case that you already have a *PackageName.h* header for your package then you can manually add an include of the Rcpp exports header to it to make the exported functions available to users of your package.

- 3. The generated header file allows calling the exported C++ functions without any linking dependency on the package (this is based on using the R\_RegisterCCallable and R\_GetCCallable functions).
- 4. The exported functions are defined within a C++ namespace that matches the name of the package.

For example, an exported C++ function foo could be called from package MyPackage as follows:

```
// [[Rcpp::depends(MyPackage)]]
#include <MyPackage.h>
void foo() {
    MyPackage::bar();
}
```

The above example assumes that the sourceCpp function will be used to compile the code. If rather than that you are building a package then you don't need to include the Rcpp::depends attribute, but instead should add an entry for the referenced package in the Depends and LinkingTo fields of your package's DESCRIPTION file.

#### Note

If a file by the name of *PackageName.h* that wasn't generated by compileAttributes already exists in in the inst/include directory then it will not be overwritten (rather, an error will occur).

A static naming scheme for generated header files and namespaces is used to ensure consistent usage semantics for clients of exported cpp interfaces. Packages that wish to export more complex interfaces or additional C++ types are therefore typically better off not using this mechanism.

The Rcpp::interfaces attribute is specified using a syntax compatible with the new generalized attributes feature of the C++11 standard. Note however that since this feature is not yet broadly supported by compilers it needs to be specified within a comment (see examples below).

#### See Also

compileAttributes, Rcpp::export, Rcpp::depends

#### Examples

- ## Not run:
- // [[Rcpp::interfaces(r, cpp)]]
- ## End(Not run)

### Description

In Rcpp versions prior to release 0.10.1 of November 2013, LdFlags and RcppLdFlags were used to return the required flags and options for the system linker to link to the Rcpp user library. Since we no longer build or ship a user library, these functions now return an empty string. As of Rcpp release 0.12.19, these functions are now deprecated.

# Usage

LdFlags() RcppLdFlags()

# Value

An empty string.

#### Author(s)

Dirk Eddelbuettel and Romain Francois

## References

Dirk Eddelbuettel and Romain Francois (2011). **Rcpp**: Seamless R and C++ Integration. *Journal of Statistical Software*, **40**(**8**), 1-18, doi:10.18637/jss.v040.i08. Also available as vignette("Rcpp-introduction").

loadModule

Load an Rcpp Module into a Package

### Description

One or more calls to loadModule will be included in the source code for a package to load modules and optionally expose objects from them. The actual extraction of the module takes place at load time.

#### Usage

```
loadModule(module, what = , loadNow, env =)
```

## Arguments

module	The name of the C++ module to load. The code for the module should be in the same package as the R call to loadModule.
what	The objects to expose in the package's namespace corresponding to objects in the module. By default, nothing is exposed. The special value TRUE says to load all the objects in the module that have syntactically standard R names (which all objects in a module will normally have).
	Otherwise, if supplied this should be a character vector, the elements being objects defined in the module. The vector can have a names attribute, in which case the non-empty names will be used to rename the objects; otherwise, the name of the object in the package namespace will be the same as the name in the C++ module.
loadNow, env	A logical flag to say whether the load actions should happen now, and the environment into which the objects should be inserted. When called from the source of a package, both of these arguments should usually be omitted.
	The value of loadNow will be set by checking the module's status. At package installation time, the module cannot be started, in which case a load action (see setLoadAction) is scheduled to do the actual module load.
	The value of env will default to the package's namespace.

#### Details

If the purpose of loading the module is to define classes based on C++ classes, see setRcppClass(), which does the necessary module loading for you.

When the module can be started (at namespace load time), the function Module() returns an environment with a description of the module's contents. Function loadModule() saves this as a metadata object in the package namespace. Therefore multiple calls to loadModule() are an efficient way to extract different objects from the module.

Requesting an object that does not exist in the module produces a warning.

Since assignments from the call cannot take place until namespace loading time, any computations using the objects must also be postponed until this time. Use load actions (setLoadAction) and make sure that the load action is specified after the call to loadModule().

#### Value

If the load takes place, the module environment is returned. Usually however the function is called for its side effects.

# Note

This function requires version 2.15.0 of R or later, in order to use load actions, introduced in that version. See the note in the help page for setRcppClass() for details.

# Author(s)

John Chambers

## See Also

setRcppClass() to avoid the explicit call.

loadRcppModules() for a (deprecated) shotgun procedure to load all modules.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
loadModule("yada", TRUE) # load all the objects from module "yada"
## End(Not run)
```

loadRcppModules-deprecated
 Loads Rcpp modules on package startup

# Description

Note: As of release 0.12.5, this function is deprecated; loadModule should be used instead.

Function to simplify loading Rcpp modules contained in a package. This function must be called from the .onLoad function of a package. It uses the RcppModules field of the package DESCRIPTION file to query the names of the modules that the package should export, loads each module, and populate each module into the package NAMESPACE.

## Usage

```
loadRcppModules(direct=TRUE)
```

#### Arguments

direct if TRUE the content of the module is exposed in the namespace. Otherwise, the module is exposed.

## See Also

populate, loadModule

Module

# Description

Retrieves an Rcpp module from a dynamic library, usually associated with a package.

# Usage

Module(module, PACKAGE = , where = , mustStart = )

## Arguments

module	Name of the module, as declared in the RCPP_MODULE macro internally
PACKAGE	Passed to getNativeSymbolInfo
where	When the module is loaded, S4 classes are defined based on the internal classes. This argument is passed to setClass
mustStart	TODO

# Value

An object of class Module collecting functions and classes declared in the module.

Module-class	Rcpp modules		
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# Description

Collection of internal c++ functions and classes exposed to R

## **Objects from the Class**

modules are created by the link{Module} function

# Methods

\$ signature(x = "Module"): extract a function or a class from the module.
prompt signature(object = "Module"): generates skeleton of a documentation for a Module.
show signature(object = "Module"): summary information about the module.
initialize signature(.Object = "Module"): ...

# See Also

The Module function

# Description

The Rcpp::plugins attribute is added to a C++ source file to specify the inline plugins that should be used in the compilation.

// [[Rcpp::plugins(plugin1, plugin2)]]

#### Arguments

... Plugins to add to the compilation.

## Details

Plugins must be registered using the registerPlugin function.

When included within a sourceCpp translation unit, the configuration-related fields of the plugin (e.g. env and LinkingTo) are utilized, however the code-generation fields (e.g. includes and body) are not.

## Note

**Rcpp** includes a built-in cpp11 plugin that adds the flags required to enable C++11 features in the compiler.

## See Also

registerPlugin

## Examples

```
## Not run:
// [[Rcpp::plugins(cpp11)]]
// [[Rcpp::export]]
int useCpp11() {
   auto x = 10;
   return x;
}
## End(Not run)
```

populate

## Description

Populates a namespace or an environment with the content of a module

# Usage

populate(module, env)

## Arguments

module	Rcpp module
env	environment or namespace

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# Description

These functions are provided for compatibility with older versions of the **Rcpp** package only, and may be removed in future versions.

# Details

- loadRcppModules calls should now be replaced by loadModule calls, one per Module.
- LdFlags and RcppLdFlags are no longer required as no library is provided (or needed) by Rcpp (as it was up until release 0.10.1).

# Author(s)

Dirk Eddelbuettel and Romain Francois

Rcpp.package.skeleton Create a skeleton for a new package depending on Rcpp

# Description

Rcpp.package.skeleton automates the creation of a new source package that intends to use features of Rcpp.

It is based on the package.skeleton function which it executes first.

# Usage

```
Rcpp.package.skeleton(name = "anRpackage", list = character(),
environment = .GlobalEnv, path = ".", force = FALSE,
code_files = character(), cpp_files = character(),
example_code = TRUE, attributes = TRUE, module = FALSE,
author = "Your Name",
maintainer = if(missing( author)) "Your Name" else author,
email = "your@email.com", githubuser = NA_character_,
license = "GPL (>= 2)"
```

# Arguments

name	See package.skeleton
list	See package.skeleton
environment	See package.skeleton
path	See package.skeleton
force	See package.skeleton
code_files	See package.skeleton
cpp_files	A character vector with the paths to C++ source files to add to the package.
example_code	If TRUE, example c++ code using Rcpp is added to the package.
attributes	If TRUE, example code makes use of Rcpp attributes.
module	If TRUE, an example Module is added to the skeleton.
author	Author of the package.
maintainer	Maintainer of the package.
email	Email of the package maintainer.
githubuser	GitHub username for URL and BugReports, if present.
license	License of the package.

#### Details

In addition to package.skeleton :

The 'DESCRIPTION' file gains an Imports line requesting that the package depends on Rcpp and a LinkingTo line so that the package finds Rcpp header files.

The 'NAMESPACE' gains a useDynLib directive as well as an importFrom(Rcpp, evalCpp to ensure instantiation of Rcpp.

The 'src' directory is created if it does not exists.

If cpp\_files are provided then they will be copied to the 'src' directory.

If the example\_code argument is set to TRUE, example files 'rcpp\_hello\_world.h' and 'rcpp\_hello\_world.cpp' are also created in the 'src'. An R file 'rcpp\_hello\_world.R' is expanded in the 'R' directory, the rcpp\_hello\_world function defined in this files makes use of the C++ function 'rcpp\_hello\_world' defined in the C++ file. These files are given as an example and should eventually by removed from the generated package.

If the attributes argument is TRUE, then rather than generate the example files as described above, a single 'rcpp\_hello\_world.cpp' file is created in the 'src' directory and it's attributes are compiled using the compileAttributes function. This leads to the files 'RcppExports.R' and 'RcppExports.cpp' being generated. They are automatically regenerated from *scratch* each time compileAttributes is called. Therefore, one should **not** modify by hand either of the 'RcppExports' files.

If the module argument is TRUE, a sample Rcpp module will be generated as well.

## Value

Nothing, used for its side effects

#### References

Read the Writing R Extensions manual for more details.

Once you have created a *source* package you need to install it: see the *R Installation and Administration* manual, INSTALL and install.packages.

#### See Also

package.skeleton

#### Examples

```
## Not run:
# simple package
Rcpp.package.skeleton( "foobar" )
# package using attributes
Rcpp.package.skeleton( "foobar", attributes = TRUE )
# package with a module
Rcpp.package.skeleton( "testmod", module = TRUE )
```

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# Rcpp.plugin.maker

```
# the Rcpp-package vignette
vignette( "Rcpp-package" )
# the Rcpp-modules vignette for information about modules
vignette( "Rcpp-modules" )
## End(Not run)
```

Rcpp.plugin.maker Facilitating making package plugins

# Description

This function helps packages making inline plugins.

## Usage

```
Rcpp.plugin.maker(
    include.before = "",
    include.after = "",
    LinkingTo = unique(c(package, "Rcpp")),
    Depends = unique(c(package, "Rcpp")),
    Imports = unique(c(package, "Rcpp")),
    libs = "",
    Makevars = NULL,
    Makevars.win = NULL,
    package = "Rcpp"
)
```

## Arguments

include.before	Code to be included before the 'Rcpp.h' file
include.after	Code to be included after the 'Rcpp.h' file
LinkingTo	Packages to be added to the 'LinkingTo' field
Depends	Packages to be added to the 'Depends' field [deprecated]
Imports	Packages to be added to the 'Depends' field
libs	library flags
Makevars	content for a 'Makevars' file, or NULL
Makevars.win	content for a 'Makevars.win' file, or NULL
package	The package this plugin is for.

#### Value

A function that is suitable as a plugin. See for example the 'RcppArmadillo' package that uses this to create its inline plugin.

RcppUnitTests

## Description

Unit tests results for package Rcpp.

Unit tests are run automatically at build time and reports are included in the 'doc' directory as html or text.

#### See Also

#### Examples

```
# unit tests are in the unitTests directory of the package
list.files( system.file("unitTests", package = "Rcpp" ),
pattern = "^runit", full = TRUE )
# trigger the unit tests preparation, follow printed instructions
# on how to run them
## Not run:
source( system.file("unitTests", "runTests.R", package = "Rcpp" ) )
## End(Not run)
```

registerPlugin Register an inline plugin

# Description

Register an inline plugin for use with sourceCpp or cppFunction. Inline plugins are functions that return a list with additional includes, environment variables, and other compilation context.

#### Usage

```
registerPlugin(name, plugin)
```

#### Arguments

name	Name of the inline plugin
plugin	Inline plugin function

# Details

Plugins can be added to sourceCpp compilations using the Rcpp::plugins attribute.

# setRcppClass

## See Also

Rcpp::plugins

setRcppClass

#### Create a Class Extending a C++ Class

# Description

These routines create a class definition in R for an exposed C++ class, setting up and executing a load action to incorporate the C++ pointer information. Neither function should normally need to be called directly; for most applications, a call to exposeClass() will create both C++ and R code files to expose the C++ class.

#### Usage

#### Arguments

Class	The name for the new class.	
CppClass	The C++ class defined in the C++ code for the package that this class extends. By default, the same as Class.	
module	The Rcpp module in which the class is defined. The module does not have to be loaded separately; setRcppClass() will arrange to load the module. By default, "class_" followed by the C++ class name.	
	If exposeClass() has been called, the necessary module code will have been written in the src directory of the package.	
fields, contains, methods		
	Additional fields, superclasses and method definitions in R that extend the C++ class. These arguments are passed on to $setRefClass()$ .	
saveAs	Save a generator object for the class in the package's namespace under this name. By default, the generator object has the name of the class. To avoid saving any generator object, supply this argument as NULL.	
	(This argument is currently needed because the actual class definition must take place at package load time, to include C++ pointer information. Therefore the value returned by setRcppClass() when called during package installation is not the generator object returned by setRefClass(). We may be able to hack around this problem in the future.)	
where	The environment in which to save the class definition. By default, will be the namespace of the package in which the setRcppClass() call is included.	
	Arguments, if any, to pass on to setRefClass().	

## Details

The call to these functions normally appears in the source code for a package; in particular, a call is written in an R source file when exposeClass() is called.

R code for this class or (preferably) a subclass can define new fields and methods for the class. Methods for the R class can refer to methods and fields defined in C++ for the C++ class, if those have been exposed.

The fields and methods defined can include overriding C++ fields or methods. Keep in mind, however, that R methods can refer to C++ fields and methods, but not the reverse. If you override a C++ field or method, you essentially need to revise all code that refers to that field or method. Otherwise, the C++ code will continue to use the old C++ definition.

## Value

At load time, a generator for the new class is created and stored according to the saveAs argument, typically under the name of the class.

The value returned at installation time is a dummy. Future revisions of the function may allow us to return a valid generator at install time. We recommend using the standard style of assigning the value to the name of the class, as one would do with setRefClass.

## Note

This function and function loadModule() require version 2.15.0 of R or later, in order to use load actions, introduced in that version.

A subtle way this can fail is by somehow loading a legitimate binary version of your package (installed under a valid version of R) into a session with an older R. In this case the load actions created in the binary package will simply not be called. None of the modules will be loaded and none of the classes created.

If your symptom is that classes or other objects from modules don't exist, check the R version.

#### Author(s)

John Chambers

#### Examples

```
## Not run:
setRcppClass("World",
    module = "yada",
    fields = list(more = "character"),
    methods = list(
        test = function(what) message("Testing: ", what, "; ", more)),
    saveAs = "genWorld"
        )
```

## End(Not run)

sourceCpp

# Description

sourceCpp parses the specified C++ file or source code and looks for functions marked with the Rcpp::export attribute and RCPP\_MODULE declarations. A shared library is then built and its exported functions and Rcpp modules are made available in the specified environment.

## Usage

# Arguments

file	A character string giving the path name of a file	
code	A character string with source code. If supplied, the code is taken from this string instead of a file.	
env	Environment where the R functions and modules should be made available.	
embeddedR	TRUE to run embedded R code chunks.	
rebuild	Force a rebuild of the shared library.	
cacheDir	Directory to use for caching shared libraries. If the underlying file or code passed to sourceCpp has not changed since the last invocation then a cached version of the shared library is used. The default value of tempdir() results in the cache being valid only for the current R session. Pass an alternate directory to preserve the cache across R sessions.	
cleanupCacheDir		
	Cleanup all files in the cacheDir that were not a result of this compilation. Note that this will cleanup the cache from all other calls to sourceCpp with the same cacheDir. This option should therefore only be specified by callers that provide a unique cacheDir per scope (e.g. chunk labels in a weaved document).	
showOutput	TRUE to print R CMD SHLIB output to the console.	
verbose	TRUE to print detailed information about generated code to the console.	
dryRun	TRUE to do a dry run (showing commands that would be used rather than actually executing the commands).	
windowsDebugDLL		
	TRUE to create a debug DLL on Windows (and ignored on other platforms).	
echo	TRUE to silence output from optional R evaluation if set to FALSE.	

## Details

If the code parameter is provided then the file parameter is ignored.

Functions exported using sourceCpp must meet several conditions, including being defined in the global namespace and having return types that are compatible with Rcpp::wrap and parameter types that are compatible with Rcpp::as. See the Rcpp::export documentation for more details.

Content of Rcpp Modules will be automatically loaded into the specified environment using the Module and populate functions.

If the source file has compilation dependencies on other packages (e.g. **Matrix**, **RcppArmadillo**) then an Rcpp::depends attribute should be provided naming these dependencies.

It's possible to embed chunks of R code within a C++ source file by including the R code within a block comment with the prefix of /\*\*\* R. For example:

#### /\*\*\* R

# Call the fibonacci function defined in C++
fibonacci(10)

#### \*/

Multiple R code chunks can be included in a C++ file. R code is sourced after the C++ compilation is completed so all functions and modules will be available to the R code.

#### Value

Returns (invisibly) a list with two elements:

functions Names of exported functions modules Names of Rcpp modules

# Note

The sourceCpp function will not rebuild the shared library if the source file has not changed since the last compilation.

The sourceCpp function is designed for compiling a standalone source file whose only dependencies are R packages. If you are compiling more than one source file or have external dependencies then you should create an R package rather than using sourceCpp. Note that the Rcpp::export attribute can also be used within packages via the compileAttributes function.

If you are sourcing a C++ file from within the src directory of a package then the package's LinkingTo dependencies, inst/include, and src directories are automatically included in the compilation.

If no Rcpp::export attributes or RCPP\_MODULE declarations are found within the source file then a warning is printed to the console. You can disable this warning by setting the rcpp.warnNoExports option to FALSE.

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# sourceCpp

# See Also

Rcpp::export,Rcpp::depends,cppFunction,evalCpp

# Examples

```
## Not run:
sourceCpp("fibonacci.cpp")
sourceCpp(code='
    #include <Rcpp.h>
    // [[Rcpp::export]]
    int fibonacci(const int x) {
        if (x == 0) return(0);
        if (x == 1) return(1);
        return (fibonacci(x - 1)) + fibonacci(x - 2);
    }'
)
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

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