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**Description** Creates and maintains a build process for complex analytic tasks in R.  
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file for the (GNU) 'make' tool, which drives the build process  
by (in parallel) executing build commands in order to update results accordingly to given dependencies  
on changed data or updated source files.

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| rmake-package | <i>Makefile generator for R analytical projects</i> |
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Description

**rmake** creates and maintains a build process for complex analytic tasks in R. Package allows to easily generate Makefile for the (GNU) 'make' tool, which drives the build process by (in parallel) executing build commands in order to update results accordingly to given dependencies on changed data or updated source files.

Details

Note: The package requires the R\_HOME environment variable to be properly set.

## Basic Usage

Suppose you have a file `dataset.csv`. You want to pre-process it and store the results into `dataset.rds` within the `preprocess.R` R script. After that, `dataset.rds` is then an input file for `report.Rmd` and `details.Rmd`, which are R-Markdown scripts that generate `report.pdf` and `details.pdf`. The whole project can be initialized with **rmake** as follows:

1. Let us assume that you have **rmake** package as well as the `make` tool properly installed.
2. Create a new directory (or an R studio project) and copy your `dataset.csv` into it.
3. Load **rmake** package and create skeleton files for it:  

```
library(rmake)
rmakeSkeleton('.')
```

`Makefile.R` and `Makefile` will be created in current directory (`'.'`).

4. Create your file `preprocess.R`, `report.Rmd` and `details.Rmd`.
5. Edit `Makefile.R` as follows:  

```
library(rmake)
job <- list(
  rRule('dataset.rds', 'preprocess.R', 'dataset.csv'),
  markdownRule('report.pdf', 'report.Rmd', 'dataset.rds'),
  markdownRule('details.pdf', 'details.Rmd', 'dataset.rds')
)
makefile(job, "Makefile")
```

This will create three build rules: processing of `preprocess.R` and execution of `report.Rmd` and `details.Rmd` in order to generate resulting PDF files.

6. Run `make` or build your project in R Studio (Build/Build all). This will automatically re-generate `Makefile` and execute `preprocess.R` and the generation of `report.Rmd` and `details.Rmd` accordingly to the changes made to source files.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/beerda/rmake>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/beerda/rmake/issues>

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| copyRule | <i>Rule for copying a file into a new location</i> |
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### Description

This rule is for copying a file from one location to another. The rule executes the following command: `$(CP) depends[1] target`

### Usage

```
copyRule(target, depends, task = "all")
```

### Arguments

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| target  | Target file name to copy the file to                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| depends | name of the file to copy from (only the first element of the vector is used)                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| task    | A character vector of parent task names. The mechanism of tasks allows to group rules. Anything different from 'all' will cause creation of a new task depending on the given rule. Executing <code>make taskname</code> will then force building of this rule. |

### Value

Instance of S3 class `rmake.rule`

### Author(s)

Michal Burda

### See Also

[rule\(\)](#), [makefile\(\)](#)

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|             |                                                          |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| defaultVars | <i>Variables used within Makefile generating process</i> |
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### Description

`defaultVars` is a reserved variable, a named vector that defines Makefile variables, i.e. shell variables that will exist during the execution of Makefile rules. The content of this variable is written into the resulting Makefile within the execution of the [makefile\(\)](#) function.

### Usage

```
defaultVars
```

**Format**

An object of class character of length 4.

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

[makefile\(\)](#)

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|         |                                                                                                          |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| depRule | <i>A rule that defines a dependency between targets without actually providing any execution script.</i> |
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**Description**

This rule is useful when you want to specify that a target depends on another target, but you do not want to execute any script to build it.

**Usage**

```
depRule(target, depends = NULL, task = "all")
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| target  | Target file name that depends on depends                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| depends | A character vector of prerequisite file names that target depends on.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| task    | A character vector of parent task names. The mechanism of tasks allows to group rules. Anything different from 'all' will cause creation of a new task depending on the given rule. Executing <code>make taskname</code> will then force building of this rule. |

**Value**

Instance of S3 class `rmake.rule`

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

[rule\(\)](#), [makefile\(\)](#)

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| expandTemplate | <i>Expand template rules into a list of rules by replacing rmake variables with their values</i> |
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### Description

The functionality of `expandTemplate()` differs accordingly to the type of the first argument. If the first argument is a template job (i.e., a list of template rules), or a template rule, then a job is created from templates by replacing rmake variables in templates with values of these variables, as specified in the second argument. The rmake variable is a part of a string in the format of `$(VARIABLE_NAME)`.

### Usage

```
expandTemplate(template, vars)
```

### Arguments

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| template | An instance of the S3 <code>rmake.rule</code> class, or a list of such objects, or a character vector.                                                                                                                                              |
| vars     | A named character vector, matrix, or data frame with variable definitions. For character vector, names are variable names, values are variable values. For matrix or data frame, colnames are variable names and column values are variable values. |

### Details

If `vars` is a character vector then all variables in `vars` are replaced in `template` so that the result will contain `length(template)` rules. If `vars` is a data frame or a character matrix then the replacement of variables is performed row-wisely. That is, a new sequence of rules is created from `template` for each row of variables in `vars` so that the result will contain `nrow(vars) * length(template)` rules.

If the first argument of `expandTemplate()` is a character vector then the result is a character vector created by row-wise replacements of rmake variables, similarly as in the case of template jobs. See examples.

### Value

If `template` is an instance of the S3 `rmake.rule` class, or a list of such objects, a list of rules created from `template` by replacing rmake variables is returned. If `template` is a character vector then a character vector with all variants of rmake values is returned.

### Author(s)

Michal Burda

### See Also

[replaceVariables\(\)](#), [rule\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# Examples with template jobs and rules:

tmpl <- rRule('data-${VERSION}.csv', 'process-${TYPE}.R', 'output-${VERSION}-${TYPE}.csv')

job <- expandTemplate(tmpl, c(VERSION='small', TYPE='a'))
# is equivalent to
job <- list(rRule('data-small.csv', 'process-a.R', 'output-small-a.csv'))

job <- expandTemplate(tmpl, expand.grid(VERSION=c('small', 'big'), TYPE=c('a', 'b', 'c')))
# is equivalent to
job <- list(rRule('data-small.csv', 'process-a.R', 'output-small-a.csv'),
            rRule('data-big.csv', 'process-a.R', 'output-big-a.csv'),
            rRule('data-small.csv', 'process-b.R', 'output-small-b.csv'),
            rRule('data-big.csv', 'process-b.R', 'output-big-b.csv'),
            rRule('data-small.csv', 'process-c.R', 'output-small-c.csv'),
            rRule('data-big.csv', 'process-c.R', 'output-big-c.csv'))

# Examples with template character vectors:
expandTemplate('data-${MAJOR}.${MINOR}.csv',
               c(MAJOR=3, MINOR=1))
# returns: c('data-3.1.csv')

expandTemplate('data-${MAJOR}.${MINOR}.csv',
               expand.grid(MAJOR=c(3:4), MINOR=c(0:2)))
# returns: c('data-3.0.csv', 'data-4.0.csv',
#           'data-3.1.csv', 'data-4.1.csv',
#           'data-3.2.csv', 'data-4.2.csv')
```

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getParam

*Wrapper around the params global variable*


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## Description

Returns an element of the global params variable that is normally used to send parameters to a script from the Makefile generated by rmake. Script parameters may be defined with the params argument of the `rRule()` or `markdownRule()` functions.

## Usage

```
getParam(name, default = NA)
```

## Arguments

|         |                                                                                                                                                |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| name    | Name of the parameter                                                                                                                          |
| default | Default value to be returned if the params global variable does not exist, which typically occurs if the script is executed not from Makefile. |

**Value**

Function returns an element of given name from the `params` variable that is created inside of the Makefile recipe. If the `params` global variable does not exist (the script is likely to be executed directly, i.e., not from the Makefile generated by `rmake`), the `default` value is returned and a warning is generated. If the `params` global variable exists but it is not a list or the name element does not exist there, an error is thrown.

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

[rRule\(\)](#), [markdownRule\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
task <- getParam('task', 'default')
```

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inShell

*Convert R code to the character vector of shell commands evaluating the given R code.*

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**Description**

The function takes R commands, deparses them, substitutes existing variables, and converts everything to character strings, from which a shell command is created that sends the given R code to the R interpreter. Function is used internally to print the commands of R rules into Makefile.

**Usage**

```
inShell(...)
```

**Arguments**

...                      R commands to be converted

**Value**

A character vector of shell commands, which send the given R code by pipe to the R interpreter

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

[rRule\(\)](#), [markdownRule\(\)](#)



**Examples**

```
inShell({  
  x <- 1  
  y <- 2  
  print(x+y)  
})
```

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**is.rule***Check if the argument is a valid rule object.*

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**Description**

Function tests whether `x` is a valid rule object, i.e., whether it is list a list and inherits from the `rmake.rule` S3 class. Instances of rule represent an atomic building unit, i.e. a command that has to be executed, which optionally depends on some files or other rules – see [rule\(\)](#) for more details.

**Usage**

```
is.rule(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x`                      An argument to be tested

**Value**

TRUE if `x` is a valid rule object and FALSE otherwise.

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

[rule\(\)](#), [makefile\(\)](#), [rRule\(\)](#), [markdownRule\(\)](#), [offlineRule\(\)](#)

knitrRule

*Rule for building text documents by using the knitr package***Description**

This rule is for execution of knitr in order to create the text file, as described in `knitr::knit()`.

**Usage**

```
knitrRule(target, script, depends = NULL, params = list(), task = "all")
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| target  | Name of the output file to be created                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| script  | Name of the RNW file to be rendered                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| depends | A vector of file names that the markdown script depends on, or NULL.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| params  | A list of R values that become available within the script in a params variable.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| task    | A character vector of parent task names. The mechanism of tasks allows to group rules. Anything different from 'all' will cause creation of a new task depending on the given rule. Executing <code>make taskname</code> will then force building of this rule. |

**Details**

This rule executes the following command in a separate R process: `library(knitr); params <- params; knitr::knit(sc`

That is, parameters given in the params argument are stored into the global variable and then the script is processed with knitr. That is, the re-generation of the Makefile with any change to params will not cause the re-execution of the recipe unless any other script dependencies change.

Issuing `make clean` from the shell causes removal of all files specified in target parameter.

**Value**

Instance of S3 class `rmake.rule`

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

`markdownRule()`, `rule()`, `makefile()`, `rRule()`

## Examples

```
r <- knitrRule(target='report.tex',
               script='report.Rnw',
               depends=c('data1.csv', 'data2.csv'))

# generate the content of a makefile (as character vector)
makefile(list(r))

# generate to file
tmp <- tempdir()
makefile(list(r), file.path(tmp, "Makefile"))
```

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|      |                                 |
|------|---------------------------------|
| make | <i>Run ‘make’ in the system</i> |
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## Description

This function executes the make command in order to re-build all dependencies, accordingly to Makefile generated by [makefile\(\)](#).

## Usage

```
make(...)
```

## Arguments

...                      Command-line arguments passed to the make command

## Value

Exit status of the command, see [base::system2\(\)](#) for details.

## Author(s)

Michal Burda

## See Also

[makefile\(\)](#), [rmakeSkeleton\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
make()      # make all
make('clean') # make the 'clean' task
make('-j', 4) # make with 4 processes in parallel

## End(Not run)
```

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|          |                                                          |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| makefile | <i>Generate Makefile from given list of rules (job).</i> |
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## Description

In the (GNU) make jargon, *rule* is a sequence of commands to build a result. In this package, rule should be understood similarly: It is a command or a sequence of command that optionally produces some files and depends on some other files (such as data files, scripts) or other rules. Moreover, a rule contain a command for cleanup, i.e. for removal of generated files.

## Usage

```
makefile(
  job = list(),
  fileName = NULL,
  makeScript = "Makefile.R",
  vars = NULL,
  all = TRUE,
  tasks = TRUE,
  clean = TRUE,
  makefile = TRUE,
  depends = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| job        | A list of rules (i.e. of instances of the S3 class <code>rmake.rule</code> - see <a href="#">rule()</a> )                                                                                                                                                                   |
| fileName   | A file to write to. If <code>NULL</code> , the result is returned as a character vector instead of writing to a file.                                                                                                                                                       |
| makeScript | A name of the file that calls this function (in order to generate the makefile rule)                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| vars       | A named character vector of shell variables that will be declared in the resulting Makefile (additionally to <code>[defaultVars]</code> )                                                                                                                                   |
| all        | TRUE if the <code>all</code> rule should be automatically created and added: created <code>all</code> rule has dependencies to all the other rules, which causes that everything is built if <code>make all</code> is executed in shell's command line.                     |
| tasks      | TRUE if "task" rules should be automatically created and added – see <a href="#">rule()</a> for more details.                                                                                                                                                               |
| clean      | TRUE if the <code>clean</code> rule should be automatically created and added                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| makefile   | TRUE if the Makefile rule should be automatically created and added: this rule causes that any change in the R script - that generates the Makefile (i.e. that calls <a href="#">makefile()</a> ) - issues the re-generation of the Makefile in the beginning of any build. |
| depends    | a character vector of file names that the makefile generating script depends on                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Details

The `makefile()` function takes a list of rules (see `rule()`) and generates a Makefile from them. Additionally, `all` and `clean` rules are optionally generated too, which can be executed from shell by issuing `make all` or `make clean` command, respectively, in order to build everything or erase all generated files.

If there is a need to group some rules into a group, it can be done either via dependencies or by using the task mechanism. Each rule may get assigned one or more tasks (see `task` in `rule()`). Each task is then created as a standalone rule depending on assigned rules. That way, executing `make task_name` will build all rules with assigned task `task_name`. By default, all rules are assigned to task `all`, which allows `make all` to build everything.

## Value

If `fileName` is `NULL`, the function returns a character vector with the contents of the Makefile. Instead, the content is written to the given `fileName`.

## Author(s)

Michal Burda

## See Also

`rule()`, `rmakeSkeleton()`

## Examples

```
# create some jobs
job <- list(
  rRule('dataset.rds', 'preprocess.R', 'dataset.csv'),
  markdownRule('report.pdf', 'report.Rmd', 'dataset.rds'),
  markdownRule('details.pdf', 'details.Rmd', 'dataset.rds'))

# generate Makefile (output as a character vector)
makefile(job)

# generate to file
tmp <- tempdir()
makefile(job, file.path(tmp, "Makefile"))
```

## Description

This rule is for execution of Markdown rendering in order to create text file of various supported formats such as (PDF, DOCX, etc.).

**Usage**

```
markdownRule(target, script, depends = NULL, params = list(), task = "all")
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| target  | Name of the output file to be created                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| script  | Name of the markdown file to be rendered                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| depends | A vector of file names that the markdown script depends on, or NULL.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| params  | A list of R values that become available within the script in a params variable.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| task    | A character vector of parent task names. The mechanism of tasks allows to group rules. Anything different from 'all' will cause creation of a new task depending on the given rule. Executing <code>make taskname</code> will then force building of this rule. |

**Details**

This rule executes the following command in a separate R process: `params <- params; rmarkdown::render(script, output, params)`

That is, parameters given in the `params` argument are stored into the global variable and then the script is rendered with `rmarkdown`. That is, the re-generation of the Makefile with any change to `params` will not cause the re-execution of the recipe unless any other script dependencies change.

Issuing `make clean` from the shell causes removal of all files specified in `target` parameter.

**Value**

Instance of S3 class `rmake.rule`

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

[rule\(\)](#), [makefile\(\)](#), [rRule\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
r <- markdownRule(target='report.pdf',
                  script='report.Rmd',
                  depends=c('data1.csv', 'data2.csv'))

# generate the content of a makefile (as character vector)
makefile(list(r))

# generate to file
tmp <- tempdir()
makefile(list(r), file.path(tmp, "Makefile"))
```

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|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| offlineRule | <i>Rule for requesting manual user action</i> |
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### Description

Instead of building the target, this rule simply issues the given error message. This rule is useful for cases, where the target `target` depends on `depends`, but has to be updated by some manual process. So if `target` is older than any of its dependencies, `make` will throw an error until the user manually updates the target.

### Usage

```
offlineRule(target, message, depends = NULL, task = "all")
```

### Arguments

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>target</code>  | A character vector of target file names of the manual (offline) build command                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>message</code> | An error message to be issued if targets are older than dependencies from <code>depends</code>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>depends</code> | A character vector of file names the targets depend on                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>task</code>    | A character vector of parent task names. The mechanism of tasks allows to group rules. Anything different from 'all' will cause creation of a new task depending on the given rule. Executing <code>make taskname</code> will then force building of this rule. |

### Value

Instance of S3 class `rmake.rule`

### Author(s)

Michal Burda

### See Also

[rule\(\)](#), [makefile\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
r <- offlineRule(target='offlinedata.csv',
                 message='Please re-generate manually offlinedata.csv',
                 depends=c('source1.csv', 'source2.csv'))

# generate the content of a makefile (as character vector)
makefile(list(r))

# generate to file
tmp <- tempdir()
makefile(list(r), file.path(tmp, "Makefile"))
```

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|               |                                                              |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| prerequisites | <i>Return given set of properties of all rules in a list</i> |
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### Description

`targets()` returns a character vector of all unique values of target properties, `prerequisites()` returns depends and script properties, and `tasks()` returns task properties of the given [rule\(\)](#) or list of rules.

### Usage

```
prerequisites(x)

targets(x)

tasks(x)

terminals(x)
```

### Arguments

`x`                      An instance of the `rmake.rule` class or a list of such instances

### Details

`terminals()` returns only such targets that are not prerequisites to any other rule.

### Value

A character vector of unique values of the selected property obtained from all rules in `x`

### Author(s)

Michal Burda

### See Also

[rule\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
job <- 'data.csv' %>>%
  rRule('process.R', task='basic') %>>%
  'data.rds' %>>%
  markdownRule('report.Rnw', task='basic') %>>%
  'report.pdf'

prerequisites(job)    # returns c('process.R', 'data.csv', 'report.Rnw', 'data.rds')
targets(job)        # returns c('data.rds', 'report.pdf')
```



```
tasks(job)          # returns 'basic'
```

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|               |                                                                            |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| replaceSuffix | <i>Replace suffix of the given file name with a new extension (suffix)</i> |
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## Description

This helper function takes a file name `fileName`, removes an extension (a suffix) from it and adds a new extension `newSuffix`.

## Usage

```
replaceSuffix(fileName, newSuffix)
```

## Arguments

|                        |                                                                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>fileName</code>  | A character vector with original filenames                                    |
| <code>newSuffix</code> | A new extension to replace old extensions in file names <code>fileName</code> |

## Value

A character vector with new file names with old extensions replaced with `newSuffix`

## Author(s)

Michal Burda

## Examples

```
replaceSuffix('filename.Rmd', '.pdf')          # 'filename.pdf'
replaceSuffix(c('a.x', 'b.y', 'c.z'), '.csv') # 'a.csv', 'b.csv', 'c.csv'
```

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|                  |                                                      |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| replaceVariables | <i>Replace rmake variables in a character vector</i> |
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## Description

This function searches for all rmake variables in given vector `x` and replaces them with their values that are defined in the `vars` argument. The rmake variable is identified by the `$(VARIABLE_NAME)` string.

## Usage

```
replaceVariables(x, vars)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                                                                                           |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x    | A character vector where to replace the rmake variables                                                   |
| vars | A named character vector with variable definitions (names are variable names, values are variable values) |

**Value**

A character vector with rmake variables replaced with their values

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

[expandTemplate\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
vars <- c(SIZE='small', METHOD='abc')
replaceVariables('result-${SIZE}-${METHOD}.csv', vars) # returns 'result-small-abc.csv'
```

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rmakeSkeleton

*Prepare existing project for building with rmake.*

---

**Description**

This function creates a Makefile.R with an empty *rmake* project and generates a basic Makefile from it.

**Usage**

```
rmakeSkeleton(path)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                                                                        |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| path | Path to the target directory where to create files. Use "." for the current directory. |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

[makefile\(\)](#), [rule\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# creates/overrides Makefile.R and Makefile in a temporary directory
rmakeSkeleton(path=tempdir())
```

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rRule

*Rule for running R scripts*


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## Description

This rule is for execution of R scripts in order to create various file outputs.

## Usage

```
rRule(
  target,
  script,
  depends = NULL,
  params = list(),
  task = "all",
  preBuild = NULL,
  postBuild = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| target    | Name of output files to be created                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| script    | Name of the R script to be executed                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| depends   | A vector of file names that the R script depends on, or NULL.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| params    | A list of R values that become available within the script in a params variable.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| task      | A character vector of parent task names. The mechanism of tasks allows to group rules. Anything different from 'all' will cause creation of a new task depending on the given rule. Executing <code>make taskname</code> will then force building of this rule. |
| preBuild  | a character vector of shell commands to be executed before building the target                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| postBuild | a character vector of shell commands to be executed after building the target                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Details

In detail, this rule executes the following command in a separate R process: `params <- params; source(script)`

That is, parameters given in the `params` argument are stored into the global variable and then the script is sourced. That is, the re-generation of the Makefile with any change to `params` will not cause the re-execution of the recipe unless any other script dependencies change.

Issuing `make clean` from the shell causes removal of all files specified in `target` parameter.

**Value**

Instance of S3 class `rmake.rule`

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

`rule()`, `makefile()`, `markdownRule()`

**Examples**

```
r <- rRule(target='cleandata.csv',
          script='clean.R',
          depends=c('data1.csv', 'data2.csv'))

# generate the content of a makefile (as character vector)
makefile(list(r))

# generate to file
tmp <- tempdir()
makefile(list(r), file.path(tmp, "Makefile"))
```

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rule

*General creator of an instance of the S3 `rmake.rule` class*

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**Description**

Rule is an atomic element of the build process. It defines a set of target file names, which are to be built with a given build command from a given set depends of files that targets depend on, and which can be removed by a given clean command.

**Usage**

```
rule(
  target,
  depends = NULL,
  build = NULL,
  clean = NULL,
  task = "all",
  phony = FALSE,
  type = ""
)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| target  | A character vector of target file names that are created by the given build command                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| depends | A character vector of file names the build command depends on                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| build   | A shell command that runs the build of the given target                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| clean   | A shell command that erases all files produced by the build command                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| task    | A character vector of parent task names. The mechanism of tasks allows to group rules. Anything different from 'all' will cause creation of a new task depending on the given rule. Executing <code>make taskname</code> will then force building of this rule.                                                     |
| phony   | Whether the rule has a PHONY (i.e. non-file) target. A rule should be marked with phony if the target is not a file name that would be generated by the build commands. E.g. <code>all</code> or <code>clean</code> are phony targets. Also all targets representing tasks (see <code>task</code> above) are phony. |
| type    | A string representing a type of a rule used e.g. while printing a rule in easily readable format. For instance, <code>rRule()</code> uses R, <code>markdownRule()</code> uses markdown etc.                                                                                                                         |

**Details**

If there is a need to group some rules together, one can assign them the same task identifier in the task argument. Each rule may get assigned one or more tasks. Tasks may be then built by executing `make task_name` on the command line, which forces to rebuild all rules assigned to the task 'task\_name'. By default, all rules are assigned to task `all`, which causes `make all` command to build everything.

**Value**

Instance of S3 class `rmake.rule`

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

[makefile\(\)](#), [inShell\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
r <- rule(target='something.abc',
          depends=c('file.a', 'file.b', 'file.c'),
          build='myCompiler file.a file.b file.c -o something.abc',
          clean='$(RM) something.abc')

# generate the content of a makefile (as character vector)
makefile(list(r))
```

```
# generate to file
tmp <- tempdir()
makefile(list(r), file.path(tmp, "Makefile"))
```

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|              |                                                              |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| sanitizePath | <i>Sanitize a file path for the current operating system</i> |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|

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### Description

This function replaces forward slashes with backslashes on Windows systems, and leaves the path unchanged on Unix-like systems.

### Usage

```
sanitizePath(path)
```

### Arguments

|      |                                                                |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| path | A character string representing the file path to be sanitized. |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------|

### Value

A sanitized file path suitable for the current operating system.

### Author(s)

Michal Burda

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|                |                                                                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sanitizeSpaces | <i>Escape spaces in a string as needed in file names used in Makefile files</i> |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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### Description

Escape spaces in a string as needed in file names used in Makefile files

### Usage

```
sanitizeSpaces(x)
```

### Arguments

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| x | A character vector to be sanitized |
|---|------------------------------------|

### Value

A character vector with spaces replaced by \

### Author(s)

Michal Burda

subdirRule

*Rule for running the make process on a subdirectory***Description**

The subdirectory in the target argument is assumed to contain its own Makefile. This rule causes the execution of make <targetTask> in this subdirectory (where <targetTask> is the value of the targetTask argument).

**Usage**

```
subdirRule(target, depends = NULL, task = "all", targetTask = "all")
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| target     | Name of the subdirectory                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| depends    | Must be NULL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| task       | A character vector of parent task names. The mechanism of tasks allows to group rules. Anything different from 'all' will cause creation of a new task depending on the given rule. Executing make taskname will then force building of this rule. |
| targetTask | What task to execute in the subdirectory.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

**Value**

An instance of S2 class `rmake.rule`

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

[rule\(\)](#), [makefile\(\)](#)

visualizeRules

*Visualize dependencies defined by a rule or a list of rules***Description**

Visualize dependencies defined by a rule or a list of rules

**Usage**

```
visualizeRules(x, legend = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |                                                                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>      | An instance of the S3 <code>rmake.rule</code> class or a list of such objects |
| <code>legend</code> | Whether to draw a legend                                                      |

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

[makefile\(\)](#), [rule\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
job <- c('data1.csv', 'data2.csv') %>>%
  rRule('process.R') %>>%
  'data.rds' %>>%
  markdownRule('report.Rmd') %>>%
  'report.pdf'

## Not run:
visualizeRules(job)

## End(Not run)
```

---

%>>%

*A pipe operator for rmake rules*

---

**Description**

This pipe operator simplifies the definition of multiple `rmake` rules that constitute a chain, that is, if a first rule depends on the results of a second rule, which depends on the results of a third rule and so on.

**Usage**

```
lhs %>>% rhs
```

**Arguments**

|                  |                                                                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>lhs</code> | A dependency file name or a call to a function that creates a <code>rmake.rule</code> . |
| <code>rhs</code> | A target file or a call to a function that creates a <code>rmake.rule</code> .          |



## Details

The format of proper usage is as follows: `'inFile' %>>% rule() %>>% 'outFile'`, which is equivalent to the call `rule(depends='inFile', target='outFile')`. `rule` must be a function that accepts the named parameters `depends` and `target` and creates the `rmake.rule` object (see [rule\(\)](#), [rRule\(\)](#), [markdownRule\(\)](#) etc.). `inFile` and `outFile` are file names.

Multiple rules may be pipe-lined as follows: `'inFile' %>>% rRule('script1.R') %>>% 'medFile' %>>% rRule('script2.R') %>>% 'outFile'`, which is equivalent to a job of two rules created with: `rRule(script='script1.R', depends='inFile', target='medFile')` and `rRule(script='script2.R', depends='medFile', target='outFile')`.

## Value

A list of instances of the `rmake.rule` class.

## Author(s)

Michal Burda (%>>% operator is derived from the code of the `magrittr` package by Stefan Milton Bache and Hadley Wickham)

## See Also

[rule\(\)](#), [makefile\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
job1 <- 'data.csv' %>>%
  rRule('preprocess.R') %>>%
  'data.rds' %>>%
  markdownRule('report.rnw') %>>%
  'report.pdf'
```

# is equivalent to

```
job2 <- list(rRule(target='data.rds', script='preprocess.R', depends='data.csv'),
  markdownRule(target='report.pdf', script='report.rnw', depends='data.rds'))
```

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