Package: S7schema (via r-universe)

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Description Provides a generic framework for working with YAML (YAML Ain't Markup Language) configuration files. Uses 'ajv' (Another JSON Schema Validator) via 'V8' to validate configurations against JSON Schema definitions. Configuration objects inherit from 'S7' classes and base lists, supporting downstream extension through custom classes and methods.

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`document_schema` *Document configuration schema*

Description

Creates markdown documentation of a configuration suitable for use in e.g. vignettes to provide easy readable documentation for users.

Usage

```
document_schema(x, header_start_level = 1L)
```

Arguments

`x`	`character(1)` path to JSON schema, `list()` of already loaded specifications, or `S7schema()` object.
`header_start_level`	`numeric(1)` Level of initial header. All subheaders will continuously be one level smaller.

Value

`character(1)`/`knitr::asis_output()` markdown with the documentation.

Examples

```
# Simple example schema
system.file("examples/schema.json", package = "S7schema") |>
  document_schema(2) |>
  cat()

# Changing header start level to 1
system.file("examples/schema.json", package = "S7schema") |>
  document_schema(1) |>
  cat()

# Example with definitions
system.file("examples/definitions.json", package = "S7schema") |>
  document_schema(2) |>
  cat()
```

S7schema *Work with valid configurations*

Description

S7schema() provides a generic way of working with yaml configuration files.

The object is created by supplying both an initial YAML configuration (file) and the JSON schema definition (schema) of the configuration file.

The initial configuration is validated before the new object is returned. If not valid the first error is thrown, together with a path to the entry in the YAML file, and a description of the error.

The S7schema class inherits from list, ensuring that the content of the YAML file can be accessed as if read directly with yaml::read_yaml(), and supports the below workflow:

1. Read and validate config file: x <- S7schema(...)
2. Edit content as if it was a list: x$new_entry <- "new_value"
3. Validate new content against the original schema: validate(x)
4. Use values in downstream functions: x$new_entry

Usage

```
S7schema(file, schema)
```

Arguments

file	character(1) path to a yaml file to be checked.
schema	character(1) path to a JSON schema.

Details

See internal validator() documentation for more info on how the validation is done.

Value

New S7schema object.

Properties

schema character(1) path to JSON schema being used to validate against.

validator Internal validator() used to validate the content (read-only).

file character(1) path to the source YAML file.

Examples

```
# Work with yaml configuration file:
S7schema(
  file = system.file("examples/config.yml", package = "S7schema"),
  schema = system.file("examples/schema.json", package = "S7schema")
)
```

`to_yaml` *Convert an R object to YAML*

Description

This function is used internally when validating `list` or `S7schema` objects, and when using `write_config()` to save a configuration.

Underneath it is calling `yaml::as.yaml()` to do the conversion, but all `logical` values are converted to `true`/`false` instead of `yes`/`no` respectively for a more robust integration with other YAML parsers.

It is rarely relevant to call this function directly except for debugging purposes, or when implementing a new method for your own object class.

Usage

```
to_yaml(x)
```

Arguments

`x`	object to convert to YAML.

Details

`to_yaml()` dispatches based on the class of `x`. Register a new S7 method if you want to overwrite how your own class is converted to YAML. See `S7::method()` for more information.

The default method just uses `yaml::verbatim_logical()` to overwrite the default behavior of handling `logical` values:

```
function(x) {
  yaml::as.yaml(
    x = x,
    handlers = list(
      logical = yaml::verbatim_logical
    )
  )
}
```

Copy this and add your own additional handlers when implementing a new method.

Value

`character(1)` YAML string.

Examples

```
# Convert simple list to YAML
to_yaml(list(hello = "world", is_today = TRUE)) |>
  cat()

# Convert S7schema object
x <- S7schema(
  file = system.file("examples/config.yml", package = "S7schema"),
  schema = system.file("examples/schema.json", package = "S7schema")
)

print(x)

to_yaml(x) |>
  cat()
```

`validate_config` *One-shot validation of configurations*

Description

Check if a configuration is in accordance with a JSON schema definition.

It is possible to either validate an existing `list` object in memory or an existing `yaml` configuration file.

Usage

```
validate_list(x, schema)

validate_yaml(file, schema)
```

Arguments

`x`	`list` object to validate
`schema`	`character(1)` path to a JSON schema.
`file`	`character(1)` path to a yaml file to be checked.

Details

See internal `validator()` documentation for more info on how the validation is done.

Value

- validate_list(): invisible(x)
- validate_yaml(): invisible(file)

See Also

S7schema()

Examples

```
# Validate list object in memory
validate_list(
  x = list(my_config_var = 1),
  schema = system.file("examples/schema.json", package = "S7schema")
) |>
  print()

# Validate yaml file on disk
validate_yaml(
  file = system.file("examples/config.yml", package = "S7schema"),
  schema = system.file("examples/schema.json", package = "S7schema")
) |>
  print()
```

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write_config *Write YAML configuration file*

Description

Thin wrapper around to_yaml() calling validate() before converting to YAML and creating the file, ensuring that the saved configuration is valid.

Usage

```
write_config(x, path = NULL)
```

Arguments

x	S7schema object to write.
path	character(1) path to the file to write to. Default NULL uses x@file for S7schema() objects.

Value

Invisible x (the input S7schema object). Called for side effect of writing the file.

Examples

```
# Read configuration file:
x <- S7schema(
  file = system.file("examples/config.yml", package = "S7schema"),
  schema = system.file("examples/schema.json", package = "S7schema")
)

print(x)

# Edit content
x$my_config_var <- 2

# Save new file
write_config(
  x = x,
  path = tempfile(fileext = ".yml")
)
```

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