

Package ‘cld3’

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Type Package

Title Google's Compact Language Detector 3

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Description Google's Compact Language Detector 3 is a neural network model for language identification and the successor of 'cld2' (available from CRAN). The algorithm is still experimental and takes a novel approach to language detection with different properties and outcomes. It can be useful to combine this with the Bayesian classifier results from 'cld2'. See <<https://github.com/google/cld3#readme>> for more information.

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URL <https://docs.ropensci.org/cld3/>
<https://ropensci.r-universe.dev/cld3>

BugReports <https://github.com/ropensci/cld3/issues>

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Description

The function `detect_language()` is vectorised and guesses the the language of each string in text or returns NA if the language could not reliably be determined. The function `detect_language_multi()` is not vectorised and detects all languages inside the entire character vector as a whole.

Usage

```
detect_language(text)
```

```
detect_language_mixed(text, size = 3)
```

Arguments

<code>text</code>	a string with text to classify or a connection to read from
<code>size</code>	number of languages to detect

Examples

```
# Vectorized best guess
text <- c("To be or not to be?", "Ce n'est pas grave.",
         "Hij heeft de klok horen luiden maar weet niet waar de klepel hangt.")
detect_language(text)

# Multiple languages in one text (doesn't seem to work well)
detect_language_mixed(text)
```

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