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Type Package

Title A New Format for Lossless and Lossy Image Compression

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Description Lossless webp images are 26% smaller in size compared to PNG. Lossy webp images are 25-34% smaller in size compared to JPEG. This package reads and writes webp images into a 3 (rgb) or 4 (rgba) channel bitmap array using conventions from the 'jpeg' and 'png' packages.

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read_webp *Webp image format*

Description

Read and write webp images into a bitmap array. The bitmap array uses the same conventions as the png and jpeg package.

Usage

```
read_webp(source, numeric = TRUE)

write_webp(image, target = NULL, quality = 80)
```

Arguments

source	raw vector or path to webp file
numeric	convert the image to 0-1 real numbers to be compatible with images from the jpeg or png package.
image	array of 3 dimensions (width * height * channel) with real numbers between 0 and 1.
target	path to a file or NULL to return the image as a raw vector
quality	value between 0 and 100 for lossy compression, or NA for lossless compression.

Examples

```
# Convert to webp
library(png)
img <- readPNG(system.file("img", "Rlogo.png", package="png"))
out <- file.path(tempdir(), "rlogo.webp")
write_webp(img, out)
# browseURL(out)

# Convert from webp
library(jpeg)
img <- read_webp(out)
jpeg <- file.path(tempdir(), "rlogo.jpeg")
writeJPEG(img, jpeg)
# browseURL(jpeg)
```

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