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choose-file	<i>Choose file or directory to open via 'Python'</i>
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Description

Choose a directory, one or multiple files to open, or choose a file to save.

Usage

```
choose_fileopen(
  initialfile = NULL,
  multiple = FALSE,
  title = ifelse(multiple, "Choose Files", "Choose a File"),
  message = "",
  verbose = FALSE,
  force = FALSE
)
```

```
choose_filesave()
```

```
choose_directory(
  initialdir = NULL,
  title = "Choose a Directory",
  message = "",
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

initialfile, initialdir	initial selection of file or directory
multiple	whether to open multiple files
title, message	dialogue title and message
verbose	whether to verbose debug information
force	whether to force using 'Python' when native R functions are available, default is false

Details

Base-R has `file.choose` function to choose files. However, users cannot select multiple files nor directories. These functions fill the gap by using 'Python' 'tkinter' package. Please make sure that one-time setup function `configure_conda` has executed before running these functions.

The functions must run as interactive mode. If you run the functions on a server, most likely you will get nothing. The functions themselves do not check if you are running under interactive sessions. You must check by yourself.

Value

User-selected paths. If the users select nothing, then NULL will be returned. For multiple file selection, multiple paths will be returned.

Examples

```
if(interactive()) {  
  choose_fileopen(multiple = TRUE)  
}
```

conda-env	<i>'Miniconda' environment</i>
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Description

These functions/variables are used to configure 'Miniconda' environment.

Usage

```
CONDAENV_NAME(env_name)  
  
conda_path()  
  
conda_bin()  
  
env_path(env_name = NA)  
  
list_pkgs(..., env_name = NA)  
  
configure_matlab(matlab, python_ver = "auto")  
  
configure_conda(  
  python_ver = "auto",  
  packages = NULL,  
  matlab = NULL,
```

```

    update = FALSE,
    force = FALSE,
    standalone = FALSE,
    env_name = CONDAENV_NAME()
  )

conda_tos(channel, agree = TRUE, silent_fail = FALSE)

remove_conda(ask = TRUE, env_name = NA)

add_packages(packages = NULL, python_ver = "auto", ..., env_name = NA)

ensure_rpymat(verbose = TRUE, cache = TRUE, env_name = NA)

matlab_engine()

call_matlab(
  fun,
  ...,
  .options = getOption("rpymat.matlab_opt", "-nodesktop -nojvm"),
  .debug = getOption("rpymat.debug", FALSE)
)

```

Arguments

env_name	alternative environment name to use; default is "rpymat-conda-env"
...	for add_packages, these are additional parameters passing to conda_install ; for call_matlab, ... are the parameters passing to fun
matlab	'Matlab' path to add to the configuration path; see 'Details'
python_ver	python version to use; see 'Configuration'
packages	additional python or conda packages to install
update	whether to update conda; default is false
force	whether to force install the 'Miniconda' even a previous version exists; default is false. Setting false=TRUE rarely works. Please see 'Configuration'.
standalone	whether to install conda regardless of existing conda environment
channel	channels from which the term-of-service is to be agreed on
agree	whether to agree on or reject the terms; default is true
silent_fail	whether the failure to agreeing to the term should not result in error; default is FALSE, which results in error if the command fails.
ask	whether to ask for user's agreement to remove the repository. This parameter should be true if your functions depend on remove_conda (see 'CRAN Repository Policy'). This argument might be removed and force to be interactive in the future.
verbose	whether to print messages
cache	whether to use cached configurations; default is true

fun	'Matlab' function name, character (experimental)
.options	'Matlab' compiler options
.debug	whether to enable debug mode

Value

None

Background & Objectives

Package `reticulate` provides sophisticated tool-sets that allow us to call python functions within R. However, the installation of 'Miniconda' and python can be tricky on many platforms, for example, the 'M1' chip, or some other 'ARM' machines. The package `rpymat` provides easier approach to configure on these machines with totally isolated environments. Any modifications to this environment will not affect your other set ups.

Since 2014, 'Matlab' has introduced its official compiler for python. The package `rpymat` provides a simple approach to link the compiler, provided that you have proper versions of 'Matlab' installed. [Here](#) is a list of 'Matlab' versions with official compilers and their corresponding python versions.

Configuration

If 'Matlab' compiler is not to be installed, In most of the cases, function `configure_conda` with default arguments automatically downloads the latest 'Miniconda' and configures the latest python. If any other versions of 'Miniconda' is ought to be installed, please set options "`reticulate.miniconda.url`" to change the source location.

If 'Matlab' is to be installed, please specify the 'Matlab' path when running `configure_conda`. If the environment has been setup, `configure_matlab` can link the 'Matlab' compilers without removing the existing environment. For 'ARM' users, unfortunately, there will be no 'Matlab' support as the compilers are written for the 'Intel' chips.

Initialization

Once conda and python environment has been installed, make sure you run `ensure_rpymat()` before running any python code. This function will make sure correct compiler is linked to your current R session.

Examples

```
# The script will interactively install \code{conda} to `R_user_dir`
## Not run:

# Install conda and python 3.9

configure_conda(python_ver = '3.9')

# Add packages h5py, pandas, jupyter

add_packages(c('h5py', 'pandas', 'jupyter'))
```

```

# Add pip packages
add_packages("itk", pip = TRUE)

# Initialize the isolated environment
ensure_rpymat()

# Remove the environment
remove_conda()

## End(Not run)

```

custom_env_support	<i>Whether supports customized 'conda' environment</i>
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Description

Whether supports customized 'conda' environment

Usage

```
custom_env_support()
```

Value

true or false on whether multiple customized environment is supported

jupyter	<i>Install, register, launch 'Jupyter' notebook to the virtual environment</i>
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Description

Install, register, launch 'Jupyter' notebook to the virtual environment

Usage

```
add_jupyter(..., register_R = TRUE)

jupyter_bin()

jupyter_register_R(
  user = NULL,
  name = "ir",
  displayname = "R",
  rprofile = NULL,
  prefix = NULL,
  sys_prefix = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("verbose")
)

jupyter_options(
  root_dir,
  host = "127.0.0.1",
  port = 8888,
  open_browser = FALSE,
  token = rand_string(),
  base_url = "/jupyter/"
)

jupyter_launch(
  host = "127.0.0.1",
  port = 8888,
  open_browser = TRUE,
  workdir = getwd(),
  async = FALSE,
  ...,
  dry_run = FALSE
)

jupyter_check_launch(
  port = 8888,
  host = "127.0.0.1",
  open_browser = TRUE,
  workdir = getwd(),
  async = "auto",
  ...
)

jupyter_server_list()

jupyter_server_stop(port, ...)

jupyter_server_stop_all(...)
```

Arguments

...	for <code>add_jupyter</code> , these are additional parameters passed to <code>jupyter_register_R</code> ; for <code>jupyter_launch</code> , these are additional parameters passed to <code>jupyter_options</code>
<code>register_R</code>	whether to register IRkernel to the notebook
<code>user, name, displayname, rprofile, prefix, sys_prefix, verbose</code>	see installspec
<code>root_dir, workdir</code>	default root directory of the notebook
<code>host, port</code>	'IP' and port of the hosting 'URL'
<code>open_browser</code>	whether to open the browser once launched
<code>token</code>	access token of the notebook
<code>base_url</code>	base address, default is <code> '/jupyter/'</code>
<code>async</code>	whether to open the notebook in the background
<code>dry_run</code>	whether to display the command instead of executing them; used to debug the code

Value

`jupyter_bin` returns the 'Jupyter' notebook binary path; `jupyter_options` returns the 'Jupyter' configuration in strings; `jupyter_server_list` returns a table of existing local 'Jupyter' server hosts, ports, and tokens; `jupyter_check_launch` returns true if a new server has been created, or false if there has been an existing server at the port; other functions return nothing.

Examples

```
## Not run:

# Requires installation of conda
library(rpymat)

# Install conda, if you have done so, skip
configure_conda()

# Install Jupyter notebook
add_jupyter(register_R = TRUE)

# Utility functions
jupyter_bin()

# Please install `dipsaus` package to enable `async=TRUE` with
# better experience
jupyter_launch(async = FALSE, open_browser = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

py_builtin	<i>Get 'Python' built-in object</i>
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Description

Get 'Python' built-in object

Usage

```
py_builtin(name, convert = FALSE)
```

Arguments

name	object name
convert	see import_builtins

Value

A python built-in object specified by name

Examples

```
if(interactive() && dir.exists(env_path())) {  
  
  # ----- Basic case: use python `int` as an R function -----  
  py_int <- py_builtin("int", convert = TRUE)  
  
  # a is an R object now  
  a <- py_int(9)  
  print(a)  
  class(a)  
  
  # ----- Use python `int` as a Python function -----  
  py_int2 <- py_builtin("int", convert = FALSE)  
  
  # b in a python object  
  b <- py_int2(9)  
  
  # There is no '[1]' when printing  
  print(b)  
  class(b)  
  
  # convert to R object  
  py_to_r(b)  
  
}
```

py_list *List in 'Python'*

Description

List in 'Python'

Usage

```
py_list(..., convert = FALSE)
```

Arguments

... passing to list ('Python')

convert whether to convert the results back into R; default is no

Value

List instance, or an R vector if converted

Examples

```
if(interactive() && dir.exists(env_path())) {
  py_list(list(1,2,3))
  py_list(c(1,2,3))

  py_list(array(1:9, c(3,3)))
  py_list(list(list(1:3), letters[1:3]))
}
```

py_slice *Slice index in 'Python' arrays*

Description

Slice index in 'Python' arrays

Usage

```
py_slice(...)
```

Arguments

... passing to slice ('Python')

Value

Index slice instance

Examples

```
if(interactive() && dir.exists(env_path())) {
  x <- np_array(array(seq(20), c(4, 5)))
  # equivalent to x[::2]
  x[py_slice(NULL, NULL, 2L)]
}
```

 read_xlsx

Read data frame from a 'xlsx' file

Description

Tries to use 'readxl' package or 'pandas' to read data frame.

Usage

```
read_xlsx(
  path,
  sheet = NULL,
  method = c("auto", "pandas", "readxl"),
  n_max = Inf,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

path	'xlsx' file path
sheet	either a character or an integer of which spread-sheet to read; the number starts from 1
method	which method to use for reading the 'xlsx' file; choices are 'auto' (automatically find proper method), 'pandas' (use <code>pandas.read_xlsx</code>), or 'readxl' (use the corresponding R package)
n_max	maximum number of rows (excluding headers) to read
...	passed to 'Python' function <code>pandas.read_xlsx</code> or <code>readxl::read_excel</code> , depending on method

Value

A `data.frame` table

Examples

```
## Not run:

rpymat::read_xlsx("Book1.xlsx", sheet = 1)

rpymat::read_xlsx("Book1.xlsx", sheet = "sheet1")

## End(Not run)
```

repl_python	<i>Enable interactive 'python' from R</i>
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Description

Allows users to type 'python' command from R console for quick code evaluation or debugging.

Usage

```
repl_python(..., env_name = NA)
```

Arguments

...	passed to repl_python in 'reticulate' package
env_name	environment name to activate, if not default. This argument is ignored if any other environment is activated; see ensure_rpymat .

Value

See [repl_python](#)

reticulate-reexports	<i>Wrappers around 'reticulate' package</i>
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Description

Almost the same with 'reticulate' functions, with rpymat enabled by default and some minor changes (see parameter convert and local)

Usage

```
import_main(convert = FALSE)
tuple(..., convert = FALSE)
py_tuple(..., convert = FALSE)
py_help(object)
np_array(data, ...)
import(module, as = NULL, convert = FALSE, delay_load = FALSE)
r_to_py(x, convert = FALSE)
py_to_r(x)
py_to_r_wrapper(x)
py_str(object, ...)
py_run_string(code, local = TRUE, convert = FALSE)
py_bool(x)
py_dict(keys, values, convert = FALSE)
py_call(x, ...)
py_del_attr(x, name)
py_del_item(x, name)
py_eval(code, convert = FALSE)
py_get_attr(x, name, silent = FALSE)
py_set_attr(x, name, value)
py_get_item(x, key, silent = FALSE)
py_set_item(x, name, value)
py_len(x, default = NULL)
py_none()
```

Arguments

convert whether to convert 'Python' objects to R; default is FALSE. This is different to 'reticulate', but less error prone: users must explicitly convert 'Python' objects to R.
 object, data, x, code, keys, values, ... passed to corresponding 'reticulate' functions as data inputs
 module, as, delay_load import 'Python' module as alias
 local whether to execute code locally so the memory sets free when the function ends; default is true
 name, silent, key, value, default other parameters passing to the 'reticulate' functions

Value

'Python' built-in objects

Examples

```

library(rpymat)
if(interactive() && dir.exists(env_path())) {

  # tuple
  x <- tuple(1, 2, "a")
  print(x)

  # convert to R object
  py_to_r(x)

  # convert R object to python
  y <- r_to_py(list(a = 1, b = "s"))

  # get element
  py_get_item(y, "a")

  # get missing element
  py_get_item(y, "c", silent = TRUE)

}

```

rpymat-python-main *Get 'Python' main process environment*

Description

py automatically converts 'Python' objects to R objects. `import_main` does not convert by default; see 'Examples' for details.

Usage

```
py
```

Format

An object of class NULL of length 0.

Value

The 'Python' main process as a module

Examples

```
if(interactive() && dir.exists(env_path())) {
  py_no_convert <- rpymat::import_main(convert = FALSE)
  py$a <- matrix(seq_len(16), 4)
  py_no_convert$a
  py$a
}
```

```
run_command
```

```
Execute command with additional environments
```

Description

Enables 'conda' environment

Usage

```
cmd_create(command, shell, use_glue = TRUE)
cmd_set_env(command, key, value, quote = TRUE, quote_type = "cmd")
cmd_set_workdir(command, workdir)
cmd_set_conda(command, conda_path, env_path)
cmd_build(command, .env = parent.frame(), ...)
detect_shell(suggest = NULL)
run_command(
```

```

command,
shell = detect_shell(),
use_glue = FALSE,
enable_conda = TRUE,
stdout = "",
stderr = "",
stdin = "",
input = NULL,
env_list = list(),
wait = TRUE,
timeout = 0,
...,
workdir = getwd(),
dry_run = FALSE,
print_cmd = dry_run,
glue_env = parent.frame(),
env_name = NA
)

```

Arguments

command	system command
shell	shell type
use_glue	whether to glue the command; default is false
key, value	environment variable key and value
quote, quote_type	whether to quote the environment variables and what quote type should use; see shQuote
workdir	the working directory
conda_path	'conda' path; default is conda_path
env_path	'conda' environment path; default is env_path
suggest	suggested shell type; default is 'cmd' on windows, or 'bash' on others
enable_conda	whether to activate 'conda'
stdout, stderr, stdin, input, wait, timeout, ...	passed to system2
env_list	a key-value pairs of environment variables
dry_run	whether to dry-run the command (do not execute, simply returns the command), useful to debug
print_cmd	whether to print the command out
glue_env, .env	the environment to evaluate variables when use_glue is true
env_name	'conda' environment name to activate, if not default.

Value

All the functions return a list with class `rpymat_system_command` except for `run_command`, which returns the exit code by [system2](#).

Examples

```
run_command("conda install -y numpy", dry_run = TRUE)

a <- "This is a message"
run_command('echo "{a}"', dry_run = TRUE,
            enable_conda = FALSE, use_glue = TRUE)

## Not run:

# Use `jupyter_launch()` instead. This is just a demonstration
run_command("{jupyter_bin()}" server list', use_glue = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

run_pyscript

Run 'Python' script

Description

A wrapper of [py_run_file](#), but with rpymat enabled

Usage

```
run_script(
  x,
  work_dir = NULL,
  local = FALSE,
  convert = FALSE,
  globals = list()
)

run_pyscript(
  x,
  work_dir = NULL,
  local = FALSE,
  convert = FALSE,
  globals = list(),
  env_name = NA,
  force_child_process = FALSE,
  ...
)

run_pystring(
  code,
```

```

work_dir = NULL,
local = FALSE,
convert = FALSE,
globals = list()
)

```

Arguments

x	'Python' script path
work_dir	working directory of the script
local, convert	passed to py_run_file
globals	named list of global R variables used by 'Python' script
env_name	'conda' environment name to activate, if not default. It is only recommended for advanced users. For easier handling cases, use ensure_rpymat to activate the environment before calling 'Python'. If env_name is set other than activated, the evaluation will occur in a separate session (force_child_process is always set to true in such case).
force_child_process	whether to force running the script in a separated process; default is FALSE
...	passed to internal calls; some useful arguments include
rs	logical(1), whether to attempt using 'RStudio' background job to run the script; default is FALSE
args	logical(1), only used when rs is false, passed to system2
code	'Python' code

Value

The values returned by [py_run_file](#)

Examples

```

## Not run:

# Please configure conda environment first

x <- tempfile()
writeLines(c(
  "import re",
  "zipcode = re.findall(r'[0-9]{5,6}', r.address)"
), con = x)

address <- '2341 Main St., 72381'
rpymat::run_script(x)

py$zipcode

## End(Not run)

```

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