

# Package ‘writexl’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Export Data Frames to Excel 'xlsx' Format

**Version** 1.5.4

**Description** Zero-dependency data frame to xlsx exporter based on 'libxlsxwriter'  
<<https://libxlsxwriter.github.io>>. Fast and no Java or Excel required.

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**Encoding** UTF-8

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

**BugReports** <https://github.com/ropensci/writexl/issues>

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lxw_version	<i>Version</i>
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**Description**

Shows version of bundled libxlsxwriter.

**Usage**

```
lxw_version()
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write_xlsx	<i>Export to xlsx</i>
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**Description**

Writes a data frame to an xlsx file. To create an xlsx with (multiple) named sheets, simply set `x` to a named list of data frames.

**Usage**

```
write_xlsx(  
  x,  
  path = tempfile(fileext = ".xlsx"),  
  col_names = TRUE,  
  format_headers = TRUE,  
  use_zip64 = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	data frame or named list of data frames that will be sheets in the xlsx
<code>path</code>	a file name to write to
<code>col_names</code>	write column names at the top of the file?
<code>format_headers</code>	make the <code>col_names</code> in the xlsx centered and bold
<code>use_zip64</code>	use <a href="#">zip64</a> to enable support for 4GB+ xlsx files. Not all platforms can read this.

**Details**

Currently supports strings, numbers, booleans and dates. Formatting options may be added in future versions.

**Examples**

```
# Roundtrip example with single excel sheet named 'mysheet'  
tmp <- write_xlsx(list(mysheet = iris))  
readxl::read_xlsx(tmp)
```

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`xl_formula`*Excel Types*

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**Description**

Create special column types to write to a spreadsheet

**Usage**

```
xl_formula(x)
```

```
xl_hyperlink(url, name = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	character vector to be interpreted as formula
<code>url</code>	character vector of URLs
<code>name</code>	character vector of friendly names

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(
  name = c("UCLA", "Berkeley", "Jeroen"),
  founded = c(1919, 1868, 2030),
  website = xl_hyperlink(c("http://www.ucla.edu", "http://www.berkeley.edu", NA), "homepage")
)
df$age <- xl_formula('=(YEAR(TODAY()) - INDIRECT("B" & ROW()))')
write_xlsx(df, 'universities.xlsx')

# cleanup
unlink('universities.xlsx')
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