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boilerpipeR-package Extract the main content from HTML files

Description

boilerpipeR interfaces the boilerpipe Java library, created by Christian Kohlschutter http://code.google.com/p/boilerpipe/. It implements robust heuristics to extract the main content from HTML files, removing unessecary elements like ads, banners and headers/footers.

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See Also

Extractor DefaultExtractor ArticleExtractor

Examples

```
## Not run:
data(content)
extract <- DefaultExtractor(content)
cat(extract)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

ArticleExtractor

A full-text extractor which is tuned towards news articles.

Description

In this scenario it achieves higher accuracy than DefaultExtractor.

Usage

```
ArticleExtractor(content, ...)
```

Arguments

content Text content as character ... additional parameters

Value

extracted text as character

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See Also

Extractor

Examples

```
data(content)
extract <- ArticleExtractor(content)</pre>
```

ArticleSentencesExtractor

A full-text extractor which is tuned towards extracting sentences from news articles.

Description

A full-text extractor which is tuned towards extracting sentences from news articles.

Usage

```
ArticleSentencesExtractor(content, ...)
```

Arguments

content Text content as character . . . additional parameters

Value

extracted text as character

Author(s)

Mario Annau

See Also

Extractor

Examples

```
data(content)
extract <- ArticleSentencesExtractor(content)</pre>
```

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CanolaExtractor A full-text extractor trained on a 'krdwrd' Canola (see https://krdwrd.org/trac/attachment/wiki/Corpora/Canola/CANOLA.pdf.

Description

A full-text extractor trained on a 'krdwrd' Canola (see https://krdwrd.org/trac/attachment/wiki/Corpora/Canola/Can

Usage

```
CanolaExtractor(content, ...)
```

Arguments

content Text content as character additional parameters

Value

extracted text as character

Author(s)

Mario Annau

See Also

Extractor

Examples

```
data(content)
extract <- CanolaExtractor(content)</pre>
```

content

Wordpress generated Webpage (retrieved from Quantivity Blog http://quantivity.wordpress.com). Content is saved as character and ready to be extracted.

Description

Wordpress generated Webpage (retrieved from Quantivity Blog http://quantivity.wordpress.com). Content is saved as character and ready to be extracted.

Author(s)

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References

```
http://quantivity.wordpress.com
```

Examples

```
#Data set has been generated as follows:
## Not run:
library(RCurl)
url <- "http://quantivity.wordpress.com/2012/11/09/multi-asset-market-regimes/"
content <- getURL(url)
content <- iconv(content, "UTF-8", "ASCII//TRANSLIT")
save(content, file = "content.rda")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

 ${\tt DefaultExtractor}$

A quite generic full-text extractor.

Description

A quite generic full-text extractor.

Usage

```
DefaultExtractor(content, ...)
```

Arguments

content Text content as character
... additional parameters

Value

extracted text as character

Author(s)

Mario Annau

See Also

Extractor

Examples

```
data(content)
extract <- DefaultExtractor(content)</pre>
```

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Extractor

Generic extraction function which calls boilerpipe extractors

Description

It is the actual workhorse which directly calls the boilerpipe Java library. Typically called through functions as listed for parameter exname.

Usage

```
Extractor(exname, content, asText = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

exname

character specifying the extractor to be used. It can take one of the following values:

- ArticleExtractorA full-text extractor which is tuned towards news articles.
- ArticleSentencesExtractorA full-text extractor which is tuned towards extracting sentences from news articles.
- CanolaExtractorA full-text extractor trained on a 'krdwrd'.
- DefaultExtractorA quite generic full-text extractor.
- KeepEverythingExtractorMarks everything as content.
- LargestContentExtractorA full-text extractor which extracts the largest text component of a page.
- NumWordsRulesExtractorA quite generic full-text extractor solely based upon the number of words per block.

content

Text content or URL as character

asText

should content specifed be treated as actual text to be extracted or url (from which HTML document is first downloaded and extracted afterwards), defaults

to TRUE

... additional parameters

Value

extracted text as character

Author(s)

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References

```
http://code.google.com/p/boilerpipe/
```

KeepEverythingExtractor

Marks everything as content.

Description

Marks everything as content.

Usage

```
KeepEverythingExtractor(content, ...)
```

Arguments

```
content Text content as character
... additional parameters
```

Value

extracted text as character

Author(s)

Mario Annau

See Also

Extractor

Examples

```
data(content)
extract <- KeepEverythingExtractor(content)</pre>
```

 ${\tt LargestContentExtractor}$

A full-text extractor which extracts the largest text component of a page.

Description

For news articles, it may perform better than the DefaultExtractor, but usually worse than ArticleExtractor.

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Usage

```
LargestContentExtractor(content, ...)
```

Arguments

content Text content as character
... additional parameters

Value

extracted text as character

Author(s)

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See Also

Extractor

Examples

```
data(content)
extract <- LargestContentExtractor(content)</pre>
```

NumWordsRulesExtractor

A quite generic full-text extractor solely based upon the number of words per block (the current, the previous and the next block).

Description

A quite generic full-text extractor solely based upon the number of words per block (the current, the previous and the next block).

Usage

```
NumWordsRulesExtractor(content, ...)
```

Arguments

content Text content as character ... additional parameters

Value

extracted text as character

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See Also

Extractor

Examples

```
data(content)
extract <- NumWordsRulesExtractor(content)</pre>
```

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