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 ${\tt dependenciesInstalled} \ \ \textit{Checks all dependencies are installed}$ 

## Description

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Checks that all the required system dependencies are installed properly, returns. If dependencies are missing, consider running installDependencies.

#### Usage

dependenciesInstalled()

## Value

TRUE when all dependencies are fulfilled; otherwise, FALSE.

## See Also

installDependencies to install missing dependencies.

diffviewer\_widget

Creat an htmlwidget that shows differences between files or directories

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## **Description**

This function can be used for viewing differences between current test results and the expected results

```
diffviewer_widget(old, new, width = NULL, height = NULL, pattern = NULL)
```

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## **Arguments**

old, new Names of the old and new directories to compare. Alternatively, they can be a

character vectors of specific files to compare.

width Width of the htmlwidget. height Height of the htmlwidget

pattern A filter to apply to the old and new directories.

expectUpdate testthat expectation for a Shiny update

#### **Description**

testthat expectation for a Shiny update

## Usage

```
expectUpdate(
  app,
  output,
  ...,
  timeout = 3000,
  iotype = c("auto", "input", "output")
)
```

### Arguments

app A ShinyDriver object.

output Character vector, the name(s) of the output widgets that are required to update

for the test to succeed.

... Named arguments specifying updates for Shiny input widgets.

timeout Timeout for the update to happen, in milliseconds.

iotype Type of the widget(s) to change. These are normally input widgets.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## https://github.com/rstudio/shiny-examples/tree/master/050-kmeans-example
app <- ShinyDriver$new("050-kmeans-example")
expectUpdate(app, xcol = "Sepal.Width", output = "plot1")
expectUpdate(app, ycol = "Petal.Width", output = "plot1")
expectUpdate(app, clusters = 4, output = "plot1")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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expect\_pass

Expectation: shinytest object passed snapshot tests

## Description

This returns an testthat expectation object.

## Usage

```
expect_pass(object, info = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object The results returned by testApp.

info Extra information to be included in the message (useful when writing tests in

loops).

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
expect_pass(testApp("path/to/app/"))
## End(Not run)
```

installDependencies

Installs missing dependencies

## Description

Installs all the required system depencies to record and run tests. This will install a headless web browser, PhantomJS.

## Usage

```
installDependencies()
```

## See Also

dependenciesInstalled to check if dependencies are missing. For more information about where PhantomJS will be installed, see install\_phantomjs.

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
if (!dependenciesInstalled() &&
    identical(menu(c("Yes", "No"), "Install missing dependencies?"), 1L)) {
    installDependencies()
}
## End(Not run)
```

migrateShinytestDir

Migrate legacy shinytest files to new test directory structure

#### **Description**

This function migrates the old-style directory structure used by **shinytest** (versions 1.3.1 and below) to new test directory structure used in shinytest 1.4.0 and above.

#### Usage

```
migrateShinytestDir(appdir, dryrun = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

appdir A directory containing a Shiny application.

dryrun If TRUE, print out the changes that would be made, but don't actually do them.

#### **Details**

Before **shinytest** 1.4.0, the shinytest scripts and results were put in a subdirectory of the application named tests/. As of **shinytest** 1.4.0, the tests are put in tests/shinytest/, so that it works with the runTests() function shiny package (added in **shiny** 1.5.0).

With **shinytest** 1.3.1 and below, the tests/ subdirectory of the application was used specifically for **shinytest**, and could not be used for other types of tests. So the directory structure would look like this:

In Shiny 1.5.0, the shiny::runTests() function was added, and it will run test scripts tests/ subdirectory of the application. This makes it possible to use other testing systems in addition to shinytest. **shinytest** 1.4.0 is designed to work with this new directory structure. The directory structure looks something like this:

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This allows for tests using the **shinytest** package as well as other testing tools, such as the shiny::testServer() function, which can be used for testing module and server logic, and for unit tests of functions in an R/ subdirectory.

In **shinytest** 1.4.0 and above, it defaults to creating the new directory structure.

recordTest

Launch test event recorder for a Shiny app

#### **Description**

Launch test event recorder for a Shiny app

## Usage

```
recordTest(
  app = ".",
  save_dir = NULL,
  load_mode = FALSE,
  seed = NULL,
  loadTimeout = 10000,
  debug = "shiny_console",
  shinyOptions = list()
)
```

## **Arguments**

app A ShinyDriver object, or path to a Shiny application.

save\_dir A directory to save stuff.

load\_mode A boolean that determines whether or not the resulting test script should be

appropriate for load testing.

seed A random seed to set before running the app. This seed will also be used in the

test script.

loadTimeout Maximum time to wait for the Shiny application to load, in milliseconds. If a

value is provided, it will be saved in the test script.

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debug start the underlying ShinyDriver in debug mode and print those debug logs to

the R console once recording is finished. The default, 'shiny\_console', captures and prints R console output from the recorded R shiny process. Any value that the debug argument in ShinyDriver accepts may be used (e.g., 'none'

may be used to completely suppress the driver logs).

shinyOptions A list of options to pass to runApp(). If a value is provided, it will be saved in

the test script.

ShinyDriver

Class to manage a shiny app and a phantom.js headless browser

## Description

Class to manage a shiny app and a phantom.js headless browser

```
app <- ShinyDriver$new(path = ".", loadTimeout = 5000,</pre>
              checkNames = TRUE, debug = c("none", "all",
              ShinyDriver$debugLogTypes), phantomTimeout = 5000,
              seed = NULL, cleanLogs = TRUE, shinyOptions = list()))
app$stop()
app$getDebugLog(type = c("all", ShinyDriver$debugLogTypes))
app$getValue(name, iotype = c("auto", "input", "output"))
app$setValue(name, value, iotype = c("auto", "input", "output"))
app$sendKeys(name = NULL, keys)
app$getWindowSize()
app$setWindowSize(width, height)
app$getUrl()
app$goBack()
app$refresh()
app$getTitle()
app$getSource()
app$takeScreenshot(file = NULL)
app$findElement(css = NULL, linkText = NULL,
     partialLinkText = NULL, xpath = NULL)
app$findElements(css = NULL, linkText = NULL,
     partialLinkText = NULL, xpath = NULL)
app$waitFor(expr, checkInterval = 100, timeout = 3000)
app$waitForValue(name, ignore = list(NULL, ""), iotype = "input", timeout = 10000, checkInterval = 400)
```

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```
app$listWidgets()
app$checkUniqueWidgetNames()
app$findWidget(name, iotype = c("auto", "input", "output"))
app$expectUpdate(output, ..., timeout = 3000,
    iotype = c("auto", "input", "output"))
```

#### **Arguments**

app A ShinyDriver instance.

**path** Path to a directory containing a Shiny app, i.e. a single app.R file or a server.R and ui.R pair.

**loadTimeout** How long to wait for the app to load, in ms. This includes the time to start R.

phantomTimeout How long to wait when connecting to phantomJS process, in ms.

**checkNames** Whether to check if widget names are unique in the app.

**debug** Whether to start the app in debugging mode. In debugging mode debug messages are printed to the console.

**seed** An optional random seed to use before starting the application. For apps that use R's random number generator, this can make their behavior repeatable.

**cleanLogs** Whether to remove the stdout and stderr logs when the Shiny process object is garbage collected.

**shinyOptions** A list of options to pass to runApp().

**name** Name of a shiny widget. For \$sendKeys it can be NULL, in which case the keys are sent to the active HTML element.

**iotype** Type of the Shiny widget. Usually shinytest finds the widgets by their name, so this need not be specified, but Shiny allows input and output widgets with identical names.

**keys** Keys to send to the widget or the app. See the sendKeys method of the webdriver package.

width Scalar integer, the desired width of the browser window.

**height** Scalar integer, the desired height of the browser window.

file File name to save the screenshot to. If NULL, then it will be shown on the R graphics device.

css CSS selector to find an HTML element.

**linkText** Find <a> HTML elements based on their innerText.

partialLinkText Find <a> HTML elements based on their innerText. It uses partial matching.

**xpath** Find HTML elements using XPath expressions.

**expr** A string scalar containing JavaScript code that evaluates to the condition to wait for.

checkInterval How often to check for the condition, in milliseconds.

**ignore** List of possible values that are to not be considered valid. app\$waitForValue will continue to poll until it finds a value not contained in ignore.

timeout Timeout for the condition, in milliseconds.

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**output** Character vector, the name(s) of the Shiny output widgets that should be updated.

**allowInputNoBinding**\_ When setting the value of an input, allow it to set the value of an input even if that input does not have an input binding.

... For expectUpdate these can be named arguments. The argument names correspond to Shiny input widgets: each input widget will be set to the specified value.

#### Details

ShinyDriver\$new() function creates a ShinyDriver object. It starts the Shiny app in a new R session, and it also starts a phantomjs headless browser that connects to the app. It waits until the app is ready to use. It waits at most loadTimeout milliseconds, and if the app is not ready, then it throws an error. You can increase loadTimeout for slow loading apps. Currently it supports apps that are defined in a single app.R file, or in a server.R and ui.R pair.

app\$stop() stops the app, i.e. the external R process that runs the app, and also the phantomjs instance.

app\$getDebugLog() queries one or more of the debug logs: shiny\_console, browser or shinytest.

app\$getValue() finds a widget and queries its value. See the getValue method of the Widget class.

app\$setInputs() sets the value of inputs. The arguments must all be named; an input with each name will be assigned the given value.

app\$uploadFile() uploads a file to a file input. The argument must be named and the value must be the path to a local file; that file will be uploaded to a file input with that name.

app\$getAllValues() returns a named list of all inputs, outputs, and export values.

app\$setValue() finds a widget and sets its value. See the setValue method of the Widget class.

app\$sendKeys sends the specified keys to the HTML element of the widget.

app\$getWindowSize() returns the current size of the browser window, in a list of two integer scalars named 'width' and 'height'.

app\$setWindowSize() sets the size of the browser window to the specified width and height.

app\$getUrl() returns the current URL.

app\$goBack() "presses" the browser's 'back' button.

app\$refresh() "presses" the browser's 'refresh' button.

app\$getTitle() returns the title of the page. (More precisely the document title.)

app\$getSource() returns the complete HTML source of the current page, in a character scalar.

app\$takeScreenshot() takes a screenshot of the current page and writes it to a file, or (if file is NULL) shows it on the R graphics device. The output file has PNG format.

app\$findElement() find an HTML element on the page, using a CSS selector or an XPath expression. The return value is an Element object from the webdriver package.

app\$findElements() finds potentially multiple HTML elements, and returns them in a list of Element objects from the webdriver package.

app\$waitFor() waits until a JavaScript expression evaluates to true, or a timeout happens. It returns TRUE is the expression evaluated to true, possible after some waiting.

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app\$waitForValue() waits until the current application's input (or output) value is not one of the supplied invalid values. The function returns the value found if the time limit has not been reached (default is 10 seconds). This function can be useful in helping determine if an application has initialized or finished processing a complex reactive situation.

app\$listWidgets() lists the names of all input and output widgets. It returns a list of two character vectors, named input and output.

app\$checkUniqueWidgetNames() checks if Shiny widget names are unique.

app\$findWidget() finds the corresponding HTML element of a Shiny widget. It returns a Widget object.

expectUpdate() is one of the main functions to test Shiny apps. It performs one or more update operations via the browser, and then waits for the specified output widgets to update. The test succeeds if all specified output widgets are updated before the timeout. For updates that involve a lot of computation, you increase the timeout.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## https://github.com/rstudio/shiny-examples/tree/master/050-kmeans-example
app <- ShinyDriver$new("050-kmeans-example")
expectUpdate(app, xcol = "Sepal.Width", output = "plot1")
expectUpdate(app, ycol = "Petal.Width", output = "plot1")
expectUpdate(app, clusters = 4, output = "plot1")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

shinytest

Test Shiny Apps

## **Description**

Uses a headless browser, driven through 'WebDriver'. See ShinyDriver to get started.

snapshotCompare

Compare current and expected snapshots

#### **Description**

This compares current and expected snapshots for a test set, and prints any differences to the console.

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#### Usage

```
snapshotCompare(
  appDir,
  testnames = NULL,
  autoremove = TRUE,
  images = TRUE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  interactive = base::interactive(),
  suffix = NULL
)
snapshotUpdate(appDir = ".", testnames = NULL, quiet = FALSE, suffix = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

appDir Directory that holds the tests for an application. This is the parent directory for

the expected and current snapshot directories.

testnames Name or names of a test. If NULL, compare all test results.

removed automatically? Defaults to TRUE.

images Should screenshots and PNG images be compared? It can be useful to set this

to FALSE when the expected results were taken on a different platform from the

current results.

quiet Should output be suppressed? This is useful for automated testing.

interactive If there are any differences between current results and expected results, provide

an interactive graphical viewer that shows the changes and allows the user to

accept or reject the changes.

suffix An optional suffix for the expected results directory. For example, if the suffix

is "mac", the expected directory would be mytest-expected-mac.

## See Also

testApp

testApp Run tests for a Shiny application

#### **Description**

Run tests for a Shiny application

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#### Usage

```
testApp(
  appDir = ".",
  testnames = NULL,
  quiet = FALSE,
  compareImages = TRUE,
  interactive = base::interactive(),
  suffix = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

appDir Path to the Shiny application to be tested.

testnames Test script(s) to run. The .R extension of the filename is optional. For example,

"mytest" or c("mytest", "mytest2.R"). If NULL (the default), all scripts in

the tests/ directory will be run.

quiet Should output be suppressed? This is useful for automated testing.

compareImages Should screenshots be compared? It can be useful to set this to FALSE when the

expected results were taken on a different platform from the one currently being

used to test the application.

interactive If there are any differences between current results and expected results, provide

an interactive graphical viewer that shows the changes and allows the user to

accept or reject the changes.

suffix An optional suffix for the expected results directory. For example, if the suffix

is "mac", the expected directory would be mytest-expected-mac.

## See Also

snapshotCompare and snapshotUpdate if you want to compare or update snapshots after testing. In most cases, the user is prompted to do these tasks interactively, but there are also times where it is useful to call these functions from the console.

textTestDiff

Get textual diff of test results

#### **Description**

Get textual diff of test results

```
textTestDiff(appDir = ".", testnames = NULL, images = TRUE, suffix = NULL)
```

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#### Arguments

appDir Directory of the Shiny application that was tested.

testnames A character vector of names of tests to compare. If NULL, compare all test

results for which there are differences.

images Compare screenshot images.

suffix An optional suffix for the expected results directory. For example, if the suffix

is "mac", the expected directory would be mytest-expected-mac.

#### See Also

viewTestDiff for interactive diff viewer.

viewTestDiff

View differences in test results

## Description

View differences in test results

#### Usage

```
viewTestDiff(
  appDir = ".",
  testnames = NULL,
  interactive = base::interactive(),
  images = TRUE,
  suffix = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

appDir Directory of the Shiny application that was tested.

testnames A character vector of names of tests to compare. If NULL, compare all test

results for which there are differences.

interactive If TRUE, use the interactive diff viewer, which runs in a Shiny app. If FALSE,

print a textual diff, generated by textTestDiff.

images Compare screenshot images (only used when interactive is FALSE).

suffix An optional suffix for the expected results directory. For example, if the suffix

is "mac", the expected directory would be mytest-expected-mac.

## Value

A character vector the same length as testnames, with "accept" or "reject" for each test.

#### See Also

textTestDiff to get a text diff as a string.

Widget Widget

viewTestDiffWidget

Interactive viewer widget for changes in test results

## Description

Interactive viewer widget for changes in test results

## Usage

```
viewTestDiffWidget(appDir = ".", testname = NULL, suffix = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

appDir Directory of the Shiny application that was tested.

testname Name of test to compare.

suffix An optional suffix for the expected results directory. For example, if the suffix

is "mac", the expected directory would be mytest-expected-mac.

Widget

Class for a Shiny widget

## **Description**

Class for a Shiny widget

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#### **Arguments**

```
app A ShinyDriver object.
```

w A Widget object.

name Name of a Shiny widget.

**iotype** Character scalar, whether the widget is 'input' or 'output'. The default 'auto' value works well, provided that widgets have unique names. (Shiny allows an input and an output widget with the same name.)

**value** Value to set for the widget. Its interpretation depends on the type of the widget, see details below.

**keys** Keys to send to the widget. See the sendKeys method of the Element class in the webdriver package.

#### **Details**

A Widget object represents a Shiny input or output widget. app\$findWidget creates a widget object from a ShinyDriver object.

w\$getName() returns the name of the widget.

w\$getElement() returns an HTML element. This is an Element object from the webdriver package.

w\$getType() returns the type of the widget, possible values are textInput, selectInput, etc.

w\$getIoType() returns 'input' or 'output', whether the widget is an input or output widget.

w\$isInput() returns TRUE for input widgets, FALSE otherwise.

w\$isOutput() returns TRUE for output widgets, FALSE otherwise.

w\$getValue() returns the value of the widget. The exact type returned depends on the type of the widget. TODO: list widgets and their return types.

w\$setValue() sets the value of the widget, through the web browser. Different widget types expect different different value arguments. TODO: list widgets and types.

w\$sendKeys sends the specified keys to the HTML element of the widget.

w\$listTabs lists the tab names of a tabsetPanel widget. It fails for other types of widgets.

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