

Package ‘jose’

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base64url_encode	<i>Base64URL encoding</i>
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Description

The base64url_encode functions are a variant of the standard base64. They are specified in Section 5 of RFC 4648 as a URL-safe alternative. They use different symbols for the 62:nd and 63:rd alphabet character and do not include trailing == padding.

Usage

```
base64url_encode(bin)
```

```
base64url_decode(text)
```

Arguments

bin	a binary blob to encode
text	a base64url encoded string

jwt_claim	<i>Generate claim</i>
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Description

Helper function to create a named list used as the claim of a JWT payload. See <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc7519> for details.

Usage

```
jwt_claim(
  iss = NULL,
  sub = NULL,
  aud = NULL,
  exp = NULL,
  nbf = NULL,
  iat = Sys.time(),
  jti = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

iss	(Issuer) Claim, should be rfc7519 'StringOrURI' value
sub	(Subject) Claim, should be rfc7519 'StringOrURI' value
aud	(Audience) Claim, should contain one or rfc7519 'StringOrURI' values
exp	(Expiration Time) Claim, should be rfc7519 'NumericDate' value; R POSIXct values are automatically coerced.
nbf	(Not Before) Claim, should be rfc7519 'NumericDate' value; R POSIXct values are automatically coerced.
iat	(Issued At) Claim, should be rfc7519 'NumericDate' value; R POSIXct values are automatically coerced.
jti	(JWT ID) Claim, optional unique identifier for the JWT
...	additional custom claims to include

jwt_encode_hmac	<i>JSON Web Token</i>
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Description

Sign or verify a JSON web token. The `jwt_encode_hmac`, `jwt_encode_rsa`, and `jwt_encode_ec` default to HS256, RS256, and ES256 respectively. See jwt.io or [RFC7519](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7519) for more details.

Usage

```
jwt_encode_hmac(claim = jwt_claim(), secret, size = 256, header = NULL)
```

```
jwt_decode_hmac(jwt, secret)
```

```
jwt_encode_sig(claim = jwt_claim(), key, size = 256, header = NULL)
```

```
jwt_decode_sig(jwt, pubkey)
```

```
jwt_split(jwt)
```

Arguments

claim	a named list with fields to include in the jwt payload
secret	string or raw vector with a secret passphrase
size	bitsize of sha2 signature, i.e. sha256, sha384 or sha512. Only for HMAC/RSA, not applicable for ECDSA keys.
header	named list with additional parameter fields to include in the jwt header as defined in rfc7515 section 9.1.2
jwt	string containing the JSON Web Token (JWT)
key	path or object with RSA or EC private key, see openssl::read_key .
pubkey	path or object with RSA or EC public key, see openssl::read_pubkey .

Examples

```
# HMAC signing
mysecret <- "This is super secret"
token <- jwt_claim(name = "jeroen", session = 123456)
sig <- jwt_encode_hmac(token, mysecret)
jwt_decode_hmac(sig, mysecret)

# RSA encoding
mykey <- openssl::rsa_keygen()
pubkey <- as.list(mykey)$pubkey
sig <- jwt_encode_sig(token, mykey)
jwt_decode_sig(sig, pubkey)

# Same with EC
mykey <- openssl::ec_keygen()
pubkey <- as.list(mykey)$pubkey
sig <- jwt_encode_sig(token, mykey)
jwt_decode_sig(sig, pubkey)

# Get elements of the key
mysecret <- "This is super secret"
token <- jwt_claim(name = "jeroen", session = 123456)
jwt <- jwt_encode_hmac(token, mysecret)
jwt_split(jwt)
```

read_jwk

JSON web-keys

Description

Read and write RSA, ECDSA or AES keys as JSON web keys.

Usage

```
read_jwk(file)
```

```
write_jwk(x, path = NULL)
```

Arguments

file	path to file with key data or literal json string
x	an RSA or EC key or pubkey file
path	file path to write output

Examples

```
# generate an ecdsa key
library(openssl)
key <- ec_keygen("P-521")
write_jwk(key)
write_jwk(as.list(key)$pubkey)

# Same for RSA
key <- rsa_keygen()
write_jwk(key)
write_jwk(as.list(key)$pubkey)
```

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