# Package 'RProtoBuf'

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**Title** R Interface to the 'Protocol Buffers' 'API' (Version 2 or 3)

**Description** Protocol Buffers are a way of encoding structured data in an efficient yet extensible format. Google uses Protocol Buffers for almost all of its internal 'RPC' protocols and file formats. Additional documentation is available in two included vignettes one of which corresponds to our 'JSS' paper (2016, <doi:10.18637/jss.v071.i02>. A sufficiently recent version of 'Protocol Buffers' library is required; currently version 3.3.0 from 2017 is the stated minimum.

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**Imports** utils, stats, tools, Rcpp

**LinkingTo** Rcpp

**Suggests** tinytest

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`RProtoBuf-package` *R Interface to the Protocol Buffers API*

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## Description

Protocol Buffers are a way of encoding structured data in an efficient yet extensible format. Google uses Protocol Buffers for almost all of its internal RPC protocols and file formats.

This package provides R API to create, manipulate, parse and serialize protocol buffer messages from R

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## References

https://github.com/eddelbuettel/rprotobuf

## See Also

Message for some examples

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# an example proto file
system.file( "proto", "addressbook.proto", package = "RProtoBuf" )

# create a message of type AddressBook, defined in the example proto file
demo( "addressbook", package = "RProtoBuf" )

# using R binary connections and files to read and write messages
demo( "io", package = "RProtoBuf" )

# more documentation in the vignette
vignette( "RProtoBuf", package = "RProtoBuf" )

## End(Not run)
```

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`add-methods` *add elements of a repeated field of a message*

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## Description

Add elements to a repeated field of a message.

## Methods

`signature(object = "Message")` add elements to a repeated field of a message

## Examples

```
unitest.proto.file <- system.file("tinytest", "data", "unittest.proto",
  package = "RProtoBuf" )
readProtoFiles(file = unitest.proto.file)

test <- new(protobuf_unittest.TestAllTypes)
test$add("repeated_int32", 1)
test$add("repeated_int32", 2:10)
test$repeated_int32
```

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`ArrayInputStream-class`
*Class "ArrayInputStream"*

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## Description

A ZeroCopyInputStream backed by an in-memory array of bytes

## Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by the ArrayInputStream function

## Slots

`pointer:` External pointer to the `google::protobuf::io::ArrayInputStream` C++ object

## Extends

Class "`ZeroCopyInputStream`", directly.

## Methods

See ZeroCopyInputStream

## Author(s)

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## References

The `ArrayInputStream` class from the protobuf C++ library. https://developers.google.com/protocol-buffers/docs/reference/cpp/google.protobuf.io.zero_copy_stream_impl_lite?csw=1

## See Also

ZeroCopyInputStream for methods

## Examples

```
stream <- ArrayInputStream(as.raw(0:10))
stream$ReadRaw(5)

stringsstream <- ArrayInputStream(as.raw(c(0x74, 0x65, 0x73, 0x74, 0x69, 0x6e, 0x67)))
stringsstream$ReadString(7)

intstream <- ArrayInputStream(as.raw(c(0x9e, 0xa7, 0x05)))
intstream$ReadVarint32()
```

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`ArrayInputStream-methods`
*Creates an ArrayInputStream*

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## Description

Constructor for ArrayInputStream objects

## Methods

`signature(payload = "raw", block_size = "missing")` Creates a ArrayInputStream using the raw vector as the payload of the stream

`signature(payload = "raw", block_size = "integer")` Creates a ArrayInputStream ... same with block size.

`signature(payload = "raw", block_size = "numeric")` Creates a ArrayInputStream ... same with block size.

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`ArrayOutputStream-class`
*Class "ArrayOutputStream"*

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## Description

A ZeroCopyOutputStream backed by an in-memory array of bytes

## Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by the ArrayOutputStream function

## Slots

`pointer:` External pointer to the `google::protobuf::io::ArrayOutputStream` C++ object

## Extends

Class "`ZeroCopyOutputStream`", directly.

## Methods

See ZeroCopyOutputStream

## Author(s)

Romain Francois <francoisromain@free.fr>

## References

The ArrayOutputStream class from the protobuf C++ library. https://developers.google.com/protocol-buffers/docs/reference/cpp/google.protobuf.io.zero_copy_stream_impl_lite?csw=1

## See Also

ZeroCopyOutputStream for methods

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# ArrayOutputStream-methods

*Creates an ArrayOutputStream*

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## Description

Constructor for ArrayOutputStream objects

## Methods

`signature(size = "integer", block_size = "missing")` Creates a ArrayOutputStream using of the given size

`signature(size = "integer", block_size = "integer")` Creates a ArrayOutputStream ... same with block size.

`signature(size = "integer", block_size = "numeric")` Creates a ArrayOutputStream ... same with block size.

`signature(size = "numeric", block_size = "missing")` Creates a ArrayOutputStream using of the given size

`signature(size = "numeric", block_size = "integer")` Creates a ArrayOutputStream ... same with block size.

`signature(size = "numeric", block_size = "numeric")` Creates a ArrayOutputStream ... same with block size.

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# as.list.Message

*Grab the protocol buffer message as an R list*

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## Description

Utility to grab the protocol buffer message as an R list, with one item per field.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Message'
as.list(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'Descriptor'
as.list(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'EnumDescriptor'
as.list(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'FileDescriptor'
as.list(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'ServiceDescriptor'
as.list(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | A protocol buffer message, instance of Message, or a protocol message descriptor, instance of Descriptor |
| ... | ignored |

## Value

For messages, a list of the content of the fields is returned.

For message type descriptors, a list containing nested type descriptors (Descriptor objects), enum type descriptors (EnumDescriptor objects), then field descriptors (FieldDescriptor objects) in that order.

For enum descriptors, a named list of the enumerated values.

For file descriptors, a named list of descriptors defined in the specified file descriptor.

For service descriptors, ...

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
Person <- P( "tutorial.Person" )
romain <- new( Person, email = "francoisromain@free.fr", id = 1 )
as.list( romain )
as.list( Person )
as.list( Person$PhoneType)
```

asMessage *coerce an object to a protobuf message*

## Description

coerce an object to the Message class. This is a short-hand to the as method with the `Class` argument set to "Message"

## Usage

```
asMessage(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `x` | object to coerce to a protobuf message |
| `...` | Passed to `as` |

## Value

a Message object

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
# coerce a message type descriptor to a message
asMessage( tutorial.Person )

# coerce a enum descriptor
asMessage( tutorial.Person.PhoneType )

# coerce a field descriptor
asMessage( tutorial.Person$email )

# coerce a file descriptor
asMessage( fileDescriptor( tutorial.Person ) )
```

## BackUp-methods *Backs up a number of bytes from a stream*

### Description

Backs up a number of bytes from a stream

### See Also

ZeroCopyInputStream implements BackUp.

## ByteCount-methods *The number of bytes read/written since the object was created*

### Description

The number of bytes read/written since the object was created

### See Also

ZeroCopyInputStream implements ByteCount.

## bytesize-methods *The number of bytes taken by a message*

### Description

The number of bytes taken by a Message

### Methods

`signature(object = "Message")` The number of bytes the message would take when serialized

### Examples

```
message <- new( tutorial.Person, name = "dddd", email = "eeeeeee", id = 1 )
bytesize( message )
```

clear-methods *Clear a field or all fields of the message and set them to their default values*

## Description

Clear one field or all fields of the message and set them to their default values

## Methods

`signature(object = "Message", field = "missing")` Clear all fields of the message and set them to their default values

`signature(object = "Message", field = "character")` Clear the field identified by its name

`signature(object = "Message", field = "integer")` Clear the field identified by its tag number

`signature(object = "Message", field = "numeric")` Clear the field identified by its tag number

`signature(object = "Message", field = "raw")` Clear the field identified by its tag number

## Examples

```
message <- new( tutorial.Person, name = "dddd", email = "eeeeeee", id = 1 )
writeLines( as.character( message ) )
clear( message )
# clear works also as a pseudo method :
message$clear()

writeLines( as.character( message ) )

# clear single fields
message <- new( tutorial.Person, name = "dddd", email = "eeeeeee", id = 1 )
message$clear( "name" )
writeLines( as.character( message ) )
```

clone-methods *Clone protocol buffer messages*

## Description

Generic "clone" function and associated method for Message objects

## Methods

`signature(object = "Message")` clone the message

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# example proto file supplied with this package
proto.file <- system.file( "proto", "addressbook.proto", package = "RProtoBuf" )

# reading a proto file and creating the descriptor
Person <- P( "tutorial.Person", file = proto.file )

## End(Not run)


# creating a prototype message from the descriptor
sheep <- new( Person, email = "francoisromain@free.fr", id = 2 )

# cloning the sheep
newsheep <- clone( sheep )

# clone and update at once
newsheep <- clone( sheep, id = 3 )

# this can also be used as a pseudo method
sheep$clone()
sheep$clone( id = 3 )
```

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`completion` *Completion support for protocol buffer messages and descriptors*

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## Description

These functions support completion of protocol buffer messages and descriptors.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Message'
.DollarNames(x, pattern = "")
## S3 method for class 'Descriptor'
.DollarNames(x, pattern = "")
## S3 method for class 'EnumDescriptor'
.DollarNames(x, pattern = "")
## S3 method for class 'FieldDescriptor'
.DollarNames(x, pattern = "")
## S3 method for class 'FileDescriptor'
.DollarNames(x, pattern = "")
## S3 method for class 'ServiceDescriptor'
.DollarNames(x, pattern = "")
## S3 method for class 'MethodDescriptor'
.DollarNames(x, pattern = "")
## S3 method for class 'ZeroCopyInputStream'
```

```
.DollarNames(x, pattern = "")
## S3 method for class 'ZeroCopyOutputStream'
.DollarNames(x, pattern = "")
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | message (Message) or descriptor (Descriptor) |
| pattern | filter |

### Value

Character vector containing potential completions.

For Message objects, completions are the fields of the message and a set of pseudo methods ("has")

For EnumDescriptor objects, completions are the names of the possible constants

For Descriptor objects, completions are the names of the fields, enum types and nested message types defined in the associated message type.

For FileDescriptor objects, completions are the names of the top-level descriptors (message, enum or service) contained in the associated file, or pseudo methods.

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### Examples

```
# creating a prototype message from the descriptor
p <- new( tutorial.Person )

.DollarNames( p )
.DollarNames( tutorial.Person )
# but this is usually used with the <TAB> expansion on the command line
# <TAB> means "press the TAB key"
# p$<TAB>
# Person$<TAB>
```

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## ConnectionInputStream-class

*Class "ConnectionInputStream"*

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### Description

A ZeroCopyInputStream reading from a binary R connection

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by the ConnectionInputStream function

### Slots

`pointer`: External pointer to the `rprotobuf::ConnectionInputStream` C++ object

### Extends

Class "`ZeroCopyInputStream`", directly.

### Methods

See ZeroCopyInputStream

### Author(s)

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### References

The internal C++ class `ConnectionInputStream`

### See Also

ZeroCopyInputStream for methods

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## `ConnectionInputStream-methods`

*Creates an ConnectionInputStream*

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### Description

Constructor for ConnectionInputStream objects

### Methods

`signature(object="connection")` Creates a ConnectionInputStream reading from the given R binary connection.

## ConnectionOutputStream-class

*Class "ConnectionOutputStream"*

### Description

A ZeroCopyOutputStream writing to a binary R connection

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by the ConnectionOutputStream function

### Slots

`pointer:` External pointer to the `rprotobuf::ConnectionOutputStream` C++ object

### Extends

Class "`ZeroCopyOutputStream`", directly.

### Methods

See ZeroCopyOutputStream

### Author(s)

Romain Francois <francoisromain@free.fr>

### References

The internal C++ class `ConnectionOutputStream`

### See Also

ZeroCopyOutputStream for methods

## ConnectionOutputStream-methods

*Creates an ConnectionOutputStream*

### Description

Constructor for ConnectionOutputStream objects

### Methods

`signature(object="connection")` Creates a ConnectionOutputStream writing to the given R binary connection.

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`containing_type-methods` *Gets the message type descriptor that contains a descriptor*

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## Description

Gets a Descriptor describing the message type that contains the descriptor.

## See Also

The method is implemented for these classes : Descriptor, EnumDescriptor, FieldDescriptor

## Examples

```
# Containing type of a field is the message descriptor
tutorial.Person$id$containing_type()

# No containing type for the top-level message descriptor.
tutorial.Person$containing_type()
```

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`Descriptor-class` *Class "Descriptor"*

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## Description

full descriptive information about a protocol buffer message type. This is a thin wrapper around the C++ class `Descriptor`

## Objects from the Class

Objects are usually created by calls to the `P` function.

## Slots

`pointer`: external pointer holding a `Descriptor` object

`type`: full name of the corresponding message type

## Methods

**as.character** `signature(x = "Descriptor")`: returns the debug string of the descriptor. This is retrieved by a call to the `DebugString` method of the Descriptor object.

**toString** `signature(x = "Descriptor")`: same as `as.character`

**$** `signature(x = "Descriptor")`: retrieves a descriptor for a member of the message type. This can either be another "Descriptor" instance describing a nested type, or a EnumDescriptor object describing an enum type, or a FieldDescriptor object describing a field of the message

**new** `signature(Class = "Descriptor")`: creates a prototype message (Message) of this descriptor

**show** `signature(object = "Descriptor")`: simple information

**containing_type** `signature(object = "Descriptor")` : returns a descriptor of the message type that contains this message descriptor, or `NULL` if this is a top-level message type.

**field_count** `signature(object = "Descriptor")` : The number of fields of this message type.

**nested_type_count** `signature(object = "Descriptor")` : The number of nested types of this message type.

**enum_type_count** `signature(object = "Descriptor")` : The number of enum types of this message type.

**field** `signature(object = "Descriptor")` : extract a field descriptor from a descriptor. Exactly one argument of `index`, `number` or `name` has to be used. If `index` is used, the field descriptor is retrieved by position, using the `field` method of the `google::protobuf::Descriptor` C++ class. If `number` is used, the field descriptor is retrieved using the tag number, with the `FindFieldByNumber` C++ method. If `name` is used, the field descriptor is retrieved by name using the `FindFieldByName`

**nested_type** `signature(object = "Descriptor")` : extracts a message type descriptor that is nested in this descriptor. Exactly one argument of `index` of `name` has to be used. If `index` is used, the nested type will be retrieved using its position with the `nested_type` method of the `google::protobuf::Descriptor` C++ class. If `name` is used, the nested type will be retrieved using its name, with the `FindNestedTypeByName` C++ method

**enum_type** `signature(object = "Descriptor")` : extracts an enum type descriptor that is contained in this descriptor. Exactly one argument of `index` of `name` has to be used. If `index` is used, the enum type will be retrieved using its position with the `enum_type` method of the `google::protobuf::Descriptor` C++ class. If `name` is used, the enum type will be retrieved using its name, with the `FindEnumTypeByName` C++ method

**[[** `signature(x = "Descriptor")`: extracts a field identified by its name or declared tag number

**names** `signature(x = "Descriptor")` : extracts names of this descriptor

**length** `signature(x = "Descriptor")` : extracts length of this descriptor

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## References

The `Descriptor` c++ class. https://developers.google.com/protocol-buffers/docs/reference/cpp/google.protobuf.descriptor?csw=1

## See Also

the P function creates "Descriptor" messages.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# example proto file supplied with this package
proto.file <- system.file( "proto", "addressbook.proto", package = "RProtoBuf" )
# reading a proto file and creating the descriptor
Person <- P( "tutorial.Person", file = proto.file )

## End(Not run)


# enum type
Person$PhoneType

# nested type
Person$PhoneNumber

# field
Person$email

# use this descriptor to create a message
new( Person )
```

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`descriptor-methods` *Get the descriptor of a message*

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## Description

Get the Descriptor associated with a Message

## Methods

`signature(object = "Message")` Get the descriptor of the message, as a Descriptor instance

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`EnumDescriptor-class` *Class "EnumDescriptor"*

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## Description

R representation of an enum descriptor. This is a thin wrapper around the `EnumDescriptor` c++ class.

## Objects from the Class

Objects of this class are typically retrieved as members of Descriptor objects

## Slots

`pointer`: external pointer to the `EnumDescriptor` instance

`name`: simple name of the enum

`full_name`: fully qualified name

`type`: fully qualified name of the type that contains this enumeration

## Methods

**show** `signature(object = "EnumDescriptor")`: small information

**as.character** `signature(x = "EnumDescriptor")`: returns the debug string of the enum descriptor. This is retrieved by a call to the `DebugString` method of the EnumDescriptor object.

**toString** `signature(x = "EnumDescriptor")`: same as `as.character`

**$** `signature(x = "EnumDescriptor")`: get the number associated with the name

**has** `signature(object = "EnumDescriptor")`: indicate if the given name is a constant present in this enum.

**containing_type** `signature(object = "EnumDescriptor")` : returns a Descriptor of the message type that contains this enum descriptor, or NULL if this is a top level enum descriptor.

**length** `signature(x = "EnumDescriptor")` : number of constants in this enum.

**value_count** `signature(object = "EnumDescriptor")` : number of constants in this enum.

**value** `signature(object = "EnumDescriptor")` : extracts an EnumValueDescriptor. Exactly one argument of `index`, `number` or `name` has to be used. If `index` is used, the enum value descriptor is retrieved by position, using the `value` method of the C++ class. If `number` is used, the enum value descriptor is retrieved using the value of the constant, using the `FindValueByNumber` C++ method. If `name` is used, the enum value descriptor is retrieved using the name of the constant, using the `FindValueByName` C++ method.

**[[** `signature(x = "EnumDescriptor")`: extracts field identified by its name or declared tag number

**names** `signature(x = "EnumDescriptor")` : extracts names of this enum

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## References

The `EnumDescriptor` C++ class

## See Also

The Descriptor class

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# example proto file supplied with this package
proto.file <- system.file( "proto", "addressbook.proto", package = "RProtoBuf" )

# reading a proto file and creating the descriptor
Person <- P( "tutorial.Person", file = proto.file )

## End(Not run)

# enum type
Person$PhoneType

has(Person$PhoneType, "MOBILE")
has(Person$PhoneType, "HOME")
has(Person$PhoneType, "WORK")

has(Person$PhoneType, "FOOBAR")

length(Person$PhoneType)
```

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# EnumValueDescriptor-class

*Class "EnumValueDescriptor"*

---

## Description

R representation of an enum value descriptor. This is a thin wrapper around the `EnumValueDescriptor` c++ class.

## Objects from the Class

Objects of this class are typically retrieved with the `value` method of the EnumDescriptor class

## Slots

`pointer`: external pointer to the `EnumValueDescriptor` instance

`name`: simple name of the enum

`full_name`: fully qualified name

## Methods

**show** `signature(object = "EnumValueDescriptor")`: small information

**as.character** `signature(x = "EnumValueDescriptor")`: returns the debug string of the enum descriptor. This is retrieved by a call to the `DebugString` method of the EnumDescriptor object.

**toString** `signature(x = "EnumValueDescriptor")`: same as `as.character`

**$** `signature(x = "EnumValueDescriptor")`: invoke pseudo methods

**name** `signature(object = "EnumValueDescriptor", full = "logical")`: return the name of this enum constant.

**number** `signature(object = "EnumValueDescriptor")`: return the numeric value of this enum constant.

**enum_type** `signature(object = "EnumDescriptor")` : retrieves the EnumDescriptor related to this value descriptor.

## Author(s)

Romain Francois <francoisromain@free.fr>

## References

The `EnumValueDescriptor` C++ class. https://developers.google.com/protocol-buffers/docs/reference/cpp/google.protobuf.descriptor?csw=1

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# example proto file supplied with this package
proto.file <- system.file( "proto", "addressbook.proto", package = "RProtoBuf" )
# reading a proto file and creating the descriptor
Person <- P( "tutorial.Person", file = proto.file )

## End(Not run)

# enum type
Person$PhoneType

# enum value type
value(Person$PhoneType, 1)

name(value(Person$PhoneType, 1))
name(value(Person$PhoneType, 1), TRUE)

number(value(Person$PhoneType, number=1))

enum_type(value(Person$PhoneType, number=1))
```

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`enum_type-methods` *Extract an enum type descriptor for a nested type*

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## Description

Extract a EnumDescriptor contained in a Descriptor

## See Also

The method is implemented for the Descriptor class

## enum_type_count-methods *The number of enum types*

### Description

The number of enum types

### See Also

The method is implemented for the Descriptor class

## fetch-methods *Fetch content of a repeated field*

### Description

Fetch content of a repeated field of a message

### Methods

`signature(object = "Message")` Fetch content of a message repeated field

## field-methods *Extract a field descriptor*

### Description

Extract a FieldDescriptor from a Descriptor

### See Also

The method is implemented for the Descriptor class

`FieldDescriptor-class` *Class "FieldDescriptor"*

## Description

R representation of message type field descriptor. This is a thin wrapper around the C++ class `FieldDescriptor`

## Objects from the Class

Objects typically are retrieved from FieldDescriptor

## Slots

`pointer`: external pointer to the `FieldDescriptor` c++ object

`name`: name of the field within the message type

`full_name`: Fully qualified name of the field

`type`: Fully qualified name of the type that contains this field

## Methods

**show** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")`: small description

**as.character** `signature(x = "FieldDescriptor")`: returns the debug string of the field descriptor. This is retrieved by a call to the `DebugString` method of the FieldDescriptor object.

**toString** `signature(x = "FieldDescriptor")`: same as `as.character`

**$** `signature(x = "FieldDescriptor")`: used to invoke pseudo methods

**containing_type** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` : returns a Descriptor of the message type that contains this field descriptor.

**is_extension** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` : indicates if this is an extension.

**number** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` : gets the declared tag number of this field.

**type** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` : type of this field.

**cpp_type** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` : c++ type of this field.

**label** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` : label of this field.

**is_required** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` : is this field required.

**is_optional** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` : is this field optional.

**is_repeated** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` : is this field repeated.

**has_default_value** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` : indicates if this field has a default value.

**default_value** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` : the default value of this field.

**message_type** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` : the Descriptor for the associated message type. Generates an error if this field is not a message type field.

**enum_type** `signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` : the EnumDescriptor for the associated enum type.Generates an error if this field is not an enum type field

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## References

The `FieldDescriptor` C++ class

## See Also

Descriptor

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# example proto file supplied with this package
proto.file <- system.file( "proto", "addressbook.proto", package = "RProtoBuf" )

# reading a proto file and creating the descriptor
Person <- P( "tutorial.Person", file = proto.file )

## End(Not run)


# field descriptor object
Person$email

# debug string
as.character( Person$email )

# or as a pseudo method
Person$email$as.character()

Person$email$is_required()
Person$email$is_optional()
Person$email$is_repeated()

Person$email$has_default_value()
Person$email$default_value()

Person$email$is_extension()

# Get the default values
has_default_value(Person$id)
has_default_value(Person$email)
has_default_value(Person$phone)
default_value(Person$id)
default_value(Person$email)
default_value(Person$phone)

# Get the types of field descriptors
type(Person$id)
type(Person$id, as.string=TRUE)
```

```
cpp_type(Person$email)
cpp_type(Person$email, TRUE)

# Get the label of a field descriptor
label(Person$id)
label(Person$email)
label(Person$phone)
label(Person$id, TRUE)
label(Person$email, TRUE)
label(Person$phone, TRUE)
LABEL_OPTIONAL
LABEL_REQUIRED
LABEL_REPEATED

# Test if a field is optional
is_optional(Person$id)
is_optional(Person$email)
is_optional(Person$phone)

# Test if a field is repeated
is_repeated(Person$id)
is_repeated(Person$email)
is_repeated(Person$phone)

# Test if a field is required
is_required(Person$id)
is_required(Person$email)
is_required(Person$phone)

# Return the class of a message field
message_type(Person$phone)
```

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`field_count-methods` *The number of fields*

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## Description

The number of fields

## See Also

The method is implemented for the Descriptor class

`FileDescriptor-class` *Class "FileDescriptor"*

## Description

Class "FileDescriptor"

## Objects from the Class

Objects are usually created using the `fileDescriptor` method

## Slots

`pointer`: external pointer to a `google::protobuf::FileDescriptor` C++ object

`package`: the package name defined in the file, e.g. 'tutorial'.

`filename`: the filename of this FileDescriptor

## Methods

**$** `signature(x = "FileDescriptor")`: used to invoke a pseudo method of the file descriptor or get a top level message, enum or service descriptor

**toString** `signature(x = "FileDescriptor" )` : gets the debug string

**as.character** `signature(x = "FileDescriptor" )` : gets the debug string

**show** `signature(x = "FileDescriptor" )` : prints small text

**name** `signature(object = "FileDescriptor" )` : name of the file

## Author(s)

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## References

The https://developers.google.com/protocol-buffers/docs/reference/cpp/google.protobuf.descriptor?csw=1

## See Also

Descriptor

### Examples

```
# example proto file supplied with this package
desc <- P("tutorial.Person")
person <- new(desc)

person$fileDescriptor()
name(person$fileDescriptor())
# [1] "addressbook.proto"
as.character(person$fileDescriptor())
```

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## fileDescriptor-methods

*gets the file descriptor of an object*

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### Description

Gets the file descriptor of an object

### Methods

`signature(object = "Descriptor")` retrieves the file descriptor associated with this descriptor

`signature(object = "Message")` retrieves the file descriptor associated with the descriptor of this message

`signature(object = "EnumDescriptor")` retrieves the file descriptor associated with the enum descriptor

`signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` retrieves the file descriptor associated with the field descriptor

`signature(object = "ServiceDescriptor")` retrieves the file descriptor associated with the service descriptor

`signature(object = "MethodDescriptor")` retrieves the file descriptor associated with the method descriptor

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## FileInputStream-class *Class "FileInputStream"*

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### Description

A ZeroCopyInputStream reading from a file

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by the FileInputStream function

## Slots

`pointer`: External pointer to the `google::protobuf::io::FileInputStream` C++ object

## Extends

Class "ZeroCopyInputStream", directly.

## Methods

**close** `signature(con="FileInputStream")`: Flushes any buffers and closes the underlying file. Returns false if an error occurs during the process; use `GetErrno` to examine the error

**GetErrno** `signature(object="FileInputStream")`: If an I/O error has occurred on this file descriptor, this is the errno from that error. Otherwise, this is zero. Once an error occurs, the stream is broken and all subsequent operations will fail.

**SetCloseOnDelete** `signature(object="FileInputStream")`: set the close on delete behavior.

See ZeroCopyInputStream for inherited methods

## Author(s)

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## References

The `FileInputStream` class from the protobuf C++ library. https://developers.google.com/protocol-buffers/docs/reference/cpp/google.protobuf.io.zero_copy_stream_impl_lite?csw=1

## See Also

ZeroCopyInputStream for methods

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`FileInputStream-methods`

*Creates an FileInputStream*

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## Description

Constructor for FileInputStream objects

## Methods

`signature(filename = "character", block_size = "logical", close.on.delete = "logical" )`
Creates a FileInputStream reading from the given file.

FileOutputStream-class
*Class "FileOutputStream"*

## Description

A ZeroCopyOutputStream reading from a file

## Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by the FileOutputStream function

## Slots

`pointer`: External pointer to the `google::protobuf::io::FileOutputStream` C++ object

## Extends

Class `"ZeroCopyOutputStream"`, directly.

## Methods

**close** `signature(con="FileOutputStream")`: Flushes any buffers and closes the underlying file. Returns false if an error occurs during the process; use `GetErrno` to examine the error

**flush** `signature(con="FileOutputStream")`: Flushes FileOutputStream's buffers but does not close the underlying file

**GetErrno** `signature(object="FileInputStream")`: If an I/O error has occurred on this file descriptor, this is the errno from that error. Otherwise, this is zero. Once an error occurs, the stream is broken and all subsequent operations will fail.

**SetCloseOnDelete** `signature(object="FileOutputStream")`: set the close on delete behavior.

See ZeroCopyOutputStream for inherited methods

## Author(s)

Romain Francois <francoisromain@free.fr>

## References

The `FileOutputStream` class from the protobuf C++ library. https://developers.google.com/protocol-buffers/docs/reference/cpp/google.protobuf.io.zero_copy_stream_impl_lite?csw=1

## See Also

ZeroCopyOutputStream for methods

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`FileOutputStream-methods` *Creates an FileOutputStream*

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## Description

Constructor for FileOutputStream objects

## Methods

`signature(filename = "character", block_size = "logical", close.on.delete = "logical")`
Creates a FileOutputStream writing to the given file.

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`GetErrno-methods` *Get the error number for an I/O error*

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## Description

If an I/O error has occurred on this file descriptor, this is the errno from that error

## Methods

See classes FileInputStream and FileOutputStream for implementations.

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`has-methods` *Indicates if an object has the given field set*

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## Description

This generic method, currently implemented for Message and EnumDescriptor indicates if the message or enum descriptor has the given field set.

For messages and non-repeated fields, a call to the `HasField` method of the corresponding `Message` is issued.

For messages and repeated fields, a call to the `FieldSize` method is issued, and the message is declared to have the field if the size is greater than 0.

`NULL` is returned if the descriptor for the message does not contain the given field at all.

For EnumDescriptors, a boolean value indicates if the given name is present in the enum definition.

## Methods

**has** `signature(object = "Message")`: Indicates if the message has a given field.

**has** `signature(object = "EnumDescriptor")`: Indicates if the EnumDescriptor has a given named element.

## Examples

```
unitest.proto.file <- system.file("tinytest", "data", "unittest.proto",
  package = "RProtoBuf" )
readProtoFiles(file = unitest.proto.file)

test <- new(protobuf_unittest.TestAllTypes)
test$has("optional_int32")
# FALSE
test$add("repeated_int32", 1:10)
test$has("repeated_int32")
# TRUE
test$has("nonexistant")
# NULL

has(protobuf_unittest.TestAllTypes$NestedEnum, "FOO")
has(protobuf_unittest.TestAllTypes$NestedEnum, "BAR")
has(protobuf_unittest.TestAllTypes$NestedEnum, "XXX")
```

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`isInitialized-methods` *Indicates if a protocol buffer message is initialized*

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## Description

Indicates if a Message is initialized. A message is initialized if all its required fields are set.

## Methods

`signature(object = "Message")` is the message initialized

## Examples

```
message <- new( tutorial.Person, name = "" )
isInitialized( message ) # FALSE (id is not set)
message$isInitialized()  # FALSE

message <- new( tutorial.Person, name = "", id = 2 )
isInitialized( message ) # TRUE
message$isInitialized()  # TRUE
```

## is_extension-methods *Indicates if a field descriptor is an extension*

### Description

Indicates if a field descriptor is an extension

### See Also

The method is implemented for the FieldDescriptor class

### Examples

```
Person <- P( "tutorial.Person" )
is_extension(Person$id)
```

## label-methods *Gets the label of a field*

### Description

Gets the label of a field (optional, required, or repeated).

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| object | A FieldDescriptor object. |
| as.string | If true, print a string representation of the type. |

### See Also

The method is implemented for the FieldDescriptor class

### Examples

```
## Not run:
proto.file <- system.file( "proto", "addressbook.proto", package = "RProtoBuf" )
Person <- P( "tutorial.Person", file = proto.file )

## End(Not run)


label(Person$id)
label(Person$email)
label(Person$phone)
label(Person$id, TRUE)
label(Person$email, TRUE)
label(Person$phone, TRUE)
```

```
LABEL_OPTIONAL
LABEL_REQUIRED
LABEL_REPEATED
```

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`merge-methods` *Merge two messages of the same type*

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## Description

Merge two Message objects of the same type.

## Methods

`signature(x = "Message", y = "Message")` merge two messages of the same type

## Errors

An error of class "IncompatibleType" is thrown if the two messages are not of the same message type.

## Examples

```
m1 <- new( tutorial.Person, email = "francoisromain@free.fr" )
m2 <- new( tutorial.Person, id = 5 )
m3 <- merge( m1, m2 )
writeLines( as.character( m1 ) )
writeLines( as.character( m2 ) )
writeLines( as.character( m3 ) )
```

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`Message-class` *Class "Message"*

---

## Description

R representation of protocol buffer messages. This is a thin wrapper around the `Message` c++ class that holds the actual message as an external pointer.

## Objects from the Class

Objects are typically created by the `new` function invoked on a Descriptor object.

## Slots

`pointer:` external pointer to the c++ `Message` object

`type:` fully qualified name of the message type

## Methods

**as.character** `signature(x = "Message")`: returns the debug string of the message. This is built from a call to the `DebugString` method of the `Message` object

**toString** `signature(x = "Message")`: same as `as.character`

**toTextFormat** `signature(x = "Message")`: returns the TextFormat of the message. This is built from a call to `TextFormat::PrintToString` with the `Message` object

**toDebugString** `signature(x = "Message")`: same as `as.character`

**toJSON** `signature(x = "Message")`: returns the JSON representation of the message. This is built from a call to the `google::protobuf::util::MessageToJsonString` method and accepts two arguments `preserve_proto_field_names` - if FALSE (the default) convert field names to camelCase `always_print_primitive_fields` - whether to return the default value for missing primitive fields (default false)

**$<-** `signature(x = "Message")`: set the value of a field of the message.

**$** `signature(x = "Message")`: gets the value of a field. Primitive types are brought back to R as R objects of the closest matching R type. Messages are brought back as instances of the `Message` class.

**[[** `signature(x = "Message")`: extracts a field identified by its name or declared tag number

**[[<-** `signature(x = "Message")`: replace the value of a field identified by its name or declared tag number

**serialize** `signature(object = "Message")`: serialize a message. If the "connection" argument is `NULL`, the payload of the message is returned as a raw vector, if the "connection" argument is a binary writable connection, the payload is written into the connection. If "connection" is a character vector, the message is sent to the file (in binary format).

**show** `signature(object = "Message")`: displays a short text about the message

**update** `signature(object = "Message")`: set several fields of the message at once

**length** `signature(x = "Message")`: The number of fields actually contained in the message. A field counts in these two situations: the field is repeated and the field size is greater than 0, the field is not repeated and the message has the field.

**setExtension** `signature(object = "Message")`: set an extension field of the Message.

**getExtension** `signature(object = "Message")`: get the value of an extension field of the Message.

**str** `signature(object = "Message")`: displays the structure of the message

**identical** `signature(x = "Message", y = "Message")`: Test if two messages are exactly identical

**==** `signature(e1 = "Message", e2 = "Message")`: Same as `identical`

**!=** `signature(e1 = "Message", e2 = "Message")`: Negation of `identical`

**all.equal** `signature(e1 = "Message", e2 = "Message")`: Test near equality

**names** `signature(x = "Message")`: extracts the names of the message.

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## References

The Message class from the C++ proto library. https://developers.google.com/protocol-buffers/docs/reference/cpp/google.protobuf.message?csw=1

## See Also

P creates objects of class Descriptor that can be used to create messages.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# example proto file supplied with this package
proto.file <- system.file( "proto", "addressbook.proto", package = "RProtoBuf" )

# reading a proto file and creating the descriptor
Person <- P( "tutorial.Person", file = proto.file )

## End(Not run)


PhoneNumber <- P( "tutorial.Person.PhoneNumber" )

# creating a prototype message from the descriptor
p <- new( Person )
p$email # not set, returns default value
p$id    # not set, returns default value
as.character( p ) # empty
has( p, "email" ) # is the "email" field set
has( p, "phone" ) # is the "email" field set
length( p )       # number of fields actually set

# update several fields at once
romain <- update( new( Person ),
email = "francoisromain@free.fr",
id = 1,
name = "Romain Francois",
phone = new( PhoneNumber , number = "+33(0)...", type = "MOBILE" )
)

# supply parameters to the constructor
dirk <- new( Person,
email = "edd@debian.org",
id = 2,
name = "Dirk Eddelbuettel" )
# update the phone repeated field with a list of PhoneNumber messages
dirk$phone <- list(
new( PhoneNumber , number = "+01...", type = "MOBILE" ),
new( PhoneNumber , number = "+01...", type = "HOME" ) )

# with/within style
saptarshi <- within( new(Person), {
id <- 3
```

```
name <- "Saptarshi Guha"
email <- "saptarshi.guha@gmail.com"
} )

# make an addressbook
book <- new( tutorial.AddressBook, person = list( romain, dirk, saptarshi ) )

# serialize the message to a file
tf <- tempfile( )
serialize( book, tf )

# the payload of the message
serialize( book, NULL )

# read the file into a new message
m <- tutorial.AddressBook$read( tf )
writeLines( as.character( m ) )
sapply( m$person, function(p) p$name )
```

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`MethodDescriptor-class`

*Class "MethodDescriptor"*

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## Description

R representation of Service Descriptors

## Objects from the Class

TODO

## Slots

`pointer`**:** External pointer to a `google::protobuf::MethodDescriptor` C++ object

`name`**:** fully qualified name of the method

`service`**:** fully qualified name of the service that defines this method

## Methods

**as.character** `signature(x = "MethodDescriptor")`: debug string of the method

**toString** `signature(x = "MethodDescriptor")`: debug string of the method

**$** `signature(x = "MethodDescriptor")`: ...

**$<-** `signature(x = "MethodDescriptor")`: ...

**input_type** `signature(object = "MethodDescriptor")`: the Descriptor of the input type of the method

**output_type** `signature(object = "MethodDescriptor")`: the Descriptor of the output type of the method

### Author(s)

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`name` *Name or full name of a descriptor*

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### Description

name or full name of a descriptor

### Methods

`signature(object = "Descriptor")` ...

`signature(object = "FieldDescriptor")` ...

`signature(object = "EnumDescriptor")` ...

`signature(object = "ServiceDescriptor")` ...

`signature(object = "MethodDescriptor")` ...

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`nested_type-methods` *Extract a message type descriptor for a nested type*

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### Description

Extract a Descriptor nested in another Descriptor

### See Also

The method is implemented for the Descriptor class

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`nested_type_count-methods`
*The number of fields*

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### Description

The number of fields

### See Also

The method is implemented for the Descriptor class

## Next-methods *Obtains a chunk of data from the stream*

### Description

Obtains a chunk of data from the stream

### See Also

ZeroCopyInputStream implements Next.

## number-methods *Gets the declared tag number of a field*

### Description

Gets the declared tag number of a field

### See Also

The method is implemented for FieldDescriptor and EnumValueDescriptor classes.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
proto.file <- system.file( "proto", "addressbook.proto", package = "RProtoBuf" )
Person <- P( "tutorial.Person", file = proto.file )

## End(Not run)


number(Person$id)
number(Person$email)
as.character(Person)

number(value(tutorial.Person$PhoneType, name="HOME"))
```

## P *Protocol Buffer descriptor importer*

### Description

The P function searches for a protocol message descriptor in the descriptor pool.

### Usage

```
P(type, file)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| type | Fully qualified type name of the protocol buffer or extension |
| file | optional proto file. If given, the definition contained in the file is first registered with the pool of message descriptors |

### Value

An object of class Descriptor for message types or FieldDescriptor for extensions. An error is generated otherwise.

### Author(s)

Romain Francois <francoisromain@free.fr>

### Examples

```
## Not run:
proto.file <- system.file( "proto", "addressbook.proto", package = "RProtoBuf" )
Person <- P( "tutorial.Person", file = proto.file )

## End(Not run)


cat(as.character( Person ))
```

## read-methods *Read a protocol buffer message from a connection*

### Description

Read a Message from a connection using its associated Descriptor

## Methods

`signature(descriptor = "Descriptor", input = "character")` Read the message from a file

`signature(descriptor = "Descriptor")` Read from a binary connection.

`signature(descriptor = "Descriptor", input = "raw")` Read the message from a raw vector

## Examples

```
# example file that contains a "tutorial.AddressBook" message
book <- system.file( "examples", "addressbook.pb", package = "RProtoBuf" )

# read the message
message <- read( tutorial.AddressBook, book )

# or using the pseudo method
message <- tutorial.AddressBook$read( book )

# write its debug string
writeLines( as.character( message ) )

# grab the name of each person
sapply( message$person, function(p) p$name )

# read from a binary file connection
f <- file( book, open = "rb" )
message2 <- read( tutorial.AddressBook, f )
close( f )

# read from a message payload (raw vector)
payload <- readBin( book, raw(0), 5000 )
message3 <- tutorial.AddressBook$read( payload )
```

---

# readASCII-methods *read a message in ASCII format*

---

## Description

Method to read a Message in ASCII format

## Methods

`signature(descriptor = "Descriptor", input = "ANY")` Read the message from a connection (file, etc ...)

`signature(descriptor = "Descriptor", input = "character")` Read the message directly from the character string

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# example file that contains a "tutorial.AddressBook" message
book <- system.file( "examples", "addressbook.pb", package = "RProtoBuf" )

# read the message
message <- read( tutorial.AddressBook, book )

# Output in text format to a temporary file
out.file <- tempfile()
writeLines( as.character(message), file(out.file))

# Verify that we can read back in the message from a text file.
message2 <- readASCII( tutorial.AddressBook, file(out.file, "rb"))

# Verify that we can read back in the message from an unopened file.
message3 <- readASCII( tutorial.AddressBook, file(out.file))

\dontshow{
stopifnot( identical( message, message2) )
}

## End(Not run)
```

---

`readJSON-methods` *read a message in JSON format*

---

## Description

Method to read a Message in JSON format

## Methods

`signature(descriptor = "Descriptor", input = "ANY")` Read the message from a connection (file, etc ...)

`signature(descriptor = "Descriptor", input = "character")` Read the message directly from the character string

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# example file that contains a "tutorial.AddressBook" message
book <- system.file( "examples", "addressbook.pb", package = "RProtoBuf" )

# read the message
message <- read( tutorial.AddressBook, book )

# Output in text format to a temporary file
out.file <- tempfile()
```

```
writeLines( message$toJSON(), file(out.file))

# Verify that we can read back in the message from a text file.
message2 <- readJSON( tutorial.AddressBook, file(out.file, "rb"))

# Verify that we can read back in the message from an unopened file.
message3 <- readJSON( tutorial.AddressBook, file(out.file))

\dontshow{
stopifnot( identical( message, message2) )
}

## End(Not run)
```

---

`readProtoFiles` *protocol buffer descriptor importer*

---

## Description

Imports proto files into the descriptor pool that is then used by the `P` function to resolve message type names.

## Usage

```
readProtoFiles(files, dir, package="RProtoBuf", pattern="\\.proto$", lib.loc=NULL)
readProtoFiles2(files, dir=".", pattern="\\.proto$", recursive=FALSE, protoPath=getwd())
 resetDescriptorPool()
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `files` | Proto files |
| `dir` | Directory. If `files` is not specified, files with the "proto" extension in the `dir` directory are imported |
| `package` | R package name. If `files` and `dir` are missing, "proto" files in the "proto" directory of the package tree are imported. |
| `pattern` | A filename pattern to match proto files when using `dir`. |
| `recursive` | Whether to descend recursively into `dir`. |
| `lib.loc` | Library location. |
| `protoPath` | Search path for proto file imports. |

## Details

`readProtoFiles2` is different from `readProtoFiles` to be consistent with the behavior of `protoc` command line tool in being explicit about the search path for proto import statements. In addition, we also require that both `files` and `dir` arguments are interpreted relative to `protoPath`, so that there is consistency in future imports of the same files through import statements of other proto files.

`resetDescriptorPool` clears all imported proto definitions.

## Value

NULL, invisibly.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

P

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# from a package
readProtoFiles(package = "RProtoBuf")

# from a directory
proto.dir <- system.file("proto", package = "RProtoBuf")
readProtoFiles(dir = proto.dir)

# set of files
proto.files <- list.files(proto.dir, full.names = TRUE)
readProtoFiles(proto.files)

## End(Not run)
```

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# serialize_pb *Serialize R object to Protocol Buffer Message.*

---

## Description

Serializes R objects to a general purpose protobuf message using the same rexp.proto descriptor and mapping between R objects and protobuf mesages as RHIPE.

## Usage

```
serialize_pb(object, connection, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| object | R object to serialize |
| connection | passed on to serialize |
| ... | additional arguments passed on to serialize |

## Details

Clients need both the message and the `rexp.proto` descriptor to parse serialized R objects. The latter is included in the the package installation `proto` directory: `system.file(package="RProtoBuf", "proto/rexp.proto")`

The following storage types are natively supported by the descriptor: `character`, `raw`, `double`, `complex`, `integer`, `list`, and `NULL`. Objects with other storage types, such as functions, environments, S4 classes, etc, are serialized using base R `serialize` and stored in the proto `native` type. Missing values, attributes and numeric precision will be preserved.

## Examples

```
msg <- tempfile();
serialize_pb(iris, msg);
obj <- unserialize_pb(msg);
identical(iris, obj);
```

---

# ServiceDescriptor-class

*Class "ServiceDescriptor"*

---

## Description

R representation of Service Descriptors

## Objects from the Class

TODO

## Slots

`pointer`: External pointer to a `google::protobuf::ServiceDescriptor` C++ object

`name`: fully qualified name of the service

## Methods

**as.character** `signature(x = "ServiceDescriptor")`: debug string of the service

**toString** `signature(x = "ServiceDescriptor")`: debug string of the service

**show** `signature(x = "ServiceDescriptor")`: ...

**$** `signature(x = "ServiceDescriptor")`: invoke pseudo methods or retrieve method descriptors contained in this service descriptor.

**[[** `signature(x = "ServiceDescriptor")`: extracts methods descriptors contained in this service descriptor

**length** `signature(x = "ServiceDescriptor")`: number of MethodDescriptor

**method_count** `signature(x = "ServiceDescriptor")`: number of MethodDescriptor

**method** `signature(x = "ServiceDescriptor")`: retrieves a MethodDescriptor

### Author(s)

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`set-methods` *set a subset of values of a repeated field of a message*

---

### Description

set a subset of values of a repeated field of a message

### Methods

`signature(object = "Message")` set a subset of values of a repeated field of a message

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`SetCloseOnDelete-methods`
*set the close on delete behavior*

---

### Description

By default, the file descriptor is not closed when a stream is destroyed, use `SetCloseOnDelete( stream, TRUE )` to change that.

### Methods

See classes FileInputStream and FileOutputStream for implementations.

---

`size-methods` *Size of a message field*

---

### Description

The number of object currently in a given field of a protocol buffer message.

For non repeated fields, the size is 1 if the message has the field, 0 otherwise.

For repeated fields, the size is the number of objects in the array.

For repeated fields, the size can also be assigned to in order to shrink or grow the vector. Numeric types are given a default value of 0 when the new size is greater than the existing size. Character types are given a default value of "". Growing a repeated field in this way is not supported for message, group, and enum types.

### Methods

`signature(object = "Message")` Number of objects in a message field

## Examples

```
unitest.proto.file <- system.file("tinytest", "data", "unittest.proto",
  package = "RProtoBuf" )
readProtoFiles(file = unitest.proto.file)

test <- new(protobuf_unittest.TestAllTypes)
test$size("optional_int32")

test$add("repeated_int32", 1:10)
test$size("repeated_int32")
test$repeated_int32

size(test, "repeated_int32") <- 5
test$repeated_int32

size(test, "repeated_int32") <- 15
test$repeated_int32
```

---

`sizegets` *Set the size of a field*

---

## Description

Sets the size of a repeated field.

## Methods

`signature(object = "Message")` sets the size of a message field

---

`Skip-methods` *Skips a number of bytes*

---

## Description

Skips a number of bytes

## swap-methods *swap elements of a repeated field of a message*

### Description

swap elements of a repeated field of a message.

### Methods

`signature(object = "Message")` swap elements of a repeated field of a message

### References

See the `SwapElements` of the `Reflection` class, part of the protobuf library. https://developers.google.com/protocol-buffers/docs/reference/cpp/google.protobuf.message?csw=1

## type-methods *Gets the type or the C++ type of a field*

### Description

Gets the type or the C++ type of a field

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `object` | A FieldDescriptor object. |
| `as.string` | If true, print a string representation of the type. |

### See Also

The method is implemented for the FieldDescriptor class

### Examples

```
## Not run:
proto.file <- system.file( "proto", "addressbook.proto", package = "RProtoBuf" )
Person <- P( "tutorial.Person", file = proto.file )

## End(Not run)

type(Person$id)
type(Person$id, as.string=TRUE)
cpp_type(Person$email)
cpp_type(Person$email, TRUE)
```

`with.Message` *with and within methods for protocol buffer messages*

## Description

Convenience wrapper that allow getting and setting fields of protocol buffer messages from within the object

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Message'
with(data, expr, ...)
## S3 method for class 'Message'
within(data, expr, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `data` | A protocol buffer message, instance of Message |
| `expr` | R expression to evaluate |
| `...` | ignored |

## Details

The expression is evaluated in an environment that allows to set and get fields of the message

The fields of the message are mapped to active bindings (see makeActiveBinding) so that they can be accessed and modified from within the environment.

## Value

`with` returns the value of the expression and `within` returns the `data` argument.

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
proto.file <- system.file( "proto", "addressbook.proto", package = "RProtoBuf" )
Person <- P( "tutorial.Person", file = proto.file )

## End(Not run)

romain <- within( new( Person ), {
email <- "francoisromain@free.fr"
id <- 10L
} )
```

ZeroCopyInputStream-class
*Virtual Class "ZeroCopyInputStream"*

## Description

R wrapper for the ZeroCopyInputStream c++ class

## Objects from the Class

This is a virtual class

## Slots

`pointer`: external pointer to the `google::protobuf::io::ZeroCopyInputStream` object

## Methods

**$** `signature(x="ZeroCopyInputStream")`: invokes a method

**Next** `signature(object="ZeroCopyInputStream")`: Get a number of bytes from the stream as a raw vector.

**Skip** `signature(object="ZeroCopyInputStream")`: skip a number of bytes

**BackUp** `signature(object="ZeroCopyInputStream")`: Backs up a number of bytes, so that the next call to `Next` returns data again that was already returned by the last call to `Next`.

**ByteCount** `signature(object="ZeroCopyInputStream")`: Returns the total number of bytes read since this object was created.

**ReadRaw** `signature(object="ZeroCopyInputStream", size = "integer")`: read raw bytes from the stream

**ReadRaw** `signature(object="ZeroCopyInputStream", size = "numeric")`: read raw bytes from the stream

**ReadString** `signature(object="ZeroCopyInputStream", size = "integer")`: same as `ReadRaw` but formats the result as a string

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**ReadVarint32** `signature(object="ZeroCopyInputStream")`: Read an unsigned integer with Varint encoding, truncating to 32 bits.

**ReadLittleEndian32** `signature(object="ZeroCopyInputStream")`: Read a 32-bit little-endian integer.

**ReadLittleEndian64** `signature(object="ZeroCopyInputStream")`: Read a 64-bit little-endian integer. In R the value is stored as a `double` which looses some precision (no other way)

**ReadVarint64** `signature(object="ZeroCopyInputStream")`: Read a 64-bit integer with varint encoding. In R the value is stored as a `double` which looses some precision (no other way)

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### References

The `google::protobuf::io::ZeroCopyInputStream` C++ class. https://developers.google.com/protocol-buffers/docs/reference/cpp/google.protobuf.io.zero_copy_stream?csw=1

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**$** `signature(x="ZeroCopyOutputStream")`: invokes a method

**Next** `signature(object="ZeroCopyOutputStream", payload = "raw" )`: push the raw vector into the stream. Returns the number of bytes actually written.

**BackUp** `signature(object="ZeroCopyOutputStream")`: Backs up a number of bytes, so that the end of the last buffer returned by `Next` is not actually written.

**ByteCount** `signature(object="ZeroCopyOutputStream")`: Returns the total number of bytes written since this object was created.

**WriteRaw** `signature(object="ZeroCopyOuputStream", payload = "raw"`: write the raw bytes to the stream

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