

Package ‘readxl’

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cell-specification	<i>Specify cells for reading</i>
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Description

The range argument of `read_excel()` provides many ways to limit the read to a specific rectangle of cells. The simplest usage is to provide an Excel-like cell range, such as `range = "D12:F15"` or `range = "R1C12:R6C15"`. The cell rectangle can be specified in various other ways, using helper functions. In all cases, cell range processing is handled by the `cellranger` package, where you can find full documentation for the functions used in the examples below.

See Also

The `cellranger` package has full documentation on cell specification and offers additional functions for manipulating "A1:D10" style spreadsheet ranges. Here are the most relevant:

- `cellranger::cell_limits()`
- `cellranger::cell_rows()`
- `cellranger::cell_cols()`
- `cellranger::anchored()`

Examples

```
path <- readxl_example("geometry.xls")
## Rows 1 and 2 are empty (as are rows 7 and higher)
## Column 1 aka "A" is empty (as are columns 5 of "E" and higher)

# By default, the populated data cells are "shrink-wrapped" into a
# minimal data frame
read_excel(path)

# Specific rectangle that is subset of populated cells, possibly improper
read_excel(path, range = "B3:D6")
read_excel(path, range = "C3:D5")

# Specific rectangle that forces inclusion of unpopulated cells
read_excel(path, range = "A3:D5")
read_excel(path, range = "A4:E5")
read_excel(path, range = "C5:E7")
```

```

# Anchor a rectangle of specified size at a particular cell
read_excel(path, range = anchored("C4", dim = c(3, 2)), col_names = FALSE)

# Specify only the rows or only the columns
read_excel(path, range = cell_rows(3:6))
read_excel(path, range = cell_cols("C:D"))
read_excel(path, range = cell_cols(2))

# Specify exactly one row or column bound
read_excel(path, range = cell_rows(c(5, NA)))
read_excel(path, range = cell_rows(c(NA, 4)))
read_excel(path, range = cell_cols(c("C", NA)))
read_excel(path, range = cell_cols(c(NA, 2)))

# General open rectangles
# upper left = C4, everything else unspecified
read_excel(path, range = cell_limits(c(4, 3), c(NA, NA)))
# upper right = D4, everything else unspecified
read_excel(path, range = cell_limits(c(4, NA), c(NA, 4)))

```

excel_format

Determine file format

Description

Determine if files are xls or xlsx (or from the xlsx family).

excel_format(guess = TRUE) is used by read_excel() to determine format. It draws on logic from two lower level functions:

- format_from_ext() attempts to determine format from the file extension.
- format_from_signature() consults the **file signature** or "magic number".

File extensions associated with xlsx vs. xls:

- xlsx: .xlsx, .xlsm, .xltx, .xltm
- xls: .xls

File signatures (in hexadecimal) for xlsx vs xls:

- xlsx: First 4 bytes are 50 4B 03 04
- xls: First 8 bytes are D0 CF 11 E0 A1 B1 1A E1

Usage

```
excel_format(path, guess = TRUE)
```

```
format_from_ext(path)
```

```
format_from_signature(path)
```

Arguments

path	Path to the xls/xlsx file.
guess	Logical. If the file extension is absent or not recognized, this controls whether we attempt to guess format based on the file signature or "magic number".

Value

Character vector with values "xlsx", "xls", or NA.

Examples

```
files <- c(
  "a.xlsx",
  "b.xls",
  "c.png",
  file.path(R.home("doc"), "html", "logo.jpg"),
  readxl_example("clippy.xlsx"),
  readxl_example("deaths.xls")
)
excel_format(files)
```

excel_sheets

List all sheets in an excel spreadsheet

Description

List all sheets in an excel spreadsheet

Usage

```
excel_sheets(path)
```

Arguments

path	Path to the xls/xlsx file.
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Examples

```
excel_sheets(readxl_example("datasets.xlsx"))
excel_sheets(readxl_example("datasets.xls"))

# To load all sheets in a workbook, use lapply
path <- readxl_example("datasets.xls")
lapply(excel_sheets(path), read_excel, path = path)
```

readxl_example	<i>Get path to readxl example</i>
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Description

readxl comes bundled with some example files in its `inst/extdata` directory. This function make them easy to access.

Usage

```
readxl_example(path = NULL)
```

Arguments

`path` Name of file. If `NULL`, the example files will be listed.

Examples

```
readxl_example()  
readxl_example("datasets.xlsx")
```

read_excel	<i>Read xls and xlsx files</i>
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Description

Read xls and xlsx files

`read_excel()` calls `excel_format()` to determine if `path` is xls or xlsx, based on the file extension and the file itself, in that order. Use `read_xls()` and `read_xlsx()` directly if you know better and want to prevent such guessing.

Usage

```
read_excel(path, sheet = NULL, range = NULL, col_names = TRUE,  
           col_types = NULL, na = "", trim_ws = TRUE, skip = 0, n_max = Inf,  
           guess_max = min(1000, n_max))
```

```
read_xls(path, sheet = NULL, range = NULL, col_names = TRUE,  
         col_types = NULL, na = "", trim_ws = TRUE, skip = 0, n_max = Inf,  
         guess_max = min(1000, n_max))
```

```
read_xlsx(path, sheet = NULL, range = NULL, col_names = TRUE,  
          col_types = NULL, na = "", trim_ws = TRUE, skip = 0, n_max = Inf,  
          guess_max = min(1000, n_max))
```

Arguments

path	Path to the xls/xlsx file.
sheet	Sheet to read. Either a string (the name of a sheet), or an integer (the position of the sheet). Ignored if the sheet is specified via range. If neither argument specifies the sheet, defaults to the first sheet.
range	A cell range to read from, as described in cell-specification . Includes typical Excel ranges like "B3:D87", possibly including the sheet name like "Budget!B2:G14", and more. Interpreted strictly, even if the range forces the inclusion of leading or trailing empty rows or columns. Takes precedence over skip, n_max and sheet.
col_names	TRUE to use the first row as column names, FALSE to get default names, or a character vector giving a name for each column. If user provides col_types as a vector, col_names can have one entry per column, i.e. have the same length as col_types, or one entry per unskipped column.
col_types	Either NULL to guess all from the spreadsheet or a character vector containing one entry per column from these options: "skip", "guess", "logical", "numeric", "date", "text" or "list". If exactly one col_type is specified, it will be recycled. The content of a cell in a skipped column is never read and that column will not appear in the data frame output. A list cell loads a column as a list of length 1 vectors, which are typed using the type guessing logic from col_types = NULL, but on a cell-by-cell basis.
na	Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. By default, readxl treats blank cells as missing data.
trim_ws	Should leading and trailing whitespace be trimmed?
skip	Minimum number of rows to skip before reading anything, be it column names or data. Leading empty rows are automatically skipped, so this is a lower bound. Ignored if range is given.
n_max	Maximum number of data rows to read. Trailing empty rows are automatically skipped, so this is an upper bound on the number of rows in the returned tibble. Ignored if range is given.
guess_max	Maximum number of data rows to use for guessing column types.

Value

A [tibble](#)

See Also

[cell-specification](#) for more details on targetting cells with the range argument

Examples

```
datasets <- readxl_example("datasets.xlsx")
read_excel(datasets)

# Specify sheet either by position or by name
```

```
read_excel(datasets, 2)
read_excel(datasets, "mtcars")

# Skip rows and use default column names
read_excel(datasets, skip = 148, col_names = FALSE)

# Recycle a single column type
read_excel(datasets, col_types = "text")

# Specify some col_types and guess others
read_excel(datasets, col_types = c("text", "guess", "numeric", "guess", "guess"))

# Accomodate a column with disparate types via col_type = "list"
df <- read_excel(readxl_example("clippy.xlsx"), col_types = c("text", "list"))
df
df$value
sapply(df$value, class)

# Limit the number of data rows read
read_excel(datasets, n_max = 3)

# Read from an Excel range using A1 or R1C1 notation
read_excel(datasets, range = "C1:E7")
read_excel(datasets, range = "R1C2:R2C5")

# Specify the sheet as part of the range
read_excel(datasets, range = "mtcars!B1:D5")

# Read only specific rows or columns
read_excel(datasets, range = cell_rows(102:151), col_names = FALSE)
read_excel(datasets, range = cell_cols("B:D"))

# Get a preview of column names
names(read_excel(readxl_example("datasets.xlsx"), n_max = 0))
```

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