# Package 'SnowballC'

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**Title** Snowball Stemmers Based on the C 'libstemmer' UTF-8 Library

**Description** An R interface to the C 'libstemmer' library that implements
Porter's word stemming algorithm for collapsing words to a common
root to aid comparison of vocabulary. Currently supported languages are
Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Italian,
Norwegian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish
and Turkish.

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**Copyright** Dr Martin Porter (2001) and Richard Boulton (2004, 2005) for
the 'libstemmer' C library, and Milan Bouchet-Valat (2013) for
the R package contents.

**URL** https://github.com/nalimilan/R.TeMiS

**BugReports** https://github.com/nalimilan/R.TeMiS/issues

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## R topics documented:

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getStemLanguages                   *Query the list of supported languages*

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**Description**

This dynamically determines the names of the languages for which stemming is currently supported by this package.

**Usage**

```
getStemLanguages()
```

**Details**

The language names in lower case are returned, though please note that two- and three- letter ISO-639 codes are also accepted by wordStem (see references for the list of codes).

This queries the C code for the list of languages that were compiled when the package was installed which in turn is determined by the code that was included in the distributed package itself.

**Value**

A character vector giving the names of the languages.

**Author(s)**

Milan Bouchet-Valat

**References**

http://snowball.tartarus.org/

http://www.loc.gov/standards/iso639-2/php/code_list.php for a list of ISO-639 language codes.

**See Also**

wordStem

**Examples**

```
getStemLanguages()
```

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wordStem *Get the stem of words*

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### Description

This function extracts the stems of each of the given words in the vector.

### Usage

```
wordStem(words, language = "porter")
```

### Arguments

words           a character vector of words whose stems are to be extracted.

language        the name of a recognized language, as returned by [getStemLanguages](#), or a two- or three-letter ISO-639 code corresponding to one of these languages (see references for the list of codes).

### Details

This uses Dr. Martin Porter's stemming algorithm and the C libstemmer library generated by Snowball.

### Value

A character vector with as many elements as there are in the input vector with the corresponding elements being the stem of the word. Elements of the vector are converted to UTF-8 encoding before the stemming is performed, and the returned elements are marked as such when they contain non-ASCII characters.

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### References

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### Examples

```
# Simple example
wordStem(c("win", "winning", "winner"))

# Test some of the vocabulary supplied at https://github.com/snowballstem/snowball-data
for(lang in getStemLanguages()) {
    load(system.file("words", paste0(lang, ".RData"), package="SnowballC"))
```

```
    stopifnot(all(wordStem(dat$words, lang) == dat$stem))
}

stopifnot(is.na(wordStem(NA)))
```

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