

Package ‘SSEparser’

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Title Parse Server-Sent Events

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parse_sse

Parse Server-Sent Events

Description

This functions converts Server-Sent Events to a R list. This a wrapper function for the lower level [SSEparser](#) R6 class. A single string can contain multiple SSEs.

Usage

```
parse_sse(event)
```

Arguments

event A length 1 string containing a server sent event as specified in the [HTML spec](#).

Value

An R list on which each element is an event

Examples

```
event <- "data: test\nevent: message\nid: 123\n\n"
parse_sse(event)

with_comment <- "data: test\n: comment\nevent: example\n\n"
parse_sse(with_comment)
```

SSEparser*Parse a Server Sent Event*

Description

This class can help you parse a single server sent event or a stream of them. You can inherit the class for a custom application. The [parse_sse\(\)](#) function wraps this class for a more *functional* approach.

Details

The [HTML specification](#) tells us that event streams are composed by chunks (also called *blocks*, or *messages*) and lines. A single new line character (`\n`) states the end of a line, and two consecutive new line characters (`\n\n`) state the end of a chunk.

This means that, in practice, an event can be composed of one or more chunks, and a chunk can be composed of one or more lines.

```
data: This is the first chunk, it has one line
```

```
data: This is the second chunk
extra: It has two lines
```

```
data: This is the third chunk, it has an id field. This is common.
id: 123
```

```
: Lines that start with a colon are comments, they will be ignored
data: This is the fourth chunk, it has a comment
```

```
data: This is the fifth chunk. Normally you will receive a data field
custom: But the server can send custom field names. SSEparser parses them too.
```

Typically, an event stream will send a single chunk for event, but it is important to understand that event != chunk because `SSEparser$events` will be a list of all the chunks received as it makes a more consistent output.

Value

An object with R6 class `SSEparser`

Public fields

`events` List that contains all the events parsed. When the class is initialized, is just an empty list.

Methods

Public methods:

- `SSEparser$append_parsed_sse()`
- `SSEparser$parse_sse()`
- `SSEparser$new()`
- `SSEparser$clone()`

Method `append_parsed_sse()`: Takes a parsed event and appends it to the `events` field. You can overwrite this method if you decide to extend this class.

Usage:

```
SSEparser$append_parsed_sse(parsed_event)
```

Arguments:

`parsed_event` Event to append to the `events` field.

Method `parse_sse()`: Takes a string that comes from a server sent event and parses it to an R list. You should never overwrite this method.

Usage:

```
SSEparser$parse_sse(event)
```

Arguments:

event A length 1 string containing a server sent event as specified in the [HTML spec](#).

Method `new()`: Create a new SSE parser

Usage:

```
SSEparser$new()
```

Method `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
SSEparser$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
example_event <-  
"data: This is the first chunk, it has one line  
  
data: This is the second chunk  
extra: It has two lines  
  
data: This is the third chunk, it has an id field. This is common.  
id: 123  
  
: Lines that start with a colon are comments, they will be ignored  
data: This is the fourth chunk, it has a comment  
  
data: This is the fifth chunk. Normally you will receive a data field  
custom: But the server can send custom field names. SSEparser parses them too."  
  
parser <- SSEparser$new()  
parser$parse_sse(example_event)  
  
str(parser$events)
```

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