

# Package ‘franc’

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**Title** Detect the Language of Text

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**Description** With no external dependencies and support for 335 languages; all languages spoken by more than one million speakers. 'Franc' is a port of the 'JavaScript' project of the same name, see <<https://github.com/woorm/franc>>.

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**URL** <https://github.com/mangothecat/franc>

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franc                      *Detect the language of a string*

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### Description

Detect the language of a string

### Usage

```
franc(text, min_speakers = 1e+06, whitelist = NULL, blacklist = NULL,  
      min_length = 10, max_length = 2048)
```

### Arguments

text	A string constant. Should be at least <code>min_length</code> characters long, this is 10 characters by default. Only the first <code>max_length</code> characters are used (2048 by default), to make the detection reasonably fast.
min_speakers	Languages with at least this many speakers are checked. By default this is one million. Set it to zero to include all languages known by franc. See also <a href="#">speakers</a> .
whitelist	List of three letter language codes to check against.
blacklist	List of three letter language codes not to check against.
min_length	Minimum number of characters required in the text.
max_length	Maximum number of characters used from the text. By default only the first 2048 characters are used.

### Value

A three letter ISO-639-3 language code, the detected language of the text. "und" is returned for too short input.

### See Also

[franc\\_all](#) for scores against many languages, [speakers](#).

### Examples

```
## afr  
franc("Alle menslike wesens word vry")  
  
## nno  
franc("Alle mennesker er født frie og")  
  
## Too short, und  
franc("the")  
  
## You can change what's too short (default: 10), sco  
franc("the", min_length = 3)
```

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franc\_all *List of probably languages for a text*

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### Description

Returns the scores for all languages that use the same script as the input text, in decreasing order of probability. The score is calculated from the distances of the trigram distributions in the input text and in the language model. The closer the languages, the higher the score. Scores are scaled, so that the closest language will have a score of 1.

### Usage

```
franc_all(text, min_speakers = 1e+06, whitelist = NULL, blacklist = NULL,
          min_length = 10, max_length = 2048)
```

### Arguments

text	A string constant. Should be at least <code>min_length</code> characters long, this is 10 characters by default. Only the first <code>max_length</code> characters are used (2048 by default), to make the detection reasonably fast.
min_speakers	Languages with at least this many speakers are checked. By default this is one million. Set it to zero to include all languages known by franc. See also <a href="#">speakers</a> .
whitelist	List of three letter language codes to check against.
blacklist	List of three letter language codes not to check against.
min_length	Minimum number of characters required in the text.
max_length	Maximum number of characters used from the text. By default only the first 2048 characters are used.

### Value

A data frame with columns `language` and `score`. The `language` column contains the three letter ISO-639-3 language codes. The `score` column contains the scores.

### See Also

[franc](#) if you only want the top result, [speakers](#).

### Examples

```
head(franc_all("0 Brasil caiu 26 posições"))

## Provide a whitelist:
franc_all("0 Brasil caiu 26 posições",
          whitelist = c("por", "src", "glg", "spa"))

## Provide a blacklist:
```

```
head(franc_all("O Brasil caiu 26 posições",
  blacklist = c("src", "glg", "lav")))
```

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speakers

*Number of speakers for 370 languages*

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### Description

This is a superset of all languages detected by franc. Numbers were collected by Titus Wormer. To quote him: *Painstakingly crawled by hand from OHCHR, the numbers are (in some cases, very) rough estimates or out-of-date.*

### Usage

speakers

### Format

A data frame with columns:

**language** Three letter language code.

**speakers** Number of speakers.

**name** Full name of language.

**iso6391** ISO 639-1 codes. See more at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO\\_639](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_639).

**iso6392** ISO 639-2T codes. See more at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO\\_639](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_639).

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