

# Package ‘roclang’

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### Description

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### Functions

- Text extraction and manipulation function: [extract\\_roc\\_text](#).
- Rd evaluation and compilation function: [roc\\_eval\\_text](#).

### Note

Change log:

- 0.1.1 Xiurui Zhu - Initiate the document.

### Author(s)

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extract_roc_text	<i>Extract a section, parameter or set of dot-parameters from a function documentation</i>
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### Description

`extract_roc_text` cites sections or parameters from a function documentation in the syntax of `@inherit`, `@inheritSection`, `@inheritParams` or `@inheritDotParams` tag from [roxygen2](#) package. See details about how to use this function.

### Usage

```
extract_roc_text(  
  fun,  
  type = c("general", "section", "param", "dot_params"),  
  select = NULL,  
  capitalize = NA  
)
```

**Arguments**

fun	Function or character (of length 1L) indicating function name.										
type	Type of extraction. Please choose one from the following table according to the @tag you would otherwise use if you would like to inherit the section, parameter or set of dot-parameters as a whole: <table> <thead> <tr> <th>@tag you would use</th> <th>type you should choose</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>@inherit</td> <td>"general"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>@inheritSection</td> <td>"section"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>@inheritParams</td> <td>"param"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>@inheritDotParams</td> <td>"dot_params"</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	@tag you would use	type you should choose	@inherit	"general"	@inheritSection	"section"	@inheritParams	"param"	@inheritDotParams	"dot_params"
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capitalize	Logical (of length 1L) indicating whether the first letter of the return should be capitalized. Default to capitalize = NA, in which case the first letter of the return is left as is.										

**Details**

To diffuse the function output into [roxygen2](#) comments, one may write the function documentation with inline code like this:

```
#' Diffusion of function documentation with inline code
#'
#' @return Same as \code{\link[stats]{lm}}:
#' `r extract_roc_text(stats::lm, type = "general", select = "return")`
my_fun <- function() {}
```

or with code block like this:

```
#' Diffusion of function documentation with code block
#'
#' @param lm_arg Named list of
#' ```{r}
#' extract_roc_text(stats::lm,
#'                   type = "dot_params",
```

```
#'           select = c("-formula", "-data"),
#'           capitalize = FALSE)
#' ---
my_fun <- function(lm_arg) {}
```

### Value

Character (of length 1L) as a valid Rd character string to diffuse into [roxygen2](#) comments.

### Note

Change log:

- 0.1.0 Xiurui Zhu - Initiate the function.
- 0.1.1 Xiurui Zhu - Change the default of `capitalize` from `TRUE` to `NA`.
- 0.1.1 Xiurui Zhu - Improve code security in evaluating the formal arguments of `fun`.
- 0.2.0 Xiurui Zhu - Make changes for `roxygen2 > 7.1.2` while keeping compatibility.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
# Inherit a standard section, and leave the first letter as is
cat(
  extract_roc_text(stats::lm,
    type = "general",
    select = "description",
    capitalize = NA)
)

# Inherit a self-defined section, and capitalize the first letter
cat(
  extract_roc_text(stats::lm,
    type = "section",
    select = "Using time series",
    capitalize = TRUE)
)

# Inherit a parameter, and diffuse it into text
cat(
  paste0(
    "Here is the `formula` argument of `stats::lm`, defined as: ",
    extract_roc_text(stats::lm,
      type = "param",
      select = "formula",
      capitalize = FALSE)
  )
)
```

```
# Inherit a set of dot params, and diffuse it into text
cat(
  paste0(
    "`lm_arg` is a named list of ",
    extract_roc_text(stats::lm,
                     type = "dot_params",
                     select = c("-formula", "-data"),
                     capitalize = FALSE)
  )
)
```

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roc\_eval\_text

*Generate Rd from text with evaluated inline code and code blocks*

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## Description

roc\_eval\_text is an upgraded version of [roc\\_proc\\_text](#) that evaluates inline and block code before generating Rd.

## Usage

```
roc_eval_text(roclet, input)
```

## Arguments

roclet	Name of roclet to use for processing.
input	Source string

## Value

List with names as fun\_name.Rd, where each element is the [RoxyTopic](#) for the corresponding function, same as the return of [roc\\_proc\\_text](#).

## Note

Change log:

- 0.1.0 Xiurui Zhu - Initiate the function.

## Author(s)

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**Examples**

```
# Formulate a text version of a function with documentation
fun_text <- '
#\` \\code{iris} is a `r nrow(iris)`-row matrix.
#\`
#\` \\code{iris} matrix has
#\` ````{r results="hold"}```
#\` ncol(iris)
#\` ````
#\` columns.
print_iris <- function() iris
'

# Parse the 'roxygen' comments to Rd documentation
roc_eval_text(roxygen2::rd_roclet(), fun_text)[[1L]]
```

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