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dispatch	<i>Run an R command in the background and log output</i>
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Description

Run an R command in the background and log output

Usage

```
dispatch(
  project_path,
  expr,
  phase,
  label,
  rscript_path = NULL,
  timeout_sec = 600L
)
```

Arguments

project_path	Path to the project
expr	Expression to run (as a quoted expression or function)
phase	Character: "baseline" or "post_migration"
label	Character: "document", "test", or "check"
rscript_path	Optional path to Rscript
timeout_sec	Timeout in seconds

Value

A list with process info

Examples

```
tmp <- tempdir()
job <- dispatch(tmp, "message('hello')", "baseline", "document")
Sys.sleep(1)
job$process$is_alive()
```

find_routes

Detect R installations on the system

Description

Scans the current machine for every R installation it can find, across multiple sources per platform, and returns a tidy data frame of results.

Usage

```
find_routes(search_paths = NULL)
```

Arguments

search_paths An optional character vector of additional paths to search. Each element may be a directory containing bin/Rscript (or bin/x64/Rscript.exe on Windows), or a direct path to an Rscript executable.

Details

Detection sources by platform:

Windows

- HKLM registry (SOFTWARE\R-core\R) — standard admin installs via the CRAN Windows installer.
- HKCU registry (SOFTWARE\R-core\R) — non-admin installs that register under the current user hive only.
- %ProgramFiles%\R — directory scan for admin installs not in the registry.
- %LOCALAPPDATA%\Programs\R — rig-managed and other user-local installs.
- %USERPROFILE%\Documents\R — installs placed in the user's Documents folder.
- rig (rig list) — any additional versions managed by rig that were not found by path scanning.

macOS

- /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions — system-wide CRAN installer.

- `~/Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions` — user-local framework installs (no admin required).
- Homebrew: `/opt/homebrew/opt/r` (Apple Silicon) and `/usr/local/opt/r` (Intel).
- `rig (rig list)` — rig-managed versions.

Linux

- `/opt/R` — rig system-wide installs.
- `~/local/share/rig/R` — rig user-local installs.
- conda environments (active `$CONDA_PREFIX`).
- System Rscript on `$PATH`.

Symlinks are resolved via `fs::path_real()` so that duplicate entries from different detection sources pointing to the same executable are collapsed.

Value

A data frame with one row per unique R installation and the following columns:

version Character. R version string, e.g. "4.4.1".

rscript_path Character. Absolute path to the Rscript executable.

is_current Logical. TRUE for the R session running `courier`.

source Character. Detection source label (e.g. "registry-hklm", "registry-hkcu", "programfiles", "appdata", "documents", "homebrew", "rig", "search_paths").

Examples

```
routes <- find_routes()
routes[, c("version", "rscript_path", "is_current")]

# include a non-standard install
routes <- find_routes(search_paths = "/opt/custom-r/bin/Rscript")
```

<code>inspect_shipment</code>	<i>Detect project characteristics</i>
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Description

Detect project characteristics

Usage

```
inspect_shipment(project_path)
```

Arguments

`project_path` Path to the project

Value

A named list

Examples

```
res <- inspect_shipment(tempdir())
res$package
```

inventory	<i>Compare two package libraries</i>
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Description

Compare two package libraries

Usage

```
inventory(source_pkgs, target_pkgs)
```

Arguments

source_pkgs	data.table from manifest
target_pkgs	data.table from manifest

Value

A list of data.tables and a summary data.frame

Examples

```
src <- data.table::data.table(
  package = c("dplyr", "ggplot2"),
  version = c("1.1.4", "3.5.1"),
  priority = NA_character_
)
tgt <- data.table::data.table(
  package = "dplyr",
  version = "1.0.0"
)
inventory(src, tgt)
```

manifest	<i>List packages installed in a library, optionally via a different R executable</i>
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Description

List packages installed in a library, optionally via a different R executable

Usage

```
manifest(
  rscript_path = NULL,
  lib_path = NULL,
  format = c("data.table", "data.frame"),
  timeout_sec = 30L
)
```

Arguments

rscript_path	Path to the Rscript executable. Defaults to current session.
lib_path	Library path to query. Defaults to default <code>.libPaths()</code> of the target R.
format	Return format
timeout_sec	Timeout for subprocess

Value

data.table

Examples

```
pkgs <- manifest()
head(pkgs)
```

open_depot	<i>Ensure the courier depot directory structure exists</i>
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Description

Creates `.courier-depot/` and its subdirectories in the project path. Writes a `.gitignore` to prevent tracking of logs and artifacts.

Usage

```
open_depot(project_path)
```

Arguments

project_path Path to the R project

Value

Invisibly returns the path to the `.courier-depot` directory.

Examples

```
depot <- open_depot(tempdir())
```

open_hub	<i>Launch the courierR delivery hub dashboard</i>
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Description

Launch the courierR delivery hub dashboard

Usage

```
open_hub(project_path = NULL, port = NULL, launch.browser = TRUE)
```

Arguments

project_path Optional path to pre-fill in the app

port Optional port to run the app on

launch.browser Logical. Whether to open the browser

Value

Called for its side effect of launching a Shiny application.

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  open_hub()  
}
```

parse_dispatch_log *Parse test log*

Description

Parse test log

Usage

```
parse_dispatch_log(log_path)
```

Arguments

log_path Path to the log file

Value

data.table

Examples

```
tmp <- tempfile(fileext = ".log")
writeLines(c(
  "-- Failure (test-foo.R:1): addition works ----",
  "Expected 3, got 4."
), tmp)
parse_dispatch_log(tmp)
file.remove(tmp)
```

parse_inspection_log *Parse R CMD check log*

Description

Parse R CMD check log

Usage

```
parse_inspection_log(log_path)
```

Arguments

log_path Path to the log file

Value

data.table

Examples

```
tmp <- tempfile(fileext = ".log")
writeLines(c(
  "* checking examples ... WARNING",
  "  An example result is marked with \\donttest."
), tmp)
parse_inspection_log(tmp)
file.remove(tmp)
```

rate_shipment	<i>Classify shipment risk based on check and test results</i>
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Description

Classify shipment risk based on check and test results

Usage

```
rate_shipment(baseline_results, post_results)
```

Arguments

baseline_results	data.table from baseline check
post_results	data.table from post-shipment check

Value

A list

Examples

```
baseline <- data.table::data.table(
  severity = character(), message = character(),
  file = character(), line = character()
)
post <- data.table::data.table(
  severity = "ERROR", message = "undefined symbol",
  file = "R/foo.R", line = "10"
)
rate_shipment(baseline, post)
```

rig_available	<i>Check if rig is available</i>
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Description

Check if rig is available

Usage

```
rig_available()
```

Value

Logical

Examples

```
rig_available()
```

rig_install	<i>Install R via rig</i>
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Description

Install R via rig

Usage

```
rig_install(version, wait = TRUE)
```

Arguments

version	R version
wait	Logical

Value

The result of `processx::run()`.

Examples

```
if (interactive() && rig_available()) {  
  rig_install("4.5.0", wait = FALSE)  
}
```

rig_list	<i>List rig installations</i>
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Description

List rig installations

Usage

```
rig_list()
```

Value

data.frame

Examples

```
if (rig_available()) rig_list()
```

ship	<i>Ship packages between R installations</i>
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Description

Ship packages between R installations

Usage

```
ship(
  source_path,
  target_path,
  packages = NULL,
  dry_run = FALSE,
  upgrade = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

source_path	Rscript path of the source installation
target_path	Rscript path of the target installation
packages	Optional character vector of packages to ship. If NULL, ships all non-base missing/outdated packages.
dry_run	Logical. If TRUE, return plan without installing.
upgrade	Logical. Passed to pak
...	Extra arguments

Value

A list with shipment results

Safety

ship() installs packages into the target R library via `pak::pkg_install()` running in a subprocess. Set `dry_run = TRUE` to preview the migration plan without installing anything. When `dry_run = FALSE` (the default), pak from the current R session is used to install into the target library, which is the correct design for a migration tool (the source R need not have pak installed). All subprocess calls are confined to the target library path; no files are written outside the target library or the R temporary directory.

Examples

```
routes <- find_routes()
if (nrow(routes) >= 2) {
  result <- ship(
    source_path = routes$rscrip_path[1],
    target_path = routes$rscrip_path[2],
    dry_run = TRUE
  )
  print(result$plan)
}
```

`take_inventory`*Scan project dependencies*

Description

Scan project dependencies

Usage

```
take_inventory(project_path)
```

Arguments

`project_path` Path to the project

Value

A data.table

Examples

```
take_inventory(tempdir())
```

wrap	<i>Generate a pak specification for a package</i>
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Description

Generate a pak specification for a package

Usage

```
wrap(package, version = NULL, source_hint = NULL, github_ref = NULL)
```

Arguments

package	Package name
version	Optional version constraint or exact version
source_hint	Optional hint: "CRAN", "Bioconductor", "GitHub", "local"
github_ref	Optional GitHub ref like "owner/repo@ref"

Value

A character vector of pak specs

Examples

```
wrap("dplyr")  
wrap("dplyr", version = "1.1.4")  
wrap("mypackage", source_hint = "Bioconductor")  
wrap("r-lib/rlang", source_hint = "GitHub", github_ref = "r-lib/rlang")
```

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