

# Package ‘cleanr’

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## Note

This is not a static code analyzer like pylint or the like. If you're looking for a static code analyzer, check out `lintr` (<https://cran.r-project.org/package=lintr>).

## See Also

Packages `codetools` (<https://cran.r-project.org/package=codetools>), `formatR` (<https://cran.r-project.org/package=formatR>) and `lintr` (<https://cran.r-project.org/package=lintr>).

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| check_directory | <i>Check a Directory</i> |
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## Description

Run [check\\_file](#) on files in a directory.

## Usage

```
check_directory(path, pattern = "\\.[rR]$", recursive = FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| path      | Path to the directory to be checked.                               |
| pattern   | A pattern to search files with, see <a href="#">list.files</a> .   |
| recursive | Search the directory recursively? See <a href="#">list.files</a> . |
| ...       | Arguments to be passed to <a href="#">check_file</a> .             |

## Details

The function catches the messages of "cleanr"-conditions [thrown](#) by [check\\_file](#) and, if it caught any, [throws](#) them.

## Value

[Invisibly TRUE](#), but see *Details*.

## See Also

[check\\_package](#).

Other wrappers: [check\\_file\\_layout\(\)](#), [check\\_file\(\)](#), [check\\_function\\_layout\(\)](#), [check\\_functions\\_in\\_file\(\)](#), [check\\_package\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# load internal functions first.
load_internal_functions("cleanr")
print(cleanr::check_directory(system.file("source", "R", package = "cleanr"),
                               max_num_arguments = 8, max_file_width = 90,
                               max_file_length = 350,
                               check_return = FALSE))
```

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`check_file`*Check a File*

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**Description**

Run `check_functions_in_file` and `check_file_layout` on a file.

**Usage**

```
check_file(path, ...)
```

**Arguments**

`path` Path to the file to be checked.  
`...` Arguments to be passed to `check_functions_in_file` or `check_file_layout`.

**Details**

The function catches the messages of "cleanr"-conditions thrown by `check_functions_in_file` and `check_file_layout` and, if it caught any, throws them.

**Value**

Invisibly TRUE, but see *Details*.

**See Also**

Other wrappers: `check_directory()`, `check_file_layout()`, `check_function_layout()`, `check_functions_in_file()`, `check_package()`

**Examples**

```
print(cleanr::check_file(system.file("source", "R", "utils.R",  
package = "cleanr")))
```

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`check_file_layout`*Check a File's Layout*

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**Description**

Run all `file_checks` on a file.

**Usage**

```
check_file_layout(  
  path,  
  max_file_length = get_cleanr_options("max_file_length"),  
  max_file_width = get_cleanr_options("max_file_width")  
)
```

**Arguments**

path Path to the file to be checked.  
max\_file\_length See [check\\_file\\_length](#).  
max\_file\_width See [check\\_file\\_width](#).

**Details**

The function catches the messages of "cleanr"-conditions [thrown](#) by [file\\_checks](#) and, if it caught any, [throws](#) them.

**Value**

Invisibly TRUE, but see *Details*.

**See Also**

Other wrappers: [check\\_directory\(\)](#), [check\\_file\(\)](#), [check\\_function\\_layout\(\)](#), [check\\_functions\\_in\\_file\(\)](#), [check\\_package\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
print(cleanr::check_file_layout(system.file("source", "R", "checks.R",  
                                           package = "cleanr")))
```

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check\_functions\_in\_file

*Check All Functions Defined in a File*

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**Description**

Run [check\\_function\\_layout](#) on all functions defined in a file.

**Usage**

```
check_functions_in_file(path, ...)
```

## Arguments

path            Path to the file to be checked.  
...            Arguments to be passed to [check\\_function\\_layout](#).

## Details

The function catches the messages of "cleanr"-conditions thrown by [check\\_function\\_layout](#) and, if it caught any, throws them.

## Value

Invisibly TRUE, but see *Details*.

## See Also

Other wrappers: [check\\_directory\(\)](#), [check\\_file\\_layout\(\)](#), [check\\_file\(\)](#), [check\\_function\\_layout\(\)](#), [check\\_package\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
print(cleanr:::check_functions_in_file(system.file("source", "R", "utils.R",  
                                                  package = "cleanr")))
```

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check\_function\_layout *Check a Function's Layout*

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## Description

Run all [function\\_checks](#) on a function.

## Usage

```
check_function_layout(  
  object,  
  function_name = NULL,  
  max_lines_of_code = get_cleanr_options("max_lines_of_code"),  
  max_lines = get_cleanr_options("max_lines"),  
  max_num_arguments = get_cleanr_options("max_num_arguments"),  
  max_nesting_depth = get_cleanr_options("max_nesting_depth"),  
  max_line_width = get_cleanr_options("max_line_width"),  
  check_return = get_cleanr_options("check_return")  
)
```

## Arguments

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| object            | The function to be checked.   |
| function_name     | The name to be used for reporting. Stick with the default: If NULL, it is taken from the object given. Argument is used internally to pass function names retrieved via <code>get</code> in the wrapper function <code>check_functions_in_file</code> . |
| max_lines_of_code | See <code>check_num_lines_of_code</code> .  |
| max_lines         | See <code>check_num_lines</code> .  |
| max_num_arguments | See <code>check_num_arguments</code> .  |
| max_nesting_depth | See <code>check_nesting_depth</code> .  |
| max_line_width    | See <code>check_line_width</code> .   |
| check_return      | See <code>check_return</code> .   |

## Details

The functions catches the messages of "cleanr"-conditions `thrown` by `function_checks` and, if it caught any, `throws` them.

## Value

Invisibly `TRUE`, but see *Details*.

## See Also

Other wrappers: `check_directory()`, `check_file_layout()`, `check_file()`, `check_functions_in_file()`, `check_package()`

## Examples

```
print(cleanr::check_function_layout(cleanr::check_num_lines))
```

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| check_package | <i>Check a Package</i> |
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## Description

Run `check_file` on a package's source.

## Usage

```
check_package(path, pattern = "\\.[rR]$", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| path    | Path to the package to be checked.                               |
| pattern | A pattern to search files with, see <a href="#">list.files</a> . |
| ...     | Arguments to be passed to <a href="#">check_file</a> .           |

**Details**

The function catches the messages of "cleanr"-conditions thrown by [check\\_file](#) and, if it caught any, throws them.

**Value**

Invisibly TRUE, but see *Details*.

**See Also**

Other wrappers: [check\\_directory\(\)](#), [check\\_file\\_layout\(\)](#), [check\\_file\(\)](#), [check\\_function\\_layout\(\)](#), [check\\_functions\\_in\\_file\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# create a fake package first:
package_path <- file.path(tempdir(), "fake")
usethis::create_package(package_path, fields = NULL,
                        rstudio = FALSE, open = FALSE)
directory <- system.file("runit_tests", "source", "R_s4",
                        package = "cleanr")
file.copy(list.files(directory, full.names = TRUE), file.path(package_path,
                                                              "R"))
RUnit::checkTrue(cleanr::check_package(package_path, check_return = FALSE))
```

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file\_checks

*File Checks*


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**Description**

A set of tiny functions to check that files adhere to a layout style. A file should have a clear layout, it should

- not have too many lines and
- not have lines too wide.

**Usage**

```
check_file_width(path, max_file_width = gco("max_file_width"))
```

```
check_file_length(path, max_file_length = gco("max_file_length"))
```



## Arguments

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| path            | Path to the file to be checked.   |
| max_file_width  | The maximum line width accepted. Set (preferably via <a href="#">set_cleanr_options</a> ) to NULL or FALSE to disable the check.      |
| max_file_length | The maximum number of lines accepted. Set (preferably via <a href="#">set_cleanr_options</a> ) to NULL or FALSE to disable the check. |

## Details

In case of a fail all [file\\_checks](#) throw a condition of class `c("cleanr", "error", "condition")`.

## Value

Invisibly TRUE, but see *Details*.

## See Also

Other check functions: [function\\_checks](#)

## Examples

```
print(cleanr::check_file_width(system.file("source", "R", "checks.R",
                                           package = "cleanr")))
print(cleanr::check_file_length(system.file("source", "R", "checks.R",
                                           package = "cleanr"),
                                max_file_length = 300))
```

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| function_checks | <i>Function Checks</i> |
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## Description

A set of tiny functions to check that functions adhere to a layout style. A function should have a clear layout, it should

- not have too many arguments,
- not have too many levels of nesting,
- neither have too many lines nor
- have too many lines of code,
- not have lines too wide and
- explicitly [return](#) an object.

**Usage**

```

check_num_arguments(object, max_num_arguments = gco("max_num_arguments"))

check_nesting_depth(object, max_nesting_depth = gco("max_nesting_depth"))

check_num_lines(object, max_lines = gco("max_lines"))

check_num_lines_of_code(object, max_lines_of_code = gco("max_lines_of_code"))

check_line_width(object, max_line_width = gco("max_line_width"))

check_return(object, check_return = gco("check_return"))

```

**Arguments**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| object            | The function to be checked. Should have been sourced with <code>keep.source = TRUE</code> (see <a href="#">get_function_body</a> ).           |
| max_num_arguments | The maximum number of arguments accepted. Set (preferably via <a href="#">set_cleanr_options</a> ) to NULL or FALSE to disable the check.     |
| max_nesting_depth | The maximum nesting depth accepted. Set (preferably via <a href="#">set_cleanr_options</a> ) to NULL or FALSE to disable the check.           |
| max_lines         | The maximum number of lines accepted. Set (preferably via <a href="#">set_cleanr_options</a> ) to NULL or FALSE to disable the check.         |
| max_lines_of_code | The maximum number of lines of code accepted. Set (preferably via <a href="#">set_cleanr_options</a> ) to NULL or FALSE to disable the check. |
| max_line_width    | The maximum line width accepted. Set (preferably via <a href="#">set_cleanr_options</a> ) to NULL or FALSE to disable the check.              |
| check_return      | Set (preferably via <a href="#">set_cleanr_options</a> ) to NULL or FALSE to disable the check.   |

**Details**

In case of a fail all [function\\_checks](#) throw a condition of class `c("cleanr", "error", "condition")`.

**Value**

Invisibly TRUE, but see *Details*.

**Warning**

`check_return` just `greps` for a for a line starting with a `return` statement (ah, see the code for the real thing). This does not ensure that *all* `return` paths from the function are explicit and it may miss a `return` path after a semicolon. It just checks if you use `return` at all.

**See Also**

Other check functions: [file\\_checks](#)

## Examples

```
print(cleanr::check_num_arguments(cleanr::check_num_arguments))
print(cleanr::check_nesting_depth(cleanr::check_nesting_depth))
print(cleanr::check_num_lines(cleanr::check_num_lines))
print(cleanr::check_num_lines_of_code(cleanr::check_num_lines_of_code))
print(cleanr::check_return(cleanr::check_return))
# R reformats functions on import (see
# help(get_function_body, package = "cleanr")), so we need 90 characters:
print(cleanr::check_line_width(cleanr::check_line_width,
                               max_line_width = 90))
```

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get\_cleanr\_options      *Get options for **cleanr***

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## Description

A convenience function for [getOption](#).

## Usage

```
get_cleanr_options(..., remove_names = FALSE, flatten_list = TRUE)
```

```
gco(..., remove_names = FALSE, flatten_list = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| ...          | See <a href="#">getOption</a> .   |
| remove_names | [boolean(1)]<br>Remove the names? |
| flatten_list | [boolean(1)]<br>Return a vector?  |

## Value

a (possibly named) list or a vector.

## Note

gco is just an alias for get\_cleanr\_options.

## See Also

Other option wrappers: [set\\_cleanr\\_options\(\)](#)

Other option wrappers: [set\\_cleanr\\_options\(\)](#)

## Examples

```

cleanr::get_cleanr_options("max_lines")
cleanr::get_cleanr_options("max_lines", remove_names = TRUE)
cleanr::get_cleanr_options("max_lines", flatten_list = TRUE)
cleanr::get_cleanr_options("max_lines", flatten_list = TRUE,
                           remove_names = TRUE)
cleanr::get_cleanr_options(flatten_list = TRUE, remove_names = TRUE)
cleanr::get_cleanr_options(c("max_lines", "max_lines_of_code"))

```

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set\_cleanr\_options      *Set Options for **cleanr***

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## Description

A convenience function for [options](#).

## Usage

```
set_cleanr_options(..., reset = FALSE, overwrite = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| ...       | See <a href="#">options</a> . See <a href="#">function_checks</a> and <a href="#">file_checks</a> for options to be set with <b>cleanr</b> . Use <a href="#">get_cleanr_options</a> to get the current values. <b>cleanr</b> 's standard defaults are:<br>max_file_width=80<br>max_file_length=300<br>max_lines=65<br>max_lines_of_code=50<br>max_num_arguments=5<br>max_nesting_depth=3<br>max_line_width=80<br>check_return=TRUE |
| reset     | [boolean(1)]<br>Reset all <b>cleanr</b> options to the package's defaults?   |
| overwrite | [boolean(1)]<br>Overwrite options already set? Is set to FALSE on package loading to ensure your previously set <b>cleanr</b> options won't get overridden. Just ignore that argument.   |

## Details

**cleanr** loads a couple of options as defaults for its functions. The defaults are stored in a list element of [options](#). All checks (see [function\\_checks](#) and [file\\_checks](#)) can be disabled by setting the corresponding option list item to NULL or FALSE.

## Value

Invisibly TRUE.

**See Also**

Other option wrappers: [get\\_cleanr\\_options\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# R.C. Martin's Clean Code recommends monadic argument lists.
cleanr::set_cleanr_options(max_num_arguments = 1)
# R.C. Martin's Clean Code recommends functions less than 20 lines long.
cleanr::set_cleanr_options(max_lines = 30, max_lines_of_code = 20)
# same as above:
cleanr::set_cleanr_options(list(max_lines = 30, max_lines_of_code = 20))
cleanr::get_cleanr_options(flatten_list = TRUE)
# we delete all options and set some anew
options("cleanr" = NULL)
options("cleanr" = list(max_lines = 30, max_lines_of_code = 20))
# fill the missing options with the package's defaults:
cleanr::set_cleanr_options(overwrite = FALSE)
cleanr::get_cleanr_options(flatten_list = TRUE)
# reset to the package's defaults:
cleanr::set_cleanr_options(reset = TRUE)
cleanr::get_cleanr_options(flatten_list = TRUE)
```

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