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piggyback-package      *piggyback: Managing Larger Data on a GitHub Repository*

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**See Also**

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/ropensci/piggyback>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/ropensci/piggyback/issues>

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pb\_delete

*Delete an asset attached to a release*

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**Description**

Delete an asset attached to a release

**Usage**

```
pb_delete(  
  file = NULL,  
  repo = guess_repo(),  
  tag = "latest",  
  .token = gh::gh_token()  
)
```

**Arguments**

file	file(s) to be deleted from the release. If NULL (default when argument is omitted), function will delete all attachments to the release. delete
repo	Repository name in format "owner/repo". Defaults to guess_repo().
tag	tag for the GitHub release to which this data should be attached.
.token	GitHub authentication token, see [gh::gh_token()]

**Value**

TRUE (invisibly) if a file is found and deleted. Otherwise, returns NULL (invisibly) if no file matching the name was found.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
readr::write_tsv(mtcars, "mtcars.tsv.gz")  
## Upload  
pb_upload("mtcars.tsv.gz",  
          repo = "cboettig/piggyback-tests",  
          overwrite = TRUE)  
pb_delete("mtcars.tsv.gz",  
          repo = "cboettig/piggyback-tests",  
          tag = "v0.0.1")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

pb\_download

*Download data from an existing release***Description**

Download data from an existing release

**Usage**

```
pb_download(
  file = NULL,
  dest = ".",
  repo = guess_repo(),
  tag = "latest",
  overwrite = TRUE,
  ignore = "manifest.json",
  use_timestamps = TRUE,
  show_progress = getOption("piggyback.verbose", default = interactive()),
  .token = gh::gh_token()
)
```

**Arguments**

file	name or vector of names of files to be downloaded. If NULL, all assets attached to the release will be downloaded.
dest	name of vector of names of where file should be downloaded. Can be a directory or a list of filenames the same length as file vector. Any directories in the path provided must already exist.
repo	Repository name in format "owner/repo". Defaults to guess_repo().
tag	tag for the GitHub release to which this data should be attached.
overwrite	Should any local files of the same name be overwritten? default TRUE.
ignore	a list of files to ignore (if downloading "all" because file=NULL).
use_timestamps	DEPRECATED.
show_progress	logical, show a progress bar be shown for uploading? Defaults to [interactive()] - can also set globally with options("piggyback.verbose")
.token	GitHub authentication token, see [gh::gh_token()]

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Download a specific file.
## (dest can be omitted when run inside and R project)
piggyback::pb_download("iris.tsv.gz",
  repo = "cboettig/piggyback-tests",
  dest = tempdir())
```

```
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
## Download all files
piggyback::pb_download(repo = "cboettig/piggyback-tests",
                       dest = tempdir())

## End(Not run)
```

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pb\_download\_url      *Get the download url of a given file*

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## Description

Returns the URL download for a public file. This can be useful when writing scripts that may want to download the file directly without introducing any dependency on piggyback or authentication steps.

## Usage

```
pb_download_url(
  file = NULL,
  repo = guess_repo(),
  tag = "latest",
  .token = gh::gh_token()
)
```

## Arguments

file	name or vector of names of files to be downloaded. If NULL, all assets attached to the release will be downloaded.
repo	Repository name in format "owner/repo". Defaults to guess_repo().
tag	tag for the GitHub release to which this data should be attached.
.token	GitHub authentication token, see [gh::gh_token()]

## Value

the URL to download a file

## Examples

```
## Not run:

pb_download_url("iris.tsv.xz",
                repo = "cboettig/piggyback-tests",
                tag = "v0.0.1")
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

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pb\_list

*List all assets attached to a release*

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### Description

List all assets attached to a release

### Usage

```
pb_list(repo = guess_repo(), tag = NULL, .token = gh::gh_token())
```

### Arguments

repo	Repository name in format "owner/repo". Defaults to guess_repo().
tag	which release tag(s) do we want information for? If NULL (default), will return a table for all available release tags.
.token	GitHub authentication token, see [gh::gh_token()]

### Value

a data.frame of release asset names, release tag, timestamp, owner, and repo.

### See Also

pb\_releases for a list of all releases in repository

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
pb_list("cboettig/piggyback-tests")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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pb_releases	<i>List releases in repository</i>
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### Description

This function retrieves information about all releases attached to a given repository.

### Usage

```
pb_releases(  
  repo = guess_repo(),  
  .token = gh::gh_token(),  
  verbose = getOption("piggyback.verbose", default = TRUE)  
)
```

### Arguments

repo	GitHub repository specification in the form of "owner/repo", if not specified will try to guess repo based on current working directory.
.token	a GitHub API token, defaults to gh::gh_token()
verbose	defaults to TRUE, use FALSE to silence messages

### Value

a dataframe of all releases available within a repository.

### Examples

```
try({ # wrapped in try block to prevent CRAN errors  
  pb_releases("nflverse/nflverse-data")  
})
```

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pb_release_create	<i>Create a new release on GitHub repo</i>
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### Description

Create a new release on GitHub repo

**Usage**

```
pb_release_create(
  repo = guess_repo(),
  tag,
  commit = NULL,
  name = tag,
  body = "Data release",
  draft = FALSE,
  prerelease = FALSE,
  .token = gh::gh_token()
)
```

**Arguments**

repo	Repository name in format "owner/repo". Will guess the current repo if not specified.
tag	tag to create for this release
commit	Specifies the commit-ish value that determines where the Git tag is created from. Can be any branch or full commit SHA (not the short hash). Unused if the git tag already exists. Default: the repository's default branch (usually master).
name	The name of the release. Defaults to tag.
body	Text describing the contents of the tag. default text is "Data release".
draft	default FALSE. Set to TRUE to create a draft (unpublished) release.
prerelease	default FALSE. Set to TRUE to identify the release as a pre-release.
.token	GitHub authentication token, see [gh::gh_token()]

**See Also**

Other release\_management: [pb\\_release\\_delete\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
pb_release_create("cboettig/piggyback-tests", "v0.0.5")

## End(Not run)
```

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pb_release_delete	<i>Create a new release on GitHub repo</i>
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**Description**

Create a new release on GitHub repo



**Usage**

```
pb_release_delete(repo = guess_repo(), tag, .token = gh::gh_token())
```

**Arguments**

repo           Repository name in format "owner/repo". Defaults to guess\_repo().

tag            tag name to delete. Must be one of those found in pb\_releases()\$tag\_name.

.token         GitHub authentication token, see [gh::gh\_token()]

**See Also**

Other release\_management: [pb\\_release\\_create\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
pb_release_delete("cboettig/piggyback-tests", "v0.0.5")

## End(Not run)
```

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pb\_upload

*Upload data to an existing release*

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**Description**

NOTE: you must first create a release if one does not already exists.

**Usage**

```
pb_upload(
  file,
  repo = guess_repo(),
  tag = "latest",
  name = NULL,
  overwrite = "use_timestamps",
  use_timestamps = NULL,
  show_progress = getOption("piggyback.verbose", default = interactive()),
  .token = gh::gh_token(),
  dir = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

file	path to file to be uploaded
repo	Repository name in format "owner/repo". Defaults to guess_repo().
tag	tag for the GitHub release to which this data should be attached.
name	name for uploaded file. If not provided will use the basename of file (i.e. filename without directory)
overwrite	overwrite any existing file with the same name already attached to the on release? Default behavior is based on timestamps, only overwriting those files which are older.
use_timestamps	DEPRECATED.
show_progress	logical, show a progress bar be shown for uploading? Defaults to [interactive()] - can also set globally with options("piggyback.verbose")
.token	GitHub authentication token, see [gh: :gh_token()]
dir	directory relative to which file names should be based, defaults to NULL for current working directory.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Needs your real token to run  
  
readr::write_tsv(mtcars, "mtcars.tsv.xz")  
pb_upload("mtcars.tsv.xz", "cboettig/piggyback-tests")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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