

# Package ‘texPreview’

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**Description** Compile snippets of 'LaTeX' directly into images from the R console to view in the 'RStudio' viewer pane, Shiny apps and 'RMarkdown' documents.

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as.kable	<i>Try to coerce an object into a knitr_kable object</i>
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### Description

coerce objects into a knitr\_kable class object with a latex format

### Usage

```
as.kable(x)
```

### Arguments

x	object, can be tex character, object return by returnType = "input", or a path to a tex file.
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### Value

an object of class knitr\_kable

**Examples**

```

tex <- '\\begin{tabular}{llr}
\\hline
\\multicolumn{2}{c}{Item} \\ \\ \\
\\cline{1-2}
Animal & Description & Price (\\$) \\ \\ \\
\\hline
Gnat & per gram & 13.65 \\ \\ \\
& each & 0.01 \\ \\ \\
Gnu & stuffed & 92.50 \\ \\ \\
Emu & stuffed & 33.33 \\ \\ \\
Armadillo & frozen & 8.99 \\ \\ \\
\\hline
\\end{tabular}'

ktex <- as.kable(tex)

class(ktex)

attributes(ktex)

ktex

# file path

toy <- system.file('examples/toy/toy.tex',package = 'texPreview')

ktex_path <- as.kable(toy)

class(ktex_path)

attributes(ktex_path)

ktex_path

# texpreview_input class
# this is the same output class as one would get with
# tex_preview(tex,returnType = 'input')

toy_input <- structure(sprintf('\\input{%s}',toy),class = 'texpreview_input')

toy_input

as.kable(toy_input)

```

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buildUsepackage

*Build usepackage command for TeX document* **Deprecated**


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**Description**

This function has been deprecated, use [build\\_usepackage](#) instead.

**Usage**

```
buildUsepackage(pkg, options = NULL, uselibrary = NULL, chk.inst = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

pkg	character, name of TeX package
options	character, name(s) of options to use in the package
uselibrary	character, part of document preamble to specify a uselibrary call related to package
chk.inst	logical, invokes a check to see if pkg is currently installed on system (default FALSE)

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build_usepackage	<i>Build usepackage command for TeX document</i>
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**Description**

input TeX package name and optional package functions to create usepackage call

**Usage**

```
build_usepackage(pkg, options = NULL, uselibrary = NULL, chk.inst = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

pkg	character, name of TeX package
options	character, name(s) of options to use in the package
uselibrary	character, part of document preamble to specify a uselibrary call related to package
chk.inst	logical, invokes a check to see if pkg is currently installed on system (default FALSE)

**Details**

if options and uselibrary are NULL (default) then only the call for the package is returned. See the TeX wikibook for more information [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Document\\_Structure#Packages](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Document_Structure#Packages) on the usepackage command. If chk.inst finds that the package is not installed on system function returns NULL.

**Value**

character

**Examples**

```

build_usepackage(pkg = 'xcolor')
build_usepackage(pkg = 'xcolor',options = 'usenames')

#build many at once using mapply

geom.opts=c('paperwidth=35cm','paperheight=35cm','left=2.5cm','top=2.5cm')
use.opts="\usetikzlibrary{mindmap,backgrounds}"

unlist(mapply(build_usepackage,
  pkg =      list('times','geometry','tikz'),
  options=   list(NULL ,geom.opts ,NULL),
  uselibrary = list(NULL ,NULL ,use.opts)
  ))

```

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check_requirements	<i>Check TeX Requirements for Package</i>
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**Description**

Checks if the required TeX libraries are installed on the system to render the internal tex file template.

**Usage**

```
check_requirements()
```

**Value**

logical

**Examples**

```
#check_requirements()
```

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getTexPackages	<i>Get list of TeX packages installed on System</i> <b>Deprecated</b>
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**Description**

This function has been deprecated, use [get\\_texpackages](#) instead.

**Usage**

```
getTexPackages()
```

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get_texpackages	<i>Get list of TeX packages installed on System</i>
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**Description**

Fetch all TeX packages currently installed on system

**Usage**

```
get_texpackages()
```

**Details**

If OS is Windows function checks against MikTeX else function checks against TeXLive.

**Value**

character

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texPreview	<i>Render and Preview snippets of TeX in R Viewer</i> <b>Deprecated</b>
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**Description**

This function has been deprecated, use [tex\\_preview](#) instead.

**Usage**

```
texPreview(
  obj,
  tex_lines = NULL,
  stem = "tex_temp",
  overwrite = TRUE,
  keep_pdf = FALSE,
  tex_message = FALSE,
  fileDir = tex_opts$get("fileDir"),
  margin = tex_opts$get("margin"),
  imgFormat = tex_opts$get("imgFormat"),
  returnType = tex_opts$get("returnType"),
  resizebox = tex_opts$get("resizebox"),
  usrPackages = tex_opts$get("usrPackages"),
  engine = tex_opts$get("engine"),
  cleanup = tex_opts$get("cleanup"),
  density = tex_opts$get("density"),
  svg_max = tex_opts$get("svg_max"),
  print.xtable.opts = tex_opts$get("print.xtable.opts"),
  opts.html = tex_opts$get("opts.html"),
  markers = interactive(),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

obj	object to convert to TeX script
tex_lines	vector of character, in case of special needs, instead of asking texPreview to build up, you may choose to pass in the contents of the complete LaTeX file directly. It should be a vector of character with each element as a line of raw TeX code.
stem	character, name to use in output files, Default: "tex_temp"
overwrite	logical, controls if overwriting of output stem* files given their existences, Default: TRUE
keep_pdf	logical, controls if the rendered pdf file should be kept or deleted, Default: FALSE
tex_message	logical, controls if latex executing messages are displayed in console. Default: FALSE
fileDir	character, output destination. If NULL a temp.dir() will be used and no output will be saved, Default: tex_opts\$get('fileDir')
margin	table margin for pdflatex call, Default: tex_opts\$get('margin')
imgFormat	character, defines the type of image the PDF is converted to Default: tex_opts\$get('imgFormat')
returnType	character, one of "viewer", "html", or "tex" determining appropriate return type for the rendering process, Default: tex_opts\$get('returnType')
resizebox	logical, forces a tabular tex object to be constrained on the margins of the document, Default: tex_opts\$get('resizebox')
usrPackages	character, vector of usepackage commands, see details for string format
engine	character, specifies which latex to pdf engine to use ('pdflatex', 'xelatex', 'lualatex'), Default: tex_opts\$get('engine')
cleanup	character, vector of file extensions to clean up after building pdf, Default: tex_opts\$get('cleanup')
density	numeric, controls the density of the image. Default is 150: tex_opts\$get('density')
svg_max	numeric, maximum svg file size allowable to preview, Default: tex_opts\$get('svg_max')
print.xtable.opts	list, contains arguments to pass to print.table, relevant only if xtable is used as the input, Default: tex_opts\$get('print.xtable.opts')
opts.html	list, html options, Default: tex_opts\$get('opts.html')
markers	logical, if TRUE then RStudio markers will be invoked to create links for the log file on rendering errors, Default: interactive()
...	passed to <a href="#">system2</a>

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 tex\_opts

*Default and current tex options*


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**Description**

Options for functions in the texPreview package. When running R code, the object tex\_opts (default options) is not modified by chunk headers (local chunk options are merged with default options), whereas tex\_opts\_current (current options) changes with different chunk headers and it always reflects the options for the current chunk.

**Usage**

```
tex_opts
```

```
tex_opts_current
```

**Format**

An object of class `list` of length 5.

**Details**

Normally we set up the global options once in the first code chunk in a document using `tex_opts$set()`, so that all *latter* chunks will use these options. Note the global options set in one chunk will not affect the options in this chunk itself, and that is why we often need to set global options in a separate chunk.

Below is a list of default chunk options, retrieved via `tex_opts$get()`:

These options correspond to fields in the direct call to `tex_preview`, which are listed in explained in the help manual.

**Note**

`tex_opts_current` is read-only in the sense that it does nothing if you call `tex_opts_current$set()`; you can only query the options via `tex_opts_current$get()`.

**Examples**

```
tex_opts$get()
```

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```
tex_preview
```

*Render and Preview snippets of TeX in R Viewer*

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**Description**

input TeX script into the function and it renders a pdf and converts it an image which is sent to Viewer.

**Usage**

```
tex_preview(
  obj,
  tex_lines = NULL,
  stem = "tex_temp",
  overwrite = TRUE,
  keep_pdf = FALSE,
  tex_message = FALSE,
  fileDir = tex_opts$get("fileDir"),
  margin = tex_opts$get("margin"),
  imgFormat = tex_opts$get("imgFormat"),
  returnType = tex_opts$get("returnType"),
  resizebox = tex_opts$get("resizebox"),
```



```

usrPackages = tex_opts$get("usrPackages"),
engine = tex_opts$get("engine"),
cleanup = tex_opts$get("cleanup"),
density = tex_opts$get("density"),
svg_max = tex_opts$get("svg_max"),
print.xtable.opts = tex_opts$get("print.xtable.opts"),
opts.html = tex_opts$get("opts.html"),
markers = interactive(),
...
)

```

## Arguments

obj	object to convert to TeX script
tex_lines	vector of character, in case of special needs, instead of asking texPreview to build up, you may choose to pass in the contents of the complete LaTeX file directly. It should be a vector of character with each element as a line of raw TeX code.
stem	character, name to use in output files, Default: "tex_temp"
overwrite	logical, controls if overwriting of output stem* files given their existences, Default: TRUE
keep_pdf	logical, controls if the rendered pdf file should be kept or deleted, Default: FALSE
tex_message	logical, controls if latex executing messages are displayed in console. Default: FALSE
fileDir	character, output destination. If NULL a temp.dir() will be used and no output will be saved, Default: tex_opts\$get('fileDir')
margin	table margin for pdflatex call, Default: tex_opts\$get('margin')
imgFormat	character, defines the type of image the PDF is converted to Default: tex_opts\$get('imgFormat')
returnType	character, one of "viewer", "html", or "tex" determining appropriate return type for the rendering process, Default: tex_opts\$get('returnType')
resizebox	logical, forces a tabular tex object to be constrained on the margins of the document, Default: tex_opts\$get('resizebox')
usrPackages	character, vector of usepackage commands, see details for string format
engine	character, specifies which latex to pdf engine to use ('pdflatex', 'xelatex', 'lualatex'), Default: tex_opts\$get('engine')
cleanup	character, vector of file extensions to clean up after building pdf, Default: tex_opts\$get('cleanup')
density	numeric, controls the density of the image. Default is 150: tex_opts\$get('density')
svg_max	numeric, maximum svg file size allowable to preview, Default: tex_opts\$get('svg_max')
print.xtable.opts	list, contains arguments to pass to print.table, relevant only if xtable is used as the input, Default: tex_opts\$get('print.xtable.opts')
opts.html	list, html options, Default: tex_opts\$get('opts.html')
markers	logical, if TRUE then RStudio markers will be invoked to create links for the log file on rendering errors, Default: interactive()
...	passed to <a href="#">system2</a>

## Details

tex\_preview is an S3 method that can be used to preview TeX output from different object classes.

Built-in support includes:

- character (tex lines)
- knitr\_kable (kable/kableExtra)
- xtable
- texreg
- equatiomatic

The function assumes the system has pdflatex installed and it is defined in the PATH.

To add packages to the tex file on render there are two options

- Use [build\\_usepackage](#) and use the input argument usrPackages.
- Append to the input object `\usepackage{...}` calls, they will be parsed and added to rendering.
- An image file of the name stem with the extension specified in `imgFormat`.
- The default extension is `png`.
- The function writes two files to disk in the `fileDir`
  - Image file
  - TeX script
- The rendering files are removed up from the `fileDir`. This can be controlled using the `cleanup` argument or `tex_opts$get('cleanup')`

## Value

The output of the function is dependent on the value of `returnType`:

- viewer: NULL
  - magick image is printed in the internal viewer
- tex:
  - character, TeX lines
  - printed 'asis' in RMarkdown
- input: character
  - path to the file containing the tex wrapped in an input call
  - printed 'asis' in RMarkdown
- html: magick image
  - Printed as an HTML document in the internal viewer
  - Printed as an image in RMarkdown

**Examples**

```

data('iris')
if(interactive()){

# Raw TeX

tex <- '\\begin{tabular}{llr}
\\hline
\\multicolumn{2}{c}{Item} \\ \\ \\
\\cline{1-2}
Animal & Description & Price (\\$) \\ \\ \\
\\hline
Gnat & per gram & 13.65 \\ \\ \\
& each & 0.01 \\ \\ \\
Gnu & stuffed & 92.50 \\ \\ \\
Emu & stuffed & 33.33 \\ \\ \\
Armadillo & frozen & 8.99 \\ \\ \\
\\hline
\\end{tabular}'

# knitr kable

mtcars%>%
  head()%>%
  knitr::kable("latex")%>%
  tex_preview()

# with svg output pan/zoom is enabled in the internal viewer

tex_preview(obj = tex,stem = 'eq',imgFormat = 'svg')

# use tex_lines parameter to pass full document

tikz_path <- system.file(
  'examples/tikz/credit_rationing.tex',
  package = 'texPreview'
)

tex_preview(tex_lines = readLines(tikz_path))

}

```

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tex\_requirements

*Query TeX file for Required Packages*


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**Description**

Parse TeX file for usepackage calls and return a vector of the packages.

**Usage**

```

tex_requirements(
  file = system.file("tmpl.tex", package = "texPreview"),
  lines = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

`file` character, Path to TeX file, Default: `system.file("tmpl.tex", package = "texPreview")`

`lines` character, character vector containing TeX script, Default: `NULL`

**Details**

If `file` is `NULL` then function will use the the value in `lines`. The default path used in `file` is the internal template that the package uses.

**Value**

character

**Examples**

```
tex_requirements()
```

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%>%

*re-export magrittr pipe operators*

---

**Description**

re-export magrittr pipe operators

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