

Package ‘emld’

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Title Ecological Metadata as Linked Data

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Description This is a utility for transforming Ecological Metadata Language ('EML') files into 'JSON-LD' and back into 'EML.' Doing so creates a list-based representation of 'EML' in R, so that 'EML' data can easily be manipulated using standard 'R' tools. This makes this package an effective backend for other 'R'-based tools working with 'EML.' By abstracting away the complexity of 'XML' Schema, developers can build around native 'R' list objects and not have to worry about satisfying many of the additional constraints of set by the schema (such as element ordering, which is handled automatically). Additionally, the 'JSON-LD' representation enables the use of developer-friendly 'JSON' parsing and serialization that may facilitate the use of 'EML' in contexts outside of 'R,' as well as the informatics-friendly serializations such as 'RDF' and 'SPARQL' queries.

URL <https://github.com/ropensci/emld>

BugReports <https://github.com/ropensci/emld/issues>

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emld-package	<i>emld: Ecological Metadata as Linked Data</i>
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Description

The goal of emld is to provide a way to work with EML metadata in the JSON-LD format. At its heart, the package is simply a way to translate an EML XML document into JSON-LD and be able to reverse this so that any semantically equivalent JSON-LD file can be serialized into EML-schema valid XML.

Details

The package has only three core functions:

- `as_emld()` Convert EML's xml files (or the json version created by this package) into a native R object (an S3 class called `emld`, essentially just a `list`).
- `as_xml()` Convert the native R format, `emld`, back into XML-schema valid EML.
- `as_json()` Convert the native R format, `emld`, into `json(LD)`.

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/ropensci/emld>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/ropensci/emld/issues>

as_emld	<i>Coerce an EML file or object into an emld object.</i>
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Description

Coerce an EML file or object into an emld object.

Usage

```
as_emld(x, from = c("guess", "xml", "json", "list"))
```

Arguments

x	path to an EML file
from	explicit type for the input format. By default, will attempt to guess the format, but it is always safer to specify the input format. This is essential for literal text strings or raw vectors where the type cannot be guessed by the R object class or file extension of the input.

Value

an emld object

Examples

```
hf205 <- system.file("extdata/hf205.xml", package="emld")
as_emld(hf205)
```

as_json	<i>Coerce an emld object into JSON</i>
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Description

Coerce an emld object into JSON

Usage

```
as_json(x, file = NULL)
```

Arguments

x	an emld object
file	optional path to write out to file. Otherwise, defaults to NULL and will return a json object.

Details

Note: since emld list object maintains a 1:1 correspondence with JSON, following the conventions of jsonlite, this function is basically trivial. The only purpose is to default to auto_unbox = TRUE in serializing lists to JSON.

Value

a json object. Or if a file path is provided, the metadata is written out in JSON file and the function returns NULL invisibly.

Examples

```
f <- system.file("extdata/example.xml", package = "emld")
emld <- as_emld(f)
json <- as_json(emld)
## can also write a json file to disk:
json_file <- tempfile()
as_json(emld, json_file)
```

as_xml

*Coerce an emld object into XML (EML's standard format)***Description**

Coerce an emld object into XML (EML's standard format)

Usage

```
as_xml(x, file = NULL, root = "eml", ns = "eml",
       schemaLocation = paste0("eml://ecoinformatics.org/", eml_version(),
                               "/ eml.xsd"))
```

Arguments

x	an emld object
file	optional path to write out to file. Otherwise, defaults to NULL and will return an xml_document object.
root	name for the root node; default to 'eml'
ns	namespace abbreviation on root node, default 'eml'
schemaLocation	default to set schemaLocation if not already defined in emld object

Details

Unlike as_json, this function cannot rely on the existing convention of serializing a list to xml, eg, as defined by xml2::as_xml_document() Instead, this relies on a modified version, as_eml_document. In addition further steps must be taken when working with JSON-LD to deal with different possible framings and namespaces from the JSON-LD context element. Thus this as_xml function is particular to EML and emld objects alone.

Value

a `xml_document` object. Or if a file path is provided, the metadata is written out in XML file and the function returns NULL invisibly.

Examples

```
f <- system.file("extdata/example.xml", package = "emld")
emld <- as_emld(f)
xml <- as_xml(emld)

## can also write directly to a file:
xml_file <- tempfile()
as_xml(emld, xml_file)
```

eml_validate	<i>eml_validate</i>
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Description

`eml_validate` processes an EML document using the XSD schema for the appropriate version of EML and determines if the document is schema-valid as defined by the XSD specification

Usage

```
eml_validate(eml, encoding = "UTF-8", schema = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>eml</code>	file path, <code>xml_document</code> ,
<code>encoding</code>	optional encoding for files, default UTF-8.
<code>schema</code>	path to schema
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to <code>eml_write</code> , such as namespaces

Value

Whether the document is valid (logical)

Examples

```
f <- system.file("extdata", "example.xml", package = "emld")

## validate file directly from disk:
eml_validate(f)

## validate an eml object:
eml <- as_emld(f)
```

```
eml_validate(eml)
```

eml_version	<i>Set or check the EML version default</i>
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Description

Set or check the EML version default

Usage

```
eml_version(version = getOption("emld_db", "eml-2.1.1"))
```

Arguments

version	EML version, currently either eml-2.2.0 (release candidate), or eml-2.1.1 (current version, 2011 - 2019)
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Value

returns the EML version string. As a side-effect, sets the requested version as the default version by setting the emld_db variable in [options\(\)](#).

Examples

```
eml_version()
```

template	<i>Create a template for an EML object</i>
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Description

Create a template for an EML object

Usage

```
template(object)
```

Arguments

object	the name of an eml object to create
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Details

Note: while this function can be called in recursions, doing so may be a bad idea.

Value

a list with elements named according to the properties of the object. This can be coerced into EML, see vignettes. NULL-valued elements (~) can take a data entry directly, while empty list()-valued elements () indicate properties that take other eml objects as values.

Examples

```
template("creator")
```

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