

Package ‘mockthat’

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Title Function Mocking for Unit Testing in R

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Description With the deprecation of mocking capabilities shipped with 'testthat' as of 'edition 3' it is left to third-party packages to replace this functionality, which in some test-scenarios is essential in order to run unit tests in limited environments (such as no Internet connection). Mocking in this setting means temporarily substituting a function with a stub that acts in some sense like the original function (for example by serving a HTTP response that has been cached as a file). The only exported function 'with_mock()' is modeled after the eponymous 'testthat' function with the intention of providing a drop-in replacement.

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with_mock	<i>Mock functions in a package.</i>
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Description

Mocking allows you to temporarily replace the implementation of functions within a package, which is useful for testing code that relies on functions that are slow, have unintended side effects or access resources that may not be available when testing.

Up until recently, such capability was offered via `testthat::with_mock()`, but with release of version 3.0.0 and introduction of edition 3, this was deprecated from `testthat`, leaving it to third party packages to replace this feature. This mocking implementation is powered by `utils::assignInNamespace()` and therefore, caveats outlined in the corresponding documentation apply here too.

Usage

```
with_mock(..., mock_env = pkg_env(), eval_env = parent.frame())
```

```
local_mock(
  ...,
  mock_env = pkg_env(),
  eval_env = parent.frame(),
  local_env = eval_env
)
```

```
mock(expr, env = parent.frame())
```

```
mock_call(x, call_no = mock_n_called(x))
```

```
mock_args(x, arg = NULL, call_no = mock_n_called(x))
```

```
mock_n_called(x)
```

Arguments

...	Named parameters redefine mocked functions, unnamed parameters will be evaluated after mocking the functions.
mock_env	The environment in which to patch the functions, defaults to the top-level environment. A string is interpreted as package name.
eval_env	Environment in which expressions passed as ... are evaluated, defaults to <code>parent.frame()</code> .
local_env	Passed to <code>withr::defer()</code> as <code>envir</code> argument
expr	Expression to be used as body of the function to be mocked.
env	Environment used as ancestor to the mock function environment.
x	Object of class <code>mock_fun</code> to be queried for call and argument information.
call_no	The call number of interest (in case the function was called multiple times).
arg	String-valued argument name to be retrieved.

Value

The result of the last unnamed argument passed as ... (evaluated in the environment passed as `eval_env`) in the case of `local_mock()` and a list of functions or `mock_fun` objects (invisibly) in the case of `local_mock()`.

Examples

```
url <- "https://eu.httpbin.org/get?foo=123"
mok <- function(...) "mocked request"

with_mock(
  `curl::curl_fetch_memory` = mok,
  curl::curl_fetch_memory(url)
)

dl_fun <- function(x) curl::curl_fetch_memory(x)

with_mock(
  `curl::curl_fetch_memory` = mok,
  dl_fun(url)
)

json <- function(...) '{"mocked request"}'

with_mock(
  `curl::curl` = json,
  jsonlite::fromJSON(url)
)

with_mock(
  `curl::curl` = '{"mocked request"}',
  jsonlite::fromJSON(url)
)

with_mock(
  `curl::curl` = quote({
    x <- "mocked request"
    paste0('["', x, '"')
  }),
  jsonlite::fromJSON(url)
)

with_mock(
  `curl::curl` = json,
  parse_and_simplify = function(txt, ...) gsub('\\[?\\\\"\\]?', "", txt),
  jsonlite::fromJSON(url),
  mock_env = "jsonlite"
)

mk <- mock("mocked request")
dl <- function(x) curl::curl(x)
```

```
with_mock(`curl::curl` = mk, dl(url))

mock_call(mk)
mock_args(mk)

mk <- local_mock(`curl::curl` = "mocked request")
dl(url)

mock_args(mk, "url")
```

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