

Package ‘tinytest’

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Description Provides a lightweight (zero-dependency) and easy to use unit testing framework. Main features: install tests with the package. Test results are treated as data that can be stored and manipulated. Test files are R scripts interspersed with test commands, that can be programmed over. Fully automated build-install-test sequence for packages. Skip tests when not run locally (e.g. on CRAN). Flexible and configurable output printing. Compare computed output with output stored with the package. Run tests in parallel. Extensible by other packages. Report side effects.

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at_home	<i>Detect not on CRANity</i>
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Description

Detect whether we are running at home (i.e. not on CRAN, BioConductor, ...)

Usage

```
at_home()
```

Examples

```
# test will run locally, but not on CRAN
if ( at_home() ){
  expect_equal(2, 1+1)
}
```

build_install_test	<i>build, install and test</i>
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Description

Builds and installs the package in `pkgdir` under a temporary directory. Next, loads the package in a fresh R session and runs all the tests. For this function to work the following system requirements are necessary.

- R CMD build is available on your system
- Rscript is available on your system

Usage

```
build_install_test(pkgdir = "./", testdir = "tinytest",
  at_home = TRUE, verbose = getOption("tt.verbose", 2), ncpu = 1,
  remove_side_effects = TRUE, side_effects = FALSE,
  keep_tempdir = FALSE)
```

Arguments

pkgdir	[character] Package directory
testdir	[character] Name of directory under pkgdir/inst containing test files.
at_home	[logical] toggle local tests.
verbose	[logical] toggle verbosity during execution
ncpu	[numeric] number of CPUs to use during the testing phase.
remove_side_effects	[logical] toggle remove user-defined side effects? See section on side effects.
side_effects	[logical list] Either a logical, or a list of arguments to pass to report_side_effects .
keep_tempdir	[logical] keep directory where the pkg is installed and where tests are run? If TRUE, the directory is not deleted and it's location is printed.

Value

A tinytests object.

See Also

Other test-files: [exit_file](#), [run_test_dir](#), [run_test_file](#), [summary](#), [tinytests](#), [test_package](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
## If your package source directory is "./pkg" you can run
build_install_test("pkg")

## End(Not run)
```

exit_file

Stop testing

Description

Call this function to exit a test file.

Usage

```
exit_file(msg = "")
```

Arguments

msg [character] An optional message to print after exiting.

Value

The exit message

See Also

Other test-files: [build_install_test](#), [run_test_dir](#), [run_test_file](#), [summary.tinytests](#), [test_package](#)

Examples

```
exit_file("I'm too tired to test")
```

expect_equal	<i>Express expectations</i>
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Description

Express expectations

Usage

```
expect_equal(current, target, tol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps),  
  info = NA_character_, ...)
```

```
expect_identical(current, target, info = NA_character_)
```

```
expect_equivalent(current, target, tol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps),  
  info = NA_character_, ...)
```

```
expect_true(current, info = NA_character_)
```

```
expect_false(current, info = NA_character_)
```

```
expect_silent(current, quiet = TRUE, info = NA_character_)
```

```
expect_null(current, info = NA_character_)
```

```
expect_error(current, pattern = ".*", info = NA_character_)
```

```
expect_warning(current, pattern = ".*", info = NA_character_)
```

```
expect_message(current, pattern = ".*", info = NA_character_)
```

Arguments

current	[R object or expression] Outcome or expression under scrutiny.
target	[R object or expression] Expected outcome
tol	[numeric] Test equality to machine rounding. Passed to <code>all.equal</code> (tolerance)
info	[character] scalar. Optional user-defined message. Must be a single character string. Multiline comments may be separated by <code>"\n"</code> .
...	Passed to <code>all.equal</code>
quiet	[logical] suppress output printed by the current expression (see examples)
pattern	[character] A regular expression to match the message.

Details

`expect_equivalent` calls `expect_equal` with the extra arguments `check.attributes=FALSE` and `use.names=FALSE`

`expect_silent` fails when an error or warning is thrown.

Value

A `tinytest` object. A `tinytest` object is a logical with attributes holding information about the test that was run

More information and examples

- An overview of `tinytest` can be found in `vignette("using_tinytest")`.
- Examples of how `tinytest` is used in practice can be found in `vignette("tinytest_examples")`

Note

Each `expect_haha` function can also be called as `checkHaha`. Although the interface is not entirely the same, it is expected that this makes migration from the `RUnit` framework a little easier, for those who wish to do so.

See Also

Other test-functions: [ignore](#)

Examples

```
expect_equal(1 + 1, 2)      # TRUE
expect_equal(1 - 1, 2)    # FALSE
expect_equivalent(2, c(x=2)) # TRUE
expect_equal(2, c(x=2))   # FALSE

expect_silent(1+1)        # TRUE
expect_silent(1+"a")     # FALSE
expect_silent(print("hihi")) # TRUE, nothing goes to screen
expect_silent(print("hihi", quiet=FALSE)) # FALSE, and printed
```

<code>format.tinytest</code>	<i>Print a tinytest object</i>
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Description

Print a tinytest object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'tinytest'
format(x, type = c("long", "short"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'tinytest'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A tinytest object
<code>type</code>	[logical] Toggle format type
<code>...</code>	passed to <code>format.tinytest</code>

Value

A character string

Examples

```
tt <- expect_equal(1+1, 3)
format(tt, "long")
format(tt, "short")
print(expect_equal(1+1, 2))
print(expect_equal(1+1, 3), type="long")
```

<code>ignore</code>	<i>Ignore the output of an expectation</i>
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Description

Ignored expectations are not reported in the test results. Ignoring is only useful for test files, and not for use directly at the command-line. See also the package vignette: `vignette("using_tinytest")`.

Usage

```
ignore(fun)
```

Arguments

fun [function] An expect_ function

Value

An ignored function

Details

ignore is a higher-order function: a function that returns another function. In particular, it accepts a function and returns a function that is almost identical to the input function. The only difference is that the return value of the function returned by ignore is not caught by `run_test_file` and friends. For example, `ignore(expect_true)` is a function, and we can use it as `ignore(expect_true)(1 == 1)`. The return value of `ignore(expect_true)(1==1)` is exactly the same as that for `expect_true(1==1)`.

See Also

Other test-functions: [expect_equal](#)

Examples

```
## The result of 'expect_warning' is not stored in the test result when
## this is run from a file.
expect_true( ignore(expect_warning)(warning("foo!")) )
## Note the placement of the brackets in ignore(expect_warning)(...).
```

```
register_tinytest_extension
                          Register or unregister extension functions
```

Description

Functions to use in `.onLoad` and `.onUnload` by packages that extend **tinytest**.

Usage

```
register_tinytest_extension(pkg, functions)
```

Arguments

pkg [character] scalar. Name of the package providing extensions.
functions [character] vector. Name of the functions in the package that must be added.

The **tinytest** API

Packages can extend **tinytest** with expectation functions *if and only* if the following requirements are satisfied.

1. The extending functions return a **tinytest** object. This can be created by calling `tinytest()` with the arguments
 - `result`: A logical scalar: TRUE or FALSE (not NA)
 - `call`: The call to the expectation function. Usually the result of `sys.call(sys.parent(1))`
 - `diff`: A character scalar, with a long description of the difference. Sentences may be separated by `"\n"`.
 - `short`: Either `"data"`, if the difference is in the data. `"attr"` when attributes differ or `"xcpt"` when an expectation about an exception is not met. If there are differences in data and in attributes, the attributes take precedence.

Observe that this requires the extending package to add **tinytest** to the Imports field in the package's DESCRIPTION file (this also holds for the following requirement).

2. Functions are registered in `.onLoad()` using `register_tinytest_extension()`. Functions that are already registered, including **tinytest** functions will be overwritten.

It is *recommended* to:

1. Follow the syntax conventions of **tinytest** so expectation functions start with `expect_`.
2. Explain to users of the extension package how to use the extension (see [using](#)).

Minimal example packages

- Extending **tinytest**: [tinytest.extension](#).
- Using a **tinytest** extension: [using.tinytest.extension](#).

See Also

Other extensions: [tinytest](#), [using](#)

report_side_effects *Report side effects for expressions in test files*

Description

Call this function from within a test file to report side effects.

Usage

```
report_side_effects(report = TRUE, envvar = report, pwd = report,
  files = report)
```


Arguments

report	[logical] report all side-effects
envvar	[logical] changes in environment variables
pwd	[logical] changes in working directory
files	[logical] changes in files in the directory where the test file lives. Also watches subdirectories.

Value

A named logical, indicating which aspects of the environment are tracked, invisibly.

Details

A side effect causes a change in an external variable outside of the scope of a function, or test file. This includes environment variables, global options, global R variables, creating files or directories, and so on.

If this function is called in a test file, side effects are monitored from that point in the file and only for that file. The state of the environment before and after running every expression in the file are compared.

There is some performance penalty in tracking external variables especially those that require a system call.

Note

There could be side-effects that are untrackable by **tinytest**. This includes packages that use a global internal state within their namespace or packages that use a global state within compiled code.

Examples

```
# switch on
report_side_effects()
# switch off
report_side_effects(FALSE)

# only report changes in environment variables
report_side_effects(pwd=FALSE)
```

run_test_dir

Run all tests in a directory

Description

run_test_dir runs all test files in a directory.

test_all is a convenience function for package development, that wraps run_test_dir. By default, it runs all files starting with test in ./inst/tinytest/. It is assumed that all functions to be tested are loaded.

Usage

```
run_test_dir(dir = "inst/tinytest", pattern = "^test.*\\.\\.[rR]$",
  at_home = TRUE, verbose = getOption("tt.verbose", 2),
  color = getOption("tt.pr.color", TRUE), remove_side_effects = TRUE,
  cluster = NULL, lc_collate = getOption("tt.collate", NA), ...)

test_all(pkgdir = "./", testdir = "inst/tinytest", ...)
```

Arguments

dir	[character] path to directory
pattern	[character] A regular expression that is used to find scripts in dir containing tests (by default .R or .r files starting with test).
at_home	[logical] toggle local tests.
verbose	[logical] toggle verbosity during execution
color	[logical] toggle colorize output
remove_side_effects	[logical] toggle remove user-defined side effects. Environment variables (Sys.setenv()) and options (options()) defined in a test file are reset before running the next test file (see details).
cluster	A makeCluster object.
lc_collate	[character] Locale setting used to sort the test files into the order of execution. The default NA ensures current locale is used. Set this e.g. to "C" to ensure bitwise and more platform-independent sorting (see details).
...	Arguments passed to run_test_file
pkgdir	[character] scalar. Root directory of the package (i.e. directory where DESCRIPTION and NAMESPACE reside).
testdir	[character] scalar. Subdirectory where test files are stored.

Value

A tinytests object

Details

We cannot guarantee that files will be run in any particular order across all platforms, as it depends on the available collation charts (a chart that determines how alphabets are sorted). For this reason it is a good idea to create test files that run independent of each other so their order of execution does not matter. In tinytest, test files cannot share variables. The default behavior of test runners further discourages interdependence by resetting environment variables and options that are set in a test file after the file is executed. If an environment variable needs to survive a single file, use `base::Sys.setenv()` explicitly. Similarly, if an option setting needs to survive, use `base::options`

Parallel tests

If `inherits(cluster, "cluster")` the tests are parallelized over a cluster of worker nodes. **tinytest** will be loaded onto each cluster node. All other preparation, including loading code from the tested package, must be done by the user. It is also up to the user to clean up the cluster after running tests. See the 'using tinytest' vignette for examples: `vignette("using_tinytest")`.

See Also

[makeCluster](#), [clusterEvalQ](#), [clusterExport](#)

Other test-files: [build_install_test](#), [exit_file](#), [run_test_file](#), [summary.tinytests](#), [test_package](#)

Examples

```
# create a test file in tempdir
tests <- "
addOne <- function(x) x + 2

expect_true(addOne(0) > 0)
expect_equal(2, addOne(1))
"

testfile <- tempfile(pattern="test_", fileext=".R")
write(tests, testfile)

# extract testdir
testdir <- dirname(testfile)
# run all files starting with 'test' in testdir
out <- run_test_dir(testdir)
print(out)
dat <- as.data.frame(out)
```

run_test_file

Run an R file containing tests; gather results

Description

Run an R file containing tests; gather results

Usage

```
run_test_file(file, at_home = TRUE, verbose = getOption("tt.verbose",
  2), color = getOption("tt.pr.color", TRUE),
  remove_side_effects = TRUE, side_effects = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

file	[character] File location of a .R file.
at_home	[logical] toggle local tests.
verbose	[integer] verbosity level. 0: be quiet, 1: print status per file, 2: print status per test expression.
color	[logical] toggle colorize counts in verbose mode (see Note)
remove_side_effects	[logical] toggle remove user-defined side effects? See section on side effects.
side_effects	[logical list] Either a logical, or a list of arguments to pass to report_side_effects .
...	Currently unused

Details

In **tinytest**, a test file is just an R script where some or all of the statements express an [expectation](#). `run_test_file` runs the file while gathering results of the expectations in a [tinytests](#) object.

The graphics device is set to `pdf(file=tempfile())` for the run of the test file.

Value

A list of class `tinytests`, which is a list of [tinytest](#) objects.

User-defined side effects

All calls to [Sys.setenv](#) and [options](#) defined in a test file are captured and undone once the test file has run, if `remove_side_effects` is set to `TRUE`.

Tracking side effects

Certain side effects can be tracked, even when they are not explicitly evoked in the test file. See [report_side_effects](#) for side effects tracked by **tinytest**. Calls to `report_side_effects` within the test file overrule settings provided with this function.

Note

Not all terminals support ansi escape characters, so colored output can be switched off. This can also be done globally by setting `options(tt.pr.color=FALSE)`. Some terminals that do support ansi escape characters may contain bugs. An example is the RStudio terminal (RStudio 1.1) running on Ubuntu 16.04 (and possibly other OSs).

See Also

[ignore](#)

Other test-files: [build_install_test](#), [exit_file](#), [run_test_dir](#), [summary.tinytests](#), [test_package](#)

Examples

```

# create a test file, in temp directory
tests <- "
addOne <- function(x) x + 2

Sys.setenv(lolz=2)

expect_true(addOne(0) > 0)
expect_equal(2, addOne(1))

Sys.unsetenv('lolz')
"
testfile <- tempfile(pattern="test_", fileext=".R")
write(tests, testfile)

# run test file
out <- run_test_file(testfile,color=FALSE)
out
# print everything in short format, include passes in print.
print(out, nlong=0, passes=TRUE)

# run test file, track supported side-effects
run_test_file(testfile, side_effects=TRUE)

# run test file, track only changes in working directory
run_test_file(testfile, side_effects=list(pwd=TRUE, envvar=FALSE))

```

setup_tinytest

Add tinytest to package source directory

Description

Creates inst/tinytest, and an example test file in that directory. Creates tests/tinytest.R so the package is tested with R CMD check. Adds tinytests as a suggested package to the DESCRIPTION.

Usage

```
setup_tinytest(pkgdir, force = FALSE, verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

pkgdir	[character] Package source directory
force	[logical] Toggle overwrite existing files? (not folders)
verbose	[logical] Toggle print progress

Value

NULL, invisibly.

Note on DESCRIPTION

Fails when it does not exist. It is assumed that the package is named in the DESCRIPTION.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# an easy way to set up a package 'haha' that passes
# R CMD check
pkgKitten::kitten("haha")
tinytest::setup_tinytest("haha")

## End(Not run)
```

summary.tinytests	<i>Tinytests object</i>
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Description

An object of class `tinytests` (note: plural) results from running multiple tests from script. E.g. by running `run_test_file`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'tinytests'
summary(object, ...)

all_pass(x)

any_pass(x)

all_fail(x)

any_fail(x)

## S3 method for class 'tinytests'
x[i]

## S3 method for class 'tinytests'
print(x, passes = getOption("tt.pr.passes", FALSE),
      sidefx = getOption("tt.pr.sidefx", TRUE),
      limit = getOption("tt.pr.limit", 7), nlong = getOption("tt.pr.nlong",
3), ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'tinytests'
as.data.frame(x, ...)
```

Arguments

object	a tinytests object
...	passed to format.tinytest
x	a tinytests object
i	an index
passes	[logical] Toggle: print passing tests?
sidefx	[logical] Toggle: print side effects?
limit	[numeric] Max number of results to print
nlong	[numeric] First nlong results are printed in long format.

Value

For summary a [table](#) object

For all_pass, any_pass, all_fail, any_fail: a single logical

For `.[.tinytests`` a tinytests object.

For `as.data.frame.` a data frame.

Details

By default, the first 3 failing test results are printed in long form, the next 7 failing test results are printed in short form and all other failing tests are not printed. These defaults can be changed by passing options to `print.tinytest`, or by setting one or more of the following global options:

- `tt.pr.passes` Set to TRUE to print output of non-failing tests.
- `tt.pr.limit` Max number of results to print (e.g. Inf)
- `tt.pr.nlong` The number of results to print in long format (e.g. Inf).

For example, set `options(tt.pr.limit=Inf)` to print all test results. Furthermore, there is the option

- `tt.pr.color`,

which determines whether colored output is printed. If R is running in a dumb terminal (detected by comparing environment variable "TERM" to "dumb"), then this option is set to FALSE when the package is loaded.

See Also

Other test-files: [build_install_test](#), [exit_file](#), [run_test_dir](#), [run_test_file](#), [test_package](#)

Examples

```
# create a test file in tempdir
tests <- "
addOne <- function(x) x + 2

expect_true(addOne(0) > 0)
expect_equal(2, addOne(1))
"

testfile <- tempfile(pattern="test_", fileext=".R")
write(tests, testfile)

# extract testdir
testdir <- dirname(testfile)
# run all files starting with 'test' in testdir
out <- run_test_dir(testdir)
#
# print results
print(out)
summary(out)
dat <- as.data.frame(out)
out[1]
```

test_package

Test a package during R CMD check or after installation

Description

Run all tests in an installed package. Throw an error and print all failed test results when one or more tests fail if not in interactive mode (e.g. when R CMD check tests a package). This function is intended to be used by R CMD check or by a user that installed a package that uses the **tinytest** test infrastructure.

Usage

```
test_package(pkgname, testdir = "tinytest", at_home = FALSE,
             ncpu = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

pkgname	[character] scalar. Name of the package
testdir	[character] scalar. Path to installed directory, relative to the working directory of R CMD check.
at_home	[logical] scalar. Are we at home? (see Details)
ncpu	A positive integer, or a makeCluster object.
...	extra arguments passed to run_test_dir (e.g. ncpu).

Value

If `interactive()`, a `tinytests` object. If not `interactive()`, an error is thrown when at least one test fails.

Details

We set `at_home=FALSE` by default so R CMD check will run the same as at CRAN. See the package vignette (Section 4) for tips on how to set up the package structure. `vignette("using_tinytest", package="tinytest")`.

See Also

[setup_tinytest](#)

Other test-files: [build_install_test](#), [exit_file](#), [run_test_dir](#), [run_test_file](#), [summary.tinytests](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Create a file with the following content, to use
# tinytest as your unit testing framework:
  if (requireNamespace("tinytest", quietly=TRUE))
    tinytest::test_package("your package name")

## End(Not run)
```

using	<i>Use an extension package.</i>
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Description

Loads and attaches a package to the search path, and picks up the **tinytest** extension functions registered by the package. Package authors *must* call this function in *every* test file where an extension is used, or otherwise results from the extension package are not recorded (without a warning). Calling `using` in every file where an extension is used also ensures that tests can be run in parallel.

Usage

```
using(package, quietly = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>package</code>	the name of the extension package, given as name or character string.
<code>quietly</code>	Passed to require .

Value

A named list, with the package name and the names of the functions registered by package to extend **tinytest**. A message is emitted when the package registers no extension functions.

See Also

Other extensions: [register_tinytest_extension](#), [tinytest](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
# In interactive session: see which functions are exported  
# by checkmate.tinytest  
out <- using(checkmate.tinytest)  
print(out)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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