Package 'tugboat'

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`binderize` *Prepare project for Binder*

Description

The `binderize()` function converts an existing tugboat project into a Binder–compatible project by creating a Dockerfile that launches RStudio Server via the `rocker/binder` base image. Optionally, it can add a Binder launch badge to the project's README.

Usage

```
binderize(
  dockerfile = here::here("Dockerfile"),
  branch = "main",
  hub = "mybinder.org",
  urlpath = "rstudio",
  add_readme_badge = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

`dockerfile`	Path to the tugboat-generated Dockerfile.
`branch`	Character string specifying the Git branch, tag, or commit hash to build. Defaults to `"main"`.
`hub`	The Binder hub to use. Currently only `"mybinder.org"` is supported.
`urlpath`	The URL path to open inside the Binder instance. Defaults to `"rstudio"`, which opens an RStudio Server session.
`add_readme_badge`	Logical. Whether to add a Binder launch badge to the README. Defaults to `TRUE`.

Details

This enables one-click, cloud-based execution of your R analysis environment directly from GitHub using Binder.

Currently only GitHub repositories are supported. If `add_readme_badge = TRUE`, a Binder badge will be appended to the README file, linking to the live Binder instance.

Value

Invisibly returns `NULL`. Called primarily for its side effects of creating Binder-related files and optionally committing them.

Note

Binder can only build from the remote GitHub repository. The `.binder/Dockerfile` and README changes must be committed and pushed before launching Binder; otherwise, the build will not reflect local modifications.

See Also

- `create()` — Generates a Dockerfile from an analysis directory.
- `build()` — Builds the corresponding Docker image locally.

Examples

```
## Not run:
binderize(
  dockerfile = here::here("Dockerfile"),
  branch = "main",
  add_readme_badge = TRUE
)

## End(Not run)
```

`build` *Build a Docker image*

Description

A simple utility to quickly build a Docker image from a Dockerfile.

Usage

```
build(
  dockerfile = here::here("Dockerfile"),
  image_name = "tugboat",
  tag = "latest",
  platforms = c("linux/amd64", "linux/arm64"),
  build_args = NULL,
  build_context = here::here(),
  push = FALSE,
  dh_username = NULL,
  dh_password = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

dockerfile	The path to the Dockerfile. The default value is a file named `Dockerfile` in the project directory surfaced by here::here.
image_name	A string specifying the Docker image name. Default is `tugboat`.
tag	A string specifying the image tag. Default is `latest`.
platforms	A vector of strings. Which platforms to build images for. Default is both `linux/amd64` and `linux/arm64`.
build_args	A vector of strings specifying additional build arguments to pass to the `docker buildx build` command. Optional.
build_context	The directory that is the build context for the image(s). Default value is the directory returned by here::here.
push	A boolean indicating whether to push to DockerHub.
dh_username	A string specifying the DockerHub username. Only necessary if `push == TRUE`.
dh_password	A string specifying the DockerHub password. Only necessary if `push == TRUE`.
verbose	A boolean. Whether to print the actual Docker build command or not. Defaults to `FALSE`.

Value

The name of the built Docker image as a string.

Examples

```
## Not run:
dock <- create(
  project = here::here(),
  FROM = "rstudio/r-base:devel-bookworm",
  exclude = c("/data", "/examples")
)

image_name <- build(
  dockerfile = here::here("Dockerfile"),
  image_name = "awesome_analysis",
  push = TRUE,
  dh_username = Sys.getenv("DH_USERNAME"),
  dh_password = Sys.getenv("DH_PASSWORD")
)

## End(Not run)
```

create *Create a Dockerfile*

Description

This function will crawl all files in the current project/directory and (attempt to) detect all R packages and store these in a lockfile. From this lockfile, it will create a corresponding Dockerfile. It will also copy the full contents of the current directory/project into the Docker image. The directory in the Docker container containing the current directory contents will be /current-directory-name. For example if your analysis directory is named `incredible_analysis`, the corresponding location in the generated Docker image will be `/incredible_analysis`.

Usage

```
create(
  project = here::here(),
  as = file.path(project, "Dockerfile"),
  FROM = NULL,
  ...,
  exclude = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  optimize_pak = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

`project`	The project directory. If no project directory is provided, by default, the here package will be used to determine the active project. If no project is currently active, then here defaults to the working directory where initially called.
`as`	The file path to write to. The default value is `file.path(project, "Dockerfile")`.
`FROM`	Docker image to start FROM. Default is FROM r-base:R.version.
`...`	Additional arguments which are passed directly to renv::snapshot. Please see the documentation for that function for all relevant details.
`exclude`	A vector of strings specifying all paths (files or directories) that should NOT be included in the Docker image. By default, all files in the directory will be included. NOTE: the file and directory paths should be relative to the project directory. They do NOT need to be absolute paths.
`verbose`	A boolean indicating whether or not to print the resulting Dockerfile to the console. Default value is `FALSE`.
`optimize_pak`	A boolean indicating whether or not to try to optimize package installations with pak. Defaults to `TRUE`. This should rarely be changed from its default value. However, sometimes this optimization may cause build failures. When encountering a build error, a good first step can be to set `optimize_pak = FALSE` and see if the error persists.

Value

The Dockerfile contained as a string vector. Each vector element corresponds to a line in the Dockerfile.

See Also

here::here; this will be used by default to determine the current project directory.

renv::snapshot which this function relies on to find all R dependencies and create a corresponding lockfile.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Create a Dockerfile based on the rocker/rstudio image.
# Write the Dockerfile locally to here::here("Dockerfile").
# Copy all files except the /data and /examples directories.
dock <- create(
  project = here::here(),
  FROM = "rocker/rstudio",
  exclude = c("/data", "/examples")
)

## End(Not run)
```

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