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load_or_retrieve_vocab
<i>Load a vocabulary file, or retrieve from cache</i>

Description

Load a vocabulary file, or retrieve from cache

Usage

load_or_retrieve_vocab(vocab_file)

Arguments

vocab_file	path to vocabulary file. File is assumed to be a text file, with one token per line, with the line number corresponding to the index of that token in the vocabulary.
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Value

The vocab as a character vector of tokens. The casedness of the vocabulary is inferred and attached as the "is_cased" attribute. The vocabulary indices are taken to be the positions of the tokens, *starting at zero* for historical consistency.

Note that from the perspective of a neural net, the numeric indices *are* the tokens, and the mapping from token to index is fixed. If we changed the indexing (the order of the tokens), it would break any pre-trained models.

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Examples

```
# Get path to sample vocabulary included with package.  
vocab_path <- system.file("extdata", "tiny_vocab.txt", package = "wordpiece")  
vocab <- load_vocab(vocab_file = vocab_path)
```

prepare_vocab	<i>Format a Token List as a Vocabulary</i>
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Description

We use a special named integer vector with class `wordpiece_vocabulary` to provide information about tokens used in [wordpiece_tokenize](#). This function takes a character vector of tokens and puts it into that format.

Usage

```
prepare_vocab(token_list)
```

Arguments

token_list	A character vector of tokens.
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Value

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Examples

```
my_vocab <- prepare_vocab(c("some", "example", "tokens"))
class(my_vocab)
attr(my_vocab, "is_cased")
```

`set_wordpiece_cache_dir`*Set a Cache Directory for wordpiece*

Description

Use this function to override the cache path used by wordpiece for the current session. Set the WORDPIECE_CACHE_DIR environment variable for a more permanent change.

Usage

```
set_wordpiece_cache_dir(cache_dir = NULL)
```

Arguments

`cache_dir` Character scalar; a path to a cache directory.

Value

A normalized path to a cache directory. The directory is created if the user has write access and the directory does not exist.

wordpiece_cache_dir	<i>Retrieve Directory for wordpiece Cache</i>
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Description

The wordpiece cache directory is a platform- and user-specific path where wordpiece saves caches (such as a downloaded vocabulary). You can override the default location in a few ways:

- Option: `wordpiece.dir` Use `set_wordpiece_cache_dir` to set a specific cache directory for this session
- Environment: `WORDPIECE_CACHE_DIR` Set this environment variable to specify a wordpiece cache directory for all sessions.
- Environment: `R_USER_CACHE_DIR` Set this environment variable to specify a cache directory root for all packages that use the caching system.

Usage

```
wordpiece_cache_dir()
```

Value

A character vector with the normalized path to the cache.

wordpiece_tokenize	<i>Tokenize Sequence with Word Pieces</i>
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Description

Given a sequence of text and a wordpiece vocabulary, tokenizes the text.

Usage

```
wordpiece_tokenize(
  text,
  vocab = wordpiece_vocab(),
  unk_token = "[UNK]",
  max_chars = 100
)
```

Arguments

<code>text</code>	Character; text to tokenize.
<code>vocab</code>	Character vector of vocabulary tokens. The tokens are assumed to be in order of index, with the first index taken as zero to be compatible with Python implementations.
<code>unk_token</code>	Token to represent unknown words.
<code>max_chars</code>	Maximum length of word recognized.

Value

A list of named integer vectors, giving the tokenization of the input sequences. The integer values are the token ids, and the names are the tokens.

Examples

```
tokens <- wordpiece_tokenize(  
  text = c(  
    "I love tacos!",  
    "I also kinda like apples."  
  )  
)
```

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