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auto_test	<i>Watches code and tests for changes, rerunning tests as appropriate.</i>
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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

```
auto_test(
  code_path,
  test_path,
  reporter = default_reporter(),
  env = test_env(),
  hash = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

<code>code_path</code>	path to directory containing code
<code>test_path</code>	path to directory containing tests
<code>reporter</code>	test reporter to use
<code>env</code>	environment in which to execute test suite.
<code>hash</code>	Passed on to <code>watch()</code> . When <code>FALSE</code> , 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\(\)](#)

<code>auto_test_package</code>	<i>Watches a package for changes, rerunning tests as appropriate.</i>
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Description

Watches a package for changes, rerunning tests as appropriate.

Usage

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

Arguments

<code>pkg</code>	path to package
<code>reporter</code>	test reporter to use
<code>hash</code>	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	<i>Check reporter: 13 line summary of problems</i>
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Description

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

See Also

Other reporters: [DebugReporter](#), [FailReporter](#), [ListReporter](#), [LocationReporter](#), [MinimalReporter](#), [MultiReporter](#), [ProgressReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [RstudioReporter](#), [SilentReporter](#), [StopReporter](#), [SummaryReporter](#), [TapReporter](#), [TeamcityReporter](#)

comparison-expectations	
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Expectation: is returned value less or greater than specified value?

Description

Expectation: is returned value less or greater than specified value?

Usage

```
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	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.
expected	Single numeric value to compare.
label	Used to customise failure messages. For expert use only.
expected.label	Used to customise failure messages. For expert use only.

See Also

Other expectations: [equality-expectations](#), [expect_error\(\)](#), [expect_length\(\)](#), [expect_match\(\)](#), [expect_message\(\)](#), [expect_named\(\)](#), [expect_null\(\)](#), [expect_output\(\)](#), [expect_silent\(\)](#), [inheritance-expectations](#), [logical-expectations](#)

Examples

```

a <- 9
expect_lt(a, 10)

## Not run:
expect_lt(11, 10)

## End(Not run)

a <- 11
expect_gt(a, 10)
## Not run:
expect_gt(9, 10)

## End(Not run)

```

DebugReporter	<i>Test reporter: start recovery.</i>
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Description

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

See Also

Other reporters: [CheckReporter](#), [FailReporter](#), [ListReporter](#), [LocationReporter](#), [MinimalReporter](#), [MultiReporter](#), [ProgressReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [RstudioReporter](#), [SilentReporter](#), [StopReporter](#), [SummaryReporter](#), [TapReporter](#), [TeamcityReporter](#)

describe	<i>describe: a BDD testing language</i>
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Description

A simple BDD DSL for writing tests. The language is similiar 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 you 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_equivalent(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_equivalent(1 + 1, addition(1, 1))
    })
  })
  describe("division()", {
    it("can divide two numbers", {
      expect_equivalent(10 / 2, division(10, 2))
    })
    it("can handle division by 0") #not yet implemented
  })
})
```

Description

- `expect_identical()` compares values with `identical()`.
- `expect_equal()` compares values with `all.equal()`
- `expect_equivalent()` compares values with `all.equal()` and `check.attributes = FALSE`
- `expect_reference()` compares the underlying memory addresses.

Usage

```
expect_equal(  
  object,  
  expected,  
  ...,  
  info = NULL,  
  label = NULL,  
  expected.label = NULL  
)
```

```
expect_equivalent(  
  object,  
  expected,  
  ...,  
  info = NULL,  
  label = NULL,  
  expected.label = NULL  
)
```

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

```
expect_reference(  
  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.
...	For <code>expect_equal()</code> and <code>expect_equivalent()</code> , passed on <code>compare()</code> , for <code>expect_identical()</code> passed on to <code>identical()</code> . Used to control the details of the 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()` to test for set equality.

Other expectations: [comparison-expectations](#), [expect_error\(\)](#), [expect_length\(\)](#), [expect_match\(\)](#), [expect_message\(\)](#), [expect_named\(\)](#), [expect_null\(\)](#), [expect_output\(\)](#), [expect_silent\(\)](#), [inheritance-expectations](#), [logical-expectations](#)

Examples

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

# Use expect_equal() when testing for numeric equality
sqrt(2) ^ 2 - 1
expect_equal(sqrt(2) ^ 2, 2)
# Neither of these forms take floating point representation errors into
# account
## Not run:
expect_true(sqrt(2) ^ 2 == 2)
expect_identical(sqrt(2) ^ 2, 2)

## End(Not run)

# You can pass on additional arguments to all.equal:
## Not run:
# Test the ABSOLUTE difference is within .002
expect_equal(10.01, 10, tolerance = .002, scale = 1)

## End(Not run)

# Test the RELATIVE difference is within .002
x <- 10
expect_equal(10.01, expected = x, tolerance = 0.002, scale = x)

# expect_equivalent ignores attributes
a <- b <- 1:3
names(b) <- letters[1:3]
expect_equivalent(a, b)
```

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

Description

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

Usage

```
expect(ok, failure_message, info = NULL, srcref = NULL, trace = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>ok</code>	TRUE or FALSE indicating if the expectation was successful.
<code>failure_message</code>	Message to show if the expectation failed.
<code>info</code>	Character vector continuing additional information. Included for backward compatibility only and new expectations should not use it.
<code>srcref</code>	Location of the failure. Should only needed to be explicitly supplied when you need to forward a <code>srcref</code> captured elsewhere.
<code>trace</code>	An optional backtrace created by <code>rlang::trace_back()</code> . When supplied, the expectation is displayed with the backtrace.

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\(\)](#)

expect_error	<i>Expectation: does code throw error or other condition?</i>
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Description

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

Usage

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

```
expect_condition(
  object,
  regexp = NULL,
  class = NULL,
  ...,
  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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A character vector giving a regular expression that must match the error message. • If NULL, the default, asserts that there should be a error, but doesn't test for a specific value. • If NA, asserts that there should be no errors.
class	Instead of supplying a regular expression, you can also supply a class name. This is useful for "classed" conditions.
...	Arguments passed on to expect_match
	all Should all elements of actual value match regexp (TRUE), or does only one need to match (FALSE)
	perl logical. Should Perl-compatible regexps be used?

	fixed logical. If TRUE, pattern is a string to be matched as is. Overrides all conflicting arguments.
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.

Value

If `regexp = NA`, the value of the first argument; otherwise the captured condition.

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 `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 <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 `class` instead of `regexp`. Because this is a more reliable check, you `expect_error()` will warn if the error has a custom class but you are testing the message. Eliminate the warning by using `class` instead of `regexp`. Alternatively, if you think the warning is a false positive, use `class = "error"` to suppress it for any input.

If you are using `expect_error()` to check that an error message is formatted in such a way that it makes sense to a human, we now recommend using `verify_output()` instead.

See Also

Other expectations: [comparison-expectations](#), [equality-expectations](#), [expect_length\(\)](#), [expect_match\(\)](#), [expect_message\(\)](#), [expect_named\(\)](#), [expect_null\(\)](#), [expect_output\(\)](#), [expect_silent\(\)](#), [inheritance-expectations](#), [logical-expectations](#)

Examples

```
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)

# If you are working with classed conditions, it's better to test for
# the class name, rather than the error message (which may change over time)
custom_err <- function(var) {
  rlang::abort("A special error", var = var, .subclass = "testthat_special")
}
expect_error(custom_err("a"), class = "testthat_special")

# Note that `expect_error()` returns the error object so you can test
```

```
# its components if needed
err <- expect_error(custom_err("a"), class = "testthat_special")
expect_equal(err$var, "a")
```

expect_invisible	<i>Expectation: does expression return visibly or invisibly?</i>
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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)
```

Arguments

call	A function call.
label	Used to customise failure messages. For expert use only.

Value

The evaluated call, invisibly.

Examples

```
expect_invisible(x <- 10)
expect_visible(x)

# Typically you'll assign the result of the expectation so you can
# also check that the value is as you expect.
greet <- function(name) {
  message("Hi ", name)
  invisible(name)
}
out <- expect_invisible(greet("Hadley"))
expect_equal(out, "Hadley")
```

expect_length	<i>Expectation: does a vector have the specified length?</i>
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Description

Expectation: does a vector have 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

Other expectations: [comparison-expectations](#), [equality-expectations](#), [expect_error\(\)](#), [expect_match\(\)](#), [expect_message\(\)](#), [expect_named\(\)](#), [expect_null\(\)](#), [expect_output\(\)](#), [expect_silent\(\)](#), [inheritance-expectations](#), [logical-expectations](#)

Examples

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

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

## End(Not run)
```

expect_match	<i>Expectation: does string match a regular expression?</i>
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Description

Expectation: does string match a regular expression?

Usage

```
expect_match(
  object,
  regexp,
  perl = FALSE,
  fixed = FALSE,
  ...,
  all = 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.
perl	logical. Should Perl-compatible regexps be used?
fixed	logical. If TRUE, pattern is a string to be matched as is. Overrides all conflicting arguments.
...	Arguments passed on to base::grepl ignore.case if FALSE, the pattern matching is <i>case sensitive</i> and if TRUE, case is ignored during matching. useBytes logical. If TRUE the matching is done byte-by-byte rather than character-by-character. See 'Details'.
all	Should all elements of actual value match regexp (TRUE), or does only one need to match (FALSE)
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

expect_match() is a wrapper around [grepl\(\)](#). See its documentation for more detail about the individual arguments.

See Also

Other expectations: [comparison-expectations](#), [equality-expectations](#), [expect_error\(\)](#), [expect_length\(\)](#), [expect_message\(\)](#), [expect_named\(\)](#), [expect_null\(\)](#), [expect_output\(\)](#), [expect_silent\(\)](#), [inheritance-expectations](#), [logical-expectations](#)

Examples

```

expect_match("Testing is fun", "fun")
expect_match("Testing is fun", "f.n")

## Not run:
expect_match("Testing is fun", "horrible")

# Zero-length inputs always fail
expect_match(character(), ".")

## End(Not run)

```

expect_message

Expectation: does code produce warnings or messages?

Description

Use `expect_message()` and `expect_warning()` to check if the messages or warnings match the given regular expression.

Usage

```

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

expect_warning(
  object,
  regexp = NULL,
  ...,
  all = FALSE,
  info = NULL,
  label = NULL
)

```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	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.
<code>regexp</code>	Regular expression to test against.

- A character vector giving a regular expression that must match the message/warning
- If NULL, the default, asserts that there should be a message/warning, but doesn't test for a specific value.
- If NA, asserts that there shouldn't be any messages or warnings.

... Arguments passed on to [expect_match](#)

perl logical. Should Perl-compatible regexps be used?

fixed logical. If TRUE, pattern is a string to be matched as is. Overrides all conflicting arguments.

all Do messages/warnings need to match the regexp (TRUE), or does only one need to match (FALSE)?

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.

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_silent\(\)](#), [inheritance-expectations](#), [logical-expectations](#)

Examples

```
# 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)

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

# You can use the arguments of grepl to control the matching
expect_message(f(-1), "x", fixed = TRUE)
expect_message(f(-1), "NEGATIVE", ignore.case = TRUE)
```

```

# 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
expect_warning(out <- f(-1), "already negative")
expect_equal(out, -1)

# You can use the arguments of grepl to control the matching
expect_warning(f(-1), "*x*", fixed = TRUE)
expect_warning(f(-1), "NEGATIVE", ignore.case = TRUE)

```

expect_named

Expectation: does object have 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

```

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_message\(\)](#), [expect_null\(\)](#), [expect_output\(\)](#), [expect_silent\(\)](#), [inheritance-expectations](#), [logical-expectations](#)

Examples

```
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)
```

expect_null	<i>Expectation: is an object NULL?</i>
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Description

This is a special case because NULL is a singleton so it's possible to check for it either with `expect_equal(x, NULL)` or `expect_type(x, "NULL")`.

Usage

```
expect_null(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.

See Also

Other expectations: [comparison-expectations](#), [equality-expectations](#), [expect_error\(\)](#), [expect_length\(\)](#), [expect_match\(\)](#), [expect_message\(\)](#), [expect_named\(\)](#), [expect_output\(\)](#), [expect_silent\(\)](#), [inheritance-expectations](#), [logical-expectations](#)

Examples

```
x <- NULL
y <- 10

expect_null(x)
show_failure(expect_null(y))
```

expect_output

Expectation: does code print output to the console?

Description

Test for output produced by `print()` or `cat()`. This is best used for very simple output; for more complex cases use [verify_output\(\)](#).

Usage

```
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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)

	perl logical. Should Perl-compatible regexps be used?
	fixed logical. If TRUE, pattern is a string to be matched as is. Overrides all conflicting arguments.
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 from <code>getOption("width")</code> 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_message\(\)](#), [expect_named\(\)](#), [expect_null\(\)](#), [expect_silent\(\)](#), [inheritance-expectation](#), [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	<i>Expectation: do two vectors contain the same values?</i>
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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 `x`.

Usage

```
expect_setequal(object, expected)
```

```
expect_mapequal(object, expected)
```

Arguments

object	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.
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

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

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)))
```

expect_silent	<i>Expectation: is the code silent?</i>
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Description

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

Usage

```
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.
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Value

The first argument, invisibly.

See Also

Other expectations: [comparison-expectations](#), [equality-expectations](#), [expect_error\(\)](#), [expect_length\(\)](#), [expect_match\(\)](#), [expect_message\(\)](#), [expect_named\(\)](#), [expect_null\(\)](#), [expect_output\(\)](#), [inheritance-expectation](#), [logical-expectations](#)

Examples

```
expect_silent("123")

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

## End(Not run)
```

expect_vector

Expectation: does the object have vctr properties?

Description

`expect_vector()` is a thin wrapper around `vctrs::vec_assert()`, converting the results of that function in to 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>

Usage

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

Arguments

<code>object</code>	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.
<code>ptype</code>	(Optional) Vector prototype to test against. Should be a size-0 (empty) generalised vector.
<code>size</code>	(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	<i>Default expectations that always succeed or fail.</i>
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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)

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.

Examples

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

## End(Not run)
```

FailReporter	<i>Test reporter: fail at end.</i>
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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

Other reporters: [CheckReporter](#), [DebugReporter](#), [ListReporter](#), [LocationReporter](#), [MinimalReporter](#), [MultiReporter](#), [ProgressReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [RstudioReporter](#), [SilentReporter](#), [StopReporter](#), [SummaryReporter](#), [TapReporter](#), [TeamcityReporter](#)

 inheritance-expectations

Expectation: does the object inherit from a S3 or S4 class, or is it a base type?

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_s4_class(x, class)` checks that `x` is an S4 object that `is()` `class`.

Usage

```
expect_type(object, type)
```

```
expect_s3_class(object, class, exact = FALSE)
```

```
expect_s4_class(object, class)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	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.
<code>type</code>	String giving base type (as returned by <code>typeof()</code>).
<code>class</code>	character vector of class names
<code>exact</code>	If FALSE, the default, checks that <code>object</code> inherits from <code>class</code> . If TRUE, checks that <code>object</code> has a class that's identical to <code>class</code> .

See Also

Other expectations: [comparison-expectations](#), [equality-expectations](#), [expect_error\(\)](#), [expect_length\(\)](#), [expect_match\(\)](#), [expect_message\(\)](#), [expect_named\(\)](#), [expect_null\(\)](#), [expect_output\(\)](#), [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")
```

 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/>

 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

Other reporters: [CheckReporter](#), [DebugReporter](#), [FailReporter](#), [LocationReporter](#), [MinimalReporter](#), [MultiReporter](#), [ProgressReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [RstudioReporter](#), [SilentReporter](#), [StopReporter](#), [SummaryReporter](#), [TapReporter](#), [TeamcityReporter](#)

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

Other reporters: [CheckReporter](#), [DebugReporter](#), [FailReporter](#), [ListReporter](#), [MinimalReporter](#), [MultiReporter](#), [ProgressReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [RstudioReporter](#), [SilentReporter](#), [StopReporter](#), [SummaryReporter](#), [TapReporter](#), [TeamcityReporter](#)

logical-expectations *Expectation: is the object true/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_message\(\)](#), [expect_named\(\)](#), [expect_null\(\)](#), [expect_output\(\)](#), [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
expect_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

Other reporters: [CheckReporter](#), [DebugReporter](#), [FailReporter](#), [ListReporter](#), [LocationReporter](#), [MultiReporter](#), [ProgressReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [RstudioReporter](#), [SilentReporter](#), [StopReporter](#), [SummaryReporter](#), [TapReporter](#), [TeamcityReporter](#)

MultiReporter	<i>Multi reporter: combine several reporters in one.</i>
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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

Other reporters: [CheckReporter](#), [DebugReporter](#), [FailReporter](#), [ListReporter](#), [LocationReporter](#), [MinimalReporter](#), [ProgressReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [RstudioReporter](#), [SilentReporter](#), [StopReporter](#), [SummaryReporter](#), [TapReporter](#), [TeamcityReporter](#)

ProgressReporter	<i>Test reporter: interactive progress bar of errors.</i>
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Description

This reporter is a reimagining of [SummaryReporter](#) designed to make the most information available up front, while taking up less space overall. It is the default reporting reporter used by `test_dir()` and `test_file()`.

Details

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

See Also

Other reporters: [CheckReporter](#), [DebugReporter](#), [FailReporter](#), [ListReporter](#), [LocationReporter](#), [MinimalReporter](#), [MultiReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [RstudioReporter](#), [SilentReporter](#), [StopReporter](#), [SummaryReporter](#), [TapReporter](#), [TeamcityReporter](#)

RstudioReporter	<i>Test reporter: RStudio</i>
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Description

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

See Also

Other reporters: [CheckReporter](#), [DebugReporter](#), [FailReporter](#), [ListReporter](#), [LocationReporter](#), [MinimalReporter](#), [MultiReporter](#), [ProgressReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [SilentReporter](#), [StopReporter](#), [SummaryReporter](#), [TapReporter](#), [TeamcityReporter](#)

SilentReporter	<i>Test reporter: gather all errors silently.</i>
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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

Other reporters: [CheckReporter](#), [DebugReporter](#), [FailReporter](#), [ListReporter](#), [LocationReporter](#), [MinimalReporter](#), [MultiReporter](#), [ProgressReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [RstudioReporter](#), [StopReporter](#), [SummaryReporter](#), [TapReporter](#), [TeamcityReporter](#)

skip	<i>Skip a test.</i>
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Description

This function allows you to skip a test if it's not currently available. This will produce an informative message, but will not cause the test suite to fail.

Usage

```
skip(message)

skip_if_not(condition, message = deparse(substitute(condition)))

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)

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. <code>skip_if_not()</code> will skip if FALSE, <code>skip_if()</code> 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 system names. Supported values are "windows", "mac", "linux" and "solaris".
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 .

Details

skip* functions are intended for use within `test_that()` blocks. All expectations following the skip* statement within the same `test_that` block will be skipped. Test summaries that report skip counts are reporting how many `test_that` blocks triggered a skip* statement, not how many expectations were skipped.

Helpers

`skip_if_not()` works like `stopifnot()`, generating a message automatically based on the first argument.

`skip_if_offline()` skips tests if an internet connection is not available using `curl::nslookup()`.

`skip_on_cran()` skips tests on CRAN, using the NOT_CRAN environment variable set by devtools.

`skip_on_travis()` skips tests on Travis CI by inspecting the TRAVIS environment variable.

`skip_on_appveyor()` skips tests on AppVeyor by inspecting the APPVEYOR environment variable.

`skip_on_ci()` skips tests on continuous integration systems by inspecting the CI environment variable.

`skip_on_covr()` skips tests when covr is running by inspecting the R_COVR environment variable

`skip_on_bioc()` skips tests on Bioconductor by inspecting the BBS_HOME environment variable.

`skip_if_not_installed()` skips a tests if a package is not installed or cannot be loaded (useful for suggested packages). It loads the package as a side effect, because the package is likely to be used anyway.

Examples

```

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

## The following are only meaningful when put in test files and
## run with `test_file`, `test_dir`, `test_check`, etc.

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
})

```

StopReporter	<i>Test reporter: stop on error.</i>
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Description

The default reporter, executed 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

Other reporters: [CheckReporter](#), [DebugReporter](#), [FailReporter](#), [ListReporter](#), [LocationReporter](#), [MinimalReporter](#), [MultiReporter](#), [ProgressReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [RstudioReporter](#), [SilentReporter](#), [SummaryReporter](#), [TapReporter](#), [TeamcityReporter](#)

SummaryReporter	<i>Test reporter: summary of errors.</i>
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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

Other reporters: [CheckReporter](#), [DebugReporter](#), [FailReporter](#), [ListReporter](#), [LocationReporter](#), [MinimalReporter](#), [MultiReporter](#), [ProgressReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [RstudioReporter](#), [SilentReporter](#), [StopReporter](#), [TapReporter](#), [TeamcityReporter](#)

TapReporter	<i>Test reporter: TAP format.</i>
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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

Other reporters: [CheckReporter](#), [DebugReporter](#), [FailReporter](#), [ListReporter](#), [LocationReporter](#), [MinimalReporter](#), [MultiReporter](#), [ProgressReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [RstudioReporter](#), [SilentReporter](#), [StopReporter](#), [SummaryReporter](#), [TeamcityReporter](#)

TeamcityReporter	<i>Test reporter: Teamcity format.</i>
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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>

See Also

Other reporters: [CheckReporter](#), [DebugReporter](#), [FailReporter](#), [ListReporter](#), [LocationReporter](#), [MinimalReporter](#), [MultiReporter](#), [ProgressReporter](#), [Reporter](#), [RstudioReporter](#), [SilentReporter](#), [StopReporter](#), [SummaryReporter](#), [TapReporter](#)

teardown	<i>Run code on setup/teardown</i>
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Description

Code in a `setup()` block is run immediately in a clean environment. Code in a `teardown()` block is run upon completion of a test file, even if it exits with an error. Multiple calls to `teardown()` will be executed in the order they were created.

Usage

```
teardown(code, env = parent.frame())
```

```
setup(code, env = parent.frame())
```

Arguments

code	Code to evaluate
env	Environment in which code will be evaluated. For expert use only.

Examples

```
## Not run:

tmp <- tempfile()
setup(writelnLines(tmp, "some test data"))
teardown(unlink(tmp))

## End(Not run)
```

test_dir	<i>Run all tests in directory or package</i>
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Description

Use `test_dir()` for a collection of tests in a directory; use `test_package()` interactively at the console, and `test_check()` inside of R CMD check.

In your own code, you can use `is_testing()` to determine if code is being run as part of a test and `testing_package()` to retrieve the name of the package being tested. You can also check the underlying env var directly `identical(Sys.getenv("TESTTHAT"), "true")` to avoid creating a run-time dependency on `testthat`.

Usage

```
test_dir(  
  path,  
  filter = NULL,  
  reporter = default_reporter(),  
  env = test_env(),  
  ...,  
  encoding = "unknown",  
  load_helpers = TRUE,  
  stop_on_failure = FALSE,  
  stop_on_warning = FALSE,  
  wrap = TRUE  
)
```

```
test_package(  
  package,  
  filter = NULL,  
  reporter = check_reporter(),  
  ...,  
  stop_on_failure = TRUE,  
  stop_on_warning = FALSE  
)
```

```
test_check(  
  package,  
  filter = NULL,  
  reporter = check_reporter(),  
  ...,  
  stop_on_failure = TRUE,  
  stop_on_warning = FALSE,  
  wrap = TRUE  
)
```

```
is_testing()
```

```
testing_package()
```

Arguments

path	Path to directory containing tests.
filter	If not NULL, only tests with file names matching this regular expression will be executed. Matching be performed on the file name after it has been stripped of "test-" and ".R".
reporter	Reporter to use to summarise output. Can be supplied as a string (e.g. "summary") or as an R6 object (e.g. <code>SummaryReporter\$new()</code>). See Reporter for more details and a list of built-in reporters.
env	Environment in which to execute the tests. Expert use only.

...	Additional arguments passed to <code>grepl()</code> to control filtering.
encoding	Deprecated. All files now assumed to be UTF-8.
load_helpers	Source helper files before running the tests? See <code>source_test_helpers()</code> for more details.
stop_on_failure	If TRUE, throw an error if any tests fail. For historical reasons, the default value of <code>stop_on_failure</code> is TRUE for <code>test_package()</code> and <code>test_check()</code> but FALSE for <code>test_dir()</code> , so if you're calling <code>test_dir()</code> you may want to consider explicitly setting <code>stop_on_failure = TRUE</code> .
stop_on_warning	If TRUE, throw an error if any tests generate warnings.
wrap	Automatically wrap all code within <code>test_that()</code> ? This ensures that all expectations are reported, even if outside a test block.
package	Name of installed package.

Value

A list of test results.

Test files

For package code, tests should live in `tests/testthat`.

There are four classes of `.R` files that have special behaviour:

- Test files start with `test` and are executed in alphabetical order.
- Helper files start with `helper` and are executed before tests are run and from `devtools::load_all()`.
- Setup files start with `setup` and are executed before tests, but not during `devtools::load_all()`.
- Teardown files start with `teardown` and are executed after the tests are run.

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.

R CMD check

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

```
library(testthat)
library(yourpackage)

test_check("yourpackage")
```

Examples

```
test_dir(testthat_examples(), reporter = "summary")
test_dir(testthat_examples(), reporter = "minimal")
```

test_file	<i>Run all tests in specified file</i>
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Description

Execute code in the specified file, displaying results using a reporter. Use this function when you want to run a single file's worth of tests. You are responsible for ensuring that the functions to test are available in the global environment.

Usage

```
test_file(  
  path,  
  reporter = default_reporter(),  
  env = test_env(),  
  start_end_reporter = TRUE,  
  load_helpers = TRUE,  
  encoding = "unknown",  
  wrap = TRUE  
)
```

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. <code>SummaryReporter\$new()</code>). See Reporter for more details and a list of built-in reporters.
env	Environment in which to execute the tests. Expert use only.
start_end_reporter	Should the reporters <code>start_reporter()</code> and <code>end_reporter()</code> methods be called? For expert use only.
load_helpers	Source helper files before running the tests? See source_test_helpers() for more details.
encoding	Deprecated. All files now assumed to be UTF-8.
wrap	Automatically wrap all code within <code>test_that()</code> ? This ensures that all expectations are reported, even if outside a test block.

Details

Any errors that occur in code run outside of `test_that()` will generate a test failure and terminate execution of that test file.

Value

Invisibly, a list with one element for each test.

Examples

```

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

# test_file() invisibly returns a list, with one element for each test.
# This can be useful if you want to compute on your test results.
out <- test_file(path, reporter = "minimal")
str(out[[1]])

```

test_path	<i>Locate file in testing directory.</i>
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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	<i>Create a test.</i>
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Description

A test encapsulates a series of expectations about small, self-contained set of functionality. Each test is contained in a [context](#) and contains multiple expectations.

Usage

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

Arguments

desc	test name. Names should be kept as brief as possible, as they are often used as line prefixes.
code	test code containing expectations

Details

Tests are evaluated in their own environments, and should not affect global state.

When run from the command line, tests return NULL if all expectations are met, otherwise it raises an error.

Examples

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

 use_catch

Use Catch for C++ Unit Testing

Description

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

Usage

```
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.

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:

```
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:

Function	Catch	Description
<code>context</code>	<code>CATCH_TEST_CASE</code>	The context of a set of tests.
<code>test_that</code>	<code>CATCH_SECTION</code>	A test section.
<code>expect_true</code>	<code>CATCH_CHECK</code>	Test that an expression evaluates to true.
<code>expect_false</code>	<code>CATCH_CHECK_FALSE</code>	Test that an expression evaluates to false.
<code>expect_error</code>	<code>CATCH_CHECK_THROWS</code>	Test that evaluation of an expression throws an exception.
<code>expect_error_as</code>	<code>CATCH_CHECK_THROWS_AS</code>	Test that evaluation of an expression throws an exception of a specific class.

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:

```
#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:

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

as necessary within your unit test suite.

See Also

[Catch](#), the library used to enable C++ unit testing.

verify_output

Verify output

Description

This is a regression test that records interwoven code and output into a file, in a similar way to knitting an `.Rmd` (but see caveats below).

`verify_output()` designed particularly for testing print methods and error messages, where the primary goal is to ensure that the output is helpful to a human. Obviously, you can't test that with code, so the best you can do is make the results explicit by saving them to text file. This makes the output easy to see in code reviews, and ensures that you don't change the output accidentally.

`verify_output()` is designed to be used with git: to see what has changed from the previous run, you'll need to use `git diff` or similar.

Usage

```
verify_output(
  path,
  code,
  width = 80,
  crayon = FALSE,
  unicode = FALSE,
  env = caller_env()
)
```

Arguments

path	Path to record results. This should usually be a call to <code>test_path()</code> to ensures that same path is used when run interactively (when the working directory is typically the project root), and when run as an autmated test (when the working directory will be tests/testthat).
code	Code to execute. This will usually be a multiline expression contained within <code>{}</code> (similarly to <code>test_that()</code> calls).
width	Width of console output
crayon	Enable crayon package colouring?
unicode	Enable cli package UTF-8 symbols? If you set this to TRUE, call <code>skip_if(!cli::is_utf8_output())</code> to disable the test on your CI platforms that don't support UTF-8 (e.g. Windows).
env	The environment to evaluate code in.

Syntax

`verify_output()` can only capture the abstract syntax tree, losing all whitespace and comments. To mildly offset this limitation:

- Strings are converted to R comments in the output.
- Strings starting with `#` are converted to headers in the output.

CRAN

On CRAN, `verify_output()` will never fail, even if the output changes. This avoids false positives because tests of print methods and error messages are often fragile due to implicit dependencies on other packages, and failure does not imply incorrect computation, just a change in presentation.

Examples

```
# The first argument would usually be `test_path("informative-name.txt")`
# but that is not permitted in examples
path <- tempfile()
verify_output(path, {
  head(mtcars)
  log(-10)
```

```
    "a" * 3
  })
  writeLines(readLines(path))

# Use strings to create comments in the output
verify_output(tempfile(), {
  "Print method"
  head(mtcars)

  "Warning"
  log(-10)

  "Error"
  "a" * 3
})

# Use strings starting with # to create headings
verify_output(tempfile(), {
  "# Base functions"
  head(mtcars)
  log(-10)
  "a" * 3
})
```

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