

# Package ‘virustotal’

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virustotal-package	<i>virustotal: Access Virustotal API</i>
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### Description

Access virustotal API. See <https://www.virustotal.com/>. Details about results of calls to the API can be found at <https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>.

You will need credentials to use this application. If you haven't already, get the API Key at <https://www.virustotal.com/>.

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add_comments	<i>Add comments on Files and URLs</i>
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### Description

Add comments on files and URLs. For instance, flagging false positives, adding details about malware, instructions for cleaning malware, etc.

### Usage

```
add_comments(hash = NULL, comment = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

hash	hash for the resource you want to comment on; Required; String
comment	review; Required; String
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal2_POST</a> .

### Value

data.frame with 2 columns: response\_code, verbose\_msg

- If the hash is incorrect or a duplicate comment is posted, response\_code will be 0
- If the hash is incorrect, verbose\_msg will be 'Invalid resource'
- If a duplicate comment is posted, verbose\_msg will be 'Duplicate comment'
- If a comment is posted successfully, response\_code will be 1 and verbose\_msg will be 'Your comment was successfully posted'

### References

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

### See Also

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')  
  
add_comments(hash='99017f6eebbac24f351415dd410d522d', comment="This is great.")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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domain\_report

*Get Domain Report*

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### Description

Retrieves report on a given domain, including passive DNS, urls detected by at least one url scanner. Gives category of the domain from bitdefender.

### Usage

```
domain_report(domain = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

domain            domain name. String. Required.  
 ...                Additional arguments passed to [virustotal2\\_GET](#).

**Value**

named list with the following possible items: `BitDefender category`, undetected\_referrer\_samples, whois\_timesta  
 domain info`, `Alexa category`, undetected\_downloaded\_samples, resolutions, detected\_communicating\_sampl  
 domain info`, `TrendMicro category`, categories, domain\_siblings, `BitDefender domain  
 info`, whois, `Alexa domain info`, response\_code, verbose\_msg, `Websense ThreatSeeker category`, subdomains  
 domain info`, detected\_urls, `Alexa rank`, undetected\_communicating\_samples, `Dr.Web category`, pcaps

**References**

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

**See Also**

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')

domain_report("http://www.google.com")
domain_report("http://www.goodsfwrfw.com") # Domain not found

## End(Not run)
```

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file\_report

*Get File Scan Report*

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**Description**

Get File Scan Report

**Usage**

```
file_report(hash = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

hash                Hash for the scan  
 ...                Additional arguments passed to [virustotal\\_GET](#).

**Value**

data.frame with 16 columns: service, detected, version, update, result, scan\_id, sha1, resource, response\_code, s

**References**

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

**See Also**

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
  
# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')  
file_report(hash='99017f6eebbac24f351415dd410d522d')  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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get\_domain\_comments     *Retrieve comments for an Internet domain*

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**Description**

Retrieve comments for an Internet domain

**Usage**

```
get_domain_comments(domain = NULL, limit = limit, cursor = cursor, ...)
```

**Arguments**

domain	domain name. String. Required.
limit	Number of entries. Integer. Optional. Default is 10.
cursor	String. Optional.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal_GET</a> .

**Value**

named list with the following possible items: `BitDefender category`, undetected\_referrer\_samples, whois\_timesta  
domain info`, `Alexa category`, undetected\_downloaded\_samples, resolutions, detected\_communicating\_sampl  
domain info`, `TrendMicro category`, categories, domain\_siblings, `BitDefender domain  
info`, whois, `Alexa domain info`, response\_code, verbose\_msg, `Websense ThreatSeeker category`, subdomains  
domain info`, detected\_urls, `Alexa rank`, undetected\_communicating\_samples, `Dr.Web category`, pcaps

## References

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

## See Also

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

## Examples

```
## Not run:

# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')

get_domain_comments("http://www.google.com")
get_domain_comments("http://www.goodsfwrfw.com") # Domain not found

## End(Not run)
```

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get_domain_info	<i>Retrieve information about an Internet domain</i>
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## Description

Retrieve information about an Internet domain

## Usage

```
get_domain_info(domain = NULL, limit = NULL, cursor = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

domain	domain name. String. Required.
limit	Number of entries. Integer. Optional. Default is 10.
cursor	String. Optional.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal_GET</a> .

## Value

named list

## References

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

## See Also

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

## Examples

```
## Not run:

# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')

get_domain_info("http://www.google.com")
get_domain_info("http://www.goodsfwrfw.com") # Domain not found

## End(Not run)
```

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get\_domain\_relationship

*Retrieve related objects to an Internet domain*

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## Description

Retrieve related objects to an Internet domain

## Usage

```
get_domain_relationship(  
  domain = NULL,  
  relationship = "subdomains",  
  limit = NULL,  
  cursor = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

## Arguments

domain	domain name. String. Required.
relationship	relationship name. String. Required. Default is subdomains. For all the options see <a href="https://developers.virustotal.com/v3.0/reference#domains-relationships">https://developers.virustotal.com/v3.0/reference#domains-relationships</a>
limit	Number of entries. Integer. Optional. Default is 10.
cursor	String. Optional.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal_GET</a> .

## Value

named list

## References

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

**See Also**

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')

get_domain_relationship("https://www.google.com")
get_domain_relationship("https://www.goodsfwrfw.com") # Domain not found

## End(Not run)
```

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get_domain_votes	<i>Retrieve votes for an Internet domain</i>
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**Description**

Retrieve votes for an Internet domain

**Usage**

```
get_domain_votes(domain = NULL, limit = NULL, cursor = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

domain	domain name. String. Required.
limit	Number of entries. Integer. Optional. Default is 10.
cursor	String. Optional.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal_GET</a> .

**Value**

named list

**References**

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

**See Also**

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key



**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')

get_domain_votes("http://www.google.com")
get_domain_votes("http://www.goodsfwrfw.com") # Domain not found

## End(Not run)
```

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get_ip_comments	<i>Retrieve comments for an IP address</i>
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**Description**

Retrieve comments for an IP address

**Usage**

```
get_ip_comments(ip = NULL, limit = NULL, cursor = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

ip	IP Address. String. Required.
limit	Number of entries. Integer. Optional. Default is 10.
cursor	String. Optional.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal_GET</a> .

**Value**

named list

**References**

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

**See Also**

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')

get_ip_comments("64.233.160.0")

## End(Not run)
```

---

`get_ip_info`*Retrieve information about an IP address*

---

**Description**

Retrieves report on a given domain, including passive DNS, urls detected by at least one url scanner. Gives category of the domain from bitdefender.

**Usage**

```
get_ip_info(ip = NULL, limit = NULL, cursor = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>ip</code>	IP address. String. Required.
<code>limit</code>	Number of entries. Integer. Optional. Default is 10.
<code>cursor</code>	String. Optional.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>virustotal_GET</code> .

**Value**

named list

**References**

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

**See Also**

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
  
# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')  
  
get_ip_info("64.233.160.0")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

get_ip_votes	<i>Retrieve votes for an IP address</i>
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### Description

Retrieve votes for an IP address

### Usage

```
get_ip_votes(ip = NULL, limit = NULL, cursor = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

ip	IP address. String. Required.
limit	Number of entries. Integer. Optional. Default is 10.
cursor	String. Optional.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal_GET</a> .

### Value

named list

### References

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

### See Also

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')  
  
get_ip_votes("64.233.160.0")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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`ip_report`*Get IP Report*

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### Description

Get passive DNS data and URLs detected by URL scanners

### Usage

```
ip_report(ip = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>ip</code>	a valid IPv4 address in dotted quad notation; String; Required
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal2_GET</a> .

### Value

named list with the following potential items: `undetected_referrer_samples`, `detected_downloaded_samples`, `detected`

### References

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

### See Also

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')  
ip_report(ip="8.8.8.8")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

post\_domain\_comments *Add a comment to an Internet domain*

---

## Description

Add a comment to an Internet domain

## Usage

```
post_domain_comments(domain = NULL, comment = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

domain	domain name. String. Required.
comment	vote. String. Required. Any word starting with # in your comment's text will be considered a tag, and added to the comment's tag attribute.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal_POST</a> .

## Value

named list

## References

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

## See Also

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')  
  
post_domain_comments(domain = "https://google.com", comment = "Great!")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

post\_domain\_votes      *Add a vote for a hostname or domain*

---

### Description

Add a vote for a hostname or domain

### Usage

```
post_domain_votes(domain = NULL, vote = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

domain	domain name. String. Required.
vote	vote. String. Required.
...	Additional arguments passed to <code>virustotal_POST</code> .

### Value

named list

### References

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

### See Also

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')  
  
post_domain_votes("http://google.com", vote = "malicious")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

post_ip_comments	<i>Add a comment to an IP address</i>
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---

### Description

Add a comment to an IP address

### Usage

```
post_ip_comments(ip = NULL, comment = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

ip	IP address. String. Required.
comment	Comment. String. Required.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal_POST</a> .

### Value

named list

### References

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

### See Also

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')  
post_ip_comments(ip = "64.233.160.0", comment = "test")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

post_ip_votes	<i>Add a vote for a IP address</i>
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---

### Description

Add a vote for a IP address

### Usage

```
post_ip_votes(ip = NULL, vote = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

ip	IP address. String. Required.
vote	vote. String. Required.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal_POST</a> .

### Value

named list

### References

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

### See Also

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')  
  
post_ip_votes(ip = "64.233.160.0", vote = "malicious")  
  
## End(Not run)
```



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rate_limit	<i>Rate Limits</i>
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### Description

Virustotal requests throttled at 4 per min. The function creates an env. var. that tracks number of requests per minute, and enforces appropriate waiting.

### Usage

```
rate_limit()
```

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rescan_file	<i>Rescan already submitted files</i>
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### Description

The function returns a data.frame with a scan\_id and sha256, sha1, md5 hashes, all of which can be used to retrieve the report using [file\\_report](#)

### Usage

```
rescan_file(hash = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

hash	Hash for the scan. String. Required.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal2_POST</a> .

### Value

data.frame with 12 columns: scans, scan\_id, sha1, resource, response\_code, scan\_date, permalink, verbose\_msg, to\_response\_code is 0 if the file is not in the database (hash can't be found).

### References

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

### See Also

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')  
  
rescan_file(hash='99017f6eebbac24f351415dd410d522d')  
rescan_file(hash='99017f6ee51415dd410d522d') # incorrect hash  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

scan\_file

*Submit a file for scanning*

---

## Description

Submit a file for scanning

## Usage

```
scan_file(file_path = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

file_path	Required; Path to the document
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal2_POST</a> .

## Value

data.frame with the following columns: scan\_id, sha1, resource, response\_code, sha256, permalink, md5, verbose\_msg

## References

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

## See Also

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')  
  
scan_file(file_path='path_to_suspicious_file')  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

scan_url	<i>Submit URL for scanning</i>
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### Description

Submit a URL for scanning. Returns a data.frame with scan\_id which can be used to fetch the report using [url\\_report](#)

### Usage

```
scan_url(url = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

url	url; string; required
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal_POST</a> .

### Value

data.frame with 7 columns: permalink, resource, url, response\_code, scan\_date, scan\_id, verbose\_msg

### References

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

### See Also

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')  
  
scan_url("http://www.google.com")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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set_key	<i>Set API Key</i>
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**Description**

Before anything else, get the API key from <https://www.virustotal.com/en/>. Next, use `set_key` to store the API key in an environment variable `VirustotalToken`. Once you have set the API key, you can use any of the functions.

**Usage**

```
set_key(api_key = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

`api_key`      API key. String. Required.

**References**

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
  
set_key('api_key_here')  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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url_report	<i>Get URL Report</i>
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---

**Description**

Retrieve a scan report for a given URL. If no scan report is available, set `scan` to 1 to get a new report.

**Usage**

```
url_report(url = NULL, scan_id = NULL, scan = 1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

url	URL. String. url or scan_id must be specified.
scan_id	scan id for a particular url scan. String. url or scan_id must be specified.
scan	String. Optional. Can be 0 or 1. Default is 1. When 1, submits url for scanning if no existing reports are found. When scan is set to 1, the result includes a scan_id field, which can be used again to retrieve the report.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">virustotal2_GET</a> .

**Value**

data.frame with 13 columns: scan\_id, resource, url, response\_code, scan\_date, permalink, verbose\_msg, positives

**References**

<https://developers.virustotal.com/v2.0/reference>

**See Also**

[set\\_key](#) for setting the API key

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# Before calling the function, set the API key using set_key('api_key_here')

url_report("http://www.google.com")
url_report(scan_id = "ebdd15c397d2b0c6f50c3f2df531357d1201ff5976802316405e60880d6bf5ec-1478786749")

## End(Not run)
```

---

virustotal2\_GET

*Base POST AND GET functions. Not exported.*

---

**Description**

GET for the v2 API

**Usage**

```
virustotal2_GET(
  query = list(),
  path = path,
  key = Sys.getenv("VirusTotalToken"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

query	query list
path	path to the specific API service url
key	A character string containing Virustotal API Key. The default is retrieved from <code>Sys.getenv("VirustotalToken")</code> .
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">GET</a> .

**Value**

list

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virustotal2_POST	<i>POST for V2 API</i>
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**Description**

POST for V2 API

**Usage**

```
virustotal2_POST(
  query = list(),
  path = path,
  body = NULL,
  key = Sys.getenv("VirustotalToken"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

query	query list
path	path to the specific API service url
body	file
key	A character string containing Virustotal API Key. The default is retrieved from <code>Sys.getenv("VirustotalToken")</code> .
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">POST</a> .

**Value**

list

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virustotal_check	<i>Request Response Verification</i>
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**Description**

Request Response Verification

**Usage**

```
virustotal_check(req)
```

**Arguments**

req	request
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**Value**

in case of failure, a message

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virustotal_GET	<i>GET for the Current V3 API</i>
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**Description**

GET for the Current V3 API

**Usage**

```
virustotal_GET(
  query = list(),
  path = path,
  key = Sys.getenv("VirustotalToken"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

query	query list
path	path to the specific API service url
key	A character string containing Virustotal API Key. The default is retrieved from Sys.getenv("VirustotalToken").
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">GET</a> .

**Value**

list

---

virustotal\_POST      *POST for the Current V3 API*

---

**Description**

POST for the Current V3 API

**Usage**

```
virustotal_POST(  
    query = list(),  
    path = path,  
    body = NULL,  
    key = Sys.getenv("VirustotalToken"),  
    ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

query	query list
path	path to the specific API service url
body	file
key	A character string containing Virustotal API Key. The default is retrieved from Sys.getenv("VirustotalToken").
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">POST</a> .

**Value**

list



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