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| auto_test | Watches code and tests for changes, rerunning tests as appropriate. |

Description

The idea behind auto_test() is that you just leave it running while you develop your code. Everytime you save a file it will be automatically tested and you can easily see if your changes have caused any test failures.

Usage

```r
auto_test(
    code_path,  # path to directory containing code
    test_path,  # path to directory containing tests
    reporter = default_reporter(),
    env = test_env(),
    hash = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

- **code_path**: path to directory containing code
- **test_path**: path to directory containing tests
- **reporter**: test reporter to use
- **env**: environment in which to execute test suite.
- **hash**: Passed on to `watch()`. When FALSE, uses less accurate modification time stamps, but those are faster for large files.

Details

The current strategy for rerunning tests is as follows:

- if any code has changed, then those files are reloaded and all tests rerun
- otherwise, each new or modified test is run

In the future, auto_test() might implement one of the following more intelligent alternatives:

- Use codetools to build up dependency tree and then rerun tests only when a dependency changes.
- Mimic ruby’s autotest and rerun only failing tests until they pass, and then rerun all tests.

See Also

- auto_test_package()
auto_test_package  
Watches a package for changes, rerunning tests as appropriate.

Description
Watches a package for changes, rerunning tests as appropriate.

Usage
auto_test_package(pkg = ".", reporter = default_reporter(), hash = TRUE)

Arguments
pkg       path to package
reporter  test reporter to use
hash      Passed on to watch(). When FALSE, uses less accurate modification time
          stamps, but those are faster for large files.

See Also
auto_test() for details on how method works

CheckReporter  
Check reporter: 13 line summary of problems

Description
R CMD check displays only the last 13 lines of the result, so this report is designed to ensure that you see something useful there.

See Also
comparison-expectations

Does code return a number greater/less than the expected value?

Description

Does code return a number greater/less than the expected value?

Usage

```r
expect_lt(object, expected, label = NULL, expected.label = NULL)
expect_lte(object, expected, label = NULL, expected.label = NULL)
expect_gt(object, expected, label = NULL, expected.label = NULL)
expect_gte(object, expected, label = NULL, expected.label = NULL)
```

Arguments

- `object, expected`
  A value to compare and its expected bound.
- `label, expected.label`
  Used to customise failure messages. For expert use only.

See Also

Other expectations: `equality-expectations, expect_error(), expect_length(), expect_match(), expect_named(), expect_null(), expect_output(), expect_reference(), expect_silent(), inheritance-expectations, logical-expectations`

Examples

```r
a <- 9
expect_lt(a, 10)

## Not run:
expect_lt(11, 10)

## End(Not run)
```

```r
a <- 11
expect_gt(a, 10)

## Not run:
expect_gt(9, 10)

## End(Not run)
```
DebugReporter

Test reporter: start recovery.

Description

This reporter will call a modified version of recover() on all broken expectations.

See Also


describe

describe: a BDD testing language

Description

A simple BDD DSL for writing tests. The language is similar to RSpec for Ruby or Mocha for JavaScript. BDD tests read like sentences and it should thus be easier to understand what the specification of a function/component is.

Usage

describe(description, code)

Arguments

description    description of the feature
code            test code containing the specs

Details

Tests using the describe syntax not only verify the tested code, but also document its intended behaviour. Each describe block specifies a larger component or function and contains a set of specifications. A specification is defined by an it block. Each it block functions as a test and is evaluated in its own environment. You can also have nested describe blocks.

This test syntax helps to test the intended behaviour of your code. For example: you want to write a new function for your package. Try to describe the specification first using describe, before your write any code. After that, you start to implement the tests for each specification (i.e. the it block). Use describe to verify that you implement the right things and use test_that() to ensure you do the things right.
Examples

describe("matrix()", {
  it("can be multiplied by a scalar", {
    m1 <- matrix(1:4, 2, 2)
    m2 <- m1 * 2
    expect_equal(matrix(1:4 * 2, 2, 2), m2)
  })
  it("can have not yet tested specs")
})

# Nested specs:
## code
addition <- function(a, b) a + b
division <- function(a, b) a / b

## specs
describe("math library", {
  describe("addition()", {
    it("can add two numbers", {
      expect_equal(1 + 1, addition(1, 1))
    })
  })
  describe("division()", {
    it("can divide two numbers", {
      expect_equal(10 / 2, division(10, 2))
    })
    it("can handle division by 0") # not yet implemented
  })
})

equality-expectations  Does code return the expected value?

Description

These functions provide two levels of strictness when comparing a computation to a reference value. expect_identical() is the baseline; expect_equal() relaxes the test to ignore small numeric differences.

In the 2nd edition, expect_identical() uses identical() and expect_equal uses all.equal(). In the 3rd edition, both functions use waldo. They differ only in that expect_equal() sets tolerance = testthat_tolerance() so that small floating point differences are ignored; this also implies that (e.g.) 1 and 1L are treated as equal.

Usage

expect_equal(
  object,
  expected,
tolerance = if (edition_get() >= 3) testthat_tolerance(),
info = NULL,
label = NULL,
expected.label = NULL
)

expect_identical(
  object,
  expected,
  info = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  expected.label = NULL,
  ...
)

Arguments

- `object, expected`
  Computation and value to compare it to.
  Both arguments supports limited unquoting to make it easier to generate readable failures within a function or for loop. See `quasi_label` for more details.

- `tolerance`
  3e: passed on to `waldo::compare()`. See its docs to see other ways to control comparison.

- `info`
  Extra information to be included in the message. This argument is soft-deprecated and should not be used in new code. Instead see alternatives in `quasi_label`.

- `label, expected.label`
  Used to customise failure messages. For expert use only.

See Also

- `expect_setequal()`/`expect_mapequal()` to test for set equality.
- `expect_reference()` to test if two names point to same memory address.

Other expectations: `comparison-expectations, expect_error(), expect_length(), expect_match(), expect_named(), expect_null(), expect_output(), expect_reference(), expect_silent(), inheritance-expectations, logical-expectations`
Examples

```
a <- 10
expect_equal(a, 10)

# Use expect_equal() when testing for numeric equality
## Not run:
expect_identical(sqrt(2) ^ 2, 2)

## End(Not run)
expect_equal(sqrt(2) ^ 2, 2)
```

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**expect**  
*The building block of all expect functions*

Description

Call `expect()` when writing your own expectations. See `vignette("custom-expectation")` for details.

Usage

```r
expect(
  ok,     # TRUE or FALSE indicating if the expectation was successful.
  failure_message,   # Message to show if the expectation failed.
  info = NULL,       # Character vector continuing additional information. Included for backward compatibility only and new expectations should not use it.
  srcref = NULL,     # Location of the failure. Should only needed to be explicitly supplied when you need to forward a srcref captured elsewhere.
  trace = NULL,      # An optional backtrace created by `rlang::trace_back()`. When supplied, the expectation is displayed with the backtrace.
  trace_env = caller_env()  # If is.null(trace), this is used to automatically generate a traceback running from `test_code()`/`test_file()` to `trace_env`. You’ll generally only need to set this if you’re wrapping an expectation inside another function.
)
```

Arguments

- **ok**: TRUE or FALSE indicating if the expectation was successful.
- **failure_message**: Message to show if the expectation failed.
- **info**: Character vector continuing additional information. Included for backward compatibility only and new expectations should not use it.
- **srcref**: Location of the failure. Should only needed to be explicitly supplied when you need to forward a srcref captured elsewhere.
- **trace**: An optional backtrace created by `rlang::trace_back()`. When supplied, the expectation is displayed with the backtrace.
- **trace_env**: If is.null(trace), this is used to automatically generate a traceback running from `test_code()`/`test_file()` to `trace_env`. You’ll generally only need to set this if you’re wrapping an expectation inside another function.
Details

While expect() creates and signals an expectation in one go, exp_signal() separately signals an expectation that you have manually created with new_expectation(). Expectations are signalled with the following protocol:

- If the expectation is a failure or an error, it is signalled with base::stop(). Otherwise, it is signalled with base::signalCondition().
- The continue_test restart is registered. When invoked, failing expectations are ignored and normal control flow is resumed to run the other tests.

Value

An expectation object. Signals the expectation condition with a continue_test restart.

See Also

exp_signal()

Value

Does code throw an error, warning, message, or other condition?

Description

expect_error(), expect_warning(), expect_message(), and expect_condition() check that code throws an error, warning, message, or condition with a message that matches regexp, or a class that inherits from class. See below for more details.

In the 3rd edition, these functions match (at most) a single condition. All additional and non-matching (if regexp or class are used) conditions will bubble up outside the expectation. If these additional conditions are important you’ll need to catch them with additional expect_message()/expect_warning() calls; if they’re unimportant you can ignore with suppressMessages()/suppressWarnings().

It can be tricky to test for a combination of different conditions, such as a message followed by an error. expect_snapshot() is often an easier alternative for these more complex cases.

Usage

expect_error(
  object,
  regexp = NULL,
  class = NULL,
  ..., 
  inherit = TRUE,
  info = NULL,
  label = NULL
)

expect_warning(
expect_error

object,
regexp = NULL,
class = NULL,
..., inherit = TRUE,
all = FALSE,
info = NULL,
label = NULL
)

expect_message(
object,
regexp = NULL,
class = NULL,
..., inherit = TRUE,
all = FALSE,
info = NULL,
label = NULL
)

expect_condition(
object,
regexp = NULL,
class = NULL,
..., inherit = TRUE,
info = NULL,
label = NULL
)

Arguments

  object  Object to test.

  Supports limited unquoting to make it easier to generate readable failures within
a function or for loop. See quasi_label for more details.

  regexp  Regular expression to test against.

  • A character vector giving a regular expression that must match the error
message.
  • If NULL, the default, asserts that there should be an error, but doesn’t test for
a specific value.
  • If NA, asserts that there should be no errors, but we now recommend using
expect_no_error() and friends instead.

Note that you should only use message with errors/warnings/messages that you
generate. Avoid tests that rely on the specific text generated by another pack-
age since this can easily change. If you do need to test text generated by another
package, either protect the test with skip_on_cran() or use expect_snapshot().
Instead of supplying a regular expression, you can also supply a class name. This is useful for "classed" conditions. Arguments passed on to \texttt{expect_match}.

\texttt{fixed} If \texttt{TRUE}, treats \texttt{regexp} as a string to be matched exactly (not a regular expressions). Overrides \texttt{perl}.

\texttt{perl} logical. Should Perl-compatible regexps be used? Whether to match \texttt{regexp} and \texttt{class} across the ancestry of chained errors.

\texttt{info} Extra information to be included in the message. This argument is soft-deprecated and should not be used in new code. Instead see alternatives in \texttt{quasi_label}.

\texttt{label} Used to customise failure messages. For expert use only.

\texttt{all} \textit{DEPRECATED} If you need to test multiple warnings/messages you now need to use multiple calls to \texttt{expect_message()}/\texttt{expect_warning()}

\textbf{Value}

- If \texttt{regexp} = \texttt{NA}, the value of the first argument; otherwise the captured condition.

\textbf{Testing message vs class}

When checking that code generates an error, it’s important to check that the error is the one you expect. There are two ways to do this. The first way is the simplest: you just provide a \texttt{regexp} that match some fragment of the error message. This is easy, but fragile, because the test will fail if the error message changes (even if its the same error).

A more robust way is to test for the class of the error, if it has one. You can learn more about custom conditions at \url{https://adv-r.hadley.nz/conditions.html#custom-conditions}, but in short, errors are S3 classes and you can generate a custom class and check for it using \texttt{class} instead of \texttt{regexp}.

If you are using \texttt{expect_error()} to check that an error message is formatted in such a way that it makes sense to a human, we recommend using \texttt{expect_snapshot()} instead.

\textbf{See Also}

\texttt{expect_no_error()}, \texttt{expect_no_warning()}, \texttt{expect_no_message()}, and \texttt{expect_no_condition()} to assert that code runs without errors/warnings/messages/conditions.

Other expectations: \texttt{comparison-expectations}, \texttt{equality-expectations}, \texttt{expect_length()}, \texttt{expect_match()}, \texttt{expect_named()}, \texttt{expect_null()}, \texttt{expect_output()}, \texttt{expect_reference()}, \texttt{expect_silent()}, \texttt{inheritance-expectations}, \texttt{logical-expectations}

\textbf{Examples}

```r
# Errors -----------------------------------------------
f <- function() stop("My error!")
expect_error(f())
expect_error(f(), "My error!")

# You can use the arguments of grepl to control the matching
expect_error(f(), "my error!", ignore.case = TRUE)
```
# Note that `expect_error()` returns the error object so you can test
# its components if needed
err <- expect_error(rlang::abort("a", n = 10))
expect_equal(err$n, 10)

# Warnings
f <- function(x) {
  if (x < 0) {
    warning("x is already negative")
    return(x)
  }
  -x
}
expect_warning(f(-1))
expect_warning(f(-1), "already negative")
expect_warning(f(1), NA)

# To test message and output, store results to a variable
out <- f(-1)
expect_equal(out, -1)

# Messages
f <- function(x) {
  if (x < 0) {
    message("x is already negative")
    return(x)
  }
  -x
}
expect_message(f(-1))
expect_message(f(-1), "already negative")
expect_message(f(1), NA)

 expect_invisible

Does code return a visible or invisible object?

Description

Use this to test whether a function returns a visible or invisible output. Typically you'll use this to check that functions called primarily for their side-effects return their data argument invisibly.

Usage

expect_invisible(call, label = NULL)

expect_visible(call, label = NULL)
**expect_length**

Does code return a vector with the specified length?

**Description**

Does code return a vector with the specified length?

**Usage**

expect_length(object, n)

**Arguments**

- **object**: Object to test.
  - Supports limited unquoting to make it easier to generate readable failures within a function or for loop. See `quasi_label` for more details.
- **n**: Expected length.

**See Also**

- `expect_vector()` to make assertions about the "size" of a vector
- Other expectations: `comparison-expectations`, `equality-expectations`, `expect_error()`, `expect_match()`, `expect_named()`, `expect_null()`, `expect_output()`, `expect_reference()`, `expect_silent()`, `inheritance-expectations`, `logical-expectations`
expect_named

Examples

```r
expect_length(1, 1)
expect_length(1:10, 10)

## Not run:
expect_length(1:10, 1)

## End(Not run)
```

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**expect_named**

Does code return a vector with (given) names?

Description

You can either check for the presence of names (leaving expected blank), specific names (by supplying a vector of names), or absence of names (with NULL).

Usage

```r
expect_named(
  object, 
  expected, 
  ignore.order = FALSE, 
  ignore.case = FALSE, 
  info = NULL, 
  label = NULL
)
```

Arguments

- **object**: Object to test. Supports limited unquoting to make it easier to generate readable failures within a function or for loop. See `quasi_label` for more details.
- **expected**: Character vector of expected names. Leave missing to match any names. Use NULL to check for absence of names.
- **ignore.order**: If TRUE, sorts names before comparing to ignore the effect of order.
- **ignore.case**: If TRUE, lowercases all names to ignore the effect of case.
- **info**: Extra information to be included in the message. This argument is soft-deprecated and should not be used in new code. Instead see alternatives in `quasi_label`.
- **label**: Used to customise failure messages. For expert use only.

See Also

Other expectations: `comparison-expectations`, `equality-expectations`, `expect_error()`, `expect_length()`, `expect_match()`, `expect_null()`, `expect_output()`, `expect_reference()`, `expect_silent()`, `inheritance-expectations`, `logical-expectations`
Examples

```r
x <- c(a = 1, b = 2, c = 3)
expect_named(x)
expect_named(x, c("a", "b", "c"))

# Use options to control sensitivity
expect_named(x, c("B", "C", "A"), ignore.order = TRUE, ignore.case = TRUE)

# Can also check for the absence of names with NULL
z <- 1:4
expect_named(z, NULL)
```

Description

[Experimental]

These expectations are the opposite of `expect_error()`, `expect_warning()`, `expect_message()`, and `expect_condition()`. They assert the absence of an error, warning, or message, respectively.

Usage

```r
expect_no_error(object, ..., message = NULL, class = NULL)
expect_no_warning(object, ..., message = NULL, class = NULL)
expect_no_message(object, ..., message = NULL, class = NULL)
expect_no_condition(object, ..., message = NULL, class = NULL)
```

Arguments

- `object` Object to test.
  - Supports limited unquoting to make it easier to generate readable failures within a function or for loop. See `quasi_label` for more details.
- `...` These dots are for future extensions and must be empty.
- `message, class` The default, `message = NULL, class = NULL`, will fail if there is any error/warning/message/condition.
  - If many cases, particularly when testing warnings and message, you will want to be more specific about the condition you are hoping not to see, i.e. the condition that motivated you to write the test. Similar to `expect_error()` and friends, you can specify the `message` (a regular expression that the message of the condition must match) and/or the `class` (a class the condition must inherit from). This ensures that the message/warnings you don’t want never recur, while allowing new messages/warnings to bubble up for you to deal with.
Note that you should only use message with errors/warnings/messages that you generate, or that base R generates (which tend to be stable). Avoid tests that rely on the specific text generated by another package since this can easily change. If you do need to test text generated by another package, either protect the test with skip_on_cran() or use expect_snapshot().

Examples

```r
expect_no_warning(1 + 1)

foo <- function(x) {
  warning("This is a problem!")
}

# warning doesn't match so bubbles up:
expect_no_warning(foo(), message = "bananas")

# warning does match so causes a failure:
try(expect_no_warning(foo(), message = "problem"))
```

Description

Test for output produced by print() or cat(). This is best used for very simple output; for more complex cases use expect_snapshot().

Usage

```r
expect_output(
  object,
  regexp = NULL,
  ...,
  info = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  width = 80
)
```

Arguments

- **object**: Object to test.
  - Supports limited unquoting to make it easier to generate readable failures within a function or for loop. See quasi_label for more details.
- **regexp**: Regular expression to test against.
  - A character vector giving a regular expression that must match the output.
  - If NULL, the default, asserts that there should output, but doesn’t check for a specific value.
• If NA, asserts that there should be no output.

Arguments passed on to expect_match

all Should all elements of actual value match regexp (TRUE), or does only one need to match (FALSE).

fixed If TRUE, treats regexp as a string to be matched exactly (not a regular expressions). Overrides perl.

info Extra information to be included in the message. This argument is soft-deprecated and should not be used in new code. Instead see alternatives in quasi_label.

label Used to customise failure messages. For expert use only.

width Number of characters per line of output. This does not inherit fromgetOption("width") so that tests always use the same output width, minimising spurious differences.

Value

The first argument, invisibly.

See Also

Other expectations: comparison-expectations, equality-expectations, expect_error(), expect_length(), expect_match(), expect_named(), expect_null(), expect_reference(), expect_silent(), inheritance-expectations, logical-expectations

Examples

str(mtcars)
expect_output(str(mtcars), "32 obs")
expect_output(str(mtcars), "11 variables")

# You can use the arguments of grepl to control the matching
expect_output(str(mtcars), "11 VARIABLES", ignore.case = TRUE)
expect_output(str(mtcars), "$ mpg", fixed = TRUE)

expect_setequal
Does code return a vector containing the expected values?

Description

• expect_setequal(x, y) tests that every element of x occurs in y, and that every element of y occurs in x.

• expect_mapequal(x, y) tests that x and y have the same names, and that x[names(y)] equals y.

Usage

expect_setequal(object, expected)

expect_mapequal(object, expected)
**expect_silent**

**Arguments**

object, expected

Computation and value to compare it to.

Both arguments supports limited unquoting to make it easier to generate readable failures within a function or for loop. See quasi_label for more details.

**Details**

Note that expect_setequal() ignores names, and you will be warned if both object and expected have them.

**Examples**

```r
expect_setequal(letters, rev(letters))
show_failure(expect_setequal(letters[-1], rev(letters)))
```

```r
x <- list(b = 2, a = 1)
expect_mapequal(x, list(a = 1, b = 2))
show_failure(expect_mapequal(x, list(a = 1)))
show_failure(expect_mapequal(x, list(a = 1, b = "x")))
show_failure(expect_mapequal(x, list(a = 1, b = 2, c = 3)))
```

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**expect_silent**       *Does code execute silently?*

---

**Description**

Checks that the code produces no output, messages, or warnings.

**Usage**

```r
expect_silent(object)
```

**Arguments**

object  

Object to test.

Supports limited unquoting to make it easier to generate readable failures within a function or for loop. See quasi_label for more details.

**Value**

The first argument, invisibly.

**See Also**

Other expectations: comparison-expectations, equality-expectations, expect_error(), expect_length(), expect_match(), expect_named(), expect_null(), expect_output(), expect_reference(), inheritance-expectations, logical-expectations
Examples

```r
expect_silent("123")

f <- function() {
  message("Hi!")
  warning("Hey!!")
  print("OY!!!")
}
## Not run:
expect_silent(f())
## End(Not run)
```

### Description

Snapshot tests (aka golden tests) are similar to unit tests except that the expected result is stored in a separate file that is managed by testthat. Snapshot tests are useful for when the expected value is large, or when the intent of the code is something that can only be verified by a human (e.g. this is a useful error message). Learn more in vignette("snapshotting").

`expect_snapshot()` runs code as if you had executed it at the console, and records the results, including output, messages, warnings, and errors. If you just want to compare the result, try `expect_snapshot_value()`.

### Usage

```r
expect_snapshot(
  x,
  cran = FALSE,
  error = FALSE,
  transform = NULL,
  variant = NULL,
  cnd_class = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

- **x**: Code to evaluate.
- **cran**: Should these expectations be verified on CRAN? By default, they are not, because snapshot tests tend to be fragile because they often rely on minor details of dependencies.
- **error**: Do you expect the code to throw an error? The expectation will fail (even on CRAN) if an unexpected error is thrown or the expected error is not thrown.
expect_snapshot_file

transform
Optionally, a function to scrub sensitive or stochastic text from the output. Should take a character vector of lines as input and return a modified character vector as output.

variant
If non-NULL, results will be saved in _snaps/{variant}/{test}.md, so variant must be a single string suitable for use as a directory name. You can use variants to deal with cases where the snapshot output varies and you want to capture and test the variations. Common use cases include variations for operating system, R version, or version of key dependency. Variants are an advanced feature. When you use them, you'll need to carefully think about your testing strategy to ensure that all important variants are covered by automated tests, and ensure that you have a way to get snapshot changes out of your CI system and back into the repo.

cnd_class
Whether to include the class of messages, warnings, and errors in the snapshot. Only the most specific class is included, i.e. the first element of class(cnd).

Workflow
The first time that you run a snapshot expectation it will run x, capture the results, and record them in tests/testthat/_snaps/{test}.md. Each test file gets its own snapshot file, e.g. test-foo.R will get _snaps/foo.md. It's important to review the Markdown files and commit them to git. They are designed to be human readable, and you should always review new additions to ensure that the salient information has been captured. They should also be carefully reviewed in pull requests, to make sure that snapshots have updated in the expected way.

On subsequent runs, the result of x will be compared to the value stored on disk. If it's different, the expectation will fail, and a new file _snaps/{test}.new.md will be created. If the change was deliberate, you can approve the change with snapshot_accept() and then the tests will pass the next time you run them.

Note that snapshotting can only work when executing a complete test file (with test_file(), test_dir(), or friends) because there's otherwise no way to figure out the snapshot path. If you run snapshot tests interactively, they'll just display the current value.

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Description
Whole file snapshot testing is designed for testing objects that don't have a convenient textual representation, with initial support for images (.png, .jpg, .svg), data frames (.csv), and text files (.R, .txt, .json,...).

The first time expect_snapshot_file() is run, it will create _snaps/{test}/{name}.{ext} containing reference output. Future runs will be compared to this reference: if different, the test will fail and the new results will be saved in _snaps/{test}/{name}.new.{ext}. To review failures, call snapshot_review().

We generally expect this function to be used via a wrapper that takes care of ensuring that output is as reproducible as possible, e.g. automatically skipping tests where it's known that images can't be reproduced exactly.
Usage

```r
expect_snapshot_file(
  path,
  name = basename(path),
  binary = lifecycle::deprecated(),
  cran = FALSE,
  compare = NULL,
  transform = NULL,
  variant = NULL
)
```

```r
announce_snapshot_file(path, name = basename(path))
```

```r
compare_file_binary(old, new)
```

```r
compare_file_text(old, new)
```

Arguments

- `path` Path to file to snapshot. Optional for `announce_snapshot_file()` if name is supplied.
- `name` Snapshot name, taken from path by default.
- `binary` [Deprecated] Please use the `compare` argument instead.
- `cran` Should these expectations be verified on CRAN? By default, they are not, because snapshot tests tend to be fragile because they often rely on minor details of dependencies.
- `compare` A function used to compare the snapshot files. It should take two inputs, the paths to the old and new snapshot, and return either TRUE or FALSE. This defaults to `compare_file_text` if name has extension `.r`, `.R`, `.Rmd`, `.md`, or `.txt`, and otherwise uses `compare_file_binary`.
- `transform` Optionally, a function to scrub sensitive or stochastic text from the output. Should take a character vector of lines as input and return a modified character vector as output.
- `variant` If not-NULL, results will be saved in `_snaps/{variant}/{test}/{name}.{ext}`. This allows you to create different snapshots for different scenarios, like different operating systems or different R versions.
- `old`, `new` Paths to old and new snapshot files.

Announcing snapshots

testthat automatically detects dangling snapshots that have been written to the _snaps directory but which no longer have corresponding R code to generate them. These dangling files are automatically deleted so they don’t clutter the snapshot directory. However we want to preserve
snapshot files when the R code wasn’t executed because of an unexpected error or because of a `skip()`. Let testthat know about these files by calling `announce_snapshot_file()` before `expect_snapshot_file()`.

Examples

```r
# To use `expect_snapshot_file()` you'll typically need to start by writing
# a helper function that creates a file from your code, returning a path
save_png <- function(code, width = 400, height = 400) {
  path <- tempfile(fileext = ".png")
  png(path, width = width, height = height)
  on.exit(dev.off())
  code
  path
}
path <- save_png(plot(1:5))
path

## Not run:
expect_snapshot_file(save_png(hist(mtcars$mpg)), "plot.png")
## End(Not run)

# You'd then also provide a helper that skips tests where you can't
# be sure of producing exactly the same output
expect_snapshot_plot <- function(name, code) {
  # Other packages might affect results
  skip_if_not_installed("ggplot2", "2.0.0")
  # Or maybe the output is different on some operation systems
  skip_on_os("windows")
  # You'll need to carefully think about and experiment with these skips
  name <- paste0(name, ".png")

  # Announce the file before touching `code`. This way, if `code`
  # unexpectedly fails or skips, testthat will not auto-delete the
  # corresponding snapshot file.
  announce_snapshot_file(name = name)

  path <- save_png(code)
  expect_snapshot_file(path, name)
}
```

Description

Captures the result of function, flexibly serializing it into a text representation that's stored in a snapshot file. See `expect_snapshot()` for more details on snapshot testing.

Usage

```r
expect_snapshot_value(
  x,
  style = c("json", "json2", "deparse", "serialize"),
  cran = FALSE,
  tolerance = testthat::tolerance(),
  ...,
  variant = NULL
)
```

Arguments

- `x` Code to evaluate.
- `style` Serialization style to use:
  - `json` uses `jsonlite::fromJSON()` and `jsonlite::toJSON()`. This produces the simplest output but only works for relatively simple objects.
  - `json2` uses `jsonlite::serializeJSON()` and `jsonlite::unserializeJSON()` which are more verbose but work for a wider range of type.
  - `deparse` uses `deparse()`, which generates a depiction of the object using R code.
  - `serialize()` produces a binary serialization of the object using `serialize()`. This is all but guaranteed to work for any R object, but produces a completely opaque serialization.
- `cran` Should these expectations be verified on CRAN? By default, they are not, because snapshot tests tend to be fragile because they often rely on minor details of dependencies.
- `tolerance` Numerical tolerance: any differences (in the sense of `base::all.equal()`) smaller than this value will be ignored. The default tolerance is `sqrt(.Machine$double.eps)`, unless long doubles are not available, in which case the test is skipped.
- `...` Passed on to `waldo::compare()` so you can control the details of the comparison.
- `variant` If non-NULL, results will be saved in `_snaps/{variant}/{test.md}`, so variant must be a single string suitable for use as a directory name. You can use variants to deal with cases where the snapshot output varies and you want to capture and test the variations. Common use cases include variations for operating system, R version, or version of key dependency. Variants are an advanced feature. When you use them, you'll need to carefully think about your testing strategy to ensure that all important variants are covered by automated tests, and ensure that you have a way to get snapshot changes out of your CI system and back into the repo.
**expect_vector**

Does code return a vector with the expected size and/or prototype?

**Description**

`expect_vector()` is a thin wrapper around `vctrs::vec_assert()`, converting the results of that function into the expectations used by testthat. This means that it used the `vctrs` of `ptype` (prototype) and `size`. See details in [https://vctrs.r-lib.org/articles/type-size.html](https://vctrs.r-lib.org/articles/type-size.html)

**Usage**

```
expect_vector(object, ptype = NULL, size = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- **object**: Object to test.
  - Supports limited unquoting to make it easier to generate readable failures within a function or for loop. See `quasi_label` for more details.
- **ptype**: (Optional) Vector prototype to test against. Should be a size-0 (empty) generalised vector.
- **size**: (Optional) Size to check for.

**Examples**

```
if (requireNamespace("vctrs") && packageVersion("vctrs") > "0.1.0.9002") {
  expect_vector(1:10, ptype = integer(), size = 10)
  show_failure(expect_vector(1:10, ptype = integer(), size = 5))
  show_failure(expect_vector(1:10, ptype = character(), size = 5))
}
```

**fail**

Default expectations that always succeed or fail.

**Description**

These allow you to manually trigger success or failure. Failure is particularly useful to a precondition or mark a test as not yet implemented.

**Usage**

```
fail(
  message = "Failure has been forced",
  info = NULL,
  trace_env = caller_env()
)
```

```
succeed(message = "Success has been forced", info = NULL)
```
Arguments

message  a string to display.
info    Character vector continuing additional information. Included for backward compatibility only and new expectations should not use it.
trace_env If is.null(trace), this is used to automatically generate a traceback running from test_code()/test_file() to trace_env. You’ll generally only need to set this if you’re wrapping an expectation inside another function.

Examples

```r
## Not run:
test_that("this test fails", fail())
test_that("this test succeeds", succeed())
## End(Not run)
```

FailReporter  

Test reporter: fail at end.

Description

This reporter will simply throw an error if any of the tests failed. It is best combined with another reporter, such as the SummaryReporter.

See Also


inheritance-expectations

Does code return an object inheriting from the expected base type, S3 class, or S4 class?

Description

See https://adv-r.hadley.nz/oo.html for an overview of R’s OO systems, and the vocabulary used here.

- expect_type(x, type) checks that typeof(x) is type.
- expect_s3_class(x, class) checks that x is an S3 object that inherits() from class
- expect_s3_class(x, NA) checks that x isn’t an S3 object.
- expect_s4_class(x, class) checks that x is an S4 object that is() class.
- expect_s4_class(x, NA) checks that x isn’t an S4 object.

See expect_vector() for testing properties of objects created by vctrs.
Usage

expect_type(object, type)

expect_s3_class(object, class, exact = FALSE)

expect_s4_class(object, class)

Arguments

object  Object to test.
        Supports limited unquoting to make it easier to generate readable failures within
        a function or for loop. See quasi_label for more details.

type    String giving base type (as returned by typeof()).

class   Either a character vector of class names, or for expect_s3_class() and expect_s4_class(),
        an NA to assert that object isn’t an S3 or S4 object.

exact   If FALSE, the default, checks that object inherits from class. If TRUE, checks
        that object has a class that’s identical to class.

See Also

Other expectations: comparison-expectations, equality-expectations, expect_error(), expect_length(),
expect_match(), expect_named(), expect_null(), expect_output(), expect_reference(),
expect_silent(), logical-expectations

Examples

x <- data.frame(x = 1:10, y = "x", stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
# A data frame is an S3 object with class data.frame
expect_s3_class(x, "data.frame")
show_failure(expect_s4_class(x, "data.frame"))
# A data frame is built from a list:
expect_type(x, "list")

# An integer vector is an atomic vector of type "integer"
expect_type(x$x, "integer")
# It is not an S3 object
show_failure(expect_s3_class(x$x, "integer"))

# Above, we requested data.frame() converts strings to factors:
show_failure(expect_type(x$y, "character"))
expect_s3_class(x$y, "factor")
expect_type(x$y, "integer")
**is_testing**  
*Determine testing status*

**Description**

- `is_testing()` determine if code is being run as part of a test
- `is_parallel()` if the test is being run in parallel.
- `testing_package()` gives name of the package being tested.

These are thin wrappers that retrieve the values of environment variables. To avoid creating a run-time dependency on testthat, you can inline the source of these functions directly into your package.

**Usage**

```
is_testing()
is_parallel()
testing_package()
```

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**JUnitReporter**  
*Test reporter: summary of errors in jUnit XML format.*

**Description**

This reporter includes detailed results about each test and summaries, written to a file (or stdout) in jUnit XML format. This can be read by the Jenkins Continuous Integration System to report on a dashboard etc. Requires the `xml2` package.

**Details**

To fit into the jUnit structure, `context()` becomes the `<testsuite>` name as well as the base of the `<testcase>` classname. The `test_that()` name becomes the rest of the `<testcase>` classname. The deparsed `expect_that()` call becomes the `<testcase>` name. On failure, the message goes into the `<failure>` node message argument (first line only) and into its text content (full message).

Execution time and some other details are also recorded.

References for the jUnit XML format: [http://llg.cubic.org/docs/junit/](http://llg.cubic.org/docs/junit/)

**See Also**

ListReporter

List reporter: gather all test results along with elapsed time and file information.

Description

This reporter gathers all results, adding additional information such as test elapsed time, and test filename if available. Very useful for reporting.

See Also


local_test_context

Locally set options for maximal test reproducibility

Description

local_test_context() is run automatically by test_that() but you may want to run it yourself if you want to replicate test results interactively. If run inside a function, the effects are automatically reversed when the function exits; if running in the global environment, use withr::deferred_run() to undo.

local_reproducible_output() is run automatically by test_that() in the 3rd edition. You might want to call it to override the default settings inside a test, if you want to test Unicode, coloured output, or a non-standard width.

Usage

local_test_context(.env = parent.frame())

dlcal_reproducible_output(
    width = 80,
    crayon = FALSE,
    unicode = FALSE,
    rstudio = FALSE,
    hyperlinks = FALSE,
    lang = "en",
    .env = parent.frame()
)
)
Arguments

.env Environment to use for scoping; expert use only.
width Value of the "width" option.
crayon Determines whether or not crayon (now cli) colour should be applied.
unicode Value of the "cli.unicode" option. The test is skipped if l10n_info()$'UTF-8'
is FALSE.
rstudio Should we pretend that we're inside of RStudio?
hyperlinks Should we use ANSI hyperlinks.
lang Optionally, supply a BCP47 language code to set the language used for trans-
lating error messages. This is a lower case two letter ISO 639 country code,
optionally followed by "_" or "-" and an upper case two letter ISO 3166 region
code.

details

local_test_context() sets TESTTHAT = "true", which ensures that is_testing() returns TRUE
and allows code to tell if it is run by testthat.

In the third edition, local_test_context() also calls local_reproducible_output() which
temporary sets the following options:

• cli.dynamic = FALSE so that tests assume that they are not run in a dynamic console (i.e. one
where you can move the cursor around).
• cli.unicode (default: FALSE) so that the cli package never generates unicode output (nor-
mally cli uses unicode on Linux/Mac but not Windows). Windows can’t easily save unicode
output to disk, so it must be set to false for consistency.
• cli.condition_width = Inf so that new lines introduced while width-wrapping condition
messages don’t interfere with message matching.
• crayon.enabled (default: FALSE) suppresses ANSI colours generated by the cli and crayon
packages (normally colours are used if cli detects that you’re in a terminal that supports
colour).
• cli.num_colors (default: 1L) Same as the crayon option.
• lifecycle_verbosity = "warning" so that every lifecycle problem always generates a warn-
ing (otherwise deprecated functions don’t generate a warning every time).
• max.print = 99999 so the same number of values are printed.
• OutDec = "." so numbers always uses . as the decimal point (European users sometimes set
OutDec = ",\").
• rlang_interactive = FALSE so that rlang::is_interactive() returns FALSE, and code
that uses it pretends you’re in a non-interactive environment.
• useFancyQuotes = FALSE so base R functions always use regular (straight) quotes (otherwise
the default is locale dependent, see sQuote() for details).
• width (default: 80) to control the width of printed output (usually this varies with the size of
your console).

And modifies the following env vars:
• Unsets RSTUDIO, which ensures that RStudio is never detected as running.
• Sets LANGUAGE = "en", which ensures that no message translation occurs.

Finally, it sets the collation locale to "C", which ensures that character sorting the same regardless of system locale.

Examples

```r
local(
  local_test_context()
  cat(cli::col_blue("Text will not be colored"))
  cat(cli::symbol$ellipsis)
  cat("\n")
)
test_that("test ellipsis", {
  local_reproducible_output(unicode = FALSE)
  expect_equal(cli::symbol$ellipsis, "...")

  local_reproducible_output(unicode = TRUE)
  expect_equal(cli::symbol$ellipsis, "\u2026")
})
```

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**LocationReporter**  
*Test reporter: location*

**Description**

This reporter simply prints the location of every expectation and error. This is useful if you're trying to figure out the source of a segfault, or you want to figure out which code triggers a C/C++ breakpoint.

**See Also**


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**logical-expectations**  
*Does code return TRUE or FALSE?*

**Description**

These are fall-back expectations that you can use when none of the other more specific expectations apply. The disadvantage is that you may get a less informative error message.
Usage

expect_true(object, info = NULL, label = NULL)

expect_false(object, info = NULL, label = NULL)

Arguments

object Object to test.
Supports limited unquoting to make it easier to generate readable failures within
a function or for loop. See quasi_label for more details.

info Extra information to be included in the message. This argument is soft-deprecated
and should not be used in new code. Instead see alternatives in quasi_label.

label Used to customise failure messages. For expert use only.

Details

Attributes are ignored.

See Also

is_false() for complement

Other expectations: comparison-expectations, equality-expectations, expect_error(), expect_length(),
expect_match(), expect_named(), expect_null(), expect_output(), expect_reference(),
expect_silent(), inheritance-expectations

Examples

expect_true(2 == 2)
# Failed expectations will throw an error
## Not run:
expect_true(2 != 2)

## End(Not run)
expect_true(!(2 != 2))
# or better:
expect_false(2 != 2)

a <- 1:3
eight_true(length(a) == 3)
# but better to use more specific expectation, if available
expect_equal(length(a), 3)
MinimalReporter

Test reporter: minimal.

Description

The minimal test reporter provides the absolutely minimum amount of information: whether each expectation has succeeded, failed or experienced an error. If you want to find out what the failures and errors actually were, you’ll need to run a more informative test reporter.

See Also


MultiReporter

Multi reporter: combine several reporters in one.

Description

This reporter is useful to use several reporters at the same time, e.g. adding a custom reporter without removing the current one.

See Also


ProgressReporter

Test reporter: interactive progress bar of errors.

Description

ProgressReporter is designed for interactive use. Its goal is to give you actionable insights to help you understand the status of your code. This reporter also praises you from time-to-time if all your tests pass. It’s the default reporter for test_dir().

ParallelProgressReporter is very similar to ProgressReporter, but works better for packages that want parallel tests.

CompactProgressReporter is a minimal version of ProgressReporter designed for use with single files. It’s the default reporter for test_file().
See Also


RStudioReporter

Test reporter: RStudio

Description

This reporter is designed for output to RStudio. It produces results in any easily parsed form.

See Also


SilentReporter

Test reporter: gather all errors silently.

Description

This reporter quietly runs all tests, simply gathering all expectations. This is helpful for programmatically inspecting errors after a test run. You can retrieve the results with the expectations() method.

See Also

Description

`skip_if()` and `skip_if_not()` allow you to skip tests, immediately concluding a `test_that()` block without executing any further expectations. This allows you to skip a test without failure, if for some reason it can’t be run (e.g. it depends on the feature of a specific operating system, or it requires a specific version of a package).

See vignette("skipping") for more details.

Usage

```
skip(message)

skip_if_not(condition, message = NULL)

skip_if(condition, message = NULL)

skip_if_not_installed(pkg, minimum_version = NULL)

skip_if_offline(host = "r-project.org")

skip_on_cran()

skip_on_os(os, arch = NULL)

skip_on_travis()

skip_on_appveyor()

skip_on_ci()

skip_on_covr()

skip_on_bioc()

skip_if_translated(msgid = "%s not found")
```

Arguments

- **message**: A message describing why the test was skipped.
- **condition**: Boolean condition to check. `skip_if_not()` will skip if `FALSE`, `skip_if()` will skip if `TRUE`.
- **pkg**: Name of package to check for
minimum_version
Minimum required version for the package

host
A string with a hostname to lookup

os
Character vector of one or more operating systems to skip on. Supported values are "windows", "mac", "linux", and "solaris".

arch
Character vector of one or more architectures to skip on. Common values include "i386" (32 bit), "x86_64" (64 bit), and "aarch64" (M1 mac). Supplying arch makes the test stricter; i.e. both os and arch must match in order for the test to be skipped.

msgid
R message identifier used to check for translation: the default uses a message included in most translation packs. See the complete list in R-base.pot.

Helpers

• skip_if_not_installed("pkg") skips tests if package "pkg" is not installed or cannot be loaded (using requireNamespace()). Generally, you can assume that suggested packages are installed, and you do not need to check for them specifically, unless they are particularly difficult to install.

• skip_if_offline() skips if an internet connection is not available (using curl::nslookup()) or if the test is run on CRAN.

• skip_if_translated("msg") skips tests if the "msg" is translated.

• skip_on_bioc() skips on Bioconductor (using the BBS_HOME env var).

• skip_on_cran() skips on CRAN (using the NOT_CRAN env var set by devtools and friends).

• skip_on_covr() skips when covr is running (using the R_COVR env var).

• skip_on_ci() skips on continuous integration systems like GitHub Actions, travis, and appveyor (using the CI env var). It supersedes the older skip_on_travis() and skip_on_appveyor() functions.

• skip_on_os() skips on the specified operating system(s) ("windows", "mac", "linux", or "solaris").

Examples

if (FALSE) skip("No internet connection")

test_that("skip example", {
  expect_equal(1, 1L)  # this expectation runs
  skip('skip')
  expect_equal(1, 2)   # this one skipped
  expect_equal(1, 3)   # this one is also skipped
})
**Snapshot management**

**Description**

- `snapshot_accept()` accepts all modified snapshots.
- `snapshot_review()` opens a Shiny app that shows a visual diff of each modified snapshot. This is particularly useful for whole file snapshots created by `expect_snapshot_file()`.

**Usage**

```r
snapshot_accept(files = NULL, path = "tests/testthat")

snapshot_review(files = NULL, path = "tests/testthat")
```

**Arguments**

- `files`  Optionally, filter effects to snapshots from specified files. This can be a snapshot name (e.g. foo or foo.md), a snapshot file name (e.g. testfile/foo.txt), or a snapshot file directory (e.g. testfile/).
- `path`  Path to tests.

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**StopReporter**  

*Test reporter: stop on error*

**Description**

The default reporter used when `expect_that()` is run interactively. It responds by `stop()`ping on failures and doing nothing otherwise. This will ensure that a failing test will raise an error.

**Details**

This should be used when doing a quick and dirty test, or during the final automated testing of R CMD check. Otherwise, use a reporter that runs all tests and gives you more context about the problem.

**See Also**

SummaryReporter

Test reporter: summary of errors.

Description

This is a reporter designed for interactive usage: it lets you know which tests have run successfully and as well as fully reporting information about failures and errors.

Details

You can use the `max_reports` field to control the maximum number of detailed reports produced by this reporter. This is useful when running with `auto_test()`.

As an additional benefit, this reporter will praise you from time-to-time if all your tests pass.

See Also


TapReporter

Test reporter: TAP format.

Description

This reporter will output results in the Test Anything Protocol (TAP), a simple text-based interface between testing modules in a test harness. For more information about TAP, see http://testanything.org

See Also

TeamcityReporter

TeamcityReporter

**Test reporter: Teamcity format.**

**Description**

This reporter will output results in the Teamcity message format. For more information about Teamcity messages, see [http://confluence.jetbrains.com/display/TCD7/Build+Script+Interaction+with+TeamCity](http://confluence.jetbrains.com/display/TCD7/Build+Script+Interaction+with+TeamCity)

**See Also**


teardown_env

**Run code after all test files**

**Description**

This environment has no purpose other than as a handle for `withr::defer()`: use it when you want to run code after all tests have been run. Typically, you’ll use `withr::defer(cleanup(), teardown_env())` immediately after you’ve made a mess in a setup-*.R file.

**Usage**

```r
  teardown_env()
```

test_file

**Run all tests in a single file**

**Description**

Helper, setup, and teardown files located in the same directory as the test will also be run.

**Usage**

```r
  test_file(path, reporter = default_compact_reporter(), package = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `path` - Path to file.
- `reporter` - Reporter to use to summarise output. Can be supplied as a string (e.g. "summary") or as an R6 object (e.g. `SummaryReporter$new()`). See Reporter for more details and a list of built-in reporters.
- `package` - If these tests belong to a package, the name of the package.
- `...` - Additional parameters passed on to `test_dir()`
Value

A list (invisibly) containing data about the test results.

Special files

Certain .R files have special significance in testthat:

- Test files start with test and are executed in alphabetical order.
- Setup files start with setup and are executed before tests. If clean up is needed after all tests have been run, you can use withr::defer(clean_up(), teardown_env()). See vignette("test-fixtures") for more details.
- Helper files start with helper and are executed before tests are run and, unlike setup files, are also loaded by devtools::load_all(). Helper files can be necessary for side-effect-y code that you need to run when developing the package interactively. It's certainly possible to define custom test utilities in a helper file, but they can usually be defined below R/, just like any other internal function.

There is another type of special file that we no longer recommend using:

- Teardown files start with teardown and are executed after the tests are run. Now we recommend interleaving setup and cleanup code in setup- files, making it easier to check that you automatically clean up every mess that you make.

All other files are ignored by testthat.

Environments

Each test is run in a clean environment to keep tests as isolated as possible. For package tests, that environment that inherits from the package's namespace environment, so that tests can access internal functions and objects.

Examples

```r
path <- testthat_example("success")
test_file(path)
test_file(path, reporter = "minimal")
```

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**test_package**

*Run all tests in a package*

**Description**

- `test_local()` tests a local source package.
- `test_package()` tests an installed package.
- `test_check()` checks a package during R CMD check.

Tests live in tests/testthat.
Usage

```r
test_package(package, reporter = check_reporter(), ...)
```

```r
test_check(package, reporter = check_reporter(), ...)
```

```r
test_local(path = ".", reporter = NULL, ..., load_package = "source")
```

Arguments

- `package` If these tests belong to a package, the name of the package.
- `reporter` Reporter to use to summarise output. Can be supplied as a string (e.g. "summary") or as an R6 object (e.g. `SummaryReporter$new()`). See `Reporter` for more details and a list of built-in reporters.
- `...` Additional arguments passed to `test_dir()`
- `path` Path to directory containing tests.
- `load_package` Strategy to use for load package code:
  - "none", the default, doesn’t load the package.
  - "installed", uses `library()` to load an installed package.
  - "source", uses `pkgload::load_all()` to a source package. To configure the arguments passed to `load_all()`, add this field in your `DESCRIPTION` file:
    ```
    Config/testthat/load-all: list(export_all = FALSE, helpers = FALSE)
    ```

Value

A list (invisibly) containing data about the test results.

R CMD check

To run testthat automatically from `R CMD check`, make sure you have a `tests/testthat.R` that contains:

```r
library(testthat)
library(yourpackage)

test_check("yourpackage")
```

Special files

Certain `.R` files have special significance in testthat:

- Test files start with `test` and are executed in alphabetical order.
- Setup files start with `setup` and are executed before tests. If clean up is needed after all tests have been run, you can use `withr::defer(clean_up(), teardown_env())`. See vignette("test-fixtures") for more details.
• Helper files start with helper and are executed before tests are run and, unlike setup files, are also loaded by devtools::load_all(). Helper files can be necessary for side-effect-y code that you need to run when developing the package interactively. It’s certainly possible to define custom test utilities in a helper file, but they can usually be defined below R/, just like any other internal function.

There is another type of special file that we no longer recommend using:

• Teardown files start with teardown and are executed after the tests are run. Now we recommend interleaving setup and cleanup code in setup- files, making it easier to check that you automatically clean up every mess that you make.

All other files are ignored by testthat.

Environments

Each test is run in a clean environment to keep tests as isolated as possible. For package tests, that environment that inherits from the package’s namespace environment, so that tests can access internal functions and objects.

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test_path

Description

This function is designed to work both interactively and during tests, locating files in the tests/testthat directory

Usage

test_path(...)

Arguments

... Character vectors giving path component.

Value

A character vector giving the path.
test_that

## Description

A test encapsulates a series of expectations about a small, self-contained unit of functionality. Each test contains one or more expectations, such as `expect_equal()` or `expect_error()`, and lives in a `test/testthat/test*` file, often together with other tests that relate to the same function or set of functions.

Each test has its own execution environment, so an object created in a test also dies with the test. Note that this cleanup does not happen automatically for other aspects of global state, such as session options or filesystem changes. Avoid changing global state, when possible, and reverse any changes that you do make.

## Usage

```r
test_that(desc, code)
```

## Arguments

- `desc` Test name. Names should be brief, but evocative. It's common to write the description so that it reads like a natural sentence, e.g. `test_that("multiplication works", { ... `).

- `code` Test code containing expectations. Braces (`{}`) should always be used in order to get accurate location data for test failures.

## Value

When run interactively, returns `invisible(TRUE)` if all tests pass, otherwise throws an error.

## Examples

```r
test_that("trigonometric functions match identities", {
  expect_equal(sin(pi / 4), 1 / sqrt(2))
  expect_equal(cos(pi / 4), 1 / sqrt(2))
  expect_equal(tan(pi / 4), 1)
})

## Not run:
test_that("trigonometric functions match identities", {
  expect_equal(sin(pi / 4), 1)
})

## End(Not run)
**Description**

Add the necessary infrastructure to enable C++ unit testing in R packages with Catch and testthat.

**Usage**

```r
use_catch(dir = getwd())
```

**Arguments**

- `dir`  
  The directory containing an R package.

**Details**

Calling `use_catch()` will:

1. Create a file `src/test-runner.cpp`, which ensures that the testthat package will understand how to run your package’s unit tests,
2. Create an example test file `src/test-example.cpp`, which showcases how you might use Catch to write a unit test,
3. Add a test file `tests/testthat/test-cpp.R`, which ensures that testthat will run your compiled tests during invocations of `devtools::test()` or `R CMD check`, and
4. Create a file `R/catch-routine-registration.R`, which ensures that R will automatically register this routine when `tools::package_native_routine_registration_skeleton()` is invoked.

You will also need to:

- Add xml2 to Suggests, with e.g. `usethis::use_package("xml2", "Suggests")`
- Add testthat to LinkingTo, with e.g. `usethis::use_package("testthat", "LinkingTo")`

C++ unit tests can be added to C++ source files within the `src` directory of your package, with a format similar to R code tested with testthat. Here’s a simple example of a unit test written with testthat + Catch:

```c++
context("C++ Unit Test") {
    test_that("two plus two is four") {
        int result = 2 + 2;
        expect_true(result == 4);
    }
}
```

When your package is compiled, unit tests alongside a harness for running these tests will be compiled into your R package, with the C entry point `run_testthat_tests()`. testthat will use that entry point to run your unit tests when detected.
Functions

All of the functions provided by Catch are available with the CATCH_ prefix – see [here](#) for a full list. testthat provides the following wrappers, to conform with testthat’s R interface:

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<td>Test that evaluation of an expression throws an exception of a specific class.</td>
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In general, you should prefer using the testthat wrappers, as testthat also does some work to ensure that any unit tests within will not be compiled or run when using the Solaris Studio compilers (as these are currently unsupported by Catch). This should make it easier to submit packages to CRAN that use Catch.

Symbol Registration

If you’ve opted to disable dynamic symbol lookup in your package, then you’ll need to explicitly export a symbol in your package that testthat can use to run your unit tests. testthat will look for a routine with one of the names:

```
C_run_testthat_tests
C_run_testthat_tests
run_testthat_tests
```

See [Controlling Visibility](#) and [Registering Symbols](#) in the Writing R Extensions manual for more information.

Advanced Usage

If you’d like to write your own Catch test runner, you can instead use the testthat::catchSession() object in a file with the form:

```c
#define TESTTHAT_TEST_RUNNER
#include <testthat.h>

void run()
{
    Catch::Session& session = testthat::catchSession();
    // interact with the session object as desired
}
```

This can be useful if you’d like to run your unit tests with custom arguments passed to the Catch session.
Standalone Usage

If you’d like to use the C++ unit testing facilities provided by Catch, but would prefer not to use the regular testthat R testing infrastructure, you can manually run the unit tests by inserting a call to:

```r
.Call("run_testthat_tests", PACKAGE = <pkgName>)
```

as necessary within your unit test suite.

See Also

Catch, the library used to enable C++ unit testing.
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