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Description Prism <<https://prismjs.com/>> is a lightweight, extensible syntax highlighter, built with modern web standards in mind. This package provides server-side rendering in R using 'V8' such that no JavaScript library is required in the resulting HTML documents. Over 400 languages are supported.

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Description

The `prism_highlight_text` function takes a string with a single code snippet and returns an html fragment with syntax classes. This html gets colorized by the [prism stylesheet](#) when both are inserted in an HTML document.

Usage

```
prism_highlight_text(txt, language = "r")

prism_highlight_document(
  input,
  output = NULL,
  include_css = FALSE,
  preview = interactive()
)

prism_process_xmldoc(doc)

prism_languages()
```

Arguments

<code>txt</code>	string with code that you want to highlight
<code>language</code>	the language that <code>txt</code> is in, one of <code>prism_languages()</code> .
<code>input</code>	literal html string, connection, or file path, passed to xml2::read_html
<code>output</code>	path to file or connection to write to, passed to xml2::write_html . Set <code>NULL</code> to return the entire output document as a character string.
<code>include_css</code>	insert the Prism css style (with the default theme) into the html header.
<code>preview</code>	opens the generated output html in a browser
<code>doc</code>	an xml2 document that will be modified in place such that all <code><code class="language-xyz"></code> elements are replaced with highlighted html.

Details

The function `prism_highlight_document` processes an entire HTML document, similar to how PrismJS works in a browser. It automatically finds all `<code class="language-xyz">` elements in the document and substitutes these with highlighted html elements. Again, CSS is needed to actually colorize the html, you can use `include_css` to automatically inject the CSS in the html header if your input document does not have this yet.

Value

html with classes that can be colorized using a prism stylesheet

Examples

```
html <- prism_highlight_text('p { color: red }', language = 'css')
cat(html)
prism_languages()
```

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