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This package then provides a means of testing the compiler setup as the known code failures provides in the sample code here should be detected correctly, whereas a default build of R will let the package pass. The code samples are based on the examples from the Address Sanitizer

Wiki at https://code.google.com/p/address-sanitizer/wiki/AddressSanitizer.

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sanitizers-package

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Details

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References

The Writing R Extension manual, sections Using the Address Sanitizer and Using the Undefined Behaviour Sanitizer.

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