Package: unrtf (via r-universe)

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Type Package

Title Extract Text from Rich Text Format (RTF) Documents

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Description Wraps the 'unrtf' utility
<https://www.gnu.org/software/unrtf/> to extract text from RTF
files. Supports document conversion to HTML, LaTeX or plain
text. Output in HTML is recommended because 'unrtf' has limited
support for converting between character encodings.

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Imports sys (>= 2.0)

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unrtf *Convert rtf Documents*

Description

Converts an rtf document to html, text or latex. Output in html is recommended because `unrtf` has limited support for converting between character encodings which is problematic for non-ascii text.

Usage

```
unrtf(
  file = NULL,
  format = c("html", "text", "latex"),
  verbose = FALSE,
  conf_dir = NULL
)
```

Arguments

`file`	path or url to the 'rtf' file
`format`	output format, must be "text", "html" or "latex"
`verbose`	print some output to stderr
`conf_dir`	use a custom dir with `.conf` files which serve as output templates.

Details

Output can be customized via a set of `.conf` files which serve as templates for the various formats. The default conf files are located in `system.file("share", package = "unrtf")` To modify the output, copy these files to a custom location and set pass the directory as the `conf_dir` argument in `unrtf`.

Examples

```
library(unrtf)
text <- unrtf("https://jeroen.github.io/files/sample.rtf", format = "text")
html <- unrtf("https://jeroen.github.io/files/sample.rtf", format = "html")
cat(text)
```

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