

Package ‘RXKCD’

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Title Get XKCD Comic from R

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Description Visualize your favorite XKCD comic strip directly from R. XKCD <<https://xkcd.com>> web comic content is provided under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 2.5 License.

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`getXKCD`*Display your favorite XKCD comic in R*

Description

This function fetches a XKCD comic strip (randomly or by number) and displays it on screen.

Usage

```
getXKCD(which = "current", display = TRUE, html = FALSE, saveImg = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>which</code>	string: either "current" or "random"; or a number indicating the specific strip.
<code>display</code>	logical; TRUE (default) if you like to display the strip on the screen.
<code>html</code>	logical; TRUE if you like to open the XKCD web page for the selected comic in your browser: if TRUE it sets <code>display</code> and <code>saveImg</code> arguments to FALSE. Default FALSE.
<code>saveImg</code>	logical; TRUE if you want to save image in the current directory. Default FALSE.

Details

Old R versions may have problems accessing HTTPS URLs such as those used on the XKCD website. In case the default method of `download.file` fails, alternatives will be tried. For the best chance to succeed, ensure that the command line tools "wget" and "curl" as well as the "RCurl" package are installed.

Value

a list containing the following fields:

- `img` URL of the XKCD comic strip image (png)
- `title` Title of the XKCD comic strip
- `month`
- `num` Number of the XKCD comic strip
- `link`
- `year` Year of publication
- `safe_title`
- `transcript`
- `alt`
- `day`
- `news`

References

<https://xkcd.com/license.html>

Examples

```
library("RXKCD")
significant <- getXKCD(882, display=FALSE)
```

saveConfig	<i>Save XKCD database info into a file in the user directory</i>
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Description

This function saves the xkcd database as a file in the user's home directory.

Usage

```
saveConfig()
```

References

<https://xkcd.com/license.html>

searchXKCD	<i>Search your favorite XKCD comic strip by title/transcript</i>
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Description

This function uses grep to inspect the title and transcript for all the occurrences of a specified string and returns a data.frame with both the number and the title of the XKCD comic strips.

Usage

```
searchXKCD(which = "significant")
```

Arguments

which string.

Value

a data.frame containing the following fields:

- num The num of the XKCD comic strip
- title The title of the XKCD comic strip

References

<https://xkcd.com/license.html>

Examples

```
## Not run:  
library("RXKCD")  
searchXKCD(which="significant")  
searchXKCD(which="someone is wrong")  
## End(Not run)
```

updateConfig

Update the XKCD database saved in the user directory

Description

This function updates the local version of the XKCD database used by searchXKCD.

Usage

```
updateConfig()
```

References

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