

Package ‘newsmd’

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combine_dev	<i>Combining dev-versions into the next version</i>
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Description

Combining dev-versions into the next version

Usage

```
combine_dev(text = "")
```

Arguments

text a string vector with the content of the get_text method

Value

a string vector with the reduced NEWS.md text

get_version	<i>Retrieve the version number of a NEWS.md file</i>
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Description

This function tries to extract the version number within a file. There are a few pitfalls:

* If the word "version" is within the text but denotes a dependency it is still detected. * If the files has a date before the version it will return the date instead of the version * It is assumed, that the NEWS.md files is updated from the top. Ergo the latest version is the first one.

Usage

```
get_version(file, latest = TRUE)
```

Arguments

file a path to a file
latest a Boolean, if TRUE (default) only the latest version is returned

Value

either a single string or a vector with version numbers

news

Manipulate the NEWS.md file

Description

Manipulate the NEWS.md file.

Format

An R6 class.

Methods

Public methods:

- `news$new()`
- `news$print()`
- `news$get_text()`
- `news$write()`
- `news$add_version()`
- `news$add_subtitle()`
- `news$add_bullet()`
- `news$clone()`

Method `new()`: Create a new news object.

Usage:

```
news$new(  
  text = c(paste0("## version ", version), "", "---", "", "### NEWS.md setup", "",  
    "- added NEWS.md creation with [newsmd](https://github.com/Dschaykib/newsmd)", ""),  
  version = "0.0.0.9000",  
  file = NULL  
)
```

Arguments:

`text` vector with context for the news.md file.

`version` current version of the package.

`file` a text file with the current news.md file. Use NULL to create new file.

Returns: A new 'news' object.

Method `print()`: Print a news object.

Usage:

```
news$print()
```

Method `get_text()`: Get the news object as a text.

Usage:

```
news$get_text()
```

Returns: The context of the news file.

Method write(): Write and save a news object.

Usage:

```
news$write(file = "NEWS.md", reduce_dev = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

file A path and file to where the news file is saved.

reduce_dev A boolean, if TRUE dev version's points are combined into the next version

Method add_version(): Adds a version line to a news object.

Usage:

```
news$add_version(x)
```

Arguments:

x A string with the version number.

Method add_subtitle(): Adds a subtitle line to a news object.

Usage:

```
news$add_subtitle(x)
```

Arguments:

x A string with the subtitle.

Method add_bullet(): Adds a bullet points to the last subtitle.

Usage:

```
news$add_bullet(x)
```

Arguments:

x A vector with the bullet points.

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
news$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

See Also

[newsmd](#)

Examples

```
## Create a template
my_news <- news$new()
my_news$add_subtitle("improved things 1")
my_news$add_bullet("point 1")
my_news$add_bullet("point 2")
```

Description

This is a convenience wrapper for `news$new()`. If you already have a NEWS file you can add it's path to `newsmd()`.

Usage

```
newsmd(  
  file = NULL,  
  text = c(paste0("## version ", version), "", "---", "", "### NEWS.md setup", "",  
    "- added NEWS.md creation with [newsmd](https://github.com/Dschaykib/newsmd)", ""),  
  version = "0.0.0.9000"  
)
```

Arguments

<code>file</code>	name of the NEWS file to load. If not given a new file NEWS.md is created.
<code>text</code>	a character scalar containing the initial text.
<code>version</code>	a character with the version in the format major.minor.patch.dev.

Details

This functions creates a news object, which can be saved as the NEWS.md file with the internal method `write()`. One can add versions, subtitles and bullet points to the news.

If an existing NEWS.md file is given, the version is extracted with `get_version` and the dev part is bumped up.

Examples

```
newsmd()
```

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