

# Package: relic (via r-universe)

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**Description** The 'relic' package provides tools for extracting files and objects from the revision history, including local and remote git repositories and S3 buckets. It is a high-level interface designed to enable comparison of objects in reproducible research workflows, especially pipelines that use the 'targets' package.

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create_example_repo	<i>Set up a testing and example repository</i>
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## Description

This function generates a repository with a commit history that can be used for testing and examples.

## Usage

```
create_example_repo(
  dir = fs::file_temp("relic_example_"),
  reporter = "silent",
  s3 = TRUE,
  overwrite = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

dir	Path to the directory where the repository should be created
reporter	the reporter to use when building targets with <code>targets::tar_make()</code> . Defaults to "silent".
s3	Whether the repository should use S3 storage for targets. Note that the S3 endpoint and bucket must already be available.
overwrite	Whether to overwrite the directory if it already exists.

## Value

The path to the created repository

## Examples

```
example_repo <- create_example_repo(s3 = FALSE)
fs::dir_ls(example_repo, all = TRUE)
dir_ls_version(".", "initial-target-file", repo = example_repo)
```

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get_file_version	<i>Get in files from versioned repository</i>
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### Description

Fetches the contents of a file from a versioned repository - a local git repository, a GitHub repository, or an S3 bucket. Always fetches the file to a local cache and returns the path to it.

### Usage

```
get_file_version(
  path,
  ref = "HEAD",
  repo = ".",
  endpoint = NULL,
  region = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

path	Path of a file relative to the git directory or bucket
ref	A git commit SHA, tag, branch or other <b>revision string</b> : such as "HEAD~1", "main@{2023-02-26 18:30:00}", or "branch@{yesterday}". Can also be a <a href="#">git2r::commit()</a> object. For S3 buckets, a VersionID. Defaults to "HEAD", which also means the latest version in an S3 bucket.
repo	The repository to get the file from. This can be a local git directory, a GitHub repository (URL or "owner/repo" string), or an S3 bucket indicated by "s3://bucket-name". Defaults to the current working directory.
endpoint, region	For S3 buckets, the endpoint and region of the bucket. If NULL, the default endpoint and region in local config or environment variables are used. (Usually us-east-1 and s3.amazonaws.com.)

### Value

A [path](#) to the file in the local cache.

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relic_cache	<i>The relic cache</i>
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### Description

The relic cache directory stores files that have been retrieved from both local and remote repositories to avoid repeated extractions or downloads. Its location can be set with the environment variable RELIC\_CACHE\_DIR or options("relic.cache.dir"), and it defaults to the user cache directory. The cache is cleaned up regularly at package startup, but can also be cleaned up manually with relic\_cache\_cleanup() or cleared entirely with relic\_cache\_delete().

**Usage**

```

relic_cache()

relic_cache_delete()

relic_cache_cleanup(
  max_age = relic_cache_max_age(),
  max_size = relic_cache_max_size()
)

relic_cache_regular_cleanup(cleanup_time = relic_cache_cleanup_time())

relic_cache_max_size()

relic_cache_max_age()

relic_cache_cleanup_time()

```

**Arguments**

max_age	The maximum age of files to keep in the cache, as a <a href="#">difftime</a> object. Files older than this will be deleted. Defaults to Inf. Can be set with the environment variable RELIC_CACHE_MAX_AGE or options("relic.cache.max.age"), which take numeric time in days or a string with units, e.g., "1 day" or "2 weeks".
max_size	The maximum size of the cache, as a string that can be parsed by <a href="#">fs::fs_bytes()</a> . Defaults to "20 MB". Can be set with the environment variable RELIC_CACHE_MAX_SIZE or options("relic.cache.max.size"). Cached files will be deleted from oldest to youngest until the cache size is under this limit.
cleanup_time	The time between cache cleanups, as a <a href="#">difftime</a> object. Defaults to 1 day. Can be set with the environment variable RELIC_CACHE_CLEANUP_TIME or options("relic.cache.cleanup.time"), which take numeric time in days or a string with units, e.g., "1 day" or "2 weeks". If set to "Inf", no cleanup will be performed at startup.

**Value**

The path to the relic cache directory

**Examples**

```
relic_cache()
```

**Description**

This function extracts [targets metadata](#) from versioned history. In most cases this is a git repository, but it can also be an S3 cloud bucket for a project using cloud versioning and storing the metadata file in the cloud. (See `repository_meta` in `targets::tar_option_set()`).

**Usage**

```
tar_meta_version(
  ref = "HEAD",
  repo = ".",
  store = NULL,
  endpoint = NULL,
  region = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>ref</code>	A git commit SHA, tag, branch or other <b>revision string</b> : such as "HEAD~1", "main@{2023-02-26 18:30:00}", or "branch@{yesterday}". Can also be a <code>git2r::commit()</code> object. For S3 buckets, a VersionID. Defaults to "HEAD", which also means the latest version in an S3 bucket.
<code>repo</code>	The repository to get the file from. This can be a local git directory, a GitHub repository (URL or "owner/repo" string), or an S3 bucket indicated by "s3://bucket-name". Defaults to the current working directory.
<code>store</code>	Path to the targets store within the project. Defaults to "_targets", or the current project's <b>store name</b> if <code>repo = "."</code> .
<code>endpoint, region</code>	For S3 buckets, the endpoint and region of the bucket.
<code>...</code>	Arguments passed to <code>targets::tar_meta()</code>

**Value**

A data frame with one row per target/object. See `targets::tar_meta()` for details.

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<code>tar_read_version</code>	<i>Read a target's value from a git repository</i>
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**Description**

Reads the content of targets from a git repository. Target metadata and local target files are extracted into a temporary directory before being read in by `tar_read()`. For targets of type "file", the files are also extracted and the paths to the extracted files are returned.

## Usage

```
tar_read_version(name, ref = "HEAD", repo = ".", store = NULL)
```

```
tar_read_raw_version(name, ref = "HEAD", repo = ".", store = NULL)
```

## Arguments

name	Name of the target. <code>tar_read_version()</code> can take a symbol, <code>tar_read_raw_version()</code> requires a character.
ref	A git commit SHA, tag, branch or other <b>revision string</b> : such as "HEAD~1", "main@{2023-02-26 18:30:00}", or "branch@{yesterday}". Can also be a <code>git2r::commit()</code> object. For S3 buckets, a VersionID. Defaults to "HEAD", which also means the latest version in an S3 bucket.
repo	The repository to get the file from. This can be a local git directory, a GitHub repository (URL or "owner/repo" string), or an S3 bucket indicated by "s3://bucket-name". Defaults to the current working directory.
store	Path to the targets store within the project. Defaults to "_targets", or the current project's <b>store name</b> if <code>repo = "."</code> .

## Details

For cloud targets, the target metadata is read from git history and then this metadata is used to download the target from the cloud. For this to work, cloud storage must be set up with versioning. Note that targets metadata includes the bucket, endpoint, and region of a S3-stored target, but you must still provide an AWS access key and secret as environment variables. If these differ from the credentials used for your current project or environment, can use `withr::with_envvar()` to temporarily set the credentials.

## Value

The target's value. If the target is of format = "file", this will be the path to the file in the **relic cache**.

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