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+,cwlStepParam,stepParam-method

*Pipeline*

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## Description

To build a pipeline by connecting multiple ‘stepParam’ to a ‘cwlStepParam’ object.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'cwlStepParam,stepParam'
e1 + e2
```

## Arguments

e1            A ‘cwlStepParam’ object.  
e2            A ‘stepParam’ object.

## Value

A ‘cwlStepParam’ object.

## See Also

[cwlStepParam](#)

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cwlParam-class                      *Parameters for CWL*

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## Description

The main CWL parameter class and constructor for command tools. More details: <https://www.commonwl.org/v1.0/Com>

## Usage

```
cwlParam(cwlVersion = "v1.0", cwlClass = "CommandLineTool",
         baseCommand = character(), requirements = list(), hints = list(),
         arguments = list(), id = character(), label = character(),
         inputs = InputParamList(), outputs = OutputParamList(),
         stdout = character(), expression = character(),
         extensions = list())
```

## Arguments

cwlVersion	CWL version
cwlClass	"CommandLineTool"
baseCommand	Specifies the program or R function to execute
requirements	A list of Requirement lists that apply to either the runtime environment or the workflow engine.
hints	Any or a list for the workflow engine.
arguments	Command line bindings which are not directly associated with input parameters.
id	The unique identifier for this process object.
label	A short, human-readable label of this process object.
inputs	A object of 'InputParamList'.
outputs	A object of 'OutputParamList'.
stdout	Capture the command's standard output stream to a file written to the designated output directory.
expression	Javascripts for ExpressionTool class.
extensions	A list of extensions and metadata

## Details

<https://www.commonwl.org/v1.0/CommandLineTool.html>

## Value

A 'cwlParam' class object.

## Examples

```
input1 <- InputParam(id = "sth")
echo <- cwlParam(baseCommand = "echo", inputs = InputParamList(input1))
```

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 cwlShiny

*cwlShiny*


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### Description

Function to generate shiny app automatically for a ‘cwlParam’ object.

### Usage

```
cwlShiny(cwl, inputList = list(), upload = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

cwl	A cwlParam object.
inputList	a list of choices for the inputs of cwl object. The name of the list must match the inputs of the cwl object.
upload	Whether to upload file. If FALSE, the upload field will be text input (file path) instead of file input.
...	More options for ‘runCWL’.

### Value

A shiny webapp.

### Examples

```
input1 <- InputParam(id = "sth")
echo <- cwlParam(baseCommand = "echo", inputs = InputParamList(input1))
echoApp <- cwlShiny(echo)
```

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 cwlStepParam-class

*cwlStepParam*


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### Description

A workflow steps paramter, which connect multiple command line steps into a workflow. More details: `stepInParameterList`.

### Usage

```
cwlStepParam(cwlVersion = "v1.0", cwlClass = "Workflow",
  requirements = list(), id = character(), hints = list(),
  arguments = list(), extensions = list(), inputs = InputParamList(),
  outputs = OutputParamList(), stdout = character(),
  steps = stepParamList())
```

**Arguments**

cwlVersion	CWL version
cwlClass	"Workflow".
requirements	Requirements that apply to either the runtime environment or the workflow engine.
id	The unique identifier for this process object.
hints	Any or a list for the workflow engine.
arguments	Command line bindings which are not directly associated with input parameters.
extensions	A list of extensions and metadata.
inputs	A object of 'InputParamList'.
outputs	A object of 'OutputParamList'.
stdout	Capture the command's standard output stream to a file written to the designated output directory.
steps	A list of 'stepParamList'.

**Value**

An object of class 'cwlStepParam'.

**Examples**

```
input1 <- InputParam(id = "sth")
echo1 <- cwlParam(baseCommand = "echo",
  inputs = InputParamList(input1))
input2 <- InputParam(id = "sthout", type = "File")
echo2 <- cwlParam(baseCommand = "echo",
  inputs = InputParamList(input2),
  stdout = "out.txt")
i1 <- InputParam(id = "sth")
o1 <- OutputParam(id = "out", type = "File", outputSource = "echo2/output")
wf <- cwlStepParam(inputs = InputParamList(i1),
  outputs = OutputParamList(o1))
s1 <- Step(id = "echo1", run = echo1, In = list(sth = "sth"))
s2 <- Step(id = "echo2", run = echo2, In = list(sthout = "echo1/output"))
wf <- wf + s1 + s2
```

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cwlVersion

*cwlParam methods*


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**Description**

cwlParam methods

cwlVersion CWL document version

cwlClass

cwlClass

baseCommand

baseCommand

arguments  
arguments  
hints  
hints  
requirements  
requirements  
stdout of cwlParam  
stdout of cwlParam  
Extensions and metadata of cwlParam

### Usage

```
cwlVersion(cwl)

cwlVersion(cwl) <- value

cwlClass(cwl)

cwlClass(cwl) <- value

baseCommand(cwl)

baseCommand(cwl) <- value

arguments(cwl, step = NULL)

arguments(cwl, step = NULL) <- value

hints(cwl)

hints(cwl) <- value

requirements(cwl)

requirements(cwl) <- value

stdOut(cwl)

stdOut(cwl) <- value

extensions(cwl)

extensions(cwl) <- value
```

### Arguments

cwl	A 'cwlParam' object.
value	Assign value to the 'cwlParam' object.
step	To specify a step ID when 'cwl' is a workflow. It can be multiple levels of steps separated by "/" for nested workflow.

**Value**

cwlVersion: cwl version  
 cwlClass: CWL Class  
 baseCommand: CWL baseCommand  
 arguments: CWL arguments  
 hints: CWL hints  
 requirements: CWL requirements  
 stdout: CWL stdout  
 extensions: A list of extensions or metadata

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InputArrayParam-class *InputArrayParam*

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**Description**

Parameters for array inputs. To specify an array parameter, the array definition is nested under the type field with 'type: array' and items defining the valid data types that may appear in the array. More details: <https://www.commonwl.org/v1.0/CommandLineTool.html#CommandInputArraySchema>

**Usage**

```
InputArrayParam(label = "", type = "array", items = character(),
  prefix = "", separate = TRUE, itemSeparator = character(),
  valueFrom = character())
```

**Arguments**

label	A short description for this object
type	Must be "array".
items	Defines the type of the array elements.
prefix	Command line prefix to add before the value.
separate	If true (default), then the prefix and value must be added as separate command line arguments; if false, prefix and value must be concatenated into a single command line argument.
itemSeparator	Join the array elements into a single string with separator.
valueFrom	String or Expression.

**Value**

An object of class 'InputArrayParam'.

**Examples**

```
InputArrayParam(items = "string", prefix="-B=", separate = FALSE)
```

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InputParam-class      *Input parameters InputParam*

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### Description

parameter for a command tool. More details: <https://www.commonwl.org/v1.0/CommandLineTool.html#CommandInput>

### Usage

```
InputParam(id, label = "", type = "string", doc = character(),
  secondaryFiles = character(), streamable = logical(),
  format = character(), loadListing = character(),
  loadContents = logical(), position = 0L, prefix = "",
  separate = TRUE, itemSeparator = character(),
  valueFrom = character(), shellQuote = logical(),
  default = character(), value = character())
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'cwlParam'
x$name
```

```
## S4 replacement method for signature 'cwlParam'
x$name <- value
```

### Arguments

id	The unique identifier for this parameter object.
label	A short, human-readable label of this object.
type	valid types of data that may be assigned to this parameter.
doc	A documentation string for this type.
secondaryFiles	Only valid when type: File or is an array of items: File. Provides a pattern or expression specifying files or directories that must be included alongside the primary file.
streamable	Only valid when type: File or is an array of items: File. A value of true indicates that the file is read or written sequentially without seeking.
format	Only valid when type: File or is an array of items: File.
loadListing	Only valid when type: Directory or is an array of items: Directory.
loadContents	Only valid when type: File or is an array of items: File.
position	The position for this parameter.
prefix	Command line prefix to add before the value.
separate	If true (default), then the prefix and value must be added as separate command line arguments; if false, prefix and value must be concatenated into a single command line argument.
itemSeparator	Join the array elements into a single string with the elements separated by by itemSeparator.
valueFrom	String or Expression.
shellQuote	If ShellCommandRequirement is in the requirements for the current command, this controls whether the value is quoted on the command line (default is true).



default	The default value for this parameter
value	Assigned value for this parameter
x	A 'cwlParam' object.
name	One one of input list

**Value**

An object of class 'InputParam'.

**Examples**

```
input1 <- InputParam(id = "sth")
```

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*InputParamList-class*    *InputParamList*

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**Description**

*InputParamList*

*InputParamList* A list of *InputParam*

inputs

**Usage**

```
InputParamList(...)
```

```
inputs(cwl)
```

**Arguments**

...            The *InputParam* objects.

cwl            A *cwlParam* object

**Value**

An object of class 'InputParamList'.

inputs: A list of 'InputParam'.

**Examples**

```
input1 <- InputParam(id = "sth")
InputParamList(input1)
## Inputs
input1 <- InputParam(id = "sth")
echo <- cwlParam(baseCommand = "echo", inputs = InputParamList(input1))
inputs(echo)
```

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 OutputArrayParam-class

*Output array parameters*


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### Description

Parameters for array outputs. More details: <https://www.commonwl.org/v1.0/CommandLineTool.html#CommandOutput>

### Usage

```
OutputArrayParam(label = character(), type = "array",
  items = character(), glob = character(), loadContents = logical(),
  outputEval = character())
```

### Arguments

label	A short, human-readable label of this object.
type	Must be "array".
items	Defines the type of the array elements.
glob	Pattern to find files relative to the output directory.
loadContents	Read text from globbed file.
outputEval	Evaluate an expression to generate the output value.

### Value

An object of class 'OutputArrayParam'.

### Examples

```
b <- OutputParam(id = "b", type = OutputArrayParam(items = "File"), glob = "*.txt")
```

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 OutputParam-class

*Output parameters*


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### Description

An output parameter for a Command Line Tool. More details: <https://www.commonwl.org/v1.0/CommandLineTool.html>

### Usage

```
OutputParam(id = "output", label = character(), doc = character(),
  type = "stdout", format = character(),
  secondaryFiles = character(), streamable = logical(),
  glob = character(), loadContents = logical(),
  outputEval = character(), outputSource = character())
```

**Arguments**

id	The unique identifier for this parameter object.
label	A short, human-readable label of this object.
doc	A documentation string for this object, or an array of strings which should be concatenated.
type	Specify valid types of data that may be assigned to this parameter.
format	Only valid when type: File or is an array of items: File. This is the file format that will be assigned to the output File object.
secondaryFiles	Provides a pattern or expression specifying files or directories. Only valid when type: File or is an array of items: File.
streamable	A value of true indicates that the file is read or written sequentially without seeking. Only valid when type: File or is an array of items: File.
glob	Pattern to find files relative to the output directory.
loadContents	Read text from globbed file.
outputEval	Evaluate an expression to generate the output value.
outputSource	Specifies one or more workflow parameters that supply the value of to the output parameter.

**Value**

An object of class 'OutputParam'.

**Examples**

```
o1 <- OutputParam(id = "file", type = "File", glob = "*.txt")
```

---

OutputParamList-class *OutputParamList*

---

**Description**

OutputParamList

OutputParamList #' A list of InputParam

outputs The outputs of a cwlParam object

**Usage**

```
OutputParamList(out = OutputParam(), ...)
```

```
outputs(cwl)
```

**Arguments**

out	The default stdout parameter.
...	The InputParam objects.
cwl	A cwlParam object

**Value**

An object of class ‘OutputParamList’.

outputs: A list of ‘OutputParam’.

**Examples**

```
o1 <- OutputParam(id = "file", type = "File", glob = "*.txt")
OutputParamList(o1)
input1 <- InputParam(id = "sth")
echo <- cwlParam(baseCommand = "echo", inputs = InputParamList(input1))
outputs(echo)
```

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plotCWL

*plotCWL*


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**Description**

Function to plot cwlStepParam object.

**Usage**

```
plotCWL(cwl, ...)
```

**Arguments**

cwl	A cwlStepParam object to plot
...	other parameters from ‘mermaid’ function

**Value**

A mermaid workflow plot.

**Examples**

```
input1 <- InputParam(id = "sth")
echo1 <- cwlParam(baseCommand = "echo",
                 inputs = InputParamList(input1))
input2 <- InputParam(id = "sthout", type = "File")
echo2 <- cwlParam(baseCommand = "echo",
                 inputs = InputParamList(input2),
                 stdout = "out.txt")
i1 <- InputParam(id = "sth")
o1 <- OutputParam(id = "out", type = "File", outputSource = "echo2/output")
wf <- cwlStepParam(inputs = InputParamList(i1),
                  outputs = OutputParamList(o1))
s1 <- Step(id = "echo1", run = echo1, In = list(sth = "sth"))
s2 <- Step(id = "echo2", run = echo2, In = list(sthout = "echo1/output"))
wf <- wf + s1 + s2
plotCWL(wf)
```

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Rcwl

*Rcwl*

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### Description

An R package to wrap command line tools and build pipelines with Common Workflow Language.

### See Also

[cwlParam](#)

[runCWL](#)

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readCWL

*Read CWL Function to read CWL command or workflow files.*

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### Description

Read CWL Function to read CWL command or workflow files.

### Usage

```
readCWL(cwlfile)
```

### Arguments

`cwlfile`      The cwl file to read.

### Value

A object of class ‘cwlParam’ or ‘cwlStepParam’.

### Examples

```
input1 <- InputParam(id = "sth")
echo <- cwlParam(baseCommand = "echo",
                 inputs = InputParamList(input1))
tf <- tempfile()
writeCWL(echo, tf)
readCWL(paste0(tf, ".cwl"))
```

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runCWL	<i>run cwlParam</i>
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## Description

Execute a `cwlParam` object with assigned inputs.

## Usage

```
runCWL(cwl, prefix = tempfile(), cwlRunner = "cwltool",
       cwlTemp = FALSE, outdir = ".", Args = character(), stdout = TRUE,
       stderr = TRUE, docker = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>cwl</code>	A ‘ <code>cwlParam</code> ’ or ‘ <code>cwlStepParam</code> ’ object.
<code>prefix</code>	The prefix of ‘ <code>cwl</code> ’ and ‘ <code>yml</code> ’ file to write.
<code>cwlRunner</code>	The path to the ‘ <code>cwltool</code> ’ or ‘ <code>cwl-runner</code> ’. If not exists, the <code>cwltool</code> package will be installed by ‘ <code>reticulate</code> ’.
<code>cwlTemp</code>	Whether to keep temporary files. If true, all temporary files will be kept in a “temp” folder of current output directory.
<code>outdir</code>	Output directory, default current directory.
<code>Args</code>	The arguments for ‘ <code>cwltool</code> ’ or ‘ <code>cwl-runner</code> ’. For example, “ <code>-debug</code> ” can work with ‘ <code>cwltool</code> ’ to show debug information.
<code>stdout</code>	standard output from ‘ <code>system2</code> ’.
<code>stderr</code>	standard error from ‘ <code>system2</code> ’. By setting it to “”, the detailed running logs will return directly.
<code>docker</code>	Whether to use docker.
<code>...</code>	The other options from ‘ <code>writeCWL</code> ’ and ‘ <code>system2</code> ’.

## Value

A list of outputs from tools and logs from `cwltool`.

## Examples

```
input1 <- InputParam(id = "sth")
echo <- cwlParam(baseCommand = "echo",
                 inputs = InputParamList(input1))
echo$sth <- "Hello World!"
## res <- runCWL(echo)
```

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runCWLBatch	<i>run CWL with batchtools</i>
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**Description**

run CWL with batchtools

**Usage**

```
runCWLBatch(cwl, outdir = getwd(), inputList, paramList = list(),
  BPPARAM = BatchtoolsParam(workers = lengths(inputList)[1]), ...)
```

**Arguments**

cwl	A 'cwlParam' or 'cwlStepParam' object.
outdir	Directory to output results
inputList	An input list to run in parallel. The list names must be in the inputs of cwl. Jobs will be submitted in parallel for each element in the list. The output directory of each job will be made using the name of each element under the 'outdir'.
paramList	A parameter list for the cwl. The list names must be in the inputs of cwl.
BPPARAM	The options for 'BiocParallelParam'.
...	The options from runCWL.

**Value**

Results from computing nodes and logs from cwltool.

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runs	<i>runs</i>
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**Description**

The function to access all runs of a cwlStepParam object

**Usage**

```
runs(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	A cwlStepParam object.
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**Value**

cwlParam objects or paths of CWL file.

**Examples**

```
s1 <- cwlStepParam()
runs(s1)
```

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short	<i>short</i>
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**Description**

The function to show short summary of `cwlParam` or `cwlStepParam`

**Usage**

```
short(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	An <code>cwlParam</code> or <code>cwlStepParam</code> object
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**Value**

A short summary of an object of `cwlParam` or `cwlStepParam`.

**Examples**

```
s1 <- cwlStepParam()
short(s1)
```

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Step	<i>Step function</i>
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**Description**

Function to assign value to 'stepParam' object.

**Usage**

```
Step(id, run = cwlParam(), In = list(), scatter = character(),
     scatterMethod = character())
```

**Arguments**

id	The id of 'stepParam' object.
run	A 'cwlParam' object for command tool, or path to a CWL file.
In	one or two layers of list.
scatter	character or a list. The inputs to be scattered.
scatterMethod	required if scatter is an array of more than one element. It can be one of "dot-product", "nested_crossproduct" and "flat_crossproduct". Details: <a href="https://www.commonwl.org/v1.0/">https://www.commonwl.org/v1.0/</a>

**Value**

An object of 'stepParam'.

**See Also**

[cwlStepParam](#)



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```
stepInParam-class    stepInParam
```

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**Description**

The input parameter of a workflow step. More details: <https://www.commonwl.org/v1.0/Workflow.html#WorkflowStepIn>

**Usage**

```
stepInParam(id, source = character(), linkMerge = character(),
  default = character(), valueFrom = character())
```

**Arguments**

id	A unique identifier for this workflow input parameter.
source	Specifies one or more workflow parameters that will provide input to the underlying step parameter.
linkMerge	The method to use to merge multiple inbound links into a single array.
default	The default value for this parameter to use if either there is no source field, or the value produced by the source is null.
valueFrom	value from string or expression.

**Value**

An object of class 'stepInParam'.

**Examples**

```
s1 <- stepInParam(id = "s1")
```

---

```
stepInParamList-class    stepInParamList
```

---

**Description**

```
stepInParamList
stepInParamList
```

**Usage**

```
stepInParamList(...)
```

**Arguments**

... A list of 'stepInParam' objects.

**Value**

An object of class 'stepInParamList'.

**Examples**

```
s1 <- stepInParam(id = "s1")
stepInParamList(s1)
```

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stepParam-class	<i>stepParam</i>
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**Description**

A workflow step parameters. More details: <https://www.commonwl.org/v1.0/Workflow.html#WorkflowStep>

**Usage**

```
stepParam(id, run = cwlParam(), In = stepInParamList(), Out = list(),
  scatter = character(), scatterMethod = character())
```

**Arguments**

id	The unique identifier for this workflow step.
run	A ‘cwlParam’ object or the path of a cwl file.
In	A ‘stepInParamList’.
Out	A list of outputs
scatter	character or a list. The inputs to be scattered.
scatterMethod	required if scatter is an array of more than one element. It can be one of "dot-product", "nested_crossproduct" and "flat_crossproduct". Details: <a href="https://www.commonwl.org/v1.0/Workflow.html#WorkflowStep">https://www.commonwl.org/v1.0/Workflow.html#WorkflowStep</a>

**Value**

An object of class ‘stepParam’.

**Examples**

```
s1 <- stepParam(id = "s1")
```

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stepParamList-class	<i>stepParamList</i>
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**Description**

```
stepParamList
stepParamList
```

**Usage**

```
stepParamList(...)
```

**Arguments**

...	A list of ‘stepParam’.
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**Value**

An object of class 'stepParamList'.

**Examples**

```
s1 <- stepParam(id = "s1")
stepParamList(s1)
```

---

steps	<i>Steps</i>
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**Description**

Function to extract step slots

**Usage**

```
steps(cwl)

steps(cwl) <- value
```

**Arguments**

cwl	A cwlStepParam object.
value	A list of steps.

**Value**

steps: A list of stepParam objects.

**See Also**

[cwlStepParam](#)

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writeCWL	<i>Write CWL</i>
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**Description**

write 'cwlParam' to cwl and yml.

**Usage**

```
writeCWL(cwl, prefix, docker = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

cwl	A 'cwlParam' or 'cwlStepParam' object.
prefix	The prefix of 'cwl' and 'yaml' file to write.
docker	Whether to use docker.
...	Other options from 'yaml::write_yaml'.

**Value**

A CWL file and A YAML file.

**Examples**

```
input1 <- InputParam(id = "sth")
echo <- cwlParam(baseCommand = "echo",
                 inputs = InputParamList(input1))
tf <- tempfile()
writeCWL(echo, tf)
```

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